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Symmetric substructures in tetravalent edge-transitive bicirculant graphs

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G-transitive graphs

The graph Γ is said to be *G***-vertex-**, *G***-edge-** and *G***-arc-transitive for some G \leq \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma) if** *G* **acts transitively on V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma) and A(\Gamma), respectively.**

In the case of $G = Aut(\Gamma)$, we omit the prefix G and simply write vertex-transitive, edge-transitive and arc-transitive.

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Cubic vertex-transitive graphs

In the area of symmetries of graphs, **finite connected 3-regular vertex-transitive graphs** (cubic vertex-transitive graphs, CVT) play a very special role.



- Trivalent symmetric graphs on up to 768 vertices,
- Cubic vertex-transitive graphs on up to 1280 vertices,
- Semiregular automorphisms of vertex-transitive cubic graphs,
- Hamiltonian cycles in cubic Cayley graphs,
- Cubic arc-transitive k-multicirculants,
- Bounding the order of the vertex-stabiliser in 3-valent vertextransitive...,

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- Symmetry properties of generalized graph truncations,
- Non-Cayley vertex-transitive graphs of order twice the product of two odd primes,
- ...

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Cubic vertex-transitive graphs - Families

1 Prisms

- 2 Double generalised Petersen graphs
- 3 Split Praegex-Xu graphs
- 4 Honeycomb toroidal.
- 5 Cyclic Haar graphs.
- 6 Möbius ladder
- **7** Tricirculants of Type ...
- 8 ...



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Cubic vertex-transitive graphs - Properties

- 1 for which parameters the property X holds?
- 2 Girth?
- 3 Is it a Cayley graph?
- 4 Edge-signature?
- 5 Maps?
- 6 Automorphism group

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Prisms

- Name: Prism
- Parameters: n; $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \ge 3$.
- Vertex-set: $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_2$.
- Edge-set: $E = E_1 \cup E_2$, $E_1 = \{\{(x, 0), (x, 1)\} : x \in \mathbb{Z}_n\},$ $E_2 = \{\{(x, i), (x + 1, i)\} : x \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}.$
- Vertex-transitivity: All Prisms are know to be vertex-transitive.
- **Comments:** Aut(Prism(n)) is isomorphic either to D_n × C₂ if n ≠ 4 or to Sym(4) × C₂ if n = 4; note that in the latter case, the prism is in fact isomorphic to the skeleton of the 3-dimensional cube.

Möbius ladder

- Name: Moeb
- Parameters: n; n ∈ Z, n ≥ 2.
- Vertex-set: Z_{2n}.
- Edge-set: E = E₁ ∪ E₂,
 - $E_1 = \{\{x, x+1\} : x \in \mathbb{Z}_{2n}\}, \\ E_2 = \{\{x, x+n\}\} : x \in \mathbb{Z}_{2n}\}.$
- Vertex-transitivity: All Möbius ladders are known to be vertex-transitive.
- Comments: Unless $n \in \{2, 3\}$, the automorphism group of Moeb(n) is isomorphic to the dihedral group D_{2n} of order 4n, having two orbits on the edges of Moeb(n). On the other hand, $Moeb(2) \cong K_4$ and $Moeb(3) \cong K_{3,3}$, a complete bipartite graph, are both arc-transitive.

Generalised Petersen graphs

- Name: GP
- Parameters: $n, k; n, k \in \mathbb{Z}, n \ge 3, 1 \le k \le \frac{n}{2}$.
- Vertex-set: $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_2$.
- **Edge-set:** $E = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3$,

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How can we get families of CVT with certain properties?

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Cubic vertex-transitive graphs

Let Γ be a cubic graph with $G \leq \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$ acting transitively on $\operatorname{V}(\Gamma)$. Fix a vertex $v \in \operatorname{V}(\Gamma)$ and consider the permutation group $G_v^{\Gamma(v)}$ induced by the action of the stabiliser G_v on the neighbourhood $\Gamma(v)$.

