

# On the irreducible very cuspidal representations

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## Introduction

The notion of ‘very cuspidal representation’ of the maximal compact modulo center subgroup of  $GL_n$  over a non-archimedean local field  $F$  was introduced by Carayol [C]. He has shown that the compact-induction to  $GL_n(F)$  of an irreducible very cuspidal representation is irreducible and supercuspidal. If an irreducible very cuspidal representation has an even level (cf. Definition 1.3.2), it has a simple description by a generic element  $u$  (cf. Definition 1.2.1) and a quasi-character  $\theta$  of  $F(u)^\times$ . (See 5.6 in [C]). But if it has an odd level, there is no simple description. When  $n$  is a prime, any irreducible supercuspidal representation of  $GL_n(F)$  is, up to twisting by quasi-character of  $F^\times$ , compactly-induced from an irreducible very cuspidal representation. In this case, Kutzko and Moy [K-M] have calculated the  $\varepsilon$ -factor of any irreducible supercuspidal representation of  $GL_n(F)$  and proved the local Langlands conjecture ([L]) for  $GL_n(F)$ . In the so-called tame case when  $n$  is relatively prime to the residual characteristic  $p$  of  $F$ , Moy [M] has calculated the  $\varepsilon$ -factor of any irreducible supercuspidal representation and proved the local Langlands conjecture. (Remark that the irreducible supercuspidal representation is not always obtained from an irreducible very cuspidal representation unless  $n$  is a prime.)

The purpose of this paper is to study very cuspidal representations with odd levels in detail, in particular to calculate the  $\varepsilon$ -factors of the induced supercuspidal representations of  $GL_n(F)$  for general  $n$  and  $p$ . Our main result is Theorem 3.3.2. We note that we shall not treat the level one very cuspidal representation since the  $\varepsilon$ -factor in this case is calculated in [G2].

In section 1, we review the definition and properties of very cuspidal representations according to [C]. Section 2 is devoted to the construction of irreducible very cuspidal representations. Our goal in this section is to show: after all, the irreducible very cuspidal representation with an odd level can be described by a generic element  $u$  and a quasi-character  $\theta$  of  $F(u)^\times$  not exactly but in a sense similar as in the even level case. For the purpose, we want to apply the method of Moy (see Sections 3.5-3.6 in [M]). But it is not directly applicable when  $p$  divides the order of the group  $F(u)^\times/F^\times(1+P_{F(u)})$ , so we find some quotient group  $F(u)^\times/F^\times\langle u^h\rangle(1+P_{F(u)})$  (cf. Subsections 2.4 and 2.6) to which we apply Moy’s method with slight modification. Thus we get information which is enough to calculate the  $\varepsilon$ -factor, but not yet enough to get a complete character formula. In section 3, we calculate the  $\varepsilon$ -factor of the

compact-induction to  $GL_n(F)$  of the irreducible very cuspidal representation we construct in section 2.

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**Notation.** For a non-archimedean local field  $F$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{O}_F, P_F, \varpi_F, k_F$ , and  $q_F$  the maximal order of  $F$ , the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_F$ , a prime element of  $\mathcal{O}_F$ , the residue field of  $F$  and the order of  $k_F$ , respectively. Let  $v_F$  be the valuation of  $F$  normalized by  $v_F(\varpi_F)=1$  and  $|\cdot|_F=q_F^{-v_F(\cdot)}$  the absolute value of  $F$ .

The  $n \times n$  zero and identity matrices are denoted by  $\mathbf{0}_n$  and  $\mathbf{1}_n$ , respectively. If  $X$  is a matrix,  $\det X$  and  $\text{tr } X$  stand for its determinant and trace, respectively. We denote by  $|A|$  the order of the finite group  $A$ . Let  $G$  be a group,  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $\chi$  be a representation of  $H$ . We say  $\chi$  is lifted to  $G$  if there exists a representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  whose restriction to  $H$  is equivalent to  $\chi$ , and then we call  $\pi$  a lift of  $\chi$ .

**1. Review of very cuspidal representations**

**1.1.** Let  $F$  be a non-archimedean local field of residual characteristic  $p$  and  $G=GL_n(F)$ . We set  $V_F=F^n$  so that  $M_n(F)=\text{End}_F(V_F)$  and  $G=\text{Aut}_F(V_F)$ . Suppose  $n$  is decomposed into two factors  $r$  and  $s$  i.e.  $n=rs$ .

**Definition 1.1.1.** Let  $\{L_i \mid i \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  be the set of  $\mathcal{O}_F$ -lattices in  $V_F$ .  $\{L_i \mid i \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is said to be a lattice flag of length  $s$  if the following conditions hold for all integers  $i$ :

- (1)  $L_i \supset L_{i+1}$ .
- (2)  $P_F L_i = L_{i+s}$ .
- (3)  $\dim_{k_F}(L_i/L_{i+1})=r$ .

Hereafter we fix the length  $s$  of lattice flags.

**Definition 1.1.2.** Let  $\{L_i \mid i \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  be a lattice flag.

- (1) We set  $K_s = \{g \in G \mid gL_i = L_i \text{ for all } i \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ .  $K_s$  is a compact subgroup in  $G$ .
- (2) Let  $z_s$  be an element in  $G$  such that  $(z_s)^s = \varpi_F \cdot \mathbf{1}_n$  and  $z_s L_i = L_{i+1}$  for all  $i$ . Let  $Z_s$  be a cyclic group generated by  $z_s$ .
- (3) For integers  $m$ , we set  $A_s^m = \{f \in M_n(F) \mid fL_i \subset L_{i+m}\}$ .  $A_s^0$  is a ring and  $A_s^m = (z_s)^m A_s^0 = A_s^0 (z_s)^m$ .
- (4) For positive integers  $m$ , we set  $K_s^m = 1 + A_s^m$ , which are normal subgroups of  $K_s$ .

**Remark 1.1.3.** We can construct all lattice flags explicitly by taking an appropriate basis.

We can take  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \in L_0$  such that  $\{e_{n-ri+1} \bmod L_i, \dots, e_{n-(i-1)r} \bmod L_i\}$  makes a basis of  $L_i/L_{i+1}$  over  $k_F$  for  $i=0, \dots, s-1$ .

By Nakayama's lemma,  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  forms an  $\mathcal{O}_F$ -basis for  $L_0/L_1$ . Then  $L_i$  ( $i=0, \dots, s-1$ ) is expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_0 &= \mathcal{O}_F e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{O}_F e_n \\
 L_1 &= \mathcal{O}_F e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{O}_F e_{n-r} \oplus P_F e_{n-r+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus P_F e_n \\
 &\dots\dots\dots \\
 L_i &= \mathcal{O}_F e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{O}_F e_{n-ir} \oplus P_F e_{n-ir+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus P_F e_n \\
 &\dots\dots\dots \\
 L_{s-1} &= \mathcal{O}_F e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{O}_F e_r \oplus P_F e_{r+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus P_F e_n
 \end{aligned}$$

and  $L_{i+ms} = \varpi_F^m L_i$  for all integers  $m$ .

For this basis, we can express  $K_s, z_s, A_s^0$  and  $A_s^1$  as follows :

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_s &= \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1s} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2s} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{s1} & a_{s2} & \cdots & a_{ss} \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a_{ij} \in M_r(\mathcal{O}_F) \text{ if } i < j \\ a_{ii} \in GL_r(\mathcal{O}_F) \\ a_{ij} \in M_r(P_F) \text{ if } i > j \end{matrix} \end{array} \right) \right\}, \\
 z_s &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_r & \mathbf{1}_r & \mathbf{0}_r & \cdots & \mathbf{0}_r \\ \mathbf{0}_r & \mathbf{0}_r & \mathbf{1}_r & \cdots & \mathbf{0}_r \\ & & \dots & & \\ \mathbf{0}_r & \mathbf{0}_r & \mathbf{0}_r & \cdots & \mathbf{1}_r \\ \varpi_F \cdot \mathbf{1}_r & \mathbf{0}_r & \mathbf{0}_r & \cdots & \mathbf{0}_r \end{pmatrix}, \\
 A_s^0 &= \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1s} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2s} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{s1} & a_{s2} & \cdots & a_{ss} \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a_{ij} \in M_r(\mathcal{O}_F) \text{ if } i \leq j \\ a_{ij} \in M_r(P_F) \text{ if } i > j \end{matrix} \end{array} \right) \right\}, \\
 A_s^1 &= \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1s} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2s} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{s1} & a_{s2} & \cdots & a_{ss} \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a_{ij} \in M_r(\mathcal{O}_F) \text{ if } i < j \\ a_{ij} \in M_r(P_F) \text{ if } i \geq j \end{matrix} \end{array} \right) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

