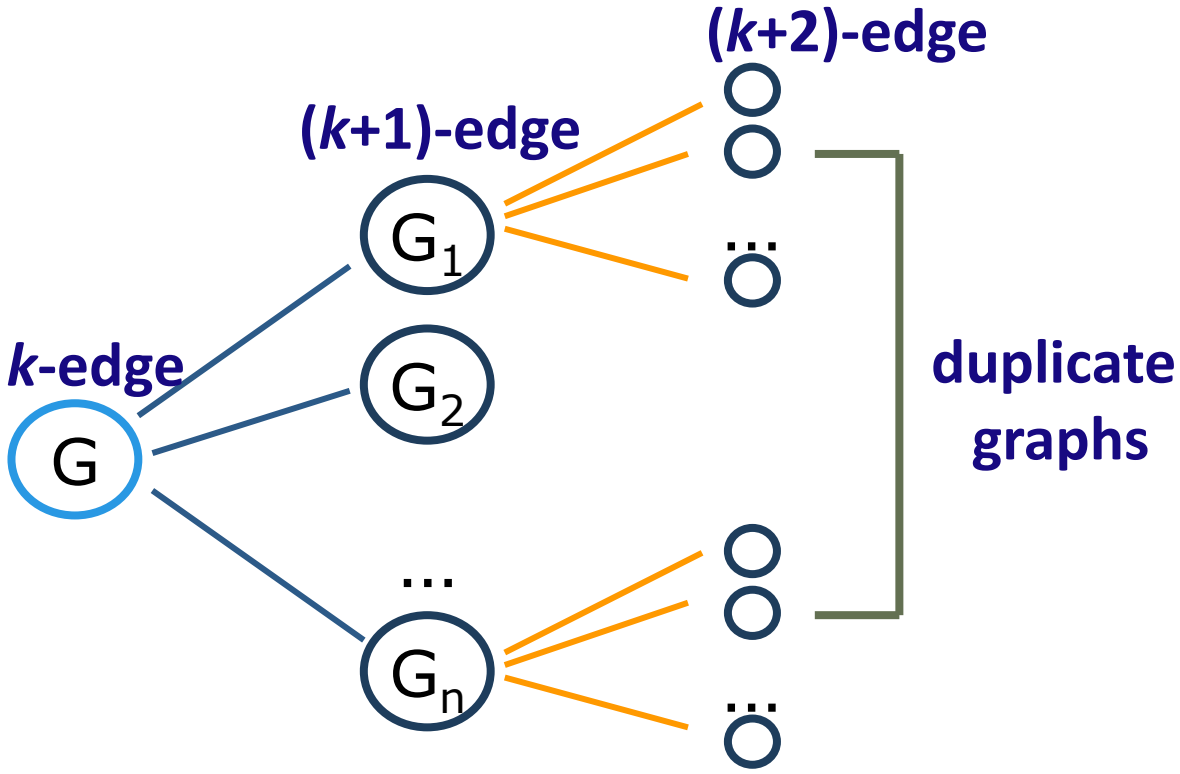
Session 3. gSpan: A Pattern Growth Approach

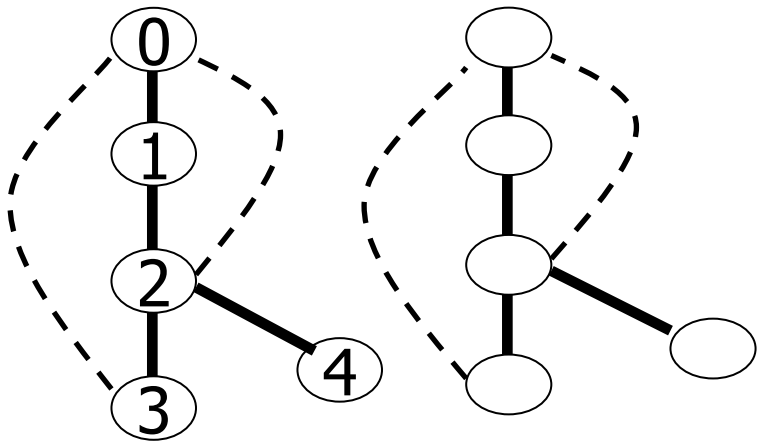
Pattern-Growth Approach

- Depth-first growth of subgraphs from *k*-edge to (*k*+1)-edge, then (*k*+2)-edge subgraphs
- Major challenge
  - Generating many duplicate subgraphs
- Major idea to solve the problem
  - Define an order to generate subgraphs
  - DFS spanning tree: Flatten a graph into a sequence using depth-first search
  - gSpan (Yan & Han: ICDM'02)



gSPAN: Graph Pattern Growth in Order

- **Right-most path extension** in subgraph pattern growth
  - Right-most path: The path from root to the right-most leaf (choose the vertex w. the smallest index at each step)
  - Reduce generation of duplicate subgraphs
- **Completeness:** The Enumeration of graphs using right-most path extension is complete
- DFS Code: Flatten a graph into a sequence using depth-first search



e_0: (0,1)
e_1: (1,2)
e_2: (2,0)
e_3: (2,3)
e_4: (3,0)
e_5: (2,4)