

## k-Factorial

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Let  $n$  and  $k$  be positive integers, with  $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ .

As a generalization of the factorial and double factorial one defines the  $k$ -factorial of  $n$  as the below product of all possible strictly positive factors:

$$SKF(n) = n(n-k)(n-2k)\dots$$

Particular Cases:

$S1F(n)$  is just the well-known factorial of  $n$ , i.e.  $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 1$ .

$S2F(n)$  is just the well-known double factorial of  $n$ , i.e.  $n!! = n(n-2)(n-4)\dots$ .

$S3F(n)$  is the triple factorial of  $n$ , i.e.  $n!!! = n(n-3)(n-6)\dots$ .

$S4F(n)$  is the fourth factorial of  $n$ , i.e.  $S4F(n) = n(n-4)(n-8)\dots$ .

Examples:

$$S3F(7) = 7(7-3)(7-6) = 28.$$

$$S4F(8) = 8(8-4) = 32.$$

$$S10F(27) = 27(27-10)(27-20) = 27(17)7 = 3213.$$

Remark:

Many Smarandache type functions, such as the Smarandache (classical) function, double factorial function, ceil functions, etc. can be extended/transformed to this  $k$ -factorial definition.