1.2. The multiplication by  $\varpi_F$  induces a  $k_F$ -isomorphism between  $L_i/L_{i+1}$  and  $L_{i+s}/L_{i+s+1}$ . An element of  $A_s^0$  induces an endomorphism of  $L_i/L_{i+1}$ , so we have a ring homomorphism :

$$R: A_s^0 \longrightarrow \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}} \text{End}_{k_F}(L_i/L_{i+1}).$$

Since  $\text{End}_{k_F}(L_i/L_{i+1})$  is identified with  $M_r(k_F)$  and  $\text{Ker } R = A_s^1$ ,  $R$  induces a ring isomorphism :

$$A_s^0/A_s^1 \longrightarrow M_r(k_F)^{\mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}}.$$

We shall use the same symbol  $R$  for this isomorphism. The conjugate action of  $z_s$  on  $A_s^0/A_s^1$  induces the cyclic permutation of  $M_r(k_F)^{\mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}}$  :

$$\text{If } R(a) = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{s-1}) \ (\alpha_i \in M_r(k_F)), \text{ then } R(z_s a z_s^{-1}) = (\alpha_{s-1}, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{s-2}).$$

We shall consider the map :

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_s^m/A_s^{m+1} &\longrightarrow A_s^0/A_s^1. \\
 u &\longrightarrow \varpi_F^{-m} u^s
 \end{aligned}$$

If we put  $u = z_s^m u_0$  with  $u_0 \in A_s^0$  and  $R(u_0) = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{s-1})$  with  $\alpha_i \in M_r(k_F)$ , then  $R(\varpi_F^{-m} u^s) = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{s-1})$  with:

$$\beta_i = \alpha_{i+(s-1)m} \cdots \alpha_{i+m} \alpha_i.$$

**Definition 1.2.1.** An element  $u \in A_s^m / A_s^{m+1}$  is said to be generic if the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $(m, s) = 1$  where  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the greatest common divisor function.
- (2) If  $R(\varpi_F^{-m} u^s) = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{s-1})$ , then the fields  $k_F(\beta_i)$  are extensions of  $k_F$  of degree  $r$  for  $i = 0, \dots, s-1$ .

We also say that an element  $u \in M_n(F)$  is generic of level  $m$  if  $u \in A_s^m$  and  $u \pmod{A_s^{m+1}}$  is generic.

Now we shall summarize the properties of generic elements without proofs. Proofs may be found in 3.3 and 3.5 of [C].

**Proposition 1.2.2.** *Let  $u$  be generic of level  $m$ .*

- (1) *The field  $F(u)$  is an extension of  $F$  of degree  $n$  and its ramification degree over  $F$  is  $s$ .*
- (2)  *$F(u) \subset Z_s K_s$  and  $F(u)^\times \cap K_s = \mathcal{O}_{\hat{F}(u)}$ . Moreover  $F(u) \cap A_s^m = P_{F(u)}^m$  for all integers  $m$  and  $F(u)^\times \cap K_s^m = 1 + P_{F(u)}^m$  for all integers  $m \geq 1$ .*
- (3) *Let  $x$  be an element of  $A_s^l$ . Suppose  $ux - xu \in A_s^{m+l+1}$ , then  $x \in F(u) + A_s^{l+1}$ .*

**1.3.** Fix an additive character  $\phi$  of  $F$  with conductor  $P_F$ .

**Lemma 1.3.1.** *Let  $l, m$  be integers such that  $m \leq l \leq 2m$ ,  $l \geq 1$  and  $m \geq 1$ . We shall define the function  $\phi_u$  on  $K_s^m$  by:*

$$\phi_u(x) = \phi(\text{tr}(u(x-1))).$$

*Then the map  $u \rightarrow \phi_u$  induces an isomorphism between  $A_s^{-l+1} / A_s^{-m+1}$  and the complex dual,  $(K_s^m / K_s^l)^\wedge$ , of  $K_s^m / K_s^l$ .*

*Proof.* See 2.7 and 2.8 of [C].

We call  $\phi_u$  a generic character if  $u$  is generic.

**Definition 1.3.2.** An admissible representation  $\rho$  of  $Z_s K_s$  is said to be very cuspidal of level  $N$  ( $N \geq 2$ ) if the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $K_s^N \subset \text{Ker } \rho$ .
- (2) The restriction of  $\rho$  to  $K_s^{N-1}$  is decomposed into a sum of generic characters.

**Proposition 1.3.3** (Carayol). *Let  $\rho$  be an irreducible very cuspidal representation of  $Z_s K_s$ . Then the compact-induction of  $\rho$  to  $G$  (we denote this representation by  $\text{ind}_{Z_s K_s}^G(\rho)$ ) is an irreducible supercuspidal representation of  $G$ .*

*Proof.* This is contained in Theorem 4.2 of [C].

**Remark 1.3.4.** Let  $u$  be generic of level  $1-N$  and  $m=\lceil(N+1)/2\rceil$  where ' $\lceil \ ]$ ' is the greatest integer function. Since  $K_s^m/K_s^N$  is an abelian group, the map  $x \rightarrow \phi(\text{tr}(u(x-1)))$  ( $x \in K_s^m$ ) is a character of  $K_s^m$  and a lift of  $\phi_u$ . (We shall use the same symbol  $\phi_u$  for this character.) Therefore we can replace the condition (2) of Definition 1.3.2 by the condition (2'):

(2') The restriction of  $\rho$  to  $K_s^m$  contains a sum of characters of the form  $\phi_u$ , where  $u$  is generic of level  $1-N$ .

**2. Construction of very cuspidal representations**

**2.1.** From now on, we fix a generic element  $u$  of level  $1-N$  and set  $E=F(u)$ .  $E$  is an extension of  $F$  of degree  $n$  whose ramification degree over  $F$  is  $s$ . We shall start with the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.1.** *Let  $H_u$  be a stability group of  $\phi_u$  in  $Z_s K_s$ , i.e.  $H_u = \{g \in Z_s K_s \mid \phi_u^g = \phi_u\}$  where  $\phi_u^g(x) = \phi_u(gxg^{-1})$ . Then  $H_u = E^\times \cdot K_s^{\lceil N/2 \rceil}$ .*

*Proof.* See 5.5 of [C].

First we shall treat the even level case  $N=2m$ . This case is essentially contained in 5.6 of [C]. We note that  $H_u = E^\times \cdot K_s^m$  in this case.

**Proposition 2.1.2.** (1)  $\text{Ind}_{K_s^m}^{H_u}(\phi_u)$  is decomposed into a sum of one-dimensional representations of  $H_u$ , each of which is a lift of  $\phi_u$ .

(2) Let  $\eta$  be any such lift of  $\phi_u$  to  $H_u$ . Then  $\eta$  is written in the form  $\theta \cdot \phi_u$  where  $\theta$  is a quasi-character of  $E^\times$  with the property that  $\theta(1+x) = \phi_u(1+x)$  for  $x \in P_E^m$  and  $\theta \cdot \phi_u$  is defined on  $H_u$  by  $\theta \cdot \phi_u(t \cdot k) = \theta(t) \cdot \phi_u(k)$  for  $t \in E^\times$  and  $k \in K_s^m$ .

(3) If we put  $\sigma(\theta; u) = \text{Ind}_{H_u^{Z_s K_s}}(\theta \cdot \phi_u)$ , then  $\sigma(\theta; u)$  is an irreducible very cuspidal representation of level  $N$  of  $Z_s K_s$  and every irreducible very cuspidal representation of level  $N$  of  $Z_s K_s$  is equivalent to some representation  $\sigma(\theta; u)$ .

*Proof.* The proof of (1) and (2) follows immediately from the fact that  $H_u/\text{Ker } \phi_u$  is abelian. As for (3),  $\text{Ind}_{H_u^{Z_s K_s}}(\theta \cdot \phi_u)$  is evidently very cuspidal from the definition of very cuspidal representation and its irreducibility is a consequence of the application of the Clifford Theory (cf. 50.6 of [C-R]). The rest of (3) follows from the Frobenius reciprocity.

