

# Embedding in Fat Trees

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## Abstract

We show that the butterfly network and benes network can be embedded into generalized fat trees with minimum dilation.

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## 1 Introduction

Graph embedding is an important technique used in the study of computational capabilities of processor interconnection networks and task distribution. Embeddings of graphs from one class of graphs into another class of graphs have important applications in computer science. For example, any finite graph can be considered as a model of a parallel computer, where vertices correspond to processors and edges represent communication lines between them [10].

The concept of embedding is widely studied in the area of fixed interconnection parallel architectures. A parallel architecture is embedded into another architecture to simulate one on another. An important feature of an interconnection network is its ability to efficiently simulate programs written for other architectures [10, 13].

Embeddings of graphs with a regular structure, like rings, grids, complete trees, binomial trees, pyramids, X-trees, meshes of trees and so on, have been investigated by numerous researchers [2, 12]. In general, the communication structure of a parallel algorithm can be very irregular. Embeddings of such irregular graphs, like binary trees, caterpillars, graphs with bounded treewidth, have also been studied [3, 15]. However, there has been no work reported so far on embeddings of butterfly and benes networks into generalized fat trees in the literature.

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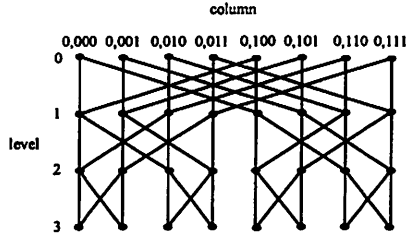


Figure 1: 3-dimensional Butterfly Network

**Definition 1** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be finite graphs with  $n$  vertices.  $V(G)$  and  $V(H)$  denote the vertex sets of  $G$  and  $H$  respectively.  $E(G)$  and  $E(H)$  denote the edge sets of  $G$  and  $H$  respectively. An embedding  $f$  of  $G$  into  $H$  is defined [2] as follows:

1.  $f$  is a bijective map from  $V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$
2.  $f$  is a one-to-one map from  $E(G)$  to  $\{P_f(f(u), f(v)) : P_f(f(u), f(v)) \text{ is a path in } H \text{ between } f(u) \text{ and } f(v)\}$ .

The dilation of an embedding  $f$  of  $G$  into  $H$  is given by

$$dil(f) = \max\{|P_f(f(u), f(v))| : (u, v) \in E(G)\}$$

where  $|P_f(f(u), f(v))|$  denotes the length of the path  $P_f$ . Then, the dilation of  $G$  into  $H$  is defined as

$$dil(G, H) = \min dil(f)$$

where the minimum is taken over all embeddings  $f$  of  $G$  into  $H$ .

Embedding  $G$  into  $H$  with minimum dilation is important for network design and for the simulation of one computer architecture by another [3].

**Definition 2** [5] The  $m$ -dimensional butterfly  $BF_m$  has  $n = 2^m (m + 1)$  nodes arranged in  $m + 1$  levels of  $2^m$  nodes each. Each node has a distinct label  $\langle w, i \rangle$  where  $i$  is the level of the node ( $0 \leq i \leq m$ ) and  $w$  is a  $m$ -bit binary number that denotes the column of the node. All nodes of the form  $\langle w, i \rangle$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq m$ , are said to belong to column  $w$ . Similarly, the  $i^{\text{th}}$  level  $L_i$  consists of all of the nodes  $\langle w, i \rangle$ , where  $w$  ranges over all  $m$ -bit binary numbers. Two nodes  $\langle w, i \rangle$  and  $\langle w', i' \rangle$  are linked by an edge if  $i' = i + 1$  and

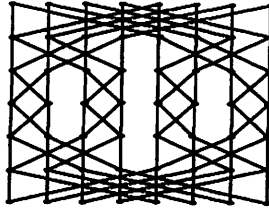


Figure 2: 3-dimensional Benes Network

either  $w$  and  $w'$  are identical or  $w$  and  $w'$  differ only in the bit in position  $i'$ . (The bit positions are numbered 1 through  $m$ , the most significant bit being numbered 1). The edges in the network are undirected. The nodes on level 0 are called the input nodes or just inputs of the network, and the nodes on level  $m$  are called the output nodes or just outputs. See Figure 1.

**Definition 3** [11] An  $m$ -dimensional Benes network  $B_m$  has  $2m+1$  levels, each level with  $2^m$  nodes. The level 0 to level  $m$  nodes in the network form an  $m$  dimensional butterfly. The middle level of the Benes network is shared by these butterflies [10]. Figure 2 shows a  $B_3$  network.

