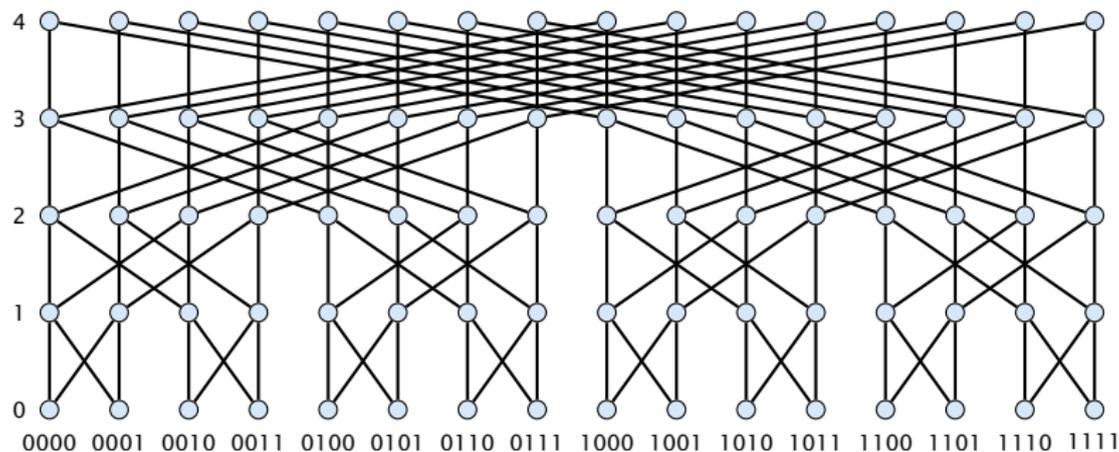


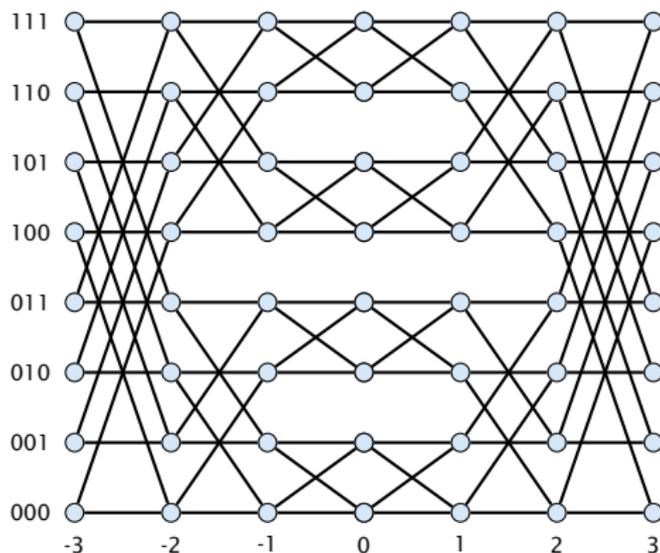
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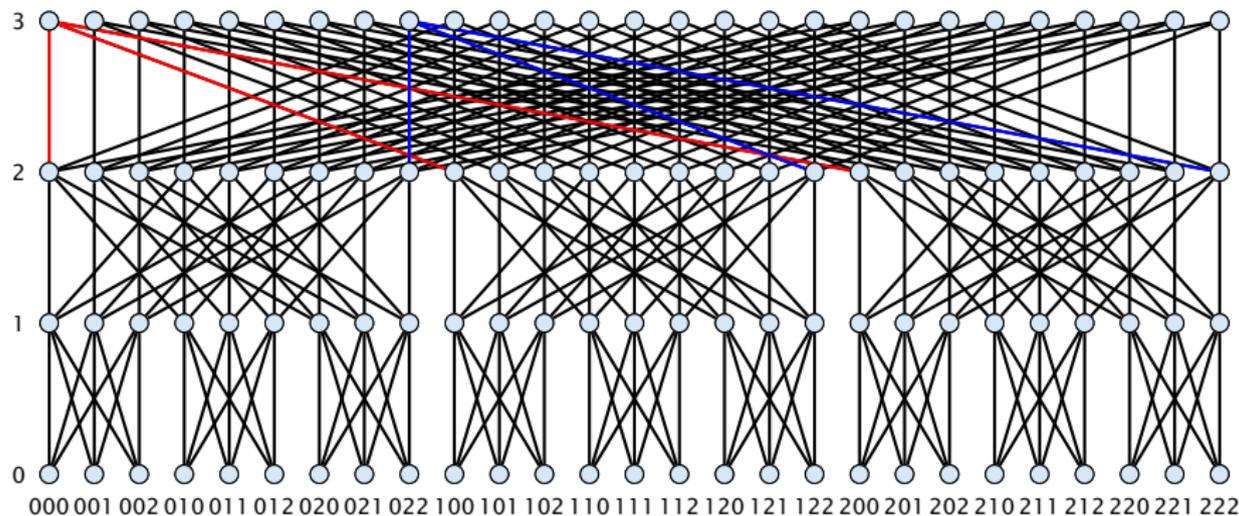