**2.2.** Now we shall treat the odd level case  $N=2m-1$ , which is more complicated. In this case, we cannot lift  $\phi_u$  to  $H_u$  since  $H_u = E^\times \cdot K_s^{m-1}$ . So we need to investigate the space  $K_s^{m-1}/K_s^m \cong A_s^{m-1}/A_s^m$  more carefully. Let  $W = A_s^{m-1}/A_s^m$  and write  $x \rightarrow \bar{x}$  for the natural map from  $A_s^{m-1}$  to  $W$ .  $W$  is a vector space over  $k_F$ . We denote  $I \in \text{End}_{k_F} W$  by the conjugate action of  $u$  i.e.  $I(\bar{x}) = \overline{uxu^{-1}}$  for  $\bar{x} \in W$ . Let  $s = p^l \cdot t$  and  $(t, p) = 1$ . We note  $p$  is an odd prime since  $(1-N, s) = 1$ . Set  $h = \frac{q_F^s - 1}{q_F - 1} \cdot t$  and  $J = I^h \in \text{End}_{k_F} W$ . Until otherwise stated, we omit the subscript  $F$  of  $q_F$ .

**Lemma 2.2.1.** (1)  $(J-1)^{p^l}=0$ .

(2)  $\dim_{k_F} \text{Ker}(J-1)=r^2t$ .

*Proof.* Since  $|E^\times/F^\times(1+P_E)| = \frac{q^r-1}{q-1} \cdot s$ ,  $(u^h)^{p^l}$  belongs to  $F^\times(1+P_E)$  and thus  $J^{p^l}=1$ . So  $(J-1)^{p^l}=0$  from the fact  $k_F$  has characteristic  $p$ . For the proof of (2), we shall use the isomorphism  $R$  between  $A_s^0/A_s^1$  and  $M_r(k_F)^{Z/sZ}$ . Let  $\varpi_E$  be a uniformiser of  $E$ . We may and shall assume  $m=1$  since the multiplication by  $\varpi_E^{1-m}$  induces a  $k_F$ -isomorphism between  $A_s^{m-1}/A_s^m$  and  $A_s^0/A_s^1$  which is compatible with the conjugate action of  $E^\times$ . It is obvious that  $\bar{x} \in \text{Ker}(J-1)$  if and only if  $u^h x - x u^h \in A_s^{1+h(1-N)}$ . If we put  $u = z_s^{1-N} \cdot u_0$ ,  $R(u_0) = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{s-1})$  and  $R(x) = (\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{s-1})$ , the relation  $u^h x - x u^h \in A_s^{1+h(1-N)}$  is equivalent to the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_{i+(h-1)(1-N)} \alpha_{i+(h-2)(1-N)} \cdots \alpha_{i+1-N} \alpha_i \tilde{\gamma}_i \\ & = \gamma_{i+h(1-N)} \alpha_{i+(h-1)(1-N)} \cdots \alpha_{i+(1-N)} \alpha_i \quad (i=0, 1, \dots, s-1). \end{aligned}$$

Each  $\alpha_i$  is non-singular since  $u$  is generic, so:

$$\gamma_{i+h(1-N)} = C_i \gamma_i C_i^{-1} \quad (i=0, 1, \dots, s-1)$$

where  $C_i = \alpha_{i+(h-1)(1-N)} \alpha_{i+(h-2)(1-N)} \cdots \alpha_{i+1-N} \alpha_i$ .

If we determine  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots$ , and  $\gamma_{t-1}$ , then  $\gamma_t, \gamma_{t+1}, \dots, \gamma_{s-1}$  are automatically determined by the above relations since  $(1-N, s)=1$  and  $(h, s)=t$ . Therefore  $\dim_{k_F} \text{Ker}(J-1) \leq r^2t$ . But  $\dim_{k_F} \text{Ker}(J-1) \geq r^2t$  since  $(J-1)^{p^l}=0$  and  $\dim_{k_F} W = r^2s$ , whence our lemma.

We define a  $k_F$ -alternating form on  $W$  by:

$$\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = \text{tr}(u(xy - yx)) \pmod{P_F}.$$

**Remark 2.2.2.** We note that  $\text{rad}\langle, \rangle = \text{Ker}(J-1)$  and the conjugate action of  $E^\times$  on  $W$  preserves this alternating form. We also remark that  $\dim_{k_F} \text{rad}\langle, \rangle = r$  by Proposition 1.2.3 (3).

**2.3.** We shall define  $T \in \text{End}_{k_F} W$  by  $T = I^{h-1} + \dots + I + 1$  and set  $W_0 = (J-1)^{(p^l-1)/2} W$ ,  $W_1 = (J-1)^{(p^l-1)/2} T W$ . Now we shall investigate the spaces  $W_0$  and  $W_1$  in the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.3.1.** (1)  $\dim_{k_F} W_0 = r^2t \cdot \frac{p^l+1}{2}$ .

(2)  $\dim_{k_F} W_1 = r^2t \cdot \frac{p^l-1}{2} + r$ .

*Proof.* We set  $r_i = \dim_{k_F} (J-1)^i W - \dim_{k_F} (J-1)^{i+1} W$  ( $i=0, 1, \dots, p^l-1$ ), then  $r_i \leq r^2t$  by Lemma 2.1.1. On the other hand:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{p^l-1} r_i = r^2s$$

from the definition of  $r_i$ . Hence  $r_i = r^2t$  for all  $i$ . Therefore we have:

$$\dim_{k_F} W_0 = r^2 t \cdot \frac{p^l + 1}{2}.$$

As for the proof of (2), it suffices to see that:

$$\dim_{k_F} \text{Ker } T = r^2 t - r$$

since  $W_1 = TW_0$  and  $\text{Ker } T \subset W_0$ . The map  $I-1$  induces an injective homomorphism from  $\text{Ker}(J-1)/\text{Ker}(I-1)$  to  $\text{Ker } T$ , so we have:

$$\dim_{k_F} \text{Ker } T \geq r^2 t - r.$$

(See Lemma 2.2.1 and Remark 2.2.2.) Since  $\text{Ker } T \cap \text{Ker}(I-1) = 0$ ,  $\text{Ker } T \oplus \text{Ker}(I-1) \subset \text{Ker}(J-1)$ . Therefore:

$$\dim_{k_F} \text{Ker } T \leq r^2 t - r.$$

Hence our lemma.

**Lemma 2.3.2.**  $W_1^\perp = W_0$  with respect to  $(W, \langle, \rangle)$  i.e.  $\{\bar{x} \in W \mid \langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } \bar{y} \in W_1\} = W_0$ .

*Proof.* Using Remark 2.2.2 and the fact that  $(J-1)^{\langle p^l-1 \rangle} T \bar{x} \in \text{rad} \langle, \rangle$ , we can see that for  $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in W$ :

$$\langle (J-1)^{\langle p^l-1 \rangle / 2} T \bar{x}, (J-1)^{\langle p^l-1 \rangle / 2} \bar{y} \rangle = 0.$$

Hence  $W_0 \subset W_1^\perp$ .

On the other hand:

$$\dim_{k_F}(W_0/\text{rad} \langle, \rangle) + \dim_{k_F}(W_1/\text{rad} \langle, \rangle) = \dim_{k_F}(W/\text{rad} \langle, \rangle)$$

by Lemma 2.3.1. Therefore  $\dim_{k_F} W_1^\perp = \dim_{k_F} W_0$ , whence our lemma.

