

CAYLEY NUMBERS

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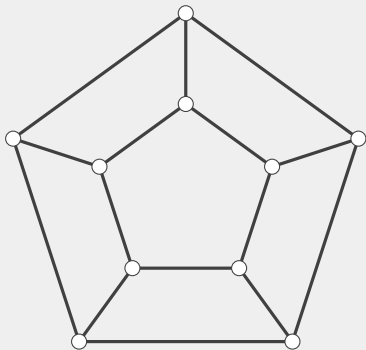
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DEFINITIONS & EXAMPLES

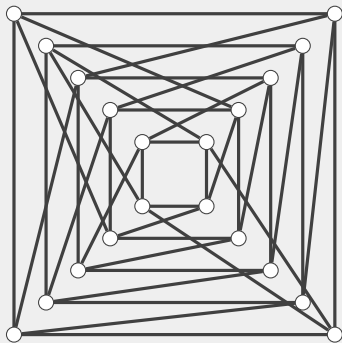
Definition

- A graph Γ is **vertex-transitive** if its groups of automorphisms acts **transitively** on its **vertex-set**.
- A graph Γ is **edge-transitive** if its groups of automorphisms acts **transitively** on its **edge-set**.
- A graph Γ is **arc-transitive** if its groups of automorphisms acts **transitively** on its **arc-set**.
- A graph is **symmetric** if it is **arc-transitive** and it is **weakly symmetric** if it is **vertex-** and **edge-transitive**.

EXAMPLES

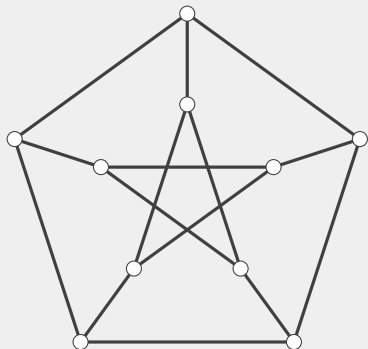


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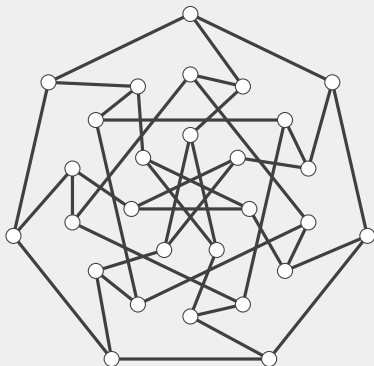


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Petersen graph

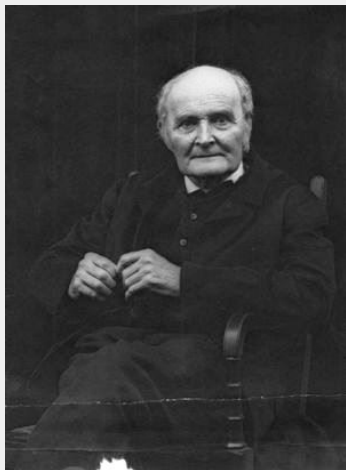


Coxeter graph

DEFINITION

Definition (Cayley 1878¹)

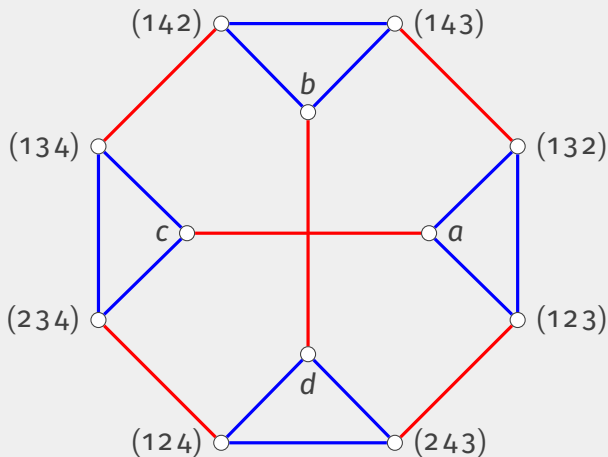
Let G be a **group** and C be an **inversed closed** subset of $G \setminus \{1\}$. Then the graph $\text{Cay}(G, C)$ with vertex set G and edges $\{x, y\}$ with $x^{-1}y \in C$ is called the **Cayley graph** of G with respect to the connection set C .