- 1 If $G_{\nu}^{\Gamma(\nu)}$ is transitive, then G acts transitively on the arc-set $A(\Gamma)$.
- If G_ν^{Γ(ν)} is a trivial group, then the assumed connectivity of Γ implies that G_ν is trivial and hence that G acts regularly on V(Γ). If we have taken G to be equal to Aut(Γ), then Γ is in fact a graphical regular representation of G, or a zero-symmetric graph.
- **3** G is of **Type** 2^* (2 orbits on the set of arcs).



Cubic vertex-transitive graphs - Type 2*

- Let Γ be a cubic vertex-transitive graph admitting a group $G \leq Aut(\Gamma)$ with exactly two arc-orbits.
- Let v ∈ V(Γ) and note that the stabiliser G_v has two orbits on the arcs incident to v. That is, a non-trivial element of G_v interchanges two of the arcs incident to v, while fixing the third one.
- Let x be the arc incident to v that is fixed by G_v, and let M = x^G. The set M is a matching and the two orbits of G on the arcs of Γ are precisely M and A(Γ) \ M.
- If Γ is neither a prism or a Möbius ladder, then the merge Γ[M] must be a simple graph.

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Theorem

Let $\Gamma = \operatorname{GP}(n, k)$ be a generalized Petersen graph. Then

- 1 it is symmetric if and only if $(n,k) \in \{(4,1), (5,2), (8,3), (10,2), (10,3), (12,5), (24,5)\},\$
- 2 it is vertex-transitive if and only if $k^2 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{n}$ or if n = 10 and k = 2,
- 3 it is a Cayley graph if and only if $k^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.
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A cycle structure in a tetravalent graph Γ is a partition \mathcal{Y} of its edges into cycles such that the subgroup $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{Y})$ of $\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$ which preserves \mathcal{Y} is transitive on the arcs of Γ .

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Cubic vertex-transitive graphs - Merge

Let Γ be a *k*-valent graph with a matching *M*. Let \overline{M} be the the set of edges containing an arc in *M*. The **merge** of Γ by *M* is the graph $\Gamma[M](\Gamma) = (V', D', \text{beg}', \text{inv}')$ such that:

1 V' =
$$\overline{M}$$
;

$$2 D' = D(\Gamma) \setminus M;$$

3 beg' x is the unique edge
$$\{y, y^{-1}\} \in \overline{M}$$
 with beg _{Γ} x $\in \{ beg_{\Gamma} y, beg_{\Gamma} y^{-1} \}$;

4 $\operatorname{inv}' x = \operatorname{inv}_{\Gamma} x$.

Informally, Λ is the graph obtained by merging the endvertices (contracting) of every edge in \overline{M} .

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Cycle structure in a tetravalent graph Γ :





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Splits of cycle structure

The input of this construction is a pair (Γ, \mathcal{Y}) , where Γ is a tetravalent arc-transitive graph and \mathcal{Y} is an arc-transitive cycle decomposition of Γ . The output is the graph $\operatorname{Sp}(\Gamma, \mathcal{Y})$, the vertices of which are the pairs (v, C) where $v \in V(\Gamma)$, $C \in \mathcal{Y}$ and v lies on the cycle C, and two vertices (v_1, C_1) and (v_2, C_2) are adjacent if and only if either $v_1 = v_2$ and $C_1 \neq C_2$, or $C_1 = C_2$ and v_1, v_2 is an edge of C_1 . Note that the set of edges of the form $\{(v, C_1), (v, C_2)\}$ constitute a perfect matching, $M_{\mathcal{Y}}$.



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Consistent cycles

Let Γ be a graph admitting an arc-transitive group of automorphisms $G \leq \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$. A directed (but not rooted) cycle $\vec{C} = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{r-1})$ of Γ is said to be *G*-consistent if there exists $g \in G$ mapping each v_i to v_{i+1} (where the indices are computed modulo r). In this case g is said to be a **shunt** of \vec{C} . Of course, the *inverse* $\vec{C}^{-1} = (v_0, v_{r-1}, v_{r-2}, \dots, v_1)$ is G-consistent if and only if \vec{C} is G-consistent. Thus an (undirected) cycle is said to be G-consistent if both of its two corresponding directed cycles are G-consistent.





