

## **Embedding Quadrees into Hypercubes**

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## 1. Introduction

The hypercube is one of the most popular architectures of parallel machines. The structure of the hypercube presents a rich interconnection topology, a symmetric structure, and a low diameter. It can simulate many computational structures with only small constant factor slowdown, such as array, binary tree and mesh of tree [1]. It also contains many computational structures, such as meshes and rings. While two consecutive dimensional hypercubes leave a large gap. To overcome this restriction, incomplete hypercubes provide more flexibility in the size [2, 3]. An incomplete hypercube can be obtained from a complete hypercube where some nodes/links fail.

Over the years, many algorithms have been designed to embed quadtrees into a hypercube [4-8]. The quadtree is an efficient data structure to represent binary image data [9]. The root of the quadtree represents the entire structure to represent binary image data. The root of the quadtree represents the entire image data, and each internal node has four sons, each son representing a quadrant of its parent node. Since the structure of the quadtree is easy to implement, it is a very useful data structure for a variety of image processing.

Ho and Johnsson [4] have shown a complete quadtree of height  $h$  ( $h \geq 0$ ), which has  $(4^{h+1}-1)/3$  nodes, can be embedded into a  $(2h+1)$ -dimensional hypercube with *dilation* 2, and a specific algorithm to do the embedding has been studied in [5]. Stout [6] has described how to embed a complete quadtree into a hypercube. Yang and Lee

[7] have introduced an efficient algorithm to construct a quadtree in a hypercube. In this paper, first, we present how to embed a complete quadtree into a hypercube, or into a smaller incomplete hypercube, so that the adjacency of the complete quadtree is preserved. Next, we present an algorithm to embed a complete quadtree into an incomplete hypercube with *dilation 3*, *congestion 2* and *expansion 1*.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce the notations and definitions for embedding. In Section 3, we present an algorithm to embed a complete quadtree into a hypercube, or into a smaller incomplete hypercube. In Section 4, an algorithm is given to embed a complete quadtree into an incomplete hypercube with the same node size. In Section 5, we summarize the results.

## 2. Preliminaries

A complete quadtree of height  $h$  is a rooted quadtree. The root of the complete quadtree is on level 0, four nodes on level 1,  $4^i$  nodes on level  $i$ , etc., and we let  $QT_h$  denote the complete quadtree of height  $h$  with  $(4^{h+1}-1)/3$  nodes.

We denote the  $n$ -dimensional hypercube with  $2^n$  nodes as  $H_n$ . These nodes of  $H_n$  are labeled  $\{0, 1, \dots, 2^n-1\}$  with binary number. Two nodes in the hypercube are linked with an edge if their binary numbers differ by a single bit. The *Hamming distance* is the number of different bits between two nodes. If a hypercube misses some certain nodes, it is called an incomplete hypercube [2, 3]. Let  $IH(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$  denote the incomplete hypercube which comprises  $k$  complete hypercubes:  $H_{n_1}, H_{n_2}, \dots, H_{n_k}$ , where  $n_j > n_i = 0$ , for  $j < i \leq k$ .

To conveniently describe the embedding, we can partition a hypercube into four sub-hypercubes by the leftmost two bits of the hypercube, and the binary numbers of the leftmost two bits of the four sub-hypercubes correspond to 00, 01, 11 and 10 (see Figure 1 (a)). Each node of a sub-hypercube has an edge to link a node of adjacent sub-hypercube; the leftmost and the rightmost sub-hypercubes are adjacent, likewise, the top and the bottom sub-hypercubes are adjacent. Similarly, a hypercube can be partitioned into sixteen sub-hypercubes by the leftmost four bits of the hypercube, and the binary numbers of the leftmost four bits of the sixteen sub-hypercubes correspond to 0000, 0001, ..., 1111 (see Figure 1(b)). Each node of a sub-hypercube has an edge to link a node of adjacent sub-hypercube.

