# Stirling Numbers of the Second Kind 

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#### Abstract

Summary. In this paper we define Stirling numbers of the second kind by cardinality of certain functional classes so that


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S(n, k)=\{f \text { where } f \text { is function of } n, k: f \text { is onto increasing }\}
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After that we show basic properties of this number in order to prove recursive dependence of Stirling number of the second kind. Consecutive theorems are introduced to prove formula

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S(n, k)=\frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1}(-1)^{i}\binom{k}{i}(k-i)^{n}
$$

where $k \leq n$.

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The papers [18], [9], [21], [14], [23], [6], [24], [2], [3], [8], [10], [1], [22], [7], [11], [20], [16], [19], [4], [5], [13], [12], [17], and [15] provide the terminology and notation for this paper.

For simplicity, we adopt the following convention: $k, l, m, n, i, j$ denote natural numbers, $K, N$ denote non empty subsets of $\mathbb{N}$, $K_{1}, N_{1}, M_{1}$ denote subsets of $\mathbb{N}$, and $X, Y$ denote sets.

Let us consider $k$. Then $\{k\}$ is a subset of $\mathbb{N}$. Let us consider $l$. Then $\{k, l\}$ is a subset of $\mathbb{N}$. Let us consider $m$. Then $\{k, l, m\}$ is a non empty subset of $\mathbb{N}$.

The following propositions are true:
(1) $\min N=\min ^{*} N$.
(2) $\min (\min K, \min N)=\min (K \cup N)$.
(3) $\min \left(\min ^{*} K_{1}, \min ^{*} N_{1}\right) \leq \min ^{*}\left(K_{1} \cup N_{1}\right)$.
(4) If $\min ^{*} N_{1} \notin N_{1} \cap K_{1}$, then $\min ^{*} N_{1}=\min ^{*}\left(N_{1} \backslash K_{1}\right)$.
(5) $\min ^{*}\{n\}=n$ and $\min \{n\}=n$.
(6) $\min ^{*}\{n, k\}=\min (n, k)$ and $\min \{n, k\}=\min (n, k)$.
(7) $\min ^{*}\{n, k, l\}=\min (n, \min (k, l))$.
(8) $n$ is a subset of $\mathbb{N}$.

Let us consider $n$. One can verify that every element of $n$ is natural.
We now state several propositions:
(9) If $N \subseteq n$, then $n-1$ is a natural number.
(10) If $k \in n$, then $k \leq n-1$ and $n-1$ is a natural number.
(11) $\min ^{*} n=0$.
(12) If $N \subseteq n$, then $\min ^{*} N \leq n-1$.
(13) If $N \subseteq n$ and $N \neq\{n-1\}$, then $\min ^{*} N<n-1$.
(14) If $N_{1} \subseteq n$ and $n>0$, then $\min ^{*} N_{1} \leq n-1$.

In the sequel $f, g$ are functions from $n$ into $k$.
Let us consider $n, X$, let $f$ be a function from $n$ into $X$, and let $x$ be a set. Then $f^{-1}(x)$ is a subset of $\mathbb{N}$.

Let us consider $X, k$, let $f$ be a function from $X$ into $k$, and let $x$ be a set. Then $f(x)$ is an element of $k$.

Let us consider $X, N_{1}$, let $f$ be a function from $X$ into $N_{1}$, and let $x$ be a set. One can verify that $f(x)$ is natural.

