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## NORMAL EDGE-TRANSITIVE CAYLEY GRAPHS ON THE NON-ABELIAN GROUPS OF ORDER $4p^2$ , WHERE $p$ IS A PRIME NUMBER

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we determine all of connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on non-abelian groups with order  $4p^2$ , where  $p$  is a prime number.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  be a simple graph, where  $V$  is the set of vertices and  $E$  is the set of edges of  $\Gamma$ . An edge joining the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  is denoted by  $\{u, v\}$ . The group of automorphisms of  $\Gamma$  is denoted by  $Aut(\Gamma)$ , which acts on vertices, edges and arcs of  $\Gamma$ . If  $Aut(\Gamma)$  acts transitively on vertices, edges or arcs of  $\Gamma$ , then  $\Gamma$  is called vertex-transitive, edge-transitive or arc-transitive respectively. If  $\Gamma$  is vertex and edge-transitive but not arc-transitive, then  $\Gamma$  is called 1/2-arc-transitive. Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $S$  be an inverse closed subset of  $G$ , i.e.,  $S = S^{-1}$ , such that  $1 \notin S$ . The Cayley graph  $\Gamma = Cay(G, S)$  on  $G$  with respect to  $S$  is a graph with vertex set  $G$  and edge set  $\{\{g, sg\} | g \in G, s \in S\}$ . This graph is connected if and only if  $G = \langle S \rangle$ . For  $g \in G$ , define the mapping  $\rho_g : G \rightarrow G$  by  $\rho_g(x) = xg, x \in G$ . We have  $\rho_g \in Aut(\Gamma)$  for every  $g \in G$ , thus  $R(G) = \{\rho_g | g \in G\}$  is a regular subgroup of  $Aut(\Gamma)$  isomorphic to  $G$ , forcing  $\Gamma$  to be a vertex-transitive graph. Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G, S)$  be the Cayley graph of a finite group  $G$  on  $S$ . Let  $Aut(G, S) = \{\sigma \in Aut(G) | S^\sigma = S\}$  and  $A = Aut(\Gamma)$ . Then the normalizer of  $R(G)$  in  $A$  is equal to  $N_A(R(G)) = R(G) \rtimes Aut(G, S)$ , where  $\rtimes$  denotes the semi-direct product of two groups. In [13], the graph  $\Gamma$  is called normal if  $R(G)$  is a normal subgroup of  $Aut(\Gamma)$ . Therefore, according to

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[4],  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$  is normal if and only if  $A := \text{Aut}(\Gamma) = R(G) \rtimes \text{Aut}(G, S)$ , and in this case  $A_1 = \text{Aut}(G, S)$ , where  $A_1$  is the stabilizer of the identity element of  $G$  under  $A$ . The normality of Cayley graphs has been extensively studied from different points of views by many authors. In [12] all disconnected normal Cayley graphs are obtained.

**Definition 1.1.** A Cayley graph  $\Gamma$  is called normal edge-transitive or normal arc-transitive if  $N_A(R(G))$  acts transitively on the set of edges or arcs of  $\Gamma$ , respectively. If  $\Gamma$  is normal edge-transitive, but not normal arc-transitive, then it is called a normal 1/2-arc-transitive Cayley graph.

Edge-transitivity of Cayley graphs of small valency have received attention in the literature. A relation between regular maps and edge-transitive Cayley graphs of valency 4 is studied in [9], and in [7] Li et al., characterized edge-transitive Cayley graphs of valency four and odd order. Houlis in [6], classified normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs of groups  $Z_{pq}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes. In [1], normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on some abelian groups of valency at most 5 are studied. And in [3], edge-transitive Cayley graphs of valency 4 on non-abelian simple groups are studied. The normal edge-transitivity of dihedral group of order  $2n$  is studied in [11]. In this paper, we investigate the normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on the non-abelian groups of order  $4p^2$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Keeping fixed terminologies used in Section 1, we mention a few results whose proofs can be found in the literature. The following result is proved in [13] and [4].

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$ . Then the following hold:*

1.  $N_A(R(G)) = R(G) \rtimes \text{Aut}(G, S)$ ;
2.  $R(G) \trianglelefteq A$  if and only if  $A = R(G) \rtimes \text{Aut}(G, S)$ ;
3.  $\Gamma$  is normal if and only if  $A_1 = \text{Aut}(G, S)$ .

The following proposition is very useful for our work (see [10]).

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$  be a connected Cayley graph (undirected) on  $S$ . Then  $\Gamma$  is normal edge-transitive if and only if  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  is either transitive on  $S$ , or has two orbits in  $S$  in the form of  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  is a non-empty subset of  $S$  such that  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ .*

In the action of  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  on  $S$ , every element of each orbit has the same order. Therefore, we have following proposition (see [2])

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$  and  $H$  be the subset of all involutions of the group  $G$ . If  $\langle H \rangle \neq G$  and  $\Gamma$  is connected normal edge-transitive, then its valency is even.*

For a general graph  $\Gamma = (V, E)$ , if  $v$  is a vertex in  $\Gamma$ , then  $\Gamma(v)$  denotes the set of the neighbors of  $v$ , i.e.,  $\Gamma(v) = \{u \in V \mid \{u, v\} \in E\}$ . The following result which can be deduced from a result in [5], characterize normal arc-transitive Cayley graphs in terms of the action of  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  on  $S$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$  be a connected Cayley graph (undirected) on  $S$ . Then  $\Gamma$  is normal arc-transitive if and only if  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .*

We can extract the following corollary from Proposition 2.2 and 2.4 and the fact that if  $G$  is an abelian group, then  $\sigma : G \rightarrow G$  defined by  $\sigma(x) = x^{-1}$ , for all  $x \in G$ , is an automorphism.

**Corollary 2.5.** *If  $\Gamma$  is a Cayley graph of an abelian group, then  $\Gamma$  is not a normal 1/2-arc-transitive Cayley graph.*

The following result is obtained in [11].

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$  be a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of the dihedral group  $D_{2n}$ . Then  $\text{Aut}(D_{2n}, S)$  is transitive on  $S$ .*

**Corollary 2.7.** *If  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G, S)$  is a Cayley graph of a dihedral group  $D_{2n}$ , then  $\Gamma$  is not a normal 1/2-arc-transitive Cayley graph.*

The following result is mentioned in [10].

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a connected Cayley graph of a non-abelian simple group with valency 3. If  $\Gamma$  is normal edge-transitive, then it is normal.*

The following result is mentioned in [2].

**Proposition 2.9.** *Let  $S$  be a generating set of group  $G$ . Then the action of  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  on  $S$  is faithful.*

In [8], the groups of order  $4p^2$  are classified. When  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $-1$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p$  and also modulo  $p^2$ . Let  $\lambda$  be an integer so that  $\lambda^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p^2}$ . The non-abelian group of order  $4p^2$  is isomorphic to one of the following groups which are given by generators and relations:

1.  $G_1 = \langle a, b \mid a^{p^2} = b^4 = 1, b^{-1}ab = a^{-1} \rangle$
2.  $G_2 = \langle a, b \mid a^{p^2} = b^4 = 1, b^{-1}ab = a^\lambda \rangle$  ( $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ )
3.  $G_3 = \langle a, b, c \mid a^{p^2} = b^2 = c^2 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, b^{-1}ab = a^\lambda \rangle \cong D_{4p^2}$
4.  $G_4 = \langle a, b, c, d \mid a^p = b^p = c^2 = d^2 = 1, ab = ba, ad = da, bc = cb, dbd = b^{-1}, cd = dc \rangle \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^{2p} = b^p = c^2 = 1, ab = ba, ac = ca, cbc = b^{-1} \rangle$
5.  $G_5 = \langle a, b, c, d \mid a^p = b^p = c^2 = d^2 = 1, ab = ba, ac = ca, dad = a^{-1}, bc = cb, dbd = b^{-1}, cd = dc \rangle \cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^{2p} = b^p = c^2 = 1, ab = ba, cac = a^{-1}, cbc = b^{-1} \rangle$
6.  $G_6 = \langle a, b, c, d \mid a^p = b^p = c^2 = d^2 = 1, ab = ba, cac = a^{-1}, ad = da, bc = cb, dbd = b^{-1}, cd = dc \rangle \cong D_{2p} \times D_{2p}$

- 7.  $G_7 = \langle a, b, c \mid a^p = b^p = c^4 = 1, ab = ba, ac = ca, c^{-1}bc = b^{-1} \rangle$
  - 8.  $G_8 = \langle a, b, c \mid a^p = b^p = c^4 = 1, ab = ba, c^{-1}ac = a^{-1}, c^{-1}bc = b^{-1} \rangle$
  - 9.  $G_9 = \langle a, b, c \mid a^p = b^p = c^4 = 1, ab = ba, c^{-1}ac = b^{-1}, c^{-1}bc = a \rangle$   
 where  $p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . When  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  this group is presented by  $G'_9 = \langle a, b, c \mid a^p = b^p = c^4 = 1, ab = ba, c^{-1}ac = a^\lambda, c^{-1}bc = b^{-\lambda} \rangle$
  - 10.  $G_{10} = \langle a, b, c \mid a^p = b^p = c^4 = 1, ab = ba, ac = ca, c^{-1}bc = b^\lambda \rangle$
  - 11.  $G_{11} = \langle a, b, c \mid a^p = b^p = c^4 = 1, ab = ba, c^{-1}ac = a^{-1}, c^{-1}bc = b^\lambda \rangle$
  - 12.  $G_{12} = \langle a, b, c \mid a^p = b^p = c^4 = 1, ab = ba, c^{-1}ac = a^\lambda, c^{-1}bc = b^\lambda \rangle$
- Since the dihedral group  $G_3 = D_{4p^2}$  is studied in [11], we study the other groups and obtain connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on this groups.

### 3. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group $G_1$

Elements of  $G_1$  can be written uniquely in the form  $a^i b^j$ ,  $0 \leq i < p^2$ ,  $0 \leq j < 4$ . The order of elements of  $G_1$  are as follows:

$$O(a^i) = \frac{p^2}{(i, p^2)} = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } (i, p^2) = p \\ p^2 & \text{if } (i, p^2) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$O(a^i b^2) = \begin{cases} 2p & \text{if } (i, p^2) = p \\ 2p^2 & \text{if } (i, p^2) = 1 \end{cases}$$

where  $1 \leq i < p^2$ . We have  $O(b^2) = 2$ ,  $O(a^i b^k) = 4$ ,  $0 \leq i < p^2$ ,  $k = 1, 3$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $Aut(G_1)$ .

