



q -almost Riordan arrays

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Abstract. Our focus is on examining a group of Riordan arrays in which each member is represented by a triple of power series that is called an almost-Riordan array. If we take a triple of power series that is chosen as a q -function, we identify the q -analogue of the almost-Riordan arrays called q -almost Riordan arrays. In addition, we obtain the fundamental theorem for q -almost Riordan arrays (FT q ARA). For suitably chosen pairs of q -almost Riordan arrays, new formulas for the multiplication of any q -almost Riordan arrays are obtained. Finally, with the help of the FT q ARA, the generating functions for some row sums of q -almost Riordan matrices are derived.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

In combinatorics, Riordan arrays are crucial for deriving combinatorial identities. Furthermore, Riordan arrays are useful in a wide range of mathematical domains. A Riordan array is an infinite lower triangular matrix defined by formal power series. Let us consider the following formal power series

$$g(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k t^k$$

and

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k t^k$$

with $g_0 f_1 \neq 0$. The generating function of the j th column of the Riordan matrix is defined as follows

$$g(t) f^j(t), \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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$D = (g(t), f(t))$ is another way to express a Riordan matrix as a pair of formal power series. The multiplication of two Riordan matrices is defined by

$$(g(t), f(t))(u(t), v(t)) = (g(t)(u \circ f)(t), (v \circ f)(t)) \tag{1}$$

where \circ denotes the composition of the functions. The set of Riordan matrices is a group under matrix multiplication with (1) and denoted by \mathcal{R} in [17].

The Fundamental Theorem of Riordan Arrays (FTRA) is an essential theorem in the study of Riordan arrays. Let $A(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k t^k$ and $B(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k t^k$ be any formal series and $(g(t), f(t))$ be a Riordan array. Then, FTRA is

$$(g(t), f(t))A(t) = B(t) \Leftrightarrow g(t)A(f(t)) = B(t)$$

in [18]. Many topics have been studied associated with Riordan arrays. One of them is the characterization of Riordan arrays. The Riordan arrays are characterized by the A and Z -sequences in [15, 16]. More information related to Riordan arrays can be found in [4, 13, 19, 21].

The q -calculus has a crucial role in many fields, including mathematics and physics. Especially, q -calculus has wide applications in number theory, quantum group theory, and combinatorics [8]. The Riordan group notation is closely associated with the Lagrange inversion formula. Numerous generalizations of the Lagrange inversion formula with the q -analogue have been studied in [12].

Let $F(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} F_k t^k$ and $f(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k t^k$ be any formal series. Garsia defined

$$F \circ f(t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} F_n \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} f(q^k t) \tag{2}$$

and

$$F \circ f(t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} F_n \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} f(t/q^k) \tag{3}$$

which is named by q -analogue of composition of functions [9]. Detailed information on the q -calculus can be found in [10, 11].

Many studies have been associated with the q analog of Riordan arrays. The q -analogue of Riordan arrays has been obtained by defining two binary operations $*_q$ and $*_{1/q}$ in [22]. Consider the following generating functions:

$$g(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k(q)t^k$$

and

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(q)t^k$$

with $g_0(q)f_1(q) \neq 0$. Two binary operations $*_q$ and $*_{1/q}$ are provided with the following expressions

$$g(t) *_q f(t) = g(t)f(qt) \tag{4}$$

and

$$g(t) *_{1/q} f(t) = g(t)f(t/q). \tag{5}$$

Furthermore, the q -analogue of the Riordan arrays is indicated by $(g(t), f(t))_q$ and $(g(t), f(t))_{1/q}$. The generating functions of their j th columns are, respectively, as follows:

$$g(t) *_q f^{[j]}(t), \text{ for } j = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{6}$$

and

$$g(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j]}(t), \text{ for } j = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{7}$$

where the j th power of $f(t)$ is defined by

$$f^{[j]}(t) = f(t) *_q f^{[j-1]}(t) \tag{8}$$

and

$$f^{[j]}(t) = f(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j-1]}(t) \tag{9}$$

for $j \geq 1$ and $f^{[0]}(t) = f^{[0]}(t) = 1$. Using (2) and (3), the q -analogue of the fundamental theorem of Riordan arrays has been obtained

$$(g(t), f(t))_q A(t) = B(t) \Leftrightarrow g(t) *_q (A \circ f)(t) = B(t) \tag{10}$$

and

$$(g(t), f(t))_{1/q} A(t) = B(t) \Leftrightarrow g(t) *_{1/q} (A \circ f)(t) = B(t) \tag{11}$$

[22]. In addition, the q -Riordan array has been defined by using the Eulerian generating functions in [6]. Furthermore, some applications of q -Riordan arrays have been provided in [7]. The multiplications of any q -Riordan arrays and q -double Riordan arrays have been found in [2, 24].

