

# GENREG-manual

To generate the connected  $k$ -regular graphs on  $n$  vertices call **genreg n k**. To obtain only those graphs with girth  $\geq t$ , you must append  $t$  as another parameter, therefore **genreg n k t**. To control the output you may use the following options:

- a The adjacencylists of the generated graphs are written to an ASCII-file with suffix **.asc**. There is also the girth, a set of generators of the automorphism group and its order specified. For example when calling **genreg 4 3 -a** you obtain the file **004\_03\_03.asc** with the content:

Graph 1:

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1 : 2 3 4
2 : 1 3 4
3 : 1 2 4
4 : 1 2 3
Girth: 3

3 : 1 2 4 3
2 : 1 3 2 4
2 : 1 4 3 2
1 : 2 1 3 4
1 : 3 2 1 4
1 : 4 2 3 1
Order: 24
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At first, the adjacency list is given. In every line there are behind the colon the neighbors of the vertex in front of the colon. Then we have the girth and afterwards in every line an automorphism  $\pi$ . Before the colon there is  $\min\{j \in \underline{n} \mid \pi(j) \neq j\}$  and behind we have at  $i$ -th position  $\pi(i)$ . The given generators are representatives of the left cosets of a centralizer chain of the automorphism group (Sims chain).

If you declare an additional integer  $x$ , only the first  $x$  graphs are put on the file. In this case, the file will probably not contain all the Graphs for given  $n$ ,  $k$ , and  $t$ . Therefore the filename is marked by an additional -U (for unfinished), e.g. with **genreg 6 3 -a 1** you obtain the file **006\_03\_03-U.asc**.

If the option **-a** is followed by **stdout**, the output is not written to a file, but to *stdout*.

- s The generated graphs are written to a binary file with the suffix **.scd**. The following coding (shortcode) is used:

One after the other all vertices  $1, \dots, n$  are regarded. Only adjacent vertices with a larger number than the regarded vertex itself are added to the code. Thus we have for every edge of the graph exactly one entry in the code. For the example above ( $n = 4$ ,  $k = 3$ ) you get

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2 3 4 3 4 4
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as code. To achieve a further compression of the data, we compare the code of the next graph to be constructed with the preceeding and find out, in how many entries at the begining the two codes are equal. Instead of writing the common pieces twice on the file,

we only store its length and then the differing entries. Thus as first entry of the file we always have zero. The 4-regular graphs on 7 vertices have the codes

2 3 4 5 3 4 5 6 7 6 7 6 7 7 and

2 3 4 5 3 4 6 5 7 6 7 6 7 7

The file 07\_4\_3.scd consists of

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and has length of 24 bytes. This kind of comprimation gains effectivity for big  $n$  or  $t > 3$ . The program *readscd.c* shows easy funktions, which are able to read shortcode-files.

Even this option can be followed by an integer or **stdout** if only a certain number of graphs shall be stored or you want to use *stdout*.

- e The parameters  $n$ ,  $k$  and  $t$ , the number of generated graphs and the required CPU-time are written to a file with suffix *.erg*. Call of **genreg 21 4 5 -e** produces a file named 021\_04\_05.erg containing

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GENREG - Generator for regular Graphen
21 nodes, degree 4, girth 5
Generation started...
8 graphs generated.
Runtime:20.9s  0.4 Repr./s
```

As long as the construction is not finished, this file has the name 021\_04\_05-U.erg (and of course the last two lines are missing).

If option -e is not used, GENREG writes these informations to *stderr*.

- c During the execution of the program, the generated graphs are counted and the number is written to *stderr* with short intervals. If option -e is used, GENREG writes this information to the *.erg*-File.

In cases of very big problems to be computed, the following modulo-option is available to split the problem into several jobs so that it can be worked on in *parallel* on different machines.

- m This option must be followed by two integers  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq j$ . It is used to split the problem into  $j$  parts. Call of **genreg 20 3 -s -m 1 2** causes the program to compute only the first of two parts. The code of the graphs is written to a file named 020\_03\_03-1.scd. When the generation is finished, it is renamed to 020\_03\_03#1.scd. The remaining graphs can be computed with **genreg 20 3 -s -m 2 2**.

Remarks:

- The program is designed to run on UNIX machines. To preserve compatibility to other operation systems (OS/2, DOS), filenames are chosen to have length at most eight. **genreg 20 3 -s -m 1 2** and **genreg 20 3 -s -m 1 3** produce files with the same name and differing content.
- As long as the number of jobs  $j$  is not to large, the single parts should take about equal time and produce about equally many outputs. In very big problems, especially with girth  $> 3$  deviation to this fact may occur. In such cases contact the author (m.meringer@gmx.de) to decide whether a little tuning will solve the problem or it is hopelessly out of range.