

AUTOMORPHISMS OF DISTANCE-REGULAR GRAPH WITH INTERSECTION ARRAY $\{25, 16, 1; 1, 8, 25\}$ ¹

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Abstract: Makhnev and Samoilenko have found parameters of strongly regular graphs with no more than 1000 vertices, which may be neighborhoods of vertices in antipodal distance-regular graph of diameter 3 and with $\lambda = \mu$. They proposed the program of investigation vertex-symmetric antipodal distance-regular graphs of diameter 3 with $\lambda = \mu$, in which neighborhoods of vertices are strongly regular. In this paper we consider neighborhoods of vertices with parameters $(25, 8, 3, 2)$.

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Introduction

We consider undirected graphs without loops and multiple edges. Given a vertex a in a graph Γ , we denote by $\Gamma_i(a)$ the subgraph induced by Γ on the set of all vertices, that are at the distance i from a . The subgraph $[a] = \Gamma_1(a)$ is called the *neighborhood of the vertex a* . Let $\Gamma(a) = \Gamma_1(a)$, $a^\perp = \{a\} \cup \Gamma(a)$. If graph Γ is fixed, then instead of $\Gamma(a)$ we write $[a]$. For the set of vertices X of graph Γ through X^\perp denote $\cap_{x \in X} x^\perp$.

Let Γ be an antipodal distance-regular graph of diameter 3 and $\lambda = \mu$, in which neighborhoods of vertices are strongly-regular graphs. Then Γ has intersection array $\{k, \mu(r-1), 1; 1, \mu, k\}$, and spectrum $k^1, \sqrt{k^f}, -1^k, -\sqrt{k^f}$, where $f = (k+1)(r-1)/2$. In the case $r = 2$ we obtain Taylor's graph, in which $k' = 2\mu'$. Conversely, for any strongly regular graph with parameters $(v', 2\mu', \lambda', \mu')$ there exists a Taylor's graph, in which neighborhoods of vertices are strongly regular with relevant parameters.

In [1] there were chosen strongly-regular graphs with no more than 1000 vertices, which may be neighborhoods of vertices of antipodal distance-regular graph of diameter 3 and $\lambda = \mu$. There is provided a research program of the study of vertex-symmetric antipodal distance-regular graphs of diameter 3 with $\lambda = \mu$, in which neighborhoods of vertices are strongly regular with parameters from Proposition 1.

Proposition 1. *Let Δ be a strongly-regular graph with parameters (v, k, λ, μ) . If $(r-1)k = v - k - 1$, $v \leq 1000$ and number $(v+1)(r-1)$ is even, then either $r = 2$, or parameters (v, k, λ, μ, r) belong to the following list:*

