

A NEW FUNCTION RELATED TO INTEGER PARTITIONS

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It is possible to define a chain of recurrence relations starting from partition function involving another partition function whose parameters vary along with the recurrence relations

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I start from the standard definition of partitions function which define for each natural n all the different sums to natural number n. For example:

In[27]= IntegerPartitions[13]

```
Out[27]= {{13}, {12, 1}, {11, 2}, {11, 1, 1}, {10, 3}, {10, 2, 1}, {10, 1, 1, 1}, {9, 4}, {9, 3, 1},  
{9, 2, 2}, {9, 2, 1, 1}, {9, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {8, 5}, {8, 4, 1}, {8, 3, 2}, {8, 3, 1, 1},  
{8, 2, 2, 1}, {8, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {8, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {7, 6}, {7, 5, 1}, {7, 4, 2},  
{7, 4, 1, 1}, {7, 3, 3}, {7, 3, 2, 1}, {7, 3, 1, 1, 1}, {7, 2, 2, 2}, {7, 2, 2, 1, 1},  
{7, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {7, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {6, 6, 1}, {6, 5, 2}, {6, 5, 1, 1}, {6, 4, 3},  
{6, 4, 2, 1}, {6, 4, 1, 1, 1}, {6, 3, 3, 1}, {6, 3, 2, 2}, {6, 3, 2, 1, 1}, {6, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1},  
{6, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {6, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {6, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {6, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},  
{5, 5, 3}, {5, 5, 2, 1}, {5, 5, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 4, 4}, {5, 4, 3, 1}, {5, 4, 2, 2},  
{5, 4, 2, 1, 1}, {5, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 3, 3, 2}, {5, 3, 3, 1, 1}, {5, 3, 2, 2, 1},  
{5, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {5, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1},  
{5, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},  
{4, 4, 4, 1}, {4, 4, 3, 2}, {4, 4, 3, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 2, 2, 1}, {4, 4, 2, 1, 1, 1},  
{4, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 3, 3, 3}, {4, 3, 3, 2, 1}, {4, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 3, 2, 2, 2},  
{4, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1}, {4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1},  
{4, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},  
{4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1},  
{3, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},  
{3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1},  
{3, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},  
{3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1},  
{2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},  
{2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}
```

As you can see what you get is the set of all the different sorted lists with items from greater to lower.

I define a new function with two parameters: n stands for the number to be decomposed and m stands for the fact that last item in each list MUST BE GREATER THAN m. When we have m=0, then this condition vanishes. A further implicit condition is that the first two items MUST BE EQUAL. It

clearly follows that each list has at least two items. Here is the definition with an example:

```
In[28]= pfirst2eqlastgtm[n_Integer, m_Integer] :=
  Select[IntegerPartitions[n], Length[#] > 1 && #[[1]] == #[[2]] && Last[#] > m &]
pfirst2eqlastgtm[13, 0]
pfirst2eqlastgtm[13, 1]
pfirst2eqlastgtm[13, 2]

Out[29]= {{6, 6, 1}, {5, 5, 3}, {5, 5, 2, 1}, {5, 5, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 4, 1},
  {4, 4, 3, 2}, {4, 4, 3, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 2, 2, 1}, {4, 4, 2, 1, 1, 1},
  {4, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1},
  {3, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1},
  {3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1},
  {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},
  {2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}

Out[30]= {{5, 5, 3}, {4, 4, 3, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 2}}

Out[31]= {{5, 5, 3}}
```

I proceed with the definition and successive demonstration of the main recurrence relation:

$\text{IntegerPartitions}(n) = \text{IntegerPartitions}(n-1) + \text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n, 0)$

Consider the following example:

```
In[32]= IntegerPartitions[10]
IntegerPartitions[9]

Out[32]= {{10}, {9, 1}, {8, 2}, {8, 1, 1}, {7, 3}, {7, 2, 1}, {7, 1, 1, 1}, {6, 4},
  {6, 3, 1}, {6, 2, 2}, {6, 2, 1, 1}, {6, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 5}, {5, 4, 1}, {5, 3, 2},
  {5, 3, 1, 1}, {5, 2, 2, 1}, {5, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 2},
  {4, 4, 1, 1}, {4, 3, 3}, {4, 3, 2, 1}, {4, 3, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 2, 2, 2}, {4, 2, 2, 1, 1},
  {4, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 2, 1, 1},
  {3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},
  {3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1},
  {2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}

Out[33]= {{9}, {8, 1}, {7, 2}, {7, 1, 1}, {6, 3}, {6, 2, 1}, {6, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 4}, {5, 3, 1},
  {5, 2, 2}, {5, 2, 1, 1}, {5, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 1}, {4, 3, 2}, {4, 3, 1, 1}, {4, 2, 2, 1},
  {4, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3}, {3, 3, 2, 1}, {3, 3, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 2, 2, 2},
  {3, 2, 2, 1, 1}, {3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1},
  {2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}
```

