

## Subgraph

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\text{sub}(G)$  containing all subgraphs of  $G$ . We define a relation  $<$  over  $\text{sub}(G)$  as follows. For any two subgraphs  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  of  $G$ ,  $g_1 < g_2$  if and only if  $g_1$  is a subgraph of  $g_2$ . Prove that  $<$  is a partial order.

Recall that any relation  $R$  is a partial order if  $R$  is reflexive, transitive, antisymmetric. So, you have to show that following for  $<$  relation defined over subgraphs of  $G$ .

1. For every  $g$  in  $\text{sub}(G)$ ,  $g < g$ .
2. For every  $g_1, g_2, g_3$  in  $\text{sub}(G)$ , if  $g_1 < g_2$  and  $g_2 < g_3$  then  $g_1 < g_3$ .
3. For every  $g_1, g_2$  in  $\text{sub}(G)$ , if  $g_1 < g_2$  and  $g_2 < g_1$  then  $g_1 = g_2$ .