

# Small subgraphs of triangle-free $SRG$

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- Strongly regular graphs.
- Induced subgraphs of  $SRG$  of order at most 5.
- Subgraph as a parameter.
- The solution for parametric cases.

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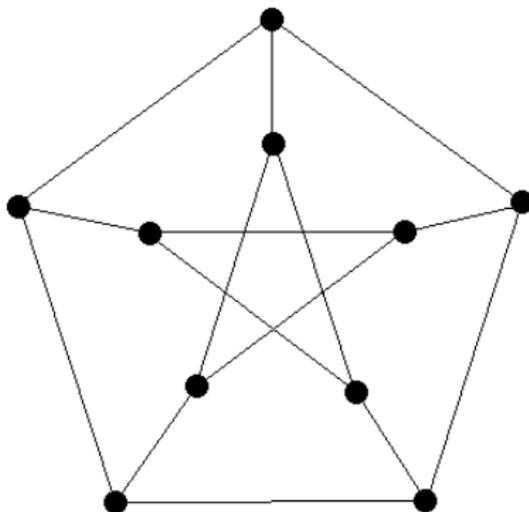
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SRG( $n, k, 0, 1$ ) (Moore graphs)

Table: Hoffman and Singleton, 1960

k	n	
2	5	pentagon
3	10	Petersen graph
7	50	Hoffman-Singleton graph
57	3250	?

$SRG(n, k, 0, 2)$ 

k	n	
2	4	4-cycle
5	16	Clebsch graph
10	56	Sims-Gewirtz graph
26	356	?
37	704	?
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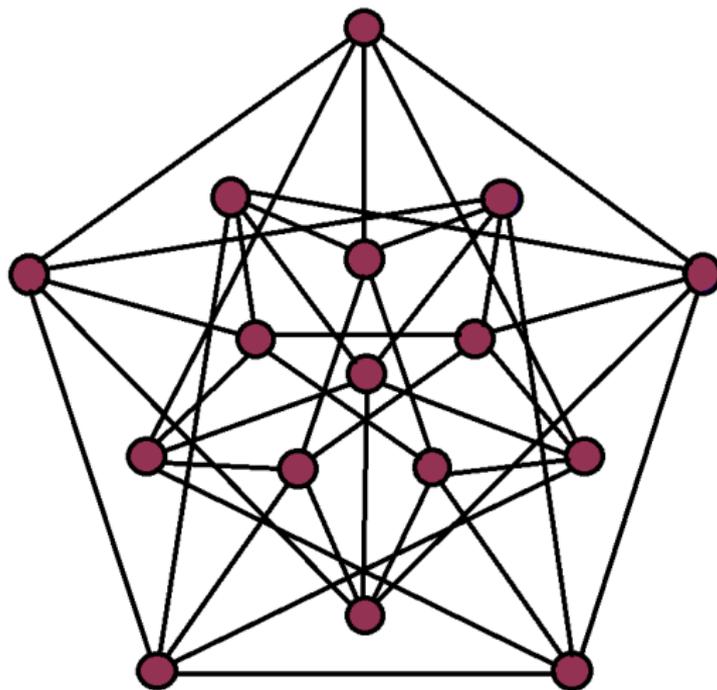


Figure: Clebsch graph,  $SRG(16, 5, 0, 2)$

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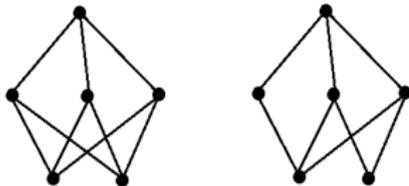
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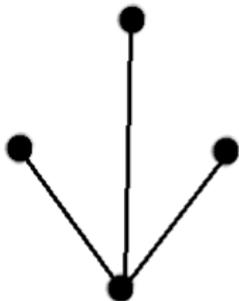
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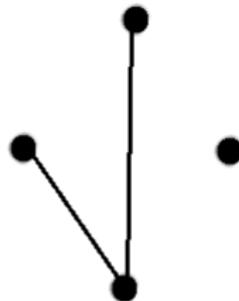
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*If the graph  $G$  is the parameter of SRG, the graph  $G - v$  has to contain the independent set of order 3.*

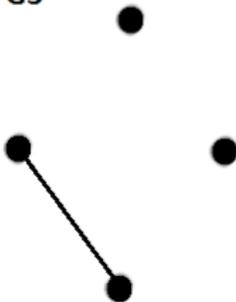
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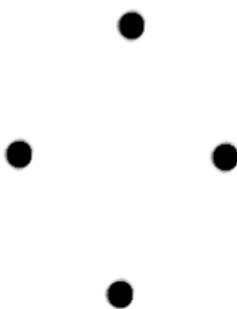
G2



G3



G4



Let  $G$  be a constant of  $SRG(n, k, 0, \mu)$ . Then for the number  $(n_G)$  of its occurrence in  $SRG$  holds:

$$n_G = \frac{o(S_v) \cdot |G - v| \cdot x}{o(v)},$$

where:

- $S_v$  is the set of all neighbours of the vertex  $v$  in the graph  $G$ ,
- $o(S_v)$  denotes the orbit of the vertex set  $S_v$  with respect to the group  $Aut(G - v)$ ,
- $|G - v|$  is the number of occurrences of  $G - v$  in  $SRG$ ,
- $o(v)$  is the orbit of  $v$  with respect to the group  $Aut(G)$ ,
- $x$  represents the number of different vertices in  $SRG$ , whose set of neighbours in  $G - v$  is exactly  $S_v$ .

A relation between the parameters of  $SRG(n, k, 0, \mu)$  we obtain from the solution of the following system of equations:

$$|G|. (n - |V|) = \sum_{S \subseteq V} |G_S|,$$

where  $|G|$  denotes the number of induced subgraphs of the shape  $G$ .

A graph  $G_S$  comes from the graph  $G$  by adding one new vertex whose neighbour set will be  $S$ .

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## Goal

*We would like to use this method for describing subgraphs of order at most 10.*

*(An example of a subgraph of order 10 is the Petersen graph.)*

Thank you for attention 😊