**Lemma 2.3.3.** Let  $A_s^{m,0}$  (resp.  $A_s^{m,1}$ ) be the total inverse image in  $A_s^{m-1}$  of  $W_0$  (resp.  $W_1$ ). Set  $K_s^{m,0} = 1 + A_s^{m,0}$ ,  $K_s^{m,1} = 1 + A_s^{m,1}$  and define a function  $\tilde{\varphi}_u$  on  $K_s^{m,1}$  by:

$$\tilde{\varphi}_u(1+x) = \psi\left(\text{tr } u\left(x - \frac{x^2}{2}\right)\right)$$

for  $1+x \in K_s^{m,1}$ , which is equal to  $\varphi_u$  on  $K_s^m$ . Then  $K_s^{m,0}$  and  $K_s^{m,1}$  are normal subgroups of  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m-1}$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}_u$  is a character of  $K_s^{m,1}$  whose stability subgroup,  $\tilde{H}_u$ , in  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m-1}$  is  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $W_0$  (resp.  $W_1$ ) is invariant by the conjugate action of  $E^\times$ , it is clear that  $K_s^{m,0}$  (resp.  $K_s^{m,1}$ ) is normal in  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m-1}$ . If  $x$  and  $y$  lie in  $A_s^{m,1}$ , then:

$$\tilde{\varphi}_u((1+x)(1+y)) = \tilde{\varphi}_u(1+x) \cdot \tilde{\varphi}_u(1+y) \cdot \psi\left(\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} u(xy - yx)\right).$$

Lemma 2.3.2 tells us  $W_1 \subset W_0 = W_1^\perp$ , so  $\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} u(xy - yx) \equiv 0 \pmod{P_F}$ . (We note  $p \neq 2$ .) Thus  $\tilde{\varphi}_u$  is a character of  $K_s^{m,1}$ . As for the normalizer  $\tilde{H}_u$  of  $\tilde{\varphi}_u$  in  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m-1}$ , we remark that  $\tilde{H}_u \subset H_u = E^\times \cdot K_s^{m-1}$ . If  $x \in A_s^{m,1}$  and  $y \in A_s^{m-1}$ , then

$$\tilde{\varphi}_u^{\langle 1+y \rangle}(1+x) = \tilde{\varphi}_u(1+x) \cdot \phi(\text{tr } u(xy - yx)).$$

Therefore  $\tilde{H}_u = E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}$  since  $W_1^\perp = W_0$ .

**2.4.** We set  $U = F^\times \langle u^h \rangle (1 + P_E)$  where  $\langle u^h \rangle$  is a group generated by  $u^h$ ,  $H_0 = U \cdot K_s^{m,0}$  and  $H_1 = U \cdot K_s^{m,1}$ . In the same way of Proposition 2.1.1 (3), we can lift  $\tilde{\varphi}_u$  to  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}$  and any lift of  $\tilde{\varphi}_u$  to  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}$  is written in the form  $\theta \cdot \tilde{\varphi}_u$ , where  $\theta$  is a quasi-character of  $E^\times$ . We denote a quasi-character  $\theta \cdot \tilde{\varphi}_u$  of  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}$  by  $\eta_{u,\theta}$  and a quasi-character  $(\theta|_U) \cdot \tilde{\varphi}_u$  of  $U \cdot K_s^{m,1}$  by  $\eta_{u,\bar{\theta}}$  where  $\theta|_U$  is the restriction of  $\theta$  to  $U$ .

**Lemma 2.4.1.** (1)  $H_0$  and  $H_1$  are normal subgroups in  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}$  and the stability subgroup of  $\eta_{u,\bar{\theta}}$  is  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}$ .

(2) We set that:

$$\langle x, y \rangle_{H_0} = \text{tr } u(xyx^{-1}y^{-1} - 1) \pmod{P_F}$$

for  $x, y \in H_0$ . Then  $\langle, \rangle_{H_0}$  induces a nondegenerate alternating form on  $H_0/H_1$ .

(3) The induced representation  $\text{Ind}_{H_1}^{H_0}(\eta_{u,\bar{\theta}})$  is a homogeneous sum of an irreducible representation  $\kappa_{u,\bar{\theta}}$  of degree  $q^{(r^2t-r)/2}$ .

(4) We can lift  $\kappa_{u,\bar{\theta}}$  to  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}$  and the number of those lifts is  $h$ .

*Proof.* Part one of the above lemma follows from the fact that  $(J-1)W_0 \subset W_1$ . Part two follows from Lemma 2.3.2. Part three is a consequence of the Heisenberg construction (cf. [G1]). The last part follows from 5.4 and 5.5 in [C].

**Proposition 2.4.2.** Let  $\tilde{\kappa}_u$  be one of the lifts of  $\kappa_{u,\bar{\theta}}$  to  $\tilde{H}_u$ . Then  $\text{Ind}_{\tilde{H}_u}^{Z_s K_s}(\tilde{\kappa}_u)$  is an irreducible very cuspidal representation of level  $N$  of  $Z_s K_s$  and every irreducible very cuspidal representation of level  $N$  of  $Z_s K_s$  is equivalent to some representation  $\text{Ind}_{\tilde{H}_u}^{Z_s K_s}(\tilde{\kappa}_u)$  with an appropriate generic element  $u$  of level  $1-N$ .

*Proof.* This can be proved in the same way of Proposition 2.1.2 (3).

**2.5.** Now we shall construct the lifts of  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u,\bar{\theta}}$  explicitly. We imitate the method of Moy (see Sections 3.5-3.6 in [M]). For simplicity, we shall start with the case that  $r=1$  and  $t$  is a prime. We put  $L = E^\times/U$ , then  $L$  is a cyclic group of order  $t$ .

**Lemma 2.5.1.** There are  $(q^{t-1} + t - 1)/t$  double cosets of  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}$  in  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to see that the conjugate action of  $E^\times$  on  $K_s^{m,0}/K_s^{m,1}$  has no fixed point. This follows from the fact that  $I-1$  induces an automorphism on  $W_0/W_1$ .

We denote by  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u,\bar{\theta},i}$  ( $i=1, \dots, t$ ) the lifts of  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u,\bar{\theta}}$  to  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}$ . Let  $a_i$  be the multiplicity of  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u,\bar{\theta},i}$  in  $\text{Ind}_{E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}}^{E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}}(\eta_{u,\theta})$ .

**Lemma 2.5.2.** The multiplicities  $a_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, t$ ) satisfy the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_t &= q^{(t-1)/2} \\ a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_t^2 &= (q^{t-1} + t - 1)/t. \end{aligned}$$



*Proof.* We can prove this lemma by the same way of Lemma 3.5.30 in [M] by virtue of Lemma 2.5.1.

We use the next lemma to solve the above equations.

**Lemma 2.5.3** (Lemma 3.5.33 in [M]). *If  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are nonnegative integral solutions to the system of equations:*

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n &= m \\ c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \dots + c_n^2 &= (m^2 + u - 1)/n, \end{aligned}$$

*then either  $n-1$  of the  $c_i$ 's are equal to  $(m+1)/n$  and one is  $\{(m+1)/n\}-1$ , or  $n-1$  of the  $c_i$ 's are equal to  $(m-1)/n$  and one is  $\{(m-1)/n\}+1$ .*

Applying Lemma 2.5.3 to the equation in Lemma 2.5.2, we obtain the next lemma.

**Lemma 2.5.4.** *The nonnegative solutions to the equation in Lemma 2.5.2 have  $t-1$  of the  $a_i$ 's equal to  $\{q^{(t-1)/2} - (\frac{q}{t})\}/t$  and one of the  $a_i$ 's is equal to  $\{q^{(t-1)/2} - (\frac{q}{t})\}/t + (\frac{q}{t})$ . (We denote by  $(-)$  the Legendre symbol.)*

We denote by  $\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}$  the  $\bar{\kappa}_{u,\bar{\theta},t}$  corresponding to the  $a_t$  which is different from others. By the Frobenius reciprocity and the Heisenberg construction, we have the next result on the character of  $\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}$ .

**Lemma 2.5.5.** *Let  $\chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}}$  be the character of  $\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}$ . If  $\gamma$  belongs to  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}$ , then we have:*

$$\chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}}(\gamma) = \begin{cases} q^{(t-1)/2} \eta_{u,\bar{\theta}}(\gamma) & \text{for } \gamma \in H_1 \\ \left(\frac{q}{t}\right) \eta_{u,\theta}(\gamma) & \text{for } \gamma \in E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1} \setminus H_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } \gamma \text{ is not conjugate to an element of } E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}. \end{cases}$$

We summarize the result in the next proposition.