Arthur Cayley

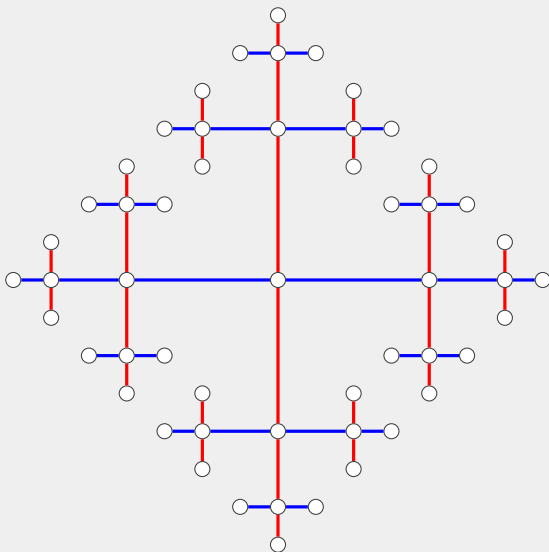
¹A. Cayley, Desiderata and Suggestions: No. 2. The Theory of Groups: Graphical Representation, *Amer. J. Math.* **1**(2) (1878), 174–176.

EXAMPLE: $\text{Cay}(A_4, \{\alpha^{\pm 1}, \beta\})$



$\alpha = (1\ 2\ 3)$ and $\beta = (1\ 2)(3\ 4)$
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SOME FACTS

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Theorem (Sabidussi 1964²)

A *vertex-transitive graph* is a *Cayley graph* if and only if its group of automorphism has a *regular subgroup*.

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Every *connected vertex-transitive graph* is a *retract* of a *Cayley graph*.

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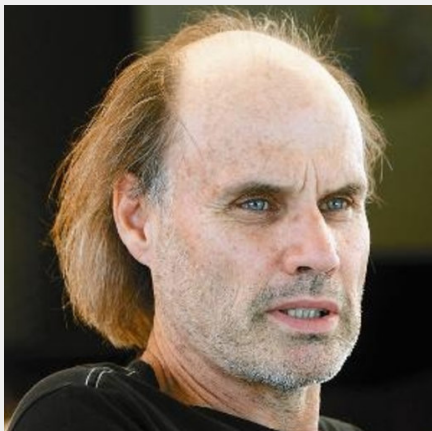
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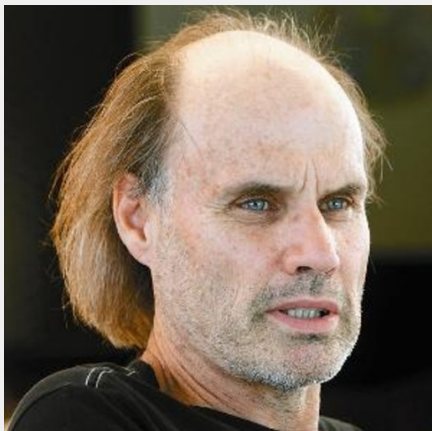
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Definition

A number n is a **Cayley number** if all **vertex-transitive graphs** of order n are **Cayley graphs**. The set of **non-Cayley number** is denoted by \mathcal{NC} .



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Let p be a prime.

- (1) The only p -group of order p is \mathbb{Z}_p ;
- (2) The p -groups of order p^2 are \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} and $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$;
- (3) The p -groups of order p^3 are \mathbb{Z}_{p^3} , $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_p$, $\mathbb{Z}_p \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_p \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_p$, $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_p$, and $(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_p$.

