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To construct the base- b expansion of an integer n ,

- Divide n by b to obtain $n = bq_0 + a_0$, with $0 \leq a_0 < b$
- The remainder a_0 is the rightmost digit in the base- b expansion of n . Then divide q_0 by b to get $q_0 = bq_1 + a_1$ with $0 \leq a_1 < b$
- 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 ( $q \neq 0$ )
         $a_k := q \text{ mod } b$ 
         $q := q \text{ div } b$ 
         $k := k + 1$ 
    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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$$3 = 8 \cdot 0 + 3$$

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if *a* < 0 and *r* > 0 **then**

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Next Lecture

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