Leiserson [9] proposed fat trees as a hardware-efficient, general-purpose interconnection network. Several architectures including the Connection Machine CM-5 of Thinking Machines, the memory hierarchy of the KSR-1 parallel machine of Kendall Square Research [6], and Meiko supercomputer CS-2 [8] are based on the fat trees. A different fat tree topology called "pruned butterfly" is proposed in [1], and other variants are informally described in [7], where the increase in channel bandwidth is modified compared to the original fat trees [9].

The generalized fat tree  $GFT(h, m, w)$  [14] of height  $h$  consists of  $m^h$  processors in the leaf-level and routers or switching-nodes in the non-leaf levels. Each non-root has  $w$  parent nodes and each non-leaf has  $m$  children. Informally,  $GFT(h+1, m, w)$  is recursively generated from  $m$  distinct copies of  $GFT(h, m, w)$ , denoted as  $GFT^j(h, m, w) = (V_h^j, E_h^j)$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq m-1$ , and  $w^{h+1}$  additional nodes such that each top-level node  $(h, k + j \cdot w^h)$  of each  $GFT^j(h, m, w)$  for  $0 \leq k \leq w^h - 1$ , is adjacent to  $w$  consecutive new top-level nodes (i.e. level  $h+1$  nodes), given by  $(h+1, k \cdot w), \dots, (h+1, (k+1) \cdot w - 1)$ . The graph  $GFT^j(h, m, w)$  is also called a sub-fat tree of  $GFT(h+1, m, w)$ .

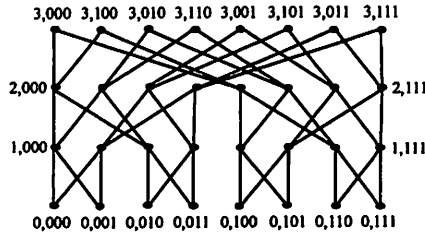


Figure 3: 3-dimensional Generalized Binary Fat Tree

In this paper we call  $GFT(h, 2, 2)$  a binary fat tree and denote it by  $BFT(h)$ .  $GFT(h, 2, 2)$  is precisely defined as follows.

**Definition 4** The  $m$ -dimensional generalised binary fat tree  $BFT(m)$  has  $n = 2^m (m + 1)$  nodes arranged in  $m + 1$  levels of  $2^m$  nodes each. Each node has a distinct label  $\langle z, j \rangle$  where  $j$  is the level of the node ( $0 \leq j \leq m$ ) and  $z = (a_m \dots a_j \dots a_2 a_1)$  is a  $m$  bit binary number. Two nodes  $\langle z, j \rangle$  and  $\langle z', j' \rangle$  are adjacent if  $j' = j + 1$  and either  $w$  and  $w'$  are identical or  $z' = (a_m \dots \bar{a}_j \dots a_2 a_1)$ . The edges in the network are undirected. The nodes on level 0 are called the input nodes or just inputs of the network, and the nodes on level  $m$  are called the output nodes or just outputs. See Figure 3.

In this paper we will find the dilation of embedding  $BF_m$  and  $B_m$  into  $GFT(h, m, w)$ .

## 2 Main Results

**Theorem 1** Any graph  $G$  can be embedded into its optimal generalized fat tree  $GFT(h, m, w)$  with dilation  $2h$ .

**Proof.** Choose any edge  $e = (a, b) \in G$ . Without loss of generality, let  $a$  be mapped to  $(0; a_h a_{h-1} \dots a_1)$  and  $b$  to  $(0; b_h b_{h-1} \dots b_1)$ . It is sufficient to give a path between the node  $(0; a_h a_{h-1} \dots a_1)$  and the top-level node  $t = (h; 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  and from  $t$  to the node  $(0; b_h b_{h-1} \dots b_1)$ .

A possible path from  $(0; a_h a_{h-1} \dots a_1)$  to  $(h; 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  is the following path:

$$P = \{(0; a_h \dots a_1), (1; a_h \dots a_2 0), (2; a_h \dots a_3 00), \dots, (h-1; a_h 0 \dots 0), (h; 0 \dots 0)\}$$



Figure 4:  $BF_1$  can be embedded into  $BFT(2)$

Again, the  $w$  number of node-disjoint paths  $P_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq w - 1$ , between the node  $a$  and  $b$  can be given as:

$$P_i = \{(0; a_h \dots a_1), (1; a_h \dots a_2 i), (2; a_h \dots a_3 0i), \dots, (h-1; a_h 0 \dots 0i), \\ (h; 0 \dots 0i), (h-1; b_h 0 \dots 0i), (h-2; b_h b_{h-1} 0 \dots 0i), \dots, (1; b_h \dots b_2 i), \\ (0; b_h \dots b_2 b_1)\}.$$

