

**Characters of cuspidal unramified series  
 for central simple algebras of prime degree**

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INTRODUCTION

Let  $A$  be a central simple algebra of dimension  $n^2$  over a non-archimedean local field  $F$  and  $L$  be a maximal unramified extension of  $F$  in  $A$ . Gerardin [G] constructed an irreducible supercuspidal representation  $\pi_\theta$  of  $A^\times$  associated with a regular quasi-character  $\theta$  of  $L^\times$ . ( $\theta$  is regular  $\iff \theta^\sigma \neq \theta \ \forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(L/F)$ ).

The aim of this article is to get the character formula of  $\pi_\theta$  on regular elements in all compact modulo center Cartan subgroups of  $A^\times$  when  $[A : F] = l^2$ ,  $l$  an odd prime. (For the case  $l = 2$ , see [HSY]). We note that, when  $l$  is a prime,  $A$  is isomorphic to the division algebra of dimension  $l^2$  over  $F$  or the algebra of  $l \times l$  matrices over  $F$ . Our character formula is as follows.

**THEOREM.** Let  $\theta$  be a regular quasi-character of  $L^\times$  with  $\min_\eta f(\theta \otimes (\eta \circ N_{L/F})) = m + 1$  and  $\Gamma = \text{Gal}(L/F)$ . ( $f(\theta) = \min\{n | \text{Ker } \theta \supset 1 + P_L^n\}$ ). We denote by  $\chi_{\pi_\theta}$  the character of  $\pi_\theta$ . Let  $x$  be an elliptic regular element in  $A^\times$ .

(1) If  $F(x) = L$ , then

$$\chi_{\pi_\theta}(x) = \begin{cases} q^{\frac{l(l-1)j}{2}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \theta(x^\sigma) \right) & \text{if } x \in U_j^* \quad (0 \leq j < m) \\ q^{\frac{l(l-1)m}{2}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \theta(x^\sigma) \right) & \text{if } x \in U_m. \end{cases}$$

where  $U_0 = L^\times, U_i = F^\times(1 + P_L^i)$  ( $i \geq 1$ ) and  $U_i^* = U_i - U_{i+1}$ .

(2) If  $F(x) \neq L$ , then

$$\chi_{\pi_\theta}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin F^\times(1 + P_{F(x)}^{lm+1}) \\ \theta(c)lq^{\frac{l(l-1)m}{2}} & \text{if } x = c(1 + y) \in F^\times(1 + P_{F(x)}^{lm+1}). \end{cases}$$

*Remark.* (a) Any compact (mod center) Cartan subgroup of  $A^\times$  is isomorphic to  $E^\times$  for some extension  $E/F$  of degree  $n$ . Therefore the above formula gives the complete information on the set of elliptic regular elements of  $A^\times$ .

(b) For the case  $F(x) = L$ , the above formula can be written as follows:

$$\chi_{\pi_\theta}(x) = \Delta(x)^{-1} \sum_{\sigma \in W(L^\times)} \theta(x^\sigma) \quad \text{if } x \in U_j^* \quad (0 \leq j < m).$$

where  $\Delta(x) = |\det(\text{Ad}(x) - 1)_{A/L}|_F^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $W(L^\times)$  is the Weyl group with respect to the Cartan subgroup  $L^\times$ . This is the analogy of the following formulas:

- (1) character formula for irreducible square-integrable representations of real semisimple Lie groups (see [HC]);
- (2) character formula for principal series induced from a regular character of a maximal split torus;
- (3) character formula for irreducible unitary representations of compact Lie groups (Weyl's character formula).

In this article, we shall prove the formula when  $A$  is a division algebra. For the matrix algebra case, we use the result of division algebra case and Deligne-Kazhdan abstract matching theorem ([BDKV]): there is a bijection between irreducible representations of  $D_n^\times$  and essentially square-integrable representations of  $\text{GL}_n(F)$  which preserves the characters up to  $(-1)^{n-1}$  ( $D^n$  is a division algebra of dimension  $n^2$  over  $F$ ). Then we have only to calculate the character only on the set of 'very cuspidal' elements. More precisely, see [T].

We denote by  $\mathcal{O}_F$ ,  $P_F$ ,  $\varpi_F$ ,  $k_F$  and  $v_F$  the maximal order of  $F$ , the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F$ , a prime element of  $P_F$ , the residue field of  $F$  and the valuation of  $F$  normalized by  $v_F(\varpi_F) = 1$ . We set  $q$  be the number of elements in  $k_F$ . Hereafter we fix an additive character  $\psi$  of  $F$  whose conductor is  $P_F$  i.e.  $\psi$  is trivial on  $P_F$  and not trivial on  $\mathcal{O}_F$ . For an irreducible admissible representation  $\pi$  of  $A^\times$ , the conductoral exponent of  $\pi$  is defined to be the integer  $f(\pi)$  such that the local constant  $\epsilon(s, \pi, \psi)$  of Godement-Jacquet [GJ] is the form  $aq^{-s(f(\pi)-n)}$  where  $n^2 = [A : F]$ . We call  $\pi$  *minimal* if

$$f(\pi) = \min_{\eta} f(\pi \otimes (\eta \circ N_{A/F}))$$

where  $\eta$  runs through the quasi-characters of  $F^\times$ . For a quasi-character  $\eta$  of  $F^\times$ ,  $\eta \circ N_{A/F}$  is denoted by simply  $\eta$  when there is no risk of confusion. Let  $G$  be a totally disconnected, locally compact group. We denote by  $\widehat{G}$  the set of (equivalence classes of) irreducible admissible representations of  $G$ .