Let  $U_n$  be the set of units in  $Z_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $U_n$  is a group under multiplication mod  $n$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *For prime number  $p$ ,  $Aut(G_1) \cong Z_{p^2} \rtimes (U_{p^2} \times Z_2)$ , and it has the following orbits on  $G_1$ :  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{a^i \mid 1 \leq i < p^2, (i, p^2) = 1\}$ ,  $\{b^2\}$ ,  $\{a^{mp} \mid 1 \leq m < p\}$ ,  $\{a^i b^k \mid 0 \leq i < p^2, k = 1, 3\}$ ,  $\{a^i b^2 \mid 0 \leq i < p^2, (i, p^2) = 1\}$  and  $\{a^{mp} b^2 \mid 1 \leq m < p\}$ .*

*Proof.* Any  $\sigma \in Aut(G_1)$  is determined by its effect on  $a$  and  $b$ . Taking orders into account, we have  $\sigma(a) = a^i$ , where  $1 \leq i < p^2$ ,  $(i, p^2) = 1$  and  $\sigma(b) = a^j b^k$ ,  $0 \leq j < p^2$ ,  $k = 1, 3$ . It can be verified that  $\sigma = f_{i,j,k}$  defined as above can be extended to an automorphism of  $G_1$ . Therefore,  $Aut(G_1) = \{f_{i,j,k} \mid 1 \leq i < p^2, (i, p^2) = 1, 0 \leq j < p^2, k = 1, 3\}$  is a group of order  $2p^2\phi(p^2) = 2p^2(p^2 - p)$ . We have  $f_{i,j,k} \circ f_{i',j',k'} = f_{ii',ij'+j,kk'}$  and  $f_{i,j,k}^{-1} = f_{i_0,-ji_0,k_0}$  where  $i_0$  and  $k_0$  are numbers such that  $i_0 i \equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$  and  $k_0 k \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , hence if we define  $A = \{f_{1,j,1} \mid 0 \leq j < p^2\}$  and  $B = \{f_{i,0,k} \mid 1 \leq i < p^2, (i, p^2) = 1, k = 1, 3\}$ , then  $Aut(G_1) = A \times B$ ,  $A \cap B = id$  and  $A \trianglelefteq Aut(G_1)$ . So  $Aut(G_1) \cong Z_{p^2} \rtimes (U_{p^2} \times Z_2)$  and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *If  $Cay(G_1, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order 4. Moreover,  $|S| > 2$  is even.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.2, elements in  $S$  have the same order. Since  $\langle S \rangle = G_1$ , the set  $S$  cannot contain elements of order  $p^2, 2p, 2, p$  or  $2p^2$ , and should contain elements of order 4 only. By Proposition 2.3,  $|S| > 2$  and it is even.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $i \neq j$ . The set  $S = \{a^i b, a^i b^3, a^j b, a^j b^3\}$  generates  $G_1$  if and only if  $0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}$ . Moreover, in this case,  $Aut(G_1, S) \cong Z_2 \times Z_2$ .*

*Proof.* Generating condition of  $S$  comes from the relations  $(a^k b)^{-1} = a^k b^3$  for  $0 \leq k < p^2, a^i b a^j b^3 = a^{i-j}$ . If  $i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}$ , then we can conclude that  $a \in \langle S \rangle$  and so  $b \in \langle S \rangle$ . Now let  $S = \{x, x^{-1}, y, y^{-1}\}$  and  $G = Aut(G_1, S)$ . Then by Proposition 2.9,  $G$  acts on  $S$  faithfully, and so is a subgroup of  $S_4$ . But  $G$  does not have elements of order 3 or 4, because if  $f \in G$  has order 3, then it should fix an element on  $S$  such as  $s$ , thus  $f(s^{-1}) = s^{-1}$ , contradiction with the order of  $f$ . Also if  $f$  is an element of order 4, then its cycle structure on  $S$  have the form  $(x y x^{-1} y^{-1})$  or  $(x y^{-1} x^{-1} y)$ , where  $x = a^i b, y = a^j b$  and  $f = f_{r,s,k}$  (as mentioned in Lemma 3.1,  $(r, p^2) = 1, 1 \leq r < p^2, 0 \leq s < p^2, k = 1, 3$ ) and we may assume  $i > j$ . In the first case, we have  $ri + s \equiv j \pmod{p^2}, k \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $rj + s \equiv i \pmod{p^2}, 3k \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . But in this case we obtain  $k \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $3k \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  that is impossible. In the second case, we have  $k \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $k \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  that is impossible. Therefore,  $G$  is a subgroup of  $S_4$  which does not have any element of order 3 or 4, but at least it has two elements of order 2 such as  $f_{-1,i+j,3}$  and  $f_{1,0,3}$ , imply that  $G \cong Z_2 \times Z_2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G_1, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4. The  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b, a^i b^3, a^j b, a^j b^3\}$  where  $0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}$ . Moreover, in this case,  $\Gamma$  is not a normal Cayley graph, i.e., there is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph which is not normal Cayley graph.*

*Proof.* It is enough to show that  $Aut(G_1, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ . The elements  $f_{-1,i+j,1}, f_{1,0,3}, f_{-1,i+j,3}$  are in  $Aut(G_1, S)$  and send  $a^i b$  to  $a^j b, a^i b^3, a^j b^3$ , respectively. So  $Aut(G_1, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$  and  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. The set  $S$  is equivalent to  $S' = \{b, b^3, ab, ab^3\}$ , since  $(S')^{f_{j-i,i,1}} = S$ . For the second part, it is enough to check the case  $S'$ . We have  $\Gamma(b) = \{b^2, ab^2, a, 1\} = \Gamma(b^3)$  thus  $\sigma = (b b^3) \in (Aut\Gamma)_1$ , but  $f_{1,0,3}, f_{-1,1,1}, f_{-1,1,3} \in Aut(G_1, S)$  and Lemma 3.3 show that  $\sigma \notin Aut(G_1, S)$ , i.e.,  $(Aut\Gamma)_1 \neq Aut(G_1, S)$  and by Proposition 2.1,  $\Gamma$  is not a normal Cayley graph.  $\square$

In the next theorem, we present the main condition under which the Cayley graph of group  $G_1$  becomes connected normal edge-transitive.

**Theorem 3.5.**  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_1, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if its valency is even, greater than two,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b, a^j b^3 \mid 0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}\}$ ,  $S = S^{-1}$  and  $\text{Aut}(G_1, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .

*Proof.* If  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph, then by Proposition 2.3, its valency should be even. Since  $\langle S \rangle = G_1$ , then by Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 3.4,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b, a^j b^3 \mid i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}\}$ , the graph is undirected,  $S = S^{-1}$ . Hence  $S \subseteq \{a^i b, a^j b^3 \mid \text{for some } 0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}\}$ . From Proposition 2.2, either  $\text{Aut}(G_1, S)$  acts on  $S$  transitively, or  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$  are orbits of the action of  $\text{Aut}(G_1, S)$  on  $S$ . But we observe  $f_{1,0,3} \in \text{Aut}(G_1, S)$ , which implies both of  $a^i b$  and  $(a^i b)^{-1} = a^i b^3$  belong to the same orbit for  $0 \leq i < p^2$  in which  $a^i b \in S$ , and that contradiction with the assumption  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . Hence  $\text{Aut}(G_1, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** If  $\Gamma$  is a connected Cayley graph of the group  $G_1$ , then  $\Gamma$  is not normal  $1/2$ -arc-transitive.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_1, S)$  be a normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ . Then either  $d = p^2$  or  $d \mid p(p-1)$  and  $d \neq p$ . Moreover, for each of the above numbers, there is, up to isomorphism, one normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.5,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b, a^j b^3 \mid 0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}\}$ . Set  $U = \{a^i b, a^j b^3 \mid 0 \leq i < p^2\}$ , in this case,  $U$  is an orbit of the action of  $\text{Aut}(G_1)$  on  $G_1$  and so  $\text{Cay}(G_1, U)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive graph of valency  $2p^2$ . Now suppose  $S \subseteq \{a^i b, a^j b^3 \mid 0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}\}$ ,  $\langle S \rangle = G_1$  and  $\Gamma$  is a Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ . Since  $\text{Aut}(G_1, S) \leq \text{Aut}(G_1)$  and  $\text{Aut}(G_1, S)$  is transitive on  $S$  (Theorem 3.5), we have  $|S| = 2d \mid |\text{Aut}(G_1, S)| \mid |\text{Aut}(G_1)| = 2p^3(p-1)$ , implying  $d \mid p^3(p-1)$ . On the other hand, we have  $d \leq p^2$ , hence either  $d = p^2$  or  $d \mid p(p-1)$  proving the first assertion of the theorem. To prove the existence and uniqueness part in the theorem, if  $d = p^2$ , then as mentioned above,  $\text{Cay}(G_1, U)$  is the unique normal maximal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2p^2$ . Now suppose  $d \mid p(p-1), d > 1$ . The stabilizer of  $b$  under  $A = \text{Aut}(G_1)$  is the group  $A_b = \{f_{i,0,1} \mid 1 \leq i < p^2, i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}\} \cong U_{p^2}$ . Let  $t$  be a generator of  $U_{p^2}$ , so that  $A_b = \langle f_{t,0,1} \rangle$ . Since  $d \mid p(p-1)$ , the group  $U_{p^2}$  contains a unique subgroup of order  $d$ , and if we set  $u = t^{\frac{p-1}{d}}$ , then  $\langle f_{u,0,1} \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $A_b$  with order  $d$ . Now consecutive effects of  $f_{u,0,1}$  on  $ab$  yields the set  $T = \{ab, a^u b, \dots, a^{u^{(d-1)}} b\}$  whose size is  $d$  and is invariant under  $f_{u,0,1}$ . Let us set  $T^{-1} = \{x^{-1} \mid x \in T\} = \{ab^3, a^u b^3, \dots, a^{u^{(d-1)}} b^3\}$  and  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . We claim that  $\text{Cay}(G_1, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. By the argument used in Lemma 3.4, where  $d \neq p$ , we have  $\langle S \rangle = G_1$ . It is easy to see that  $f_{u,0,3}$  interchanges elements of  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$ , also the automorphism

group of  $Cay(G_1, S)$  is  $\langle f_{u,0,1}, f_{u,0,3} \rangle$ , implying  $Cay(G_1, S)$  is connected normal edge-transitive of valency  $2d$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group $G_2$

We consider the group  $G_2$ , which is defined in the section 2 and we will prove that its Cayley graph on some set can be connected normal  $1/2$ -arc-transitive Cayley graph. Recall that we assume  $p$  is an odd prime. The existence of  $\lambda$  satisfying the condition  $(\lambda)^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p^2}$  implies that  $4|(p-1)$ , hence  $p$  must be a prime of the form  $p = 1 + 4k$ . The order of non-identity elements of  $G_2$  are as follows:

$$O(a^i) = \frac{p^2}{(i, p^2)} = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } (i, p^2) = p \\ p^2 & \text{if } (i, p^2) = 1 \end{cases}$$

We have  $O(a^i b^2) = 2$ ,  $O(a^i b^k) = 4$ ,  $0 \leq i < p^2$ ,  $k = 1, 3$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $Aut(G_2)$ . Thus if  $\sigma \in Aut(G_2)$ , then  $\sigma(a) = a^i$  and either  $\sigma(b) = a^j b$  or  $\sigma(b) = a^j b^3$  for  $1 \leq i < p^2$ ,  $(i, p^2) = 1$  and  $0 \leq j < p^2$ , but we also have  $\sigma(b^{-1}ab) = \sigma(a)$ , thus in the latter case we obtain a contradiction. Therefore, we have:

$$Aut(G_2) = \{g_{i,j} \mid g_{i,j}(a) = a^i, g_{i,j}(b) = a^j b, 1 \leq i < p^2, (i, p^2) = 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq j < p^2\} \cong Z_{p^2} \rtimes U_{p^2}$$

and it has the following orbits on  $G_2 : \{1\}, \{a^i \mid 1 \leq i < p^2, (i, p^2) = 1\}, \{a^{mp} \mid 1 \leq m < p\}, \{a^i b^3 \mid 0 \leq i < p^2\}, \{a^i b \mid 0 \leq i < p^2\}$  and  $\{a^i b^2 \mid 0 \leq i < p^2, (i, p^2) = 1\}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.**  $\Gamma = Cay(G_2, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if it has even valency,  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T \subseteq \{a^i b, a^j b \mid 0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}\}$  and  $Aut(G_2, S)$  acts transitively on  $T$ . Moreover, if  $\Gamma = Cay(G_2, S)$  is a normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ , Then either  $d = p^2$  or  $d|p(p-1)$  and  $d \neq p$ . Moreover, for each of the above numbers, there is, up to isomorphism, one normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ .

