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# Cycles Embedding in $d$ -Ary $n$ -Dimensional Cube With Node Failures<sup>\*</sup>

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**Abstract:** The  $d$ -ary  $n$ -dimensional cube (the general form of hypercube) has been widely used as the interconnection network in parallel computers. The fault-tolerant capacity of an interconnection network is a critical issue in parallel computing. In this article, we consider the fault-tolerant capacity of the  $d$ -ary  $n$ -dimensional cube. Let  $F$  be a set of faulty vertices in  $Q_n(d)$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) with  $|F| \leq n - 2$ , we prove that every fault-free edge and fault-free vertex (node) of  $Q_n(d)$  lies on a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n - 2|F|$ . Moreover, if  $d$  is an odd number, every fault-free edge and fault-free vertex (node) of  $Q_n(d)$  lies on a fault-free cycle of length  $d^n - 2|F|$ .

**Key words:** cycle embedding, hypercube, fault-tolerant, interconnection network,  $d$ -ary

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## 0 Introduction

Network topology is usually represented by a graph where vertices represent processor and edges represent links between processors<sup>[1]</sup>. The hypercube has been widely used as the interconnection network in parallel computers<sup>[2,3]</sup>. The  $n$ -dimensional generalized hypercube, denoted by  $Q(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$ , where  $d_i (\geq 2)$  is an integer for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The vertex-set of  $Q(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is the

set  $V = \{x_1x_2 \cdots x_n : x_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, d_i - 1\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and two vertices  $x = x_1x_2 \cdots x_n$  and  $y = y_1y_2 \cdots y_n$  are linked by an edge if and only if they differ exactly in one coordinate. If  $d_1 = d_2 = \cdots = d_n = d \geq 2$ , then  $Q(d, d, \dots, d)$  is called the  $d$ -ary  $n$ -dimensional cube, denoted by  $Q_n(d)$ . It is clear that  $Q_n(2)$  is hypercube  $Q_n$ . For two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $Q_n(d)$ , the Hamming distance  $h(u, v)$  between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  is the number of different bits in the corresponding strings of both vertices; and

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the distance between  $u$  and  $v$ , denoted by  $D(Q_n(d); u, v)$ , is the length of the shortest path between  $u$  and  $v$ . Obviously,  $h(u, v) = D(Q_n(d); u, v)$ . Let  $u = u_1 u_2 \cdots u_n$  be a vertex of  $Q_n(d)$ ,  $u^{j(a)} = v = v_1 v_2 \cdots v_n$  is also a vertex of  $Q_n(d)$ ,  $v_i = u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq j, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ),  $v_j \neq u_j, v_j = a \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ . A vertex is fault-free if it is not faulty. An edge is fault-free if the two end-vertices and the link between them are not faulty. A cycle of length  $k$  is called  $k$ -cycle. A graph  $G$  is vertex-transitive if for any given pair  $(x, y)$  of vertices in  $G$  there is some  $\theta \in \text{Aut}(G)$  ( $\text{Aut}(G)$  is an automorphism group of  $G$ ) such that  $y = \theta(x)$ .

The cycle embedding problem deals with all possible lengths of the cycles in a given graph, it is investigated in a lot of interconnection networks<sup>[4]</sup>. The fault-tolerant capacity of an interconnection network is a critical issue in parallel computing<sup>[2]</sup>. For hypercube  $Q_n$ , Saad and Schultz<sup>[5]</sup> proved that an even cycle of length  $k$  exists for each even integer between 4 and  $2^n$ . Let  $f_e$  (respectively,  $f_v$ ) be the number of faulty edges (respectively, vertices) in  $Q_n$ . If  $f_e \leq n-2$ , Li et al.<sup>[1]</sup> proved that every fault-free edge of  $Q_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) lies on a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n$ . If  $f_e \leq n-1$  and all faulty edges are not incident with the same vertex, Xu et al.<sup>[6]</sup> showed that every fault-free edge of  $Q_n$  ( $n \geq 4$ ) lies on a fault-free cycle of every even length from 6 to  $2^n$ . Fu<sup>[7]</sup> proved that a fault-free cycle of length with at least  $2^n - 2f_v$  can be embedded in  $Q_n$  with  $f_v \leq 2n-4$ . If  $f_v \leq 2n-2$ , Tsai<sup>[2]</sup> proved that every fault-free edge and fault-free vertex of  $Q_n$  lies on a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n - 2f_v$ . Stewart and Xiang<sup>[8]</sup> studied the bipanconnectivity and bipancyclicity in  $k$ -ary  $n$ -cubes. Cheng et al.<sup>[9]</sup> studied the vertex-fault-tolerant cycles embedding in balanced hypercubes with faulty edges; Hao et al.<sup>[10]</sup> studied the hamiltonian cycle embedding for fault tolerance in balanced hypercubes.

In this article, we study the cycle embedding in  $Q_n(d)$ . For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_n(d))$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) with  $|F| \leq n-2$ , we prove that every fault-free edge and fault-free vertex (node) of  $Q_n(d)$  lies on a fault-free

cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n - 2|F|$ . If  $d=2$ , these results are the results of Tsai<sup>[2]</sup>.

## 1 Preliminaries

The  $n$ -bit Gray code is a ring sequence of  $n$ -bit numbers (the number of each coordinate is selected from  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ ) such that any two successive numbers have one and only one different bit and so that all numbers having  $n$  bits are represented. The  $n$ -bit Gray code is denoted by  $G_n$ . If  $d$  is an even number. One starts with the sequence of the  $d$  1-bit numbers  $0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1$ . This is a 1-bit Gray code, i. e.,  $G_1 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ . To obtain a 2-bit Gray code  $G_2$ , take the same sequence and insert a zero in front of each number, then take the sequence in reverse order and insert a one in front of each number, take the same sequence and insert a 2 in front of each number, then take the sequence in reverse order and insert a 3 in front of each number, take the same sequence and insert a  $d-2$  in front of each number, then take the sequence in reverse order and insert a  $d-1$  in front of each number. In other words, from  $G_1 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ , we get a 2-bit Gray code  $G_2 = \{00, 01, \dots, 0(d-2), 0(d-1), 1(d-1), 1(d-2), \dots, 11, 10, \dots, (d-2)0, (d-2)1, \dots, (d-2)(d-2), (d-2)(d-1), (d-1)(d-1), (d-1)(d-2), \dots, (d-1)1, (d-1)0\}$ . More generally, denoted by  $G_n^R$  the sequence obtained from  $G_n$  by reversing its order, and by  $mG_n$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1$  (respectively,  $mG_n^R$ ) the sequence obtained from  $G_n$  by inserting a  $m$  in front of each element of the sequence, then an  $(n+1)$ -bit Gray code can be generated by the recursion  $G_{n+1} = \{0G_n, 1G_n^R, 2G_n, 3G_n^R, \dots, (d-2)G_n, (d-1)G_n^R\}$ . If  $d$  is an odd number, Gray codes can be similar to generate.

Let  $V_n$  be the set of vertices of  $Q_n(d)$ . For a given  $i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq d-1$ ), let  $iV_{n-1}$  be the subset of vertices of  $Q_n(d)$  whose first coordinate is  $i$ . Thus the set of vertices of  $Q_n(d)$  can be decomposed into  $d$  disjoint subsets  $0V_{n-1}, 1V_{n-1}, \dots, (d-1)V_{n-1}$ . We use  $iQ_{n-1}(d)$  to denote the subgraph of  $Q_n(d)$  induced by  $iV_{n-1}$ . Then  $iQ_{n-1}(d)$  is isomorphic to

$Q_{n-1}(d)$ . It is often convenient to write  $Q_n(d) = 0Q_{n-1}(d)\Theta 1Q_{n-1}(d)\Theta \cdots \Theta (d-1)Q_{n-1}(d)$ .

**Lemma 1** Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two distinct vertices of  $Q_n(d)$ . Then, there is a partition which can partition  $Q_n(d)$  into  $d$  copies  $Q_{n-1}(d)$ , denoted by  $Q_{n-1}^i(d)$  ( $i \parallel 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ ) such that  $u \in V(Q_{n-1}^m(d))$  and  $v \in V(Q_{n-1}^k(d))$  ( $m, k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ ,  $m \neq k$ ).

**Proof** Let  $u = u_1u_2 \cdots u_n$  and  $v = v_1v_2 \cdots v_n$ . Since  $u$  and  $v$  are distinct vertices, there is an index  $j$  ( $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $u_j \neq v_j, u_j \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}, v_j \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}$ ). Therefore,  $Q_n(d)$  can be partitioned along dimension  $j$  into  $d$  copies  $Q_{n-1}(d)$  such that one contains  $u$  and the other contains  $v$ .

