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ON AUTOMORPHISM GROUPS OF $AT_4(7, 9, r)$ -GRAPHS AND THEIR LOCAL SUBGRAPHS

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The paper is devoted to the problem of classification of $AT_4(p, p+2, r)$ -graphs. An example of an $AT_4(p, p+2, r)$ -graph with $p=2$ is provided by the Soicher graph with intersection array $\{56, 45, 16, 1; 1, 8, 45, 56\}$. The question of existence of $AT_4(p, p+2, r)$ -graphs with $p > 2$ is still open. One task in their classification is to describe such graphs of small valency. We investigate the automorphism groups of a hypothetical $AT_4(7, 9, r)$ -graph and of its local graphs. The local graphs of each $AT_4(7, 9, r)$ -graph are strongly regular with parameters $(711, 70, 5, 7)$. It is unknown whether a strongly regular graph with these parameters exists. We show that the automorphism group of each $AT_4(7, 9, r)$ -graph acts intransitively on its arcs. Moreover, we prove that the automorphism group of each strongly regular graph with parameters $(711, 70, 5, 7)$ acts intransitively on its vertices.

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