The generalizations of Riordan arrays have been the subject of recent research. One of them is the almost-Riordan arrays. Barry has considered the following formal power series

$$k(t) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} k_s t^s, \quad g(t) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} g_s t^s, \quad f(t) = \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} f_s t^s$$

with $k_0 g_0 f_1 \neq 0$. $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))$ is an almost-Riordan array of order 1. The generating function for the j th column of the almost-Riordan array of order 1 is

$$\begin{aligned} k(t) & \text{ for } j = 0 \\ tg(t) f^{j-1}(t) & \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, the multiplication of two almost-Riordan arrays is given

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t)) (\ell(t)|u(t), v(t)) = ((k(t)|g(t), f(t)) \ell(t)|g(t)(u \circ f)(t), (v \circ f)(t)) \tag{12}$$

where $(k(t)|g(t), f(t)) \ell(t)$ is

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t)) \ell(t) = \ell_0 k(t) + tg(t) \frac{(\ell \circ f)(t) - \ell_0}{f(t)}.$$

The set of almost-Riordan arrays is a group with multiplication (12) and is denoted by $a\mathcal{R}$ in [3]. The sequence characterizations of almost-Riordan arrays have been provided in [1, 3]. The involution and total positivity of the almost-Riordan group have been obtained in [5, 14, 20, 23].

Based on the preceding studies, the main aim of this paper is to examine the q -analogue of the almost-Riordan arrays. The definitions of the q -analogue of the almost-Riordan arrays are provided. In addition, the fundamental theorem for q -almost Riordan arrays is obtained. Using the q -analogue of the fundamental theorem, the row, the alternating row, the weighted row and the alternating weighted row sums are given. Furthermore, the multiplication of any q -almost Riordan arrays is found.

2. Main Results

The section provides a definition of the q -almost Riordan arrays as well as their fundamental theorem. In addition, we obtain the generating functions for some row sums of the q -almost Riordan arrays.

Definition 2.1. Consider the following generating functions

$$k(t) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} k_s(q)t^s \tag{13}$$

$$g(t) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} g_s(q)t^s \tag{14}$$

$$f(t) = \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} f_s(q)t^s \tag{15}$$

with $k_0(q)g_0(q)f_1(q) \neq 0$. The q -almost Riordan arrays are represented as $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q$. The generating function for the j th column of the q -almost Riordan arrays is

$$k(t), \text{ for } j = 0, \tag{16}$$

$$tg(t) *_q f^{[j-1]}(t), \text{ for } j = 1, 2, 3, \dots \tag{17}$$

Theorem 2.2 (FT q ARA). Let $h(t) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} h_s(q)t^s$ be a generating function and be $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q$ a q -almost Riordan array. Then,

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q h(t) = h_0(q)k(t) + tg(t) *_q (\widetilde{h \circ f})(t) \tag{18}$$

where

$$\widetilde{h}(t) = \frac{h(t) - h_0(q)}{t}.$$

Proof. Taking into account the product of $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q$ and $h(t)$, we have

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q h(t) = h_0(q)k(t) + h_1(q) \left(tg(t) *_q f^{[0]}(t) \right) + h_2(q) \left(tg(t) *_q f^{[1]}(t) \right) + \dots$$

From (4) and (8), we get

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q h(t) = h_0(q)k(t) + tg(t) \left(h_1(q) + h_2(q)f(qt) + h_3(q)f(qt)f(q^2t) + \dots \right).$$

Considering (2), (4) and $\widetilde{h}(t) = \frac{h(t) - h_0(q)}{t}$, the result is obtained. \square

If we take $h(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$ and $h(t) = \frac{1}{1+t}$ in (18), we obtain the generating functions for the row sums and the alternating row sums of the q -almost Riordan arrays in the following corollary.

Corollary 2.3. The row and the alternating row sums of $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q$ have the following generating functions

$$R_q^+(t) = k(t) + tg(t) \left(1 + f(qt) + f(qt)f(q^2t) + \dots \right)$$

and

$$R_q^-(t) = k(t) - tg(t) \left(1 - f(qt) + f(qt)f(q^2t) - \dots \right).$$

Example 2.4. Consider $\left(\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} \mid \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t}\right)_q$. This matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 2 & 1 & q & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 3 & 1 & q(q+1) & q^3 & 0 & \vdots \\ 5 & 1 & q(q^2+q+1) & q^3(q^2+q+1) & q^6 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

The generating functions for the row and the alternating row sums of $\left(\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} \mid \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t}\right)_q$ are

$$R_q^+(t) = \frac{1}{1-t-t^2} + \frac{t}{1-t} \left(1 + \frac{qt}{1-qt} + \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} + \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1-q^3t} + \dots \right)$$

and

$$R_q^-(t) = \frac{1}{1-t-t^2} - \frac{t}{1-t} \left(1 - \frac{qt}{1-qt} + \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} - \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1-q^3t} + \dots \right).$$

Hence, the sequences of row and the alternating row sums are as follows:

$$\{1, 2, q + 3, q^3 + q^2 + q + 4, q^6 + q^5 + q^4 + 2q^3 + q^2 + q + 6, \dots\}$$

and

$$\{1, 0, q + 1, -q^3 + q^2 + q + 2, q^6 - q^5 - q^4 + q^2 + q + 4, \dots\}.$$

Taking $h(t) = \frac{1}{(1-t)^2}$ and $h(t) = \frac{1}{(1+t)^2}$ in (18), the generating functions for the weighted row and the alternating weighted row sums of the q -almost Riordan arrays are obtained as the following corollary.