**1. Construction of the representation.** Let  $D$  be a division algebra of degree  $l$  (dimension  $l^2$ ) over  $F$  with  $lan$  odd prime. We denote by  $\mathcal{O}_D$ ,  $P_D$ ,  $\varpi_D$  and  $v_D$  the maximal order of  $D$ , the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_D$ , a prime element of  $P_D$  and the valuation of  $D$  normalized by  $v_D(\varpi_D) = 1$ .

Let  $L$  be an unramified extension of  $F$  of degree  $l$ .  $L$  can be embedded into  $D$  and, up to conjugacy, the embedding is unique.

**DEFINITION 1.1.** Let  $\theta$  be a quasi-character of  $L^\times$ .

- (1)  $\theta$  is called *regular* if all its conjugates by the action of  $\text{Gal}(L/F)$  are distinct. We denote by  $\widehat{L}_{reg}^\times$  the set of regular quasi-characters of  $L^\times$ .
- (2) Let  $f(\theta) = \min\{n \mid \text{Ker } \theta \supset 1 + P_L^n\}$ .  $\theta$  is called *generic* if either
  - (a)  $f(\theta) = 1$  and  $\theta$  is not written in the form  $\eta \circ N_{L/F}$  where  $\eta$  is a quasi-character of  $F^\times$  or
  - (b)  $f(\theta) > 1$  and  $k_F(\varpi^{f(\theta)-1}\gamma_\theta) = k_L$  where  $\gamma_\theta \in P_L^{1-f(\theta)} - P_L^{2-f(\theta)}$  such that  $\theta(1+x) = \psi(\text{tr}_{L/F}(\gamma_\theta x))$  for  $x \in P_L^{f(\theta)-1}$ .

We note that any regular quasi-character of  $L^\times$  is written in the form  $(\eta \circ N_{L/F}) \otimes \theta$  where  $\eta$  is a quasi-character of  $F^\times$  and  $\theta$  is a generic quasi-character of  $L^\times$ .

We construct an irreducible representation  $\pi_\theta$  from  $\theta \in \widehat{L}_{reg}^\times$  according to [G]. At first we treat the case  $\theta$  is generic. If  $f(\theta) = 1$ , then  $\theta$  itself can be regarded as a quasi-character of  $F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times$  since  $F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times / 1 + P_D \simeq L^\times / 1 + P_L$ . Therefore we set

$$(1.2) \quad \pi_\theta = \text{Ind}_{F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times}^{D^\times} \theta.$$

Then  $\pi_\theta$  is an irreducible representation of  $D^\times$  with  $f(\pi_\theta) = l$ . If  $f(\theta) = m + 1 > 1$ , then there exists an element  $\gamma_\theta \in P_L^{-m} - (F \cap P_L^{-m}) + P_L^{1-m}$  such that

$$(1.3) \quad \theta(1+x) = \psi(\text{tr}_{L/F}(\gamma_\theta x)) \quad \text{for } x \in P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+2}{2} \rfloor}$$

where  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is the greatest integer function. (Recall that the conductor of  $\psi$  is  $P_F$ .) Let  $\psi_{\gamma_\theta}(1+x) = \psi(\text{tr}_{D/F}(\gamma_\theta x))$  for  $x \in P_D^{\lfloor \frac{m+2}{2} \rfloor}$ . Then  $\psi_{\gamma_\theta}$  is a quasi-character of  $1 + P_D^{\lfloor \frac{m+2}{2} \rfloor}$ . Set  $H = L^\times(1 + P_D^{\lfloor \frac{m+2}{2} \rfloor}) \subset D^\times$  and define a quasi-character  $\rho_\theta$  of  $H$  by

$$(1.4) \quad \rho_\theta(h \cdot g) = \theta(h)\psi_{\gamma_\theta}(g) \quad \text{for } h \in L^\times, \quad g \in 1 + P_D^{\lfloor \frac{m+2}{2} \rfloor}.$$

We set

$$(1.5) \quad \pi_\theta = \text{Ind}_H^{D^\times} \rho_\theta.$$

Then  $\pi_\theta$  is an irreducible minimal representation of  $D^\times$  with  $f(\pi_\theta) = l(m+1)$ . (cf. [H],IV).

For a regular quasi-character  $\theta$  written in the form  $\theta = (\eta \circ N_{L/F}) \otimes \theta'$  where  $\eta$  is a quasi-character of  $F^\times$  and  $\theta'$  is a non-trivial generic quasi-character of  $L^\times$ , we set

$$(1.6) \quad \pi_\theta = \pi_{\theta'} \otimes \eta.$$

Now we get a correspondence  $\theta \in \widehat{L}_{reg}^\times \mapsto \pi_\theta \in \widehat{D}^\times$ . The following result is known about this correspondence. (cf. [G],[H]).

**PROPOSITION 1.7.** *With the above notations, for any regular quasi-character  $\theta$  of  $L^\times$ ,  $\pi_\theta$  is an irreducible representation of  $D^\times$  such that:*

- (a) *the representations  $\pi_\theta$  and  $\pi_{\theta'}$  associated two regular quasi-characters  $\theta$  and  $\theta'$  are equivalent if and only if  $\theta$  and  $\theta'$  are conjugate under  $\text{Gal}(L/F)$ ;*
- (b) *the central quasi-character of  $\pi_\theta$  is the restriction of  $\theta$  to  $F^\times$ ;*
- (c) *for any quasi-character  $\eta$  of  $F^\times$ , the twisted representation of  $\pi_\theta \otimes \eta$  is equivalent to  $\pi_{\theta \otimes \eta \circ N_{L/F}}$ ;*
- (d) *the contagredient representation of  $\pi_\theta$  is equivalent to  $\pi_{\theta^{-1}}$ ;*
- (e) *the  $L$ -function of  $\pi_\theta$  is 1;*
- (f) *the  $\epsilon$ -factor of  $\pi_\theta$  is  $\epsilon(\pi_\theta, \psi) = \epsilon(\theta, \psi \circ \text{tr}_{L/F})$ ; in particular  $f(\pi_\theta) = l \cdot f(\theta)$ ;*
- (g)  *$\{\pi_\theta | \theta \in \widehat{L}_{reg}^\times\} = \{\pi \in \widehat{D}^\times | f(\pi) \equiv 0 \pmod{l}\}$ .*

