## An infinite family of 4-tight optimal double loop networks

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Abstract An infinite family of 4-tight optimal double loop networks is given in this paper.

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Because of their symmetry, simplicity and extensionality, the double loop networks (DLNs) have been widely used in the topological design of local networks, multi-module memory organizations, data alignments in parallel memory systems, and supercomputer architecture<sup>[1]</sup>. The graphical model of a DLN is a digraph (also called circulant digraph) G(n;s) with the vertex set  $\{0,1,2,\cdots,n-1\}$  and the edge set  $\{i\to i+1\pmod n,\,i\to i+s\pmod n:\,i=0,1,2,\cdots,n-1\}$ , where s is a given integer with 1< s< n. From the definition, it is clear that G(n;s) is strongly connected and the diameter is only determined by n and s. Denote by d(n;s) the diameter of G(n,s) and let  $d(n)=\min\{d(n;s):1< s< n\}$ . A network G(n;s) is optimal if d(n;s)=d(n). Wong and Coppersmith<sup>[2]</sup> have shown that  $d(n)\geqslant lb(n)=\lceil \sqrt{3n}\;\rceil-2$ , where the symbol  $\lceil m\rceil$  denotes the smallest integer not less than the real number m.

An important problem is to determine the value of d(n) and find s such that G(n; s) is optimal for any given  $n \ge 4$ . The problem has attracted many authors' interest<sup>[2-10]</sup>, although it seems impossible to express the function d(n) in a closed form.

Let Z be the infinite set of all nonnegative integers. For  $k \in Z$ , an optimal G(n;s) is said to be k-tight if d(n;s) = lb(n) + k. Generally, 0- or 1-tight optimal DLNs are called tight optimal and near-tight optimal, respectively<sup>[7,8]</sup>. We say that  $\{G(n(t);s(t)): t \in Z, t \geqslant t_0\}$  is an infinite family of k-tight optimal DLNs if G(n(t);s(t)) is k-tight optimal for any  $t \in Z$  and  $t \geqslant t_0$ , where  $G(n(t_0);s(t_0))$  is the initial element. We say that  $\{n(t): t \in Z, t \geqslant t_0\}$  contains no k-tight optimal DLN if d(n(t);s(t)) > lb(n(t)) + k for any s(t) and  $t \geqslant t_0$ . The functions n(t) and s(t) are polynomials in  $t \in Z$  with integral coefficients.

Li, Xu et al.<sup>[7]</sup> have presented a systematic method to construct optimal DNLs and listed 102 infinite families of optimal DLNs, of which 69 are tight and 33 near-tight, to show that  $d(n) \leq lb(n) + 1$  for  $n \leq 300$ . Xu<sup>[9]</sup> has found 3 infinite families of 2-tight optimal DLNs. Erdös and Hsu<sup>[4]</sup> reported an exhaustive computer search. Chen showed that  $d(n) \leq lb(n) + 4$  for  $n \leq 75000$ , there exist only 3 n's, 53749, 64729 and 69283, for which the equality holds; the corresponding 4-tight optimal DLN's are G(53749;985), G(64729;394) and G(69283;1764), and their diameters are 404, 443 and 458, respectively. With computer, we found that the fourth

4-tight optimal DLN is G(94921;515), and its diameter is 536. However, as far as we know, no infinite family of 4-tight optimal DLNs has been found so far. In this paper, combining geometric method with number theoretic technics, we will construct an infinite family of 4-tight optimal DLNs with the initial element G(69283;1764).

In the following, we consider  $n(t) = 3t^2 + 6t - 26$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It is easy to verify lb(n(t)) = 3t + 1 for  $t \ge 14$ . Please refer to ref. [1] or ref. [7] for terminology and notation not defined and explained in this paper.

## 1 Some lemmas

**Lemma 1**<sup>[7]</sup>. Let L = L(n; l, h, x, y) be an L-tile. If  $|y - x| \ge z_0 \ge 1$ , then  $d(n) \ge \sqrt{3n - \frac{3}{4}z_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}z_0 - 2}$ .

**Lemma 2**<sup>[8]</sup>. Let  $n(t) = 3t^2 + 3t - 26$ . Then  $\{n(t) : t \in \mathbb{Z}, t \geq 29\}$  contains no tight optimal DLN. Moreover, if L(n, l, h, x, y) is near-tight optimal, then  $|x - y| \leq 1$ .