*Proof.* At first we assume that  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. The fact that  $\Gamma$  has even valency follows from Proposition 2.3. By Proposition 2.2, in the action of  $Aut(G_2, S)$  on  $S$ , we can deduce either  $S$  is an orbit or  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  is an orbit. We have  $(a^i b^2)^{-1} = a^i b^2$ , thus if  $a^i b^2 \in S$  for some  $0 \leq i < p^2$ , the case  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$  cannot occur, i.e.,  $Aut(G_2, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ , but  $\Gamma$  is connected, i.e.,  $\langle S \rangle = G$ , therefore  $S$  should contain some element other than  $a^j b^2, 0 \leq j < p^2$ , say  $x$ , such that its order is not 2. Hence, there is no  $g_{r,s} \in Aut(G_2, S) \subseteq Aut(G_2)$  such that  $g_{r,s}(x) = a^i b^2$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $y = a^i \in S$  for some  $1 \leq i < p^2$ . Since  $\Gamma$  is connected, i.e.,  $\langle S \rangle = G_2$ ,  $S$  should contain an element  $x$ , where  $x = a^j b$  or  $x = a^j b^3$  for some  $0 \leq j < p^2$ . But since  $(x)^{-1} \neq y$ , without loss



of generality, we can assume  $x$  and  $y$  are contained in the same orbit. But there is no  $g_{r,s} \in \text{Aut}(G_2, S) \subseteq \text{Aut}(G_2)$  such that  $g_{r,s}(x) = y$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $S$  contains only elements of types  $a^i b$  and  $a^j b^3$  for  $0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}$ . But  $S = S^{-1}$  and for each  $0 \leq j < p^2$ , there is some  $0 \leq i < p^2$ , where  $(a^j b)^{-1} = a^i b^3$ , hence  $S$  contains not only  $a^i b$  but also  $a^j b^3$  for  $0 \leq i, j < p^2$ . Therefore,  $\text{Aut}(G_2)$  and consequently  $\text{Aut}(G_2, S)$  is not transitive on  $S$ , hence  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T \subseteq \{a^i b, a^j b \mid 0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}\}$ , and  $\text{Aut}(G_2, S)$  acts transitively on  $T$ . The second part of the theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.7.  $\square$

**Example 4.2.** Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_2, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4.  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b, a^j b, a^{-i\lambda} b^3, a^{-j\lambda} b^3\}$  for some  $0 \leq i, j < p^2, i \not\equiv j \pmod{p}$  and in this case  $|\text{Aut}(G_2, S)| = 2$ . By Theorem 4.1, it is sufficient to put  $T = \{a^i b, a^j b\}$  and consider  $g_{-1.i+j} \in \text{Aut}(G_2, S)$ .

### 5. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group $G_4$

The order of non-identity elements of  $G_4$  are as follows:

$$O(a^i b^j) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } 0 \leq i < 2p, i \text{ is even}, 0 \leq j < p \\ 2p & \text{if } 0 \leq i < 2p, i \text{ is odd}, 0 \leq j < p \\ 2 & \text{if } i = p, j = 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$O(a^i b^j c) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } p, 0 \leq j < p \\ 2p & \text{if } 1 \leq i < 2p, i \neq p, 0 \leq j < p \end{cases}$$

Using the above facts, we can find  $\text{Aut}(G_4)$ . If  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(G_4)$ , then  $\sigma(a) \in \{a^i b^j, a^k b^j c \mid i \text{ is odd}, 0 < i, k < 2p, 0 \leq j < p\}$ ,  $\sigma(b) \in \{a^i b^j \mid i \text{ is even}, 0 \leq i < 2p, 0 \leq j < p\}$  and  $\sigma(c) \in \{a^i b^j c \mid i = 0 \text{ or } p, 0 \leq j < p\}$ , but we also have  $\sigma(ab) = \sigma(ba)$ ,  $\sigma(ac) = \sigma(ca)$  and  $\sigma(abc) = \sigma(b^{-1})$ . According to this relations, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Aut}(G_4) &= \{f_{i,j,l,k} \mid f_{i,j,l,k}(a) = a^i, f_{i,j,l,k}(b) = b^j, f_{i,j,l,k}(c) = a^l b^k c, \\ &1 \leq i < 2p, (i, 2p) = 1, 1 \leq j < p, k = 0, p, 0 \leq k < p\} \\ &\cong (Z_2 \times Z_p) \rtimes (U_{2p} \times U_p) \end{aligned}$$

and it has the following orbits on  $G_4$ :  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{a^i \mid 1 \leq i < 2p, (i, 2p) = 1\}$ ,  $\{a^i \mid 1 \leq i < 2p, (i, 2p) = 2\}$ ,  $a^p$ ,  $\{b^k \mid 1 \leq k < p\}$ ,  $\{a^i b^j c \mid 1 \leq i < 2p, i \neq p, 0 \leq j < p\}$ ,  $\{a^i b^j c \mid i = 0, p, 0 \leq j < p\}$ ,  $\{a^i b^j \mid 1 \leq i < 2p, (i, 2p) = 1, 1 \leq j < p\}$ ,  $\{a^i b^j \mid 1 \leq i < 2p, (i, 2p) = 2, 1 \leq j < p\}$  and  $\{a^p b^j \mid 1 \leq j < p\}$ .

**Theorem 5.1.**  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_4, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if its valency is even, greater than two,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c\}$

$0 < i, k < 2p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l, i + k$  is odd},  $S = S^{-1}$  and  $Aut(G_4, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .

*Proof.* At first, we assume that  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. The fact that  $\Gamma$  has even valency follows from Proposition 2.3. Since  $G_4 = \langle S \rangle$  and the elements of  $S$  have same order, so  $S$  consist of elements of order  $2p$ . Thus if  $a^i b^j \in S$  for some  $0 \leq i < 2p$  and  $0 \leq j < p$ ,  $S$  should contain some element other than  $a^i b^j \in S$ , say  $x$ , such that its order is  $2p$ . If  $x = a^k b^l$ , for some  $k, l$ , then  $\langle S \rangle \langle G_4 \rangle$ , a contradiction. So  $x$  must be  $a^k b^l c$  but in this case, there is no  $f_{i,j,l,k} \in Aut(G_4, S) \subseteq Aut(G_4)$  such that  $f_{i,j,l,k}(x) = a^i b^j$ , a contradiction. If  $a^i b^j c$  and  $a^k b^l c$  are in  $S$  for some  $0 \leq i, k < 2p$  and  $0 \leq j, l < p$ , then we have  $(a^i b^j c)^2 = a^{2i}$  and  $(a^i b^j c a^k b^l c)^p = a^{p(i+j)}$ , if  $i + j$  is odd, then  $a^{p+2} \in S$  implying  $a \in S$  and by  $i \neq j$ , we can conclude that  $b \in S$  and so  $c \in S$ . So we have  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c | 0 \leq i, k < 2p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l, i + k$  is odd}. By Proposition 2.2, in the action of  $Aut(G_4, S)$  on  $S$ , we can deduce either  $S$  is an orbit or  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  is an orbit. But we observe  $f_{-1,1,0,0} \in Aut(G_4, S)$ , which implies both of  $a^i b^j c$  and  $(a^i b^j c)^{-1} = a^{-i} b^j c$  belong to the same orbit for  $0 \leq i < 2p$  and  $0 \leq j < p$  in which  $a^i b^j c \in S$ , and that contradiction with the assumption  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . Hence  $Aut(G_4, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G_4, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4. Then  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^{i+p} b^l c, a^{-i} b^j c, a^{p-i} b^l c\}$  or  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^{-i} b^j c, a^{-k} b^l c\}$  when  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  for some  $0 < i, k < 2p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l$ . In the first case,  $Aut(G_4, S) \cong Z_2 \times Z_2$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 5.1, we have  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^{-i} b^j c, a^{-k} b^l c\}$  such that  $i + j$  is odd number and  $j \neq l$ . In this case,  $G_4 = \langle S \rangle$  and then  $\Gamma$  is connected. Now  $Aut(G_4, S)$  must be transitive on  $S$ . Let  $f_{m,n,t,s} \in Aut(G_4, S)$  and  $f_{m,n,t,s}(a^i b^j c) = a^k b^l c$ . Since  $i + k$  is odd number (suppose  $i$  is odd number and  $k$  is even number) we must have  $t = p$ , then we have one of the following cases:

case 1:  $f_{m,n,t,s}(a^k b^l c) = a^i b^j c$ .

In this case, we have  $im + t \equiv k \pmod{2p}$  and  $km + t \equiv i \pmod{2p}$ , from this relations we conclude that  $k = p + i, f_{1,-1,p,l+j}, f_{-1,1,0,0}$  and  $f_{-1,-1,p,l+j}$  are in  $Aut(G_4, S)$  implying that  $Aut(G_4, S)$  is transitive on  $S$ . We have  $Aut(G_4, S) \leq S_4$  and  $Aut(G_4, S)$  has no elements of order 3 or 4 but have 3 elements of order 2, then  $Aut(G_4, S) \cong Z_2 \times Z_2$ .

case 2:  $f_{m,n,t,s}(a^k b^l c) = a^{-i} b^j c$ .

In this case, we have  $im + t \equiv k \pmod{2p}$  and  $km + t \equiv -i \pmod{2p}$ , from this relations we conclude that  $m^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$  and this equation has answer when  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . In this case,  $f_{m,-1,p,l+j}$  is in  $Aut(G_4, S)$  forcing  $Aut(G_4, S)$  is transitive on  $S$ .

case 3:  $f_{m,n,t,s}(a^k b^l c) = a^{-k} b^j c$ .

In this case we must have  $km + p \equiv -k \pmod{2p}$ , but  $k$  is even number and then  $km + p$  is odd number implying that  $km + p \equiv -k \pmod{2p}$  can not be occur.  $\square$

**6. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group  $G_5$**

The order of non-identity elements of  $G_5$  are as follows:

$$O(a^i b^j) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } 0 \leq i < 2p, i \text{ is even}, 0 \leq j < p \\ 2p & \text{if } 0 \leq i < 2p, i \text{ is odd}, 0 \leq j < p, i \neq p \\ 2 & \text{if } i = p, j = 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$O(a^i b^j c) = 2, \quad 0 \leq i < 2p, 0 \leq j < p.$$

Using the above facts, we can find  $Aut(G_5)$ .

$$Aut(G_5) = \{f_{k,t,l,n,i,j} \mid f_{k,t,l,n,i,j}(a) = a^k b^t, f_{k,t,l,n,i,j}(b) = a^l b^n, \\ f_{k,t,l,n,i,j}(c) = a^i b^j c, 0 \leq k, l, i < 2p, (k, 2p) = 1, (l, 2p) = 2, \\ 0 \leq n, t, j < p, \text{ and for any } 0 \leq m < 2p \\ l \not\equiv mk \pmod{p} \text{ or } n \not\equiv mt \pmod{p}\}$$

and it has the following orbits on  $G_5 : \{1\}, \{a^p\}, \{a^p b^k \mid 1 \leq k < p\}, \{a^i b^j c \mid 0 \leq i < 2p, 0 \leq j < p\}, \{a^i b^j \mid 1 \leq i < 2p, (i, 2p) = 1, 0 \leq j < p\}, \{a^i b^j \mid 0 \leq i < 2p, (i, 2p) = 2, 0 \leq j < p\}$ .