**Proposition 2.5.6.** *Assume  $r=1$  and  $t$  is a prime.*

(1) *Every irreducible representation of  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}$  whose restriction on  $K_s^{m,1}$  contains  $\bar{\varphi}_u$  is written in the form  $\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}$  where  $\theta$  is a quasi-character of  $E^\times$  with the property that  $\theta = \bar{\varphi}_u$  on  $E^\times \cap K_s^{m,1}$ . And the character  $\chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}}$  of  $\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}$  is given in the next formula:*

$$\chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}}(\gamma) = \begin{cases} q^{(t-1)/2} \eta_{u,\bar{\theta}}(\gamma) & \text{for } \gamma \in H_1 \\ \left(\frac{q}{t}\right) \eta_{u,\theta}(\gamma) & \text{for } \gamma \in E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1} \setminus H_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } \gamma \text{ is not conjugate to an element of } E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}. \end{cases}$$

(2) *Every irreducible very cuspidal representation of level  $N$  of  $Z_s K_s$  is equivalent to some representation  $\text{Ind}_{\bar{H}_u}^{Z_s K_s}(\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta})$  with an appropriate generic element  $u$  and an appropriate quasi-character  $\theta$  of  $E^\times$ .*

2.6. Now we get rid of the assumptions for  $r$  and  $t$ . Set  $L=E^x/U$  and  $X=H_0/H_1$ . We note that  $L$  is an abelian group of order relatively prime to  $p$  and the conjugate action of  $U$  on  $X$  is trivial. We denote by  $\sigma$  the conjugate action of  $L$  on  $X$  and regard  $X$  as an  $F_q[L]$ -module where  $F_q$  is a finite field of order  $q$ . Then  $X$  is completely reducible as an  $F_q[L]$ -module. For  $N$  a subgroup of  $L$ , let  $\Omega_N=\{x \in X \mid \sigma(n)x=x \text{ for all } n \in N\}$ .  $\Omega_N$  is an  $L$ -invariant subspace of  $X$ . Let  $X_N$  be the  $L$ -complement in  $\Omega_N$  of the  $F_q[L]$ -module:

$$\sum_{N \subset M \subset L} \Omega_M$$

where the sum is over those subgroups of  $L$  which properly contain  $N$ .

**Lemma 2.6.1.** (1)  $X = \bigoplus_{N \subset L} X_N$ .

(2) We denote by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_X$  the nondegenerated alternating form on  $X$  defined in Lemma 2.4.1 (2). If  $X_N \neq \{0\}$ , the restriction of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_X$  to  $X_N$  is also nondegenerate.

(3) Let  $H_N$  (resp.  $\tilde{N}$ ) denote the subgroup of  $H_0$  (resp.  $E^x$ ) such that  $H_N/H_1$  (resp.  $\tilde{N}/U$ ) is  $X_N$  (resp.  $N$ ). Then  $\tilde{N} \cdot H_1$  and  $\tilde{N} \cdot H_N$  are normal in  $E^x \cdot H_N$  and for  $g \in E^x \cdot H_N \setminus E^x \cdot H_1$ :

$$g^{-1}E^x \cdot H_1 g \cap E^x \cdot H_1 = \tilde{N} \cdot H_1.$$

*Proof.* We set  $\bar{X} = X \otimes_{F_q} \bar{F}_q$ ,  $\bar{X}_N = X_N \otimes_{F_q} \bar{F}_q$  where  $\bar{F}_q$  is an algebraic closure of  $F_q$ . From the definition of  $X_N$ , it is obvious that:

$$X = \sum_{N \subset L} X_N.$$

Therefore it suffices to see that:

$$\bar{X} = \sum_{N \subset L} \bar{X}_N.$$

Let  $\bar{\sigma}$  be the representation of  $L$  on  $\bar{X}$  defined by  $\sigma$ . Since  $L$  is abelian, we can show:

$$\bar{X} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \bar{\sigma}} \bar{X}_\alpha$$

where the sum is over those one-dimensional representations which are contained in  $\bar{\sigma}$  and  $\bar{X}_\alpha = \{x \in \bar{X} \mid \bar{\sigma}(g)x = \alpha(g)x \text{ for all } g \in L\}$ . Then from the definition of  $\bar{X}_N$ , we have:

$$\bar{X}_N = \bigoplus_{\substack{\alpha \in \bar{\sigma} \\ \text{Ker } \alpha = N}} \bar{X}_\alpha.$$

Therefore  $\bar{X} = \bigoplus_{N \subset L} \bar{X}_N$ .

(2) This follows from the fact that:

$$\langle \sigma(g)x, \sigma(g)y \rangle_X = \langle x, y \rangle_X$$

for  $x, y \in X$  and  $g \in L$ . (See Remark 2.2.2).

(3) This is obvious from the definition of  $X_N$ .

We set  $\eta_{u, \theta_N} = (\eta_{u, \theta})|_{\tilde{N} \cdot H_1}$ . By the above lemma, the next lemma is proved by the same way of Lemma 2.4.1.

**Lemma 2.6.2.** (1) *The stability subgroup of  $\eta_{u, \theta_N}$  in  $Z_s K_s$  is  $E^\times \cdot H_N$ .*

(2) *Let  $2D_N = \dim_{k_F} X_N$ . The induced representation  $\text{Ind}_{\check{N} \cdot H_1}^{\check{N} \cdot H_N}(\eta_{u, \theta_N})$  is a homogeneous sum of an irreducible representation  $\kappa_{u, \theta_N}$  of degree  $q^{D_N}$ .*

(3) *Let  $M_N = |E^\times / \check{N}|$ . We can lift  $\kappa_{u, \theta_N}$  to  $E^\times \cdot H_N$  and the number of those lifts is  $M_N$ .*

We denote by  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta_N, i}$  ( $i=1, \dots, M_N$ ) the lifts of  $\kappa_{u, \theta_N}$  to  $E^\times \cdot H_0$ . Let  $b_i$  be the multiplicity of  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta_N, i}$  in  $\text{Ind}_{E^\times \cdot H_1}^{E^\times \cdot H_0}(\eta_{u, \theta})$ . By Lemma 2.6.2 (2), we have the following analogue of Lemma 2.5.2.

**Lemma 2.6.3.** *The multiplicities  $b_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, M_N$ ) satisfy the following equations:*

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_{M_N} &= q^{D_N} \\ b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \dots + b_{M_N}^2 &= (q^{2 \cdot D_N} + M_N - 1) / M_N. \end{aligned}$$

We can apply Lemma 2.5.3 to the equation in Lemma 2.6.3 to conclude that either

(a)  $M_N - 1$  of the  $b_i$ 's are equal to  $(q^{D_N} + 1) / M_N$  and one is  $\{(q^{D_N} + 1) / M_N\} - 1$

or

(b)  $M_N - 1$  of the  $b_i$ 's are equal to  $(q^{D_N} - 1) / M_N$  and one is  $\{(q^{D_N} - 1) / M_N\} + 1$ .

We set  $S(N) = -1$  (resp.  $S(N) = 1$ ) in case (a) (resp. in case (b)). In both cases,  $(q^{D_N} - S(N)) / M_N$  is an integer. We denote by  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u, N, \theta}$  the  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta_N, i}$  corresponding to the  $b_i$  which is different from others. Next lemma is the counterpart of Lemma 2.5.5.

**Lemma 2.6.4.** *Let  $\chi_{\tilde{\kappa}_{u, N, \theta}}$  be the character of  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u, N, \theta}$ . If  $\gamma$  belongs to  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m, 0}$ , then we have:*

$$\chi_{\tilde{\kappa}_{u, N, \theta}}(\gamma) = \begin{cases} q^{D_N} \eta_{u, \theta}(\gamma) & \text{for } \gamma \in \check{N} \cdot H_1 \\ S(N) \eta_{u, \theta_N}(\gamma) & \text{for } \gamma \in E^\times \cdot H_1 \setminus \check{N} \cdot H_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } \gamma \text{ is not conjugate to an element of } E^\times \cdot H_1. \end{cases}$$

Since  $H_0 / H_1 = \bigoplus_{N \subset L} X_N$  and  $(\kappa_{u, \theta_N})|_{H_1} = q^{D_N} \cdot \eta_{u, \theta}$ , we can define a representation  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}$  of  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m, 0}$  as follows:

$$\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}(e \cdot g) = \left( \bigotimes_N \tilde{\kappa}_{u, N, \theta}(e) \theta(e)^{-1} \right) \theta(e) \cdot \left( \bigotimes_N \tilde{\kappa}_{u, N, \theta}(g_N) \right) \tilde{\kappa}_{u, N, \theta}(g_1).$$

Here  $e \in E^\times$ ,  $g \in H_0$  and  $g = \left( \prod_N g_N \right) g_1$  where  $g_N \in H_N$  and  $g_1 \in H_1$ . It is obvious that  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}$  is a lift of  $\kappa_{u, \theta}$ . Since the number of lifts of  $\kappa_{u, \theta}$  to  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m, 0}$  is equal to the number of lifts of  $\theta$  to  $E^\times$ , any lift of  $\kappa_{u, \theta}$  to  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m, 0}$  is given in the form  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}$  where  $\theta$  is a lift of  $\theta$  to  $E^\times$ . By Lemma 2.6.4, the character  $\chi_{\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}$  of  $\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}$  is given as follows.

