

(100)Numerals

A *numeral* is a symbolic representation of a number. For the purposes of this class, we will define a numeral as a sequence of digits (symbols).

Number Bases

If we have an n -digit numeral $d_{n-1}d_{n-2} \dots d_0$ in base b , then the value of that numeral is $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} d_i b^i$, which is just fancy notation to say that instead of a 10's or 100's place we have a b 's or b^2 's place.

The most common bases we will use in this class are 2, 10, and 16, which are called binary, decimal, and hexadecimal (or hex), respectively. In base b , each digit d_i can only be one of b fixed symbols (0-1 for binary, 0-9 for decimal, etc.).

The table on the right shows the equivalent numerals for the numbers 0 through 15 in these three major number bases. We differentiate between these bases by using the prefix '0b' for binary and '0x' for hexadecimal.

Binary	Decimal	Hex
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7
1000	8	8
1001	9	9
1010	10	A
1011	11	B
1100	12	C
1101	13	D
1110	14	E
1111	15	F

Exercises:

Complete the table below by converting the numbers into the other two common bases. (Show all the steps)

Binary	Decimal	Hexadecimal
0b10010011		
		0x16
	63	
0b100100		
		0xC30
	0	
		0xBAD
	437	