**Lemma 2** Let  $e = (u, v)$  be an edge of  $Q_n(d)$ . Then, there is a partition which can partition  $Q_n(d)$  into  $d$  copies  $Q_{n-1}(d)$ , denoted by  $Q_{n-1}^i(d)$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ ) such that  $u \in V(Q_{n-1}^m(d))$  and  $v \in V(Q_{n-1}^k(d))$  ( $m \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ ), i. e.,  $e$  is an edge of  $Q_{n-1}^m(d)$ .

**Proof** Let  $e = (u, v)$  be an edge of  $Q_n(d)$ ,  $u = u_1u_2 \cdots u_n, v = v_1v_2 \cdots v_n$ , then, there is an index  $i$  ( $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ) such that  $u_i \neq v_i, u_j = v_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n, j \neq i$ ). Therefore,  $Q_n(d)$  can be partitioned along dimension  $j$  into  $d$  copies  $Q_{n-1}(d)$  such that  $e \in E(Q_{n-1}^m(d))$  ( $m \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ ).

## 2 $d$ is an even number

**Theorem 1** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any two vertices in  $Q_n(d)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) and  $l$  be any integer with  $D(Q_n(d); x, y) \leq l \leq d^n - 1$ . If  $d$  is an even number and  $l - D(Q_n(d); x, y)$  is also an even number, then there is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n(d)$ .

**Proof** Let  $D(Q_n(d); x, y) = m$ . The proof is based on the recursive structure of  $Q_n(d)$  by induction on  $n \geq 2$ . When  $n = 2$ , if  $D(Q_2(d); x, y) = 1$ . By the vertex-transitivity of  $Q_2(d)$ <sup>[3]</sup>, without loss of generality, we can assume  $x = 00, y = 01$ .

$x = 00 \rightarrow 01 = y, x = 00 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 01 = y, x = 00 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow 01 = y, \dots, x = 00 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 0(d-1) \rightarrow 01 = y$  are the

$xy$ -path of length  $l = 1, 3, 5, \dots, d-1$  in  $Q_2(d)$ .

$x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 0(d-1) \rightarrow 01 = y. x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 0(d-1) \rightarrow 01 = y. \dots. x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0 \rightarrow (d-1)2 \rightarrow (d-2)2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 0(d-1) \rightarrow 01 = y. \dots. x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0 \rightarrow (d-1)2 \rightarrow (d-2)2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow 23 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-2)3 \rightarrow (d-1)3 \rightarrow (d-1)4 \rightarrow (d-2)4 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0(d-1) \rightarrow 1(d-1) \rightarrow 2(d-1) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-2)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-1)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-1)1 \rightarrow (d-2)1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 01 = y$  are the  $xy$ -path of length  $l = d+1, d+3, \dots, 3(d-1), \dots, d^2-1$  in  $Q_2(d)$ .

When  $n = 2$ , if  $D(Q_2(d); x, y) = 2$ . By the vertex-transitivity of  $Q_2(d)$ <sup>[3]</sup>, without loss of generality, we can assume  $x = 00, y = 11$ .

$x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 = y, x = 00 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 = y. x = 00 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 = y. \dots. x = 00 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 = y$  are the  $xy$ -path of length  $l = 2, 4, 6, \dots, d$  in  $Q_2(d)$ .

$x = 00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 = y. x = 00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 = y. \dots. x = 00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 0(d-1) \rightarrow 2(d-1) \rightarrow 2(d-2) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-3)0 \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 = y. \dots. x = 00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 0(d-1) \rightarrow 2(d-1) \rightarrow 2(d-2) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 31 \rightarrow 32 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 3(d-2) \rightarrow 3(d-1) \rightarrow 4(d-1) \rightarrow 4(d-2) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 42 \rightarrow 41 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-3)0 \rightarrow (d-3)1 \rightarrow (d-3)2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-3)(d-2) \rightarrow (d-3)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-2)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-2)(d-2) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-2)2 \rightarrow (d-2)1 \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0 \rightarrow (d-1)2 \rightarrow (d-1)3 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (d-1)(d-2) \rightarrow (d-1)(d-1) \rightarrow 1(d-1) \rightarrow 1(d-2) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 = y$  are the  $xy$ -path of length  $l = d+2, d+4, \dots, 3d-2, \dots, d^2-2$  in  $Q_2(d)$ .

Assuming the theorem holds for any  $k$  with  $2 \leq k < n$ . Let  $x = x_1x_2 \cdots x_n$  and  $y = y_1y_2 \cdots y_n$  be any two vertices with distance  $m$  in  $Q_n(d)$  and let  $l$  be

an integer with  $m \leq l \leq d^n - 1$  and  $l - m$  is an even number. Let  $Q_n(d) = 0Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta 1Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta \dots \Theta (d-1)Q_{n-1}(d)$ .

**Case 1**  $m < n$

By the vertex-transitivity of  $Q_n(d)^{[3]}$ , without loss of generality, we can assume  $x, y \in V(0Q_{n-1}(d))$ . By the induction hypothesis, there is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n(d)$ , where  $m \leq l \leq d^{n-1} - 1$ .

Assuming  $d^{n-1} \leq l \leq 2 \times d^{n-1} - 1$ . Let  $P_0$  be the longest  $xy$ -path in  $0Q_{n-1}(d)$ , the length of  $P_0$  is  $l_{P_0}$  and  $l_{P_0} - m$  is an even number. We have  $l_{P_0} = d^{n-1} - 1$  if  $m$  is odd and  $l_{P_0} = d^{n-1} - 2$  if  $m$  is even. Let  $l_1 = l - l_{P_0} - 1$ . Then  $l_1$  is odd and less than  $d^{n-1}$ . Let  $uv$  be any edge in  $P_0$ , and  $u, v \in 0Q_{n-1}(d)$ ,  $u \neq x, u \neq y, v \neq x, v \neq y$ . Then  $P_0 = P_{0_{xu}} + uv + P_{0_{vy}}$ . Let  $u'$  and  $v'$  be neighbors of  $u$  and  $v$  in  $1Q_{n-1}(d)$ . By the induction hypothesis, there is a  $u'v'$ -path  $P_1$  of length  $l_1$  in  $1Q_{n-1}(d)$ . Then  $P_{0_{xu}} + uu' + P_1 + v'v + P_{0_{vy}}$  is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $0Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta 1Q_{n-1}(d)$ , this is also an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n(d)$ .

Assuming  $2 \times d^{n-1} \leq l \leq 3 \times d^{n-1} - 1$ . Let  $P_{01}$  be the longest  $xy$ -path in  $0Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta 1Q_{n-1}(d)$ , the length of  $P_{01}$  is  $l_{P_{01}}$  and  $l_{P_{01}} - m$  is an even number. We have  $l_{P_{01}} = 2 \times d^{n-1} - 1$  if  $m$  is odd and  $l_{P_{01}} = 2 \times d^{n-1} - 2$  if  $m$  is even. Let  $l_2 = l - l_{P_{01}} - 1$ . Then  $l_2$  is odd and less than  $d^{n-1}$ . Let  $u_1v_1$  be any edge in  $P_{01}$ , and  $u_1, v_1 \in 1Q_{n-1}(d)$ ,  $u_1 \neq u', u_1 \neq v', v_1 \neq u', v_1 \neq v'$ . Then  $P_{01} = P_{01_{xu_1}} + u_1v_1 + P_{01_{v_1y}}$ . Let  $u'_1$  and  $v'_1$  be neighbors of  $u_1$  and  $v_1$  in  $2Q_{n-1}(d)$ . By the induction hypothesis, there is an  $u'_1v'_1$ -path  $P_2$  of length  $l_2$  in  $2Q_{n-1}(d)$ . Then  $P_{01_{xu_1}} + u_1u'_1 + P_2 + v'_1v_1 + P_{01_{v_1y}}$  is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $0Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta 1Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta 2Q_{n-1}(d)$ , this is also an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n(d)$ .