**Lemma 2.6.5.**

$$\chi_{\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}(e \cdot g) = q^{(e \in \check{N}^{D_N})} \cdot \left( \prod_{\theta \in \check{N}} S(N) \right) \theta(e) \tilde{\psi}_u(g)$$

for  $e \in E^\times$  and  $g \in K_s^{m, 1}$  where  $N$  runs over the subgroups of  $L$  which contain (resp. do

not contain)  $e \bmod U$  in  $(\sum_{c \in N} D_N)$  (resp.  $(\prod_{c \in N} S(N))$ ), and

$$\chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}}(\gamma) = 0$$

if  $\gamma$  is not conjugate to an element of  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}$ .

**Corollary 2.6.6.**

$$\chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}}(u \cdot g) = \left( \prod_{u \in N} S(N) \right) \theta(u) \tilde{\varphi}_u(g)$$

for  $g \in K_s^{m,1}$ .

*Proof.* Since the map  $I-1$  induces an automorphism of  $X$ ,  $D_N=0$  if  $u \bmod U \in N$ .

We summarize the result of the odd level case. (cf. Proposition 2.4.2.)

**Proposition 2.6.7.** *Let  $u$  be a generic element of level  $2-2m$  ( $m \geq 2$ ) and  $\tilde{\varphi}_u$  be a character of  $K_s^{m,1}$  defined by  $\tilde{\varphi}_u(1+x) = \phi\left(\text{tr } u\left(x - \frac{x^2}{2}\right)\right)$  for  $1+x \in K_s^{m,1}$ . (cf. Lemma 2.3.3.) Let  $\theta$  be a quasi-character of  $E^\times$  with the property that  $\theta(1+x) = \phi(\text{tr } ux)$  for  $x \in P_E^m$  where  $E = F(u)$ .*

(1) *Let  $\kappa$  be any irreducible component of  $\text{Ind}_{K_s^{m,1}}^{E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}}(\tilde{\varphi}_u)$ . (cf. Lemma 2.3.3.) Then  $\kappa$  is written in the form  $\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}$  which is determined by its character formula:*

$$\chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}}(e \cdot g) = q^{(\sum_{c \in N} D_N)} \cdot \left( \prod_{c \in N} S(N) \right) \theta(e) \tilde{\varphi}_u(g)$$

for  $e \in E^\times$  and  $g \in K_s^{m,1}$ , and

$$\chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}}(\gamma) = 0$$

if  $\gamma$  is not conjugate to an element of  $E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}$ . (As for the definition of  $(\sum_{c \in N} D_N)$  and  $(\prod_{c \in N} S(N))$ , see Lemma 2.6.5, Lemma 2.6.1 and the paragraph above Lemma 2.6.4.)

(2)  $\text{Ind}_{E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}}^{Z_s K_s}(\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta})$  is an irreducible very cuspidal representation of level  $2m-1$  of  $Z_s K_s$  and every very cuspidal representation of level  $2m-1$  of  $Z_s K_s$  is equivalent to some representation  $\text{Ind}_{E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}}^{Z_s K_s}(\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta})$  with an appropriate generic element  $u$  of level  $2-2m$  and an appropriate quasi-character  $\theta$  of  $E^\times$ .

We need determine the term  $(\prod_{u \in N} S(N))$  to calculate the  $\epsilon$ -factor of  $\text{ind}_{E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,1}}^{\text{GL}_n(F)}(\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta})$  in the next section.

**Proposition 2.6.8.** *In the above notation,*

$$\left( \prod_{u \in N} S(N) \right) = (-1)^{r-1} \cdot \left( \frac{q}{t} \right)^r$$

where  $(-)$  denotes the Jacobi symbol.

*Proof.* We first recall that  $S(N)$  is determined by the property that:

$$\frac{q^{D_N} - S(N)}{|L/N|} \text{ is an integer.}$$

For any element  $x$  of  $E^\times$ , we set  $\bar{x} = x \bmod F^\times \langle u^h \rangle (1 + P_E)$ . Let  $u_0$  be an element of  $\mathcal{O}_E^\times$  such that  $u_0 \bmod (1 + P_E)$  generates the cyclic group  $k_E^\times$  and  $M$  be a subgroup of  $L$  generated by  $\bar{u}_0$ . We note that  $L = E^\times / F^\times \langle u^h \rangle (1 + P_E)$  is generated by  $\bar{u}_0$  and  $\bar{u}$ . We shall omit the symbol ‘ $\bar{\phantom{x}}$ ’ when there is no fear of confusion. Since  $(J-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle / 2}$  induces an  $L$ -module isomorphism between  $X$  and  $\text{Ker}(J-1) / \text{Ker}(I-1)$ , we can easily show that:

$$\dim_{k_F} \Omega_{\langle u_0^j \rangle} = [k_E : k_F(u_0^j)] \cdot jr - r$$

from Lemma 2.2.1 and its proof. From the definition of  $D_N$  and  $S(N)$ ,  $D_N = 0$  and  $S(N) = 1$  if  $N_1$  properly contains  $N$  and  $\Omega_N = \Omega_{N_1}$ . So if  $S(\langle u_0^j \rangle) = -1$ , then  $j = \frac{q^r - 1}{q^{r'} - 1}$  where  $r'$  is a positive divisor of  $r$ . We set  $j(r') = \frac{q^r - 1}{q^{r'} - 1}$  for any positive divisor  $r'$  of  $r$ . We shall quote the next lemma from [M].

**Lemma 2.6.9** (Lemma 3.6.54 in [M]). *Suppose  $j, Q$  are integers greater than 1 and  $A$  is a nonnegative integer. If  $(Q^A + 1) / \{(Q^j - 1) / (Q - 1)\}$  is an integer, then  $j = 2$  and  $A$  is odd.*

Since  $X_{\langle u_0^{j(r')} \rangle}$  is a  $k_F(u_0^{j(r')})$ -module,  $D(\langle u_0^{j(r')} \rangle)$  is a multiple of  $r'$  and we can apply this lemma for  $j = r/r', Q = q^{r'}$  and  $A = D(\langle u_0^{j(r')} \rangle) / r'$ . We consider two cases according to the parity of  $r$ .

Case  $r$  odd. From the above lemma,  $S(N) = 1$  if  $N$  does not contain  $\langle u_0 \rangle$ . Here:

$$\left( \prod_{u \notin N} S(N) \right) = \left( \prod_{j|t} S(\langle u_0, u^j \rangle) \right)$$

where  $j$  runs over the positive divisors of  $t$ .

Therefore we have only to determine the signature of  $S(\langle u_0, u^j \rangle)$  for  $j|t$ . From the definition of  $X_{\langle u_0, u^j \rangle}$ ,  $\sum_{t|j} 2D_{\langle u_0, u^t \rangle} = \dim_{k_F} \Omega_{\langle u_0, u^j \rangle}$ . It is easily seen that  $\dim_{k_F} \Omega_{\langle u_0, u^j \rangle} = jr - r$ . (See the proof of Lemma 2.2.1.) So we have:

$$2D_{\langle u_0, u^j \rangle} = \begin{cases} r\varphi(j) & \text{for } j > 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } j = 1 \end{cases}$$

where  $\varphi$  denotes Euler's  $\varphi$ -function, and

$$\frac{(q^r)^{\varphi(j)/2} - S(\langle u_0, u^j \rangle)}{j} \text{ is an integer.}$$

Then  $S(\langle u_0, u^j \rangle) = -1$  if and only if  $j$  is a power of a prime, say  $j = l^m$ , and  $\left(\frac{q^r}{l}\right) = -1$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \prod_{j|t} S(\langle u_0, u^j \rangle) \right) &= \left( \frac{q^r}{t} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{q}{t} \right)^r. \end{aligned}$$

Case  $r$  even. From Lemma 2.6.7 and the argument of the odd case,  $S(N) = -1$  if and only if  $N \cap \langle u_0 \rangle = \langle u_1 \rangle$  and  $\dim_{k_F(u_1)} X_N \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  where  $u_1 = u_0^{(q^2-1)/(q-1)}$ . By the argument of the odd case,  $\dim_{k_F(u_1)} X_N \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  if  $N \supset \langle u_0 \rangle$ . Therefore in order to

observe  $(\prod_{u \in N} S(N)) = -1$ , it is sufficient to see that there are an odd number of subgroups  $N \supset \langle u_1 \rangle$  such that  $\dim_{k_{F(\langle u_1 \rangle)}} X_N = 2 \pmod{4}$ . This follows immediately from:

$$\Omega_{\langle u_1 \rangle} = \bigoplus_{\langle u_1 \rangle \subset N} X_N$$

and

$$\dim_{k_{F(\langle u_1 \rangle)}} \Omega_{\langle u_1 \rangle} = 4t - 2.$$

Hence our proposition.

