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GENERALIZATIONS OF MILNE'S $U(n+1)$
 q -CHU-VANDERMONDE SUMMATION

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Abstract. We derive two identities for multiple basic hyper-geometric series associated with the unitary $U(n+1)$ group. In order to get the two identities, we first present two known q -exponential operator identities which were established in our earlier paper. From the two identities and combining them with the two $U(n+1)$ q -Chu-Vandermonde summations established by Milne, we arrive at our results. Using the identities obtained in this paper, we give two interesting identities involving binomial coefficients. In addition, we also derive two nontrivial summation equations from the two multiple extensions.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

The importance of the q -analogue of the basic hypergeometric series in $U(n)$ was first discussed by Andrews in [1]. Since the multiple basic hypergeometric series associated with the unitary $U(n+1)$ group was systematically studied by Milne [16], it has been studied by many researchers, who have produced much literature about it. For instance, the authors ([2], [6], [11], [12], [13], [15], [17], [18], [22], [21]) made a systematic study on it. Wang [23] applied the q -Beta integral transformation to obtain several generalizations of Milne's $U(n+1)$ q -binomial theorems. Zhang [24] gave

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several $U(n+1)$ generalizations of the Kalnins-Miller transformations by applying q -exponential operators which were constructed by Rogers [19], [20], and developed by Carlitz [4], Chen and Liu [5], Liu [14] and Bowman [3]. Mainly inspired by [15], [23], [24], we will focus on the generalizations of the following Milne's $U(n+1)$ q -Chu-Vandermonde formulas which were presented as Theorem 5.12 and Theorem 5.36 (cf. [15]):

Let b, c and x_1, \dots, x_n be indeterminate, and let N_i be nonnegative integers for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$; $e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ is the second elementary symmetric function of $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, and we suppose that none of the denominators vanishes:

$$(1) \quad \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} \frac{c}{b}; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c; q\right)_{N_i}} = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \right. \\ \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n}\right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{cq^{\mathcal{N}_n}}{b}\right)^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \\ \left. \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c; q\right)_{y_i}^{-1} (b; q)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_2+2y_3+\dots+(n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \right\}$$

and

$$(2) \quad \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} \frac{cq^{N_n - N_i}}{b}; q\right)_{N_i} = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \right. \\ \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i}\right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{cq^{\mathcal{N}_n}}{b}\right)^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \\ \times \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cq^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cq^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q\right)_{y_i}} \\ \left. \times (b; q)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_2+2y_3+\dots+(n-1)y_n + e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \right\}.$$

We adopt the notation used in [10]. Throughout the paper unless otherwise stated we assume that $0 < |q| < 1$. For any complex parameter a , the q -shifted factorials are defined as

$$(3) \quad (a; q)_0 = 1, \quad (a; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k).$$

For brevity, we also use the notation

$$(4) \quad (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m; q)_n = (a_1; q)_n (a_2; q)_n \dots (a_m; q)_n, \quad \mathcal{N}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n N_i, \quad \mathcal{Y}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i.$$

The q -binomial coefficient is defined as

$$(5) \quad \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \frac{(q; q)_n}{(q; q)_k (q; q)_{n-k}}.$$

The q -differential operator D_q and the q -shifted operator η , acting on the variable a , are defined as (cf. [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [14], [19], [20], [24])

$$(6) \quad D_q\{f(a)\} = \frac{f(a) - f(aq)}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta\{f(a)\} = f(aq).$$

The basic hypergeometric series ${}_s\Phi_t$ is given as

$$(7) \quad {}_s\Phi_t \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_s \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_t \end{matrix}; q, x \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_s; q)_k}{(q, b_1, \dots, b_t; q)_k} [(-1)^k q^{\binom{k}{2}}]^{1+t-s} x^k,$$

where $s, t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. The main results of this paper are stated as follows:

Theorem 1.1. *Let b, c, d, e, x, y and $x_1, \dots, x_n, a_1, \dots, a_{2t}$ be indeterminate, let N_i be nonnegative integers for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ with $n \geq 1$, and suppose that none of the denominators in (8) vanishes. For $|e| < \min\{|x|, |y|\}$, $|a_{2j}| < 1$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$, $e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ being the second elementary symmetric function of $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, we have*

$$(8) \quad \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q)_{y_r}}{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c x; q \right)_{y_i}^{-1} \right. \\ \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} \right)^{y_i} (q^{\mathcal{N}_n})_{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \\ \times \left. \frac{\left(\frac{x}{b}, \frac{x}{d}, \frac{x}{a_1}, \dots, \frac{x}{a_{2t-1}}; q \right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} (cbda_1 a_3 \dots a_{2t-1})_{\mathcal{Y}_n}}{\left(\frac{x}{e}, \frac{x}{a_2}, \frac{x}{a_4}, \dots, \frac{x}{a_{2t}}; q \right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} (ea_2 a_4 \dots a_{2t})_{\mathcal{Y}_n}} \right\} \\ = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c y; q)_{N_i}}{(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c x; q)_{N_i}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q)_{y_r}}{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q)_{y_r}} \right. \\ \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c y; q \right)_{y_i}^{-1} (cbq^{\mathcal{N}_n})_{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \left(\frac{y}{b}; q \right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} \\ \times \left. \sum_{0 \leq j \leq \mathcal{Y}_n} \frac{(q^{-\mathcal{Y}_n}, \frac{x}{b}, \frac{d}{e}; q)_j q^j}{(q, \frac{x}{e}, \frac{y}{b}; q)_j} \sum_{0 \leq j_t \leq \dots \leq j_0} \prod_{i=1}^t \frac{(q^{-j_{i-1}}, \frac{a_{2i-1}}{a_{2i-3}}, \frac{x}{a_{2i-3}}; q)_{j_i} q^{j_i}}{(q, \frac{x}{a_{2i}}, \frac{q^{1-j_{i-1}} a_{2i-2}}{a_{2i-3}}; q)_{j_i}} \right\},$$

where $a_{-1} = d$, $a_0 = e$, $j_0 = j$, and t is a nonnegative integer.

Theorem 1.2. Let b, c, d, e, x, y and $x_1, \dots, x_n, a_1, \dots, a_{2t}$ be indeterminate, let N_i be nonnegative integers for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ with $n \geq 1$, and suppose that none of the denominators in (9) vanishes. For $|e| < \min\{|x|, |y|\}$, $|a_{2j}| < 1$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$, $e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ being the second elementary symmetric function of $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9) \quad & \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1, 2, \dots, n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i}\right)^{y_i} (q^{N_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \right. \\
 & \times \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} c x q^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} c x q^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q\right)_{y_i}} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n + e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \\
 & \times \left. \frac{\left(\frac{x}{b}, \frac{x}{d}, \frac{x}{a_1}, \dots, \frac{x}{a_{2t-1}}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}}{\left(\frac{x}{e}, \frac{x}{a_2}, \frac{x}{a_4}, \dots, \frac{x}{a_{2t}}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}} \left(\frac{cbda_1 a_3 \dots a_{2t-1}}{ea_2 a_4 \dots a_{2t}}\right)^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \right\} \\
 = & \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1, 2, \dots, n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i}\right)^{y_i} (bcq^{N_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \right. \\
 & \times \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} c y q^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} c y q^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q\right)_{y_i}} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n + e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \left(\frac{y}{b}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} \\
 & \left. \sum_{0 \leq j \leq \mathcal{Y}_n} \frac{\left(q^{-\mathcal{Y}_n}, \frac{x}{b}, \frac{d}{e}; q\right)_j q^j}{\left(q, \frac{x}{e}, \frac{y}{b}; q\right)_j} \sum_{0 \leq j_t \leq \dots \leq j_0 = j} \prod_{i=1}^t \frac{\left(q^{-j_{i-1}}, \frac{a_{2i-1}}{a_{2i}}, \frac{x}{a_{2i-3}}; q\right)_{j_i} q^{j_i}}{\left(q, \frac{x}{a_{2i}}, \frac{q^{1-j_{i-1}} a_{2i-2}}{a_{2i-3}}; q\right)_{j_i}} \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

where $a_{-1} = d$, $a_0 = e$, and t is a nonnegative integer.