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Assuming  $(d-1) \times d^{n-1} \leq l \leq d^n - 1$ . Let  $P_{01\dots(d-2)}$  be the longest  $xy$ -path in  $0Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta 1Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta \dots \Theta (d-2)Q_{n-1}(d)$ , the length of  $P_{01\dots(d-2)}$  is  $l_{P_{01\dots(d-2)}}$  and  $l_{P_{01\dots(d-2)}} - m$  is an even number. We have  $l_{P_{01\dots(d-2)}} = (d-1) \times d^{n-1} - 1$  if  $m$  is odd and  $l_{P_{01\dots(d-2)}} = (d-1) \times d^{n-1} - 2$  if  $m$  is e-

ven. Let  $l_{d-1} = l - l_{P_{01\dots(d-2)}} - 1$ . Then  $l_{d-1}$  is odd and less than  $d^{n-1}$ . Let  $u_{d-2}v_{d-2}$  be any edge in  $P_{01\dots(d-2)}$ , and  $u_{d-2}, v_{d-2} \in (d-2)Q_{n-1}(d)$ ,  $u_{d-2} \neq u'_{d-3}, u_{d-2} \neq v'_{d-3}, v_{d-2} \neq u'_{d-3}, v_{d-2} \neq v'_{d-3}$ . Then  $P_{01\dots(d-2)} = P_{01\dots(d-2)_{xu_{d-2}}} + u_{d-2}v_{d-2} + P_{01\dots(d-2)_{v_{d-2}y}}$ . Let  $u'_{d-2}$  and  $v'_{d-2}$  be neighbors of  $u_{d-2}$  and  $v_{d-2}$  in  $(d-1)Q_{n-1}(d)$ . By the induction hypothesis, there is an  $u'_{d-2}v'_{d-2}$ -path  $P_{d-1}$  of length  $l_{d-1}$  in  $(d-1)Q_{n-1}(d)$ . Then  $P_{01\dots(d-2)_{xu_{d-2}}} + u_{d-2}u'_{d-2} + P_{d-1} + v'_{d-2}v_{d-2} + P_{01\dots(d-2)_{v_{d-2}y}}$  is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n(d)$ .

**Case 2**  $m = n$

By the vertex-transitivity of  $Q_n(d)^{[3]}$ , without loss of generality, we can assume  $x \in V(0Q_{n-1}(d))$ ,  $y \in V(1Q_{n-1}(d))$ . Let  $v$  be a neighbor of  $y$  in  $1Q_{n-1}(d)$ ,  $u$  be the neighbor of  $v$  in  $0Q_{n-1}(d)$ . Then  $D(Q_{n-1}(d); x, u) = n - 2$ .

If  $n \leq l \leq d^{n-1} + 1$ . By the induction hypothesis, there is an  $xu$ -path  $P$  of length  $l - 2$  in  $0Q_{n-1}(d)$ . Then  $P + uv + vy$  is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n(d)$ .

If  $d^{n-1} + 2 \leq l \leq 2 \times d^{n-1} - 1$ . Let  $P_0$  be the longest  $xu$ -path in  $0Q_{n-1}(d)$ , the length of  $P_0$  is  $l_{P_0}$  and  $l_{P_0} - m$  is an even number. We have  $l_{P_0} = d^{n-1} - 1$  if  $m$  is odd and  $l_{P_0} = d^{n-1} - 2$  if  $m$  is even. Let  $l_1 = l - l_{P_0} - 1$ . Then  $l_1$  is odd and less than  $d^{n-1}$ . By the induction hypothesis, there is a  $vy$ -path  $P_1$  of length  $l_1$  in  $1Q_{n-1}(d)$ . Then  $P_0 + uv + P_1$  is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $0Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta 1Q_{n-1}(d)$ , this is also an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n(d)$ .

If  $2 \times d^{n-1} \leq l \leq 3 \times d^{n-1} - 1$ . Let  $P_{01}$  be the longest  $xy$ -path in  $0Q_{n-1}(d) \Theta 1Q_{n-1}(d)$ , the length of  $P_{01}$  is  $l_{P_{01}}$  and  $l_{P_{01}} - m$  is an even number. We have  $l_{P_{01}} = 2 \times d^{n-1} - 1$  if  $m$  is odd and  $l_{P_{01}} = 2 \times d^{n-1} - 2$  if  $m$  is even. Let  $l_2 = l - l_{P_{01}} - 1$ . Then  $l_2$  is odd and less than  $d^{n-1}$ . Let  $u_1v_1$  be any edge in  $P_{01}$ , and  $u_1, v_1 \in 1Q_{n-1}(d)$ ,  $u_1 \neq v, u_1 \neq y, v_1 \neq v, v_1 \neq y$ . Then  $P_{01} = P_{01_{xu_1}} + u_1v_1 + P_{01_{v_1y}}$ . Let  $u'_1$  and  $v'_1$  be neighbors of  $u_1$  and  $v_1$  in  $2Q_{n-1}(d)$ . By the induction hypothesis, there is an  $u'_1v'_1$ -path  $P_2$  of length  $l_2$  in  $2Q_{n-1}(d)$ . Then  $P_{01_{xu_1}} + u_1u'_1 + P_2 + v'_1v_1 +$

$P_{01_{v_1}y}$  is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $0Q_{n-1}(d)\Theta 1Q_{n-1}(d)\Theta 2Q_{n-1}(d)$ , this is also an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n(d)$ .

The rest of the proof is similar to Case 1.

By the induction principle, the theorem follows.

Applying Theorem 1, we have

**Corollary 1** For any  $n \geq 2$ , every edge of  $Q_n(d)$  ( $d \geq 2$ ,  $d$  is an even number) lies on a cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n$ .

Applying Theorem 1. If  $d = 2$ , we have

**Corollary 2**<sup>[1,3]</sup> Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any two vertices in  $Q_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) and  $l$  be any integer with  $D(Q_n; x, y) \leq l \leq 2^n - 1$ . If  $l - D(Q_n; x, y)$  is an even number, then there is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n$ .

Let  $F$  be a set of faulty vertices in  $Q_n(d)$ .

**Lemma 3** For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_2(d))$  ( $d \geq 4$ ,  $d$  is an even number) with  $|F| \leq 1$ , every edge of  $Q_2(d) - F$  lies on a fault-free  $k$ -cycle,  $k = 4, 6, \dots, d^2 - 2|F|$ .

**Proof** In this article, the operation is modulo  $d$ . By corollary 1, we only consider  $|F| = 1$ . Since  $Q_2(d)$  is vertex-transitive<sup>[3]</sup>, without loss of generality, we may assume that the faulty vertex is  $w = 00$ . Let  $e = (u, v) = (x_1^* x_2^*, x_1^* x_2^{**})$  be a fault-free edge of  $Q_2(d)$ . We may assume that  $x_1^* \neq 0$  ( $x_1^* = 0$  is similar),  $(x_1^* x_2^*, x_1^* (x_2^* + 1), \dots, x_1^* (x_2^* + 2i), x_1^* x_2^{**}, x_1^* x_2^{**})$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{d-2}{2}$ ; If  $x_2^* + j = x_2^{**}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2i$ ,  $x_2^* + j$  is replaced by  $x_2^* + 2i + 1$  is a  $(2i + 2)$ -cycle and contains the edge  $e$ .

$(x_1^* x_2^*, x_1^* (x_2^* + 1), \dots, x_1^* (x_2^* + d - 2), x_1^* (x_2^* + d - 1), \dots, (x_1^* + k)(x_2^* + k \times (d - 1)), (x_1^* + k)(x_2^* + k \times (d - 1) + 1), \dots, (x_1^* + k)(x_2^* + k \times (d - 1) + 2i), (x_1^* + k)x_2^*, x_1^* x_2^{**}, x_1^* x_2^{**})$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, d - 2$ ;  $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{d-2}{2}$ ; If  $x_1^* + k = 0$ ,  $x_1^* + k$  is replaced by  $x_1^* + k + 1$ . If  $x_2^{**} = (x_2^* + k \times (d - 1) + j) \bmod d$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2i$ ,  $x_2^* + k \times (d - 1) + j$  is replaced by  $x_2^* + k \times (d - 1) + 2i + 1$  is a  $(k \times d + 2i + 2)$ -cycle and contains the edge  $e$ .

We may assume that  $x_2^{**} \neq 0$  ( $x_2^{**} = 0$  similar),  $(x_1^* x_2^*, x_1^* (x_2^* + 1), \dots, x_1^* (x_2^* + d - 2), x_1^* (x_2^* + d - 1), (x_1^* + 1)(x_2^* + d - 1), (x_1^* + 1)(x_2^* + d), \dots, (x_1^* + 1)(x_2^* + 2 \times (d - 1)), \dots, (x_1^* + d - 2)(x_2^* + (d - 2)(d - 1)), (x_1^* + d - 2)(x_2^* + (d - 2)(d - 1) + 1), \dots, (x_1^* + d - 2)(x_2^* + (d - 1)(d - 1)), 0(x_2^* + (d - 1)(d - 1)), 0(x_2^* + (d - 1)(d - 1) + 1), \dots, 0(x_2^* + (d - 1)(d - 1) + 2i), 0x_2^{**}, x_1^* x_2^{**}, x_1^* x_2^{**})$ , ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{d-2}{2}$ ; If  $0 = (x_2^* + (d - 1) \times (d - 1) + j) \bmod d$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2i$ ,  $x_2^* + (d - 1) \times (d - 1) + j$  is replaced by  $x_2^* + (d - 1) \times (d - 1) + 2i + 1$  is a  $((d - 1) \times d + 2i + 2)$  and contains the edge  $e$ .

