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## de Bruijn digraph

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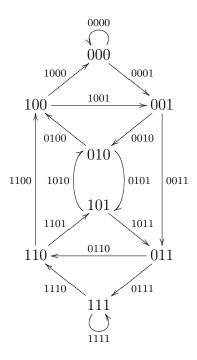
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The vertices of the de Bruijn digraph B(n, m) are all possible words of length m-1 chosen from an alphabet of size n.

B(n,m) has  $n^m$  edges consisting of each possible word of length m from an alphabet of size n. The edge  $a_1a_2...a_n$  connects the vertex  $a_1a_2...a_{n-1}$  to the vertex  $a_2a_3...a_n$ .

For example, B(2,4) could be drawn as:



Notice that an Euler cycle on B(n,m) represents a shortest sequence of characters from an alphabet of size n that includes every possible subsequence of m characters. For example, the sequence 000011110010101000 includes all 4-bit subsequences. Any de Bruijn digraph must have an Euler cycle, since each vertex has in degree and out degree of n.