Remark. Throughout the paper, convergence of the series is no issue at all because they are terminating series.

2. LEMMAS AND PROOFS

In this section, we will apply the q -exponential operator

$$(10) \quad W(b; c\theta) := {}_1\Phi_0 \left(\begin{matrix} b \\ - \end{matrix}; q, -c\theta \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(b; q)_n (-c\theta)^n}{(q; q)_n}$$

which is constructed by us (cf. [7], [8], [9]) to obtain the results. For convenience, we will use $W(b; c\theta)_a$ to denote the operator (10) acting on the variable a in this paper.

In order to complete our proof, we need to use the following known identity which was established in our earlier papers [8], [9]:

Lemma 2.1 ([9], Theorem 1.1 or [8], Lemma 2.1). *If $|cst/\omega| < 1$, $s/\omega = q^{-n}$, and n is a nonnegative integer, then*

$$(11) \quad W(b; c\theta)_a \left\{ \frac{(as, at; q)_\infty}{(a\omega; q)_\infty} \right\} = \frac{(as, at, bct; q)_\infty}{(a\omega, ct; q)_\infty} {}_3\Phi_2 \left(b, \frac{s}{\omega}, \frac{q}{at}; q, q \right).$$

Taking $n = 0$ in the above lemma, then replacing s by t , we have

Lemma 2.2. *If $|cs| < 1$, then*

$$(12) \quad W(b; c\theta)_a \{(as; q)_\infty\} = \frac{(as, bcs; q)_\infty}{(cs; q)_\infty}.$$

Proof. We will start our proof by the following steps.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Replacing (b, c) by (bx, cx) and (by, cy) in (1), then comparing the two identities obtained, we get

$$(13) \quad \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q)_{y_r}}{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q \right)_{y_i}^{-1} \right. \\ \left. \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} \right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{cq^{N_n}}{b} \right)^{\mathcal{Y}_n} (bx; q)_{y_n} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \right\} \\ = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q)_{N_i}}{(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q)_{N_i}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q)_{y_r}}{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q)_{y_r}} \right. \\ \left. \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q \right)_{y_i}^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} \right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{cq^{N_n}}{b} \right)^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \right. \\ \left. \times (by; q)_{y_n} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \right\}.$$

Letting $b \rightarrow 1/b$, we rewrite (13) as

$$(14) \quad \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q)_{y_r}}{(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q)_{y_r}} \right. \\ \left. \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q \right)_{y_i}^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} \right)^{y_i} \right. \\ \left. \times (-cxq^{N_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} q^{\binom{y_n}{2}} \left(q^{1 - \mathcal{Y}_n} \frac{b}{x}; q \right)_\infty \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q\right)_{N_i}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \right. \\
&\quad \times \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q\right)_{y_i}^{-1} (-cyq^{\mathcal{N}_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \\
&\quad \left. \times q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} q^{\binom{\mathcal{Y}_n}{2}} \frac{(q^{1-\mathcal{Y}_n} \frac{b}{y}, q \frac{b}{x}; q)_{\infty}}{(q \frac{b}{y}; q)_{\infty}} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the operator $W(d; e\theta)_b$ to both sides of (14) and using (11) and (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(15) \quad &\sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \right. \\
&\quad \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q\right)_{y_i}^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n}\right)^{y_i} \\
&\quad \left. \times (cbdq^{\mathcal{N}_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \frac{\left(\frac{x}{b}, \frac{x}{de}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}}{\left(\frac{x}{e}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}} \right\} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q\right)_{N_i}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \right. \\
&\quad \times \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q\right)_{y_i}^{-1} (cbq^{\mathcal{N}_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \\
&\quad \left. \times q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \left(\frac{y}{b}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} {}_3\Phi_2 \left(q^{-\mathcal{Y}_n}, d, \frac{x}{b}; \frac{y}{b}, \frac{x}{e}; q, q \right) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Letting $d \rightarrow d/e$, we rewrite (15) as

