
UNRAMIFIED ℓ -MODULAR REPRESENTATIONS OF $GL_n(\mathbb{F})$ AND ITS INNER FORMS

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Abstract. — Let F be a non-Archimedean locally compact field of residue characteristic p and R be an algebraically closed field of characteristic ℓ different from p . Let \mathbf{G} be the group GL_n , $n \geq 1$, over F , or one of its inner forms. In this article, we classify the unramified irreducible smooth R -representations of $\mathbf{G}(F)$: more precisely we prove that they are those representations that are irreducibly induced from an unramified character of a Levi subgroup. We deduce that any smooth irreducible unramified $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_\ell$ -representation of $\mathbf{G}(F)$ can be lifted to $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$, which proves a conjecture by Vignéras.

Introduction

The classification of representations of reductive groups over local fields is a fundamental problem in harmonic analysis, with various applications in the theory of automorphic forms and in number theory. The class of irreducible unramified representations is of particular importance: indeed, if \mathbf{G} is a connected reductive group defined over a number field k , and if Π is a complex admissible irreducible representation of the adelic group $\mathbf{G}(\mathbb{A}_k)$, then, at almost all finite place v , the local component Π_v is an unramified irreducible complex representation of $\mathbf{G}(k_v)$.

Complex unramified representations of $\mathbf{G}(k_v)$ are well understood (see [2, 3, 10]). In particular, if $\mathbf{G} = GL_n$, Tadić [11] proved that a complex irreducible representation is unramified if and only if it is irreducibly induced from a unramified character of a Levi subgroup.

So far we have only been concerned with representations on *complex* vector spaces. Recently however, the applications of the representation theory of p -adic reductive groups to number theory have required considering representations with coefficients in fields of positive characteristic (for example, see [4] for the modularity lifting problems). Their behaviour is very different depending on whether this characteristic ℓ is equal to, or different from p . In this article we will only deal with the latter case. In this case, the theory of ℓ -modular representations of p -adic reductive groups has been developed by Vignéras (see [13]).

Let F be a non-Archimedean locally compact field of residue characteristic p . We write \mathcal{O} for its ring of integers and q for the cardinality of its residue field. Let $\ell \neq p$ be a prime number and n be a positive integer. Irreducible smooth ℓ -modular representations of the group $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ have been studied fifteen years ago [14]. Nevertheless, the classification of those irreducible ℓ -modular representations of $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ that are *unramified*, that is, that have nonzero $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathcal{O})$ -fixed vectors, remained unknown. Taking $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathcal{O})$ -fixed vectors of smooth ℓ -modular representations of $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ is not, in general, an exact functor. There can be more than one irreducible unramified subquotient in an unramified principal series, and this makes things complicated. In particular there might be several unramified ℓ -modular representations having the same Satake parameter (see [16, Ap. B]).

In this article we classify all irreducible unramified ℓ -modular representations of $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ and its inner forms. More precisely, we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 0.1 (see Corollary 6.2). — *An irreducible smooth ℓ -modular representation of the group $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ – or one of its inner forms – is unramified if and only if it is irreducibly induced from an unramified character of a Levi subgroup. In this case, the space of its fixed vectors by a maximal compact subgroup has dimension 1. Moreover, any irreducible unramified ℓ -modular representation can be lifted to an irreducible ℓ -adic representation.*

This theorem was conjectured in [14, VI.3]. To give more detail on the proof let us introduce some notation.

Let D be a finite dimensional central division F -algebra. For any integer $m \geq 1$, we write G_m for the group $\mathrm{GL}_m(D)$. To a cuspidal irreducible ℓ -modular representation ρ of G_m we attached in [8] an unramified character ν_ρ so that, for any cuspidal irreducible representation ρ' of $G_{m'}$, $m' \geq 1$, the (normalized) parabolically induced representation $\rho \times \rho'$ is reducible if and only if $m' = m$ and ρ' is isomorphic to $\rho\nu_\rho$ or $\rho\nu_\rho^{-1}$. For example, if $D = F$, the character ν_ρ is independent of ρ and equals $|\det|_F$, where $|\cdot|_F$ denotes the normalized absolute value on F . This allows us to define a segment as a sequence of the form:

$$[a, b]_\rho = (\rho\nu_\rho^a, \rho\nu_\rho^{a+1}, \dots, \rho\nu_\rho^b),$$

with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a \leq b$. The support of $[a, b]_\rho$ is the multiset (*i.e.* set with multiplicities) $\rho\nu_\rho^a + \rho\nu_\rho^{a+1} + \dots + \rho\nu_\rho^b$, and its length is $b - a + 1$. If $a + 1 \leq b$, we write:

$${}^- \Delta = [a + 1, b]_\rho, \quad \Delta^- = [a, b - 1]_\rho.$$

To any segment $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ we have associated in [9], following Zelevinsky and Vignéras, an irreducible subrepresentation $Z(\Delta)$ of $\rho\nu_\rho^a \times \rho\nu_\rho^{a+1} \times \dots \times \rho\nu_\rho^b$. It is a representation of $G_{m(b-a+1)}$.

Let $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ and $\Delta' = [a', b']_{\rho'}$ be two segments. We say that Δ and Δ' are *linked* if one can extract from at least one of the following sequences:

$$(\rho\nu_\rho^a, \dots, \rho\nu_\rho^b, \rho'\nu_{\rho'}^{a'}, \dots, \rho'\nu_{\rho'}^{b'}) \quad \text{and} \quad (\rho'\nu_{\rho'}^{a'}, \dots, \rho'\nu_{\rho'}^{b'}, \rho\nu_\rho^a, \dots, \rho\nu_\rho^b)$$

a subsequence which is a segment of length greater than those of Δ and Δ' .

If $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r$ are segments we know that the induced representation $Z(\Delta_1) \times \dots \times Z(\Delta_r)$ is irreducible if and only if, for all $i, j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, $i \neq j$, the segments Δ_i and Δ_j are not linked.

We deduce in section 3 that, if $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r$ are segments with support made of unramified characters and for all $i, j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, $i \neq j$, the segments Δ_i and Δ_j are not linked, then the representation $Z(\Delta_1) \times \dots \times Z(\Delta_r)$ is irreducible and unramified. The hard task is to prove that every irreducible unramified ℓ -modular representation is of that form.

It is easy to see, by the Iwasawa decomposition, that such a representation is a subquotient of a principal unramified series. These representations are parametrized by *unramified multisegments*, that is multisets of segments with support made of unramified characters. Let e be the multiplicative order of the cardinality of the residue field of D modulo ℓ . To prove Theorem 0.1 we distinguish two cases, depending on whether $e = 1$ or not.

The case when $e = 1$ is easy, and the proof was already sketched in [14, VI.2]. It relies on the use of the Hecke-Iwahori algebra. See Section 4 for more details.

The case when $e > 1$ is more complicated. The key idea is that, in this case, one can distinguish irreducible ℓ -modular representations by their proper Jacquet modules. By an inductive argument carried out in Section 6, one can see that it is enough to prove that, if $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ and $\Delta' = [a', b']_\rho$ are two *linked* segments, with ρ an unramified character of G_1 , then the irreducible representation corresponding to the multisegment $\Delta + \Delta'$, denoted $Z(\Delta + \Delta')$, is not unramified. We prove this result in Section 5. For this we distinguish several cases and see that $Z(\Delta + \Delta')$ is always a subrepresentation of one of the following induced representations:

1. $Z(\Delta^- + \Delta'^-) \times \rho\nu_\rho^b \times \rho\nu_\rho^{b'}$, with Δ^-, Δ'^- linked;
2. $Z(\Delta + \Delta'^-) \times \rho\nu_\rho^{b'}$, with Δ, Δ'^- linked;
3. $\rho\nu_\rho^a \times \rho\nu_\rho^{a'} \times Z(-\Delta + -\Delta')$, with $-\Delta, -\Delta'$ linked;
4. $\rho\nu_\rho^{a'} \times Z(\Delta + -\Delta')$, with $\Delta, -\Delta'$ linked;

and the theorem follows from an inductive argument. See Section 5 for more details.

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1. Notation and preliminaries

1.1. Throughout this article, \mathbb{F} is a non-Archimedean locally compact field of residue characteristic p and q is the cardinality of its residue field. Let D be a finite dimensional central division \mathbb{F} -algebra of reduced degree d and let \mathcal{O}_D be its ring of integers. Let \mathbb{R} be an algebraically closed field of characteristic ℓ different from p . If $\ell > 0$, we denote by e the order of q^d in \mathbb{R}^\times . If $\ell = 0$, we set $e = \infty$.