**Lemma 4** For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_3(d))$  ( $d \geq 2$ ,  $d$  is an even number) with  $|F| \leq 1$ , every edge of  $Q_3(d) - F$  lies on a fault-free  $k$ -cycle,  $k = 4, 6, \dots, d^3 - 2|F|$ .

**Proof** By Corollary 1, we only consider  $|F| = 1$ . Since  $Q_3(d)$  is vertex-transitive<sup>[3]</sup>, without loss of generality, we may assume that the faulty vertex is  $w = 000$ . Let  $e = (u, v)$  be a fault-free edge of  $Q_3(d)$ . By Lemma 2,  $Q_3(d)$  can be partitioned into  $dQ_2(d)$ , denoted by  $Q_2^i(d)$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq d - 1$ ;  $e \in Q_{n-1}^m(d)$  ( $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, d - 1\}$ ). Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $Q_3(d)$  is partitioned along dimension  $j$  ( $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ) into  $dQ_2(d)$ ,  $e \in Q_2^1(d)$  (If  $e \notin Q_2^1(d)$  is similar). By Corollary 1, there is a fault-free even  $k$ -cycle in  $Q_2^1(d)$  containing the edge  $e$  where  $4 \leq k \leq d^2$ . Thus, the cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^2$  containing the edge  $e$  in  $Q_3(d)$  can be found in  $Q_2^1(d)$ . Let  $C_1^*$  be a fault-free even  $d^2$ -cycle containing the edge  $e$  in  $Q_2^1(d)$ . Because  $d^2 \geq 4$ , therefore,  $C_1^*$  has an edge  $(u_1, v_1)$ ,  $(u_1, v_1) \neq e$ , the cycle  $C_1^*$  can be represented as  $(u_1, v_1, P_1[v_1, u_1], u_1)$  where  $e$  lies on the path  $P_1[v_1, u_1]$ .

$u_1^{j(2)} \in Q_2^2(d)$ ,  $v_1^{j(2)} \in Q_2^2(d)$ ,  $h(u_1, v_1) = 1$ ,  $h(u_1, u_1^{j(2)}) = 1$ ,  $h(v_1, v_1^{j(2)}) = 1$ ,  $h(u_1^{j(2)}, v_1^{j(2)}) = 1$ . By Corollary 1, there are even cycles with lengths from 4 to  $d^2$  inclusive in  $Q_2^2(d)$  that each cycle contains the edge  $(u_1^{j(2)}, v_1^{j(2)})$ . Let  $C_{l_2} = (v_1^{j(2)}, u_1^{j(2)},$

$P_2[u_1^{j(2)}, v_1^{j(2)}], v_1^{j(2)}$ ) be an even  $l_2$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_1^{j(2)}, v_1^{j(2)})$  in  $Q_2^2(d)$  where  $4 \leq l_2 \leq d^2$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_1^*$  and  $C_{l_2}$  as well as the two edge  $(u_1, u_1^{j(2)})$  and  $(v_1, v_1^{j(2)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{12} = (v_1, P_1[v_1, u_1], u_1, u_1^{j(2)}, P_2[u_1^{j(2)}, v_1^{j(2)}], v_1^{j(2)}, v_1)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{12}) = l(P_1[v_1, u_1]) + l(P_2[u_1^{j(2)}, v_1^{j(2)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_1[v_1, u_1]) = d^2 - 1$  and  $l(P_2[u_1^{j(2)}, v_1^{j(2)}]) = 1, 3, \dots, d^2 - 1$ . Therefore,  $C_{12}$  is an even cycle of length from  $d^2 + 2$  to  $2d^2$  and contains the edge  $e$ .

Let  $C_{12\dots i}^*(i = 2, 3, \dots, d - 2)$  be a fault-free even  $i \times d^2$ -cycle containing the edge  $e$ .  $C_{12\dots i}^*$  has an edge  $(u_i, v_i), (u_i, v_i) \notin \{e, (u_1, v_1), \dots, (u_{i-1}, v_{i-1})\}$ , the cycle  $C_{12\dots i}^*$  can be represented as  $(u_i, v_i, P_{12\dots i}[v_i, u_i], u_i)$  where  $e$  lies on the path  $P_{12\dots i}[v_i, u_i]$ .  $u_i^{j(i+1)} \in Q_2^{i+1}(d), v_i^{j(i+1)} \in Q_2^{i+1}(d), h(u_i, v_i) = 1, h(u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)}) = 1, h(v_i, v_i^{j(i+1)}) = 1, h(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}) = 1$ . By Corollary 1, there are even cycles with lengths from 4 to  $d^2$  inclusive in  $Q_2^{i+1}(d)$  that each cycle contains the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ . Let  $C_{l_{i+1}} = (v_i^{j(i+1)}, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)})$  be an even  $l_{i+1}$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$  in  $Q_2^{i+1}(d)$  where  $4 \leq l_{i+1} \leq d^2$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{12\dots i}^*$  and  $C_{l_{i+1}}$  as well as the two edge  $(u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)})$  and  $(v_i, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{12\dots(i+1)} = (v_i, P_{12\dots i}[v_i, u_i], u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{12\dots(i+1)}) = l(P_{12\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) + l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_{12\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) = i \times d^2 - 1$  and  $l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) = 1, 3, \dots, d^2 - 1$ . Therefore,  $C_{12\dots(i+1)}$  is an even cycle of length from  $i \times d^2 + 2$  to  $(i + 1) \times d^2$  and contains the edge  $e$ .

Let  $C_{12\dots(d-1)}^*$  be a fault-free even  $(d - 1) \times d^2$ -cycle containing the edge  $e$ .  $C_{12\dots(d-1)}^*$  has an edge  $(u_{d-1}, v_{d-1}), (u_{d-1}, v_{d-1}) \notin \{e, (u_1, v_1), \dots, (u_{d-2}, v_{d-2})\}$ , the cycle  $C_{12\dots(d-1)}^*$  can be represented as  $(u_{d-1}, v_{d-1}, P_{12\dots(d-1)}[v_{d-1}, u_{d-1}], u_{d-1})$  where  $e$  lies on the path  $P_{12\dots(d-1)}[v_{d-1}, u_{d-1}]$ .  $u_{d-1}^{j(0)} \in Q_2^0(d) - F, v_{d-1}^{j(0)} \in Q_2^0(d) - F, h(u_{d-1}, v_{d-1}) = 1,$

$h(u_{d-1}, u_{d-1}^{j(0)}) = 1, h(v_{d-1}, v_{d-1}^{j(0)}) = 1, h(u_{d-1}^{j(0)}, v_{d-1}^{j(0)}) = 1$ . By Lemma 3, there are even cycles with lengths from 4 to  $d^2 - 2|F|$  inclusive in  $Q_2^0(d) - F$  that each cycle contains the edge  $(u_{d-1}^{j(0)}, v_{d-1}^{j(0)})$ . Let  $C_{l_0} = (v_{d-1}^{j(0)}, u_{d-1}^{j(0)}, P_0[u_{d-1}^{j(0)}, v_{d-1}^{j(0)}], v_{d-1}^{j(0)})$  be an even  $l_0$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_{d-1}^{j(0)}, v_{d-1}^{j(0)})$  in  $Q_2^0(d) - F$  where  $4 \leq l_0 \leq d^2 - 2|F|$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{12\dots(d-1)}^*$  and  $C_{l_0}$  as well as the two edge  $(u_{d-1}, u_{d-1}^{j(0)})$  and  $(v_{d-1}, v_{d-1}^{j(0)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{12\dots(d-1)0} = (v_{d-1}, P_{12\dots(d-1)}[v_{d-1}, u_{d-1}], u_{d-1}, u_{d-1}^{j(0)}, P_0[u_{d-1}^{j(0)}, v_{d-1}^{j(0)}], v_{d-1}^{j(0)}, v_{d-1})$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{12\dots(d-1)0}) = l(P_{12\dots(d-1)}[v_{d-1}, u_{d-1}]) + l(P_0[u_{d-1}^{j(0)}, v_{d-1}^{j(0)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_{12\dots(d-1)}[v_{d-1}, u_{d-1}]) = (d - 1) \times d^2 - 1$  and  $l(P_0[u_{d-1}^{j(0)}, v_{d-1}^{j(0)}]) = 1, 3, \dots, d^2 - 1 - 2|F|$ . Therefore,  $C_{12\dots(d-1)0}$  is an even cycle of length from  $(d - 1) \times d^2 + 2$  to  $d^3 - 2|F|$  and contains the edge  $e$ .