$$\begin{aligned}
(16) \quad &\sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q\right)_{y_i}^{-1} \right. \\
&\quad \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n}\right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{cbq^{\mathcal{N}_n}}{e}\right)^{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \\
&\quad \left. \times \frac{(-1)^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \left(\frac{x}{b}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}}{\left(\frac{x}{e}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}} q^{-\binom{\mathcal{Y}_n}{2}} \left(\frac{dq^{1-\mathcal{Y}_n}}{x}; q\right)_{\infty} \right\} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q\right)_{N_i}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c y; q\right)_{y_i}^{-1} \\
& \times (cbq^{\mathcal{N}_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_2+\dots+(n-1)y_n-e_2(y_1,\dots,y_n)} \\
& \times \left(\frac{y}{b}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} \sum_{0 \leq j \leq \mathcal{Y}_n} \frac{(q^{-\mathcal{Y}_n}, \frac{x}{b}; q)_j q^j \left(\frac{d}{e}, \frac{dq}{x}; q\right)_\infty}{\left(q, \frac{x}{e}, \frac{y}{b}; q\right)_j \left(\frac{dq^j}{e}; q\right)_\infty} \Big\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the operator $W(a_1; a_2 \theta)_d$ to both sides of (16), applying (11) and (12), then letting $a_1 \rightarrow a_1/a_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(17) \quad & \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \right. \\
& \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c x; q\right)_{y_i}^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n}\right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{cbda_1 q^{\mathcal{N}_n}}{ea_2}\right)^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \\
& \times q^{y_2+2y_3+\dots+(n-1)y_n-e_2(y_1,\dots,y_n)} \frac{\left(\frac{x}{b}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} \left(\frac{x}{d}, \frac{x}{a_1}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}}{\left(\frac{x}{e}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} \left(\frac{x}{a_2}\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}} \Big\} \\
& = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c y; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c x; q\right)_{N_i}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \right. \\
& \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} c y; q\right)_{y_i}^{-1} (cbq^{\mathcal{N}_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_2+\dots+(n-1)y_n-e_2(y_1,\dots,y_n)} \left(\frac{y}{b}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} \\
& \times \sum_{0 \leq j \leq \mathcal{Y}_n} \frac{(q^{-\mathcal{Y}_n}, \frac{x}{b}, \frac{d}{e}; q)_j q^j}{\left(q, \frac{x}{e}, \frac{y}{b}; q\right)_j} {}_3\Phi_2 \left(q^{-j}, \frac{a_1}{a_2}, \frac{x}{d} \middle| \frac{x}{a_2}, \frac{e}{d} q^{1-j}; q, q \right) \Big\}.
\end{aligned}$$

The equation (8) follows by induction. □

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Replacing (b, c) by (bx, cx) and (by, cy) in (2), then comparing the two identities, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(18) \quad & \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i}\right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{cq^{N_n}}{b}\right)^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \right. \\
& \times \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} c x q^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} c x q^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q\right)_{y_i}} \\
& \times (bx; q)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} q^{y_1+2y_2+\dots+(n-1)y_n+e_2(y_1,\dots,y_n)} \Big\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} \right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{cq^{N_n}}{b} \right)^{y_n} \right. \\
&\quad \times \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q \right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q \right)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cyq^{N_n - N_i} q^{y_n - y_i}; q \right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cyq^{N_n - N_i} q^{y_n - y_i}; q \right)_{y_i}} \\
&\quad \left. \times (by; q)_{y_n} q^{y_1 + 2y_2 + \dots + (n-1)y_n + e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then similarly to the proof of Theorem 1.1, we complete the proof. \square

Remark 2.1. Setting $b \rightarrow 1/b$, and letting $d = e = a_1 = \dots = a_{2t} = 0$, then setting $x = 1, y = 1/b$ in (8) and (9) we come back to Milne's formulas (1) and (2), respectively.