### 3. Calculation of the $\varepsilon$ -factors

**3.1.** At first, we review the  $\varepsilon$ -factors of supercuspidal representations of  $GL_n(F)$ . Godement-Jacquet [G-J] have defined the  $L$ - and  $\varepsilon$ -factors for admissible representations of  $GL_n(F)$ . If  $\pi$  is an irreducible supercuspidal representation of  $GL_n(F)$ , then  $L(\pi) = 1$  and the  $\varepsilon$ -factor is a scalar factor defined by:

$$\int_{GL_n(F)} \hat{f}(g) \pi(g^{-1}) |\det g|_F^{(n+1)/2} d^\times g = \varepsilon(\pi, \phi) \int_{GL_n(F)} f(g) \pi(g) |\det g|_F^{(n-1)/2} d^\times g,$$

where  $f$  is a locally constant, compactly supported function on  $M_n(F)$ ,  $\phi$  is an additive character of  $F$ ,  $d^\times g$  is a Haar measure of  $GL_n(F)$  defined by  $d^\times g = d\mu(g) / |\det g|_F^{n/2}$  where  $\mu$  is a self dual Haar measure on  $M_n(F)$  with respect to the Fourier transform:

$$\hat{f}(y) = \int_{M_n(F)} f(x) \phi(xy) d\mu(x).$$

The next lemma is well-known.

**Lemma 3.1.1.** *Let  $\pi$  be an irreducible supercuspidal representation of  $G = GL_n(F)$ . If  $\pi$  is compactly-induced from compact modulo center subgroup  $H$ , say  $\pi = \text{ind}_H^G \kappa$ , then:*

$$\varepsilon(\pi, \phi) = \int_H \kappa(g^{-1}) |\det g|_F^{(n+1)/2} \phi(\text{tr } g) d^\times g.$$

**3.2.** We start with the even level case. Let  $u$  be a generic element of level  $1 - 2m$  and  $\pi = \text{ind}_{E^\times \cdot K_s^m}^{GL_n(F)} (\theta \cdot \phi_u)$ . (As for the notation, see 2.1).

The next lemma is proved by the same way of Lemma 2.2.1 in [K-M].

**Lemma 3.2.1.** *Let  $\mu$  be a self-dual Haar measure on  $M_n(F)$  with respect to  $\phi \circ \text{tr}$ . Then  $\mu(A_s^m) = q^{r^{2s} \cdot (1-2m/2)}$ .*

From Lemma 3.1.1, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\pi, \phi) &= \int_{E^\times \cdot K_s^m} (\theta \cdot \phi_u)(g^{-1}) |\det g|_F^{(n+1)/2} \phi(\text{tr } g) d^\times g \\ &= \int_{E^\times \cdot K_s^m / K_s^m} \left( \int_{K_s^m} (\theta \cdot \phi_u)((hk)^{-1}) |\det hk|_F^{(n+1)/2} \phi(\text{tr } hk) d^\times k \right) d^\times h \\ &= \int_{E^\times \cdot K_s^m / K_s^m} (\theta \cdot \phi_u)(h^{-1}) |\det h|_F^{(n+1)} \left( \int_{K_s^m} (\theta \cdot \phi_u)(k^{-1}) \phi(\text{tr } hk) d^\times k \right) d^\times h. \end{aligned}$$

And in the above expression :

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{K_s^m} (\theta \cdot \phi_u)(k^{-1}) \phi(\text{tr } h k) d^\times k \\ &= \int_{A_s^m} \phi_u^{-1}(1+k) \phi(\text{tr } h(1+k)) d\mu(k) \\ &= \phi(\text{tr } h) \int_{A_s^m} \phi(\text{tr}(h-u)k) d\mu(k) \\ &= \phi(\text{tr } h) \mu(A_s^m) f_{1-m}(h-u), \quad \text{for } (A_s^m)^\perp = A_s^{1-m}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u$  belongs to  $A_s^{1-2m}$ ,  $h-u$  belongs to  $A_s^{1-m}$  if and only if  $h$  belongs to  $u \cdot K_s^m$ . Thus :

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\pi, \phi) &= \mu(A_s^m) \phi(\text{tr } u) (\theta \cdot \phi_u)^{-1}(u) |\det u|_{F^{(n+1)/2}} \\ &= \mu(A_s^m) \phi(\text{tr } u) \theta^{-1}(u) |u|_{E^{(n+1)/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3.1.1 and Proposition 1.2.3,  $\mu(A_s^m) = q^{r^2 s(1-2m)/2}$  and  $|u|_E^{n/2} = (q^{-r})^{r s(1-2m)}$ . So we get the next proposition.

**Proposition 3.2.2.** *Let  $\pi = \text{ind}_{E^\times \cdot K_s^m}^{\text{GL}_n(F)}(\theta \cdot \phi_u)$  and  $\phi_E = \phi \circ \text{tr}_{E/F}$ . Then*

$$\varepsilon(\pi, \phi) = \phi_E(u) \theta^{-1}(u) |u|_E^{1/2}.$$

**3.3.** We shall treat the odd level case. Let  $u$  be a generic element of level  $2-2m$  and  $\pi = \text{ind}_{E^\times \cdot K_s^m, \theta}^{\text{GL}_n(F)}(\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta})$ . (As for the notation, see 2.3 and 2.6). By the same argument of the even level case, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\pi, \phi) &= \int_{K_s^{m,0} \tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}((u k)^{-1})} |\det u k|_{F^{(n+1)/2}} \phi(\text{tr } u k) d^\times k \\ &= |u|_{E^{(n+1)/2}} \int_{K_s^{m,0} \tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}((u k)^{-1})} \phi(\text{tr } u k) d^\times k. \end{aligned}$$

The above integral is calculated as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{K_s^{m,0} \tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}((u k)^{-1})} \phi(\text{tr } u k) d^\times k \\ &= \sum_{h \in K_s^{m,0} / K_s^{m,1}} \left( \int_{K_s^{m,1} \tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}((u h k)^{-1})} \phi(\text{tr } u h k) d^\times k \right) \\ &= \sum_{y \in A_s^{m,0} / A_s^{m,1}} \left( \int_{A_s^{m,1} \tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}((1+x)^{-1})} \phi(\text{tr } u(1+y)(1+x)) d\mu(x) \right) \tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}((u(1+y))^{-1}) \\ &= \sum_{y \in A_s^{m,0} / A_s^{m,1}} \left( \int_{A_s^{m,1}} \phi\left(\text{tr } u\left(yx + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)\right) d\mu(x) \right) \phi(\text{tr } u(1+y)) \tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}((u(1+y))^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

By taking the trace of the last term, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{deg}(\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}) \varepsilon(\pi, \phi) &= |u|_{E^{(n+1)/2}} \phi(\text{tr } u) \sum_{y \in A_s^{m,0} / A_s^{m,1}} \left( \int_{A_s^{m,1}} \phi\left(\text{tr } u\left(yx + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)\right) d\mu(x) \right) \\ &\quad \times \phi(\text{tr } u y) \chi_{\tilde{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}((u(1+y))^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $I-1$  induces a  $k_F$ -automorphism on  $A_s^{m,0}/A_s^{m,1}$ , there exists an element  $z$  in  $A_s^{m,0}/A_s^{m,1}$  such that  $uy=[u, z]$  where  $[u, z]=uz-zu$  for any  $y$  in  $A_s^{m,0}/A_s^{m,1}$ . Set  $S=u(1+y)$ . Then an easy calculation shows:

$$(1+z)S(1+Z)^{-1}=u(1+u^{-1}[z, uy])(1+u^{-1}[S, z]z) \pmod{K_s^{2m-1}}.$$

(See (3.5.39) in [M].) The last two terms lie in  $K_s^{2m-2}$  and hence are scalars under  $\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}$ . Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}(S^{-1}) &= \chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}((1+z)S(1+z)^{-1}) \\ &= \chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}(u^{-1})\phi(\text{tr}[z, uy])\phi(\text{tr}[S, z]z) \\ &= \chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}(u^{-1})\phi(\text{tr}[z, uy])\phi(\text{tr}([uz, z]+[uyz, z])) \\ &= \chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}(u^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover:

$$\phi(\text{tr } uy) = \phi(\text{tr}[u, z]) = 1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi\left(\text{tr } u\left(yx + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)\right) &= \phi\left(\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} ux^2\right)\phi(\text{tr } u(z - u^{-1}zu)x) \\ &= \phi\left(\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} ux^2\right)\phi(\text{tr } u(zx - xz)) \\ &= \phi\left(\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} ux^2\right), \quad \text{for } W_1^+ = W_0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\varepsilon(\pi, \phi) = \phi(\text{tr } u) |u|_{E^{1/2}} C \int_{A_s^{m,1}} \phi\left(\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} ux^2\right) d\mu(x)$$

where  $C = (\text{deg}(\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}))^{-1} |u|_{E^{n/2}} |A_s^{m,0}/A_s^{m,1}| \chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}(u^{-1})$ .