Now consider to modify $\text{IntegerPartitions}(9)$ adding 1 to the first item of every list. Every new list is a possible partition of 10 and every list is different by definition. So you can complement the set $\text{IntegerPartitions}(10)$ with $\text{IntegerPartitions}(9)$ modified. This is resumed with the following expression :

```
In[34]= Complement[IntegerPartitions[10],
  Prepend[Rest[#], First[#] + 1] & /@ IntegerPartitions[9]]

Out[34]= {{5, 5}, {4, 4, 2}, {3, 3, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 1}, {4, 4, 1, 1},
  {2, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 2, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1},
  {2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}
```

As you can see the lists in the set are not correctly sorted so I add a list sorting function and correct the above expression:

```

In[35]= lorderQ[l_List, n_Integer] := False
lorderQ[n_Integer, l_List] := True
lorderQ[n1_Integer, n2_Integer] := n1 ≥ n2
lorderQ[l1_List, l2_List] := Module[{i},
  For[i = 1, i ≤ Length[l1] && i ≤ Length[l2], i++,
    If[l1[[i]] == l2[[i]],
      Continue[],
      Return[lorderQ[l1[[i]], l2[[i]]]
    ]
  ];
  If[Length[l1] ≥ Length[l2],
    Return[True],
    Return[False]
  ]
]
Sort[Complement[IntegerPartitions[10],
  Prepend[Rest[#, First[#] + 1] & /@ IntegerPartitions[9]], lorderQ]

```

```

Out[39]= {{5, 5}, {4, 4, 2}, {4, 4, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2},
  {3, 3, 2, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1},
  {2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}

```

The set of lists we have are the one and only with first two items identical and this is the only condition imposed by `pfirst2eqlastgtm(10,0)`:

```

In[40]= pfirst2eqlastgtm[10, 0]

```

```

Out[40]= {{5, 5}, {4, 4, 2}, {4, 4, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2},
  {3, 3, 2, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1},
  {2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}

```

The conclusions for $n=10$ can be easily extended to every n . As a further example for $n=20$:

```

In[41]= Sort[Complement[IntegerPartitions[20], Prepend[Rest[#, First[#] + 1] & /@
  IntegerPartitions[19]], lorderQ] == pfirst2eqlastgtm[20, 0]

```

```

Out[41]= True

```

After this first integer relation to start the chain consider the relation between `pfirst2eqlastgtm(n,0)` and `pfirst2eqlastgtm(n,1)`. Consider the following example:

```
In[42]= pfirst2eqlastgtm[15, 0]
pfirst2eqlastgtm[14, 0]
```

```
Out[42]= {{7, 7, 1}, {6, 6, 3}, {6, 6, 2, 1}, {6, 6, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 5, 5}, {5, 5, 4, 1},
{5, 5, 3, 2}, {5, 5, 3, 1, 1}, {5, 5, 2, 2, 1}, {5, 5, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {5, 5, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},
{4, 4, 4, 3}, {4, 4, 4, 2, 1}, {4, 4, 4, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 3, 3, 1}, {4, 4, 3, 2, 2},
{4, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {4, 4, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1},
{4, 4, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 3}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1},
{3, 3, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1},
{3, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1},
{3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},
{2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},
{2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},
{2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}
```

```
Out[43]= {{7, 7}, {6, 6, 2}, {6, 6, 1, 1}, {5, 5, 4}, {5, 5, 3, 1}, {5, 5, 2, 2},
{5, 5, 2, 1, 1}, {5, 5, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 4, 2}, {4, 4, 4, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 3, 3},
{4, 4, 3, 2, 1}, {4, 4, 3, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 2, 2, 2}, {4, 4, 2, 2, 1, 1},
{4, 4, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {4, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 1, 1},
{3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2},
{3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},
{3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1},
{2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}, {2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1},
{2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}
```

Now consider to modify `pfirst2eqlastgtm(14,0)` adding 1 as the last item of every list. Every new list is a possible partition of 15 with first two items identical and every list is different by definition. So you can complement the set `pfirst2eqlastgtm(15,0)` with `pfirst2eqlastgtm(14,0)` modified. This is resumed with the following expression :

```
In[44]= Sort[Complement[pfirst2eqlastgtm[15, 0],
Append[#, 1] & /@ pfirst2eqlastgtm[14, 0]], lorderQ]
```

```
Out[44]= {{6, 6, 3}, {5, 5, 5}, {5, 5, 3, 2}, {4, 4, 4, 3},
{4, 4, 3, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 3}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2}}
```

The set of lists we have are the one and only with first two items identical and last item greater than 1. This is the only condition imposed by `pfirst2eqlastgtm(15, 1)` :

```
In[45]= pfirst2eqlastgtm[15, 1]
```

```
Out[45]= {{6, 6, 3}, {5, 5, 5}, {5, 5, 3, 2}, {4, 4, 4, 3},
{4, 4, 3, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 3}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2}}
```

The conclusions for $n = 15$ can be easily extended to every n :

$$\text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n,0)=\text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n-1,0)+\text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n,1)$$

