

## 4 Hypercubes

(b) Direct Proof

*Proof.* We give a direct proof by providing a bipartition on the set of vertices of  $G$  where  $G$  is an  $n$ -dimensional hypercube with  $n \geq 1$ . We claim that this assignment of vertices would create a valid bipartition: let  $L, R$  be two disjoint sets of vertices of  $G$ . Let  $s_0 = 0^n$  (the  $n$ -bit string that is entirely comprised of 0) be in  $L$ . Then, for any  $\{0, 1\}^n$  string  $s_1$  that has an even number of different bit position compared to  $s_0$ , we would have  $s_1 \in L$ ; for any  $\{0, 1\}^n$  string  $s_2$  that has an odd number of different bit position compared to  $s_0$ , we would have  $s_2 \in R$ .

Since by definition of hypercubes, two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are connected by edge  $\{x, y\}$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  differ in exactly one bit position, and since in our assignment of vertices, WLOG, consider the set  $L$ . For any two vertices  $u, v \in L$ , we have that  $u$  and  $v$  would always differ in an even number of bit positions, which implies that  $u$  and  $v$  would not differ in exactly one bit position, and thus, they wouldn't be connected by an edge. Similarly, for any two vertices in  $R$ , they wouldn't be connected by an edge. Thus, this assignment of vertices would create vertex disjoint sets  $L$  and  $R$  such that no 2 vertices in the same set have an edge between them.

Therefore, for any  $n \geq 1$ , the  $n$ -dimensional hypercube is bipartite.

Q.E.D.