Definition For b an integer greater than 1 and n a positive integer, the **base b expansion of** n is

$$(a_{k-1} \cdots a_1 a_0)_b$$

where k is a positive integer, $a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_{k-1}$ are nonnegative integers less than b, $a_{k-1} \neq 0$, and

$$n = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i b^i$$

Notice: *The base b expansion of a positive integer n is a string over the alphabet $\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x < b\}$ whose leftmost character is nonzero.*

Base b	Collection of possible coefficients in base b expansion of a positive integer
Binary ($b = 2$)	$\{0, 1\}$
Ternary ($b = 3$)	$\{0, 1, 2\}$
Octal ($b = 8$)	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$
Decimal ($b = 10$)	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$
Hexadecimal ($b = 16$)	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F\}$ letter coefficient symbols represent numerical values $(A)_{16} = (10)_{10}$ $(B)_{16} = (11)_{10}$ $(C)_{16} = (12)_{10}$ $(D)_{16} = (13)_{10}$ $(E)_{16} = (14)_{10}$ $(F)_{16} = (15)_{10}$