Corollary 2.5. The weighted row and the alternating weighted row sums of $(k(t) \mid g(t), f(t))_q$ have the following generating functions

$$W_q^+(t) = k(t) + tg(t) \left(2 + 3f(qt) + 4f(qt)f(q^2t) + \dots \right)$$

and

$$W_q^-(t) = k(t) - tg(t) \left(2 - 3f(qt) + 4f(qt)f(q^2t) - \dots \right).$$

Example 2.6. Let us take $\left(\frac{2-t}{1-t-t^2} \mid \frac{1}{1+t}, \frac{t}{1+t}\right)_q$. This matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 3 & -1 & q & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 4 & 1 & -q(q+1) & q^3 & 0 & \vdots \\ 7 & -1 & q(q^2+q+1) & -q^3(q^2+q+1) & q^6 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

The generating functions for the weighted row and the alternating weighted row sums are

$$W_q^+(t) = \frac{2-t}{1-t-t^2} + \frac{t}{1+t} \left(2 + 3 \frac{qt}{1+qt} + 4 \frac{qt}{1+qt} \frac{q^2t}{1+q^2t} + 5 \frac{qt}{1+qt} \frac{q^2t}{1+q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1+q^3t} + \dots \right)$$

and

$$W_q^-(t) = \frac{2-t}{1-t-t^2} - \frac{t}{1+t} \left(2 - 3 \frac{qt}{1+qt} + 4 \frac{qt}{1+qt} \frac{q^2t}{1+q^2t} - 5 \frac{qt}{1+qt} \frac{q^2t}{1+q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1+q^3t} + \dots \right).$$

The sequences of $W_q^+(t)$ and $W_q^-(t)$ are given as

$$\{2, 3, 3q + 1, 4q^3 - 3q^2 - 3q + 6, 5q^6 - 4q^5 - 4q^4 - q^3 + 3q^2 + 3q + 5, \dots\}$$

and

$$\{2, -1, 3q + 5, -4q^3 - 3q^2 - 3q + 2, 5q^6 + 4q^5 + 4q^4 + 7q^3 + 3q^2 + 3q + 9, \dots\}.$$

Definition 2.7. For the generating functions (13)-(15), the q -almost Riordan array's other notation is $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_{1/q}$. The generating function for the j th column of the q -almost Riordan arrays is

$$k(t), \quad \text{for } j = 0, \tag{19}$$

$$tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j-1]}(t), \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, 3, \dots \tag{20}$$

Theorem 2.8 (FTqARA). Let $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_{1/q}$ be a q -almost Riordan array and $h(t) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} h_s(q) t^s$. Then

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_{1/q} h(t) = h_0(q)k(t) + tg(t) *_{1/q} (\widetilde{h} \circ f)(t) \tag{21}$$

where

$$\widetilde{h}(t) = \frac{h(t) - h_0(q)}{t}.$$

Proof. Considering the product $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_{1/q}$ and $h(t)$, we get

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_{1/q} h(t) = h_0(q)k(t) + h_1(q) \left(tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[0]}(t) \right) + h_2(q) \left(tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[1]}(t) \right) + \dots$$

From (5) and (9), we have

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_{1/q} h(t) = h_0(q)k(t) + tg(t) \left(h_1(q) + h_2(q)f(t/q) + h_3(q)f(t/q)f(t/q^2) + \dots \right).$$

Using (3), (5) and $\widetilde{h}(t) = \frac{h(t) - h_0(q)}{t}$, the result is clear. \square

Now, we give the generating functions for the row sum, the alternating row sum, the weighted row sum and the alternating weighted row sum of $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_{1/q}$.

Corollary 2.9. The generating functions of the row, the alternating row, the weighted and the alternating weighted row sums for $(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_{1/q}$ are

$$R_{1/q}^+(t) = k(t) + tg(t) \left(1 + f(t/q) + f(t/q)f(t/q^2) + \dots \right)$$

$$R_{1/q}^-(t) = k(t) - tg(t) \left(1 - f(t/q) + f(t/q)f(t/q^2) - \dots \right)$$

$$W_{1/q}^+(t) = k(t) + tg(t) \left(2 + 3f(t/q) + 4f(t/q)f(t/q^2) + \dots \right)$$

$$W_{1/q}^-(t) = k(t) - tg(t) \left(2 - 3f(t/q) + 4f(t/q)f(t/q^2) - \dots \right)$$

respectively.