**2. Character formula.** In this subsection we compute the character of  $\pi_\theta$ . More precisely, for a separable extension  $E/F$  of degree  $l$  in  $D/F$ , we give the decomposition of  $\pi_\theta$  as  $E^\times$  module. First we treat the case  $E$  is unramified. We can assume  $E = L$  because  $E$  is conjugate to  $L$  in  $D$ . Let  $U_0 = L^\times, U_i = F^\times(1 + P_L^i)$  ( $i \geq 1$ ),  $U_i^* = U_i - U_{i+1}$  and  $X_i = \bigoplus_{\chi \in (L^\times/U_i)^\wedge} \chi$ . We set  $\Gamma = \text{Gal}(L/F)$  and denote by  $\chi_{\pi_\theta}$  the character of  $\pi_\theta$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $\theta$  be a generic quasi-character of  $L^\times$  with  $f(\theta) = m + 1$  and  $\pi_\theta$  as in (1.2) and (1.5).*

(1) (Decomposition of  $\pi_\theta$  as  $L^\times$ -module)

$$\pi_\theta|_{L^\times} = \left( \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \theta \circ \sigma \right) \otimes \left( X_0 + (q-1) \frac{q^{\frac{l(l-1)}{2}} - 1}{q^l - 1} \sum_{a=1}^m q^{\frac{(l-1)(l-2)(a-1)}{2}} X_a \right).$$

(2) (Character formula of  $\pi_\theta$  on  $L^\times$ )

$$\chi_{\pi_\theta}(x) = \begin{cases} q^{\frac{l(l-1)j}{2}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \theta(x^\sigma) \right) & \text{if } x \in U_j^* \quad (0 \leq j < m) \\ q^{\frac{l(l-1)m}{2}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \theta(x^\sigma) \right) & \text{if } x \in U_m. \end{cases}$$

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Let  $\theta$  be a regular quasi-character of  $L^\times$  with  $\min_\eta f(\theta \otimes (\eta \circ N_{L/F})) = m + 1$  and  $\pi_\theta$  as in (1.6).*

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**PROOF OF COROLLARY 2.2:** This follows immediately from Proposition 1.7 (c) and Theorem 2.1.

We need several steps to prove Theorem 2.1. Let us start with the structure of  $D$ . By Skolem-Noether theorem, there exists a prime element  $\xi \in \mathcal{O}_D$  such that

$$\xi^{-1}x\xi = x^\sigma \quad \text{for any } x \in L,$$

where  $\sigma$  is a generator of  $\text{Gal}(L/F)$ . We set  $\varpi = \xi^l$ . Then it follows that  $\varpi$  is a prime element of  $\mathcal{O}_F$  and

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} D &= L \oplus \xi L \oplus \dots \oplus \xi^{l-1} L \\ \mathcal{O}_D &= \mathcal{O}_L \oplus \xi \mathcal{O}_L \oplus \dots \oplus \xi^{l-1} \mathcal{O}_L \\ P_D &= P_L \oplus \xi P_L \oplus \dots \oplus \xi^{l-1} P_L \\ &\vdots \\ P_D^{l-1} &= P_L \oplus \xi P_L \oplus \dots \oplus \xi^{l-1} P_L. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\theta$  be a generic quasi-character of  $L^\times$  with  $f(\theta) = m + 1$ . If  $f(\theta) = 1$ , then  $\pi_\theta = \text{Ind}_{F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times}^{D^\times} \theta$ . Since  $\{1, \xi, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^{l-1}\}$  is a complete system of representatives of  $D^\times / F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times$ , we get  $\chi_{\pi_\theta} = \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma} (\theta \circ \sigma)$ . We assume  $f(\theta) = m + 1 > 1$ . We recall that  $\pi_\theta = \text{Ind}_H^{D^\times} \rho_\theta$ , where  $H = L^\times (1 + P_D^{\lfloor \frac{m+2}{2} \rfloor})$ . (See (1.4) for the definition of  $\rho_\theta$ ). It follows from (2.3) that

$$(2.4) \quad H = F^\times (\mathcal{O}_L^\times + \xi P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor} + \dots + \xi^{\frac{l-1}{2}} P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor} + \xi^{\frac{l+1}{2}} P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor} + \dots + \xi^{l-1} P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor}).$$

By Mackey decomposition [S],

$$(2.5) \quad \pi_\theta|_{L^\times} = \bigoplus_{a \in L^\times \backslash D^\times / H} \text{Ind}_{aHa^{-1} \cap L^\times}^{L^\times} \rho_\theta^a,$$

where  $\rho_\theta^a(x) = \rho_\theta(a^{-1}xa)$  for  $x \in aHa^{-1} \cap L^\times$ .

