



# CS215 DISCRETE MATH

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 where  $k$  is nonnegative,  $a_i$ 's are nonnegative integers less than  $b$ . The representation of  $n$  is called *the base- $b$  expansion of  $n$*  and is denoted by  $(a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b$ .



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- $a_1$  is the second digit from the right. Continue by successively dividing the quotients by  $b$  until **the quotient is 0**



# Algorithm: Constructing Base- $b$ Expansions

```
procedure base  $b$  expansion( $n, b$ : positive integers with  $b > 1$ )  
 $q := n$   
 $k := 0$   
while ( $q \neq 0$ )  
     $a_k := q \bmod b$   
     $q := q \operatorname{div} b$   
     $k := k + 1$   
return( $a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$ ) { ( $a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0$ ) $_b$  is base  $b$  expansion of  $n$  }
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# Next Lecture

- number theory, cryptography ...