1.2. A *smooth* \mathbb{R} -representation of a topological group G is a pair (π, V) where V is a \mathbb{R} -vector space and π is a group homomorphism from G to $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{R}}(V)$ such that the stabilizer of any vector in V is an open subgroup in G . *In this article all representations will be smooth.*

An \mathbb{R} -*character* of G is a group homomorphism from G to \mathbb{R}^\times with open kernel. It is a smooth representation of dimension 1. Given π an \mathbb{R} -representation and χ an \mathbb{R} -character of G , we write $\chi\pi$ or $\pi\chi$ for the representation $g \mapsto \chi(g)\pi(g)$.

We denote by $\text{Irr}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{G})$ the set of equivalence classes of irreducible \mathbb{R} -representations of \mathbb{G} . For any finite length \mathbb{R} -representation π of \mathbb{G} we will denote by $[\pi]$ its semisimplification.

When the coefficient field is clear from the context, we will write *character* and *representation* rather than \mathbb{R} -character and \mathbb{R} -representation.

1.3. For any $m \geq 1$, we write $\mathcal{M}_m(\mathbb{D})$ for the \mathbb{F} -algebra of $m \times m$ matrices with coefficients in \mathbb{D} and $\mathbb{G}_m = \text{GL}_m(\mathbb{D})$ for the group of its invertible elements.

Let N_m denote the reduced norm from $\mathcal{M}_m(\mathbb{D})$ to \mathbb{F} , and write $|\cdot|_{\mathbb{F}}$ for the normalized absolute value of \mathbb{F} , giving the value q^{-1} to any uniformizer of \mathbb{F} . As the image of q in \mathbb{R} is invertible, this defines an \mathbb{R} -character of \mathbb{F}^{\times} that we will write $|\cdot|_{\mathbb{F},\mathbb{R}}$. The map $g \mapsto |N_m|_{\mathbb{F},\mathbb{R}}$ is an \mathbb{R} -character of \mathbb{G}_m that we denote by ν (the m will be implicit and hopefully clear from the context).

If π is an \mathbb{R} -representation of \mathbb{G}_m we will write $\deg(\pi) = m$, the *degree* of π .

1.4. Let m be a positive integer. A *composition* of m is a finite sequence $\alpha = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ of positive integers of sum m . If $m_i \geq m_{i+1}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq r-1$, we say that α is a *partition* of m . To each composition $\alpha = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ of m we naturally associate a unique partition by rearranging the m_i 's. We define a partial order in the set of partitions of the integer m . If $\alpha = (n_1, \dots, n_s)$ and $\beta = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ are two partitions of m , we write $\alpha \trianglelefteq \beta$ if:

$$n_1 + \dots + n_k \leq m_1 + \dots + m_k$$

for all integers $k \geq 1$. We write $\alpha \triangleleft \beta$ if we have in addition $\alpha \neq \beta$.

Lemma 1.1. — *Let $\alpha = (n_1, \dots, n_r)$ and $\beta = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ be two partitions of m . Assume there are two integers $1 \leq i < j \leq r$ such that:*

1. $n_k = m_k$ if $k \notin \{i, j\}$.
2. $n_i > m_i$.

Then we have $\alpha \triangleright \beta$.

Proof. — See that $n_j = m_j + m_i - n_i$. By definition of the order we can suppose first $i = 1$ and $j = r$. Then we can suppose $n_j = 0$. The proof is now straightforward. \square

1.5. Let $\alpha = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ be a composition of m . We denote by M_{α} the subgroup of \mathbb{G}_m of invertible matrices which are diagonal by blocks of size m_1, \dots, m_r respectively (it is isomorphic to $\mathbb{G}_{m_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{G}_{m_r}$) and by P_{α} the subgroup of \mathbb{G}_m generated by M_{α} and the upper triangular matrices. A standard parabolic subgroup of \mathbb{G}_m is a subgroup of the form P_{α} and its Levi factor is M_{α} .

We choose once and for all a square root of q in \mathbb{R} . Write \mathbf{r}_{α} for the normalized Jacquet functor associated to P_{α} and \mathbf{i}_{α} for its right adjoint functor, that is, normalized parabolic induction. If π_1, \dots, π_r are smooth representations of $\mathbb{G}_{m_1}, \dots, \mathbb{G}_{m_r}$ respectively, we write:

$$(1.1) \quad \pi_1 \times \pi_2 \times \dots \times \pi_r = \mathbf{i}_{\alpha}(\pi_1 \otimes \pi_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \pi_r).$$

1.6. In this paragraph we give a combinatorial version of the Geometric Lemma of Bernstein-Zelevinsky [1] (see also [13, II.2.19]). Let $\alpha = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ and $\beta = (n_1, \dots, n_s)$ be two compositions of an integer $m \geq 1$. For every $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, let π_i be an irreducible \mathbb{R} -representation of G_{m_i} , and let $\pi = \pi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \pi_r \in \text{Irr}_{\mathbb{R}}(M_{\alpha})$. Denote by $\mathcal{M}^{\alpha, \beta}$ the set of matrices $B = (b_{i,j})$ with non-negative coefficients such that:

$$\sum_{j=1}^s b_{i,j} = m_i, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, r\}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^r b_{i,j} = n_j, \quad j \in \{1, \dots, s\}.$$

Fix $B \in \mathcal{M}^{\alpha, \beta}$ and denote by $\alpha_i = (b_{i,1}, \dots, b_{i,s})$ and $\beta_j = (b_{1,j}, \dots, b_{r,j})$ which are compositions of m_i and n_j respectively. For all $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, set:

$$\sigma_i^{(k)} = \sigma_{i,1}^{(k)} \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma_{i,s}^{(k)}, \quad \sigma_{i,j}^{(k)} \in \text{Irr}(G_{b_{i,j}}), \quad k \in \{1, \dots, r_i\},$$

the different composition factors of $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_i}(\pi_i)$. For all $j \in \{1, \dots, s\}$ and all sequences of integers (k_1, \dots, k_r) such that $1 \leq k_i \leq r_i$, we define the representation σ_j of G_{n_j} by:

$$\sigma_j = \mathbf{i}_{\beta_j} \left(\sigma_{1,j}^{(k_1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma_{r,j}^{(k_r)} \right).$$

Then we have:

$$[\mathbf{r}_{\beta} \circ \mathbf{i}_{\alpha}(\pi)] = \sum_{B \in \mathcal{M}^{\alpha, \beta}, (k_1, \dots, k_r)} [\sigma_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma_s].$$

1.7. An irreducible representation π of G_m is said to be *cuspidal* if it is not a subrepresentation (or equivalently a quotient) of an induced representation of the form (1.1) with $r \geq 2$ and π_1, \dots, π_r all irreducible. It is said to be *supercuspidal* if it is not a subquotient of a representation of the form (1.1) with $r \geq 2$ and π_1, \dots, π_r irreducible. A supercuspidal irreducible representation is always cuspidal but, in general, the converse is not true. Write $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}}(G_m)$ and $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{R}}(G_m)$ for the subsets of $\text{Irr}_{\mathbb{R}}(G_m)$ made of equivalence classes of cuspidal and supercuspidal representations of G_m . We write $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{R}}$ for the disjoint union of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}}(G_m)$ and $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{R}}(G_m)$ respectively, for $m \geq 1$.

Given a set X , write $\mathbb{N}(X)$ for the commutative semigroup of maps from X to \mathbb{N} with finite support, and \leq for the natural partial order on $\mathbb{N}(X)$.

For any irreducible representation π of G_m there exists a composition $\alpha = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ of m and cuspidal (resp. supercuspidal) representations π_1, \dots, π_r of G_{m_1}, \dots, G_{m_r} such that π is a subrepresentation (resp. a subquotient) of $\pi_1 \times \pi_2 \times \dots \times \pi_r$. The sum:

$$[\pi_1] + [\pi_2] + \dots + [\pi_r]$$

in $\mathbb{N}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}})$ (resp. in $\mathbb{N}(\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{R}})$) is unique and called the cuspidal (resp. supercuspidal) support of π (see [9, Théorèmes 2.1 et 8.16]).

1.8. We write:

$$K_0 = GL_m(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{D}})$$

for the subgroup of G_m made of those elements $g \in \mathcal{M}_m(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{D}})$ such that $N_m(g)$ is a unit in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{D}}^{\times}$. Any maximal compact subgroup of G_m is conjugate to K_0 , and any such subgroup is open.

