

# Strongly Regular Graphs with non-trivial automorphisms

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## Definition

A strongly regular graph  $\text{srg}(v, k, \lambda, \mu)$  is a graph with  $v$  vertices such that the number of common neighbours of  $x$  and  $y$  is  $k$ ,  $\lambda$ , or  $\mu$  according to whether  $x$  and  $y$  are equal, adjacent, or non-adjacent, respectively.

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# Unknown strongly regular graphs with small parameters

$v$	$k$	$\lambda$	$\mu$
65	32	15	16
69	20	7	5
75	32	10	16
76	30	8	14
76	35	18	14
85	14	3	2
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Table: (CRC handbook of combinatorial designs)

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Lemma

$$CNC^T = S. \tag{1}$$

$$s_{ij} = \delta_{ij}(k - \mu)n_j + \mu n_i n_j + (\lambda - \mu)c_{ij}n_j. \tag{2}$$

$$s_{rr} = \sum_{k=1}^t c_{rk}^2 n_k, \tag{3}$$

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fixed points = 3

$$C = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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The first solution is not accepted since the diagonal of  $B$  is zero there has to be at least one zero in the fixed columns. Thus

$$x_0 \neq 0.$$

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# Example

$$\text{srg}(15, 6, 1, 3)$$

$$p = 5$$

$$\phi = 0$$

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# Correction test

Aut. group size	Number of SRGs McKay program	Number of SRGs the SRG program
1	28	Not Applicable
2	37	37
3	14	14
4	51	51
8	16	16
12	5	5
16	5	5
21	2	2
24	9	9
32	1	1
36	1	1
48	5	5
64	1	1
72	1	1
144	1	1
216	1	1
432	1	1
12096	1	1

Automorphis group statistics of all SRG(36, 14, 4, 6)

$p$	#fix point	#orb matrix	#srg found
3	1	0	0
	4	2	
	⋮	⋮	
	28	0	
5	0	3	0
	5	1	
	10	0	
	⋮	⋮	
	30	0	
7	1	8	0
	8	0	
	15	0	
	22	0	
	29	0	
11	8	0	
	19	0	
	30	0	
13	7	0	
	20	0	
	33	0	
17	0	2	0

Table: Results on the automorphisms of  $\text{srg}(85, 14, 3, 2)$ .

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From our work,  $p = 2$  is the only possible prime divisor of  $|\text{Aut}(G)|$ .

$G$	possible primes $\{p : p \mid  Aut(G) \}$
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Table: Summary of results for unknown strongly regular graphs

# Some New $\text{srg}(49, 18, 7, 6)$

Aut. group size	Number of SRGs	New?	Aut. Group
10	1	no	$D_{10}$
15	3	2 new	$C_{15}$
21	1	yes	$7 : 3$
30	1	yes	$D_{10} \times C_3$
63	1	yes	$7 : 3 \times C_3$
126	1	yes	
1008	1	no	
1764	1	no	

**Table:** Automorphism group size statistics of all  $\text{srg}(49, 18, 7, 6)$  with automorphism group size divisible by 5 and 7 obtained from the SRG program.