Let us consider $n, k$ and let $f$ be a function from $n$ into $k$. We say that $f$ is increasing if and only if:
(Def. 1) $n=0$ iff $k=0$ and for all $l, m$ such that $l \in \operatorname{rng} f$ and $m \in \operatorname{rng} f$ and $l<m$ holds $\min ^{*}\left(f^{-1}(\{l\})\right)<\min ^{*}\left(f^{-1}(\{m\})\right)$.
We now state several propositions:
(15) If $n=0$ and $k=0$, then $f$ is onto and increasing.
(16) If $n>0$, then $\min ^{*}\left(f^{-1}(\{m\})\right) \leq n-1$.
(17) If $f$ is onto, then $n \geq k$.
(18) If $f$ is onto and increasing, then for every $m$ such that $m<k$ holds $m \leq \min ^{*}\left(f^{-1}(\{m\})\right)$.
(19) If $f$ is onto and increasing, then for every $m$ such that $m<k$ holds $\min ^{*}\left(f^{-1}(\{m\})\right) \leq(n-k)+m$.
(20) If $f$ is onto and increasing and $n=k$, then $f=\operatorname{id}_{n}$.
(21) If $f=\operatorname{id}_{n}$ and $n>0$, then $f$ is increasing.
(22) If $n=0$ iff $k=0$, then there exists a function from $n$ into $k$ which is increasing.
(23) If $n=0$ iff $k=0$ and $n \geq k$, then there exists a function from $n$ into $k$ which is onto and increasing.

The scheme $S c h 1$ deals with natural numbers $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$ and a unary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:
$\{f ; f$ ranges over functions from $\mathcal{A}$ into $\mathcal{B}: \mathcal{P}[f]\}$ is finite for all values of the parameters.

In the sequel $f$ is a function from $n$ into $k$.
One can prove the following propositions:
(24) For all $n, k$ holds $\{f: f$ is onto and increasing $\}$ is finite.
(25) For all $n, k$ holds $\overline{\{f: f \text { is onto and increasing }\}}$ is a natural number.

Let us consider $n, k$. The functor $n$ block $k$ yields a natural number and is defined by:
(Def. 2) $n$ block $k=\overline{\{f: f \text { is onto and increasing }\}}$.
Next we state several propositions:
(26) $n$ block $n=1$.
(27) If $k \neq 0$, then 0 block $k=0$.
(28) 0 block $k=\mathbf{1}$ iff $k=0$.
(29) If $n<k$, then $n$ block $k=0$.
(30) $n$ block $0=\mathbf{1}$ iff $n=0$.
(31) If $n \neq 0$, then $n$ block $0=0$.
(32) If $n \neq 0$, then $n$ block $1=\mathbf{1}$.
(33) $1 \leq k$ and $k \leq n$ or $k=n$ iff $n$ block $k>0$.

In the sequel $x, y$ denote sets.
Now we present three schemes. The scheme $S c h 2$ deals with sets $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$, $\mathcal{D}$, a function $\mathcal{E}$ from $\mathcal{A}$ into $\mathcal{B}$, and a unary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding a set, and states that:

There exists a function $h$ from $\mathcal{C}$ into $\mathcal{D}$ such that $h \upharpoonright \mathcal{A}=\mathcal{E}$ and for every $x$ such that $x \in \mathcal{C} \backslash \mathcal{A}$ holds $h(x)=\mathcal{F}(x)$ provided the parameters satisfy the following conditions:

- For every $x$ such that $x \in \mathcal{C} \backslash \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{F}(x) \in \mathcal{D}$,
- $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, and
- If $\mathcal{B}$ is empty, then $\mathcal{A}$ is empty.

The scheme $\operatorname{Sch} 3$ deals with sets $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$, a unary functor $\mathcal{F}$ yielding a set, and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:
$\overline{\overline{\{f ; f \text { ranges over functions from } \mathcal{A} \text { into } \mathcal{B}: \mathcal{P}[f, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}]\}}}=$
$\overline{\overline{\{f ; f \text { ranges over functions from } \mathcal{C} \text { into } \mathcal{D}: \mathcal{P}[f, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}]}}$
$\overline{\wedge \operatorname{rng}\left(f\lceil\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{B} \wedge \wedge_{x}(x \in \mathcal{C} \backslash \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow f(x)=\mathcal{F}(x))\right\}}$ provided the following requirements are met:

- For every $x$ such that $x \in \mathcal{C} \backslash \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{F}(x) \in \mathcal{D}$,
- $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$,
- If $\mathcal{B}$ is empty, then $\mathcal{A}$ is empty, and
- Let $f$ be a function from $\mathcal{C}$ into $\mathcal{D}$. Suppose that for every $x$ such that $x \in \mathcal{C} \backslash \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{F}(x)=f(x)$. Then $\mathcal{P}[f, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}]$ if and only if $\mathcal{P}[f \upharpoonright \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}]$.
The scheme $S c h_{4}$ deals with sets $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$ and a ternary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

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\frac{\underline{\overline{\overline{f ; f} ; f \text { ranges over functions from } \mathcal{A} \text { into } \mathcal{B}: \mathcal{P}[f, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}]\}}}=}{\overline{\overline{\mathcal{P}[f ; f, \mathcal{A} \cup\{\mathcal{C}\}, \mathcal{B} \cup\{\mathcal{D}\}] \wedge \operatorname{rng}(f\lceil\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{B} \wedge f(\mathcal{C})=\mathcal{D}\}}}}
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provided the parameters meet the following conditions:

- If $\mathcal{B}$ is empty, then $\mathcal{A}$ is empty,
- $\mathcal{C} \notin \mathcal{A}$, and
- For every function $f$ from $\mathcal{A} \cup\{\mathcal{C}\}$ into $\mathcal{B} \cup\{\mathcal{D}\}$ such that $f(\mathcal{C})=\mathcal{D}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[f, \mathcal{A} \cup\{\mathcal{C}\}, \mathcal{B} \cup\{\mathcal{D}\}]$ iff $\mathcal{P}[f\lceil\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}]$.
We now state several propositions:
(34) For every function $f$ from $n+1$ into $k+1$ such that $f$ is onto and increasing and $f^{-1}(\{f(n)\})=\{n\}$ holds $f(n)=k$.
(35) For every function $f$ from $n+1$ into $k$ such that $k \neq 0$ and $f^{-1}(\{f(n)\}) \neq$ $\{n\}$ there exists $m$ such that $m \in f^{-1}(\{f(n)\})$ and $m \neq n$.
(36) Let $f$ be a function from $n$ into $k$ and $g$ be a function from $n+m$ into $k+l$. Suppose $g$ is increasing and $f=g \upharpoonright n$. Let given $i, j$. If $i \in \operatorname{rng} f$ and $j \in \operatorname{rng} f$ and $i<j$, then $\min ^{*}\left(f^{-1}(\{i\})\right)<\min ^{*}\left(f^{-1}(\{j\})\right)$.
(37) Let $f$ be a function from $n+1$ into $k+1$. Suppose $f$ is onto and increasing and $f^{-1}(\{f(n)\})=\{n\}$. Then $\operatorname{rng}(f\lceil n) \subseteq k$ and for every function $g$ from $n$ into $k$ such that $g=f\lceil n$ holds $g$ is onto and increasing.
(38) Let $f$ be a function from $n+1$ into $k$ and $g$ be a function from $n$ into $k$. Suppose $f$ is onto and increasing and $f^{-1}(\{f(n)\}) \neq\{n\}$ and $f\lceil n=g$. Then $g$ is onto and increasing.
(39) Let $f$ be a function from $n$ into $k$ and $g$ be a function from $n+1$ into $k+m$. Suppose $f$ is onto and increasing and $f=g\lceil n$. Let given $i, j$. If $i \in \operatorname{rng} g$ and $j \in \operatorname{rng} g$ and $i<j$, then $\min ^{*}\left(g^{-1}(\{i\})\right)<\min ^{*}\left(g^{-1}(\{j\})\right)$.
(40) Let $f$ be a function from $n$ into $k$ and $g$ be a function from $n+1$ into $k+1$. Suppose $f$ is onto and increasing and $f=g\lceil n$ and $g(n)=k$. Then $g$ is onto and increasing and $g^{-1}(\{g(n)\})=\{n\}$.
(41) Let $f$ be a function from $n$ into $k$ and $g$ be a function from $n+1$ into $k$. Suppose $f$ is onto and increasing and $f=g \upharpoonright n$ and $g(n)<k$. Then $g$ is onto and increasing and $g^{-1}(\{g(n)\}) \neq\{n\}$.
In the sequel $f_{1}$ denotes a function from $n+1$ into $k+1$ and $f$ denotes a function from $n$ into $k$.