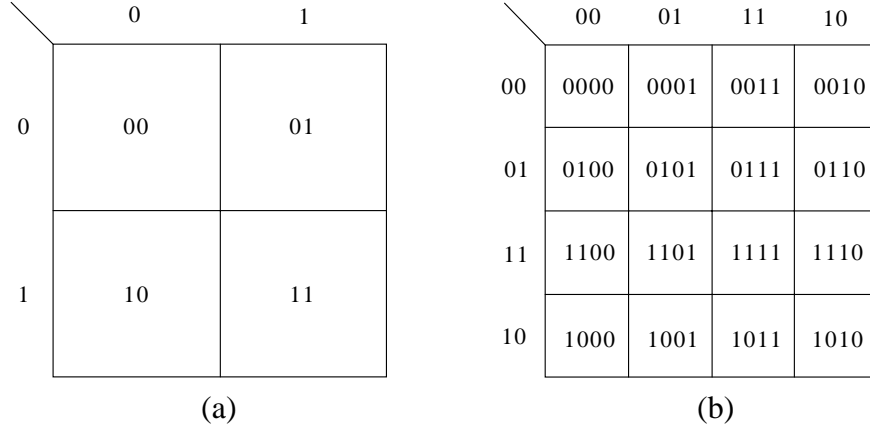


Figure 1. A hypercube is partitioned to four or sixteen sub-hypercubes.

In one-to-one node embedding of a graph  $G$  into a graph  $H$ , the dilation of an edge in  $G$  is the length of embedded path in  $H$ . The dilation of an embedding is the maximum dilation over all edges in  $G$ . The congestion of an edge in  $H$  is the number of edges of  $G$  that are embedded using the same edge of  $H$ . The congestion of an embedding is the maximum congestion over all edges in  $H$ . The expansion of an embedding is the ratio of the number of node in  $H$  to the number of nodes in  $G$ . Hence, it has to be considered the tradeoff among the *dilation*, the *congestion* and the *expansion* of an embedding.

### 3. Embedding complete quadrees into hypercubes with *dilation* 1

In this section we show how to embed  $QT_h$  into a hypercube, or into a smaller incomplete hypercube, while the adjacency of  $QT_h$  is preserved.

**Theorem 1.**  $QT_h$  ( $h \geq 1$ ) can be embedded into a  $(3(h-1)+4)$ -dimensional hypercube.

*Proof.* We prove the theorem by induction on  $h$ .

Hypothesis:  $QT_{h-1}$  can be embedded into a  $(3(h-2)+4)$ -dimensional hypercube.

Basis step ( $h=1, 2$ ): When  $h=1$ ,  $QT_1$  can be embedded directly into  $H_4$  as show in Figure 2. When  $h=2$ , we partition  $H_7$  into 16 sub-hypercubes  $H_3$ 's. Since a tritree of height 1 can be embedded into  $H_3$  as shown in Figure 3, and each node of sub-hypercube  $H_3$  has an edge to link a node of another adjacent  $H_3$ , we can embed  $QT_2$  into  $H_7$  (see Figure 4).

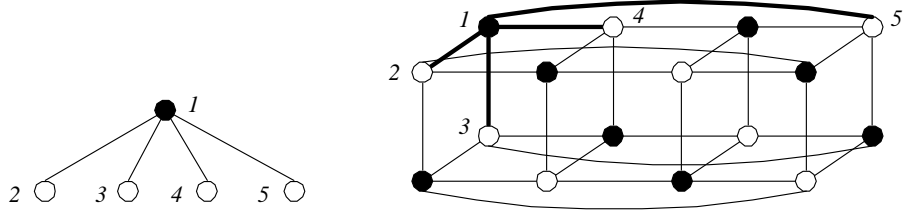


Figure 2.  $QT_1$  is embedded into  $H_4$ . The embedded  $QT_1$  is depicted by the solid lines in  $H_4$ .



Figure 3. A tritree of height 1 is embedded into  $H_3$ .