Example 2.10. Consider $\left(\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} \mid \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t}\right)_{1/q}$. This matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 2 & 1 & \frac{1}{q} & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 3 & 1 & \frac{1}{q} \left(\frac{1}{q} + 1\right) & \frac{1}{q^3} & 0 & \vdots \\ 5 & 1 & \frac{1}{q} \left(\frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{q} + 1\right) & \frac{1}{q^3} \left(\frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{q} + 1\right) & \frac{1}{q^6} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

The generating functions for the row and the alternating row sums of $\left(\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} \mid \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t}\right)_{1/q}$ are

$$R_{1/q}^+(t) = \frac{1}{1-t-t^2} + \frac{t}{1-t} \left(1 + \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} + \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} \frac{t/q^2}{1-t/q^2} + \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} \frac{t/q^2}{1-t/q^2} \frac{t/q^3}{1-t/q^3} + \dots \right)$$

and

$$R_{1/q}^-(t) = \frac{1}{1-t-t^2} - \frac{t}{1-t} \left(1 - \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} + \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} \frac{t/q^2}{1-t/q^2} - \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} \frac{t/q^2}{1-t/q^2} \frac{t/q^3}{1-t/q^3} + \dots \right).$$

These sums are

$$\left\{ 1, 2, \frac{1}{q} + 3, \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{q^3} + 4, \frac{1}{q^6} (6q^6 + q^5 + q^4 + 2q^3 + q^2 + q + 1), \dots \right\}$$

and

$$\left\{ 1, 0, \frac{1}{q} + 1, \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q^2} - \frac{1}{q^3} + 2, \frac{1}{q^6} (4q^6 + q^5 + q^4 - q^2 - q + 1), \dots \right\}.$$

Similarly, the generating functions for the weighted row and the alternating weighted row sums of $\left(\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} \mid \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t}\right)_{1/q}$ are

$$W_{1/q}^+(t) = \frac{1}{1-t-t^2} + \frac{t}{1-t} \left(2 + 3 \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} + 4 \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} \frac{t/q^2}{1-t/q^2} + 5 \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} \frac{t/q^2}{1-t/q^2} \frac{t/q^3}{1-t/q^3} + \dots \right)$$

and

$$W_{1/q}^-(t) = \frac{1}{1-t-t^2} - \frac{t}{1-t} \left(2 - 3 \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} + 4 \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} \frac{t/q^2}{1-t/q^2} - 5 \frac{t/q}{1-t/q} \frac{t/q^2}{1-t/q^2} \frac{t/q^3}{1-t/q^3} + \dots \right).$$

The first few elements of these sums are

$$\left\{ 1, 3, \frac{3}{q} + 4, \frac{3}{q} + \frac{3}{q^2} + \frac{4}{q^3} + 5, \frac{1}{q^6} (7q^6 + 3q^5 + 3q^4 + 7q^3 + 4q^2 + 4q + 5), \dots \right\}$$

and

$$\left\{ 1, -1, \frac{3}{q}, \frac{3}{q} + \frac{3}{q^2} - \frac{4}{q^3} + 1, \frac{1}{q^6} (3q^6 + 3q^5 + 3q^4 - q^3 - 4q^2 - 4q + 5), \dots \right\}.$$

In this part of the paper, we consider the multiplications of any q -almost Riordan arrays. The following four theorems give a new method for the multiplication of any q -almost Riordan matrices.

Theorem 2.11. Let $D = (k(t) | g(t), f(t))_q$ and $R = (\ell(t) | u(t), v(t))_q$ be q -almost Riordan arrays. Then, as shown below, the generating function is given for the j th column of DR .

$$(k(t) | g(t), f(t))_q \ell(t), \quad \text{for } j = 0 \tag{22}$$

$$\frac{tg(t)}{f(t)} \left((tu *_{q} v^{[j-1]}) \overline{\circ} f \right) (t), \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots \tag{23}$$

The following equation represents the multiplication of two q -almost Riordan arrays:

$$(k(t) | g(t), f(t))_q (\ell(t) | u(t), v(t))_q = ((k(t) | g(t), f(t))_q \ell(t) | g(t), h(t/q))_q$$

where

$$h^{[j]}(t) = \frac{\left((tu *_{q} v^{[j]}) \overline{\circ} f \right) (t)}{f(t)}.$$

Proof. Taking into account the matrix product, the generating function for the 0th column of DR is

$$r_{0,0}k(t) + r_{1,0} (tg(t) *_{q} f^{[0]}(t)) + r_{2,0} (tg(t) *_{q} f^{[1]}(t)) + r_{3,0} (tg(t) *_{q} f^{[2]}(t)) + \dots$$

From (4) and (8), we have

$$r_{0,0} k(t) + tg(t) (r_{1,0} + r_{2,0}f(qt) + r_{3,0}f(qt) f(q^2t) + \dots).$$

Using (2) and (18), the generating function for the 0th column of DR is obtained as

$$(k(t) | g(t), f(t))_q \ell(t).$$

For the first column of DR , the generating function is

$$r_{1,1} (tg(t) *_{q} f^{[0]}(t)) + r_{2,1} (tg(t) *_{q} f^{[1]}(t)) + r_{3,1} (tg(t) *_{q} f^{[2]}(t)) + \dots$$