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Setting $t = 0$, replacing (b, d, e) by $(1/b, 1/d, 1/e)$, then letting $e = bdy$ in (8), we get

Corollary 3.1 ([24], Theorem 3.4). *Let b, c, d, x, y and x_1, \dots, x_n be indeterminate, let N_i be nonnegative integers for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ with $n \geq 1$, and suppose that none of the denominators in (19) vanishes. For $e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)$, the second elementary symmetric function of $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
(19) \quad &\sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q \right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q \right)_{y_r}} \right. \\
&\quad \times \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q \right)_{y_i}^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} \right)^{y_i} (cyq^{N_n})^{y_n} \\
&\quad \left. \times q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \frac{(bx, dx; q)_{y_n}}{(bdxy; q)_{y_n}} \right\} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q \right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cx; q \right)_{N_i}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \right. \\
&\quad \times \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q \right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q \right)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q \right)_{y_i}^{-1} (cxq^{N_n})^{y_n} \\
&\quad \left. \times q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \frac{(by, dy; q)_{y_n}}{(bdxy; q)_{y_n}} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Setting $t = 0$, replacing (b, d, e) by $(1/b, 1/d, 1/e)$, then letting $e = bdy$ in (9), we find

Corollary 3.2 ([24], Theorem 3.16). *Let b, c, d, x, y and x_1, \dots, x_n be indeterminate, let N_i be nonnegative integers for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ with $n \geq 1$, and suppose that none of the denominators in (20) vanishes. For $e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)$, the second elementarily symmetric function of $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (20) \quad & \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} \right)^{y_i} (cyq^{N_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \right. \\
 & \times \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q \right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q \right)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cxq^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q \right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cxq^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q \right)_{y_i}} \\
 & \times q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n + e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \frac{(bx, dx; q)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}}{(bdxy; q)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}} \left. \right\} \\
 & = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} \right)^{y_i} (cxq^{N_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \right. \\
 & \times \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q \right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q \right)_{y_r}} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cyq^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q \right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cyq^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q \right)_{y_i}} \\
 & \times q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n + e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \frac{(by, dy; q)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}}{(bdxy; q)_{\mathcal{Y}_n}} \left. \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Remark 3.1. Obviously Corollary 3.1 is a limit case of the transformation of Theorem 3.1 in [6] and Corollary 3.2 is a limit case of Theorem 3.13 in [2].

Letting $n = 1$ in (8) or (9) and then replacing (b, d, e, a_i) by $(1/b, 1/d, 1/e, 1/a_i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2t$, we have

Corollary 3.3. *If $|e| < \min\{|x|, |y|\}$, $|a_{2j}| < 1$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$, and t is a nonnegative integer, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (21) \quad & {}_{t+3}\Phi_{t+2} \left(\begin{matrix} q^{-N_1}, bx, dx, a_1x, \dots, a_{2t-1}x \\ cx, ex, a_2x, \dots, a_{2t}x \end{matrix}; q, \frac{cea_2 \dots a_{2t} q^{N_1}}{bda_1 \dots a_{2t-1}} \right) \\
 & = \frac{(cy; q)_{N_1}}{(cx; q)_{N_1}} \sum_{y_1=0}^{N_1} \frac{(q^{-N_1}, by; q)_{y_1}}{(q, cy; q)_{y_1}} \left(\frac{cq^{N_1}}{b} \right)^{y_1} \sum_{j=0}^{y_1} \frac{(q^{-y_1}, \frac{e}{d}, bx; q)_j}{(q, ex, by; q)_j} q^j \\
 & \times \sum_{0 \leq j_t \leq \dots \leq j_1 \leq j_0 = j} \prod_{i=1}^t \frac{(q^{-j_{i-1}}, \frac{a_{2i}}{a_{2i-1}}, a_{2i-3}x; q)_{j_i}}{(q, \frac{a_{2i-3}}{a_{2i-2}} q^{1-j_{i-1}}, a_{2i}x; q)_{j_i}} q^{j_i},
 \end{aligned}$$

where $d = a_{-1}$, $e = a_0$.