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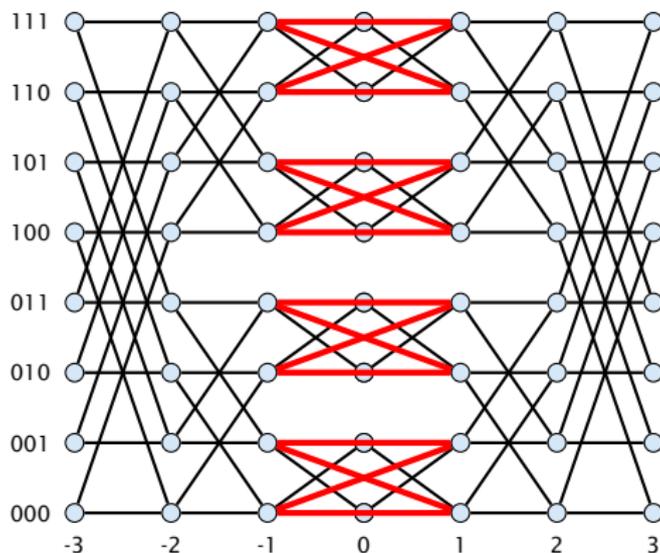
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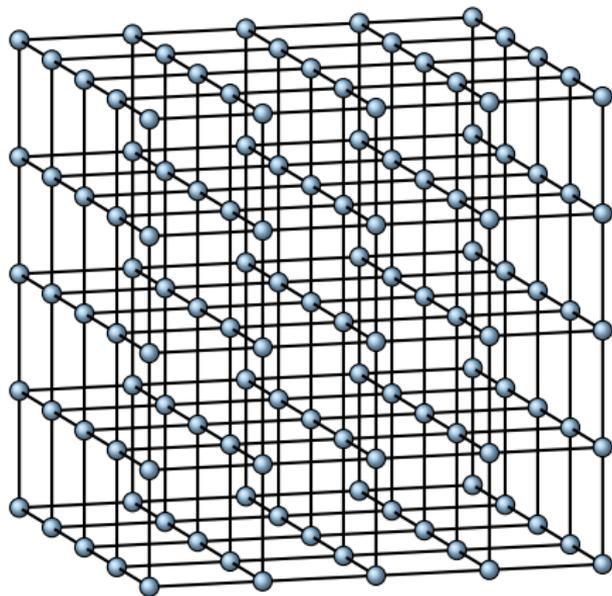
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## Permutation Network $PN(n, d)$



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## The $d$ -dimensional mesh $M(n, d)$



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# Remarks

$M(2, d)$  is also called  $d$ -dimensional hypercube.