An R-representation of G_m is said to be *unramified* (or *spherical*) if it has a non-zero K-fixed vector for a maximal compact subgroup K of G_m . The notion of unramified representation does not depend on the choice of K because all maximal compact subgroups are conjugated in G_m .

An R-character of $G_1 = D^\times$ is unramified if and only if it is trivial on the unit subgroup \mathcal{O}_D^\times . Every unramified character of G_1 is of the form $\chi \circ N_1$ with χ an unramified character of F^\times (it is determined by the image of any uniformizer of D).

2. On the classification of irreducible R-representations of G_m

In this section, we recall the classification of irreducible representations of G_m , with $m \geq 1$, in terms of multisegments (see [9]).

2.1. Let $m \geq 1$ be an integer and ρ be an irreducible cuspidal R-representation of G_m . In [8] we associate to ρ an unramified character ν_ρ of G_m such that, if ρ' is an irreducible cuspidal representation of $G_{m'}$ for some $m' \geq 1$, the induced representation $\rho \times \rho'$ is reducible if and only if $m' = m$ and ρ' is isomorphic to $\rho\nu_\rho$ or $\rho\nu_\rho^{-1}$. We set:

$$(2.1) \quad \mathbb{Z}_\rho = \{[\rho\nu_\rho^i] \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

In the case where the characteristic of R is non-zero, this set is finite and we denote by $e(\rho)$ its cardinality. If the characteristic of R is zero, \mathbb{Z}_ρ is an infinite set and we write $e(\rho) = \infty$.

Example 2.1. — If ρ is the trivial representation of G_1 , or more generally, if ρ is a character of G_1 then $e(\rho) = e$ (see Paragraph 1.1) and $\nu_\rho = \nu^d$.

Definition 2.2. — A *segment* is a finite sequence of the form:

$$(2.2) \quad (\rho\nu_\rho^a, \rho\nu_\rho^{a+1}, \dots, \rho\nu_\rho^b)$$

where ρ is as above and $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ are two integers such that $a \leq b$. Such a sequence is denoted $[a, b]_\rho$.

If $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ is a segment, we write:

$$(2.3) \quad l(\Delta) = b - a + 1, \quad \deg(\Delta) = (b - a + 1)m,$$

respectively the length and the degree of Δ . If $a + 1 \leq b$, we set:

$$(2.4) \quad {}^-\Delta = [a + 1, b]_\rho, \quad \Delta^- = [a, b - 1]_\rho.$$

The *support* of Δ , denoted $\text{supp}(\Delta)$, is the sum:

$$(2.5) \quad \text{supp}(\Delta) = [\rho\nu_\rho^a] + \dots + [\rho\nu_\rho^b]$$

in $\mathbb{N}(\mathbb{C}_R)$.

Definition 2.3. — Let $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ and $\Delta' = [a', b']_{\rho'}$ be two segments.

1. We say that Δ *precedes* Δ' if one can extract from the sequence:

$$(\rho\nu_\rho^a, \dots, \rho\nu_\rho^b, \rho'\nu_{\rho'}^{a'}, \dots, \rho'\nu_{\rho'}^{b'})$$

a subsequence which is a segment of length greater than $l(\Delta)$ and $l(\Delta')$.

2. We say that Δ and Δ' are *linked* if Δ precedes Δ' or if Δ' precedes Δ .
3. We say that Δ and Δ' are *equivalent* if they have the same length and $\rho\nu_\rho^a$ is isomorphic to $\rho'\nu_{\rho'}^{a'}$.

Remark that, if Δ and Δ' are linked or equivalent, then $\mathbb{Z}_\rho = \mathbb{Z}_{\rho'}$. Conversely, when $\mathbb{Z}_\rho = \mathbb{Z}_{\rho'}$, we have the following results.

Lemma 2.4. — *Let $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ and $\Delta' = [a', b']_{\rho'}$ be two segments. Then Δ precedes Δ' if and only if the two following conditions are fulfilled:*

1. *There is a $c' \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a' \leq c' \leq b'$ and $c' \equiv b + 1 \pmod{e(\rho)}$.*
2. *There is a $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a \leq c \leq b$ and $c \equiv a' - 1 \pmod{e(\rho)}$.*

Remark 2.5. — Note that Condition 1 is enough when $l(\Delta) \geq l(\Delta')$, and Condition 2 is enough when $l(\Delta) \leq l(\Delta')$.

Proof. — By Remark 2.5, the two conditions imply that Δ precedes Δ' . Assume that Δ precedes Δ' . There are integers $a \leq c_1 < c_2 < \dots < c_s \leq b$ and $a' \leq c_{s+1} < c_{s+2} < \dots < c_r \leq b'$ such that:

1. one has $c_{i+1} \equiv c_i + 1 \pmod{e(\rho)}$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, r-1\}$;
2. the integer r is greater than $l(\Delta)$ and $l(\Delta')$.

By adding the integers that may be missing, we may assume that $\{c_1, \dots, c_s\} = \{a, a+1, \dots, c_s\}$ and that $\{c_{s+1}, \dots, c_r\} = \{c_{s+1}, \dots, b'-1, b'\}$. Thus we have $c_s = a+s-1$ and $c_{s+1} = b'+1-r+s$. Since $l(\Delta) < r$, we get $b - c_s < r - s$. Then $c' = c_{s+1} + b - c_s$ satisfies Condition 1. Similarly, since $l(\Delta') < r$, we get $c_{s+1} - a' < s$. Then $c = c_s + a' - c_{s+1}$ satisfies Condition 2. \square

We deduce the following corollary.

Corollary 2.6. — *Let $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ and $\Delta' = [a', b']_{\rho'}$ be two segments such that $l(\Delta) \geq l(\Delta')$. Then Δ and Δ' are linked if and only if there is a $c' \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a' \leq c' \leq b'$ and c' is congruent to $b+1$ or $a-1 \pmod{e(\rho)}$.*

We write $\text{Seg} = \text{Seg}_R$ for the set of equivalence classes of segments.

Definition 2.7. — A *multisegment* is a multiset of equivalence classes of segments, that is an element in $\mathbb{N}(\text{Seg})$. We write $\text{Mult} = \text{Mult}_R$ for the set of multisegments.

Let $\mathfrak{m} = \Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_r$ be a multisegment. The length, degree and support can be extended additively to Mult , that is we will write:

$$l(\mathfrak{m}) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq r} l(\Delta_i), \quad \deg(\mathfrak{m}) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq r} \deg(\Delta_i), \quad \text{supp}(\mathfrak{m}) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq r} \text{supp}(\Delta_i),$$

the length, the degree and the support of \mathfrak{m} respectively.

Definition 2.8. — A segment $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ is said to be *supercuspidal* if ρ is supercuspidal, and *unramified* if ρ is an unramified character of G_1 .

We say that \mathfrak{m} is *supercuspidal* if Δ_i is supercuspidal for all $1 \leq i \leq r$, and that \mathfrak{m} is *unramified* if Δ_i is unramified for all $1 \leq i \leq r$.

2.2. Let $m \geq 1$ be a positive integer and ρ be a cuspidal representation of G_m . To any segment $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ of degree n , we associate in [9, §7.2] a representation:

$$Z(\Delta)$$

of G_n which is a subrepresentation of $\rho\nu_\rho^a \times \rho\nu_\rho^{a+1} \times \cdots \times \rho\nu_\rho^b$. This representation satisfies the property:

$$r_{(m, n-m)}(Z(\Delta)) = \rho\nu_\rho^a \otimes Z(-\Delta)$$

and, if $e(\rho) \geq 2$, this property characterises $Z(\Delta)$ inductively. See [9, §7.2] for more details.

By a slight abuse of notation, we will consider the case where b is equal to $a - 1$ and associate to $[a, a - 1]_\rho$ the one-dimensional representation of the trivial group, denoted G_0 .

Example 2.9. — Suppose that ρ is the trivial representation of G_1 , denoted 1. Then $Z([a, b]_1)$ is the unramified character $\nu^{(a+b)/2}$ of G_{b-a+1} . By [9, §7.2], if χ is a character of F^\times , we have:

$$Z([a, b]_{\chi \circ N_1}) = (\chi \circ N_{b-a+1}) Z([a, b]_1).$$

In particular, if μ is a character of G_1 , the representation $Z([a, b]_\mu)$ is a character of G_{b-a+1} .

One of the main ingredients we will use in this article is the following theorem.