**Lemma 3**<sup>[7]</sup>. Let  $n(t) = 3t^2 + 3t - 26$  and L = L(n; l, h, x, y) be an L-tile, where l = 2t + a, h = 2t + b, x = t + a + b - j, z = |x - y|, a, b, x and y are polynomials in  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with integral coefficients. Then L is k-tight if and only if

$$(a+b-j)(a+b-j+z) - ab + (6+z-2j) - 26 = 0$$
 (1)

holds for any j = 3 + k ( $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). Moreover, if there exist integers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha y + \beta (h - y) \equiv 1$ , then there exists only one k-tight optimal G(n(t); s(t)), where  $s \equiv \alpha l - \beta (x - l) \pmod{n}$ .

## 2 Main results

**Theorem 1.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , a necessary condition<sup>1)</sup> that there exist  $s, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n = s^2 + 3m^2$  is that if n has a prime divisor p with p = 2 or  $p \equiv 5 \pmod 6$ , then p has an even power in the prime decomposition of n.

**Proof.** We proceed by induction on  $n \ge 3$ . If n = 3 there is nothing to prove, so we suppose that the theorem holds for any n less than an integer k with  $k \ge 4$ . Let n = k and suppose that there exist  $s, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $k = s^2 + 3m^2$  and k has a prime divisor p with p = 2 or  $p \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .

If p = 2, then s and m are of the same parity since 2 is a divisor of  $k = s^2 + 3m^2$ . If s = 2i and m = 2j, then  $k = 2^2(i^2 + 3j^2)$ , so the theorem holds by the induction hypothesis. If s = 2i + 1 and m = 2j + 1, then

$$k = s^2 + 3m^2 = 4i^2 + 4i + 1 + 3(4j^2 + 4j + 1) = 2^2[i(i+1) + 3j(j+1) + 1].$$

The theorem holds by the induction hypothesis since the number in the square bracket is odd.

We now suppose  $p \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ . If p is not a divisor of sm, since  $k = s^2 + 3m^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , then  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ , a contradiction. Thus, p is a divisor of s or m. Since p is a divisor of  $k = s^2 + 3m^2$ , it follows that p is a common divisor of s and m. Let s = pi and m = pj. Then  $k = p^2(i^2 + 3j^2)$ , so the theorem holds by the induction hypothesis.

**Corollary.** Let  $n = s^2 + 3m^2$   $(s, m \in \mathbb{Z})$  and suppose that 3 is not a divisor of n. Then  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$  if 2 is a divisor of n, and  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  otherwise.

<sup>1)</sup> It is easy to prove that this condition is also sufficient.

**Theorem 2.** A necessary condition<sup>1)</sup> for eq. (1) in a and b to have an integral solution is that for any  $z, j, t \in Z$ , if

$$H_{z,j} = (2j-z)^2 - 3[j(j-z) + (6+z-2j)t - 26]$$
(2)

has a prime divisor p with p=2 or  $p\equiv 5 \pmod 6$ , then p has an even power in the prime decomposition of n.

**Proof.** Suppose that eq. (1) in a and b has an integral solution and rewrite it as

$$a^{2} + [b - (2j - z)]a + b^{2} - (2j - z)b + C = 0,$$
(3)

where C = j(j-z) + (6+z-2j)t - 26. Then eq. (3) in a has an integral solution by our assumption. Thus, there exists an  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$[b - (2j - z)]^{2} - 4[b^{2} - (2j + z)b + C] = m^{2}.$$

Express it as an equation in b:

$$3b^{2} - 2(2j - z)b + [4C + m^{2} - (2j - z)^{2}] = 0.$$
(4)

Then eq. (4) in b has an integral solution. Thus, there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$4(2j-z)^{2} - 12[4C + m^{2} - (2j-z)^{2}] = n^{2}.$$

This implies that n is even. Let n=2s in the above expression. We have  $4(2j-z)^2-12C=s^2+3m^2$ , that is,  $4H_{z,j}=s^2+3m^2$ . The theorem follows by Theorem 1.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $n(t) = 3t^2 + 6t - 26$ ,  $t(f) = 28f^2 + 132f + 151$ ,  $f = 22 \cdot 85^2 e$ . Then  $\{n(t(f(e))) : e \in Z\}$  contains no k-tight optimal DLN for each k = 0, 1, 2, 3.

