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## Example: The binary de Bruijn graph of order 4



1. Find an Eulerian circuit in this graph.
2. Write down the corresponding sequence.
3. Verify that it is a de Bruijn sequence. (use chart, p.63)
4. Convince yourself that the name of a vertex is the same as the sequence formed by the three previous edges.