At first, we shall investigate  $L^\times \backslash D^\times / H$ . We have only to consider  $L^\times \backslash F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times / H$  because

$$(2.6) \quad L^\times \backslash D^\times / H = \bigcup_{i=0}^{l-1} \xi^i (L^\times \backslash F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times / H) \quad (\text{disjoint union}).$$

For convenience, we often use the following notation:

$$(2.7) \quad n(i) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor & (1 \leq i \leq \frac{l-1}{2}) \\ \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor & (\frac{l+1}{2} \leq i \leq l-1). \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 2.8. Let  $a = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} \xi^i \alpha_i$  and  $b = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} \xi^i \beta_i$  ( $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathcal{O}_L$ ). Then  $aH = bH$  if and only if  $\alpha_i - \beta_i \in P_L^{n(i)}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq l-1$ .

PROOF: By (2.4),  $aH = bH$  implies that there exist  $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{O}_L^\times$  and  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{l-1} \in P_L^{n(i)}$  such that  $b = a(\sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \xi^i \gamma_i)$ . Since  $\mathcal{O}_D = \mathcal{O}_L \oplus \xi \mathcal{O}_L \oplus \dots \oplus \xi^{l-1} \mathcal{O}_L$  and  $\xi^{-1}x\xi = x^\sigma$  for  $x \in L$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \gamma_0 + \varpi \sum_{j=1}^{l-1} \gamma_j \alpha_{l-j}^{\sigma^j} \\ (*) \quad \beta_i - \alpha_i &= (\gamma_0 - 1) + \gamma_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \gamma_j \alpha_{i-j}^{\sigma^j} \\ &\quad + \varpi \sum_{j=i+1}^{l-1} \gamma_j \alpha_{l+i-j}^{\sigma^j} \quad (1 \leq i \leq l-1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have  $\gamma_0 \in 1 + P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor + 1}$  and  $\beta_i - \alpha_i \in P_L^{n(i)}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq l-1$ ).

Conversely we assume  $\beta_i - \alpha_i \in P_L^{n(i)}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq l-1$ ). By putting  $\gamma_0 - 1 = -\varpi \sum_{j=1}^{l-1} \gamma_j \alpha_{l-j}^{\sigma^j}$  into (\*), we get

$$\beta_i - \alpha_i = (1 - \varpi \alpha_{l-i}^{\sigma^i}) \gamma_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \gamma_j (\alpha_{i-j}^{\sigma^j} - \varpi \alpha_{l-j}^{\sigma^j}) + \varpi \sum_{j=i+1}^{l-1} \gamma_j (\alpha_{l+i-j}^{\sigma^j} - \alpha_{l-j}^{\sigma^j}) \quad (1 \leq i \leq l-1).$$

Thus it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} v_L(\gamma_i) &\geq \min(\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor, v_L(\gamma_1), \dots, v_L(\gamma_{i-1}), v_L(\gamma_{i+1}) + 1, \dots, v_L(\gamma_{l-1}) + 1) \\ &\quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l-1}{2}, \\ v_L(\gamma_i) &\geq \min(\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor, v_L(\gamma_1), \dots, v_L(\gamma_{i-1}), v_L(\gamma_{i+1}) + 1, \dots, v_L(\gamma_{l-1}) + 1) \\ &\quad \text{for } \frac{l+1}{2} \leq i \leq l-1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence our lemma follows from the following simple fact that there is no solution to the system of inequations:

$$x_i \geq \min(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1} + 1, \dots, x_{l-1} + 1) \quad (1 \leq i \leq l-1).$$

LEMMA 2.9. We put

$$M = \{(\alpha^\sigma \alpha^{-1}, \alpha^{\sigma^2} \alpha^{-1}, \dots, \alpha^{\sigma^{l-1}} \alpha^{-1}) \mid \alpha \in L^\times\} \subset \mathcal{O}_L^{(1)} \times \dots \times \mathcal{O}_L^{(1)} = (\mathcal{O}_L^{(1)})^{l-1},$$

where  $\mathcal{O}_L^{(1)} = \text{Ker } N_{L/F}$ . Then the map  $(\alpha_i) \in (\mathcal{O}_L)^{l-1} \mapsto 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} \xi^i \alpha_i \in \mathcal{O}_D^\times$  induces a bijection from  $M \setminus (\mathcal{O}_L)^{l-1} / (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor})^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \times (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor})^{\frac{l-1}{2}}$  to  $L^\times \setminus F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times / H$ .

PROOF: For  $\alpha \in L^\times$  and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{l-1} \in \mathcal{O}_L$ ,

$$\alpha \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} \xi^i \beta_i \right) H = \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} \xi^i \alpha^{\sigma^i} \alpha^{-1} \beta_i \right) H.$$

Therefore our lemma is obtained from Lemma 2.8.

In order to prove Theorem 2.1, we need more information about  $L^\times \setminus F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times / H$ . We prepare some notations.

For  $1 \leq i \leq l-1$  and  $0 \leq \mu < n(i)$ , we set

$$I_{\mu,i} = \begin{cases} M \backslash (\mathcal{O}_L)^{i-1} \times \mathcal{O}_L^\times \times (\mathcal{O}_L)^{l-i-1} / (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu - 1})^{i-1} \times (1 + P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu}) \times \\ \quad (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu})^{\frac{l-1}{2} - i} \times (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu})^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l-1}{2}, \\ M \backslash (\mathcal{O}_L)^{i-1} \times \mathcal{O}_L^\times \times (\mathcal{O}_L)^{l-i-1} / (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu - 1})^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \times (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu - 1})^{i - \frac{l+1}{2}} \times \\ \quad (1 + P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu}) \times (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu})^{l-1-i} \quad \text{for } \frac{l+1}{2} \leq i \leq l-1, \end{cases}$$

$$J_{\mu,i} = \begin{cases} (\mathcal{O}_L / P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu - 1})^{i-1} \times (\mathcal{O}_F^\times / 1 + P_F^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu}) \times (\mathcal{O}_L / P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu})^{\frac{l-1}{2} - i} \times \\ \quad (\mathcal{O}_L / P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu})^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l-1}{2}, \\ (\mathcal{O}_L / P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu - 1})^{\frac{l-1}{2}} \times (\mathcal{O}_L / P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu - 1})^{i - \frac{l+1}{2}} \times (\mathcal{O}_F^\times / 1 + P_F^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu}) \times \\ \quad (\mathcal{O}_L / P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu})^{l-1-i} \quad \text{for } \frac{l+1}{2} \leq i \leq l-1, \end{cases}$$

and

$$K_{\mu,i} = \left\{ 1 + \varpi^\mu \left( \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \varpi \xi^j \beta_j + \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} \xi^j \beta_j \right) \mid (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{l-1}) \in I_{\mu,i} \right\}.$$