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- (1) (16, 5, 0, 2, 3), (25, 8, 3, 2, 3), (49, 12, 5, 2, 4), (64, 21, 8, 6, 3), (81, 16, 7, 2, 5),
 (81, 20, 1, 6, 4), (85, 14, 3, 2, 6), (99, 14, 1, 2, 7), (100, 33, 8, 12, 3), (121, 20, 9, 2, 6),
 (121, 30, 11, 6, 4), (121, 40, 15, 12, 3), (126, 25, 8, 4, 5), (133, 44, 15, 14, 3), (169, 24, 11, 2, 7),
 (169, 42, 5, 12, 4), (169, 56, 15, 20, 3), (176, 25, 0, 4, 7), (196, 39, 14, 6, 5), (196, 65, 24, 20, 3);
- (2) (225, 28, 13, 2, 8), (225, 56, 19, 12, 4), (243, 22, 1, 2, 11), (256, 51, 2, 12, 5), (256, 85, 24, 30, 3),
 (261, 52, 11, 10, 5), (288, 41, 4, 6, 7), (289, 32, 15, 2, 9), (289, 48, 17, 6, 6), (289, 72, 11, 20, 4),
 (289, 96, 35, 30, 3), (305, 76, 27, 16, 4), (325, 54, 3, 10, 6), (351, 50, 13, 6, 7), (351, 70, 13, 14, 5),
 (352, 39, 6, 4, 9), (361, 36, 17, 2, 10), (361, 72, 23, 12, 5), (361, 90, 29, 20, 4), (361, 120, 35, 42, 3);
- (3) (400, 57, 20, 6, 7), (400, 133, 48, 42, 3), (441, 40, 19, 2, 11), (441, 88, 7, 20, 5), (441, 110, 19, 30, 4),
 (484, 161, 48, 56, 3), (495, 38, 1, 3, 13), (505, 84, 3, 16, 6), (507, 46, 5, 4, 11), (512, 73, 12, 10, 7),
 (529, 44, 21, 2, 12), (529, 66, 23, 6, 8), (529, 88, 27, 12, 6), (529, 132, 41, 30, 4), (529, 176, 63, 56, 3),
 (540, 49, 8, 4, 11), (576, 115, 18, 24, 5);
- (4) (625, 48, 23, 2, 13), (625, 156, 29, 42, 4), (625, 208, 63, 72, 3), (640, 71, 6, 8, 9), (649, 72, 15, 7, 9),
 (649, 216, 63, 76, 3), (676, 75, 26, 6, 9), (676, 135, 14, 30, 5), (704, 37, 0, 2, 19),
 (729, 52, 25, 2, 14), (729, 104, 31, 12, 7), (729, 182, 55, 42, 4), (736, 105, 20, 14, 7),
 (768, 59, 10, 4, 13), (784, 261, 80, 90, 3);
- (5) (837, 76, 15, 6, 11), (841, 56, 27, 2, 15), (841, 84, 29, 6, 10), (841, 140, 39, 20, 6),
 (841, 168, 47, 30, 5), (841, 210, 41, 56, 4), (841, 280, 99, 90, 3), (847, 94, 21, 9, 9),
 (848, 121, 24, 16, 7), (901, 60, 3, 4, 15), (961, 60, 29, 2, 16), (961, 120, 35, 12, 8),
 (961, 160, 9, 30, 6), (961, 192, 23, 42, 5), (961, 240, 71, 56, 4), (961, 320, 99, 100, 3),
 (1000, 111, 14, 12, 9).

Graphs with local subgraphs having parameters (64, 21, 8, 6), (81, 16, 7, 2), (85, 14, 3, 2) and (99, 14, 1, 2) were investigated in [2], [3], [4] and [5]. In this article we investigate parameters (25, 8, 3, 2, 3), i.e. this graph is locally 5×5 -grid. In [6] it is proved that distance-regular locally 5×5 -grid of diameter more than 2 is either isomorphic to the Johnson's graph $J(10, 5)$ or has an intersection array $\{25, 16, 1; 1, 8, 25\}$.

Theorem 1. *Let Γ be a distance-regular graph with intersection array $\{25, 16, 1; 1, 8, 25\}$, $G = \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$, g is an element of prime order p in G and $\Omega = \text{Fix}(g)$ contains exactly s vertices in t antipodal classes. Then $\pi(G) \subseteq \{2, 3, 5, 13\}$ and one of the following assertions holds:*

- (1) Ω is empty graph and $p \in \{2, 3, 13\}$;
- (2) $p = 5$, $t = 1$, $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_1(g) = 50l + 25$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 50 - 50l$;
- (3) $p = 3$, $s = 3$, $t = 2, 5, 8$, $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_1(g) = 30l + 16 - 11t$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 62 - 30l + 8t$;
- (4) $p = 2$, and either $s = 1$, Ω is t -clique, $t = 2, 4, 6$, $\alpha_3(g) = 2t$, $\alpha_1(g) = 20l - t + 6$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 72 - 20l - 2t$, or $s = 3$, $t \leq 8$, t is even, $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_1(g) = 20l - 11t + 6$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 72 - 20l + 8t$.

Corollary 1. *Let Γ be a distance-regular graph with intersection array $\{25, 16, 1; 1, 8, 25\}$ and a group $G = \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ acts transitively on the set of vertices of Γ . Then one of the following assertions holds:*

- (1) Γ is a Cayley graph, G is the a Frobenius group with the kernel of order 13 and with the complement of order 6;
- (2) Γ is a arc-transitive Maton's graph and the socle of G is isomorphic to $L_2(25)$;
- (3) G is an extension of a group Q of order 2^{12} by the group $T = L_3(3)$, $|Q : Q_{\{F\}}| = 2$, $T_{\{F\}}$ is an extension of group E_9 by $SL_2(3)$, T acts irreducibly on Q and for an element f of order 13 in G we have $C_Q(f) = 1$.

