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Let $G_k(\mathbf{R}^n)$ be the Grassmannian of all k -dimensional subspaces of \mathbf{R}^n . If K is a convex body in \mathbf{R}^n , then the ***k -projection function*** of K is the function that maps $U \in G_k(\mathbf{R}^n)$ to the k dimensional volume of the orthogonal projection, $K|U$, of K onto U . When this function is constant K is said to have ***constant k -brightness***. Constant 1-brightness is the familiar case of constant width.

Theorem. *If $n \geq 5$ and the convex body K in \mathbf{R}^n has constant width and constant 3-brightness, then K is a Euclidean ball.*

The main point is that no regularity assumptions are being made about K . (Received September 27, 2005)