



Definition

Given a number $n \in \mathbf{N}$, a *factorization* $\pi = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_p)$ of n is a list of numbers (in \mathbf{N}) satisfying

$$n = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_p$$

We say that the factorization π *factors* n and we call π_i a *factor*, and refer to $\{\pi_i\}$ as the *factors*.