Considering (4) and (8), we have

$$tg(t) (r_{1,1} + r_{2,1}f(qt) + r_{3,1}f(qt) f(q^2t) + \dots).$$

Using (2), the generating function for the 1st column of DR is given as

$$tg(t) \left(\frac{(tu \overline{\circ} f)(t)}{f(t)} \right).$$

Similarly, the generating function for the j th column of DR is

$$r_{j,j} (tg(t) *_{q} f^{[j-1]}(t)) + r_{j+1,j} (tg(t) *_{q} f^{[j]}(t)) + r_{j+2,j} (tg(t) *_{q} f^{[j+1]}(t)) + \dots$$

From (4), we get

$$tg(t) (r_{j,j} f^{[j-1]}(qt) + r_{j+1,j} f^{[j]}(qt) + r_{j+2,j} f^{[j+1]}(qt) + \dots).$$

Using (2), (4) and (8), the generating function for the j th column of DR is

$$\frac{tg(t)}{f(t)} \left((tu *_{q} v^{[j-1]}) \overline{\circ} f \right) (t).$$

□

Example 2.12. Let D and R be the q -almost Riordan arrays as follows

$$D = \left(\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} \middle| \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t} \right)_q \quad \text{and} \quad R = \left(\frac{1}{1+t} \middle| \frac{1}{1+t}, t \right)_q.$$

Namely, the q -almost Riordan matrices D and R are

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 2 & 1 & q & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 3 & 1 & q(q+1) & q^3 & 0 & \vdots \\ 5 & 1 & q(q^2+q+1) & q^3(q^2+q+1) & q^6 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & -1 & q & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -1 & 1 & -q & q^3 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & -1 & q & -q^3 & q^6 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Considering (22), the generating function for the 0th column of DR is

$$\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} - \frac{t}{1-t} \left(1 - \frac{qt}{1-qt} + \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} - \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1-q^3t} + \dots \right).$$

Hence, the first few elements of the 0th column are

$$\{1, 0, q+1, -q^3+q^2+q+2, q^6-q^5-q^4+q^2+q+4, \dots\}.$$

From (23), the generating function for the 1st column of DR is

$$\frac{t}{1-t} \left(1 - \frac{qt}{1-qt} + \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} - \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1-q^3t} + \dots \right)$$

and the first terms of the 1st column are

$$\{0, 1, 1-q, (q-1)^2(q+1), -(q-1)^3(q^3+2q^2+2q+1), \dots\}.$$

Using (23), the generating function for the 2nd column of DR is

$$\frac{qt}{1-t} \frac{qt}{1-qt} \left(1 - \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} + \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1-q^3t} - \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1-q^3t} \frac{q^4t}{1-q^4t} + \dots \right)$$

and the elements of the 2nd column are

$$\{0, 0, q^2, q^2(-q^2+q+1), q^2(q^5-q^4-q^3+q+1), \dots\}.$$

Using (23), the generating functions for the other columns can be obtained in a similar way. Finally, the matrix DR is obtained as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ q+1 & 1-q & q^2 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -q^3+q^2+q+2 & (q-1)^2(q+1) & q^2(-q^2+q+1) & q^6 & 0 & \vdots \\ q^6-q^5-q^4+q^2+q+4 & -(q-1)^3(q^3+2q^2+2q+1) & q^2(q^5-q^4-q^3+q+1) & q^6(-q^3+q^2+q+1) & q^{12} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theorem 2.13. Let $D = (k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q$ and $R = (\ell(t)|u(t), v(t))_{1/q}$ be q -almost Riordan arrays. Then, the following equation is the generating function for the j th column of DR

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q \ell(t), \text{ for } j=0 \tag{24}$$

$$\frac{tg(t)}{f(t)} \left((tu *_{1/q} v^{[j-1]}) \overline{\circ} f \right) (t), \text{ for } j=1, 2, \dots \tag{25}$$

The multiplication of two q -almost Riordan arrays is

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q (\ell(t)|u(t), v(t))_{1/q} = \left((k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q \ell(t)|g(t), h(qt) \right)_{1/q}$$

where

$$h^{[j]}(t) = \frac{\left((tu *_{1/q} v^{[j]}) \overline{\circ} f \right) (t)}{f(t)}.$$

Proof. Taking into account the matrix product, the generating function for the 0th column of DR is

$$r_{0,0}k(t) + r_{1,0} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[0]}(t)) + r_{2,0} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[1]}(t)) + r_{3,0} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[2]}(t)) + \dots$$

From (4) and (8), we have

$$r_{0,0}k(t) + tg(t) (r_{1,0} + r_{2,0}f(qt) + r_{3,0}f(qt)f(q^2t) + \dots).$$

Using (2) and (18), we obtain the generating function for the 0th column of DR as follows

$$(k(t)|g(t), f(t))_q \ell(t).$$

The generating function for the 1st column of DR is

$$r_{1,1} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[0]}(t)) + r_{2,1} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[1]}(t)) + r_{3,1} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[2]}(t)) + \dots$$