Letting $cx = ex = a_2x = \dots = a_{2t}x$, $a_{2i}/a_{2i-1} = q$, $x = y$, $a_{-3} = b$, $a_{-2} = c$, $i = -1, 0, 1, \dots, t$ in (21), we find

Corollary 3.4. *If $|cx| < 1$, t is a nonnegative integer, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (22) \quad & \sum_{k=0}^{N_1} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{(1-bx)^{t+2}}{(1-bxq^k)^{t+2}} (-1)^k q^{\binom{k}{2} + k(t+2)} \\
 &= \sum_{y_1=0}^{N_1} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}_1 \frac{1-bx}{1-bxq^{y_1}} (-1)^{y_1} q^{\binom{y_1}{2} + y_1} \\
 & \quad \times \sum_{j=0}^{y_1} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ j \end{bmatrix} \frac{(q; q)_j}{(bxq; q)_j} (-1)^j q^{\binom{j}{2} - y_1j + j} \sum_{0 \leq j_t \leq \dots \leq j_1 \leq j_0 = j} \prod_{i=1}^t \frac{1-bx}{1-bxq^{j_i}} q^{j_i}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Setting $bx = q$ in the above identity, then letting $q \rightarrow 1$, we have

Corollary 3.5. *If t is a nonnegative integer, then*

$$(23) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{N_1} \frac{\binom{N_1}{k} (-1)^k}{(k+1)^{t+2}} = \sum_{y_1=0}^{N_1} \frac{\binom{N_1}{y_1} (-1)^{y_1}}{y_1+1} \sum_{j=0}^{y_1} \frac{\binom{y_1}{j} (-1)^j}{j+1} \sum_{0 \leq j_t \leq \dots \leq j_1 \leq j_0 = j} \prod_{i=1}^t \frac{1}{j_i+1}.$$

Letting $cx = ex = a_2x = \dots = a_{2t}x$, $a_{2i}/a_{2i-1} = q$, $qx = y$ in (21), we get

Corollary 3.6. *If $|cx| < 1$, t is a nonnegative integer, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (24) \quad & \sum_{k=0}^{N_1} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{(1-bx)^{t+2}}{(1-bxq^k)^{t+2}} (-1)^k q^{\binom{k}{2} + k(t+2)} \\
 &= \frac{1-bxq^{N_1+1}}{(1-bxq)} \sum_{y_1=0}^{N_1} \begin{bmatrix} N_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{(1-bxq)(-1)^{y_1}}{1-bxq^{y_1+1}} \\
 & \quad \times q^{\binom{y_1}{2} + y_1} \sum_{j=0}^{y_1} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ j \end{bmatrix} \frac{(q; q)_j (1-bx)(-1)^j q^{\binom{j}{2} + j - y_1j}}{(bxq; q)_j (1-bxq^j)} \\
 & \quad \times \sum_{0 \leq j_t \leq \dots \leq j_1 \leq j_0 = j} \prod_{i=1}^t \frac{1-bx}{1-bxq^{j_i}} q^{j_i}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Setting $bx = q$ in the above identity, then letting $q \rightarrow 1$, we have

Corollary 3.7. *If t is a nonnegative integer, then*

$$(25) \quad \frac{1}{N_1 + 2} \sum_{k=0}^{N_1} \frac{\binom{N_1}{k} (-1)^k}{(k+1)^{t+2}} \\ = \sum_{y_1=0}^{N_1} \frac{\binom{N_1}{y_1} (-1)^{y_1}}{y_1 + 2} \sum_{j=0}^{y_1} \frac{\binom{y_1}{j} (-1)^j}{(j+1)^2} \sum_{0 \leq j_t \leq \dots \leq j_1 \leq j_0 = j} \prod_{i=1}^t \frac{1}{j_i + 1}.$$