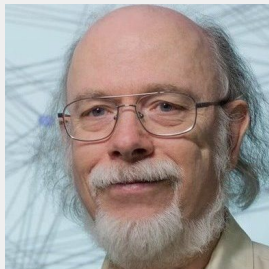
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Theorem (McKay and Praeger 1994⁵, 1996⁶)

Let n be a positive integer that is **divisible** by the **square** of a **prime** p . Then $n \in \mathcal{NC}$ unless $n = p^2$ or $n = p^3$ or $n = 12$.

Cheryl E. Praeger



Brendan McKay

⁵B. D. McKay and C. E. Praeger, Vertex-transitive graphs which are not Cayley graphs, I, *J. Austral. Math. Soc. Ser. A* **56**(1) (1994), 53–63.

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Theorem (Frucht, Graver, and Watkins 1971⁷, Marušič and Scapellato 1992⁸, Praeger and Xu 1993⁹)

Let $p < q$ be primes. Then $pq \in \mathcal{NC}$ if and only if one of the following holds:

- (1) p^2 divides $q - 1$;
- (2) $q = 2p - 1 > 3$ or $q = (p^2 + 1)/2$;
- (3) $q = 2^t + 1$ and either p divides $2^t - 1$ or $p = 2^{t-1} - 1$;
- (4) $q = 2^t - 1$ and $p = 2^{t-1} + 1$;
- (5) $(p, q) = (7, 11)$.

⁷R. Frucht, J. Graver, and M. E. Watkins, The groups of the generalized Petersen graphs, *Proc. Cam. Phil. Soc.* **70** (1971), 211–218.

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⁹C. E. Praeger and M. Y. Xu, Vertex-primitive graphs of order a product of two distinct primes, *J. Combin. Theory B* **59** (1993), 245–266.

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Theorem (Miller and Praeger 1994¹⁰, Seress 1998¹¹, Hassani, Iranmanesh, and Praeger 1998¹², Gamble and Praeger 2000¹³, Iranmanesh and Praeger 2001¹⁴)

Let $p < q < r$ be primes. Then $pqr \in \mathcal{NC}$ if and only if one of the following holds:

¹⁰A. A. Miller and C. E. Praeger, Non-Cayley vertex-transitive graphs of order twice the product of two odd primes, *J. Algebraic Combin.* **3** (1994), 77–111.

¹¹Á. Seress, On vertex-transitive, non-Cayley graphs of order pqr , *Discrete Math.* **182** (1998), 279–292.

¹²A. Hassani, M. A. Iranmanesh, and C. E. Praeger, On vertex-imprimitive graphs of order a product of three distinct odd primes, *J. Combin. Math. Combin. Comput.* **28** (1998), 187–213.

¹³G. Gamble and C. E. Praeger, Vertex-primitive groups and graphs of order twice the product of two distinct odd primes, *J. Group Theory* **3** (2000), 247–269.

¹⁴M. A. Iranmanesh and C. E. Praeger, On non-Cayley vertex-transitive graphs of order a product of three primes, *J. Combin. Theory Ser. B* **81**(1) (2001), 1–19.

Theorem (Continued)

- (1) $q \equiv 1^{p^2}$, or $r \equiv 1^{p^2}$, or $r \equiv 1^{q^2}$;
- (2) $2s - 1$ and $(s^2 + 1)/2$ belongs to $\{p, q, r\}$ for some odd $s \in \{p, q, r\}$;
- (3) $\{p, q, r\}$ contains $2^t + 1$ and also contains either $2^{t-1} - 1$ or a divisor of $2^t - 1$ for some t ;
- (4) $\{p, q, r\}$ contains $2^t - 1$ and $2^{t-1} + 1$ for some t ;
- (5) $7, 11 \in \{p, q, r\}$;
- (6) $pqr = (2^{2^t} + 1)(2^{2^{t+1}} + 1)$ for some t , or $pqr = (2^{s \pm 1} + 1)(2^s - 1)$ for some prime s ;