Considering (2), (4) and (8), the generating function for the 1st column of DR is obtained

$$tg(t) \left(\frac{(tu(t)) \overline{\circ} f(t)}{f(t)} \right).$$

Similarly, the generating function for the j th column of DR is

$$r_{j,j} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j-1]}(t)) + r_{j+1,j} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j]}(t)) + r_{j+2,j} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j+1]}(t)) + \dots$$

From (4), we get

$$tg(t) \left(r_{j,j} f^{[j-1]}(qt) + r_{j+1,j} f^{[j]}(qt) + r_{j+2,j} f^{[j+1]}(qt) + \dots \right).$$

Using (2), (4), and (8), the generating function for the j th column of DR is

$$\frac{tg(t)}{f(t)} \left((tu *_{1/q} v^{[j-1]}) \overline{\circ} f \right) (t).$$

□

Example 2.14. Let D and R be the q -almost Riordan arrays as follows

$$D = \left(\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} \middle| \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t} \right)_q \quad \text{and} \quad R = \left(\frac{1}{1+t} \middle| \frac{1}{1+t}, t \right)_{1/q}.$$

Hence, we get

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 2 & 1 & q & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 3 & 1 & q(q+1) & q^3 & 0 & \vdots \\ 5 & 1 & q(q^2+q+1) & q^3(q^2+q+1) & q^6 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & -1 & \frac{1}{q} & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{q} & \frac{1}{q^3} & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & -1 & \frac{1}{q} & -\frac{1}{q^3} & \frac{1}{q^6} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

From (24), the generating function for the 0th column of DR is

$$\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} + \frac{t}{1-t} \left(-1 + \frac{qt}{1-qt} - \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} + \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1-q^3t} - \dots \right)$$

and the first few elements of the 0th column are

$$\{1, 0, q+1, -q^3+q^2+q+2, q^6-q^5-q^4+q^2+q+4, \dots\}.$$

From (25), the generating function for the 1st column of DR is obtained as

$$\frac{t}{1-t} \left(1 - \frac{qt}{1-qt} + \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} - \frac{qt}{1-qt} \frac{q^2t}{1-q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1-q^3t} + \dots \right)$$

and the first terms of the 1st column are

$$\{0, 1, 1 - q, (q - 1)^2(q + 1), -(q - 1)^3(q^3 + 2q^2 + 2q + 1), \dots\}.$$

Using (25), the generating function and the first elements for the 2nd column of DR are

$$\frac{t^2}{(1 - t)(1 - qt)} \left(1 - \frac{q^2t}{1 - q^2t} + \frac{q^2t}{1 - q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1 - q^3t} - \frac{q^2t}{1 - q^2t} \frac{q^3t}{1 - q^3t} \frac{q^4t}{1 - q^4t} + \dots \right)$$

and

$$\{0, 0, 1, -q^2 + q + 1, q^5 - q^4 - q^3 + q + 1, \dots\}.$$

Namely, the matrix DR is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ q + 1 & 1 - q & 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -q^3 + q^2 + q + 2 & (q - 1)^2(q + 1) & -q^2 + q + 1 & 1 & 0 & \vdots \\ q^6 - q^5 - q^4 + q^2 + q + 4 & -(q - 1)^3(q^3 + 2q^2 + 2q + 1) & q^5 - q^4 - q^3 + q + 1 & -q^3 + q^2 + q + 1 & 1 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theorem 2.15. Let $D = (k(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q}$ and $R = (\ell(t) | u(t), v(t))_q$ be q -almost Riordan arrays. Then, the generating function for the j th column of DR is

$$(k(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q} \ell(t), \quad \text{for } j = 0 \tag{26}$$

$$\frac{tg(t)}{f(t)} \left((tu *_{1/q} v^{[j-1]}) \circ f \right)(t), \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots \tag{27}$$

The multiplication of D and R is

$$(k(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q} (\ell(t) | u(t), v(t))_q = ((k(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q} \ell(t) | g(t), h(t/q))_q$$

where

$$h^{[j]}(t) = \frac{\left((tu *_{1/q} v^{[j]}) \circ f \right)(t)}{f(t)}.$$

Proof. Considering the matrix product, the generating function for the 0th column of DR is

$$r_{0,0}a(t) + r_{1,0} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[0]}(t)) + r_{2,0} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[1]}(t)) + r_{3,0} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[2]}(t)) + \dots.$$

From (5) and (9), we have

$$r_{0,0}a(t) + tg(t) (r_{1,0} + r_{2,0}f(t/q) + r_{3,0}f(t/q)f(t/q^2) + \dots).$$

Using (3) and (21), we obtain the generating function for the DR's 0th column

$$(a(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q} \ell(t).$$

The generating function for the first column of DR is

$$r_{1,1} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[0]}(t)) + r_{2,1} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[1]}(t)) + r_{3,1} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[2]}(t)) + \dots$$