1. Proof of the Theorem

Note that there is Delsarte boundary (proposition 4.4.6 from [7]) of maximum order of clique in distance-regular graph with intersection array $\{25, 16, 1; 1, 8, 25\}$ and spectrum $25^1, 5^{26}, -1^{25}, -5^{26}$ no more than $1 - k/\theta_d = 1 + 25/5 = 6$. If C is 6-clique in Γ , then each vertex not in C is adjacent to 0 or to $b_1/(\theta_d + 1) + 1 - k/\theta_d = 2$ vertices in C .

Lemma 1. *Let Γ be a distance-regular graph with intersection array $\{25, 16, 1; 1, 8, 25\}$, $G = \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ and $g \in G$. If ψ is the monomial representation of a group G in $GL(78, \mathbf{C})$, χ_1 is the character of the representation ψ on subspace of eigenvectors of dimension 26, corresponding to the eigenvalue 5, χ_2 is the character of the representation ψ on subspace of dimension 25, then $\chi_1(g) = (10\alpha_0(g) + 2\alpha_1(g) - \alpha_2(g) - 5\alpha_3(g))/30$, $\chi_2(g) = (\alpha_0(g) + \alpha_3(g))/3 - 1$. If $|g| = p$ is prime, then $\chi_1(g) - 26$ and $\chi_2(g) - 25$ are divided by p .*

P r o o f. We have

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 26 & 26/5 & -13/5 & -13 \\ 25 & -1 & -1 & 25 \\ 26 & -26/5 & 13/5 & -13 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore $\chi_1(g) = (10\alpha_0(g) + 2\alpha_1(g) - \alpha_2(g) - 5\alpha_3(g))/30$. Substituting $\alpha_2(g) = 78 - \alpha_0(g) - \alpha_1(g) - \alpha_3(g)$, we obtain $\chi_1(g) = (11\alpha_0(g) + 3\alpha_1(g) - 4\alpha_3(g))/30 - 13/5$.

Similarly, $\chi_2(g) = (25\alpha_0(g) - \alpha_1(g) - \alpha_2(g) + 25\alpha_3(g))/78$. Substituting $\alpha_1(g) + \alpha_2(g) = 78 - \alpha_0(g) - \alpha_3(g)$, we obtain $\chi_2(g) = (\alpha_0(g) + \alpha_3(g))/3 - 1$.

The remaining assertions follow from Lemma 1 in [8]. The proof is complete. \square

Let further in the paper Γ be a distance-regular graph with intersection array $\{25, 16, 1; 1, 8, 25\}$, $G = \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$, g is an element of prime order p in G and $\Omega = \text{Fix}(g)$.

Lemma 2. *If Ω is an empty graph, then either $p = 13$, $\alpha_1(g) = 26$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 52$, or $p = 3$, $\alpha_3(g) = 9s + 6$, $s < 8$, $\alpha_1(g) = 54 + 12s - 30l$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 18 - 21s + 30l$, $l \leq 5$, or $p = 2$, $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_1(g) = 20l + 6$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 72 - 20l$, $l \leq 3$.*

P r o o f. Let Ω be an empty graph and $\alpha_i(g) = pw_i$ for $i > 0$. Since $v = 78$, we have $p \in \{2, 3, 13\}$.

Let $p = 13$. Then $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_1(g) + \alpha_2(g) = 78$ and $\chi_1(g) = (2\alpha_1(g) - \alpha_2(g))/30 = 13(w_1 - 2)/10$. This implies $\alpha_1(g) = 26$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 52$.

Let $p = 3$. Then $\chi_2(g) - 25 = \alpha_3(g)/3 - 26$ is divided by 3, $\alpha_3(g) = 9s + 6$, $s \leq 8$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 72 - 9s - \alpha_1(g)$. Furthermore, the number $\chi_1(g) = (2\alpha_1(g) - \alpha_2(g) - 45s - 30)/30 = (3w_1 - 12s - 34)/10$ is congruent to 2 modulo 3. This implies $\alpha_1(g) = 54 + 12s - 30l$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 18 - 21s + 30l$, $l \leq 5$. In case $s = 8$ we have $\alpha_3(g) = 78$ and $\langle g \rangle$ acts regularly on each antipodal class. By lemma 4 in [9] 3 must divide $k + 1 = 26$, we have a contradiction.