Similar to Lemma 4, we have

**Theorem 2** Let  $n \geq 3$  be an integer and  $Q_n(d)$  ( $d \geq 2, d$  is an even number) has exactly one faulty vertex. Then, every fault-free edge of  $Q_n(d)$  lies on a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n - 2$ .

**Theorem 3** Let  $n \geq 3$  be an integer. For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_n(d))$  ( $d \geq 2, d$  is an even number) with  $|F| = f_v \leq n - 2$ , every edge of  $Q_n(d) - F$  lies on a cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n - 2f_v$ .

**Proof** We prove this theorem by induction on  $n$ . By Lemma 4, Theorem 3 holds for  $n = 3$ . Assuming that the theorem is true for every integer  $k$  ( $3 \leq k \leq n$ ). Let  $F$  be a subset of  $V(Q_{k+1}(d))$  and  $|F| = f_v$ . By Corollary 1 and Theorem 2, Theorem 3 holds for  $f_v \leq 1$ . Thus, we only consider the case of  $2 \leq f_v \leq n - 2$ .

Let  $w$  and  $z$  be two distinct faulty vertices. By Lemma 1,  $Q_{k+1}(d)$  can be partitioned along dimension  $j$  ( $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k + 1\}$ ) into  $d$  copies  $Q_k^i(d)$ , denoted by  $Q_k^i(d)$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, d - 1$ ),  $w \in Q_k^l(d), z \in Q_k^m(d)$  ( $l, m \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d - 1\}, l \neq m$ ). Let  $f_i = |F \cap V(Q_k^i(d))|, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, d - 1, i. e., f_v = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} f_i$ . Therefore,  $f_i \leq k - 2, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, d -$

1. Let  $e = (u, v)$  be a fault-free edge of  $Q_{k+1}(d) - F$ . In order to prove this theorem, we establish every even  $l$ -cycle containing  $e$  where  $4 \leq l \leq d^{k+1} - 2f_v$ .

**Case 1:**  $e \in E(Q_k^0(d)) \cup E(Q_k^1(d)) \cup \dots \cup E(Q_k^{d-1}(d))$ , *i. e.*,  $e$  lies on  $Q_k^i(d)$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1$ ). We only consider that  $e \in E(Q_k^0(d))$  ( $e \notin E(Q_k^0(d))$  is similar).

Since  $f_0 \leq k-2$ , by induction hypothesis, there is a fault-free even  $l_0$ -cycle in  $Q_k^0(d)$  containing the edge  $e$  where  $4 \leq l_0 \leq d^k - 2f_0$ . Thus, the cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^k - 2f_0$  containing the edge  $e$  in  $Q_{k+1}(d)$  can be found in  $Q_k^0(d)$ . Let  $C_{l_0^*}$  be a fault-free even  $l_0^*$ -cycle containing the edge  $e$  in  $Q_k^0(d)$  where  $l_0^* = d^k - 2f_0$ . One can observe that there are at least  $\frac{1}{2} \times d^k - f_0 - 1$  disjoint edges such that each of them differs with  $e$  in the cycle  $C_{l_0^*}$ .

Since  $k \geq 3$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} f_i \leq k-1$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \times d^k - f_0 - 1 > \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} f_i$ . Therefore,  $C_{l_0^*}$  has an edge  $(u_0, v_0)$ ,  $(u_0, v_0) \neq e$ ,  $u_0^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d)$ ,  $v_0^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d)$  ( $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ ),  $h(u_0, u_0^{j(m)}) = 1$ ,  $h(v_0, v_0^{j(m)}) = 1$ . We may assume that  $m = 1$  ( $m \neq 1$  is similar), *i. e.*,  $u_0^{j(1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^1(d)$ ,  $v_0^{j(1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^1(d)$ . The cycle  $C_{l_0^*}$  can be represented as  $(u_0, v_0, P_0[v_0, u_0], u_0)$  where  $e$  lies on the path  $P_0[v_0, u_0]$ .

Since  $f_1 \leq k-2$ , by induction hypothesis, there are even cycles with lengths from 4 to  $d^k - 2f_1$  in  $Q_k^1(d)$  that each cycle contains the edge  $(u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)})$ . Let  $C_{l_1} = (v_0^{j(1)}, u_0^{j(1)}, P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}], v_0^{j(1)})$  be an even  $l_1$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)})$  in  $Q_k^1(d)$  where  $4 \leq l_1 \leq d^k - 2f_1$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{l_0^*}$  and  $C_{l_1}$  as well as the two edges  $(u_0, u_0^{j(1)})$  and  $(v_0, v_0^{j(1)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{01} = (v_0, P_0[v_0, u_0], u_0, u_0^{j(1)}, P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}], v_0^{j(1)}, v_0)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{01}) = l(P_0[v_0, u_0]) + l(P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}]) + 2$  where  $l(C_{01}) = d^k - 2f_0 - 1$ , and  $l(P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}]) = 1, 3, \dots, d^k - 2f_1 - 1$ . Therefore, the cycle

$C_{01}$  is of length from  $d^k - 2f_0 + 2$  to  $2 \times d^k - 2(f_0 + f_1)$  and contains the edge  $e$ .

Let  $C_{012 \dots i}^*$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, d-2$ ) be a fault-free even  $((i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a)$ -cycle containing the edge  $e$ . One can observe that there are at least  $\frac{1}{2} \times (i+1)d^k - \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1$  disjoint edges such that each of them differs with  $e$  in the cycle  $C_{012 \dots i}^*$ . Since  $k \geq 3$  and  $\sum_{a=0}^{k+1} f_a \leq k-1$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \times (i+1)d^k - \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - i > \sum_{a=i+1}^{k+1} f_a$ . Therefore,  $C_{012 \dots i}^*$  has an edge  $(u_i, v_i)$ ,  $(u_i, v_i) \in \{e, (u_1, v_1), \dots, (u_{i-1}, v_{i-1})\}$ ,  $u_i^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d)$ ,  $v_i^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d)$  ( $m \in \{i+1, i+2, \dots, d-1\}$ ),  $h(u_i, u_i^{j(m)}) = 1$ ,  $h(v_i, v_i^{j(m)}) = 1$ . We may assume that  $m = i+1$  ( $m \neq i+1$  is similar), *i. e.*,  $u_i^{j(i+1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$ ,  $v_i^{j(i+1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$ . The cycle  $C_{012 \dots i}^*$  can be represented as  $(u_i, v_i, P_{012 \dots i}[v_i, u_i], u_i)$  where  $e$  lies on the path  $P_{012 \dots i}[v_i, u_i]$ .

Since  $f_{i+1} \leq k-2$ , by induction hypothesis, there are even cycles with lengths from 4 to  $d^k - 2f_{i+1}$  in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$  that each cycle contains the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ . Let  $C_{l_{i+1}} = (v_i^{j(i+1)}, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)})$  be an even  $l_{i+1}$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$  in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$  where  $4 \leq l_{i+1} \leq d^k - 2f_{i+1}$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{012 \dots i}^*$  and  $C_{l_{i+1}}$  as well as the two edges  $(u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)})$  and  $(v_i, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{01 \dots i(i+1)} = (v_i, P_{01 \dots i}[v_i, u_i], u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{01 \dots i(i+1)}) = l(P_{01 \dots i}[v_i, u_i]) + l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_{01 \dots i}[v_i, u_i]) = (i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1$ , and  $l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) = 1, 3, \dots, d^k - 2f_{i+1} - 1$ . Therefore, the cycle  $C_{01 \dots i(i+1)}$  is of length from  $(i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a + 2$  to  $(i+2) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^{i+1} f_a$  and contains the edge  $e$ .

**Case 2:**  $e \notin E(Q_k^0(d)) \cup E(Q_k^1(d)) \cup \dots \cup E(Q_k^{d-1}(d))$ , *i. e.*,  $u \in Q_k^l(d)$  ( $l \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}$ ),

$v \in Q_k^m(d) (m \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}), l \neq m, e$  is an edge of dimension  $j$  and  $v = u^{j(a)} (j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k+1\}, a \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\})$ .