Let  $W_2 = (J-1)^{(p^l+1)/2}W$  and  $A_s^{m,2}$  be the total inverse image in  $A_s^{m-1}$  of  $W_2$ . Then:

$$\int_{A_s^{m,1}} \phi\left(\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} ux^2\right) d\mu(x) = \mu(A_s^{m,2}) \sum_{x \in W_1^+/W_2} \phi\left(\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} ux^2\right)$$

since  $\phi(\text{tr } uxy) = 1$  if  $x \in A_s^{m,2}$  and  $y \in A_s^{m,1}$ . Thus:

$$\varepsilon(\pi, \phi) = \phi(\text{tr } u) |u|_{E^{1/2}} C' \left( \sum_{x \in W_1^+/W_2} \phi\left(\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} ux^2\right) \right)$$

where  $C' = (\text{deg}(\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}))^{-1} |u|_{E^{n/2}} |A_s^{m,0}/A_s^{m,1}| \mu(A_s^{m,2}) \chi_{\bar{\kappa}_{u, \theta}}(u^{-1})$ .

By Proposition 2.6.8, Lemma 2.4.1 (3), Lemma 3.2.1 and Proposition 1.2.2, we can see that  $C' = q^{-r/2} \cdot \theta^{-1}(u) \cdot (-1)^{r-1} \left(\frac{q}{t}\right)^r$ . Hence:

$$\varepsilon(\pi, \phi) = \phi_E(u) \theta^{-1}(u) |u|_{E^{1/2}} q^{-r/2} \cdot M$$

where  $M = \sum_{x \in W_1^+/W_2} \phi\left(\text{tr } \frac{1}{2} ux^2\right)$ .

The rest of our work is to calculate  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.3.1.**  $M = \sum_{x \in k_E} \phi\left(\text{tr}_{k_E/k_F}\left(\frac{1}{2}\gamma x^2\right)\right)$  where  $\gamma = (-1)^{(p^l-1)/2} t \cdot u \varpi_E^{2m-2} \pmod{P_E}$ .



(We note that since  $2m-2$  is even, the right side dose not depend on the choice of  $\varpi_E$ .)

*Proof.* Since  $W_1/W_2$  is a one-dimensional vector space over  $k_E$ ,  $M = \sum_{x \in k_E} \phi\left(\text{tr} \frac{1}{2} u(x k_0)^2\right)$  where  $k_0$  is any element in  $W_1 \setminus W_2$ . Let  $k_1$  be an element in  $A_s^0/A_s^1$  such that  $k_0 = \varpi_E^{m-1}(J-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle/2} T k_1$ . Then :

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi\left(\text{tr} \frac{1}{2} u(x k_0)^2\right) \\ &= \phi\left(\text{tr} \frac{1}{2} u(x \varpi_E^{m-1}(J-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle/2} T k_1 \cdot x \varpi_E^{m-1}(J-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle/2} T k_1)\right) \\ &= \phi\left(\text{tr} \frac{1}{2} u(x \varpi_E^{m-1} J^{-\langle p^{l-1} \rangle/2} (-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle/2} J^{-1} T (J-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle} T k_1 \cdot x \varpi_E^{m-1} k_1)\right) \\ & \hspace{15em} \text{since } \text{tr}(x \cdot I y) = \text{tr}(I^{-1} x \cdot y), \\ &= \phi\left(\text{tr} \frac{1}{2} u(\varpi_E^{2m-2} x^2 (-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle/2} t (J-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle} T k_1 \cdot k_1)\right) \\ & \hspace{15em} \text{since } (J-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle} T k_1 \in \text{Ker}(I-1) = k_E. \end{aligned}$$

Here we recall that  $A_s^0/A_s^1$  is identified with  $M_r(k_F)^{Z/sZ}$  by way of the map  $R$ . Let  $R(k_1) = (\mathbf{1}_r, \mathbf{0}_r, \dots, \mathbf{0}_r)$ , then  $R(I k_1) = (\mathbf{0}_r, \dots, \mathbf{0}_r, \mathbf{1}_r, \mathbf{0}_r, \dots, \mathbf{0}_r)$  where  $\mathbf{1}_r$  lies in the  $(3-2m \bmod s)$ -th position. Since  $(2-2m, s) = 1$  and  $I^s k_1 = k_1$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} R((J-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle} T k_1) &= \frac{q^r - 1}{q - 1} R((I^{s-1} + \dots + I + 1) k_1) \\ &= R((I^{s-1} + \dots + I + 1) k_1) \\ &= (\mathbf{1}_r, \mathbf{1}_r, \dots, \mathbf{1}_r). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $R((J-1)^{\langle p^{l-1} \rangle} T k_1 \cdot k_1) = (\mathbf{1}_r, \mathbf{0}_r, \dots, \mathbf{0}_r)$ . We note that if  $x \in A_s^0$  and  $R(x) = (\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{s-1})$ , then  $(\text{tr } x) \bmod P_F = \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \text{tr } \gamma_i$ . Hence to prove the lemma it suffices to see that  $\text{tr}_{k_E/k_F}(e) = \text{tr } e_0$  if  $R(e) = (e_0, \dots, e_{s-1})$ . This follows from the fact that  $k_E = k_F(\varpi_F^{-(2-2m)} u^s \bmod P_E)$  and  $\text{tr}_{k_E/k_F}(\varpi_F^{-(2-2m)} u^s \bmod P_E) = \text{tr } \beta_i (i=0, \dots, s-1)$  if  $R(\varpi_F^{-(2-2m)} u^s) = (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{s-1})$ .

**Theorem 3.3.2.** *Let  $u$  be a generic element of level  $1-N (N \geq 2)$  and  $E = F(u)$ , which is an extension of  $F$  whose ramification degree is  $s$  and residual degree is  $r$ . Let  $m = \left\lfloor \frac{N+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ ,  $s = p^l \cdot t$  where  $(t, p) = 1$ ,  $\phi_u$  be as in 1.3 and  $\theta$  be a quasi-character of  $E^\times$  which coincides with  $\phi_u$  on  $1 + P_E^m$ . When  $N$  is even, let  $\pi_{u,\theta} = \text{ind}_{E^\times \cdot K_s^m}^{\text{GL}_n(F)}(\theta \cdot \phi_u)$ . When  $N$  is odd, let  $\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta}$  as in 2.6 and  $\pi_{u,\theta} = \text{ind}_{E^\times \cdot K_s^{m,0}}^{\text{GL}_n(F)}(\bar{\kappa}_{u,\theta})$ . (As for the definitions of  $K_s^m$  and  $K_s^{m,0}$ , see 1.1.2 and 2.3.3). Let  $\phi_E = \phi \circ \text{tr}_{E/F}$ . Then:*

- (1)  $\varepsilon(\pi_{u,\theta}, \phi) = \phi_E(u) \theta^{-1}(u) |u|_{E^{1/2}}$  when  $N$  is even,
- (2)  $\varepsilon(\pi_{u,\theta}, \phi) = \phi_E(u) \theta^{-1}(u) |u|_{E^{1/2}} (-1)^{r-1} \left(\frac{q}{t}\right)^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_E}} \sum_{x \in k_E} \phi\left(\text{tr}_{k_E/k_F}\left(\frac{1}{2} \gamma x^2\right)\right)$  when  $N$  is odd

where  $\gamma = (-1)^{(p^l-1)/2} t u \varpi_E^{N-1} \pmod{P_E}$ .

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