Let $p = 2$. Then $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_1(g) + \alpha_2(g) = 78$, the number $\chi_1(g) = (\alpha_1(g) - 26)/10$ is even, $\alpha_1(g) = 20l + 6$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 72 - 20l$, $l \leq 3$. \square

In Lemmas 3–6 it is assumed that there are t antipodal classes intersecting the Ω on s vertices. Then p divides $26 - t$ and $3 - s$. Let F be an antipodal class, containing the vertex $a \in \Omega$, $F \cap \Omega = \{a, a_2, \dots, a_s\}$, $b \in \Omega(a)$. By $F(x)$ we denote an antipodal class containing vertex x .

Lemma 3. *The following assertions hold:*

- (1) *if $t = 1$, then $p = 5$, $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_1(g) = 50l + 25$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 50 - 50l$;*
- (2) *if p more than 3, then $p = 5$ and $t = 1$;*
- (3) *if $s = 1$, then $p = 2$, $t = 2, 4, 6$, $\alpha_3(g) = 2t$, $\alpha_1(g) = 20l - t + 6$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 72 - 20l - 2t$.*

P r o o f. If $s = 3$, then each vertex from $\Gamma - \Omega$ is adjacent to t vertices in Ω , so $t \leq 8$.

Let $t = 1$. As p divides $26 - t$, then $p = 5$, $s = 3$, $\alpha_2(g) = 75 - \alpha_1(g)$, the number $\chi_1(g) = (\alpha_1(g) - 15)/10$ is congruent to 1 modulo 5. This implies $\alpha_1(g) = 50l + 25$.

Let $p > 3$, $\alpha_1(g) = pw_1$. Then $s = 3$, $|\Omega| = 3t$, Ω is a regular graph by degree $t - 1$ and p divides $26 - t$.

If $p > 7$, then Ω is a distance-regular graph with intersection array $\{t - 1, 16, 1; 1, 8, t - 1\}$, we come to a contradiction.

Let $p = 7$. As p divides $26 - t$, then $t = 5$, the subgraph $\Omega(b)$ contains 2 vertices in a^\perp and a vertex from $[a_2]$ and from $[a_3]$, so Ω is a distance-regular graph with intersection array $\{4, 1, 1; 1, 1, 4\}$, it is a contradiction with the fact that $r = 3$.

Let $p = 5$. As p divides $26 - t$, then $t = 1, 6$. If $t = 6$, then the subgraph $\Omega(b)$ contains a vertex in a^\perp , 3 vertices from $[a_2]$ and 3 vertices from $[a_3]$, we come to a contradiction.

Let $s = 1$. Then $p = 2$, $t \leq 6$, $\alpha_3(g) = 2t$, $\alpha_2(g) = 78 - \alpha_1(g) - 3t$, and $\chi_1(g) = (\alpha_1(g) + t - 26)/10$ is even. This implies that $\alpha_1(g) = 20l - t + 6$. \square

Lemma 4. *If $p = 3$, then $s = 3$, $t = 2, 5, 8$, $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_1(g) = 30l + 16 - 11t$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 62 - 30l + 8t$.*

P r o o f. Let $p = 3$. Then $s = 3$, $t = 2, 5, 8$, $\alpha_2(g) = 78 - \alpha_1(g) - 3t$, and the number $\chi_1(g) = (11t + \alpha_1(g) - 26)/10$ is congruent to 2 modulo 3. This implies that $\alpha_1(g) = 30l + 16 - 11t$. In the case $t = 2$ graph Ω is a union of 3 isolated edges. \square

Lemma 5. *If $p = 2$, $s = 3$, then t is even, $t \leq 8$, $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_1(g) = 20l - 11t + 6$ and $\alpha_2(g) = 72 - 20l + 8t$.*

P r o o f. Let $p = 2$, $s = 3$. Then t is even, $t \leq 8$, $\alpha_3(g) = 0$, $\alpha_2(g) = 78 - 3t - \alpha_1(g)$.