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Theorem (Continued)

- (7) $\{p, q, r\} = \{p', q', r'\}$ with $p'q'$ being equal to
- (a) $2r' \pm 1$ with $p > 2$;
 - (b) $(r' + 1)/2$;
 - (c) $(r'^2 + 1)/2$ with $p > 2$;
 - (d) $(r'^2 - 1)/24x$ with $x \in \{1, 2, 5\}$ and $p > 2$, or
 - (e) $2^t + 1$ with r dividing $2^t - 1$ for some t and $p > 2$;
- (8) $p^p \parallel q - 1$ and $q^q \parallel r - 1$;
- (9) $q = (3p + 1)/2$ and $r = 3p + 2$ with $p > 2$;
- (10) $q = 6p - 1$ and $r = 6p + 1$ with $p > 2$;
- (11) $q = (r - 1)/2$ with $p \mid r + 1$ and $p > 2$;
- (12) $p = (r - 1)/2$ and $q = (p + 1)/2$ with $q \mid r + 1$ and $p > 2$;

Theorem (Continued)

- (13) $p = (k^{d/2} + 1)/(k + 1)$, $q = (k^{d/2} - 1)/(k - 1)$, and $r = (k^{d-1} - 1)/(k - 1)$ with k , $d - 1$, and $d/2$ all prime;
- (14) $p = (k^{(d-1)/2} + 1)/(k + 1)$, $q = (k^{(k-1)/2} - 1)/(k - 1)$, and $r = (k^d - 1)/(k - 1)$ with k , d , and $(d - 1)/2$ all prime;
- (15) $p = k^2 - k + 1$, $q = (k^5 - 1)/(k - 1)$, and $r = (k^7 - 1)/(k - 1)$ with k prime;
- (16) $p = 3$, $q = (2^d + 1)/3$, and $r = 2^d - 1$ with d prime;
- (17) $p = (2^d + 1)/3$, $q = 2^d - 1$, and $r = 2^{2d \pm 2} + 1$ with $d = 2^t \mp 1$ prime, or
- (18) $(p, q, r) = (2, 7, 19)$, $(5, 11, 19)$, or $(7, 73, 257)$.

Question (McKay and Praeger 1996⁶)

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Theorem (Dobson and Spiga 2017¹⁵)

There exists an infinite set of primes such that every finite product of its distinct elements is a Cayley number.

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SOME ALGEBRAIC PROPERTIES OF SIERPIŃSKI-TYPE GRAPHS

JOINT WORK WITH E. GHORBANI, H. R. MAIMANI, AND F. RAHIMI MAHID

Definition (Klavžar and Milutinović 1997¹⁶)

The **Sierpiński graph** $S(n, k)$ ($n, k \geq 1$) is a graph with vertex set $\{1, \dots, k\}^n$ such that two distinct vertices (u_1, \dots, u_n) and (v_1, \dots, v_n) are adjacent if there exists $t \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that

- $u_i = v_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, t - 1$,
- $u_t \neq v_t$,
- $u_j = v_t$ and $v_j = u_t$ for $j = t + 1, \dots, n$.