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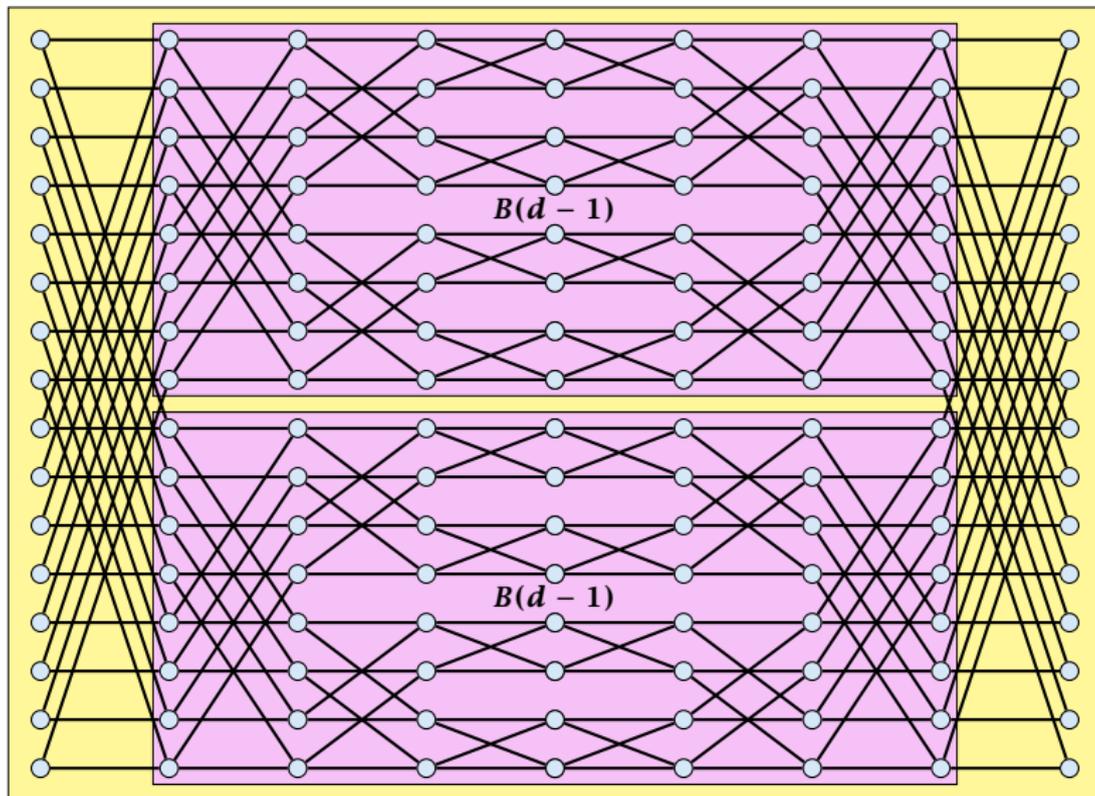
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*On the Beneš network any permutation can be routed offline in  $2d$  steps between the sources level  $(+d)$  and target level  $(-d)$ .*