**Lemma 6.1.** *If  $Cay(G_5, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order 2.*

*Proof.* Proof of this lemma is similar to the proof of Lemma 3.2.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.2.** *Let  $0 \leq i, k, t < 2p, 0 \leq j, l, n < p$ . Then  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^t b^n c\}$  generates  $G_5$  if and only if,*

1.  $j = l = n$  do not occur.
2.  $i, k, t$  are not all even or all odd.
3. If there exist  $m$  such that  $(j - l)m \equiv j - n \pmod{p}$ , then  $(i - k)m \not\equiv i - t \pmod{p}$ .

*Proof.* Proof of this lemma is similar to the proof of Lemma 3.3.  $\square$

**Example 6.3.** Let  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^i c, b^j c, c\}$ . Then  $\Gamma = Cay(G_5, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley of valency 4 and  $Aut(G_5, S) \cong Z_2 \times Z_2$ .

By Lemma 6.2, we have  $G_5 = \langle S \rangle$  so  $\Gamma$  is connected. The set  $S$  is equivalent to  $S' = \{abc, ac, bc, c\}$  since  $S'^{f_{1,0,0,-1,0,1}} = S$ . Therefore, it is sufficient to check it for  $S'$ .  $f_{1,0,0,-1,0,1}, f_{-1,0,0,-1,1,1}, f_{-1,0,0,1,1,0}$  are all in  $Aut(G_5, S')$  and send  $abc$  to  $ac, c, bc$  respectively, so  $Cay(G_5, S')$  is a connected normal

edge-transitive Cayley of valency 4. Since  $Aut(G_5, S)$  has no elements of order 3 or 4 while it has 3 elements of order 2, so  $Aut(G_5, S) \cong Z_2 \times Z_2$ .

**Theorem 6.4.**  $\Gamma = Cay(G_5, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^t b^n c \mid 0 \leq i, k, t < 2p, 0 \leq j, l, n < p\}$ ,  $S$  satisfy the conditions of Lemma 6.2,  $S = S^{-1}$  and  $Aut(G_5, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .

*Proof.* Proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 5.1. □

### 7. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group $G_6$

Elements of  $G_6$  can be written uniquely in the form  $\{a^i b^j c^k d^l, 0 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, 0 \leq k, l < 2\}$ . The order of elements of  $G_6$  are as follows:  $O(a^i b^j) = p, O(a^i b^j c d) = O(a^i c) = O(b^j d) = 2$  where  $0 \leq i, j < p$ . For  $1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p$ , we have  $O(a^j b^i c) = O(a^i b^j d) = 2p$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $Aut(G_6)$ . Any  $\sigma \in Aut(G_6)$  is determined by its effect on  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ . For  $1 \leq i, j < p, 0 \leq l, k < p$ , we have:

$$Aut(G_6) = \{f_{i,j,l,k} \mid f_{i,j,l,k}(a) = a^i, f_{i,j,l,k}(b) = b^j, f_{i,j,l,k}(c) = a^l c, f_{i,j,l,k}(d) = b^k d\} \cup \{g_{i,j,l,k} \mid g_{i,j,l,k}(a) = b^i, g_{i,j,l,k}(b) = a^j, g_{i,j,l,k}(c) = b^l d, f_{i,j,l,k}(d) = a^k c\}$$

**Lemma 7.1.** If  $Cay(G_6, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order  $2p$  or  $2$ .

Next, we can express the main condition under which the Cayley graph of group  $G_6$  becomes connected normal edge-transitive.

**Theorem 7.2.**  $\Gamma = Cay(G_6, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c\}$  or  $S \subseteq \{a^i c, a^j c, b^k d, b^l d, 1 \leq j, k < p, 0 \leq i, l < p\}$ ,  $S = S^{-1}$  and  $Aut(G_6, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .

*Proof.* If  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph, then by Lemma 7.1, elements of  $S$  have order 2 or  $2p$ . First assume elements of  $S$  have order 2 and let  $a^i b^j c d \in S$ . Since  $(a^i b^j c d)^{Aut(G_6)} = a^t b^m c d$  for some  $1 \leq t, m < p$ , so  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c d\}$ . But in this case  $\langle S \rangle < G_6$  and  $Cay(G_6, S)$  can not be connected. Therefore assume that  $a^i c, b^k d \in S$ . Since  $\langle S \rangle = G_6$ , so  $S$  must contain some element other than  $a^i c, b^k d \in S$ , such that its order is 2. If  $S = \{a^i c, b^k d, b^l d\}$ , then  $b, d \in S$  but  $a \notin S$ , therefore  $S$  must have another element of the form  $a^j c$ , hence  $S \subseteq \{a^i c, a^j c, b^k d, b^l d\}$ ,  $1 \leq j, k < p, 0 \leq i, l < p$ . From Proposition 2.2, either  $Aut(G_6, S)$  acts on  $S$  transitively, or  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$  are orbits of the action of  $Aut(G_6, S)$  on  $S$ . But we observe that  $T = T^{-1}$ , therefore,  $Aut(G_6, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ . Now assume that elements of  $S$  have order  $2p$  and let  $a^i b^j c \in S$ . Since  $\langle S \rangle = G_6$ , so  $S$  must contain some element other than  $a^i b^j c \in S$ , such that its order is  $2p$ . If  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l d\}$  such that  $j, k \neq 0$ , then  $G_6 = \langle S \rangle$  and therefore  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l d\}$ . From Proposition 2.2, either  $Aut(G_6, S)$  acts

on  $S$  transitively, or  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$  are orbits of the action of  $Aut(G_6, S)$  on  $S$ . But we know that  $T = T^{-1}$ , hence  $Aut(G_6, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ . But we observe  $f_{-1, -1, 2i, 2i} \in Aut(G_6, S)$ , which implies both of  $a^i b^j c, a^k b^l d$  and  $(a^i b^j c)^{-1} = a^i b^{-j} c, (a^k b^l d)^{-1} = a^{-k} b^l d$  belong to the same orbit for  $0 \leq i, j, k, l < p$  in which  $a^i b^j c, a^k b^l d \in S$ , and that contradiction with the assumption  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . Hence  $Aut(G_6, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 7.3.** *If  $\Gamma$  is a connected Cayley graph of the group  $G_6$ , then  $\Gamma$  is not normal 1/2-arc-transitive.*

**Lemma 7.4.** *Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G_6, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4 and elements of  $S$  has order 2. The  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i c, a^j c, b^k d, b^l d\}$  where  $0 \leq i, j, k, l < p, i \neq j, l \neq k$ . Moreover, in this case  $Aut(G_6, S) \cong D_8$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 7.2, it is enough to show that  $Aut(G_6, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ . The set  $S$  is equivalent to  $S' = \{c, d, ac, bd\}$ , since  $S'^{f_{j-i, k-i, i, i}} = S$ . Therefore, it is sufficient to check it for  $S'$ . But  $g_{1, 1, 0, 0}, f_{-1, -1, 1, 1}, g_{-1, -1, 1, 1} \in Aut(G_6, S)$  and send  $c$  to  $d, ac, bd$ , respectively. Moreover,  $Aut(G_6, S')$  has no elements of order 3 and has 2 elements of order 4 ( $g_{1, -1, 0, 1}, g_{-1, 1, 1, 0}$ ) and 5 elements of order 2 ( $f_{-1, -1, 1, 1}, g_{-1, -1, 1, 1}, g_{1, 1, 0, 0}, f_{-1, 1, 1, 0}, f_{1, -1, 0, 1}$ ), so  $Aut(G_6, S') \cong D_8$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 7.5.** *Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G_6, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4 and elements of  $S$  has order  $2p$ . Then  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^i b^{-j} c, a^k b^l d, a^{-k} b^l d\}$  where  $0 \leq i, l < p, 1 \leq j, k < p$ . Moreover, in this case  $Aut(G_6, S) \cong D_8$ .*

*Proof.* Proof of this lemma is similar to the proof of Lemma 7.4.  $\square$

**Example 7.6.** If  $S = \{a^i b^j c^k | 1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, k = 1, 3\}$ , then  $Cay(G_6, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2p(p - 1)$ .

### 8. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group $G_7$

Elements of  $G_7$  can be written uniquely in the form  $\{a^i b^j c^k, 0 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, 0 \leq k < 4\}$ . The order of elements of  $G_7$  are as follows:  
 $O(a^i b^j) = p$  where  $0 \leq i, j < p$ . For  $1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, k = 1, 3$ , we have  $O(c^2) = 2, O(b^j c^k) = 4, O(a^i b^j c^k) = 4p$  and  $O(a^i b^j c^2) = 2p$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $Aut(G_7)$ .

**Lemma 8.1.**  *$Aut(G_7) \cong (Z_2 \times Z_p) \rtimes (U_p \times U_p)$ , and it has the following orbits on  $G_7$  :  $\{1\}, \{a^i | 1 \leq i < p\}, \{b^j | 1 \leq j < p\}, \{a^i b^j | 1 \leq i, j < p\}, \{a^i c^2 | 1 \leq i < p\}, \{a^i b^j c^k | 1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, k = 1, 3\}, \{a^i b^j c^2 | 1 \leq i < p, 1 \leq j < p\}, \{b^j c^2 | 1 \leq j < p\}$  and  $\{b^j c^k | 0 \leq j < p, k = 1, 3\}$ .*

*Proof.* Any  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(G_7)$  is determined by its effect on  $a, b$  and  $c$ . For  $1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, k = 1, 3, \sigma(a) \in \{a^i b^j\}, \sigma(b) \in \{a^i b^j\}$  and  $\sigma(c) \in \{b^j c^k\}$ , but we also have  $\sigma(c^{-1}bc) = \sigma(b^{-1}), \sigma(ab) = \sigma(ba)$  and  $\sigma(ac) = \sigma(ca)$ , thus according to this relations we have:

$$\text{Aut}(G_7) = \{h_{i,j,l,k} \mid h_{i,j,l,k}(a) = a^i, h_{i,j,l,k}(b) = b^j, h_{i,j,l,k}(c) = b^l c^k \mid 1 \leq i, j < p, 0 \leq l < p, k = 1, 3\}$$

and we have:

$$(h_{i,j,l,k})o(h_{i',j',l',k'}) = h_{ii',jj',j'l'+l,kk'}$$

$$h_{i,j,l,k}^{-1} = h_{i_1,j_1,-j_1,l,k}$$

In the above relations,  $i_1$  and  $j_1$  are the numbers such that  $ii_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and  $jj_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .

