# Edge-regular graphs and regular cliques 

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No. There exist infinitely many non-strongly-regular, edge-regular vertex-transitive graphs with regular cliques.

Jack says "Hi"



## Jack Koolen

## Cayley graphs

- Let $G$ be an (additive) group and $S \subseteq G$ a (symmetric) generating subset, i.e., $s \in S \Longrightarrow-s \in S$ and $G=\langle S\rangle$.
- The Cayley graph $\operatorname{Cay}(G, S)$ has vertex set $G$ and edge set

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\{\{g, g+s\}: g \in G \text { and } s \in S\} .
$$

Example

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\Gamma=\operatorname{Cay}\left(\mathbb{Z}_{5}, S\right) \quad \text { Generating set } S=\{-1,1\}
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## Some infinite families

- Generalise: $\mathbb{Z}_{2}^{2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{7}$ to $\mathbb{Z}_{(c+1) / 2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2}^{2} \oplus \mathbb{F}_{q}$.
- Works for $q \equiv 1(\bmod 6)$ such that the 3rd cyclotomic number $c=c_{q}^{3}(1,2)$ is odd.
- Then there exists an $\operatorname{erg}(2(c+1) q, 2 c+q, 2 c)$ having a 1-regular clique of order $2 c+2$.
- Take $p \equiv 1(\bmod 3)$ a prime s.t. $2 \not \equiv x^{3}(\bmod p)$. Then there exist $a$ such that $c_{p^{a}}^{3}(1,2)$ is odd.


## An example in the wild

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http://semr.math.nsc.ru
Tom 11, cmp. 268-310 (2014)
УДК 519.17
MSC 05C

## КЭЛИ-ДЕЗА ГРАФЫ, ИМЕЮЩИЕ МЕНЕЕ 60 ВЕРШИН

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#### Abstract

Deza graph, which is the Cayley graph is called the CayleyDeza graph. The paper describes all non-isomorphic Cayley-Deza graphs of diameter 2 having less than 60 vertices.


Keywords: Deza graph, Cayley graph, graph isomorphism, automorphism group.

1. ВВЕДЕНИЕ

В этой статье мы начинаем изучение графов Деза, которые являются графами Кэли. Графы Деза принято рассматривать как обобпение сильно регулярных графов. В ряде исследований было выяснено, что графы Деза наследуют некоторые свойства сильно регулярных графов. Например, в [1] показано, что вершинная связность графа Деза, полученного из сильно регулярного графа с помощью инволюции, совнадает с валетностью.

## $\operatorname{erg}(24,8,2)$ with a 1-regular clique

## Open problems

- Smallest non-strongly-regular, edge-regular graph with regular clique
- All known examples have 1-regular cliques
- Find general construction that includes $\operatorname{erg}(24,8,2)$


## Willem Haemers, Felix Lazebnik, and Andrew Woldar; Congratulations!