Cycle structure

A cycle structure in a tetravalent graph Γ is a partition \mathcal{Y} of its edges into cycles such that the subgroup $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{Y})$ of $\operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$ which preserves \mathcal{Y} is transitive on the arcs of Γ .

The cycles of a cycle structure \mathcal{Y} must be **consistent** and all of the same length; in fact, they must all be within the same orbit of consistent cycles under Aut(Γ).

Two cycle structures \mathcal{Y} and \mathcal{Y}' in a graph Γ are said to be *isomorphic* if there exists a symmetry of Γ mapping the cycles in \mathcal{Y} to the cycles in \mathcal{Y}' .

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We will call a cycle structure **bipartite** provided that we can partition the cycles of \mathcal{Y} into two colors, so that each vertex is incident to one cycle of each color.

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Lemma

Let Γ is a tetravalent arc-transitive graph and \mathcal{Y} is an arc-transitive cycle decomposition of Γ . Then $|\operatorname{Aut}(\operatorname{Sp}(\Gamma, \mathcal{Y}))| \ge |\operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{Y})|$ with the equality holding if and only if $\operatorname{Sp}(\Gamma, \mathcal{Y})$ is not arc-transitive.

 $\operatorname{Sp}(\Gamma,\mathcal{Y})) \text{ is not arc-transitive } \iff |\operatorname{Aut}(\operatorname{Sp}(\Gamma,\mathcal{Y}))| = |\operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{Y})|.$

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Theorem (Š.M,P.P, S.W.)

Let G be an arc-transitive group of automorphisms of a connected tetravalent graph Γ . Let cs(G) denote the number of G-invariant cycle decompositions of Γ . Then the following holds:

(i) If G is 2-arc-transitive (equivalently,
$$G_v^{\Gamma(v)} \cong A_4$$
 or S_4), then $\operatorname{cs}(G) = 0$.

(ii) If
$$G_v^{\Gamma(v)} \cong D_4$$
 or C_4 , then $\operatorname{cs}(G) = 1$;

(iii) If
$$G_v^{\Gamma(v)} \cong C_2 \times C_2$$
, then $\operatorname{cs}(G) = 3$.

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Constructing cubic vertex-transitive graphs

- **1** (Family) tetravalent arc-transitive graph(s).
- 2 Orbits of consistent cycles.
- 3 Cycle structures.
- 4 The split graphs.
- **5** (Family) Cubic vertex transitive graph.

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Tetravalent arc-transitive graphs

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Tetravalent Bicirculant graphs

A graph Γ is said to be **bicirculant** provided that it has a symmetry ρ which moves its 2n vertices in two cycles, each of length n.

We let u_i, v_i for $i \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ be its vertices and assume that

$$\rho = (u_0, u_1, u_2 \dots u_{-2}, u_{-1})$$

$$(v_0, v_1, v_2 \dots v_{-2}, v_{-1}).$$



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Tetravalent Edge-Transitive Bicirculant graphs

There are two families of such graphs:

(I. Kovács, B. Kuzman, A. Malnič, S. Wilson)

1 The Rose Window graphs. Here, the graph $R_n(a, r)$ has four kinds of edges

(a)
$$\{u_i, u_{i+1}\}$$

(b) $\{u_i, v_i\}$
(c) $\{v_i, u_{i+a}\}$
(d) $\{v_i, v_{i+r}\}$

2 The bipartite dihedrants. Here, the graph $BD_n(0, a, b, c)$ has all edges of the form $\{u_i, v_{i+s}\}$ for $s \in \{0, a, b, c\}$)

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The Rose Window graphs - $R_n(a, r)$

Let *n* be an integer, $n \ge 3$, and let $a, r \in \mathbb{Z}_n \setminus \{0\}$. The **Rose window** graph $R_n(a, r)$ is then defined to have the vertex-set

 $\{u_i : i \in \mathbb{Z}_n\} \cup \{v_i : i \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ of cardinality 2n and the edges being of four types:

- (a) rim edges: $\{u_i, u_{i+1}\}, i \in \mathbb{Z}_n;$
- (b) in-spokes: $\{u_i, v_i\}, i \in \mathbb{Z}_n$;
- (c) out-spokes: $\{v_i, u_{i+a}\}, i \in \mathbb{Z}_n;$
- (d hub edges: $\{v_i, v_{i+r}\}, i \in \mathbb{Z}_n$.