Theorem 2.10 (see **Théorème 7.23** in [9]). — *Let $r \geq 1$ be an integer and let $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r$ be segments. The following statements are equivalent:*

1. *For all $i, j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, $i \neq j$, the segments Δ_i and Δ_j are not linked.*
2. *The induced representation $Z(\Delta_1) \times \cdots \times Z(\Delta_r)$ is irreducible.*

If one of these conditions is fulfilled, then for any permutation $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_r$, the irreducibly induced representations $Z(\Delta_1) \times \cdots \times Z(\Delta_r)$ and $Z(\Delta_{\sigma(1)}) \times \cdots \times Z(\Delta_{\sigma(r)})$ are isomorphic.

We classified in [9] the irreducible representations of G_n , for all $n \geq 1$, in terms of multisegments. More precisely, we defined a map:

$$(2.6) \quad \mathfrak{m} \mapsto Z(\mathfrak{m})$$

that associates to any multisegment $\mathfrak{m} = \Delta_1 + \cdots + \Delta_r$ an irreducible subquotient $Z(\mathfrak{m})$ of the induced representation:

$$Z(\Delta_1) \times \cdots \times Z(\Delta_r)$$

that satisfies one condition that will not be very important to us in this article. See [9, §9] for more details; we will explicit the construction in the case where $r = 2$ in the next paragraph. This map induces a bijection between supercuspidal multisegments of degree n and irreducible representations of G_n .

2.3. We need to give more details about the construction of $Z(\mathfrak{m})$ from the multisegment \mathfrak{m} . To do so, we introduce the notion of residually nondegenerate representation [9, §8]. We will need the definition only in the case of representations with cuspidal support of cardinality at most two, a very simple case. Then we will explain how to define $Z(\mathfrak{m})$ when the multisegment \mathfrak{m} has exactly two segments.

2.3.1. The concept of residually non-degenerate representation generalizes to inner forms of $GL_n(\mathbb{F})$ the notion of non-degenerate representation (developed in [13] for R-representations). In particular a cuspidal irreducible representation is always residually non-degenerate.

Let m, m' be two positive integers and let ρ and ρ' be respectively two cuspidal representations of G_m and $G_{m'}$. We define an irreducible representation $\text{St}(\rho, \rho')$ of $G_{m+m'}$ as follows:

1. If ρ' is not isomorphic to $\rho\nu_\rho$ nor to $\rho\nu_\rho^{-1}$ (see Paragraph 2.1), the induced representation $\rho \times \rho'$ is irreducible, and we set $\text{St}(\rho, \rho') = \rho \times \rho'$.

2. If ρ' is isomorphic to $\rho\nu_\rho$, then $Z([0, 1]_\rho)$ is a submodule of $\rho \times \rho'$ and:

- if $e(\rho) \geq 3$, then $\rho \times \rho'$ has length 2, and we write $\text{St}(\rho, \rho')$ for its unique irreducible quotient;
- if $e(\rho) = 2$ or if $\ell = 2$, then $\rho \times \rho'$ has length 3, with $Z([1, 2]_\rho)$ as a unique quotient, and with a *cuspidal* irreducible subquotient, which we write $\text{St}(\rho, \rho')$;
- if $e(\rho) = 1$ and $\ell \neq 2$, then $\rho \times \rho'$ is a semisimple representation of length 2: we write $\text{St}(\rho, \rho')$ for the unique irreducible subquotient which is not isomorphic to $Z([0, 1]_\rho)$.

In all cases we have defined an irreducible representation $\text{St}(\rho, \rho')$: this is the unique irreducible residually non-degenerate subquotient of $\rho \times \rho'$ in the sense of [9].

If $\alpha = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ is a composition of m , a residually non-degenerate representation of the Levi subgroup M_α of G_m is a tensor product of residually non-degenerate representations of the various G_{m_i} 's.

2.3.2. Let m be a positive integer and let ρ be a cuspidal representation of G_m . Let a, b, a', b' some integers such that $a \leq b$ and $a' \leq b'$. Write $\Delta = [a, b]_\rho$ and $\Delta' = [a', b']_\rho$. Let l and l' be the lengths of Δ and Δ' respectively and suppose that $l \geq l'$. We define two compositions:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\leq} &= \underbrace{(m, m, \dots, m)}_{l-l' \text{ times}}, \underbrace{(2m, 2m, \dots, 2m)}_{l' \text{ times}}, \\ \alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\geq} &= \underbrace{(2m, 2m, \dots, 2m)}_{l' \text{ times}}, \underbrace{(m, m, \dots, m)}_{l-l' \text{ times}} \end{aligned}$$

of $(l+l')m$ and write $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\leq}$ and $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\geq}$ for the representations of $M_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\leq}}$ and $M_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\geq}}$ defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\leq} &= \rho\nu_\rho^a \otimes \rho\nu_\rho^{a+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho\nu_\rho^{b+b'-a'-1} \otimes \text{St}(\rho\nu_\rho^{b+b'-a'}, \rho\nu_\rho^{a'}) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{St}(\rho\nu_\rho^b, \rho\nu_\rho^{b'}), \\ \tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\geq} &= \text{St}(\rho\nu_\rho^a, \rho\nu_\rho^{a'}) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{St}(\rho\nu_\rho^{b'-a'+a}, \rho\nu_\rho^{b'}) \otimes \rho\nu_\rho^{b'-a'+a+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho\nu_\rho^b. \end{aligned}$$

Then the irreducible representation associated to the multisegment $\Delta + \Delta'$, denoted $Z(\Delta + \Delta')$, is the unique irreducible subquotient π of:

$$Z(\Delta) \times Z(\Delta')$$

such that one of the following equivalent conditions is fulfilled:

1. $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\leq}$ is a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\leq}}(\pi)$;
2. $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\geq}$ is a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\geq}}(\pi)$;
3. there are a composition α of $(l+l')m$ with associated partition $\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^{\geq}$, and a residually non-degenerate representation τ of M_α occurring as a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_\alpha(\pi)$.

The next lemma follows also from the classification theorem of [9].

Lemma 2.11. — *Let Δ and Δ' be two supercuspidal segments such that $\deg(\Delta) \geq \deg(\Delta')$. Let π be an irreducible subquotient of $Z(\Delta) \times Z(\Delta')$ different from $Z(\Delta + \Delta')$. Let $\mathfrak{m} = \Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_r$ be the supercuspidal multisegment attached to π , and assume that $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r$ are ordered so that $\deg(\Delta_1) \geq \dots \geq \deg(\Delta_r)$. Then $r \leq 2$ and $(\deg(\Delta_1), \deg(\Delta_2)) \triangleright (\deg(\Delta), \deg(\Delta'))$ (see §1.4).*

Proof. — This is a consequence of [9, 7.4]. □

3. Complements on unramified representations of G_m

In this section we prove preliminary results that will be used in the proof of Theorem 0.1. We fix a positive integer m .

Lemma 3.1. — *Let α be a composition of m and ρ be a smooth representation of the standard Levi subgroup M_α . Then ρ is unramified if and only if the representation $\mathbf{i}_\alpha(\rho)$ is unramified. If this is the case, we have:*

$$(3.1) \quad \dim_{\mathbb{R}}(\rho^{\mathbb{K}_0 \cap M_\alpha}) = \dim_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{i}_\alpha(\rho)^{\mathbb{K}_0}) = 1.$$

Proof. — This follows from the isomorphism:

$$(3.2) \quad \mathbf{i}_\alpha(\rho)^{\mathbb{K}_0} \simeq \rho^{\mathbb{K}_0 \cap M_\alpha}$$

given by [13, I.5.6]. □

The following lemma is a straightforward consequence of the fact that the functor of \mathbb{K} -fixed vectors is left exact (see [13, I.4.5]).

Lemma 3.2. — *Let Π be a smooth representation of G_m and \mathbb{K} be a compact subgroup of G_m . Suppose that Π does not have any nonzero vector fixed by \mathbb{K} . Then no subrepresentation of Π has a nonzero vector fixed by \mathbb{K} .*

Lemma 3.3. — *If an irreducible representation is unramified then its cuspidal support is an unramified multisegment (that is, is made of unramified characters of D^\times).*

Proof. — Let π be an unramified representation of G_m . Let $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_r \in \mathbb{C}_R$ be some cuspidal representations such that π is a subrepresentation of:

$$(3.3) \quad \rho_1 \times \dots \times \rho_r.$$

By Lemma 3.2, we deduce that (3.3) is an unramified representation and then by Lemma 3.1 that for all $1 \leq i \leq r$, ρ_i is an unramified representation. By [8] (see Exemple 2.26 and Remarque 2.27), a cuspidal representation of G_r with $r \geq 2$ does not have any vector fixed by the Iwahori subgroup and hence it is never unramified. This implies that ρ_i is unramified if and only if it is an unramified character of G_1 . The lemma follows. □

Another consequence is the following proposition.