Setting $x \rightarrow a_{2t-1}$ in (8), we get

Corollary 3.8. *Let b, c, d, e, y and $x_1, \dots, x_n, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2t}$ be indeterminate, let N_i be nonnegative integers for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ with $n \geq 1$, and suppose that none of the denominators in (26) vanishes. For $|e| < \min\{|x|, |y|\}$, $|a_{2j}| < 1$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$, $e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ being the second elementary symmetric function of $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, we have*

$$(26) \quad 1 = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q\right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} ca_{2t-1}; q\right)_{N_i}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1, 2, \dots, n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{r, s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q\right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q\right)_{y_r}} \right. \\ \times (cbq^{\mathcal{N}_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{x_n} cy; q\right)_{y_i}^{-1} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n - e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \left(\frac{y}{b}; q\right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} \\ \times \sum_{0 \leq j \leq \mathcal{Y}_n} \frac{\left(q^{-\mathcal{Y}_n}, \frac{a_{2t-1}}{b}, \frac{d}{e}; q\right)_j q^j}{\left(q, \frac{a_{2t-1}}{e}, \frac{y}{b}; q\right)_j} \\ \times \left. \sum_{0 \leq j_t \leq \dots \leq j_0} \prod_{i=1}^t \frac{\left(q^{-j_{i-1}}, \frac{a_{2i-1}}{a_{2i}}, \frac{a_{2i-1}}{a_{2i-3}}; q\right)_{j_i} q^{j_i}}{\left(q, \frac{a_{2i-1}}{a_{2i}}, \frac{a_{2i-2}}{a_{2i-3}} q^{1-j_{i-1}}; q\right)_{j_i}} \right\},$$

where $a_{-1} = d$, $a_0 = e$, $j_0 = j$, and t is a nonnegative integer.

Setting $x \rightarrow a_{2t-1}$ in (9), we find

Corollary 3.9. *Let b, c, d, e, y and $x_1, \dots, x_n, a_1, \dots, a_{2t}$ be indeterminate, let N_i be nonnegative integers for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ with $n \geq 1$, and suppose that none of the denominators in (27) vanishes. For $|e| < \min\{|x|, |y|\}$, $|a_{2j}| < 1$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, t$, $e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ being the second elementary symmetric function of $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, we*

have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (27) \quad & \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} ca_{2t-1} q^{N_n - N_i}; q \right)_{N_i} \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq y_i \leq N_i \\ i=1,2,\dots,n}} \left\{ \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} \frac{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{y_r - y_s}}{1 - \frac{x_r}{x_s}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} \right)^{y_i} (bcq^{N_n})^{\mathcal{Y}_n} \prod_{r,s=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q^{-N_s}; q \right)_{y_r}}{\left(\frac{x_r}{x_s} q; q \right)_{y_r}} \right. \\
 & \quad \times \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cyq^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q \right)_{N_i}}{\left(\frac{x_n}{x_i} cyq^{N_n - N_i} q^{\mathcal{Y}_n - y_i}; q \right)_{y_i}} q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (n-1)y_n + e_2(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \left(\frac{y}{b}; q \right)_{\mathcal{Y}_n} \\
 & \quad \times \sum_{0 \leq j \leq \mathcal{Y}_n} \frac{\left(q^{-\mathcal{Y}_n}, \frac{a_{2t-1}}{b}, \frac{d}{e}; q \right)_j q^j}{\left(q, \frac{a_{2t-1}}{e}, \frac{y}{b}; q \right)_j} \\
 & \quad \times \left. \sum_{0 \leq j_t \leq \dots \leq j_0 = j} \prod_{i=1}^t \frac{\left(q^{-j_{i-1}}, \frac{a_{2i-1}}{a_{2i}}, \frac{a_{2t-1}}{a_{2i-3}}; q \right)_{j_i} q^{j_i}}{\left(q, \frac{a_{2t-1}}{a_{2i}}, \frac{a_{2i-2}}{a_{2i-3}} q^{1-j_{i-1}}; q \right)_{j_i}} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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