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There are two obvious automorphisms of a graph $R_n(a, r)$, the rotation

$$o = (u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-2}, u_{n-1})$$

$$(v_0, v_1, v_2 \dots v_{n-2}, v_{n-1})$$

and the *reflection* μ , which interchanges each u_i with u_{n-i} and each v_i with v_{n-i-a} .

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The Rose Window graphs

Theorem (I. Kovács, K. Kutnar, D. Marušič)

An edge-transitive Rose window graph $R_n(a, r)$ with $n \ge 3$, $1 \le a, r \le n-1$, is isomorphic to a member of the following four families:

(I)
$$R_n(2,1)$$
 (PX($n,1$));

(II)
$$R_{2m}(m+2, m+1)$$
 (PX(m, 2));

(III) $R_n(3d+2,9d+1)$ where n = 12m and d = m or -m;

(IV) $R_{2m}(2b, r)$ where, $m \ge 3$, $1 \le b \le m - 1$, $b^2 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{m}$ and either

(i)
$$r = 1$$
 and $b \notin \{1, m - 1\}$, or
(ii) $r = m + 1$, m is even and $(m \mod 4, b) \neq (0, \frac{m}{2} + 1)$.

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Family (I) - $R_n(2, 1)$ (PX(n, 1)): (R. Jajcay, P. Potočnik, S. Wilson,)





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$$\mathsf{Family}\ (\mathrm{I})\ \text{-}\ \mathrm{R}_{\textit{n}}(2,1)\ -\ \mathcal{S}{p}\mathrm{PX}(\textit{n},1)\text{;}$$



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Let $\Gamma = R_n(2,1)$ and $\Gamma' = Sp(\Gamma, \mathcal{Y})$. Let $G' = Aut(\Gamma')$. Here 'CL' stands for the length of the cycles in the cycle structure:

\mathcal{Y}	CL	Cond	Bipartite	$ \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{Y}) $	$\Gamma' = \operatorname{Sp}(\Gamma, \mathcal{Y})$	$Girth(\Gamma')$	ESignature	Bip
\mathcal{Y}^*	4	-	if <i>n</i> even	2n(2 ⁿ)	$\Gamma(n)$ HTG $(1, 4n, 2n - 1)$	4	(0, 1, 1)	Yes
\mathcal{Y}_{10^*}'	2 <i>n</i>	2 <i>n</i>	Yes	8 <i>n</i>	GP(2n, n-1) HTG(2, 2n, n)	6	(2, 2, 2)	Yes
\mathcal{Y}_{10*}	n	2 n	Yes	8 <i>n</i>	HTG(4,n,0)	6	(2, 2, 2)	Yes
\mathcal{Y}_{110*}	п	3 n	No	8 <i>n</i>		7	(4, 4, 6)	No

Table: Cycle Structures in $R_n(2,1) = PX(n,1)$.

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For a positive integer *n* divisible by 3, let $K = \mathbb{Z}_2^2$, let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and let $e = (1,0) \in K$. We define the graph A(n) by letting

$$V(A(n)) = \mathbb{Z}_n \times K;$$

$$E(A(n)) = \{\{(i, x), (i + 1, x)\} : x \in K, i \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$$

$$\cup\{(i, x), \{(i, x + eA^i)\} : x \in K, i \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}.$$



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• Observe that A(n) is in fact equal to the Cayley graph $Cay(G; \{(0, e), (1, 0)\}$ where $G = \mathbb{Z}_n \ltimes_{\Theta} \mathbb{Z}_2^2$ with $\Theta: \mathbb{Z}_n \to GL(2, 2),$ $\Theta(i) = A^i.$

Girth 7.