Thus  $|P_i| = 2h$  for all  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq w - 1$ . Hence the dilation is  $2h$ . Since every path between  $(0; a_h a_{h-1} \dots a_1)$  to  $(h; 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  must pass through a top level node, there is no path of length less than  $2h$  between these nodes. Therefore the dilation is  $2h$ .  $\square$

**Remark 1** The path  $P_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, w - 1$  are node disjoint.  $\square$

**Theorem 2** The  $m$ -dimensional Butterfly  $BF_m$  can be embedded into  $BFT(r)$ , where

$$r = \begin{cases} \text{height of } (BFT(r-1)) + 2, & \text{if } m = 2^l \\ \text{height of } (BFT(r-1)) + 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for some  $l$ , with load one and dilation  $2r$ , where as  $BF_1$  can be embedded into  $BFT(2, 2, 2)$  with dilation 4.

**Proof.** We prove this result by induction on  $m$ . Figure 4 illustrates the embedding of  $BF_1$  into  $BFT(2)$ . Assume the result to be true when  $k = m$ .

Consider  $k = m + 1$ . The nodes in the Butterfly are connected in the fat tree using the path which routes over the least common ancestor in the fat tree. If there are two unused least common ancestors, one chooses the left one. Thus, the load is equal to one and dilation is equal to the diameter  $2r + 4$  or  $2r + 2$  according as  $m = 2^l$  or otherwise.  $\square$

**Theorem 3** The  $m$ -dimensional Benes  $B_m$  can be embedded into  $BFT(r)$ , where

$$r = \begin{cases} \text{height of } (BFT(r-1)) + 2, & \text{if } m = 2^l \\ \text{height of } (BFT(r-1)) + 1, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

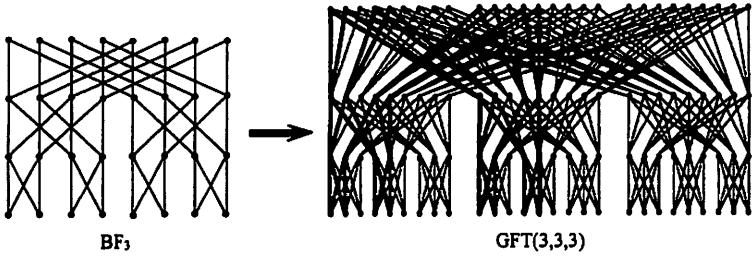


Figure 5:  $BF_3$  can be embedded into  $GFT(3, 3, 3)$

for some  $l$ , with load one and dilation  $2r$ , where as  $B_1$  can be embedded into  $BFT(3)$  with dilation 6.  $\square$

**Note:** In [14] the processors are considered at the leaf-level of  $GFT(h, m, w)$ . If we consider all the nodes as processors, then we get the following results.

**Theorem 4**  $BF_m$  is isomorphic to  $BFT(m)$ .

**Proof.** For each vertex  $\langle w, i \rangle$  in  $BF_m$ , we define a function  $g$  from  $V(BF_m)$  to  $V(BFT(m))$  as follows:

$$g(\langle w, i \rangle) = \langle w, i \rangle.$$

The function  $g$  is obviously bijective. Let  $u = \langle w_1, i_1 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle w_2, i_2 \rangle$  be two distinct vertices in  $BF_m$ . It follows that  $g(u)$  and  $g(v)$  are two distinct vertices in  $BFT(m)$  given as follows:

$$g(u) = \langle w_1, i_1 \rangle, g(v) = \langle w_2, i_2 \rangle.$$

Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $BF_m \iff i_2 = i_1 + 1$  and either  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are identical or  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  differ only in the bit in position  $i_2 \iff g(u)$  and  $g(v)$  are adjacent in  $BFT(m)$ . Hence the graphs  $BF_m$  and  $BFT(m)$  are isomorphic.  $\square$

The following results are easy consequence of the definition of generalized fat tree.

**Theorem 5**  $GFT(h, m, w)$  is a subgraph of  $GFT(h + 1, m, w)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6** If  $m_1 \geq m$ ,  $w_1 \geq w$ , then  $GFT(h, m, w)$  is a subgraph of  $GFT(h, m_1, w_1)$ .  $\square, m_1, w_1)$ .  $\square, m_1, w_1)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1** *If  $h \geq k$  and  $m, w > 1$ , then  $BF_k$  can be embedded into  $GFT(h, m, w)$ . See Figure 5.*

**Conjecture:**  $B_m$  can be embedded into  $BFT(m + 1)$  with dilation at least  $m + 1$ .  $\square$

### 3 Conclusion

In this paper we have proved that the dilation of embedding  $BF_m$  and  $B_m$  into  $GFT(h, m, w)$  is  $2h$  and the dilation of embedding  $BF_m$  into  $BFT(h)$  is  $h$ . It would be a good line of research to prove the conjectures cited in this paper.

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