Define  $A = \{h_{1,1,l,k} \mid k = 1, 3, 0 \leq l < p\}$  and  $B = \{h_{i,j,0,1} \mid 1 \leq i, j < p\}$ , so  $A \trianglelefteq \text{Aut}(G_4), A \cap B = id$  and  $\text{Aut}(G_7) = AB$ . Therefore we have:

$$\text{Aut}(G_7) \cong (Z_2 \times Z_p) \rtimes (U_p \times U_p).$$

□

**Lemma 8.2.** *If  $\text{Cay}(G_7, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order  $4p$  and  $|S| > 2$  is even. Moreover, for odd prime number  $p, S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^{-k} b^l c^3, a^{-i} b^j c^3 \mid 1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p\}$  is generate  $G_7$  if and only if  $j \neq l$ .*

*Proof.* Proof of the first part is similar to Lemma 3.2. Generating condition of  $S$  comes from the relations,  $(a^i b^j c)^4 = a^{4i}, (a^i b^j c)^2 = a^{2i} c^2$  and  $b^l c b^j c = b^{l-j} c^2$ . □

**Lemma 8.3.** *Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_7, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4. Then  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^{\pm i} b^l c, a^{-i} b^j c^3, a^{\mp i} b^l c^3\}$  where  $1 \leq i, j < p, 0 \leq l < p, j \neq l$ . Moreover, in this case  $\text{Aut}(G_7, S) \cong Z_2 \times Z_2$ .*

*Proof.* According to Lemma 8.2,  $S$  have elements of order  $4p$ . First set  $S' = \{ac, abc, a^{-1}c^3, a^{-1}bc^3\}$ . In this case  $h_{1,-1,1,1}, h_{-1,1,0,3}, h_{-1,-1,1,3} \in \text{Aut}(G_7, S)$  and  $(ac)^{h_{1,-1,1,1}} = abc, (ac)^{h_{-1,1,0,3}} = a^{-1}c^3$  and  $(ac)^{h_{-1,-1,1,3}} = a^{-1}bc^3$ , so  $\text{Aut}(G_7, S')$  is transitive on  $S$  and  $\text{Cay}(G_7, S')$  is connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. Moreover,  $\text{Aut}(G_7, S') \cong Z_2 \times Z_2$ . Similarly, if  $S'' = \{ac, a^{-1}bc, a^{-1}c^3, abc^3\}$ , then  $\text{Cay}(G_7, S'')$  is connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. Now  $h_{i,l-j,j,1} \in \text{Aut}(G_7), (S')^{h_{i,l-j,j,1}} = \{a^i b^j c, a^i b^l c, a^{-i} b^j c^3, a^{-i} b^l c^3\}$  and  $(S'')^{h_{i,l-j,j,1}} = \{a^i b^j c, a^{-i} b^l c, a^{-i} b^j c^3, a^i b^l c^3\}$ . So  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_7, S)$  is connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. Now set  $S = \{x, y, x^{-1}, y^{-1}\}$ , if  $x = a^i b^j c$ , then since  $G_7 = \langle S \rangle, y$  must be either  $a^k b^l c$  or  $a^k b^l c^3$  such that  $j \neq l$ . Suppose  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_7, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. By

Proposition 2.2, in the action of  $Aut(G_7, S)$  on  $S$ , we can deduce either  $S$  is an orbit or  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  is an orbit. In the last case we have  $T = \{x, y\}$  or  $T = \{x, y^{-1}\}$ , but  $h_{-1,1,0,3} \in Aut(G_7, S)$ ,  $T^{h_{-1,1,0,3}} = T^{-1}$ , therefore  $Aut(G_7, S)$  must be transitive on  $S$ . Since  $Aut(G_7, S)$  is transitive on  $S$ , so there exist  $h_{m,n,t,s} \in Aut(G_7, S)$ , such that  $h_{m,n,t,s}(x) = y$  and  $h_{m,n,t,s}(y) = x$  or  $x^{-1}$  or  $y^{-1}$ . First suppose  $h_{m,n,t,s}(x) = y$  and  $h_{m,n,t,s}(y) = x$ . In this case we must have  $im \equiv k \pmod{p}$  and  $km \equiv i \pmod{p}$ , therefore  $p \mid (i - k)(m + 1)$ . Since  $1 \leq i, k, m < p$ , we have  $i = k$  or  $m = -1$ . So  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^i b^l c, a^{-i} b^j c^3, a^{-i} b^l c^3\}$  or  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^{-i} b^l c, a^{-i} b^j c^3, a^i b^l c^3\}$ .

Now suppose  $h_{m,n,t,s}(x) = y$  and  $h_{m,n,t,s}(y) = x^{-1}$ , in this case we must have  $s \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $s \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  that is impossible.

In the last case suppose  $h_{m,n,t,s}(x) = y$  and  $h_{m,n,t,s}(y) = y^{-1}$ , in this case we must have  $s \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $s \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  that is impossible. So we have  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^{\pm i} b^l c, a^{-i} b^j c^3, a^{\mp i} b^l c^3\}$  and  $Aut(G_7, S) \cong Z_2 \times Z_2$ .  $\square$

Next, we can express the main condition under which the Cayley graph of group  $G_7$  becomes connected normal edge-transitive.

**Theorem 8.4.**  $\Gamma = Cay(G_7, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if its valency is even, greater than two,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c^3 \mid 1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l\}$ ,  $S = S^{-1}$  and  $Aut(G_7, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .

*Proof.* If  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph, then by Proposition 2.3, its valency should be even. By Lemma 8.2 and Lemma 8.3,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c^3 \mid 1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l\}$  and  $S = S^{-1}$ . From Proposition 2.2, either  $Aut(G_7, S)$  acts on  $S$  transitively, or  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$  are orbits of the action of  $Aut(G_7, S)$  on  $S$ . But we observe  $h_{-1,1,0,3} \in Aut(G_7, S)$ , which implies both of  $a^i b^j c$  and  $(a^i b^j c)^{-1} = a^{-i} b^j c^3$  belong to the same orbit for  $1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p$  in which  $a^i b^j c \in S$ , and that contradicts the assumption  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . Hence  $Aut(G_7, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 8.5.** If  $\Gamma$  is a connected Cayley graph of the group  $G_7$ , then  $\Gamma$  is not normal  $1/2$ -arc-transitive.

**Example 8.6.** If  $S = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid 1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, k = 1, 3\}$ , then  $Cay(G_7, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2p(p - 1)$ .

**Theorem 8.7.** Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G_7, S)$  be a normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ . Then  $d = p$  or  $d \mid p(p - 1)$  or  $d \mid (p - 1)^2$ . Moreover, for each of the above numbers, there is, up to isomorphism, one normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 8.4,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c^3 \mid 1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l\}$  and by Example 8.6,  $Cay(G_7, U)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive graph of valency  $2p(p - 1)$ , where  $U = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid 1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, k = 1, 3\}$ . Now suppose  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c^3 \mid 1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l\}$  and  $\Gamma$  is a Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ . Since  $Aut(G_7, S) \leq Aut(G_7)$  and  $Aut(G_7, S)$  is

transitive on  $S$  (Theorem 8.4), we have  $|S| = 2d \mid |Aut(G_7, S)| \mid |Aut(G_7)| = 2p(p-1)^2$ , implying  $d \mid p(p-1)^2$ . On the other hand,  $d \leq p(p-1)$ , hence  $d = p$  or  $d \mid (p-1)$  or  $d \mid p(p-1)$  or  $d \nmid (p-1)$  but  $d \mid (p-1)^2$ , proving the first assertion of the theorem. To prove the existence and uniqueness part in the theorem, if  $d = p(p-1)$ , then as mentioned above,  $Cay(G_7, U)$  is the unique normal maximal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2p(p-1)$ . Now suppose  $d = p$ . Consecutive application of  $h_{1,1,1,1}$  on  $ac$  yields the set  $T = \{ac, abc, ab^2c, \dots, ab^{(p-1)}c\}$  whose size is  $p$  and is invariant under  $h_{1,1,1,1}$ . Let us set  $T^{-1} = \{x^{-1} \mid x \in T\} = \{a^{-1}c^3, a^{-1}b^3, a^{-1}b^2c^3, \dots, a^{-1}b^{(p-1)}c^3\}$  and  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . By the argument used in Lemma 8.2, we have  $\langle S \rangle = G_7$ . It is easy to see that  $h_{-1,1,0,3}$  interchanges elements of  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$ , also  $Aut(G_7, S)$  is transitive on  $S$ , implying  $Cay(G_7, S)$  is connected normal edge-transitive of valency  $2p$ . Now let  $d \mid (p-1), d > 1$ . The stabilizer of  $a$  and  $c$  under  $A = Aut(G_7)$  is the group  $A_{a,c} = \{h_{1,i,0,1} \mid 1 \leq i < p\} \cong U_p$ . Let  $t$  be a generator of  $U_p$ , so that  $A_{a,c} = \langle h_{1,t,0,1} \rangle$ . Since  $d \mid (p-1)$ , the group  $U_p$  contains a unique subgroup of order  $d$ , and if we set  $u = t^{\frac{p-1}{d}}$ , then  $\langle h_{1,u,0,1} \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $A_{a,c}$  with order  $d$ . Now consecutive application of  $h_{1,u,0,1}$  on  $abc$  yields the set  $T = \{abc, ab^uc, \dots, ab^{u^{d-1}}c\}$  whose size is  $d$  and is invariant under  $h_{1,u,0,1}$ . Let us set  $T^{-1} = \{x^{-1} \mid x \in T\}$  and  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . We claim that  $Cay(G_7, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. Similar to the above,  $\langle S \rangle = G_7$  and  $h_{-1,1,0,3}$  interchanges elements of  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$ , also the automorphism group of  $Cay(G_7, S)$  is  $\langle h_{1,u,0,1}, h_{-1,1,0,3} \rangle$ , implying  $Cay(G_7, S)$  is connected normal edge-transitive of valency  $2d$ . Now let  $d \nmid p-1$  and  $d \neq p$  but  $d \mid p(p-1)$ , in this case we have  $d = tp$  such that  $t \mid p-1$ . Set  $E = \{h_{u,1,i,1} \mid u^t \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, 0 \leq i < p\} \leq Aut(G_7)$ , consecutive effects of  $h_{u,1,i,1}$  on  $ac$  yields the set  $T = \{ac, a^uc, \dots, a^{u^{t-1}}c, abc, a^ubc, \dots, a^{u^{t-1}}bc, \dots, a^{u^{t-1}}b^{p-1}c\}$  whose size is  $d$  and is invariant under  $E$  and set  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , similar to the above,  $Cay(G_7, S)$  is connected normal edge-transitive of valency  $2d$ . Finally let  $d \nmid (p-1)$  but  $d \mid (p-1)^2$ , in this case  $d = ms$  such that  $m \mid p-1$  and  $s \mid p-1$ . Set  $H = \langle h_{u,1,0,1}, h_{1,t,0,1} \rangle$  such that  $t^m \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and  $u^s \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Consecutive application of  $H$  on  $abc$  yields the set  $T = \{abc, a^ubc, \dots, a^{u^{s-1}}bc, ab^tc, a^ub^tc, \dots, a^{u^{s-1}}b^tc, \dots, ab^{t^{k-1}}c, \dots, a^{u^{s-1}}b^{t^{k-1}}c\}$  whose size is  $d$  and is invariant under  $H$  and set  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , hence  $Cay(G_7, S)$  is connected normal edge-transitive of valency  $2d$ .  $\square$

### 9. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group $G_8$

Elements of  $G_8$  can be written uniquely in the form  $\{a^i b^j c^k, 0 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, 0 \leq k < 4\}$ . The order of elements of  $G_8$  are as follows: for  $0 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, k = 1, 3$ , we have  $O(a^i b^j) = p, O(c^2) = 2, O(a^i b^j c^k) = 4$  and  $O(a^i b^j c^2) = 2p$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $Aut(G_8)$ . Let us choose  $0 \leq i, j, k, l < p$  with following properties:



1. If there exist  $1 \leq s < p$  such that  $si \equiv k \pmod{p}$ , then  $sj \not\equiv l \pmod{p}$ .
  2.  $i = j = 0$  and  $k = l = 0$  do not occur.
- With this condition we set  $f_{i,j,k,l,m,n,t}(a) = a^i b^j$ ,  $f_{i,j,k,l,m,n,t}(b) = a^k b^l$  and  $f_{i,j,k,l,m,n,t}(c) = a^m b^n c^t$ , then we have:

$$Aut(G_8) = \{f_{i,j,k,l,m,n,t} \mid 0 \leq i, j, k, l, m, n < p, t = 1, 3\}$$

and for  $0 \leq i, j < p$ , it has the following orbits on  $G_8 : \{1\}, \{a^i b^j\}, \{a^i b^j c^2 \mid i \text{ and } j \text{ are not zero in same time}\}, \{c^2\}$  and  $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid k = 1, 3\}$ .