Proposition 3.4. — *Let $\mathfrak{m} = \Delta_1 + \cdots + \Delta_r$ be an unramified multisegment such that for all $1 \leq i \neq j \leq r$, Δ_i and Δ_j are not linked. Then $Z(\mathfrak{m})$ is an unramified representation.*

Proof. — By definition, $Z(\mathfrak{m})$ is a subquotient of the induced representation:

$$(3.4) \quad Z(\Delta_1) \times \cdots \times Z(\Delta_r).$$

By Proposition 2.10 and our hypothesis, (3.4) is irreducible. We deduce that $Z(\mathfrak{m})$ is isomorphic to (3.4). By Example 2.9, for all $1 \leq i \leq r$, the representation $Z(\Delta_i)$ is unramified. Lemma 3.1 implies then that $Z(\mathfrak{m})$ is unramified. \square

4. The case $e = 1$

In this section, we assume that $e = 1$, that is, the image of q^d in R is 1. In this case, the proof of Theorem 0.1 was sketched in [14, VI.2] for $d = 1$.

Let I be the standard Iwahori subgroup of G_m contained in K_0 . Write $\mathcal{H}(G_m, I)$ for the Hecke-Iwahori algebra made of compactly supported functions from G_m to R that are bi-invariant under I . This algebra has generators S_1, \dots, S_{m-1} and $X_1, (X_1)^{-1}, \dots, X_m, (X_m)^{-1}$ with relations:

$$\begin{aligned} (S_i + 1)(S_i - 1) &= 0, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}, \\ S_i S_j &= S_j S_i, \quad |i - j| \geq 2, \\ S_i S_{i+1} S_i &= S_{i+1} S_i S_{i+1}, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m-2\}, \\ X_i X_j &= X_j X_i, \quad i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \\ X_j S_i &= S_i X_j, \quad i \notin \{j, j-1\}, \\ S_i X_i S_i &= X_{i+1}, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}, \end{aligned}$$

and $X_j (X_j)^{-1} = (X_j)^{-1} X_j = 1$ for all $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$.

According to Sections 2 and 6 of [15], the map $\pi \mapsto \pi^I$ induces a bijection between irreducible representations of G_m having nonzero I -invariant vectors and simple modules over $\mathcal{H}(G_m, I)$.

Proposition 4.1. — *The trivial character is the unique unramified irreducible representation of G_m having cuspidal support $1 + \cdots + 1$ (m times).*

Proof. — Let π be an unramified irreducible representation of G_m which embeds in $1 \times \cdots \times 1$. Then π has nonzero invariant vectors by I . The space π^I is a simple module over $\mathcal{H}(G_m, I)$. The generators X_1, \dots, X_m act as the identity on π^I , due to the condition on the cuspidal support of π . Therefore π^I can be considered as a simple module over $\mathcal{H}(G_m, I)/(X_1 - 1)$, that identifies with the spherical Hecke algebra $\mathcal{H}(K_0, I)$ generated by S_1, \dots, S_{m-1} . But π^{K_0} is stable under $\mathcal{H}(K_0, I)$ and the S_i 's act trivially on it. As π^I is simple, we get $\pi^I = \pi^{K_0}$ is the trivial character of $\mathcal{H}(K_0, I)$, thus of $\mathcal{H}(G_m, I)$. By the bijectivity property of the map $\pi \mapsto \pi^I$, we deduce that π is the trivial character of G_m . \square

Proposition 4.2. — *Let π an unramified irreducible representation of G_m . Then there are unramified characters χ_1, \dots, χ_r of D^\times and positive integers n_1, \dots, n_r such that $n_1 + \cdots + n_r = m$ and $\pi = (\chi_1 \circ N_{n_1}) \times \cdots \times (\chi_r \circ N_{n_r})$.*

Proof. — Let π be an unramified irreducible representation of G_m which embeds in $1 \times \cdots \times 1$. Then π has nonzero invariant vectors by I. The space π^I is a simple module over $\mathcal{H}(G_m, I)$, and it is a submodule of the module M of I -invariant vectors of $1 \times \cdots \times 1$. Since $e = 1$, the generators X_1, \dots, X_m act as the identity on M , thus on π^I . Therefore π^I can be considered as a simple module over $\mathcal{H}(G_m, I)/(X_1 - 1)$, that identifies with the spherical Hecke algebra $\mathcal{H}(K_0, I)$ generated by S_1, \dots, S_{m-1} . But π^{K_0} is stable under $\mathcal{H}(K_0, I)$ and the S_i 's act trivially on it. As π^I is simple, we get $\pi^I = \pi^{K_0}$ is the trivial character of $\mathcal{H}(K_0, I)$, thus of $\mathcal{H}(G_m, I)$. By the bijectivity property of the map $\pi \mapsto \pi^I$, we deduce that π is the trivial character of G_m . \square

5. The case of two segments and $e > 1$

In this section, we assume that $e > 1$ and we treat the case where the representation π is of the form $Z(\Delta + \Delta')$, with Δ and Δ' some segments.

5.1. The proof of Theorem 0.1 uses the Jacquet functor technique. In the case where $e > 1$, we can distinguish irreducible representations by their proper Jacquet functors. First we need to adapt [6, Théorème 5.1] to our situation.

Lemma 5.1. — *Let π be an irreducible representation of G_n with $n \geq 1$ and χ be a character of G_1 . Let $a \geq 1$ be a positive integer. Then the induced representation:*

$$\pi \times \underbrace{\chi \times \chi \times \cdots \times \chi}_{a \text{ times}} \quad (\text{resp. } \underbrace{\chi \times \chi \times \cdots \times \chi}_{a \text{ times}} \times \pi)$$

has a unique irreducible subrepresentation.

Proof. — To simplify notation, for every $i \geq 1$, we write:

$$\chi^{\times i} = \underbrace{\chi \times \chi \times \cdots \times \chi}_{i \text{ times}}.$$

As we have $e(\chi) = e \geq 2$, Theorem 2.10 implies that $\chi^{\times i}$ is an irreducible representation of G_i . Let's prove that $\pi \times \chi^{\times a}$ has a unique irreducible subrepresentation (the proof of the other assertion is similar). First, we reduce to the case where the cuspidal support of π is made of elements of \mathbb{Z}_χ . Indeed, if this is not the case, then according to [9, Proposition 5.5] we can write $\pi = \pi_0 \times \pi_1$, where the cuspidal support of π_1 is made of elements of \mathbb{Z}_χ and that of π_0 does not contain any element of \mathbb{Z}_χ . If $\pi_1 \times \chi^{\times a}$ has a unique irreducible subrepresentation σ , then $\pi_0 \times \sigma$ is the unique irreducible subrepresentation of $\pi \times \chi^{\times a}$. Thus we may and will assume that the cuspidal support of π is made of elements of \mathbb{Z}_χ .

Let t be the largest integer $i \geq 0$ such that π has an irreducible quotient of the form $\tau \times \chi^{\times i}$ for some $\tau \in \text{Irr}(G_{n-i})$.

Lemma 5.2. — *Let t' be the largest integer $i \geq 0$ such that $\mathbf{r}_{(n-i, i)}(\pi)$ possesses an irreducible subquotient of the form $\tau' \otimes \chi^{\times i}$ for some $\tau' \in \text{Irr}(G_{n-i})$. Then we have $t' = t$.*

Proof. — By Frobenius reciprocity, we have $t \leq t'$. Given an integer $i \geq 0$, assume that there is an irreducible representation τ' of G_{n-i} such that $\tau' \otimes \chi^{\times i}$ appears as an irreducible subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_{(n-i,i)}(\pi)$. Write \mathbf{r} for the Jacquet functor $\mathbf{r}_{(1,\dots,1)}$ and recall that the cuspidal support of τ' is made of elements of \mathbb{Z}_χ . If we apply \mathbf{r} , then we get that $\mathbf{r}(\pi)$ has an irreducible subquotient of the form $\varrho = \chi_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \chi_t \otimes \chi \otimes \cdots \otimes \chi$, where $t = n - i$ and $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_t \in \mathbb{Z}_\chi$. Since $\mathbf{r}(\pi)$ has finite length, it decomposes into a finite direct sum of indecomposable summands. Let V be an indecomposable summand of $\mathbf{r}(\pi)$ that contains ϱ as a subquotient. Since ϱ is a character of the minimal Levi subgroup $M_0 = G_1 \times \cdots \times G_1$ of G_n , it does not have nontrivial extensions with other characters $\varrho' \neq \varrho$ of M_0 . It follows that the irreducible subquotients of V are all isomorphic to ϱ . We thus have a surjective map:

$$\mathbf{r}(\pi) \rightarrow \varrho.$$

By Frobenius reciprocity, we have a nonzero map from $\mathbf{r}_{(n-i,i)}(\pi)$ to $\chi_1 \times \cdots \times \chi_t \otimes \chi^{\times i}$, and thus a surjective map from $\mathbf{r}_{(n-i,i)}(\pi)$ to $\tau \otimes \chi^{\times i}$, where τ is an irreducible subquotient of the product $\chi_1 \times \cdots \times \chi_t$. \square