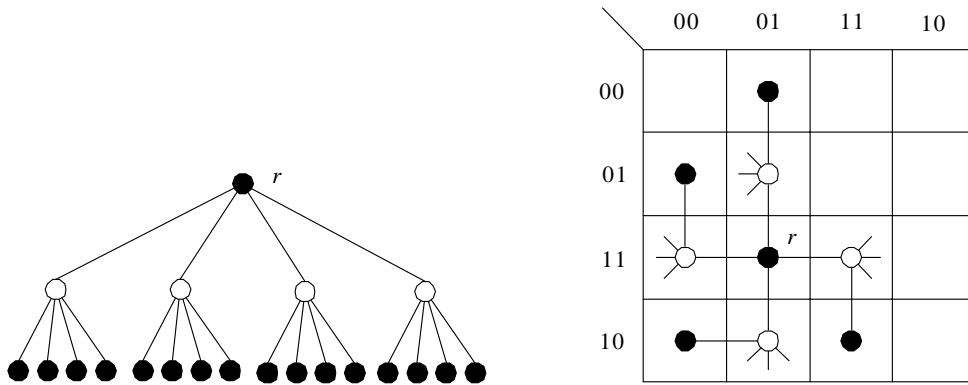


Figure 4.  $QT_2$  is embedded into  $H_7$ .

Induction step: we denote  $QT_h^{3/4}$  as the induced graph of  $QT_h$  by deleting a  $QT_{h-1}$  from itself (see Figure 5). Then we can construct  $QT_{h-1}^{3/4}$  in a  $((3(h-2)+4)-1)$ -dimensional hypercube. Moreover, we partition the  $(3(h-1)+4)$ -dimensional hypercube into 16 sub-hypercubes  $H_{(3(h-2)+3)}$ 's by the leftmost four bits of the hypercube. Each  $H_{(3(h-2)+3)}$  contains a  $QT_{h-1}^{3/4}$ . Now, we embed  $QT_h$  into the  $(3(h-1)+4)$ -dimensional hypercube as Figure 6 shows. Let the root of  $QT_h$  be embedded into sub-hypercube  $R$ , and two adjacent sub-hypercubes  $A$  and  $E$  embed  $QT_{h-1}$  by linking the root of  $QT_{h-1}^{3/4}$  in sub-hypercube  $A$  to a subtree  $QT_{h-2}$  of  $QT_{h-1}^{3/4}$  in sub-hypercube  $E$ . Likewise, two adjacent sub-hypercubes  $B$  and  $F$  ( $C$  and  $G$ ,  $D$  and  $H$ ) can embed  $QT_{h-1}$ . The embedding works because of the symmetry of the hypercube. Thus  $QT_h$  can be embedded into the  $(3(h-1)+4)$ -dimensional hypercube.

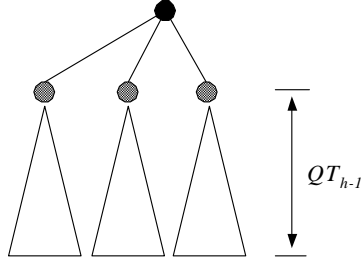


Figure 5.  $QT_h^{3/4}$ .

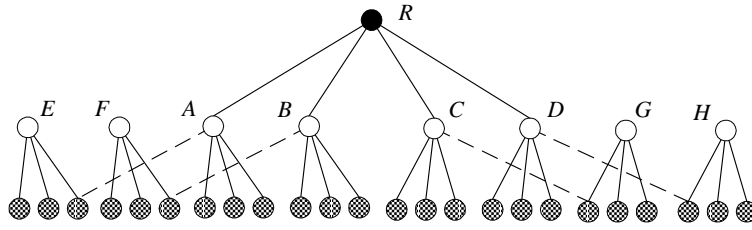
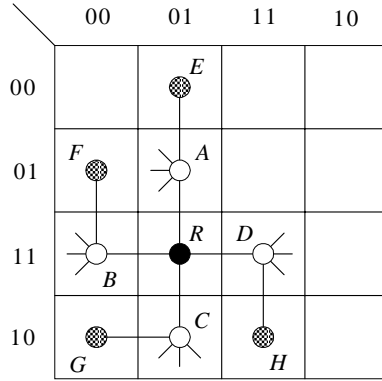


Figure 6.  $QT_h$  is embedded into a  $(3(h-1)+4)$ -dimensional hypercube, where each ● represents a  $QT_{h-2}$ .

By the preceding construction, the embedded complete hypercube  $H_{3(h-1)+4}$  can be reduced to a smaller incomplete hypercube.