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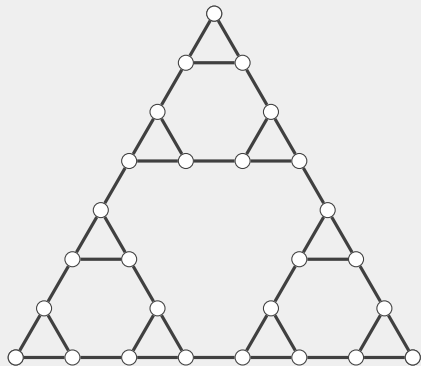
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Remark

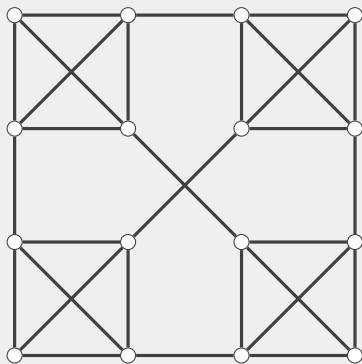
The graph $S(n, k)$ has $k^n - k$ vertex of degree k and k extreme vertices of degree $k - 1$, namely (i, \dots, i) for $1 \leq i \leq k$.

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$S(3,3)$



$S(2,4)$

Definition (Klavžar and Mohar 2005¹⁷)

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- For $n = 1$, $S^{++}(n, k)$ is the complete graph K_{k+1} ;
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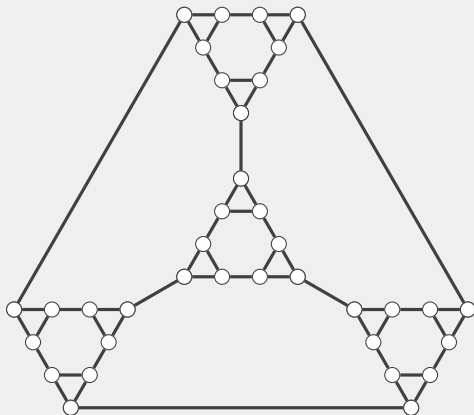
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Remark

- $S^{++}(n, 1) \cong K_2$;
- $S^{++}(n, 2) \cong C_{3 \cdot 2^{n-1}}$;
- $S^{++}(1, k) \cong K_{k+1}$.

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The graph $S^{++}(n, k)$ is *vertex-transitive* if and only if either $n \leq 2$ or $k \leq 2$.

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Let Γ be a graph and Δ be a subgraph of Γ . Then Γ is **strongly Δ -partitioned** if

- (1) the vertex set of Γ is **partitioned** by the vertex sets of copies $\Delta_0, \dots, \Delta_k$ of Δ ;
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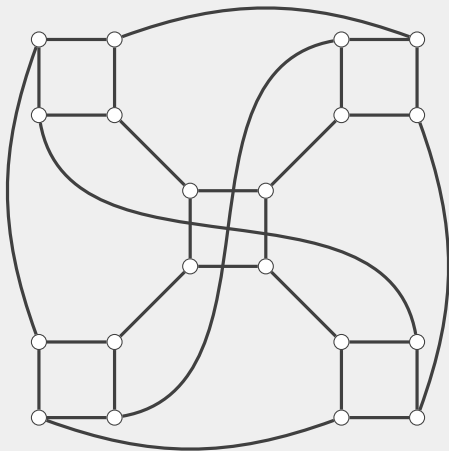
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Definition

Let Γ be a **strongly Δ -partitioned graph**. Then Γ has **connection constant c** if there are exactly **c edges** between any two copies of Δ in Γ . The set of all **strongly Δ -partitioned graphs** with connection constant **c** is denoted by $\mathcal{SP}_c(\Delta)$.

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The only **vertex-transitive** graph
among **seven** strongly C_4 -partitioned graphs.

Theorem

The graph $S^{++}(n, k)$ is *strongly* $S(n - 1, k)$ -*partitioned* when $n \geq 2$ and $k \geq 3$.

Theorem

Let Γ and Δ be *regular graphs* with $\Gamma \in \mathcal{SP}_1(\Delta)$. If Γ is a Cayley graph $\text{Cay}(G, C)$, then

- (1) $|\Delta| + 1 = p^m$ is *prime power*,
- (2) $G = N \rtimes H$ is a *Frobenius group* with minimal normal Frobenius kernel $N \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^m$ and Frobenius complement H ,
- (3) $C = C' \cup \{c\}$ with $\Delta \cong \text{Cay}(H, C')$ and $c^2 = 1$, and either
 - (i) $c \in N$ and $H = \langle C' \rangle$, or
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Conversely, if Δ satisfies the above conditions, then $\text{Cay}(G, C) \in \mathcal{SP}_1(\Delta)$.