We define  $\varphi_i: (\mathcal{O}_L)^{i-1} \times \mathcal{O}_L^\times \times (\mathcal{O}_L)^{l-i-1} \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_L)^{i-1} \times \mathcal{O}_F^\times \times (\mathcal{O}_L)^{l-i-1}$  as follows:

$$(2.10) \quad \varphi_i(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{l-1}) = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{l-1}), \quad \beta_j = \alpha_j \alpha_i^{\sigma^{-i}} \alpha_i^{\sigma^{-2i}} \cdots \alpha_i^{\sigma^{-ki}},$$

where  $k$  is determined by  $0 \leq k < l$  and  $-ki \equiv j \pmod{l}$ . (In particular  $\beta_i = N_{L/F} \alpha_i$ ).

LEMMA 2.11. (1) A complete system of representatives of the double coset

$$L^\times \backslash F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times / H \text{ is given by } \bigcup_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq l-1 \\ 0 \leq \mu < n(i)}} K_{\mu,i} \cup \{1\}.$$

(2) The map  $\varphi_i$  induces a bijection from  $I_{\mu,i}$  to  $J_{\mu,i}$ .

PROOF: Part one follows immediately from Lemma 2.9. For part two, it suffices to see that  $\varphi_1$  induces a bijection from  $I_{0,1}$  to  $J_{0,1}$ . If  $\beta_1, \gamma_1 \in \mathcal{O}_L^\times$  and  $\beta_2, \dots, \beta_{l-1}, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{l-1} \in \mathcal{O}_L$  satisfy  $(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{l-1}) \in M(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{l-1})((1 + P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor}) \times (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor})^{\frac{l-3}{2}} \times (P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor})^{\frac{l-1}{2}})$ , then there exist  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_L^\times$  and  $y_i \in P_L^{n(i)}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq l-1$ ) such that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \alpha^\sigma \alpha^{-1} \beta_1 (1 + y_1), \\ \gamma_i &= \alpha^{\sigma^i} \alpha^{-1} (\beta_i + y_i) \quad (2 \leq i \leq l-1). \end{aligned}$$

This implies:

$$\begin{aligned} N_{L/F}(\beta_1) &\equiv N_{L/F}(\gamma_1) \pmod{1 + P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor}} \quad (\text{multiplicative equivalence}), \\ \gamma_i \gamma_1^{\sigma^{-1}} \cdots \gamma_1^{\sigma^i} &\equiv \beta_i \beta_1^{\sigma^{-1}} \cdots \beta_1^{\sigma^i} \pmod{P_L^{n(i)}} \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq l-1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\varphi_1$  induces a well-defined map from  $I_{0,1}$  to  $J_{0,1}$ . The induced map's bijectivity follows from the bijectivity of the map  $\mathcal{O}_L^{(1)} \backslash \mathcal{O}_L^\times / 1 + P_L^j \xrightarrow{N_{L/F}} \mathcal{O}_F^\times / 1 + P_F^j$ .

Next we consider the term  $aHa^{-1} \cap L^\times$  in (2.5).

LEMMA 2.12. If  $a \in K_{\mu,i}$ , then  $aHa^{-1} \cap L^\times = F^\times(1 + P_L^{n(i)-\mu})$ .

PROOF: Since  $F^\times \subset aHa^{-1} \cap L^\times$ , we have only to see  $aHa^{-1} \cap \mathcal{O}_L^\times = \mathcal{O}_F^\times(1 + P_L^{n(i)-\mu})$ . If  $\alpha \in aHa^{-1} \cap \mathcal{O}_L^\times$ , then there exist  $\gamma_0 \in \mathcal{O}_L^\times$  and  $\gamma_i \in P_L^{n(i)-\mu}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq l-1$ ) such that  $\alpha a = a \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \xi^i \gamma_i$ . Put  $a = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{l-1} \xi^j \beta_j$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0 &= \alpha - \varpi \sum_{j=1}^{l-1} \gamma_i \beta_{l-j}^{\sigma^j}, \\ (\alpha^{\sigma^{-i}} - \gamma_0) \beta_i &= \gamma_i + \sum_{j=1}^i \beta_{i-j}^{\sigma^j} \gamma_j + \varpi \sum_{j=i+1}^{l-1} \beta_{l+i-j}^{\sigma^j} \gamma_j. \quad (1 \leq i \leq l-1). \end{aligned}$$

By replacing  $\gamma_0$  by  $\alpha - \varpi \sum_{j=1}^{l-1} \gamma_i \beta_{l-j}^{\sigma^j}$ , we get

$$(\alpha^{\sigma^{-i}} - \alpha) \beta_i \in P_L^{n(i)} \quad (1 \leq i \leq l-1).$$

Therefore  $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_F^\times(1 + P_L^{n(i)-\mu})$  and  $aHa^{-1} \cap \mathcal{O}_L^\times \subset \mathcal{O}_F^\times(1 + P_L^{n(i)-\mu})$ . As for  $aHa^{-1} \cap \mathcal{O}_L^\times \supset \mathcal{O}_F^\times(1 + P_L^{n(i)-\mu})$ , we can prove it by the same argument in the proof of Lemma 2.8.