Choose $\tau \in \text{Irr}(G_{n-t})$ such that $\text{Hom}_{G_n}(\pi, \tau \times \chi^{\times t}) \neq 0$. By Lemma 5.2, the representations τ and $\chi^{\times(t+a)}$ satisfy the conditions of [7, Proposition 2.1]. Thus $\tau \times \chi^{\times(t+a)}$ has a unique irreducible subrepresentation. As $\pi \times \chi^{\times a}$ is a subrepresentation of $\tau \times \chi^{\times(t+a)}$, the lemma follows. \square

Remark 5.3. — We expect that Lemma 5.1 can be generalized by replacing χ by any supercuspidal representation ρ of G_r , $r \geq 1$. For this, we need to prove that ρ does not have nontrivial extensions by nonisomorphic unramified twists of ρ . Such a question is investigated (in greater generality) in [12]. Note that, when R has positive characteristic, a supercuspidal representation need not be projective mod centre.

5.2. Let χ be an unramified character of $G_1 = D^\times$. Let $\Delta = [a, b]_\chi$ and $\Delta' = [a', b']_\chi$ be two segments. Write l and l' for the lengths of Δ and Δ' respectively, and suppose that $l \geq l'$. The condition $e \geq 2$ means (see Example 2.1) that $e(\chi) \geq 2$. See also that in this case $\nu_\chi = \nu^d$.

We have the following theorem (see Definition 2.3(2) for the definition of linked segments).

Theorem 5.4. — *The segments Δ, Δ' are linked if and only if $Z(\Delta + \Delta')$ is not unramified.*

This paragraph is devoted to the proof of this theorem. One implication follows from Proposition 3.4. We prove the other one by induction on the sum $m = l + l'$. We suppose henceforth that Δ and Δ' are linked.

Since the map (2.6) is compatible with unramified twists (see for instance Example 2.9), and since an irreducible representation is unramified if and only if all its unramified twists are, one may assume that $\chi = 1$. In this case, Δ and Δ' are just denoted $[a, b]$ and $[a', b']$.

Assume that $m = 2$ and say $a' = a + 1$. If $e > 2$, the pro-order of K_0 is invertible in R^\times and hence the functor of K_0 -invariant vectors is exact [13, I.4.6]. The representation $\nu^{da} \times \nu^{da'}$ has a unique irreducible unramified subquotient $Z([a, a'])$, which differs from $Z([a, a] + [a', a'])$. We deduce that the latter representation is not unramified.

If $e = 2$, then the representation $Z([a, a] + [a', a'])$ of G_2 , by [17], is cuspidal, thus is not unramified.

Suppose that $m \geq 3$ and that the theorem is true for all segments Δ, Δ' such that $l(\Delta + \Delta')$ is smaller than m . We use the notation of Section 2. Up to equivalence of segments, we distinguish the following cases:

1. $b = b'$ and Δ^- and Δ'^- are linked.
2. $b = b'$ and Δ^- and Δ'^- are not linked.
3. $a = a'$ and ${}^-\Delta$ and ${}^-\Delta'$ are linked.
4. $a = a'$ and ${}^-\Delta$ and ${}^-\Delta'$ are not linked.
5. $a \not\equiv a' \pmod{e}$ and $b \not\equiv b' \pmod{e}$.

In each of these cases we will exhibit a representation V , which will not be unramified thanks to our inductive argument, and which will have a unique irreducible subrepresentation π thanks to Lemma 5.1. We will prove that π is isomorphic to $Z(\Delta + \Delta')$: it will follow from Lemma 3.2 that the latter is not unramified. For this, we will prove (see Paragraph 2.3.2) that π occurs as a subquotient in $Z(\Delta) \times Z(\Delta')$ and that, for a suitable choice of a composition α of m , the Jacquet module $\mathbf{r}_\alpha(\pi)$ contains a suitable residually non-degenerate irreducible factor.

5.2.1. We start with Case 1. Suppose thus that $b = b'$ and Δ^-, Δ'^- are linked, and write:

$$V = Z(\Delta^- + \Delta'^-) \times \nu^{db} \times \nu^{db}.$$

The inductive hypothesis together with Lemma 3.1 imply that V is not unramified. By Lemma 5.1, V has a unique irreducible subrepresentation π . We are going to prove that $\pi \simeq Z(\Delta + \Delta')$. The theorem will thus follow from Lemma 3.2.

For this (see Paragraph 2.3.2) it is enough to prove that π is a subquotient of $Z(\Delta) \times Z(\Delta')$ and that $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$ is a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\pi)$. First, by Frobenius reciprocity, we have:

$$Z(\Delta^- + \Delta'^-) \otimes (\nu^{db} \times \nu^{db}) \leq [\mathbf{r}_{(m-2,2)}(\pi)].$$

Then, by definition of $Z(\Delta^- + \Delta'^-)$ and exactness of the Jacquet functor, we have:

$$\tau_{\Delta^-, \Delta'^-}^< \otimes (\nu^{db} \times \nu^{db}) \leq [\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\pi)].$$

But, as $e \geq 2$, we have $\nu^{db} \times \nu^{db} = \text{St}(\nu^{db}, \nu^{db})$ by Paragraph 2.3.1. Thus $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$ is a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\pi)$ as expected. Note that V is a subrepresentation of:

$$W = Z(\Delta^-) \times Z(\Delta'^-) \times \nu^{db} \times \nu^{db}.$$

The representation $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$ occurs with multiplicity 1 in $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(Z(\Delta) \times Z(\Delta'))$. By the geometric lemma, and thanks to the fact that $e \geq 2$, it also occurs in $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(W)$ with multiplicity 1. If π is not a subquotient of $Z(\Delta) \times Z(\Delta')$, then:

$$[\pi] + [Z(\Delta) \times Z(\Delta')] \leq [W].$$

Thus, by exactness of the Jacquet functor, $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$ occurs in $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(W)$ with multiplicity 2: contradiction.

5.2.2. We now treat Case 2. Suppose that $b = b'$ and Δ^-, Δ'^- are not linked. Remark that we have $a \leq a' \leq b$.

Lemma 5.5. — *We have $l' \leq e$ and e divides l .*

Proof. — According to Corollary 2.6, there is a $c' \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a' \leq c' \leq b$ and c' is congruent to $b + 1$ or $a - 1 \pmod{e}$, and there is no $d' \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a' \leq d' \leq b - 1$ and d' is congruent to b or $a - 1 \pmod{e}$. The second condition implies that $b - a' < e$, or equivalently $l' \leq e$.

Assume that $a' \leq c' < b$. Then $c' \equiv b + 1 \pmod{e}$ which contradicts the fact that $l' \leq e$. It follows that $c' = b$. Thus $b \equiv a - 1 \pmod{e}$, or equivalently e divides l . \square

In other words, we have $b - e + 1 \leq a' \leq b$ and there is a $t \geq 1$ such that $a = b - te + 1$. We now distinguish two cases: $l' \geq 2$ and $l' = 1$.