Corollary

The graph $S^{++}(n, k)$ is a *Cayley graph* if and only if either

- (1) $n = 1$;
- (2) $k \leq 2$, or
- (3) $n = 2$ and $k + 1 = p^m$ is a prime power.

Corollary

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- (3) $n = 2$ and $k + 1 = p^m$ is a prime power.

Furthermore, in case (3), we have

$$S^{++}(n, k) \cong \text{Cay}(G, (H \setminus \{1\}) \cup \{c\}),$$

for every Frobenius group G with complement H , elementary abelian minimal normal Frobenius kernel of order p^m , and involution $c \in G \setminus H$.

Theorem

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The *density* of the set

$$\{k : k(k+1) \text{ is square-free and } k+1 \text{ is not a prime}\}$$

is equal to $2C_{\text{Feller-Tornier}} - 1 \approx 0.3226$, where the Feller-Tornier constant

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{2}{p^2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{\pi^2} \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^2 - 1}\right) \approx 0.6613$$

is the density of integers having an even number of non-prime prime powers factors.

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The list of the numbers whose membership in \mathcal{NC} are **not yet determined** begins with

9982, 12958, 18998, 19646, 20398,
21574, 24662, 25438, 25606,

Among the numbers $\leq 10^8$, there are **2763** square-free integers of the form **$k(k+1)$** with $k+1$ not a prime of which the following eight integers are new **non-Cayley numbers**:

1386506, 2668322, 15503906, 23985506,
38359442, 74261306, 89898842, 95912642.

RELATED PROBLEMS

SMALLEST VALENCY OF NON-CAYLEY VERTEX-TRANSITIVE GRAPHS

Question (Feng 2002¹⁸)

What is the **smallest valency** $d(n)$ of a **non-Cayley vertex-transitive** graph of order n .



Yan-Quan Feng

¹⁸Y.-Q. Feng, On vertex-transitive graphs of odd prime-power order, *Discrete Math.* **248**(1-3) (2002), 265–269.

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Theorem (Marušič 1985⁴ and McKay and Praeger 1994⁶)

There *exists* a *non-Cayley vertex-transitive* graph of *odd* prime power order p^k and valency $2p + 2$.

SMALLEST VALENCY OF NON-CAYLEY VERTEX-TRANSITIVE GRAPHS

Theorem (Feng 2002¹⁸)

Every *vertex-transitive* graph of *odd* prime power order p^k with valency less than $2p + 2$ is a *Cayley graph*.

Theorem (Marušič 1985⁴ and McKay and Praeger 1994⁶)

There *exists* a *non-Cayley vertex-transitive* graph of *odd* prime power order p^k and valency $2p + 2$.

Corollary

We have $d(p^k) = 2p + 2$ for all *odd* prime powers p^k .

GENERALIZED CAYLEY GRAPHS

Definition (Marušič, Scapellato, and Zagaglia Salvi 1992¹⁹)

Let G be a group, C be a subset of G , and θ be an automorphism of G satisfying

- (1) $\theta^2 = 1$;
- (2) $\theta(x^{-1})x \notin C$ for all $x \in G$;
- (3) $\theta(x^{-1})y \in C$ implies $\theta(y^{-1})x$ for all $x, y \in G$.

Then the graph $\text{GCay}(G, C, \theta)$ with vertex set G and edges $\{x, y\}$ if $\theta(x^{-1})y \in C$ is called a **generalized Cayley graph** of G .

¹⁹D. Marušič, R. Scapellato, and N. Zagaglia Salvi, Generalized Cayley graphs, *Discrete Math.* **102** (1992), 279–285.