We now state the proposition

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\begin{equation*}
\overline{\left.\overline{\left\{f_{1}: f_{1} \text { is onto and increasing } \wedge f_{1}-1\right.}\left(\left\{f_{1}(n)\right\}\right)=\{n\}\right\}}= \tag{42}
\end{equation*}
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$\overline{\{f: f \text { is onto and increasing }\}}$.
In the sequel $f^{\prime}$ is a function from $n+1$ into $k$.
The following proposition is true
(43) For every $l$ such that $l<k$ holds

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\overline{\left.\overline{\left\{f^{\prime}: f^{\prime}\right. \text { is onto and increasing }} \wedge f^{\prime-1}\left(\left\{f^{\prime}(n)\right\}\right) \neq\{n\} \wedge f^{\prime}(n)=l\right\}}=
$$

For simplicity, we adopt the following convention: $D$ denotes a non empty set, $F, G$ denote finite 0 -sequences of $D, F_{1}$ denotes a finite 0 -sequence of $\mathbb{N}, b$ denotes a binary operation on $D$, and $d, d_{1}, d_{2}$ denote elements of $D$.

Let us consider $D, F, b$. Let us assume that $b$ has a unity or len $F \geq 1$. The functor $b \odot F$ yielding an element of $D$ is defined as follows:
(Def. 3)(i) $b \odot F=\mathbf{1}_{b}$ if $b$ has a unity and len $F=0$,
(ii) there exists a function $f$ from $\mathbb{N}$ into $D$ such that $f(0)=F(0)$ and for every $n$ such that $n+1<\operatorname{len} F$ holds $f(n+1)=b(f(n), F(n+1))$ and $b \odot F=f(\operatorname{len} F-1)$, otherwise.
One can prove the following three propositions:
(44) $b \odot\langle d\rangle=d$.
(45) If $b$ has a unity or len $F>0$, then $b \odot F^{\frown}\langle d\rangle=b(b \odot F, d)$.
(46) If $F \neq\langle \rangle_{D}$, then there exist $G, d$ such that $F=G^{\wedge}\langle d\rangle$.

The scheme $S c h 5$ deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$ and a unary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

For every finite 0 -sequence $F$ of $\mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[F]$
provided the parameters satisfy the following conditions:

- $\mathcal{P}\left[\left\rangle_{\mathcal{A}}\right]\right.$, and
- For every finite 0 -sequence $F$ of $\mathcal{A}$ and for every element $d$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{P}[F]$ holds $\mathcal{P}\left[F^{\wedge}\langle d\rangle\right]$.
Next we state the proposition
(47) If $b$ is associative and if $b$ has a unity or len $F \geq 1$ and len $G \geq 1$, then $b \odot F^{\frown} G=b(b \odot F, b \odot G)$.
Let us consider $D$ and let us consider $d, d_{1}$. Then $\left\langle d, d_{1}\right\rangle$ is a finite 0 -sequence of $D$. Let us consider $d_{2}$. Then $\left\langle d, d_{1}, d_{2}\right\rangle$ is a finite 0 -sequence of $D$.

The following propositions are true:
(48) $b \odot\left\langle d_{1}, d_{2}\right\rangle=b\left(d_{1}, d_{2}\right)$.
(49) $b \odot\left\langle d, d_{1}, d_{2}\right\rangle=b\left(b\left(d, d_{1}\right), d_{2}\right)$.