**.Proof.** (a) By Lemma 2,  $\{n(t): t \in \mathbb{Z}, t \geq 29\}$  contains no tight optimal DLN.

(b) If  $\{n(t): t \in Z, t \geq 29\}$  contains a near-tight optimal DLN, then there exists a near-tight tile L = L(n; l, h, x, y). Let z = |x - y|. Then  $z \leq 1$  by Lemma 2. Counting  $H_{0,4}$  and  $H_{1,4}$  in expression (2), we have

$$H_{0,4} = 6t + 94 = 6 \cdot 28 \cdot 22^{2} \cdot 85^{4}e^{2} + 6 \cdot 132 \cdot 22 \cdot 85^{2}e + 1000$$

$$= 2^{3}(3 \cdot 7 \cdot 22^{2} \cdot 85^{4}e^{2} + 3 \cdot 33 \cdot 22 \cdot 85^{2}e + 125);$$

$$H_{1,4} = 3t + 91 = 3 \cdot 28 \cdot 22^{2} \cdot 85^{4}e^{2} + 3 \cdot 132 \cdot 22 \cdot 85^{2}e + 544$$

$$= 17(3 \cdot 28 \cdot 22^{2} \cdot 85^{3} \cdot 5e^{2} + 3 \cdot 132 \cdot 22 \cdot 85 \cdot 5e + 32).$$

Note that the number in the brackets of the expression of  $H_{0,4}$  is odd, and, that of the expression of  $H_{1,4}$  is not a multiple of 17. It follows that neither  $H_{0,4}$  nor  $H_{1,4}$  satisfies the condition in Theorem 2; that is, eq. (1) in a and b has no integral solution. This implies that  $\{n(t(f(e))): e \in Z\}$  contains no near-tight optimal DLN.

(c) If  $\{n(t(f(e))): e \in Z\}$  contains a 2-tight optimal DLN, then there exists a 2-tight tile L = L(n; l, h, x, y). Let z = |x - y|. Then for  $z \ge 5$  and  $t \ge 151$ , we have

$$3n(t) - \frac{3}{4} \, 5^2 = \left(3t + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + 3t - 97 > \left(3t + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2.$$

By Lemma 1, a contradiction can be deduced as follows:

$$3t + 3 = d(n(t)) > 3t + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{2} - 2 = 3t + 3.$$

<sup>1)</sup> It is easy to prove that this condition is also sufficient.

Therefore  $z \leq 4$ . For  $0 \leq z \leq 4$  and j = 5, the values of  $H_{z,5}$  in expression (2) can be counted as follows:

$$\begin{split} H_{4,5} &= 99 = 3^2 \cdot 11; \\ H_{3,5} &= 3t + 97 = 2(3 \cdot 14f^2 + 3 \cdot 66f + 275); \\ H_{2,5} &= 6t + 97 = 17(6 \cdot 28 \cdot 22^2 \cdot 85^2 \cdot 5e^2 + 6 \cdot 132 \cdot 22 \cdot 85 \cdot 5e + 59); \\ H_{1,5} &= 9t + 99 = 2(9 \cdot 14f^2 + 9 \cdot 66f + 729); \\ H_{0,5} &= 12t + 103 = 5(12 \cdot 28 \cdot 22^2 \cdot 17 \cdot 85^3 e^2 + 12 \cdot 132 \cdot 22 \cdot 17 \cdot 85e + 383). \end{split}$$

It is easy to verify that no value of  $H_{z,5}$  satisfies the condition in Theorem 2. Therefore, eq. (1) in a and b has no integral solution, implying that  $\{n(t(f(e))) : e \in Z\}$  contains no 2-tight optimal DLN.

