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The small Ree group ${}^{2}G_{2}(3^{2n+1})$ and related graph

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Abstract: Let G be a finite group. The main supergraph $\mathcal{S}(G)$ is a graph with vertex set G in which two vertices x and y are adjacent if and only if o(x) | o(y) or o(y) | o(x). In this paper, we will show that $G \cong {}^{2}G_{2}(3^{2n+1})$ if and only if $\mathcal{S}(G) \cong \mathcal{S}({}^{2}G_{2}(3^{2n+1}))$. As a main consequence of our result we conclude that Thompson's problem is true for the small Ree group ${}^{2}G_{2}(3^{2n+1})$.

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