# Recursive Beneš Network



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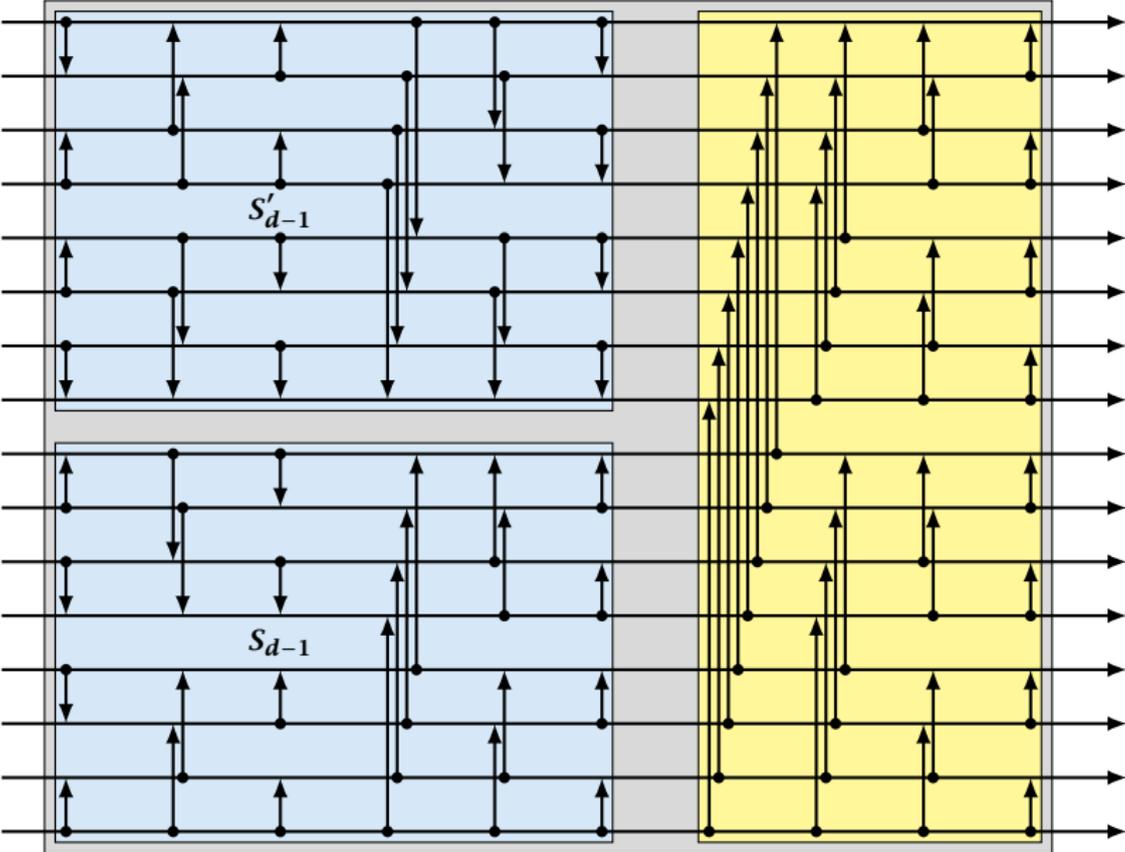
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# ASCEND/DESCEND Programs

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2:   for all  $\bar{a} \in [2]^d$  pardo  
3:      $oper(\bar{a}, \bar{a}(dim), dim)$ 
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The CCC network is obtained from a hypercube by replacing every node by a cycle of degree  $d$ .

- ▶ nodes  $\{(\ell, \bar{x}) \mid \bar{x} \in [2]^d, \ell \in [d]\}$
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## Lemma 8

*Let  $d = 2^k$ . An ASCEND run of a hypercube  $M(2, d + k)$  can be simulated on  $CCC(d)$  in  $\mathcal{O}(d)$  steps.*

The shuffle exchange network  $SE(d)$  is defined as follows

▶ nodes:  $V = [2]^d$

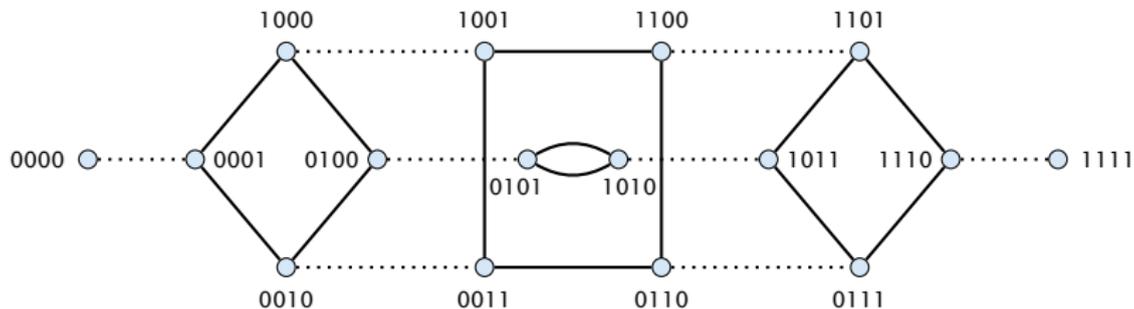
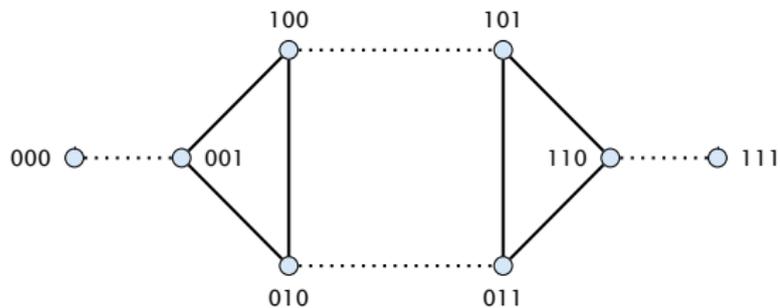
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$$E = \left\{ \{x\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha}x\} \mid x \in [2], \bar{\alpha} \in [2]^{d-1} \right\} \cup \left\{ \{\bar{\alpha}0, \bar{\alpha}1\} \mid \bar{\alpha} \in [2]^{d-1} \right\}$$