**Lemma 9.1.** *If  $Cay(G_8, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order 4. Moreover,  $|S| \geq 6$  is even.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.2, elements of  $S$  have the same order. Since  $\langle S \rangle = G_8$ , the set  $S$  cannot contain elements of order  $p, 2p$  or  $2$ , and should contain elements of order 4 only. By Proposition 2.3,  $|S|$  is even. Now set  $|S| = 4$ , then  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^i b^j c^3, a^k b^l c^3 \mid 0 \leq i, j, k, l < p\}$ . We have:

$$(a^i b^j c)^m = \begin{cases} c^2 & m=2 \\ a^i b^j c & m=1 \\ a^i b^j c^3 & m=3 \end{cases}$$

$a^i b^j c a^k b^l c = a^{i-k} b^{j-l} c^2$  and  $a^i b^j c a^k b^l c^3 = a^{i-k} b^{j-l}$ . So according to the above relations,  $\langle S \rangle \langle G_8$ .

Now set  $|S| = 6$ , then  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^t b^f c, a^i b^j c^3, a^k b^l c^3, a^t b^f c^3 \mid 0 \leq i, j, k, l, t, f < p\}$ . In this case  $\langle S \rangle = G_8$  if and only if  $0 \leq i, j, k, l, t, f < p$  and if there exist  $1 \leq s < p$  such that  $s(k - i) \equiv (t - i) \pmod{p}$ , then  $s(l - j) \not\equiv (f - j) \pmod{p}$ . Because we have  $a^k b^l c a^i b^j c^3 = a^{k-i} b^{l-j}$  and  $a^t b^f c a^i b^j c^3 = a^{t-i} b^{f-j}$ . According to the above relations,  $b^{s(l-j)-(f-j)} \in \langle S \rangle$  and so  $b \in \langle S \rangle$ , also  $a \in \langle S \rangle$  and  $c \in \langle S \rangle$ . □

**Theorem 9.2.** *Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G_8, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 6. Then  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^t b^f c, a^i b^j c^3, a^k b^l c^3, a^t b^f c^3 \mid 0 \leq i, j, k, l, t, f < p\}$ , where if there exist  $1 \leq s < p$  such that  $s(k - i) \equiv (t - i) \pmod{p}$ , then  $s(l - j) \not\equiv (f - j) \pmod{p}$ .*

*Proof.* Set  $S' = \{c, ac, bc, c^3, ac^3, bc^3\}$ . First we prove that  $Cay(G_8, S')$  is connected normal edge-transitive. By Lemma 9.1,  $\langle S' \rangle = G_8$  and so  $Cay(G_8, S')$  is connected. The automorphisms  $f_{0,1,1,0,0,0,1}, f_{-1,0,-1,1,1,0,1}, f_{1,0,0,1,0,0,3}, f_{0,1,1,0,0,0,3}$  and  $f_{-1,0,-1,1,1,0,3}$  are all in  $Aut(G_8, S')$  and transfer  $ac$  to  $bc, c, ac^3, bc^3$  and  $c^3$  respectively. So  $Aut(G_8, S')$  is transitive on  $S'$  and  $Cay(G_8, S')$  is connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. Now according to condition of theorem,  $f_{k-i, l-j, t-i, f-j, i, j, 1}$  is in  $Aut(G_8)$  and  $S'^{f_{k-i, l-j, t-i, f-j, i, j, 1}} = S$  and the proof is completed. □

10. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group  $G_9$  and  $G'_9$

The order of elements of  $G_9$  are as follows:

for  $0 \leq i < p$ ,  $0 \leq j < p$ ,  $k = 1, 3$ , we have  $O(a^i b^j) = p$ ,  $O(a^i b^j c^k) = 4$  and  $O(a^i b^j c^2) = 2$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $Aut(G_9)$ . Set  $f_{i,j,k,l}(a) = a^i b^j$ ,  $f_{i,j,k,l}(b) = a^{-j} b^i$ ,  $f_{i,j,k,l}(c) = a^k b^l c$ ,  $g_{i,j,k,l}(a) = a^i b^j$ ,  $g_{i,j,k,l}(b) = a^j b^{-i}$ ,  $g_{i,j,k,l}(c) = a^k b^l c^3$ , then we have:

$$Aut(G_9) = \{f_{i,j,k,l}, g_{i,j,k,l} \mid 0 \leq i, j, k, l < p, \text{ and } i, j \text{ are not both zero}\}$$

$|Aut(G_9)| = 2p^2(p^2 - 1)$  and for  $0 \leq i, j < p, k = 1, 3$ ,  $Aut(G_9)$  has the following orbits on  $G_9 : \{1\}, \{a^i b^j\}, \{a^i b^j c^2\}$  and  $\{a^i b^j c^k\}$ .

**Lemma 10.1.** *If  $Cay(G_9, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order 4. Moreover,  $|S| \geq 4$  is even.*

**Lemma 10.2.** *Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G_9, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4.  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^{-j} b^i c^3, a^{-l} b^k c^3\}$  where  $0 \leq i, j, k, l < p$ .*

*Proof.* At first we prove that  $\langle S \rangle = G_9$ . We have  $a^i b^j c a^{-l} b^k c^3 = a^{i-k} b^{j-l}$  and  $a^{-l} b^k c^3 a^i b^j c = a^{j-l} b^{k-i}$ , so there exist integer  $m$  such that  $m(k-i) \equiv j-l \pmod{p}$  and  $m(l-j) \not\equiv k-i \pmod{p}$ . So we have  $(a^{i-k} b^{j-l})^m a^{j-l} b^{k-i} = b^{m(j-l)+(k-i)}$ , therefore  $b \in \langle S \rangle$  and also  $a \in \langle S \rangle$  and  $c \in \langle S \rangle$ .

Now set  $S' = \{c, bc, a^{-1} c^3, c^3\}$ . Then  $\langle S' \rangle = G_9$  and  $Cay(G_9, S')$  is connected. Also we have  $f_{-1,0,0,1}, g_{0,-1,0,0}, g_{0,1,-1,0} \in Aut(G_9, S')$  and  $c^{f_{-1,0,0,1}} = bc$ ,  $c^{g_{0,-1,0,0}} = c^3$  and  $c^{g_{0,1,-1,0}} = a^{-1} c^3$ , implying that  $Aut(G_9, S')$  is transitive on  $S'$  and so  $Cay(G_9, S')$  is connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. Now we have  $f_{l-j, i-k, i, j} \in Aut(G_9)$  and  $S'^{f_{l-j, i-k, i, j}} = S$ , therefore  $\Gamma = Cay(G_9, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph.  $\square$

**Theorem 10.3.**  *$\Gamma = Cay(G_9, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if its valency is even, greater than two,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c^t \mid 0 \leq i, j < p, t = 1, 3\}$ ,  $S = S^{-1}$  and  $Aut(G_9, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ . Moreover, if  $\Gamma$  is a normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ , then  $d = p^2$ ,  $d = p$ ,  $d \mid (p-1)$ ,  $d \mid p(p-1)$  or  $d \nmid (p-1)$  but  $d \mid (p^2 - 1)$ . For each of the above numbers, there is, up to isomorphism, one normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph, then by Proposition 2.3, its valency should be even. By Lemma 10.1,  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c^t \mid 0 \leq i, j < p, t = 1, 3\}$ , since the graph is undirected,  $S = S^{-1}$ , and by Lemma 10.2, if  $|S| > 2$ , then  $\langle S \rangle = G_9$ . From Proposition 2.2, either  $Aut(G_9, S)$  acts on  $S$  transitively, or  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$  are orbits of the action of  $Aut(G_9, S)$  on  $S$ . But we observe that  $g_{-1,0, i-j, i-j} \in Aut(G_9, S)$ , which implies both of  $a^i b^j c$  and  $(a^i b^j c)^{-1} = a^{-j} b^i c^3$  belong to the same orbit for  $0 \leq i, j < p$

in which  $a^i b^j c \in S$ , and that contradiction with the assumption  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . Hence  $Aut(G_9, S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .

If  $U = \{a^i b^j c^t | 0 \leq i, j < p, t = 1, 3\}$ , then  $U$  is an orbit of  $Aut(G_9)$ , therefore in this case,  $Aut(G_9, U)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2p^2$ . Now suppose  $S \subseteq \{a^i b^j c^t | 0 \leq i, j < p, t = 1, 3\}$ ,  $\langle S \rangle = G_9$  and  $\Gamma$  is a Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ . Since  $Aut(G_9, S) \leq Aut(G_9)$  and  $Aut(G_9, S)$  is transitive on  $S$ , we have  $|S| = 2d \mid |Aut(G_9, S)| \mid |Aut(G_9)| = 2p^2(p^2 - 1)$ , implying  $d \mid p^2(p^2 - 1)$ . On the other hand, we have  $d \leq p^2$ , hence  $d = p^2$  or  $d = p$  or  $d \mid (p - 1)$  or  $d \mid p(p - 1)$  or  $d \nmid (p - 1)$  but  $d \mid (p^2 - 1)$ , proving the first assertion of the theorem. To prove the existence and uniqueness part in the theorem, if  $d = p^2$ , then as mentioned above,  $Cay(G_9, U)$  is the unique normal maximal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2p^2$ . Now suppose  $d = p$  and set  $S = \{c, ac, a^2c, \dots, a^{p-1}c, c^3, bc^3, \dots, b^{p-1}c^3\}$  whose size is  $2p$ . We have  $f_{-1,0,i,0}, g_{0,1,0,i} \in Aut(G_9, S)$ ,  $c^{f_{-1,0,i,0}} = a^i c$  and  $c^{g_{0,1,0,i}} = b^i c$ . So  $Aut(G_9, S)$  is transitive on  $S$ , implying  $Cay(G_9, S)$  is connected normal edge-transitive of valency  $2p$ .