We assume that  $u \in Q_k^0(d)$  and  $v \in Q_k^1(d)$  ( $u \notin Q_k^0(d)$  or  $v \notin Q_k^1(d)$  is similar). Since  $f_v \leq (k+1) - 2 = k-1$ , there is an integer  $i (i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k+1\}), i \neq j$ , such that  $u^{i(a)}$  and  $v^{i(a)} (a \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\})$  are fault-free. Thus,  $(u, u^{i(a)}, v^{i(a)}, v, u)$  is a fault-free 4-cycle containing the edge  $e$ . Noting that  $u$  and  $u^{i(a)}$  (respectively,  $v$  and  $v^{i(a)}$ ) are adjacent in  $Q_k^0(d)$  (respectively,  $Q_k^1(d)$ ). Since  $f_0 \leq k-2$  and  $f_1 \leq k-2$ , by induction hypothesis, there is an even  $l_0$ -cycle in  $Q_k^0(d)$  containing the edge  $(u, u^{i(a)})$  such as  $C_{l_0} = (u, u^{i(a)}, P_0[u^{i(a)}, u], u)$  and there is an even  $l_1$ -cycle in  $Q_k^1(d)$  containing the edge  $(v, v^{i(a)})$  such as  $C_{l_1} = (v^{i(a)}, v, P_1[v, v^{i(a)}], v^{i(a)})$  where  $4 \leq l_0 \leq d^k - 2f_0$  and  $4 \leq l_1 \leq d^k - 2f_1$ . Combining the 4-cycle  $(u, u^{i(a)}, v^{i(a)}, v, u)$  and a 4-cycle containing  $(u, u^{i(a)})$  in  $Q_k^0(d)$ , the desired 6-cycle can be obtained. Merging the two cycles  $C_{l_0}$  and  $C_{l_1}$  as well as the two edges  $(u, v)$  and  $(u^{i(a)}, v^{i(a)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{01} = (u, v, P_1[v, v^{i(a)}], v^{i(a)}, u^{i(a)}, P_0[u^{i(a)}, u], u)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{01}) = l(P_1[v, v^{i(a)}]) + l(P_0[u^{i(a)}, u]) + 2$  where  $l(P_0[u^{i(a)}, u]) = 3, 5, \dots, d^k - 2f_0 - 1$  and  $l(P_1[v, v^{i(a)}]) = 3, 5, \dots, d^k - 2f_1 - 1$ . This implies that  $8 \leq l(C_{01}) \leq 2 \times d^k - 2(f_0 + f_1)$ ,  $l(C_{01})$  is even and  $C_{01}$  contains the edge  $e$ .

Let  $C_{012\dots i}^* (i = 1, 2, \dots, d-2)$  be a fault-free even  $((i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a)$ -cycle containing the edge  $e$ . Similar to Case 1, we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{01\dots i(i+1)} = (v_i, P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i], u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i)$  which contains  $e$ . The cycle  $C_{01\dots i(i+1)}$  is of length from  $(i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a + 2$  to  $(i+2) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a$  and contains the edge  $e$ .

Since  $|F| \leq n-2$  and the degree of any vertex of  $Q_n(d)$  is  $n(d-1)$ , any fault-free vertex of  $Q_n(d)$  has at least  $n(d-2) + 2$  fault-free neighbors. Thus, every fault-free vertex can be incident by a fault-free edge. Therefore, we have

**Corollary 3** Let  $n \geq 3$  be an integer. For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_n(d)) (d \geq 2, d$  is an even number) with  $|F| \leq n-2$ , every vertex of  $Q_n(d) - F$  lies on a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n - 2|F|$ .

Applying Theorem 3. If  $d = 2$ , we have

**Corollary 4**<sup>[2]</sup> Assuming that  $n \geq 3$ . For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_n(d))$  with  $|F| = f_v \leq n-2$ , every edge of  $Q_n(d) - F$  lies on a cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n - 2f_v$ .

Applying Corollary 4. We have

**Corollary 5**<sup>[2]</sup> Let  $n \geq 3$  be an integer. For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_n(d))$  with  $|F| \leq n-2$ , every vertex of  $Q_n - F$  lies on a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n - 2|F|$ .

### 3 d is an odd number

**Theorem 4** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any two vertices in  $Q_n(d) (n \geq 2)$  and  $l$  be any integer with  $D(Q_n(d); x, y) \leq l \leq d^n - 1$ . If  $d$  is an odd number,  $l - D(Q_n(d); x, y)$  is an even number, then there is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l$  in  $Q_n(d)$ . Moreover, if  $D(Q_n(d); x, y) = 1$ , there is an  $xy$ -path of length  $l = d^n - 1$  in  $Q_n(d)$ .

**Proof** Let  $D(Q_n(d); x, y) = m$ . The proof is based on the recursive structure of  $Q_n(d)$  by induction on  $n \geq 2$ .

When  $n = 2$ , if  $D(Q_n(d); x, y) = 1$ . By the vertex-transitivity of  $Q_2(d)$ <sup>[3]</sup>, without loss of generality, we can assume  $x = 00, y = 01$ .

$x = 00 \rightarrow 01 = y, x = 00 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 01 = y, x = 00 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow 01 = y, \dots, x = 00 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0(d-3) \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 01 = y$  are the  $xy$ -path of length  $l = 1, 3, 5, \dots, d-2$  in  $Q_2(d)$ .

$x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0(d-3) \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 01 = y, x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow 05 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0(d-3) \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 01 = y, \dots$

$x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0 \rightarrow (d-1)2 \rightarrow (d-2)2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow 23 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)3 \rightarrow (d-1)3 \rightarrow (d-1)4 \rightarrow (d-2)4 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0(d-4) \rightarrow 1(d-4) \rightarrow 2(d-4) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)(d-4) \rightarrow (d-1)(d-4) \rightarrow$



$(d-1)(d-3) \rightarrow (d-2)(d-3) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 2(d-3) \rightarrow 1$   
 $(d-3) \rightarrow 0(d-3) \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 1(d-2) \rightarrow 2(d-2)$   
 $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)(d-2) \rightarrow (d-1)(d-2) \rightarrow (d-1)$   
 $1 \rightarrow (d-2)1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 01 = y, \dots$

$x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0$   
 $\rightarrow (d-1)2 \rightarrow (d-2)2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow$   
 $13 \rightarrow 23 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)3 \rightarrow (d-1)3 \rightarrow (d-1)4 \rightarrow (d-2)4$   
 $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0(d-4) \rightarrow 1(d-4) \rightarrow$   
 $2(d-4) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)(d-4) \rightarrow (d-1)(d-4) \rightarrow$   
 $(d-1)(d-3) \rightarrow (d-2)(d-3) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 2(d-3) \rightarrow$   
 $1(d-3) \rightarrow 0(d-3) \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 1(d-2) \rightarrow 2(d-2)$   
 $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)(d-2) \rightarrow (d-1)(d-2) \rightarrow (d-1)$   
 $1 \rightarrow (d-1)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-2)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-2)1 \rightarrow$   
 $(d-3)1 \rightarrow (d-3)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-4)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-4)1$   
 $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 2(d-1) \rightarrow 1(d-1) \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 01 = y$  are the  $xy$ -path of length  $l = d, d+2, \dots, d^2-d-1, \dots, d^2-2$  in  $Q_2(d)$ .

$x = 00 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)0 \rightarrow (d-1)0$   
 $\rightarrow (d-1)2 \rightarrow (d-2)2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 03 \rightarrow$   
 $13 \rightarrow 23 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)3 \rightarrow (d-1)3 \rightarrow (d-1)4 \rightarrow (d-2)4$   
 $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow 04 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0(d-4) \rightarrow 1(d-4) \rightarrow$   
 $2(d-4) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)(d-4) \rightarrow (d-1)(d-4) \rightarrow$   
 $(d-1)(d-3) \rightarrow (d-2)(d-3) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 2(d-3) \rightarrow 1$   
 $(d-3) \rightarrow 0(d-3) \rightarrow 0(d-2) \rightarrow 1(d-2) \rightarrow 2(d-2)$   
 $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (d-2)(d-2) \rightarrow (d-1)(d-2) \rightarrow (d-1)$   
 $1 \rightarrow (d-1)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-2)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-2)1 \rightarrow$   
 $(d-3)1 \rightarrow (d-3)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-4)(d-1) \rightarrow (d-4)1$   
 $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 2(d-1) \rightarrow 0(d-1) \rightarrow 1(d-1) \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow$   
 $01 = y$  is the  $xy$ -path of length  $l = d^2-1$  in  $Q_2(d)$ .