Let us consider $F_{1}$. The functor $\sum F_{1}$ yields a natural number and is defined by:
(Def. 4) $\quad \sum F_{1}=+_{\mathbb{N}} \odot F_{1}$.
Let us consider $F_{1}, x$. Then $F_{1}(x)$ is a natural number.
One can prove the following propositions:
(50) If for every $n$ such that $n \in \operatorname{dom} F_{1}$ holds $F_{1}(n) \leq k$, then $\sum F_{1} \leq$ len $F_{1} \cdot k$.
(51) If for every $n$ such that $n \in \operatorname{dom} F_{1}$ holds $F_{1}(n) \geq k$, then $\sum F_{1} \geq$ len $F_{1} \cdot k$.
(52) If len $F_{1}>0$ and there exists $x$ such that $x \in \operatorname{dom} F_{1}$ and $F_{1}(x)=k$, then $\sum F_{1} \geq k$.
(53) $\sum F_{1}=0$ iff len $F_{1}=0$ or for every $n$ such that $n \in \operatorname{dom} F_{1}$ holds $F_{1}(n)=0$.
(54) For every function $f$ and for every $n$ holds $\bigcup \operatorname{rng}(f \upharpoonright n) \cup f(n)=$ $\bigcup \operatorname{rng}(f \upharpoonright(n+1))$.
Now we present three schemes. The scheme $\operatorname{Sch} 6$ deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$, a natural number $\mathcal{B}$, and a binary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

There exists a finite 0 -sequence $p$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\operatorname{dom} p=\mathcal{B}$ and for every $k$ such that $k \in \mathcal{B}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k, p(k)]$
provided the parameters have the following property:

- For every $k$ such that $k \in \mathcal{B}$ there exists an element $x$ of $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{P}[k, x]$.
The scheme $S c h 7$ deals with a non empty set $\mathcal{A}$ and a finite 0 -sequence $\mathcal{B}$ of $\mathcal{A}$, and states that:

There exists a finite 0 -sequence $C_{1}$ of $\mathbb{N}$ such that $\operatorname{dom} C_{1}=\operatorname{dom} \mathcal{B}$ and for every $i$ such that $i \in \operatorname{dom} C_{1}$ holds $C_{1}(i)=\overline{\overline{\mathcal{B}}(i)}$ and $\overline{\overline{\bigcup \mathrm{rng} \mathcal{B}}}=\sum C_{1}$
provided the following requirements are met:

- For every $i$ such that $i \in \operatorname{dom} \mathcal{B}$ holds $\mathcal{B}(i)$ is finite, and
- For all $i, j$ such that $i \in \operatorname{dom} \mathcal{B}$ and $j \in \operatorname{dom} \mathcal{B}$ and $i \neq j$ holds $\mathcal{B}(i)$ misses $\mathcal{B}(j)$.
The scheme $S c h 8$ deals with finite sets $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$, a set $\mathcal{C}$, a function $\mathcal{D}$ from $\operatorname{card} \mathcal{B}$ into $\mathcal{B}$, and a unary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, and states that:

There exists a finite 0 -sequence $F$ of $\mathbb{N}$ such that
(i) $\operatorname{dom} F=\operatorname{card} \mathcal{B}$,
(ii) $\overline{\overline{\{g ; g} \text { ranges over functions from } \mathcal{A} \text { into } \mathcal{B}: \mathcal{P}[g]\}}=\sum F$,
and
(iii) for every $i$ such that $i \in \operatorname{dom} F$ holds $F(i)=$
$\overline{\overline{\{g ; g} \text { ranges over functions from } \mathcal{A} \text { into } \mathcal{B}: \mathcal{P}[g] \wedge g(\mathcal{C})=\mathcal{D}(i)\}}$ provided the parameters have the following properties:

- $\mathcal{D}$ is onto and one-to-one,
- $\mathcal{B}$ is non empty, and
- $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{A}$.