As a further example for $n = 30$:

```
In[46]= Sort[Complement[pfirst2eqlastgtm[30, 0], Append[#, 1] & /@ pfirst2eqlastgtm[29, 0]],
lorderQ] == pfirst2eqlastgtm[30, 1]
```

```
Out[46]= True
```

Now I can consider the relation between `pfirst2eqlastgtm(n,1)` and `pfirst2eqlastgtm(n,2)`. Consider the following example:

```
In[47]= pfirst2eqlastgtm[20, 1]
pfirst2eqlastgtm[19, 1]
pfirst2eqlastgtm[18, 1]
```

```
Out[47]= {{10, 10}, {9, 9, 2}, {8, 8, 4}, {8, 8, 2, 2}, {7, 7, 6}, {7, 7, 4, 2}, {7, 7, 3, 3},
{7, 7, 2, 2, 2}, {6, 6, 6, 2}, {6, 6, 5, 3}, {6, 6, 4, 4}, {6, 6, 4, 2, 2},
{6, 6, 3, 3, 2}, {6, 6, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {5, 5, 5, 5}, {5, 5, 5, 3, 2}, {5, 5, 4, 4, 2},
{5, 5, 4, 3, 3}, {5, 5, 4, 2, 2, 2}, {5, 5, 3, 3, 2, 2}, {5, 5, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2},
{4, 4, 4, 4, 4}, {4, 4, 4, 4, 2, 2}, {4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2}, {4, 4, 4, 2, 2, 2, 2},
{4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3}, {4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2}, {4, 4, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2},
{3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2}}
```

```
Out[48]= {{8, 8, 3}, {7, 7, 5}, {7, 7, 3, 2}, {6, 6, 5, 2}, {6, 6, 4, 3},
{6, 6, 3, 2, 2}, {5, 5, 5, 4}, {5, 5, 5, 2, 2}, {5, 5, 4, 3, 2}, {5, 5, 3, 3, 3},
{5, 5, 3, 2, 2, 2}, {4, 4, 4, 4, 3}, {4, 4, 4, 3, 2, 2}, {4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 2},
{4, 4, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2}}
```

```
Out[49]= {{9, 9}, {8, 8, 2}, {7, 7, 4}, {7, 7, 2, 2}, {6, 6, 6}, {6, 6, 4, 2},
{6, 6, 3, 3}, {6, 6, 2, 2, 2}, {5, 5, 5, 3}, {5, 5, 4, 4}, {5, 5, 4, 2, 2},
{5, 5, 3, 3, 2}, {5, 5, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {4, 4, 4, 4, 2}, {4, 4, 4, 3, 3},
{4, 4, 4, 2, 2, 2}, {4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2}, {4, 4, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3},
{3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2}, {2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2}}
```

Now consider to find a transformation from pfirst2eqlastgtm(19,1) to list of pfirst2eqlastgtm(20,1). You cannot add 1 to first item or append 1. If you try indeed to add 1 to last item and sort you can catch duplicates. The only safe operation is to append 2 to previous pfirst2eqlastgtm(18,1).

```
In[50]= Reverse@Sort@Append[Most[#, 2], Last[#] + 1] & /@ pfirst2eqlastgtm[19, 1]
```

```
Out[50]= {{8, 8, 4}, {7, 7, 6}, {7, 7, 3, 3}, {6, 6, 5, 3}, {6, 6, 4, 4},
{6, 6, 3, 3, 2}, {5, 5, 5, 5}, {5, 5, 5, 3, 2}, {5, 5, 4, 3, 3}, {5, 5, 4, 3, 3},
{5, 5, 3, 3, 2, 2}, {4, 4, 4, 4, 4}, {4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2}, {4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3},
{4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2}, {3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2}}
```

```
In[51]= Sort[Complement[pfirst2eqlastgtm[20, 1],
Append[#, 2] & /@ pfirst2eqlastgtm[18, 1]], lorderQ]
pfirst2eqlastgtm[20, 2]
```

```
Out[51]= {{10, 10}, {8, 8, 4}, {7, 7, 6}, {7, 7, 3, 3}, {6, 6, 5, 3},
{6, 6, 4, 4}, {5, 5, 5, 5}, {5, 5, 4, 3, 3}, {4, 4, 4, 4, 4}, {4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3}}
```

```
Out[52]= {{10, 10}, {8, 8, 4}, {7, 7, 6}, {7, 7, 3, 3}, {6, 6, 5, 3},
{6, 6, 4, 4}, {5, 5, 5, 5}, {5, 5, 4, 3, 3}, {4, 4, 4, 4, 4}, {4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3}}
```

The conclusions for $n = 20$ can be easily extended to every n :

$$\text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n, 1) = \text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n-2, 1) + \text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n, 2)$$

As a further example for $n = 40$:

```
In[53]= Sort[Complement[pfirst2eqlastgtm[40, 1], Append[#, 2] & /@ pfirst2eqlastgtm[38, 1]],
lorderQ] == pfirst2eqlastgtm[40, 2]
```

```
Out[53]= True
```

Using the same argumentation you can reach to the general integer relation:

$$\text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n, k) = \text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n-k-1, k) + \text{pfirst2eqlastgtm}(n, k+1)$$