The rest of the inductive proof are similar to Theorem 1.

Applying Theorem 4, we have

**Corollary 6** For any  $n \geq 2$ , every edge of  $Q_n(d)$  ( $d \geq 3, d$  is an odd number) lies on a cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n - 1$ . Moreover, every edge of  $Q_n(d)$  lies on a cycle of length  $d^n$ .

Similar to Lemma 3. We have

**Lemma 5** For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_2(d))$  ( $d \geq 3, d$  is an odd number) with  $|F| \leq 1$ , every edge of  $Q_2(d) - F$  lies on a fault-free  $k$ -cycle,  $k = 4, 6, \dots, d^2 - 2|F| - 1$ . Moreover, every edge of  $Q_2(d) - F$  lies on a fault-free  $(d^2 - 2|F|)$ -cycle.

Similar to Lemma 4, applying Theorem 4 and Lemma 5. We have

**Lemma 6** For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_3(d))$  ( $d \geq$

$3, d$  is an odd number) with  $|F| \leq 1$ , every edge of  $Q_3(d) - F$  lies on a fault-free  $k$ -cycle,  $k = 4, 6, \dots, d^3 - 2|F| - 1$ . Moreover, every edge of  $Q_3(d) - F$  lies on a fault-free  $(d^3 - 2|F|)$ -cycle.

Similar to Lemma 6, we have

**Theorem 5** Let  $n \geq 3$  be an integer and  $Q_n(d)$  ( $d \geq 3, d$  is an odd number) has exactly one faulty vertex. Then, every fault-free edge of  $Q_n(d)$  lies on a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n - 3$ . Moreover, every fault-free edge of  $Q_n(d)$  lies on a fault-free cycle of length  $d^n - 2$ .

**Theorem 6** Let  $n \geq 3$  be an integer. For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_n(d))$  ( $d \geq 3, d$  is an odd number) with  $|F| = f_v \leq n - 2$ , every edge of  $Q_n(d) - F$  lies on a cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n - 2f_v - 1$ . Moreover, every edge of  $Q_n(d) - F$  lies on a cycle of length  $d^n - 2f_v$ .

**Proof** We prove this theorem by induction on  $n$ . By Lemma 6, Theorem 6 holds for  $n = 3$ . Assuming that the theorem is true for every integer  $k$  ( $3 \leq k \leq n$ ). Let  $F$  be a subset of  $V(Q_{k+1}(d))$  and  $|F| = f_v$ . By Corollary 6 and Theorem 5, Theorem 6 holds for  $f_v \leq 1$ . Thus, we only consider the case of  $2 \leq f_v \leq n - 2$ .

Let  $w$  and  $z$  be two distinct faulty vertices. By Lemma 1,  $Q_{k+1}(d)$  can be partitioned along dimension  $j$  ( $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k+1\}$ ) into  $d$  copies  $Q_k(d)$ , denoted by  $Q_k^i(d)$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ ),  $w \in Q_k^l(d)$ ,  $z \in Q_k^m(d)$  ( $l, m \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}, l \neq m$ ). Let  $f_i = |F \cap V(Q_k^i(d))|$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1$ , i. e.,  $f_v = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} f_i$ . Therefore,  $f_i \leq k-2$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1$ . Let  $e = (u, v)$  be a fault-free edge of  $Q_{k+1}(d) - F$ . In order to prove this theorem, we establish every even  $l$ -cycle containing  $e$  where  $4 \leq l \leq d^{k+1} - 2f_v - 1$ , and a  $(d^{k+1} - 2f_v)$ -cycle containing  $e$ .

**Case 1:**  $e \in E(Q_k^0(d)) \cup E(Q_k^1(d)) \cup \dots \cup E(Q_k^{d-1}(d))$ , i. e.,  $e$  lies on  $Q_k^i(d)$  ( $i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ ). We only consider that  $e \in E(Q_k^0(d))$  ( $e \notin E(Q_k^0(d))$  is similar).

Since  $f_0 \leq k-2$ , by induction hypothesis, there is a fault-free even  $l_0$ -cycle in  $Q_k^0(d)$  containing the edge  $e$  where  $4 \leq l_0 \leq d^k - 2f_0 - 1$ , and there exists a

fault-free  $(d^k - 2f_0)$ -cycle in  $Q_k^0(d)$  containing the edge  $e$ . Thus, the cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^k - 2f_0 - 1$  containing the edge  $e$  in  $Q_{k+1}(d)$  can be found in  $Q_k^0(d)$ . Let  $C_{l_0^*} (C_{l_0^{*'}})$  be a fault-free even  $l_0^*$ -cycle ( $l_0^{*'}$ -cycle) containing the edge  $e$  in  $Q_k^0(d)$  where  $l_0^* = d^k - 2f_0 - 1$  ( $l_0^{*' = d^k - 2f_0$ ). One can observe that there are at least  $\frac{1}{2} \times (d^k - 1) - f_0 - 1$  disjoint edges such that each of them differs with  $e$  in the cycle  $C_{l_0^*} (C_{l_0^{*'}}$ ). Since  $k \geq 3$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} f_i \leq k - 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \times (d^k - 1) - f_0 - 1 > \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} f_i$ . Therefore,  $C_{l_0^*} (C_{l_0^{*'}}$  has an edge  $(u_0, v_0)$ ,  $(u_0, v_0) \neq e$ ,  $u_0^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d)$ ,  $v_0^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d)$  ( $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ ),  $h(u_0, u_0^{j(m)}) = 1$ ,  $h(v_0, v_0^{j(m)}) = 1$ . We may assume that  $m = 1$  ( $m \neq 1$  is similar), i. e.,  $u_0^{j(1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^1(d)$ ,  $v_0^{j(1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^1(d)$ . The cycle  $C_{l_0^*} (C_{l_0^{*'}}$  can be represented as  $(u_0, v_0, P_0[v_0, u_0], u_0)$  where  $e$  lies on the path  $P_0[v_0, u_0]$ .

Since  $f_1 \leq k - 2$ , by induction hypothesis, there are even cycles with lengths from 4 to  $d^k - 2f_1 - 1$  in  $Q_k^1(d)$  that each cycle contains the edge  $(u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)})$ , and there is a cycle of length  $d^k - 2f_1$  in  $Q_k^1(d)$  that the cycle contains the edge  $(u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)})$ . Let  $C_{l_1} = (v_0^{j(1)}, u_0^{j(1)}, P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}], v_0^{j(1)})$  be an even  $l_1$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)})$  in  $Q_k^1(d)$  where  $4 \leq l_1 \leq d^k - 2f_1 - 1$ ,  $C_{l_1}' = (v_0^{j(1)}, u_0^{j(1)}, P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}], v_0^{j(1)})$  be a  $(d^k - 2f_1)$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)})$  in  $Q_k^1(d)$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{l_0^*}$  and  $C_{l_1}$  as well as the two edges  $(u_0, u_0^{j(1)})$  and  $(v_0, v_0^{j(1)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{01} = (v_0, P_0[v_0, u_0], u_0, u_0^{j(1)}, P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}], v_0^{j(1)}, v_0)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{01}) = l(P_0[v_0, u_0]) + l(P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_0[v_0, u_0]) = d^k - 2f_0 - 2$ , and  $l(P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}]) = 1, 3, \dots, d^k - 2f_1 - 1$ . Therefore, the cycle  $C_{01}$  is of length from  $d^k - 2f_0 + 1$  to  $2 \times d^k - 2(f_0 + f_1) - 2$  and contains the edge  $e$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{l_0^*}$  and  $C_{l_1}'$  as well as the two

edges  $(u_0, u_0^{j(1)})$  and  $(v_0, v_0^{j(1)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{01}' = (v_0, P_0[v_0, u_0], u_0, u_0^{j(1)}, P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}], v_0^{j(1)}, v_0)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{01}') = l(P_0[v_0, u_0]) + l(P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_0[v_0, u_0]) = d^k - 2f_0 - 1$  and  $l(P_1[u_0^{j(1)}, v_0^{j(1)}]) = d^k - 2f_1 - 1$ . Therefore, the cycle  $C_{01}'$  is  $(2 \times d^k - 2(f_0 + f_1))$ -cycle and contains the edge  $e$ .

