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Thus

$$(9) \quad \eta^n = \frac{\chi^{ln}(l) G_{fn}(\chi^\delta)}{G_{fn}(\chi^{\delta l})} \prod_{j=1}^{l-1} \frac{G_{fn}(\chi^\delta \psi^j)}{G_{fn}(\psi^j)}.$$

Since  $n \equiv \delta \pmod{q-1}$ ,  $\chi^{ln}(l) = \chi^{\delta l}(l)$ . Therefore, by (7), the right side of (9) equals 1, so

$$(10) \quad \eta^n = 1.$$

By the definition of  $\eta$  and of Gauss sums,

$$\eta^l \equiv \frac{\chi^{l^2}(l) \overline{\chi^l}(l) G_f(\chi^l)}{G_f^l(\chi^l)} \prod_{j=1}^e \prod_{k=1}^r \prod_{c=1}^{w^{r-k}} \frac{\overline{\chi^{\delta l}}(l) G_{fn}(\chi^{\delta l})}{1} \pmod{w},$$

so

$$\eta^l \equiv \frac{\chi^{l^2-l-l\delta(l-1)/n}(l) G_{fn}^{(l-1)/n}(\chi^{\delta l})}{G_f^{l-1}(\chi^l)} \pmod{w}.$$

By (6),  $G_{fn}(\chi^{\delta l}) = G_f^n(\chi^l)$ ; hence

$$(11) \quad \eta^l \equiv 1 \pmod{w}.$$

Thus  $w$  divides the norm  $N(\eta^l - 1)$ . By (10),  $\eta^l$  is an  $n$ -th root of unity. Thus if  $\eta^l - 1 \neq 0$ , then  $N(\eta^l - 1)$  divides  $n$ , which contradicts the fact that  $w + n$ . Therefore  $\eta^l = 1 = \eta^n$ , so since  $(l, n) = 1$ ,  $\eta = 1$ .

### 5. PROOF OF (3)

Let  $\eta$  denote the right side of (3). We assume that  $0 < \alpha < q - 1$ . To see that this presents no loss of generality, we now show that  $\eta$  is unchanged when  $\alpha$  is replaced by  $\alpha + (q-1)j$ , where  $j$  is an integer. Clearly  $G_f(\chi^\alpha)$  and  $\chi^\alpha(l)$  are unchanged, since the restriction  $\chi|_{GF(q)}$  has order  $q - 1$ . Finally,  $G_{fl}(\chi^{\alpha\beta})$  is also unchanged, as

$$(12) \quad G_{fl}(\chi^{\alpha\beta}) = G_{fl}(\chi^{\alpha\beta q^j}) = G_{fl}(\chi^{\beta(\alpha+j(q-1))}),$$

where  $\alpha_j$  is defined by  $\alpha_j \alpha \equiv j \pmod{l}$ ,  $\alpha_j \geq 0$ .

Let  $\psi = \chi^{\beta(q-1)}$ . Using (6), we have

$$\eta^l = \frac{G_{fl}(\chi^{\alpha\beta l})}{\chi^{\alpha l}(l) G_{fl}^l(\chi^{\alpha\beta})} \prod_{j=1}^{l-1} G_{fl}(\psi^j).$$

For each  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, l - 1\}$ , we have, by (12),

$$G_{fl}(\chi^{\alpha\beta}) = G_{fl}(\chi^{\alpha\beta}\psi^j).$$

Thus,

$$(13) \quad \eta^l = \frac{G_{fl}(\chi^{\alpha\beta l})}{\chi^{\alpha l}(l)} \prod_{j=0}^{l-1} \frac{G_{fl}(\psi^j)}{G_{fl}(\chi^{\alpha\beta}\psi^j)}.$$

Since  $\chi^{\alpha l}(l) = \chi^{\alpha\beta l}(l)$ , the right side of (13) equals 1 by (7), so

$$(14) \quad \eta^l = 1.$$

Let  $P$  be the prime ideal above  $p$  in  $\mathcal{O} = Z[\omega]$ , where

$$\omega = \exp(2\pi i/p(q^l - 1)),$$

with  $P$  chosen such that  $\chi$  is the character of order  $q^l - 1$  on  $\mathcal{O}/P \approx GF(q^l)$  which maps the coset  $\omega + P$  to  $\bar{\omega}$ . To show that  $\eta = 1$ , it suffices to show that  $\eta \equiv 1 \pmod{P}$ . For, if  $\eta \not\equiv 1 \pmod{P}$ , then by (14), the norm  $N(\eta - 1)$  divides  $l$ ; but if also  $\eta \equiv 1 \pmod{P}$ , then  $p \mid N(\eta - 1)$ , which yields the contradiction  $p \mid l$ .