- Edge-signature (4, 4, 6).
- No AT.
- CVT[36, 2] = A(9).



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Splits of cycle structure

Let $\Gamma = \operatorname{R}_{2m}(m+2, m+1)$ for $m \geq 3$.

Structure	CL	Cond	Bipartite	$ \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{Y}) $	Γ′	g(Γ′)	ESig	
\mathcal{Y}^*	4	-	if <i>m</i> even	$2m(2^{m})$	SpPX(m, 2)	4	(0, 1, 1)	
\mathcal{Y}_{100*}	т	3 <i>m</i>	Yes	16 <i>m</i>		8	(4, 4, 4)	if n
Y'_{100*}	2 <i>m</i>	3 <i>m</i>	No	16 <i>m</i>		8	(4, 4, 4)	if n
\mathcal{Y}_{1100*}	т	4 <i>m</i>	Yes	16 <i>m</i>	trun. of maps of type $\{4, m\}$	8	(1, 1, 2)	,
\mathcal{Y}'_{1100*}	2 <i>m</i>	4 <i>m</i>	Yes	16 <i>m</i>	trun. of maps of type $\{4, 2m\}$	8	(1, 1, 2)	,

Table: Cycle Structures in $R_{2m}(m+2, m+1)$

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Y'_{100*}	2 <i>m</i>	3 <i>m</i>	No	16 <i>m</i>	Cover of A(4m)	8	(4, 4, 4)	if <i>m</i> even	
\mathcal{Y}_{1100*}	т	4 <i>m</i>	Yes	16 <i>m</i>	Cover of $DP(m, 1)$	8	(1, 1, 2)	Yes	
${\cal Y}'_{1100*}$	2 <i>m</i>	4 m	Yes	16 <i>m</i>	Cover of $DP(m, 1)$	8	(1, 1, 2)	Yes	

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Splits of cycle structure

There are 27 non-isomorphic cycle structures relate to edge-transitive Rose Windows graphs, + BD

Most of the automorphism groups of such tetravalent graphs are 1-regular.

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Theorem

Let Γ be a tetravalent graph, $uv \in E(\Gamma)$ and $G \leq \operatorname{Aut}(\Gamma)$ acting regularly on the arcs of Γ . Let $\nu \in G$, such that $u^{\nu} = v$ and $v^{\nu} = u$, and let α, β, γ be the three non-identity elements of $H = G_u$. We consider two cases for the structure of H:

- 1 *H* is cyclic, i.e., isomorphic to C₄. Then there is one orbit of *G*-chiral consistent cycles, one of *G*-reflexible consistent cycles, **one cycle structure**, and at most one semitransitive orientation. Further, there is one rotary map \mathcal{M} with $G \leq \operatorname{Aut}^+(\mathcal{M})$. This map is *G*-chiral and its set of faces is the unique orbit of *G*-chiral consistent cycles. Moreover, Γ admits a semitransitive orientation relative to *G* if and only if the map \mathcal{M} is face-bipartite .
- **2** *H* is not cyclic, so *H* is isomorphic to $C_2 \times C_2$. Then, relative to *G*, there are three orbits of reflexible consistent cycles (with the shunts $\alpha\nu$, $\beta\nu$ and $\gamma\nu$, respectively), three cycle structures, at most three semitransitive orientations and no rotary map with $Aut(\mathcal{M}) \leq G$. If Δ is a

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Work in progress..

- Database for CVT.
- For all tetravalent edge-transitive bicirculant graphs:
 - Consistent cycles,
 - Cycle structure,
 - Splits,
 - Rotary (edge-transitive) Maps,
 - **.**..
- Classification of all finite connected cubic vertex-transitive tetracirculants (AT,GRR, *Type*2*).

The type 2^{*} once are splittings of tetravalent edge-transitive bicirculant graphs.

Not all the CVT that are Sp of tetravalent edge-transitive bicirculant graphs are tetracirculants*

Generalization of the splits..

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