Let  $C_{012, \dots, i}^* (i = 1, 3, \dots, d-4, d-2)$  be a fault-free even  $((i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a)$ -cycle containing the edge  $e$ . One can observe that there are at least  $\frac{1}{2} \times (i+1)d^k - \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1$  disjoint edges such that each of them differs with  $e$  in the cycle  $C_{012, \dots, i}^*$ . Since  $k \geq 3$  and  $\sum_{a=0}^{k+1} f_a \leq k - 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \times (i+1)d^k - \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1 > \sum_{a=i+1}^{k+1} f_a$ . Therefore,  $C_{012, \dots, i}^*$  has an edge  $(u_i, v_i)$ ,  $(u_i, v_i) \notin \{e, (u_1, v_1), \dots, (u_{i-1}, v_{i-1})\}$ ,  $u_i^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d)$ ,  $v_i^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d)$  ( $m \in \{i+1, i+2, \dots, d-1\}$ ),  $h(u_i, u_i^{j(m)}) = 1$ ,  $h(v_i, v_i^{j(m)}) = 1$ . We may assume that  $m = i+1$  ( $m \neq i+1$  is similar), i. e.,  $u_i^{j(i+1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$ ,  $v_i^{j(i+1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$ . The cycle  $C_{012, \dots, i}^*$  can be represented as  $(u_i, v_i, P_{012, \dots, i}[v_i, u_i], u_i)$  where  $e$  lies on the  $P_{012, \dots, i}[v_i, u_i]$ .

Since  $f_{i+1} \leq k - 2$ , by induction hypothesis, there are even cycles with lengths from 4 to  $d^k - 2f_{i+1} - 1$  in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$  that each cycle contains the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ , and there is a  $(d^k - 2f_{i+1})$ -cycle in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$  that the cycle contains the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ . Let  $C_{l_{i+1}} = (v_i^{j(i+1)}, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)})$  be an even  $l_{i+1}$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$  in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$  where  $4 \leq l_{i+1} \leq d^k - 2f_{i+1} - 1$ ,  $C_{l_{i+1}}' = (v_i^{j(i+1)}, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)})$  be a  $(d^k - 2f_{i+1})$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$  in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{012, \dots, i}^*$  and  $C_{l_{i+1}}$  as well as the two edges  $(u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)})$  and  $(v_i, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{01, \dots, i(i+1)} = (v_i, P_{01, \dots, i}[v_i, u_i], u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i)$ ,

$v_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i$ ) which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{01\dots i(i+1)}) = l(P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) + l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) = (i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1$ , and  $l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) = 1, 3, \dots, d^k - 2f_{i+1} - 2$ . Therefore, the cycle  $C_{01\dots i(i+1)}$  is of length from  $(i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a + 2$  to  $(i+2) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1$  and contains the edge  $e$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{012\dots i}^*$  and  $C_{i+1}'$  as well as the two edges  $(u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)})$  and  $(v_i, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C'_{01\dots i(i+1)} = (v_i, P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i], u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C'_{01\dots i(i+1)}) = l(P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) + l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) = (i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1$  and  $l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) = d^k - 2f_{i+1} - 1$ . Therefore, the cycle  $C'_{01\dots i(i+1)}$  is  $((i+2) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a)$ -cycle and contains the edge  $e$ .

Let  $C_{012\dots i}^*(i = 2, 4, \dots, d-5, d-3)$  be a fault-free even  $((i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1)$ -cycle containing the edge  $e$ ,  $C_{012\dots i}^{*'}(i = 2, 4, \dots, d-5, d-3)$  be a fault-free  $((i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a)$ -cycle containing the edge  $e$ . One can observe that there are at least  $\frac{1}{2} \times [(i+1)d^k - 1] - \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1$  disjoint edges such that each of them differs with  $e$  in the cycle  $C_{012\dots i}^*$ . Since  $k \geq 3$  and  $\sum_{a=0}^{k+1} f_a \leq k - 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \times [(i+1)d^k - 1] - \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - i > \sum_{a=i+1}^{k+1} f_a$ . Therefore,  $C_{012\dots i}^*(C_{012\dots i}^{*'})$  has an edge  $(u_i, v_i), (u_i, v_i) \notin \{e, (u_1, v_1), \dots, (u_{i-1}, v_{i-1})\}, u_i^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d), v_i^{j(m)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^m(d) (m \in \{i+1, i+2, \dots, d-1\}), h(u_i, u_i^{j(m)}) = 1, h(v_i, v_i^{j(m)}) = 1$ . We may assume that  $m = i+1$  ( $m \neq i+1$  is similar), i. e.,  $u_i^{j(i+1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d), v_i^{j(i+1)}$  is a fault-free vertex in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$ . The cycle  $C_{012\dots i}^*(C_{012\dots i}^{*'})$  can be represented as  $(u_i, v_i, P_{012\dots i}[v_i, u_i], u_i)$  where  $e$

lies on the  $P_{012\dots i}[v_i, u_i]$ .

Since  $f_{i+1} \leq k - 2$ , by induction hypothesis, there are even cycles with lengths from 4 to  $d^k - 2f_{i+1} - 1$  in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$  that each cycle contains the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ , and there is a  $(d^k - 2f_{i+1})$ -cycle in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$  that the cycle contains the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ . Let  $C_{i+1} = (v_i^{j(i+1)}, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)})$  be an even  $l_{i+1}$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$  in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$  where  $4 \leq l_{i+1} \leq d^k - 2f_{i+1} - 1, C_{i+1}' = (v_i^{j(i+1)}, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)})$  be a  $(d^k - 2f_{i+1})$ -cycle containing the edge  $(u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)})$  in  $Q_k^{i+1}(d)$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{012\dots i}^*$  and  $C_{i+1}$  as well as the two edges  $(u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)})$  and  $(v_i, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C_{01\dots i(i+1)} = (v_i, P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i], u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C_{01\dots i(i+1)}) = l(P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) + l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) = (i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 2$ , and  $l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) = 1, 3, \dots, d^k - 2f_{i+1} - 2$ . Therefore, the cycle  $C_{01\dots i(i+1)}$  is of length from  $(i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a + 1$  to  $(i+2) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^{i+1} f_a - 2$  and contains the edge  $e$ . Merging the two cycles  $C_{012\dots i}^{*'}(C_{i+1}')$  as well as the two edges  $(u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)})$  and  $(v_i, v_i^{j(i+1)})$ , we can construct a fault-free even cycle  $C'_{01\dots i(i+1)} = (v_i, P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i], u_i, u_i^{j(i+1)}, P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}], v_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i)$  which contains  $e$ . Obviously,  $l(C'_{01\dots i(i+1)}) = l(P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) + l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) + 2$  where  $l(P_{01\dots i}[v_i, u_i]) = (i+1) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^i f_a - 1$  and  $l(P_{i+1}[u_i^{j(i+1)}, v_i^{j(i+1)}]) = d^k - 2f_{i+1} - 1$ . Therefore, the cycle  $C'_{01\dots i(i+1)}$  is  $((i+2) \times d^k - 2 \sum_{a=0}^{i+1} f_a)$ -cycle and contains the edge  $e$ .

**Case 2:**  $e \notin E(Q_k^0(d)) \cup E(Q_k^1(d)) \cup \dots \cup E(Q_k^{d-1}(d)), i. e., u \in Q_k^l(d) (l \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}), v \in Q_k^m(d) (m \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}), l \neq m, e$  is an edge of dimension  $j$  and  $v = u^{j(a)} (j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k+1\}, a \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\})$ .

The proof of Case 2 is similar to the proof of

Case 2 of Theorem 3.

Applying Theorem 6, we have

**Corollary 7** Let  $n \geq 3$  be an integer. For any subset  $F$  of  $V(Q_n(d))$  ( $d \geq 3$ ,  $d$  is an odd number) with  $|F| \leq n - 2$ , every vertex of  $Q_n(d) - F$  lies on a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $d^n - 2|F|$ . Moreover, every vertex of  $Q_n(d) - F$  lies on a fault-free cycle of length  $d^n - 2|F|$ .

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## 有节点故障的 $d$ 进制 $n$ 维方的圈嵌入

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**摘要:**互连网络的容错能力是并行计算中的一个关键问题,而  $d$  进制  $n$  维方(超方的一般形式)在计算机的互连网络中已得到广泛的应用。本文考虑有节点故障的  $d$  进制  $n$  维方的容错性。 $F$  是  $d$  进制  $n$  维方  $Q_n(d)$  中的错误点集( $n \geq 3$ ),且  $|F| \leq n - 2$ ,证明了  $Q_n(d)$  的每个无故障的边和无故障的点存在于长从 4 到  $d^n - 2|F|$  的无故障偶圈中。而且,当  $d$  是奇数时,  $Q_n(d)$  的每个无故障的边和无故障的点存在于长为  $d^n - 2|F|$  的无故障圈中。

**关键词:**圈嵌入 超方 故障容错 互连网络  $d$  进制

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