One can prove the following propositions:

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\begin{equation*}
k \cdot(n \text { block } k)=\overline{\left.\overline{\left\{f^{\prime}: f^{\prime}\right.} \text { is onto and increasing } \wedge f^{\prime-1}\left(\left\{f^{\prime}(n)\right\}\right) \neq\{n\}\right\}} . \tag{55}
\end{equation*}
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\begin{equation*}
(n+1) \operatorname{block}(k+1)=(k+1) \cdot(n \operatorname{block}(k+1))+(n \text { block } k) . \tag{56}
\end{equation*}
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\begin{equation*}
\text { If } n \geq 1 \text {, then } n \text { block } 2=\frac{1}{2} \cdot\left(2^{n}-2\right) \tag{57}
\end{equation*}
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If $n \geq 2$, then $n$ block $3=\frac{1}{6} \cdot\left(\left(3^{n}-3 \cdot 2^{n}\right)+3\right)$.
If $n \geq 3$, then $n$ block $4=\frac{1}{24} \cdot\left(\left(\left(4^{n}-4 \cdot 3^{n}\right)+6 \cdot 2^{n}\right)-4\right)$.
(60) $3!=6$ and $4!=24$.
$\binom{n}{1}=n$ and $\binom{n}{2}=\frac{n \cdot(n-1)}{2}$ and $\binom{n}{3}=\frac{n \cdot(n-1) \cdot(n-2)}{6}$ and $\binom{n}{4}=$ $\frac{n \cdot(n-1) \cdot(n-2) \cdot(n-3)}{24}$.
(62) $\quad(n+1)$ block $n=\binom{n+1}{2}$.
(63) $\quad(n+2)$ block $n=3 \cdot\binom{n+2}{4}+\binom{n+2}{3}$.
(64) For every function $F$ and for every $y$ holds $\operatorname{rng}\left(F \upharpoonright\left(\operatorname{dom} F \backslash F^{-1}(\{y\})\right)\right)=$ $\operatorname{rng} F \backslash\{y\}$ and for every $x$ such that $x \neq y$ holds $(F \upharpoonright(\operatorname{dom} F \backslash$ $\left.\left.F^{-1}(\{y\})\right)\right)^{-1}(\{x\})=F^{-1}(\{x\})$.
(65) If $\overline{\bar{X}}=k+1$ and $x \in X$, then $\overline{\overline{X \backslash\{x\}}}=k$.

The scheme Sch 9 concerns a unary predicate $\mathcal{P}$ and a binary predicate $\mathcal{Q}$, and states that:

For every function $F$ such that $\operatorname{rng} F$ is finite holds $\mathcal{P}[F]$
provided the following conditions are met:

