Self referencing foreign key doesn't correctly order by a relation <u>id</u> field.

## Description

Initially discovered on 2.2.10 but verified still happens on 3.0.6.

Given the following models:

```
class OneModel(models.Model):
    class Meta:
        ordering = ("-id",)

    id = models.BigAutoField(primary_key=True)
    root = models.ForeignKey("OneModel", on_delete=models.CASCADE,
null=True)
    oneval = models.BigIntegerField(null=True)

class TwoModel(models.Model):
    id = models.BigAutoField(primary_key=True)
    record = models.ForeignKey(OneModel, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    twoval = models.BigIntegerField(null=True)
```

The following queryset gives unexpected results and appears to be an incorrect SQL query:

```
qs = TwoModel.objects.filter(record__oneval__in=[1, 2, 3])
qs = qs.order_by("record__root_id")
print(qs.query)
```

```
SELECT
   "orion_twomodel"."id",
   "orion_twomodel"."record_id",
   "orion_twomodel"."twoval"
FROM
   "orion_twomodel"
   INNER JOIN "orion_onemodel" ON (
        "orion_twomodel"."record_id" = "orion_onemodel"."id"
   )
   LEFT OUTER JOIN "orion_onemodel" T3 ON ("orion_onemodel"."root_id" = T3."id")
WHERE
   "orion_onemodel"."oneval" IN (1, 2, 3)
ORDER BY
   T3."id" DESC
```

The query has an unexpected DESCENDING sort. That appears to come from the default sort order on the OneModel class, but I would expect the order\_by() to take precedence. The query has two JOINS, which is unnecessary. It appears that, since OneModel.root is a foreign key to itself, that is causing it to do the unnecessary extra join. In fact, testing a model where root is a foreign key to a third model doesn't show the problem behavior. Note also that the queryset with order\_by("record\_\_root") gives the exact same SQL.

This queryset gives correct results and what looks like a pretty optimal SQL:

```
qs = TwoModel.objects.filter(record__oneval__in=[1,2,3])
qs = qs.order_by("record__root__id")
print(qs.query)
```

```
SELECT
   "orion_twomodel"."id",
   "orion_twomodel"."record_id",
   "orion_twomodel"."twoval"
FROM
   "orion_twomodel"
   INNER JOIN "orion_onemodel" ON (
       "orion_twomodel"."record_id" = "orion_onemodel"."id"
   )
WHERE
   "orion_onemodel"."oneval" IN (1, 2, 3)
ORDER BY
   "orion_onemodel"."root_id" ASC
```

So is this a potential bug or a misunderstanding on my part? Another queryset that works around the issue and gives a reasonable SQL query and expected results:

```
qs = TwoModel.objects.filter(record__oneval__in=[1, 2, 3])
qs = qs.annotate(root_id=F("record__root_id"))
qs = qs.order_by("root_id")
print(qs.query)
```

```
SELECT

"orion_twomodel"."id",

"orion_twomodel"."record_id",

"orion_twomodel"."twoval"

FROM

"orion_twomodel"

INNER JOIN "orion_onemodel" ON (
```

```
"orion_twomodel"."record_id" = "orion_onemodel"."id"
)
WHERE
   "orion_onemodel"."oneval" IN (1, 2, 3)
ORDER BY
   "orion_onemodel"."zero_id" ASC
```

ASCENDING sort, and a single INNER JOIN, as I'd expect. That actually works for my use because I need that output column anyway.

One final oddity; with the original queryset but the inverted sort order\_by():

```
qs = TwoModel.objects.filter(record__oneval__in=[1, 2, 3])
qs = qs.order_by("-record__root_id")
print(qs.query)
```

```
SELECT
  "orion_twomodel"."id",
  "orion_twomodel"."record_id",
  "orion_twomodel"."twoval"
FROM
  "orion_twomodel"
  INNER JOIN "orion_onemodel" ON (
      "orion_twomodel"."record_id" = "orion_onemodel"."id"
  )
  LEFT OUTER JOIN "orion_onemodel" T3 ON ("orion_onemodel"."root_id" = T3."id")
WHERE
  "orion_onemodel"."oneval" IN (1, 2, 3)
ORDER BY
  T3."id" ASC
```

One gets the query with the two JOINs but an ASCENDING sort order. I was not under the impression that sort orders are somehow relative to the class level sort order, eg: does specifing order\_by("-record\_root\_id") invert the class sort order? Testing that on a simple case doesn't show that behavior at all.

Thanks for any assistance and clarification.