Our next task is to compute  $\rho_\theta^a$  for  $a \in L^\times \backslash D^\times / H$ . The above lemma tells us that  $\rho_\theta^a \in (F^\times(1 + P_L^{n(i)-\mu}))^\wedge$  if  $a \in K_{\mu,i}$ . If  $a' = \xi^j a$ , then  $a'Ha'^{-1} \cap L^\times = aHa^{-1} \cap L^\times$  and  $\rho_\theta^{a'} = \rho_\theta^a \circ \sigma^j$ . Therefore it suffices to consider  $\rho_\theta^a$  for  $a \in L^\times \backslash F^\times \mathcal{O}_D^\times / H$ .

LEMMA 2.13. Let  $c \in F^\times$ ,  $y \in P_L^{n(i)-\mu}$  and  $a = 1 + \varpi^\mu (\varpi \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \xi^j \alpha_j + \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} \xi^j \alpha_j) \in K_{\mu,i}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_\theta^a \rho_\theta^{-1})(c(1+y)) &= \psi(\text{tr}_{L/F} \varpi^{\mu+1} (\varpi \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (\gamma_\theta^{\sigma^{-j}} f_{l-j}(a) \alpha_j^{\sigma^{-j}} - \gamma_\theta(f_{l-j}(a))^{\sigma^j} \alpha_j) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} (\gamma_\theta^{\sigma^{-j}} f_{l-j}(a) \alpha_j^{\sigma^{-j}} - \gamma_\theta(f_{l-j}(a))^{\sigma^j} \alpha_j)) y), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_j(a) \in L$  is defined by  $a^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \xi^i f_j(a)$ .

PROOF: Since  $(\rho_\theta^a \rho_\theta^{-1})$  is trivial on  $F^\times$ , we can assume  $c = 1$ . Put  $g = 1 + x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} a^{-1} g a g^{-1} &= (1 + a - 1)^{-1} g (1 + a - 1) g^{-1} \\ &= (1 + a - 1)^{-1} (1 + g(a - 1) g^{-1}) \\ &= 1 + a^{-1} (g(a - 1) g^{-1} - (a - 1)) \\ &= 1 + a^{-1} \varpi^\mu (\varpi \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \xi^j \alpha_j (g^{\sigma^j} g^{-1} - 1) + \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} \xi^j \alpha_j (g^{\sigma^j} g^{-1} - 1)). \end{aligned}$$



Since  $\varpi^\mu(\varpi \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \xi^j \alpha_j + \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} \xi^j \alpha_j) \in P_D^{\lfloor \frac{ml+2}{2} \rfloor}$ ,  $\rho_\theta(1+x) = \psi(\text{tr}_{D/F} \gamma_\theta x)$  ( $x \in P_D^{\lfloor \frac{ml+2}{2} \rfloor}$ ) and  $\text{tr}_{D/F} \gamma_\theta \xi^j L = 0$  ( $1 \leq j \leq l-1$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_\theta^a \rho_\theta^{-1})(g) &= \rho_\theta(a^{-1} g a g^{-1}) \\ &= \psi(\text{tr}_{D/F} \gamma_\theta a^{-1} \varpi^\mu(\varpi \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \xi^j \alpha_j (g^{\sigma^j} g^{-1} - 1) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} \xi^j \alpha_j (g^{\sigma^j} g^{-1} - 1))) \\ &= \psi(\text{tr}_{L/F} \gamma_\theta a^{-1} \varpi^{\mu+1}(\varpi \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (f_{l-j}(a))^{\sigma^j} \alpha_j (g^{\sigma^j} g^{-1} - 1) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} (f_{l-j}(a))^{\sigma^j} \alpha_j (g^{\sigma^j} g^{-1} - 1))). \end{aligned}$$

In the last term of the above equations,  $\gamma_\theta \in P_L^{-m}$ ,  $f_{l-j}(a) \in P_L^\mu$  and  $g^{\sigma^j} g^{-1} - 1 \equiv y^{\sigma^j} - y \pmod{P_L^{2(n(i)-\mu)}}$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_\theta^a \rho_\theta^{-1})(g) &= \psi(\text{tr}_{L/F} \gamma_\theta a^{-1} \varpi^{\mu+1}(\varpi \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (f_{l-j}(a))^{\sigma^j} \alpha_j (g^{\sigma^j} g^{-1} - 1) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} (f_{l-j}(a))^{\sigma^j} \alpha_j (g^{\sigma^j} g^{-1} - 1))). \end{aligned}$$

(We note  $\psi$  is trivial on  $P_L$ ). Hence our lemma follows from the following property:

$$\text{tr}_{L/F} u v^{\sigma^j} = \text{tr}_{L/F} u^{\sigma^{-j}} v \quad \text{for any } u, v \in L.$$

We prepare the next lemma for the purpose of writing  $f_k(a)$  by  $(\alpha_j)_{1 \leq j \leq l-1}$ .