For any integer  $x$ , let  $L(x)$  denote the least nonnegative residue of  $x \pmod{l}$ . For integers  $i \geq 0$ , define

$$\varepsilon_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 1 \leq L(i\alpha) \leq L(\alpha) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$c_i = \varepsilon_i + l^{-1}(\alpha - L(\alpha) + (q - 1)L(-i\alpha)).$$

Note that each  $c_i$  is an integer with  $0 \leq c_i \leq q - 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} l\alpha\beta - l \sum_{i=1}^l c_i q^{i-1} &= \sum_{i=1}^l q^{i-1} (\alpha - lc_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l q^{i-1} \{-l\varepsilon_i + L(\alpha) - L((1-i)\alpha) + L(-i\alpha)\}. \end{aligned}$$

The expressions in braces are easily seen to vanish. Thus we have the following explicit expansion of  $\alpha\beta$  in base  $q$ :

$$(15) \quad \alpha\beta = \sum_{i=1}^l c_i q^{i-1}.$$

By (8), (14), and the definition of  $\eta$ ,

$$(16) \quad \eta \equiv (u\gamma(\alpha))^{-1} l^{\alpha\gamma}(\alpha\beta) \pmod{P},$$

where

$$u = \prod_{j=1}^{l-1} \gamma(j(q-1)/l).$$

By (15) and (16),

$$\eta \equiv (u\gamma(\alpha))^{-1} l^\alpha \prod_{i=1}^l \gamma(c_i) \pmod{P}.$$

Thus by the second congruence in (8), there is an integer  $M$  such that

$$(17) \quad u\eta \equiv \frac{1}{\alpha!} l^\alpha (\zeta-1)^M \prod_{i=1}^l c_i! \pmod{P}.$$

First suppose that  $0 < \alpha < l$ . Then by (17) and the definition of  $c_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} u\eta &\equiv \frac{1}{\alpha!} l^\alpha (\zeta-1)^M \prod_{i=1}^l \left( \frac{q-1}{l} L(-i\alpha) \right)! \prod_{j=1}^\alpha \left( 1 + \frac{q-1}{l} (l-j) \right) \\ &\equiv (\zeta-1)^M \prod_{i=1}^l \left( \frac{q-1}{l} L(-i\alpha) \right)! \pmod{P}. \end{aligned}$$

By (14),  $\eta$  is a unit, so again applying the second congruence in (8), we find that

$$u\eta \equiv \prod_{i=1}^l \gamma\left(\frac{q-1}{l} L(-i\alpha)\right) \pmod{P}.$$

Since  $\alpha$  is prime to  $l$ , the numbers  $L(-i\alpha)$  run through a complete residue system  $\pmod{l}$  as  $i$  runs from 1 to  $l$ . Thus, by the definition of  $u$  following (16), we obtain the desired result  $\eta \equiv 1 \pmod{P}$  in the case  $0 < \alpha < l$ .

Finally, suppose that  $l < \alpha < q-1$ . We suppose as induction hypothesis that  $\eta' \equiv 1 \pmod{P}$ , where  $\eta'$  is obtained from  $\eta$  by replacing  $\alpha$  by  $\alpha-l$ . Then by (17) and the definition of  $c_i$ , there is an integer  $N$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &\equiv \eta/\eta' \equiv \frac{1}{\alpha!} (\zeta-1)^N (\alpha-l)! l^l \prod_{i=1}^l c_i \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha!} (\zeta-1)^N (\alpha-l)! \prod_{i=1}^l \{l\varepsilon_i + \alpha - L(\alpha) + (q-1)L(-i\alpha)\} \pmod{P}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the numbers  $\{l\varepsilon_i - L(-i\alpha) + \alpha - L(\alpha)\}$  run through the  $l$  numbers  $\alpha, \dots, \alpha-l+1$  as  $i$  runs from 1 to  $l$ , we see that  $N = 0$  and  $\eta \equiv 1 \pmod{P}$ .