

**Definition** For  $b$  an integer greater than 1,  $w$  a positive integer, and  $n$  a nonnegative integer \_\_\_\_\_, the **base  $b$  fixed-width  $w$  expansion of  $n$**  is

$$(a_{w-1} \cdots a_1 a_0)_{b,w}$$

where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{w-1}$  are nonnegative integers less than  $b$  and

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