

# Strongly regular graphs arising from non weakly regular ternary bent functions

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## Abstract

In [3], Tan, Pott and Feng proved that a ternary bent function  $f : \mathbb{F}_{3^{2m}} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_3$  such that  $f(x) = f(-x)$  is weakly regular if and only if the two subsets  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  (see [3]) of  $\mathbb{F}_{3^{2m}}$  are partial difference sets with certain parameters.

In [1], Çesmelioglu, Meidl and Pott stated that for an odd prime  $p$ , “the existence of a non weakly regular bent function  $f : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_n$  with the dual  $f^*$  is weakly regular” is an open problem. In [2], among other things, we solved this open problem by using two subsets  $B^+(f)$  and  $B^-(f)$  of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ . These subsets  $B^+(f)$  and  $B^-(f)$  were defined in [2].

In this work we obtain analogous results of [3] for non weakly regular bent functions using the subsets  $B^+(f)$  and  $B^-(f)$  of [2]. In particular we show that, if  $f : \mathbb{F}_{3^{2m}} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_3$  is a non weakly regular bent function such that  $f(x) = f(-x)$ , then the subsets  $B^+(f)$  and  $B^-(f)$  are regular partial difference sets with certain parameters. Moreover, if dual  $f^*$  of  $f$  is not bent, then those partial difference sets are non-trivial regular partial difference sets corresponding to non trivial strongly regular graphs.

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