Using (3), (5) and (9), we get

$$tg(t) \left(\frac{(tu(t)) \circ f(t)}{f(t)} \right).$$

Similarly, the generating function for the j th column of DR is

$$r_{j,j} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j-1]}(t)) + r_{j+1,j} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j]}(t)) + r_{j+2,j} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j+1]}(t)) + \dots$$

From (5), we have

$$tg(t) \left(r_{j,j} f^{[j-1]}(t/q) + r_{j+1,j} f^{[j]}(t/q) + r_{j+2,j} f^{[j+1]}(t/q) + \dots \right).$$

Considering (3), (5), and (9), we find the generating function for the j th column of DR as

$$\frac{tg(t)}{f(t)} \left((tu *_{q^j} v^{[j-1]}) \circ f \right) (t).$$

□

Example 2.16. Let D and R be the q -almost Riordan arrays as follows

$$D = \left(\frac{1}{1+t} \middle| \frac{1}{1+t}, t \right)_{1/q} \quad \text{and} \quad R = \left(\frac{1}{1-t-t^2} \middle| \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t} \right)_q.$$

Hence, we get

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & -1 & \frac{1}{q} & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{q} & \frac{1}{q^3} & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & -1 & \frac{1}{q} & -\frac{1}{q^3} & \frac{1}{q^6} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 2 & 1 & q & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 3 & 1 & q(q+1) & q^3 & 0 & \vdots \\ 5 & 1 & q(q^2+q+1) & q^3(q^2+q+1) & q^6 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using (26), we get the generating function for the 0th column of DR as follows

$$\frac{1}{1+t} + \frac{t}{1+t} \left(1 + 2\frac{t}{q} + 3\frac{t^2}{q^3} + 5\frac{t^3}{q^6} + 8\frac{t^4}{q^{10}} + \dots \right)$$

and the first few elements of the 0th column are

$$\left\{ 1, 0, \frac{2}{q}, -\frac{1}{q^3}(2q^2 - 3), \frac{1}{q^6}(2q^5 - 3q^3 + 5), \dots \right\}.$$

From (27), the generating function for the first column of DR is

$$\frac{t}{1+t} \left(1 + \frac{t}{q} + \frac{t^2}{q^3} + \frac{t^3}{q^6} + \frac{t^4}{q^{10}} + \frac{t^5}{q^{14}} + \dots \right)$$

and the first terms of the first column are

$$\left\{ 0, 1, -\frac{1}{q}(q-1), \frac{1}{q^3}(q^3 - q^2 + 1), -\frac{1}{q^6}(q^6 - q^5 + q^3 - 1), \dots \right\}.$$

Similarly, the generating function and the first few elements for the second column of DR are obtained as

$$\frac{t^2}{1+t} \left(1 + \frac{(q+1)t}{q^2} + \frac{(q^2+q+1)t^2}{q^5} + \frac{(q^3+q^2+q+1)t^3}{q^9} + \dots \right)$$

and

$$\left\{ 0, 0, 1, \frac{1}{q^2}(-q^2 + q + 1), \frac{1}{q^5}(q^5 - q^4 - q^3 + q^2 + q + 1), \dots \right\}.$$

Hence, the matrix DR is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ \frac{2}{q} & -\frac{1}{q}(q-1) & 1 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -\frac{1}{q^3}(2q^2-3) & \frac{1}{q^3}(q^3-q^2+1) & \frac{1}{q^2}(-q^2+q+1) & 1 & 0 & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{q^6}(2q^5-3q^3+5) & -\frac{1}{q^6}(q^6-q^5+q^3-1) & \frac{1}{q^5}(q^5-q^4-q^3+q^2+q+1) & \frac{1}{q^3}(-q^3+q^2+q+1) & 1 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theorem 2.17. Let $D = (k(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q}$ and $R = (\ell(t) | u(t), v(t))_{1/q}$ be q -almost Riordan arrays. Then, the generating function for the j th column of DR is

$$(k(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q} \ell(t), \quad \text{for } j=0 \tag{28}$$

$$\frac{tg(t)}{f(t)} \left(\left(tu *_{1/q} v^{[j-1]} \right) \circ f \right) (t), \quad \text{for } j=1, 2, \dots \tag{29}$$

The following equation represents the multiplication of two q -almost Riordan arrays:

$$(k(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q} (\ell(t) | u(t), v(t))_{1/q} = \left((k(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q} \ell(t) | g(t), h(qt) \right)_{1/q}$$

where

$$h^{[j]}(t) = \frac{\left(\left(tu *_{1/q} v^{[j]} \right) \circ f \right) (t)}{f(t)}.$$

Proof. Considering the matrix product, the generating function for the 0th column of DR is

$$r_{0,0}a(t) + r_{1,0} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[0]}(t)) + r_{2,0} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[1]}(t)) + r_{3,0} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[2]}(t)) + \dots .$$

From (5) and (9), we have

$$r_{0,0}a(t) + tg(t) (r_{1,0} + r_{2,0}f(t/q) + r_{3,0}f(t/q)f(t/q^2) + \dots) .$$