The number $\chi_1(g) = (11t + \alpha_1(g) - 26)/10$ is even, so $\alpha_1(g) = 20l - 11t + 6$. \square

Lemmas 2–5 imply the proof of the Theorem.

2. Proof of Corollary

Let the group G acts transitively on the set of vertices of the graph Γ . Then for a vertex $a \in \Gamma$ subgroup $H = G_a$ has index 78 in G . By Theorem we have $\{2, 3, 13\} \subseteq \pi(G) \subseteq \{2, 3, 5, 13\}$.

Lemma 6. *Let f be an element of order 13 in G . Then $\text{Fix}(f)$ is an empty graph, $\alpha_1(f) = 26$ and the following assertions hold:*

- (1) *if g is an element of prime order $p \neq 13$ in $C_G(f)$, then $p = 2$, Ω is an empty graph, $\alpha_1(g) = 26$ and $|C_G(f)|$ is not divided by 4;*
- (2) *either $|G| = 78$ or $F(G) = O_2(G)$;*
- (3) *if G is nonsolvable group, then the socle \bar{T} of the group $\bar{G} = G/F(G)$ is isomorphic to $L_2(25)$, $L_3(3)$, $U_3(4)$, $L_4(3)$ or ${}^2F_4(2)'$.*

P r o o f. By Lemma 2 $\text{Fix}(f)$ is an empty graph and $\alpha_1(f) = 26$.

Suppose that g is an element of prime order $p \neq 13$ in $C_G(f)$. As f acts without fixed points on Ω then by Theorem Ω is an empty graph, $p = 2$ and $\alpha_1(g) = 20l + 6$ divided by 13. This implies that $\alpha_1(g) = 26$ and $|C_G(f)|$ is not divided by 4.

Let $Q = O_p(G) \neq 1$. If $p = 13$, then $|G|$ divides $26 \cdot 12$. In this case $C_G(f) = \langle f \rangle$, otherwise for an involution g of $C_G(f)$ we obtain a contradiction with the action of element of order 3 of G on $\{u \mid d(u, u^g) = 1\}$. Let the involution g invert f , h is an element of order 3 in $C_G(g)$. From action h on $\{u \mid d(u, u^g) = 1\}$ it follows that $\alpha_1(g) = 20l + 6$ is divided by 3. In each case $\alpha_1(g)$ is not divided by 4 and $|G| = 78$.

If $p = 3$, then Q fixes some antipodal class. This implies that Q fixes each antipodal class. By Lemma 3 in [9] G does not contain subgroups of order 3, which are regular on each antipodal class, we come to a contradiction. So, if $|G| \neq 78$ we have $F(G) = O_2(G)$.

Let \bar{T} be the socle of the group $\bar{G} = G/F(G)$. Note that 13 divides $|\bar{T}|$ and by Theorem 1 in [10] group \bar{T} is isomorphic to $L_2(25)$, $L_3(3)$, $U_3(4)$, $L_4(3)$, ${}^2F_4(2)'$. \square

Let us to prove the Corollary. As \bar{T} contains a subgroup of index dividing 26, then the group \bar{T} is isomorphic to $L_2(25)$ (and $\bar{T}_{\{F\}}$ is the extension of a group of order 25 by group of order 12) or $L_3(3)$ (and $\bar{T}_{\{F\}}$ is the extension of a group of order 9 by $SL(2, 3)$).

In the first case $F(G)$ fixes each antipodal class and $F(G) = 1$. This implies that Γ is the arc-transitive Maton's graph.

In the second case for $Q = F(G)$ we have $|Q : Q_{\{F\}}| = 2$ and \bar{T} acts irreducibly on Q . Further, for the element f of order 13 of G by Lemma 6 the number $|C_Q(f)|$ divides 2. As Q is either 12-dimensional module over F_2 , or 16-dimensional module over F_{16} , or 26-dimensional module over F_2 , then $|Q| = 2^{12}$ and $C_Q(f) = 1$. The Corollary is proved.

3. Conclusion

We found possible automorphisms of a distance regular graph with intersection array $\{25, 16, 1; 1, 8, 25\}$. This completes the research program of vertex-symmetric antipodal distance-regular graphs of diameter 3 with $\lambda = \mu$, in which neighborhoods of vertices are strongly regular with parameters from Proposition 1.

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