(d) If  $\{n(t(f(e))): e \in Z\}$  contains a 3-tight optimal DLN, then there exists a 3-tight tile L = L(n; l, h, x, y). Let z = |x - y|. Then for  $z \ge 7$  and  $t \ge 151$ ,

$$3n(t) - \frac{3}{4}7^2 = \left(3t + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + 3t - 115 > \left(3t + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2.$$

By Lemma 1, a contradiction can be deduced as follows:

$$3t + 4 = d(n(t)) > 3t + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{7}{2} - 2 = 3t + 4.$$

Therefore  $z \le 6$ . For  $0 \le z \le 6$  and j = 6, the values of  $H_{z,6}$  in expression (2) can be counted as follows:

$$\begin{split} H_{6,6} &= 114 = 2 \cdot 57; \\ H_{5,6} &= 3t + 109 = 2(3 \cdot 14f^2 + 3 \cdot 66f + 281); \\ H_{4,6} &= 6t + 106 = 11(6 \cdot 28 \cdot 22 \cdot 2 \cdot 85^4 e^2 + 6 \cdot 12 \cdot 22 \cdot 85^2 e + 92); \\ H_{3,6} &= 9t + 105 = 3 \cdot 2^3 (3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 22 \cdot 85^4 e^2 + 3 \cdot 33 \cdot 22 \cdot 85 e + 61); \\ H_{2,6} &= 12t + 106 = 2(6t + 53); \\ H_{1,6} &= 15t + 109 = 2(15 \cdot 14f^2 + 15 \cdot 66f + 1187); \\ H_{0,6} &= 18t + 114 = 3(6t + 38). \end{split}$$

It is easy to verify that for each  $z=1,2,\cdots,6,$   $H_{z,6}$  does not satisfy the condition in Theorem 2; that is, eq. (1) has no integral solution. For  $H_{0,6}$ , if eq. (1) has an integral solution, then, by Theorem 2, 6t+38 can be expressed as the form  $s^2+3m^2$ . Note that 3 is not a divisor of (6t+38), but 2 is. By Corollary of Theorem 1, we should have  $6t+38\equiv 4\pmod{6}$ . But  $6t+38\equiv 2\pmod{6}$ , a contradiction.

To sum up,  $\{n(t(f(e))): e \in Z\}$  contains no k-tight optimal DLN for each k=0,1,2,3.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $n(t) = 3t^2 + 6t - 26$ ,  $t = t(g) = 14812g^2 + 3036g + 151$ ,  $s(g) = 14308392g^4 + 6176604g^3 + 984630g^2 + 68625g + 1764$ . Then  $\{G(n(t(g)); s(g)) : g = g(e) = 22 \cdot 85^2 e, e \in Z\}$  is an infinite fimily of 4-tight optimal DLNs, diameter 3t + 5, and initial element G(69283; 1764).

**Proof.** Let  $n(t) = 3t^2 + 6t - 26$ ,  $t(f) = 28f^2 + 132f + 151$ , f = 23g,  $g = 22 \cdot 85^2 e$ . Then  $t = 14812g^2 + 3036g + 151$ . By Theorem 6,  $\{n(t(g(e))) : e \in Z\}$  contains no k-tight optimal DLN for each k = 0, 1, 2, 3. To complete the proof, it suffices to show that it contains a 4-tight optimal DLN. To this end, let z = x - y = 1 and j = 7. By (1) we have

$$(a+b-6)(a+b-7) - ab - 7t - 26 = 0. (5)$$

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We find that (a,b) = (1,-322g-27) is a solution of (5). It follows that

$$l(g) = 2t + a = 29624g^2 + 6072g + 303;$$

$$h(g) = 2t + b = 29624g^2 + 5750g + 275;$$

$$x(g) = t + a + b - 7 = 14812g^2 + 2714g + 119;$$

$$y(g) = x - 1 = 14812g^2 + 2714g + 118;$$

$$h'(g) = h - y = 14182g^2 + 3036g + 157;$$

$$l'(g) = l - x = 14182g^2 + 3358g + 184.$$

Choose  $\alpha(g) = 322g^2 + 73g + 4$ ,  $\beta(g) = -322g^2 - 66g - 3$ . Then  $\alpha(g)y(g) + \beta(g)h'(g) = 1$ and g.c.d.(y(g), h'(g)) = 1 for  $g = 22 \cdot 85^2 e$ ,  $e \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By Lemma 3, the L-tile L(n; l, h, x, y) is (1, s)realizable, where  $s(g) = \alpha(g)l(g) - \beta(g)l'(g) = 14308392g^4 + 6176604g^3 + 984630g^2 + 68625g + 1764$ .

Corollary. G(69283; 1764) is a 4-tight optimal DLN; its diameter is 458.

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