Using (3) and (21), we have the generating function for DR 's 0th column

$$(a(t) | g(t), f(t))_{1/q} \ell(t) .$$

The generating function for the first column of DR is

$$r_{1,1} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[0]}(t)) + r_{2,1} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[1]}(t)) + r_{3,1} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[2]}(t)) + \dots .$$

Considering (3), (5) and (9), we find the generating function for the first column of DR as follows

$$tg(t) \left(\frac{(tu(t)) \circ f(t)}{f(t)} \right) .$$

Similarly, the generating function for the j th column of DR is

$$r_{j,j} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j-1]}(t)) + r_{j+1,j} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j]}(t)) + r_{j+2,j} (tg(t) *_{1/q} f^{[j+1]}(t)) + \dots .$$

From (5), we have

$$tg(t) (r_{j,j} f^{[j-1]}(t/q) + r_{j+1,j} f^{[j]}(t/q) + r_{j+2,j} f^{[j+1]}(t/q) + \dots) .$$

Considering (3), (5), and (9), the generating function for the j th column of DR is found as

$$\frac{tg(t)}{f(t)} \left((tu *_{1/q} v^{[j-1]}) \circ f \right) (t) .$$

□

Example 2.18. Assume that D and R are the q -almost Riordan arrays defined by

$$D = \left(\frac{1}{1+t} \middle| \frac{1}{1+t}, t \right)_{1/q} \quad \text{and} \quad R = \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \middle| \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{t}{1-t} \right)_{1/q} .$$

Hence, we get

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & -1 & \frac{1}{q} & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{q} & \frac{1}{q^2} & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & -1 & \frac{1}{q} & -\frac{1}{q^2} & \frac{1}{q^3} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{q} & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{q} \left(\frac{1}{q} + 1 \right) & \frac{1}{q^3} & 0 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{q} \left(\frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{q} + 1 \right) & \frac{1}{q^3} \left(\frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{q} + 1 \right) & \frac{1}{q^6} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using (28), we get the generating function for the 0th column of DR

$$\frac{1}{1+t} + \frac{t}{1+t} \left(1 + \frac{t}{q} + \frac{t^2}{q^3} + \frac{t^3}{q^6} + \frac{t^4}{q^{10}} + \frac{t^5}{q^{15}} + \dots \right).$$

The first few elements of the 0th column are

$$\left\{ 1, 0, \frac{1}{q}, -\frac{1}{q^3}(q^2 - 1), \frac{1}{q^6}(q^5 - q^3 + 1), \dots \right\}.$$

The generating function and the first few elements for the first column of DR are

$$\frac{t}{1+t} \left(1 + \frac{t}{q} + \frac{t^2}{q^3} + \frac{t^3}{q^6} + \frac{t^4}{q^{10}} + \frac{t^5}{q^{14}} + \dots \right)$$

and

$$\left\{ 0, 1, -\frac{1}{q}(q - 1), \frac{1}{q^3}(q^3 - q^2 + 1), -\frac{1}{q^6}(q^6 - q^5 + q^3 - 1), \dots \right\}.$$

Similarly, the generating function and the first few elements for the second column of DR are obtained as

$$\frac{t^2}{q^2(1+t)} \left(1 + \frac{t}{q^2} \left(\frac{1}{q} + 1 \right) + \frac{t^2}{q^5} \left(\frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{q} + 1 \right) + \frac{t^3}{q^{10}} \left(\frac{1}{q^3} + \frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{q} + 1 \right) + \dots \right)$$

and

$$\left\{ 0, 0, \frac{1}{q^2}, \frac{1}{q^5}(-q^3 + q + 1), \frac{1}{q^9}(q^7 - q^5 - q^4 + q^2 + q + 1), \dots \right\}.$$

Finally, the matrix DR is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{q} & -\frac{1}{q}(q - 1) & \frac{1}{q^2} & 0 & 0 & \vdots \\ -\frac{1}{q^3}(q^2 - 1) & \frac{1}{q^3}(q^3 - q^2 + 1) & \frac{1}{q^5}(-q^3 + q + 1) & \frac{1}{q^6} & 0 & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{q^6}(q^5 - q^3 + 1) & -\frac{1}{q^6}(q^6 - q^5 + q^3 - 1) & \frac{1}{q^9}(q^7 - q^5 - q^4 + q^2 + q + 1) & \frac{1}{q^{11}}(-q^5 + q^2 + q + 1) & \frac{1}{q^{12}} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. Conclusion

In this paper, we have considered q -almost Riordan arrays. We have provided the fundamental theorem for q -almost Riordan arrays (FT q AR). Using FT q AR, we have obtained four different multiplications of q -almost Riordan arrays. All results obtained in this paper are reduced to almost-Riordan arrays when $q \rightarrow 1^-$. Additionally, the results for Riordan arrays can be derived by taking $q \rightarrow 1^-$, $k(t) = g(t)$ and $g(t) = \frac{g(t)f(t)}{t}$.

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