**Corollary 1.**  $QT_h(h-1)$  can be embedded into  $IH(3(h-1)+3, 3(h-2)+4)$ .

#### 4. Embedding quadtrees into incomplete hypercubes with expansion 1

We have show that a complete quadtree can be embedded into hypercube, or into a smaller incomplete hypercube, with *dilation* 1 and *congestion* 1 in the previous section. In this section we discuss how to embed a complete quadtree into an incomplete quadtree into an incomplete hypercube with the same node size (*expansion* 1), considering the *dilation* and the *congestion* when doing the embedding.

Here, denote  $IH(nl, n2, \dots, nk)$  as an incomplete hypercube, which can be obtained by deleting the largest  $2^{n1} - (2^{n2} + \dots + 2^{nk})$  nodes (in binary number) and their neighboring edges from an  $(n1+1)$ -dimensional hypercube.

**Theorem 2.**  $QT_h$  ( $h \geq 1$ ) can be embedded into  $IH(2h, 2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$  with *dilation 3*, *congestion 2* and *expansion 1*.

*Proof.* We prove the theorem by induction on  $h$ .

Stronger Hypothesis:  $QT_{h-1}$  can be embedded into  $IH(2(h-1), 2(h-2), \dots, 2, 0)$  with *dilation 3*, *congestion 2* and *expansion 1*, and the *dilation* is equal to 2 for embedding the edges between level  $h-2$  and level  $h-1$  of  $QT_{h-1}$ .

Basis step ( $h=1$  and  $h=2$ ): When  $h=1$ , we can embed  $QT_1$  into  $IH(2, 0)$  with *dilation 2* and *congestion 2* (see Figure 7), since the dilation of edge  $(a, d)$  in  $QT_1$  is 2 and the congestion of either edge  $(a, b)$  or edge  $(a, c)$  is 2 in  $IH(2, 0)$ . Thus the *dilation* is equal to 2 for embedding the edges between level 0 and level 1.

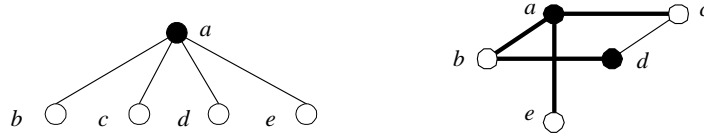


Figure 7.  $QT_1$  is embedded into  $IH(2, 0)$  with *dilation 2* and *congestion 2*.

When  $h=2$ , there are  $4^2$  leaf nodes, so we have to add  $H_4$  to  $IH(2, 0)$ .  $H_4$  can be partitioned into four sub-hypercubes by the leftmost two bits of  $H_4$ , hence, the binary numbers of the leftmost two bits of the four sub-hypercubes correspond to 00, 01, 11 and 10. We can construct four  $H_2$ 's from these four sub-hypercubes to make the binary numbers of the rightmost two bits of each  $H_2$  the same. We use Figure 8 to describe how to embed  $QT_2$  into  $IH(4, 2, 0)$ .

Figure 8 illustrates the embedding of  $QT_2$  into  $IH(4, 2, 0)$ . The four  $H_2$ 's comprise respectively the nodes  $(b, g, h, i)$ ,  $(u, e, s, t)$ ,  $(c, k, l, m)$  and  $(d, o, p, q)$ . Each leaf node of  $QT_1$  in  $IH(2, 0)$  has an edge to link a node of an  $H_2$ , such as leaf nodes  $f, j, n$  and  $r$  linking respectively nodes  $b, c, d$  and  $e$ . We take leaf nodes  $f, j, n$  and  $r$  of  $QT_1$  in  $IH(2, 0)$  as leaf nodes of  $QT_2$ , nodes  $b, c, d$  and  $e$  as the parents of the nodes  $(f, g, h, i)$ ,  $(j, k, l, m)$ ,  $(n, o, p, q)$  and  $(r, s, t, u)$ . The congestion of the edges which link  $IH(2, 0)$  and  $H_4$ , such as edges  $(b, f)$ ,  $(c, j)$ ,  $(d, n)$  and  $(e, r)$ , is 2. The dilation of edges between

level 0 and level 1 increases by 1, compared to the dilation of the edges between level 0 and level 1 for embedding  $QT_1$  into  $IH(2, 0)$ , such as the dilation of edge  $(a, b)$ ,  $(a, c)$ ,  $(a, d)$  and  $(a, e)$  become 2, 2, 3 and 2, respectively. Therefore,  $QT_2$  can be embedded into  $IH(4, 2, 0)$  with *dilation* 3, *congestion* 2 and *expansion* 1, and the *dilation* is equal to 2 for embedding the edges between level 1 and level 2 of  $QT_2$ .