LEMMA 2.14. For  $a = \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} \xi^j \alpha_j$  ( $\alpha_j \in L$ ), put

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(a) &= (\varpi^{\lfloor 1 + \frac{l-i}{l} \rfloor} \alpha_{i-j \bmod l})_{0 \leq i, j \leq l-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 & \varpi \alpha_{l-1}^\sigma & \cdots & \varpi \alpha_1^{\sigma^{l-1}} \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_0^\sigma & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \varpi \alpha_{l-1}^{\sigma^{l-1}} \\ \alpha_{l-1} & \cdots & \alpha_1^{\sigma^{l-2}} & \alpha_0^{\sigma^{l-1}} \end{pmatrix} \in M_l(L), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Lambda_k(a) = (-1)^k \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 & \cdots & \varpi \alpha_{l-k+1}^{\sigma^{k-1}} & \varpi \alpha_{l-k-1}^{\sigma^{k+1}} & \cdots & \varpi \alpha_2^{\sigma^{l-1}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_k & \cdots & \alpha_1^{\sigma^{k-1}} & \varpi \alpha_{l-1}^{\sigma^{k+1}} & \cdots & \varpi \alpha_{k+1}^{\sigma^{l-1}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{l-1} & \cdots & \alpha_{l-k+2}^{\sigma^{k-1}} & \alpha_{l-k}^{\sigma^{k+1}} & \cdots & \alpha_0^{\sigma^{l-1}} \end{vmatrix} \in L^\times$$

i.e.  $\Lambda_k(a)$  is the  $(1, k + 1)$ -cofactor of  $\Lambda(a)$ . Then

$$a^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} \xi^j \frac{\Lambda_j(a)}{|\Lambda(a)|},$$

where  $|\Lambda(a)|$  is the determinant of  $\Lambda(a)$ .

PROOF: By the map  $\Lambda: D \rightarrow M_l(L)$ , we can embed  $D$  into  $M_l(L)$ . Then our lemma follows from the basic matrix theory.

We define  $L$ -valued functions  $R_{\mu,i}$  on  $\mathcal{O}_L^{i-1} \times \mathcal{O}_L^\times \times \mathcal{O}_L^{l-i-1}$  by :

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\mu,i}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{l-1}) &= \varpi^{\mu+2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (\gamma_\theta^{\sigma^j} f_{l-j}(a) \alpha_j^{\sigma^j} - \gamma_\theta(f_{l-j}(a))^{\sigma^j} \alpha_j) \\ &\quad + \varpi^{\mu+1} \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} (\gamma_\theta^{\sigma^j} f_{l-j}(a) \alpha_j^{\sigma^j} - \gamma_\theta(f_{l-j}(a))^{\sigma^j} \alpha_j), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi_i(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{l-1}) = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{l-1})$  and  $a = 1 + \varpi^\mu (\varpi \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \xi^j \alpha_k + \sum_{j=i}^{l-1} \xi^j \alpha_k)$ . (As for the definition of  $\varphi_i$  and  $f_j(a)$ , see 2.10 and Lemma 2.12 respectively). It is easily seen that  $R_{\mu,i}$  is well-defined. In fact, we can show by virtue of Lemma 2.14 that  $R_{\mu,i}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{l-1})$  is a rational function of  $\{\beta_j^{\sigma^k}\}_{1 \leq j, k \leq l-1}$ . We fix  $\beta_j (1 \leq j \leq l-1)$  for all  $j$  but  $l-i$  and define a function  $\tilde{R}_{\mu,i}$  on  $\mathcal{O}_L$  by:

$$\tilde{R}_{\mu,i}(x) = R_{\mu,i}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{l-i-1}, x, \beta_{l-i+1}, \dots, \beta_{l-1}).$$

The next lemma is the key point in this proof of Theorem 2.1.

LEMMA 2.15. Let  $L^{(0)} = \{x \in L \mid \text{tr}_{L/F} x = 0\}$ . Then  $\tilde{R}_{\mu,i}$  has the following property:

- (1)  $\tilde{R}_{\mu,i}$  induces a surjection from  $\mathcal{O}_L/P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu}$  to  $P_L^{2\mu+1-m} \cap L^{(0)}/P_L^{\mu+1 - \lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor} \cap L^{(0)}$  and each fiber of the induced map has  $q^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - \mu}$  elements if  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{l-1}{2}$ ,
- (2)  $\tilde{R}_{\mu,i}$  induces a surjection from  $\mathcal{O}_L/P_L^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu - 1}$  to  $P_L^{2\mu+2-m} \cap L^{(0)}/P_L^{\mu+1 - \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor} \cap L^{(0)}$  and each fiber of the induced map has  $q^{\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor - \mu - 1}$  elements if  $\frac{l+1}{2} \leq i \leq l-1$ .

PROOF: We assume  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{l-1}{2}$ . By virtue of Lemma 2.14 and Lemma 2.15, we can show

$$\tilde{R}_{\mu,i}(x) \equiv ax - (ax)^{\sigma^i} + b \pmod{P_L^{v_L(x)+2\mu+1-m}},$$

where  $a = \varpi^{2\mu+1}(\gamma_\theta^{\sigma^{-i}} - \gamma_\theta) \in P_L^{2\mu+1-m} - P_L^{2\mu+2-m}$  and  $b$  is a constant in  $P_L^{2\mu+1-m}$ . Therefore we can get our lemma by induction on  $[\frac{m}{2}] - \mu$  since  $\tilde{R}_{\mu,i}(x) \pmod{P_L^{\mu+1-[\frac{m+1}{2}]}}$  is a polynomial of  $\{x, x^\sigma, \dots, x^{\sigma^{l-1}}\}$  whose coefficients belong to  $P_L^{2\mu+1-m}$ . The case  $\frac{l+1}{2} \leq i \leq l-1$  is proved by the same way.

Summing up the above lemmas, we have the following result.