5.2.2.1. Let us first assume that $a' \neq b$, that is $l' \geq 2$, and write:

$$V = \nu^{da'} \times Z(-\Delta' + \Delta).$$

It has a unique irreducible subrepresentation π and, since $-\Delta', \Delta$ are linked, it is not unramified. We will prove that π is isomorphic to $Z(\Delta + \Delta')$. For this, we will show that there is a composition α of m , with associated partition $\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^>$, and a residually non-degenerate representation τ of M_α occurring as a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_\alpha(\pi)$. Then we will prove that π occurs as a subquotient of $Z(\Delta) \times Z(\Delta')$. By Frobenius reciprocity, we have:

$$\nu^{da'} \otimes Z(-\Delta' + \Delta) \leq [\mathbf{r}_{(1, m-1)}(\pi)].$$

By definition of $Z(-\Delta' + \Delta)$ and exactness of the Jacquet functor, $\nu^{da'} \otimes \tau_{\Delta, -\Delta'}^<$ occurs as a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_\alpha(\pi)$, where α is the composition:

$$\alpha = (\underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_{a' - a + 2}, \underbrace{2, 2, \dots, 2}_{b - a'}).$$

Thus the irreducible representation:

$$\nu^{da'} \otimes \nu^{da} \otimes \nu^{d(a+1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \nu^{da'} \otimes \text{St}(\nu^{d(a'+1)}, \nu^{d(a'+1)}) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{St}(\nu^{db}, \nu^{db})$$

denoted τ , occurs as subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_\alpha(\pi)$. Write α^0 for the composition of m defined by:

$$\alpha^0 = (2, \underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_{a' - a}, \underbrace{2, 2, \dots, 2}_{b - a'}).$$

Then there is an irreducible representation ρ of G_2 such that $\nu^{da'} \otimes \nu^{da}$ occurs as a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_{(1,1)}(\rho)$ and:

$$\rho \otimes \nu^{d(a+1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \nu^{da'} \otimes \text{St}(\nu^{d(a'+1)}, \nu^{d(a'+1)}) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{St}(\nu^{db}, \nu^{db})$$

denoted τ_0 occurs as a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha^0}(\pi)$. Since $a' \neq b$ and by Paragraph 2.3.1, ρ is isomorphic to $\text{St}(\nu^{da'}, \nu^{da})$. This proves our first assertion. We prove now that π is a subquotient of $Z(\Delta) \times Z(\Delta')$. We write $W = \nu^{da'} \times Z(\Delta) \times Z(-\Delta')$.

Suppose that $a' \neq a$. Then τ appears with multiplicity 1 in $\mathbf{r}_\alpha(\mathbf{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbf{Z}(\Delta'))$ and $\mathbf{r}_\alpha(\mathbf{W})$. Since V is a subquotient of \mathbf{W} , we have that π is a subquotient of \mathbf{W} . Hence, if π is not a subquotient of $\mathbf{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbf{Z}(\Delta')$, then:

$$[\pi] + [\mathbf{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbf{Z}(\Delta')] \leq [\mathbf{W}].$$

By exactness of the Jacquet functor, τ appears in $\mathbf{r}_\alpha(\mathbf{W})$ with multiplicity 2: contradiction.

Suppose that $a' = a$, thus $t = 1$ and $\Delta' = \Delta$. We write:

$$\mathbf{X} = \nu^{da} \times \nu^{da} \times \mathbf{Z}(-\Delta) \times \mathbf{Z}(-\Delta').$$

The representation τ_0 appears with multiplicity 1 in $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha^0}(\mathbf{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbf{Z}(\Delta'))$ and $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha^0}(\mathbf{X})$. Since V is a subquotient of \mathbf{X} , we have that π is a subquotient of \mathbf{X} . Hence, if π is not a subquotient of $\mathbf{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbf{Z}(\Delta')$, then:

$$[\pi] + [\mathbf{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbf{Z}(\Delta')] \leq [\mathbf{X}].$$

By exactness of the Jacquet functor, τ_0 appears in $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha^0}(\mathbf{X})$ with multiplicity 2: contradiction.

5.2.2.2. Suppose now that $a' = b$, that is $\Delta' = [b, b]$ has length 1. This case is particular and we treat it by a different method. We write $V = \mathbf{Z}([a, b]) \times \nu^{db}$ and $\pi = \mathbf{Z}([a, b] + [b, b])$. Write \mathbf{K}_1 for the normal subgroup of \mathbf{K}_0 made of those matrices that are congruent to the identity mod the maximal ideal of \mathcal{O}_D . We identify the quotient $\mathbf{K}_0/\mathbf{K}_1$ with the general linear group $\mathrm{GL}_m(k)$ where k is the residue field of D , which has cardinality q^d . Thus the space of \mathbf{K}_1 -fixed vectors of any smooth representation of G is naturally endowed with an action of $\mathrm{GL}_m(k)$. Note that $m = l + 1$. Write \mathbf{X} for the projective space of k^m .

Lemma 5.6. — $V^{\mathbf{K}_1}$ identifies with the representation of $\mathrm{GL}_m(k)$ on the space of functions from \mathbf{X} to \mathbf{R} .

Proof. — Let P be the standard parabolic subgroup $P_{(l,1)}$ of G . Restricting functions from G to \mathbf{K}_0 induces a bijective and \mathbf{K}_0 -equivariant map from $V^{\mathbf{K}_1}$ to the representation of \mathbf{K}_0 induced from the trivial character of $P \cap \mathbf{K}_0$. The latter representation identifies with the representation of $\mathrm{GL}_m(k)$ on the space of functions from \mathbf{X} to \mathbf{R} , since $(P \cap \mathbf{K}_0) \backslash \mathbf{K}_0$ identifies with \mathbf{X} . \square

Lemma 5.7. — The representation $V^{\mathbf{K}_1}$ is semisimple of length 2, and the trivial character 1_m of $\mathrm{GL}_m(k)$ occurs with multiplicity 1 in it.

Proof. — We identify $V^{\mathbf{K}_1}$ with the space S of functions from \mathbf{X} to \mathbf{R} , which is the representation of $\mathrm{GL}_m(k)$ parabolically induced from the trivial character of the standard Levi subgroup of $\mathrm{GL}_m(k)$ associated with the composition $(l, 1)$.

According to James's classification [5] (see also [9, §3.3]), S is made of a nontrivial irreducible subquotient S_0 , occurring with multiplicity 1, and of the trivial character 1_m , occurring with some multiplicity $n \geq 1$. Given $f \in S$, write $\psi(f)$ for the sum of the values of f in \mathbf{R} . Then ψ is a homomorphism from S to the trivial character 1_m .

Lemma 5.8. — The trivial character 1_m does not occur as a subrepresentation of $\mathrm{Ker}(\psi)$.

Proof. — Assume that 1_m occurs as a subrepresentation of $\text{Ker}(\psi)$, and write f_1 for the constant function equal to 1. Then $\psi(f_1)$ is equal to the cardinality of X , thus we have:

$$0 = \psi(f_1) = \frac{q^{md} - 1}{q^d - 1}$$

in R . It follows that q^{md} is congruent to 1 mod ℓ , that is e divides $m = l + 1$. The contradiction follows from Lemma 5.5. \square

It follows that the socle of $\text{Ker}(\psi)$ is equal to S_0 . Since S is selfcontragredient, S_0 is selfcontragredient too, 1_m occurs as a subrepresentation of S and S_0 as a quotient of S . Thus 1_m and S_0 are direct summands in S , that is we have $S = S_0 \oplus S'$ for some subrepresentation S' of S which is made of 1_m with multiplicity n , and 1_m is a direct summand in S' . This gives us:

$$\text{Ker}(\psi) = S_0 \oplus (\text{Ker}(\psi) \cap S').$$

If $\text{Ker}(\psi)$ is not reduced to S_0 , then 1_m occurs as a subrepresentation of $\text{Ker}(\psi)$, which contradicts Lemma 5.8. \square

We thus have:

$$V^{K_1} = Z([a - 1, b])^{K_1} \oplus \pi^{K_1} = 1_m \oplus \pi^{K_1} = 1_m \oplus S_0.$$

It follows that $\pi^{K_1} = S_0$ is irreducible nontrivial, thus π^{K_0} is zero and π is not unramified.

5.2.3. The proof in Case 3 is similar to that of Case 1, using $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^>$ instead of $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$.

5.2.4. The proof in Case 4 is similar to that of Case 2. Note that $a \leq b' \leq a + e - 1$ and there is an integer $t \geq 1$ such that $b = a + te - 1$.

5.2.5. We now treat Case 5. This case itself decomposes into seven subcases:

1. $l > l'$ and Δ precedes Δ' .
2. $l > l'$ and Δ' precedes Δ .
3. $l = l'$ and $a \not\equiv a' - 1 \pmod{e}$ and ${}^-\Delta, \Delta'$ are linked.
4. $l = l'$ and $a' \not\equiv a - 1 \pmod{e}$ and ${}^-\Delta', \Delta$ are linked.
5. $l = l'$ and $b \not\equiv b' + 1 \pmod{e}$ and Δ^-, Δ' are linked.
6. $l = l'$ and $b' \not\equiv b + 1 \pmod{e}$ and Δ^-, Δ' are linked.
7. $l = l'$ and $e = 2$.

