On finite groups whose power graph is a cograph

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Abstract

The undirected power graph (or simply power graph) of a group G, denoted by P(G), is a graph whose vertices are the elements of the group G, in which two vertices u and v are connected by an edge between if and only if either $u = v^i$ or $v = u^j$ for some i, j.

The cographs is an important graph class which can be defined in terms of forbidden induced subgraphs. A P_4 -free graph is called a cograph. Here we try to understand when the power graph of a finite group is a cograph.