- $\mathcal{P}[\emptyset]$, and
- For every function $F$ such that for every $x$ such that $x \in \operatorname{rng} F$ and $\mathcal{Q}[x, F]$ holds $\mathcal{P}\left[F \upharpoonright\left(\operatorname{dom} F \backslash F^{-1}(\{x\})\right)\right]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[F]$.
We now state several propositions:
(66) For every subset $N$ of $\mathbb{N}$ such that $N$ is finite there exists $k$ such that for every $n$ such that $n \in N$ holds $n \leq k$.
(67) Let given $X, Y, x, y$. Suppose if $Y$ is empty, then $X$ is empty and $x \notin X$. Let $F$ be a function from $X$ into $Y$. Then there exists a function $G$ from $X \cup\{x\}$ into $Y \cup\{y\}$ such that $G \upharpoonright X=F$ and $G(x)=y$.
(68) Let given $X, Y, x, y$ such that if $Y$ is empty, then $X$ is empty. Let $F$ be a function from $X$ into $Y$ and $G$ be a function from $X \cup\{x\}$ into $Y \cup\{y\}$ such that $G \upharpoonright X=F$ and $G(x)=y$. Then
(i) if $F$ is onto, then $G$ is onto, and
(ii) if $y \notin Y$ and $F$ is one-to-one, then $G$ is one-to-one.
(69) Let $N$ be a finite subset of $\mathbb{N}$. Then there exists a function $O_{1}$ from $N$ into card $N$ such that $O_{1}$ is bijective and for all $n, k$ such that $n \in \operatorname{dom} O_{1}$ and $k \in \operatorname{dom} O_{1}$ and $n<k$ holds $O_{1}(n)<O_{1}(k)$.
(70) Let $X, Y$ be finite sets and $F$ be a function from $X$ into $Y$. If $\operatorname{card} X=$ card $Y$, then $F$ is onto iff $F$ is one-to-one.
(71) Let $F, G$ be functions and given $y$. Suppose $y \in \operatorname{rng}(G \cdot F)$ and $G$ is one-to-one. Then there exists $x$ such that $x \in \operatorname{dom} G$ and $x \in \operatorname{rng} F$ and $G^{-1}(\{y\})=\{x\}$ and $F^{-1}(\{x\})=(G \cdot F)^{-1}(\{y\})$.

Let us consider $N_{1}, K_{1}$ and let $f$ be a function from $N_{1}$ into $K_{1}$. We say that $f$ is increasing if and only if:
(Def. 5) For all $l, m$ such that $l \in \operatorname{rng} f$ and $m \in \operatorname{rng} f$ and $l<m$ holds $\min ^{*}\left(f^{-1}(\{l\})\right)<\min ^{*}\left(f^{-1}(\{m\})\right)$.
The following four propositions are true:
(72) For every function $F$ from $N_{1}$ into $K_{1}$ such that $F$ is increasing holds $\min ^{*} \operatorname{rng} F=F\left(\min ^{*} \operatorname{dom} F\right)$.
(73) Let $F$ be a function from $N_{1}$ into $K_{1}$. Suppose $\operatorname{rng} F$ is finite. Then there exists a function $I$ from $N_{1}$ into $K_{1}$ and there exists a permutation $P$ of $\operatorname{rng} F$ such that $F=P \cdot I$ and $\operatorname{rng} F=\operatorname{rng} I$ and $I$ is increasing.
(74) Let $F$ be a function from $N_{1}$ into $K_{1}$. Suppose rng $F$ is finite. Let $I_{1}, I_{2}$ be functions from $N_{1}$ into $M_{1}$ and $P_{1}, P_{2}$ be functions. Suppose that $P_{1}$ is one-to-one and $P_{2}$ is one-to-one and $\operatorname{rng} I_{1}=\operatorname{rng} I_{2}$ and $\operatorname{rng} I_{1}=\operatorname{dom} P_{1}$ and $\operatorname{dom} P_{1}=\operatorname{dom} P_{2}$ and $F=P_{1} \cdot I_{1}$ and $F=P_{2} \cdot I_{2}$ and $I_{1}$ is increasing and $I_{2}$ is increasing. Then $P_{1}=P_{2}$ and $I_{1}=I_{2}$.
(75) Let $F$ be a function from $N_{1}$ into $K_{1}$. Suppose $\operatorname{rng} F$ is finite. Let $I_{1}$, $I_{2}$ be functions from $N_{1}$ into $K_{1}$ and $P_{1}, P_{2}$ be permutations of $\operatorname{rng} F$. Suppose $F=P_{1} \cdot I_{1}$ and $F=P_{2} \cdot I_{2}$ and $\operatorname{rng} F=\operatorname{rng} I_{1}$ and $\operatorname{rng} F=\operatorname{rng} I_{2}$ and $I_{1}$ is increasing and $I_{2}$ is increasing. Then $P_{1}=P_{2}$ and $I_{1}=I_{2}$.

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