Note that Subcases 4 and 6 follow respectively from 3 and 5 by exchanging Δ and Δ' and will not be treated.

We write $V = \nu^{da} \times Z(-\Delta + \Delta')$ and $W = \nu^{da} \times Z(-\Delta) \times Z(\Delta')$ and π for the unique irreducible subrepresentation of V . By Frobenius reciprocity, $\nu^{da} \otimes Z(-\Delta + \Delta')$ occurs as a subquotient of the Jacquet module $\mathbf{r}_{(1, m-1)}(\pi)$.

Subcase 1: In this first subcase, ${}^-\Delta$ precedes Δ' . By definition of $Z(-\Delta + \Delta')$ and exactness of the Jacquet functor, we have:

$$\nu^{da} \otimes \tau_{-\Delta, \Delta'}^< \leq [\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{-\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\pi)].$$

Hence $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$ occurs in $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\pi)$ with multiplicity 1. Thanks to the fact that $a \not\equiv a' \pmod{e}$, it also occurs with multiplicity 1 in $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\mathbb{W})$ and $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\mathbb{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbb{Z}(\Delta'))$. If π is not a subquotient of $\mathbb{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbb{Z}(\Delta')$ then:

$$[\pi] + [\mathbb{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbb{Z}(\Delta')] \leq [\mathbb{W}].$$

By exactness of the Jacquet functor, $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$ appears in $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\mathbb{W})$ with multiplicity 2: contradiction.

Subcase 2: The proof is the same as in the previous case, using now $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^>$ instead of $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$.

Subcase 3: Suppose that $l = l'$ and $a \not\equiv a' - 1 \pmod{e}$ and ${}^-\Delta, \Delta'$ are linked. We have:

$$\nu^{da} \otimes \tau_{-\Delta, \Delta'}^< \leq [\mathbf{r}_{\alpha^0}(\pi)],$$

where α^0 is the composition of $2l$ defined by:

$$\alpha^0 = (1, 1, \underbrace{2, 2, \dots, 2}_{l-1}).$$

Thus, by definition of $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$, we have:

$$\nu^{da} \otimes \nu^{da'} \otimes \text{St}(\nu^{d(a+1)}, \nu^{d(a'+1)}) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{St}(\nu^{db}, \nu^{db'}) \leq [\mathbf{r}_{\alpha^0}(\pi)].$$

Then there is an irreducible representation ρ of \mathbb{G}_2 such that $\nu^{da} \otimes \nu^{da'} \leq [\mathbf{r}_{(1,1)}(\rho)]$ and:

$$\tau = \rho \otimes \text{St}(\nu^{d(a+1)}, \nu^{d(a'+1)}) \otimes \dots \otimes \text{St}(\nu^{db}, \nu^{db'})$$

occurs as a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha^0}(\pi)$. By the classification of irreducible representations of \mathbb{G}_2 (see Paragraph 2.3.1) and the assumption $a \not\equiv a' - 1 \pmod{e}$, we have $\rho = \text{St}(\nu^{da}, \nu^{da'})$. Thus $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$ occurs as a subquotient of $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\pi)$. Thanks to the fact that $a \not\equiv a' \pmod{e}$, it occurs also with multiplicity 1 in $[\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\mathbb{W})]$ and in $[\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\mathbb{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbb{Z}(\Delta'))]$. If π is not a subquotient of $\mathbb{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbb{Z}(\Delta')$ then:

$$[\pi] + [\mathbb{Z}(\Delta) \times \mathbb{Z}(\Delta')] \leq [\mathbb{W}].$$

By exactness of the Jacquet functor, $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$ appears in $\mathbf{r}_{\alpha_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<}(\mathbb{W})$ with multiplicity 2: contradiction.

Subcase 5: The proof of Subcase 5 is the same as in Subcase 3, using now $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^>$ instead of $\tau_{\Delta, \Delta'}^<$.

Subcase 7: Suppose that $l = l'$ and $e = 2$. This is the easiest subcase. By [9, Théorème 7.32(3)], the cuspidal support of $\mathbb{Z}(\Delta + \Delta')$ is not made of unramified characters so, by Lemma 3.3, $\mathbb{Z}(\Delta + \Delta')$ cannot be an unramified representation!

6. The general case

In this section we prove the main theorem of this article.

Theorem 6.1. — *Let $\mathfrak{m} = \Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_r$ be a multisegment and write $\pi = \mathbb{Z}(\mathfrak{m})$. Then π is unramified if and only if \mathfrak{m} is unramified and, for all $1 \leq i < j \leq r$, the segments Δ_i and Δ_j are not linked.*

Proof. — By Proposition 3.4, the condition on \mathfrak{m} is sufficient. Suppose that π is unramified. By Lemma 3.3, the multisegment \mathfrak{m} is unramified.

If $e = 1$, the theorem follows from Proposition 4.2. Suppose $e > 1$ and let I be the set of sequences $(\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_r)$ of segments such that π is a subrepresentation of $Z(\Delta'_1) \times \dots \times Z(\Delta'_r)$. Let $(\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_r) \in I$ be so that the partition associated to the composition $(l(\Delta'_1), \dots, l(\Delta'_r))$ is minimal. Suppose that there exist $1 \leq i < j \leq r$, such that Δ'_i and Δ'_j are linked. By Theorem 2.10, we can suppose that $j = i + 1$. Then, by Lemma 2.11, every subquotient of $Z(\Delta'_i) \times Z(\Delta'_j)$ is of the form $Z(\delta + \delta')$, where $\delta + \delta'$ is a multisegment such that:

- either $\delta + \delta' = \Delta'_i + \Delta'_{i+1}$, or
- the partition associated to the pair $(l(\delta), l(\delta'))$ is bigger than the partition associated to the pair $(l(\Delta'_i), l(\Delta'_{i+1}))$.

We deduce that π is a subrepresentation of:

$$(6.1) \quad Z(\Delta'_1) \times \dots \times Z(\Delta'_{i-1}) \times Z(\delta + \delta') \times Z(\Delta_{i+2}) \times \dots \times Z(\Delta'_r).$$

with $\delta + \delta'$ as above.

If δ and δ' are linked (in particular in the first case), then Theorem 5.4 implies that $Z(\delta + \delta')$ is not unramified. By Lemma 3.1, the representation (6.1) is not unramified. By Lemma 3.2 we deduce that π is not unramified, which contradicts our hypothesis.

If δ and δ' are not linked (and thus we are in the second case), then Theorem 2.10 implies that $Z(\delta + \delta')$ is isomorphic to $Z(\delta) \times Z(\delta')$, hence π is a subrepresentation of:

$$Z(\Delta'_1) \times \dots \times Z(\Delta'_{i-1}) \times Z(\delta) \times Z(\delta') \times Z(\Delta_{i+2}) \times \dots \times Z(\Delta'_r).$$

This contradicts, by Lemma 1.1, the minimality of the partition associated to $(\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_r)$.

Thus for all $1 \leq i < j \leq r$, Δ'_i and Δ'_j are not linked. We deduce that $\pi = Z(\Delta'_1 + \dots + \Delta'_r)$ and this finishes the proof of the theorem. \square

Let ℓ be a prime number different from p . We denote by \mathbb{Q}_ℓ the field of ℓ -adic numbers and \mathbb{F}_ℓ its residue field. We fix an algebraic closure $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$ of \mathbb{Q}_ℓ and we denote by $\overline{\mathbb{F}_\ell}$ its residue field, which is an algebraic closure of \mathbb{F}_ℓ .

We say that an irreducible $\overline{\mathbb{F}_\ell}$ -representation π of G_m , $m \geq 1$, can be lifted to $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$ if there exists an integral $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$ -representation $\tilde{\pi}$ such that π is the reduction modulo ℓ of $\tilde{\pi}$ (see [9]).

Corollary 6.2. — *An irreducible representation π of G_m , $m \geq 1$, is unramified if and only if it is irreducibly induced from an unramified character of a parabolic subgroup. In this case we have that $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}(\pi^{K_0}) = 1$. Every irreducible unramified $\overline{\mathbb{F}_\ell}$ -representation can be lifted to $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$.*

This corollary was conjectured in [14, VI.3].

Proof. — The first part of the corollary follows from the fact that isomorphism classes of unramified characters of G_m are in bijection with classes of unramified segments of length m . The identity (3.2) implies that $\dim(\pi^{K_0}) = 1$. Every $\overline{\mathbb{F}_\ell}$ -character can be lifted to an integral $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$ -character. The last part of the corollary follows then from [9, 1.2.3]. \square

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