LEMMA 2.16. (1) If  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{l-1}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\mu,i} &\rightarrow (F^\times(1 + P_L^{[\frac{m+1}{2}] - \mu}))^\wedge \\ a &\mapsto \rho_\theta^a \rho_\theta^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

is a surjection to  $(F^\times(1 + P_L^{[\frac{m+1}{2}] - \mu})/F^\times(1 + P_L^{m-2\mu}))^\wedge$  and each fiber of the map has  $(q-1)q^{\frac{(l-1)(l-2)(m-2\mu)}{2} - l(i-1) - 1}$  elements.

(2) If  $\frac{l+1}{2} \leq i \leq l-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\mu,i} &\rightarrow (F^\times(1 + P_L^{[\frac{m}{2}] - \mu}))^\wedge \\ a &\mapsto \rho_\theta^a \rho_\theta^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

is a surjection to  $(F^\times(1 + P_L^{[\frac{m}{2}] - \mu})/F^\times(1 + P_L^{m-2\mu-1}))^\wedge$  and each fiber of the map has  $(q-1)q^{\frac{(l-1)(l-2)(m-2\mu-1)}{2} - l(i - \frac{l+1}{2}) - 1}$  elements.

PROOF: Let  $1 \leq s < t \leq 2t, b \in P_L^s \cap L^{(0)}, c \in F^\times$  and  $y \in P_L^{1-t}$ . Then the map  $b \mapsto \hat{b} = (c(1+y) \mapsto \psi(\text{tr}_{L/F} by))$  induces an isomorphism between  $P_L^s \cap L^{(0)}/P_L^t \cap L^{(0)}$  and  $(F^\times(1 + P_L^{1-t})/F^\times(1 + P_L^{1-s}))^\wedge$  since the conductor of  $\psi$  is  $P_L$  and  $L/F$  is unramified. Hence our lemma holds by virtue of Lemma 2.15 and 2.12.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.1: By Lemma 2.16,

$$\bigoplus_{a \in K_{\mu,i}} \text{Ind}_{aHa^{-1} \cap L^\times}^{L^\times} \rho_\theta^a = \theta \otimes \begin{cases} (q-1)q^{\frac{(l-1)(l-2)(m-2\mu)}{2} - l(i-1) - 1} X_{m-2\mu} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{l-1}{2}, \\ (q-1)q^{\frac{(l-1)(l-2)(m-2\mu-1)}{2} - l(i - \frac{l+1}{2}) - 1} X_{m-2\mu-1} & \text{if } \frac{l+1}{2} \leq i \leq l-1, \end{cases}$$

where  $X_j = \bigoplus_{\chi \in (L^\times/F^\times(1+P_L^j))^\wedge} \chi$ . Thus by Lemma 2.11 and (2.5), we have:

$$\pi_\theta|_{L^\times} = \left( \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \Gamma} \theta \circ \sigma \right) \otimes \left( X_0 + (q-1) \frac{q^{\frac{l(l-1)}{2}} - 1}{q^l - 1} \sum_{a=1}^m q^{\frac{(l-1)(l-2)(a-1)}{2}} X_a \right).$$

The rest of Theorem 2.1 follows immediately from the above formula.

Next we consider the case  $E \not\cong L$ . Then  $E$  is a totally ramified extension of  $F$  of degree  $l$ . This case is very easy.

THEOREM 2.17. Let  $\theta$  be a regular quasi-character of  $L^\times$  with  $\min_{\eta} f(\theta \otimes (\eta \circ N_{L/F})) = m+1$  and  $\pi_\theta$  as in (1.6).

(1) (Decomposition of  $\pi_\theta$  as  $E^\times$ -module)

$$\pi_\theta|_{E^\times} = \theta \otimes q^{\frac{(l-1)(l-2)m}{2}} \bigoplus_{\chi \in (E^\times/F^\times(1+P_E^{lm+1}))^\wedge} \chi$$

(2) (Character formula of  $\pi_\theta$  on  $E^\times$ )

$$\chi_{\pi_\theta}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin F^\times(1+P_E^{lm+1}) \\ \theta(c)lq^{\frac{l(l-1)m}{2}} & \text{if } x = c(1+y) \in F^\times(1+P_E^{lm+1}). \end{cases}$$

PROOF: It suffices to say that  $\chi_{\pi_\theta}(x) = 0$  if  $[\frac{lm+2}{2}] \leq v_E(x-1) < lm$ . (We note that  $F^\times(1+P_E^{lm}) = F^\times(1+P_E^{lm+1})$ ). Set  $r = v_E(x-1)$ . From the definition of  $\pi_\theta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\pi_\theta}(x) &= \sum_{g \in D^\times/H} \rho_\theta(g^{-1}xg) \\ &= \frac{1}{q^{l(lm+1-r-[\frac{lm+1-r}{2}])}} \sum_{g \in D^\times/H} \sum_{k \in P_D^{[\frac{lm+1-r}{2}]} / P_D^{lm+1-r}} \rho_\theta((1+k)^{-1}g^{-1}xg(1+k)). \end{aligned}$$

Set  $g^{-1}xg = 1+h$ . By virtue of  $(1+k)^{-1}(1+h)(1+k) \equiv 1+hk-kh \pmod{P_D^{lm+1}}$ ,  $\rho_\theta((1+k)^{-1}(1+h)(1+k)) = \psi(\text{tr}_{D/F}(\gamma_\theta h - h\gamma_\theta)k)$ . Since  $h \in P_D^r$  and  $h \notin P_L^r + P_D^{r+1}$ , the map  $k \mapsto \psi(\text{tr}_{D/F}(\gamma_\theta h - h\gamma_\theta)k)$  is a non-trivial character of  $P_D^{[\frac{lm+1-r}{2}]} / P_D^{lm+1-r}$ . (cf. 6.7 [Ca]). Therefore  $\chi_{\pi_\theta}(x) = 0$ .

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