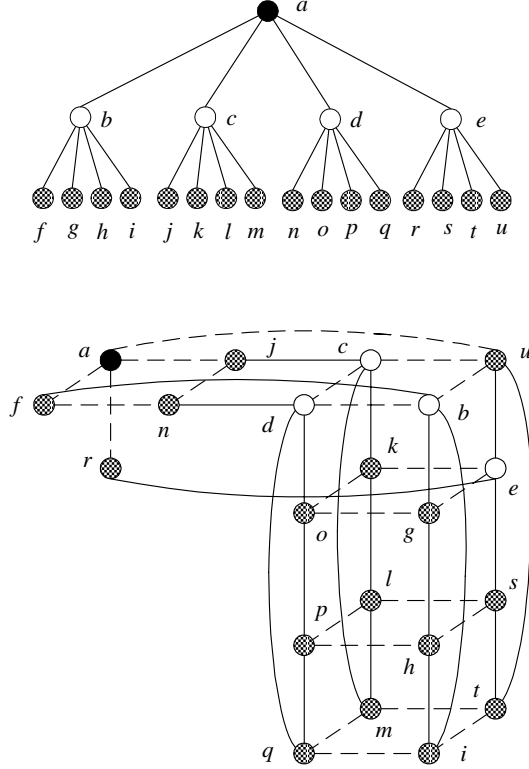


Figure 8.  $QT_2$  is embedded into  $IH(4, 2, 0)$ . Four  $H_2$ 's, depicted respectively by solid lines, are constructed from  $H_4$  in  $IH(4, 2, 0)$ .

Induction step: There are  $4^h$  nodes which are added to  $QT_{h-1}$  as the leaf nodes of  $QT_h$ , thus we have to add  $H_{2h}$  to  $IH(2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$ . Likewise, using the approach of basis step, we partition  $H_{2h}$  into four sub-hypercubes by the leftmost two bits of  $H_{2h}$  to construct  $2^{2(h-1)}$   $H_2$ 's, and the binary numbers of the rightmost  $2(h-1)$  bits of each  $H_2$  are the same. Each leaf node of  $QT_{h-1}$  in  $IH(2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$  has an edge to link a node of an  $H_2$  in  $H_{2h}$ , since leaf nodes of  $QT_{h-1}$  are embedded into either the nodes of  $H_{2(h-1)}$  in  $IH(2(h-1), 2(h-2), \dots, 2, 0)$  or the adjacent nodes of  $H_{2(h-1)}$  in  $IH(2(h-2), \dots, 2, 0)$ , and the binary numbers of the rightmost  $2(h-1)$  bits of both the adjacent nodes are the same. We take leaf nodes of  $QT_{h-1}$  as leaf nodes of  $QT_h$  and the nodes, which are adjacent with leaf nodes of  $QT_{h-1}$ , of  $H_{2h}$  as the parents of leaf nodes of  $QT_h$ . We use Figure 9 to show how to embed  $QT_h$  into  $IH(2h, 2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$ .



Figure 9 illustrates the embedding of  $QT_h$  into  $IH(2h, 2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$ . We label the nodes of  $IH(2h, 2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$  by  $2h+1$  bits and partition  $IH(2h, 2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$  into eight sub-hypercubes by the leftmost three bits of the incomplete hypercube. Hence, the eight sub-hypercubes can be labeled as 000, 001, 011, 010, 100, 101, 111 and 110. Let  $n1, n2, n3$  and  $n4$  construct  $H_2$  from these four sub-hypercubes 101, 100, 110 and 111 in  $H_{2h}$ . If a leaf node of  $QT_{h-1}$  is embedded into  $n5$  in the sub-hypercube 001, we take  $n5$  as leaf node of  $QT_h$  and  $n1$  as the parent of  $n5, n2, n3$  and  $n4$ . Similarly, if a leaf node of  $QT_{h-1}$  is embedded into  $n6$  in the sub-hypercube 000,  $n6$  has an edge to link  $n2$  because of the symmetry of the hypercube. We take  $n6$  as leaf node of  $QT_h$  and  $n2$  as the parent of  $n6, n1, n4$  and  $n3$ . By using the same method, we take the remaining leaf nodes of  $QT_{h-1}$  as leaf nodes of  $QT_h$  and their adjacent nodes in  $H_{2h}$  as the parents of leaf nodes of  $QT_h$ .