Now let  $d \mid (p - 1), d > 1$ . Define  $E = \{f_{i,0,0,0} | 1 \leq i < p\}$ . Then  $E$  is a subgroup of  $Aut(G_9)$  and  $E \cong U_p$ . Let  $t$  be a generator of  $U_p$ , so that  $E = \langle f_{t,0,0,0} \rangle$ . Since  $d \mid (p - 1)$ , the group  $U_p$  contains a unique subgroup of order  $d$ , and if we set  $u = t^{\frac{p-1}{d}}$ , then  $\langle f_{u,0,0,0} \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $E$  with order  $d$ . Now consecutive application of  $f_{u,0,0,0}$  on  $ac$  yields the set  $T = \{ac, a^u c, \dots, a^{u^{d-1}} c\}$  whose size is  $d$  and is invariant under  $f_{u,0,0,0}$ . Let us set  $T^{-1} = \{x^{-1} | x \in T\}$  and  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . We claim that  $Cay(G_9, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. Similar to the above  $\langle S \rangle = G_9$  and  $g_{0,1,0,0}$  interchanges elements of  $T$  and  $T^{-1}$ . Also the automorphism group of  $Cay(G_9, S)$  is  $\langle f_{u,0,0,0}, g_{0,1,0,0} \rangle$ , implying  $Cay(G_9, S)$  is connected normal edge-transitive of valency  $2d$ .

Now let  $d \nmid p - 1$  and  $d \neq p$  but  $d \mid p(p - 1)$ . In this case, we have  $d = tp$  such that  $t \mid p - 1$ . Let  $s$  be a number such that  $s^t \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and set  $T = \{ac, a^s c, \dots, a^{s^{t-1}} c, abc, a^s bc, \dots, a^{s^{t-1}} bc, \dots, a^{s^{t-1}} b^{p-1} c\}$  whose size is  $d$  and is invariant under  $F = \{f_{s,0,0,i}, f_{1,0,0,1} | s^t \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, 0 \leq i < p\} \leq Aut(G_9, T)$ . Set  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , similar to the above,  $Cay(G_9, S)$  is connected normal edge-transitive of valency  $2d$ .

Finally let  $d \mid (p^2 - 1)$ . The stabilizer of  $c$  under  $A = Aut(G_9)$  is the abelian group  $A_c = \{f_{i,j,0,0} | 0 \leq i, j < p, i, j \text{ are not both zero}\}$  and  $|A_c| = p^2 - 1$ . Since  $d \mid (p^2 - 1)$ , the group  $A_c$  contains a unique element of order  $d$ , say  $\sigma$ . Now consecutive application of  $\sigma$  on  $ac$  yields the set  $T$  whose size is  $d$  and is invariant under  $\sigma$ . Let us set  $T^{-1} = \{x^{-1} | x \in T\}$  and  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ . In this case  $Cay(G_9, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ . □

Next we consider  $G'_9$ .

Elements of  $G'_9$  can be written uniquely in the form  $\{a^i b^j c^k, 0 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, 0 \leq k < 4\}$ . The order of elements of  $G'_9$  are as follows: for  $0 \leq i, j < p, k = 1, 3$ , We have  $O(a^i b^j) = p, O(a^i b^j c^k) = 4$  and  $O(a^i b^j c^2) = 2$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $Aut(G'_9)$ . Set  $f_{i,j,k,l}(a) = a^i, f_{i,j,k,l}(b) = b^j, f_{i,j,k,l}(c) = a^k b^l c, g_{i,j,k,l}(a) = b^i, g_{i,j,k,l}(b) = a^j, g_{i,j,k,l}(c) = a^k b^l c^3$ , then we have:

$$Aut(G'_9) = \{f_{i,j,k,l}, g_{i,j,k,l} \mid 0 \leq k, l < p, 1 \leq i, j < p\}$$

$|Aut(G'_9)| = 2p^2(p-1)^2$  and for  $0 \leq i, j < p, k = 1, 3, Aut(G'_9)$  has the following orbits on  $G'_9 : \{1\}, \{a^i \mid 1 \leq i < p\}, \{b^j \mid 1 \leq j < p\}, \{a^i b^j \mid 1 \leq i, j < p\}, \{a^i b^j c^2 \mid 0 \leq i, j < p\}$  and  $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid 0 \leq i, j < p, k = 1, 3\}$ .

**Lemma 10.4.** *If  $Cay(G'_9, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order 4. Moreover,  $|S| \geq 4$  is even.*

**Lemma 10.5.** *Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G'_9, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4. Then  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^{-i\lambda} b^{j\lambda} c^3, a^{-k\lambda} b^{l\lambda} c^3\}$  where  $0 \leq i, j, k, l < p$  and  $j \neq l, i \neq k$ .*

*Proof.* At first we prove that  $\langle S \rangle = G'_9$ . We have  $a^i b^j c a^{-k\lambda} b^{l\lambda} c^3 = a^{i-k} b^{j-l}$  and  $a^i b^j c a^k b^l c = a^{i-k\lambda} b^{j+l\lambda} c^2, (a^i b^j c)^2 = a^{i-i\lambda} b^{j+j\lambda} c^2, a^{i-k\lambda} b^{j+l\lambda} c^2 a^{i-i\lambda} b^{j+j\lambda} c^2 = a^{i\lambda-k\lambda} b^{l\lambda-j\lambda}$ . So  $b^{2(l-j)\lambda} \in \langle S \rangle$ , since  $j \neq l$ , then  $b \in \langle S \rangle$ . From condition  $i \neq k$  and above relations, we conclude that  $a \in \langle S \rangle$  and  $c \in \langle S \rangle$ .

Now let  $m$  and  $n$  be the integers such that  $mn \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, m\lambda(i-k) \equiv j-l \pmod{p}$  and  $n\lambda(l-j) \equiv i-k \pmod{p}$ , then  $f_{-1,-1,i+k,j+l}, g_{m,n,-k\lambda-jn,l\lambda-im} \in Aut(G'_9, S)$ . We have  $(a^i b^j c)^{f_{-1,-1,i+k,j+l}} = a^k b^l c, (a^i b^j c)^{g_{m,n,-k\lambda-jn,l\lambda-im}} = a^{-k\lambda} b^{l\lambda} c^3$  and  $(a^i b^j c)^{f_{-1,-1,i+k,j+l} \circ g_{m,n,-k\lambda-jn,l\lambda-im}} = a^{-i\lambda} b^{j\lambda} c^3$ . Therefore  $Aut(G'_9, S)$  is transitive on  $S$  and  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph.  $\square$

### 11. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group $G_{10}$

The order of elements of  $G_{10}$  are as follows:

$O(a^i b^j) = p(0 \leq i, j < p)$  and for  $1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p, k = 1, 3$ , we have  $O(b^j c^k) = 4, O(b^j c^2) = 2, O(a^i b^j c^k) = 4p$  and  $O(a^i b^j c^2) = 2p$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $Aut(G_{10})$ .

**Lemma 11.1.** *For odd prime  $p, Aut(G_{10}) \cong Z_p \times (U_p \times U_p)$ , and it has the following orbits on  $G_{10} : \{1\}, \{a^i \mid 1 \leq i < p\}, \{b^j \mid 1 \leq j < p\}, \{a^i b^j \mid 1 \leq i, j < p\}, \{b^j c \mid 0 \leq j < p\}, \{b^j c^2 \mid 0 \leq j < p\}, \{b^j c^3 \mid 0 \leq j < p\}, \{a^i b^j c \mid 1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p\}, \{a^i b^j c^2 \mid 1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p\}$  and  $\{a^i b^j c^3 \mid 1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p\}$ .*

*Proof.* Any  $\sigma \in Aut(G_{10})$  is determined by its effect on  $a, b$  and  $c$ . Taking orders into account and by relations  $\sigma(ab) = \sigma(ba), \sigma(ac) = \sigma(ca)$  and

$\sigma(c^{-1}bc) = \sigma(b^\lambda)$ , we have  $\sigma(a) = a^i$ ,  $\sigma(b) = b^j$  and  $\sigma(c) = b^k c$ , where  $1 \leq i, j < p$ ,  $0 \leq k < p$ . It can be verified that  $\sigma = f_{i,j,k}$  defined as above, can be extended to an automorphism of  $G_{10}$ . Therefore,  $Aut(G_{10}) = \{f_{i,j,k} | 1 \leq i, j < p, 0 \leq k < p\}$  is a group of order  $p(p-1)^2$ . We have  $f_{i,j,k} \circ f_{i',j',k'} = f_{ii',jj',jk'+k}$  and  $f_{i,j,k}^{-1} = f_{i_1,j_1,-kj_1}$ , hence if we define  $A = \{f_{1,1,k} | 0 \leq k < p\}$  and  $B = \{f_{i,j,0} | 1 \leq i, j < p\}$ , then  $Aut(G_{10}) = A \times B$ ,  $A \cap B = id$  and  $A \trianglelefteq Aut(G_{10})$ . So  $Aut(G_{10}) \cong Z_p \rtimes (U_p \times U_p)$  and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 11.2.** *If  $Cay(G_{10}, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order  $4p$ . Moreover,  $|S| > 2$  is even.*

**Lemma 11.3.**  *$S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c^3, a^{-i} b^{-j\lambda} c^3, a^{-k} b^{l\lambda} c\}$  generates  $G_{10}$  if and only if  $1 \leq i, k < p$ ,  $0 \leq j, l < p$ ,  $j \not\equiv l\lambda \pmod{p}$ .*

*Proof.* Generating condition of  $S$  comes from the relations  $(a^i b^j c)^4 = a^{4i}$ ,  $a^i b^j c a^k b^l c^3 = a^{i+k} b^{j-l\lambda}$ . Since  $p$  is odd, then we can conclude that  $a \in \langle S \rangle$  and so  $b \in \langle S \rangle$  and  $c \in \langle S \rangle$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 11.4.**  *$\Gamma = Cay(G_{10}, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if it has even valency,  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c | 1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l\}$  and  $Aut(G_{10}, S)$  acts transitively on  $T$ . Moreover, if  $\Gamma$  is a normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ , then  $d = p$ ,  $d|(p-1)$ ,  $d|p(p-1)$  or  $d \nmid (p-1)$  but  $d|(p-1)^2$ . For each of the above numbers, there is, up to isomorphism, one normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. The fact that  $\Gamma$  has even valency follows from Proposition 2.3. By Proposition 2.2, in the action of  $Aut(G_{10}, S)$  on  $S$ , we can deduce either  $S$  is an orbit or  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T$  is an orbit. By Lemma 11.2 and Lemma 11.3,  $S$  contains only elements of types  $a^i b^j c$  and  $a^k b^l c^3$  for  $1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l\lambda$ . But in the action of  $Aut(G_{10})$  on  $G_{10}$ ,  $a^i b^j c$  and  $a^k b^l c^3$  belongs to the two separated orbits and since  $Aut(G_{10}, S) \leq Aut(G_{10})$  then  $Aut(G_{10}, S)$  is not transitive on  $S$ . Therefore  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c | 1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l\}$ , and  $Aut(G_{10}, S)$  acts transitively on  $T$ . The second part of the theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 10.3.  $\square$

**Lemma 11.5.** *Let  $\Gamma = Cay(G_{10}, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4. Then  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^{\pm i} b^l c, a^{-i} b^{-j\lambda} c^3, a^{\mp i} b^{-l\lambda} c^3\}$  where  $1 \leq i < p$ ,  $0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 11.3,  $\langle S \rangle = G_{10}$  and by Theorem 11.4,  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c | \text{for some } 1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l\}$  and  $Aut(G_{10}, S)$  acts transitively on  $T$ . Since  $Aut(G_{10}, S)$  acts transitively on  $T$ . Then there exist  $f_{m,n,t} \in Aut(G_{10}, S)$  such that  $(a^i b^j c)^{f_{m,n,t}} = a^k b^l c$  and  $(a^k b^l c)^{f_{m,n,t}} = a^i b^j c$ . Therefore,  $im \equiv k \pmod{p}$  and  $km \equiv i \pmod{p}$  implying  $k = \pm i$ . In

the case  $k = i$ ,  $f_{1,-1,l+j} \in \text{Aut}(G_{10}, S)$  and  $T$  is invariant under  $f_{1,-1,l+j}$ . In the case  $k = -i$ ,  $f_{-1,-1,l+j} \in \text{Aut}(G_{10}, S)$  and  $T$  is invariant under  $f_{-1,-1,l+j}$ . Therefore in both cases,  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph.  $\square$

12. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group  $G_{11}$

The order of elements of  $G_{11}$  are as follows:

For  $0 \leq i, j < p, k = 1, 3$  we have  $O(a^i b^j) = p$ ,  $O(a^i b^j c^k) = 4$  and for  $1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p$ , we have  $O(b^j c^2) = 2$ , and  $O(a^i b^j c^2) = 2p$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $\text{Aut}(G_{11})$ .