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Edges of the first type are called **shuffle edges**. Edges of the second type are called **exchange edges**

# Shuffle Exchange Networks



## Lemma 9

*We can perform an ASCEND run of  $M(2, d)$  on  $SE(d)$  in  $\Theta(d)$  steps.*

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- ▶ in the beginning there are  $p$  non-empty processors sets  $A_0, \dots, A_{p-1} \subseteq M'$  so that all processors in  $A_i$  know  $C_i$ ;
- ▶ after at most  $k \cdot t$  steps of  $M'$  there is a processor  $Q^{(i)}$  that knows the  $t$ -th successors configuration of  $C$  for processor  $P_i$ .

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- ▶  $M'$  weakly simulates machine  $M$  with slowdown  $k$
- ▶ and **every** processor in  $A_i$  knows the  $t$ -th successor configuration of  $C$  for processor  $P_i$ .

We have seen how to simulate an ASCEND/DESCEND run of the hypercube  $M(2, d + k)$  on  $CCC(d)$  with  $d = 2^k$  in  $\mathcal{O}(d)$  steps.

Hence, we can simulate  $d + k$  steps (one ASCEND run) of the hypercube in  $\mathcal{O}(d)$  steps. This means slowdown  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ .

### Lemma 13

Suppose a network  $S$  with  $n$  processors can route any permutation in time  $\mathcal{O}(t(n))$ . Then  $S$  can simulate any **constant degree** network  $M$  with at most  $n$  vertices with slowdown  $\mathcal{O}(t(n))$ .

Map the vertices of  $M$  to vertices of  $S$  in an arbitrary way.

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Each color gives rise to a permutation.

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## Lemma 17

*A permutation on an  $n \times n$ -mesh can be routed **online** in  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  steps.*

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## Definition 18 (Oblivious Routing)

Specify a path-system  $\mathcal{W}$  with a path  $P_{u,v}$  between  $u$  and  $v$  for every pair  $\{u, v\} \in V \times V$ .

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## Definition 21 (edge congestion)

For a given path-system the **edge congestion** is the maximum number of path that go through any edge  $e \in E$ .

# Deterministic Online Routing

## Definition 22 (dilation)

For a given path system the **dilation** is the maximum length of a path.

### Lemma 23

*Any oblivious routing protocol requires at least  $\max\{C_f, D_f\}$  steps, where  $C_f$  and  $D_f$ , are the congestion and dilation, respectively, of the path-system used. (node congestion or edge congestion depending on the communication model)*

### Lemma 24

*Any reasonable oblivious routing protocol requires at most  $\mathcal{O}(D_f \cdot C_f)$  steps (**unbounded buffers**).*

## Theorem 25 (Borodin, Hopcroft)

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Define



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There exists an edge  $e'$  that is  $z$ -popular for at least  $z$  nodes with  $z = \Omega(\sqrt{n}\Delta)$ .

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$$f_{x,y} \geq d_{x,y}/C(S) \geq d_{x,y}/F = \frac{1}{F} \frac{c(x)c(y)}{c(V)}$$

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