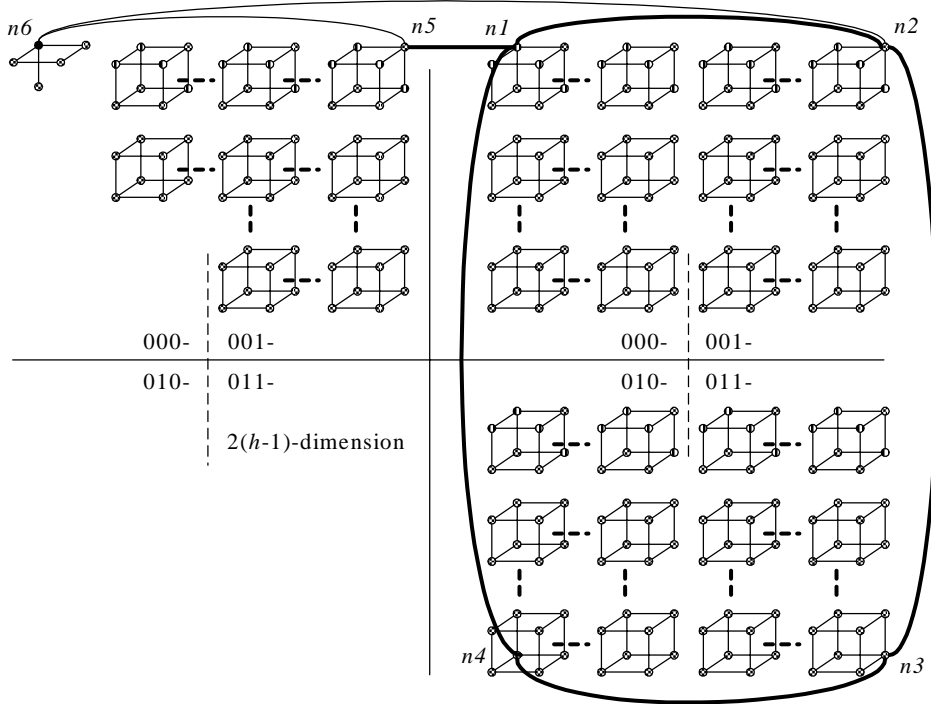


Figure 9. Embedding  $QT_h$  into  $IH(2h, 2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$ . The sub-hypercube  $H_{2h}$  is partitioned into four sub-hypercubes  $H_{2(h-1)}$ 's, and the bold lines depict an  $H_2$  from these four  $H_{2(h-1)}$ 's.

The dilation of the edges between level  $h-2$  and level  $h-1$  of  $QT_h$  increases by 1, compared to the dilation of the edges between level  $h-2$  and level  $h-1$  for embedding  $QT_{h-1}$  into  $IH(2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$ , while the congestion of the edges between  $IH(2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$  and  $H_{2h}$  is held on 2. Therefore,  $QT_h$  can be embedded into  $IH(2h, 2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$  with *dilation* 3, *congestion* 2 and *expansion* 1, and *dilation* is equal to

2 for embedding the edges between level  $h-1$  and level  $h$  of  $QT_h$ .

## 5. Conclusions

We have presented two simple but effective algorithms for embedding quadtrees into hypercubes. First, we have shown that a complete quadtree of height  $h$  ( $h \geq 1$ ) can be embedded into a  $(3(h-1)+4)$ -dimensional hypercube, or into a smaller incomplete hypercube  $IH(3(h-1)+3, 3(h-2)+4)$ , so that the adjacency of the complete quadtree is preserved. Then a complete quadtree of height  $h$  can be embedded into an incomplete hypercube  $IH(2h, 2(h-1), \dots, 2, 0)$  with *expansion* 1, *congestion* 2 and *dilation* 3.

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