**Lemma 12.1.** For odd prime  $p$ ,  $\text{Aut}(G_{11}) \cong (Z_p \times Z_p) \rtimes (U_p \times U_p)$ , and it has the following orbits on  $G_{11} : \{1\}, \{a^i | 1 \leq i < p\}, \{b^j | 1 \leq j < p\}, \{a^i b^j | 1 \leq i, j < p\}, \{b^j c^2 | 0 \leq j < p\}, \{a^i b^j c | 0 \leq i, j < p\}, \{a^i b^j c^2 | 1 \leq i < p, 0 \leq j < p\}$  and  $\{a^i b^j c^3 | 0 \leq i, j < p\}$ .

*Proof.* Any  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(G_{11})$  is determined by its effect on  $a, b$  and  $c$ . Taking orders into account and by relations  $\sigma(ab) = \sigma(ba)$ ,  $\sigma(c^{-1}ac) = \sigma(a^{-1})$  and  $\sigma(c^{-1}bc) = \sigma(b^\lambda)$ , we have  $\sigma(a) = a^i$ ,  $\sigma(b) = b^j$  and  $\sigma(c) = a^k b^l c$ , where  $1 \leq i, j < p, 0 \leq k, l < p$ . It can be verified that  $\sigma = f_{i,j,k,l}$  defined as above can be extended to an automorphism of  $G_{11}$ . Therefore,  $\text{Aut}(G_{11}) = \{f_{i,j,k,l} | 1 \leq i, j < p, 0 \leq k, l < p\}$  is a group of order  $(p(p-1))^2$ . We have  $f_{i,j,k,l} \circ f_{i',j',k',l'} = f_{ii',jj',ik'+k,jl'+l}$  and  $f_{i,j,k,l}^{-1} = f_{i_1,j_1,-ki_1,-lj_1}$ , hence if we define  $A = \{f_{1,1,k,l} | 0 \leq k, l < p\}$  and  $B = \{f_{i,j,0,0} | 1 \leq i, j < p\}$ , then  $\text{Aut}(G_{11}) = A \times B$ ,  $A \cap B = id$  and  $A \trianglelefteq \text{Aut}(G_{11})$ . So  $\text{Aut}(G_{11}) \cong (Z_p \times Z_p) \rtimes (U_p \times U_p)$  and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 12.2.** If  $\text{Cay}(G_{11}, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order 4. Moreover,  $|S| > 2$  is even.

**Lemma 12.3.**  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^i b^{-j\lambda} c^3, a^k b^{-l\lambda} c^3\}$  generates  $G_{11}$  if and only if  $0 \leq i, j, l, k < p, j \neq l$  and  $k \neq i$ .

*Proof.* Proof of this lemma is similar to the proof of Lemma 11.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 12.4.**  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_{11}, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if it has even valency,  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T \subseteq \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c | 0 \leq i, j, l, k < p, k \neq i, j \neq l\}$  and  $\text{Aut}(G_{11}, S)$  acts transitively on  $T$ . Moreover, if  $\Gamma$  is a normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ , then  $d = p^2, d|(p-1), d|p(p-1)$  or  $d \nmid (p-1)$  but  $d|(p-1)^2$ . For each of the above numbers, there is, up to isomorphism, one normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of valency  $2d$ .

*Proof.* Proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 11.4.  $\square$

**Lemma 12.5.** Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_{11}, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 4. Then  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^i b^{-j\lambda} c^3, a^k b^{-l\lambda} c^3\}$  where  $0 \leq i, j, l, k < p, j \neq l$  and  $k \neq i$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 12.3,  $\langle S \rangle = G_{11}$  and by Theorem 12.4,  $S = T \cup T^{-1}$ , where  $T = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c \mid \text{for some } 1 \leq i, k < p, 0 \leq j, l < p, j \neq l, i \neq k\}$  and we have  $f_{-1, -1, i+k, j+l} \in \text{Aut}(G_{11})$  such that  $(a^i b^j c)^{f_{-1, -1, i+k, j+l}} = a^k b^l c$ . So  $\text{Aut}(G_{11}, S)$  acts transitively on  $T$  and  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph.  $\square$

### 13. Normal edge-transitive Cayley graphs on group $G_{12}$

The order of elements of  $G_{12}$  are as follows:

For  $0 \leq i, j < p, k = 1, 3$  we have  $O(a^i b^j) = p$ ,  $O(a^i b^j c^k) = 4$  and  $O(a^i b^j c^2) = 2$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $\text{Aut}(G_{12})$ . Any  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(G_{12})$  is determined by its effect on  $a, b$  and  $c$ . Using the above facts, we can find  $\text{Aut}(G_{12})$ . Let us choose  $0 \leq i, j, k, l < p$  with following properties:

1. If there exist  $1 \leq s < p$  such that  $si \equiv k \pmod{p}$ , then  $sj \not\equiv l \pmod{p}$ .
2.  $i = j = 0$  and  $k = l = 0$  do not occur.

With this conditions, we set  $f_{i,j,k,l,m,n}(a) = a^i b^j$ ,  $f_{i,j,k,l,m,n,t}(b) = a^k b^l$  and  $f_{i,j,k,l,m,n,t}(c) = a^m b^n c$ , then we have:

$$\text{Aut}(G_{12}) = \{f_{i,j,k,l,m,n} \mid 0 \leq i, j, k, l, m, n < p\}$$

and it has the following orbits on  $G_{12}$  :  $\{1\}, \{a^i b^j\}, \{a^i b^j c^2\}, \{a^i b^j c\}$  and  $\{a^i b^j c^3\}$  where  $0 \leq i, j < p$ .

**Lemma 13.1.** *If  $\text{Cay}(G_{12}, S)$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph on  $S$ , then  $S$  consists of elements of order 4. Moreover,  $|S| \geq 6$  is even.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.2, elements in  $S$  have the same order. Since  $\langle S \rangle = G_{12}$ , the set  $S$  cannot contain elements of order  $p$  or 2, and should contain elements of order 4 only. By Proposition 2.3,  $|S|$  is even. Now set  $|S| = 4$ , then  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^{-i\lambda} b^{-j\lambda} c^3, a^{-k\lambda} b^{-l\lambda} c^3 \mid 0 \leq i, j, k, l < p\}$ . We have:

$$(a^i b^j c)^m = \begin{cases} a^{i-i\lambda} b^{j-j\lambda} c^2 & m=2 \\ a^{-i\lambda} b^{-j\lambda} c^3 & m=3 \\ 1 & m=4 \end{cases}$$

$a^i b^j c a^k b^l c = a^{i-k\lambda} b^{j-l\lambda} c^2$  and  $a^i b^j c a^{-k\lambda} b^{-l\lambda} c^3 = a^{i-k} b^{j-l}$ . So according to above relations  $\langle S \rangle \langle G_{12}$ .

Now set  $|S| = 6$ , then  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c, a^t b^f c, a^{-i\lambda} b^{-j\lambda} c^3, a^{-k\lambda} b^{-l\lambda} c^3, a^{-t\lambda} b^{-f\lambda} c^3 \mid 0 \leq i, j, k, l, t, f < p\}$ . In this case  $\langle S \rangle = G_{12}$  if and only if  $0 \leq i, j, k, l, t, f < p$  and if there exist  $1 \leq s < p$  such that  $s(k-i) \equiv (t-i) \pmod{p}$ , then  $s(l-j) \not\equiv (f-j) \pmod{p}$ . Because we have  $a^k b^l c a^{-i\lambda} b^{-j\lambda} c^3 = a^{k-i} b^{l-j}$  and  $a^t b^f c a^{-i\lambda} b^{-j\lambda} c^3 = a^{t-i} b^{f-j}$ . According to above relations,  $b^{s(l-j)-(f-j)} \in \langle S \rangle$  and so  $b \in \langle S \rangle$ , also  $a \in \langle S \rangle$  and  $c \in \langle S \rangle$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 13.2.** *Let  $\Gamma = \text{Cay}(G_{12}, S)$  be a Cayley graph of valency 6.  $\Gamma$  is a connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph if and only if  $S = \{a^i b^j c, a^k b^l c,$*

$a^t b^f c, a^i b^j c^3, a^k b^l c^3, a^t b^f c^3 | 0 \leq i, j, k, l, t, f < p$  such that if there exist  $1 \leq s < p$  such that  $s(k-i) \equiv (t-i) \pmod{p}$ , then  $s(l-j) \not\equiv (f-j) \pmod{p}$ .

*Proof.* Set  $S' = \{c, ac, bc, c^3, a^{-\lambda}c^3, b^{-\lambda}c^3\}$ . With Lemma 13.1,  $\langle S' \rangle = G_{12}$  and so  $\text{Cay}(G_{12}, S')$  is connected. Set  $T = \{c, ac, bc\}$ , the automorphisms  $f_{0,1,1,0,0,0}$  and  $f_{-1,0,-1,1,1,0}$  are in  $\text{Aut}(G_{12}, S')$  and transfers  $ac$  to  $bc$ ,  $c$ . So  $\text{Aut}(G_{12}, S')$  is transitive on  $T$ , therefore  $\text{Cay}(G_{12}, S')$  is connected normal edge-transitive Cayley graph. Now according to the conditions of theorem,  $f_{k-i, l-j, t-i, f-j, i, j}$  is in  $\text{Aut}(G_{12})$  and  $S'^{f_{k-i, l-j, t-i, f-j, i, j}} = S$  and the proof is completed.  $\square$

According to the above results, we can state the following theorem.

**Theorem 13.3.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a connected Cayley graph of order  $4p^2$ , where  $p$  is a prime number. Then  $\Gamma$  is normal  $\frac{1}{2}$ -arc-transitive if and only if  $\Gamma$  is a normal edge-transitive Cayley graph of a group isomorphic to one of the groups  $G_2$ ,  $G_{10}$ ,  $G_{11}$  or  $G_{12}$ .*

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