Remark (Marušič, Scapellato, and Zagaglia Salvi 1992¹⁹)

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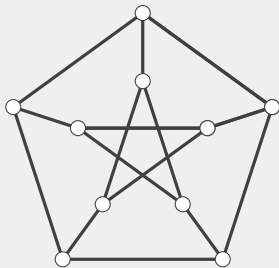
Question (Marušič, Scapellato, and Zagaglia Salvi 1992¹⁹)

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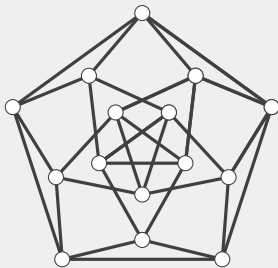
Example (Watkins 1990²⁰)

The line graph of the Petersen graph is a non-Cayley vertex-transitive generalized Cayley graph.



Petersen graph

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²⁰M. E. Watkins, Vertex-transitive graphs that are not Cayley graphs, in: G. Hahn, et al. (Eds.), *Cycles and Rays*, Kluwer, Netherlands, 1990, 243–256.

Theorem (Hujdurović, Kutnar, and Marušič 2015²¹)

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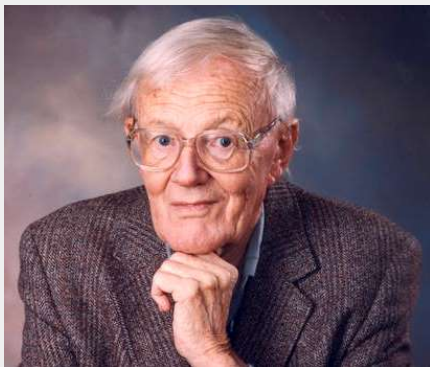
There are *vertex-transitive generalized Cayley graphs* of orders $4(2n^2 + 2n + 1)$ and $20n$ ($5 \nmid n$) that are *not Cayley graphs*.

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Question (Tutte 1966²²)

For which numbers n there exists a weakly symmetric graph of order n that is not a symmetric graph?



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²²W. T. Tutte, *Connectivity in Graphs*, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 1966.

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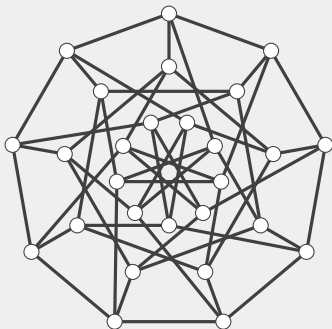
For every number n , there exists a *connected $2n$ -regular weakly symmetric graph* of order $6 \cdot 9^{n-1}$ that is *not a symmetric graph*.

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Theorem (Holt 1981²⁴)

The following graph of order 27 is a *weakly symmetric graph* that is *not* a *symmetric graph*.



²⁴D. F. Holt, A graph which is edge transitive but not arc transitive, *J. Graph Theory*, **5** (1981), 201–204.

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Theorem

Let p be a prime.

- (1) Every **weakly symmetric graph** of order p is a **symmetric graph** (Chao 1971²⁵).
- (2) Every **weakly symmetric graph** of order $2p$ is a **symmetric graph** (Cheng and Oxley 1987²⁶)
- (3) Every **weakly symmetric graph** of order $2p^2$ is a **symmetric graph** (Zhou and Zhang 2018²⁷)

²⁵C.-Y. Chao, On the classification of symmetric graphs with a prime number of vertices, *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* **158** (1971), 247–256.

²⁶Y. Cheng and J. Oxley, On weakly symmetric graphs of order twice a prime, *J. Combin. Theory Ser. B* **42** (1987), 196–211.

²⁷J.-X. Zhou and M.-M. Zhang, On weakly symmetric graphs of order twice a prime square, *J. Combin. Theory Ser. A* **155** (2018), 458–475.

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