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### 6. PROOF OF (4)

For characters  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m$  on  $GF(q)$ , define the Jacobi sum

$$J(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m) = (-1)^{m+1} \sum_{\substack{x_1, \dots, x_m \in GF(q) \\ x_1 + \dots + x_m = 1}} \psi_1(x_1) \dots \psi_m(x_m).$$

We will use the well-known fact that if  $\psi_1 \psi_2 \dots \psi_m$  is nontrivial, then

$$(18) \quad J(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m) = G(\psi_1 \dots \psi_m)^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^m G(\psi_i).$$

Let  $S$  denote the left side of (4). If  $\chi_1, \chi_2$ , or  $\chi_3^2$  is trivial, then it is easy to verify (4) directly, with use of (18) and (26) below. Thus assume that  $\chi_1, \chi_2$ , and  $\chi_3^2$  are nontrivial. With the change of variables

$$u = xy, \quad v = x + y,$$

we have

$$S = \sum_{u, v \in GF(q)} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(1+u-v) \chi_3(v^2-4u) \{1 + \phi(v^2-4u)\}.$$

It therefore remains to show that

$$(19) \quad S_1 = \sum_{u, v} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(1+u-v) \chi_3(v^2-4u) = R(\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3 \phi).$$

Replace  $v$  by  $u + 1 - v$  to get

$$(20) \quad S_1 = \sum_{u, v} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(v) \chi_3(1+u^2+v^2-2u-2v-2uv).$$

Replace  $u$  by  $u/t$ , and  $v$  by  $v/t$ , to get

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} S_2 &= -S_1 G(\chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_3^2) \\ &= \sum_{t \neq 0} \sum_{u, v} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(v) \chi_3(t^2+u^2+v^2-2ut-2vt-2uv) \zeta^{T(t)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_3^2$  is nontrivial, the restriction  $t \neq 0$  may be dropped. Then replace  $t$  by  $t + u + v$  to get

$$S_2 = \sum_{t, u, v} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(v) \chi_3(t^2-4uv) \zeta^{T(t+u+v)}.$$

Replace  $u$  by  $ua$  and  $v$  by  $vb$  to get

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} S_3 &= S_2 \overline{G(\chi_1)} \overline{G(\chi_2)} \\ &= \sum_t \sum_{a, b, u, v \neq 0} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(v) \chi_3(t^2-4uvab) \zeta^{T(t+a(u-1)+b(v-1))}. \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $a$  by  $a/(4uvb)$  to get

$$S_3 = \sum_t \sum_{a, b, u, v \neq 0} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(v) \chi_3(t^2 - a) \zeta^{T(t+b(v-1) + \frac{a(u-1)}{4uvb})}.$$

Since  $\chi_1$  is nontrivial, the restriction  $a \neq 0$  may be dropped. Then replace  $a$  by  $t^2 - a$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= \sum_{a, t} \sum_{b, u, v \neq 0} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(v) \chi_3(a) \zeta^{T(t+b(v-1) + \frac{(1-u)(a-t^2)}{4uvb})} \\ &= -G(\chi_3) \sum_{u \neq 0, 1} \sum_{b, v \neq 0} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(v) \chi_3\left(\frac{4uvb}{1-u}\right) \zeta^{T(b(v-1))} \sum_t \zeta^{T(t + \frac{t^2(u-1)}{4uvb})}. \end{aligned}$$

The inner sum on  $t$  equals  $-\zeta^{T\left(\frac{uvb}{1-u}\right)} \phi\left(\frac{4uvb}{u-1}\right) G(\phi)$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (23) \quad S_4 &= S_3 (G(\chi_3) G(\phi) \chi_3(-1))^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{u \neq 0, 1} \sum_{b, v \neq 0} \chi_1(u) \chi_2(v) \chi_3 \phi\left(\frac{4uvb}{u-1}\right) \zeta^{T(b(v-1) + \frac{uvb}{1-u})}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$S_4 = \sum_{u \neq 0, 1} \sum_{v \neq 0} \chi_1 \chi_3 \phi(u) \chi_2 \chi_3 \phi(v) \bar{\chi}_3 \phi\left(\frac{u-1}{4}\right) \sum_b \chi_3 \phi(b) \zeta^{T(b(v-1) + \frac{buv}{1-u})}.$$

Since  $\chi_2$  and  $\chi_3 \phi$  are nontrivial,

$$S_4 = -G(\chi_3 \phi) \sum_{u, v} \chi_1 \chi_3 \phi(u) \chi_2 \chi_3 \phi(v) \bar{\chi}_3 \phi\left(\frac{1-u-v}{4}\right),$$

so

$$(24) \quad S_4 = -\chi_3(4) G(\chi_3 \phi) J(\chi_1 \chi_3 \phi, \chi_2 \chi_3 \phi, \bar{\chi}_3 \phi).$$

Combining (21)-(24), we get

$$(25) \quad S_1 = \frac{\chi_3(-4) G(\chi_3) G(\phi) G(\chi_3 \phi) J(\chi_1 \chi_3 \phi, \chi_2 \chi_3 \phi, \bar{\chi}_3 \phi)}{G(\chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_3^2) \overline{G(\chi_1)} \overline{G(\chi_2)}}.$$

Applying (7) with  $l = 2$ , we find that for any character  $\chi_3$ ,

$$(26) \quad \chi_3(-4) G(\chi_3) G(\phi) G(\chi_3 \phi) = \chi_3 \phi(-1) q G(\chi_3^2).$$

Since  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_2$  are nontrivial, it follows from (25) and (26) that

$$(27) \quad S_1 = \frac{\chi_3 \phi(-1) G(\chi_3^2) G(\chi_1) G(\chi_2) J(\chi_1 \chi_3 \phi, \chi_2 \chi_3 \phi, \bar{\chi}_3 \phi)}{q G(\chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_3^2)}.$$

Since  $\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3\phi$  and  $\chi_3\phi$  are nontrivial, (19) now follows from (18) and (27).

*Remark.* We evaluated  $S$  (the left side of (4)) only under the assumption that  $\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3^2$  and  $(\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3)^2$  were nontrivial. We now indicate how  $S$  can be simply evaluated in terms of Gauss sums when this assumption is dropped. If  $\chi_1, \chi_2$ , or  $\chi_3^2$  is trivial, one can easily evaluate  $S$  directly from its definition. If  $\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3^2$  is trivial, then one can evaluate  $S_1$  (and hence  $S$ ) from (20), by first replacing  $u$  by  $u^{-1}$ , then replacing  $v$  by  $vu^{-1}$ , to obtain

$$S_1 = \sum_{u, v} \bar{\chi}_1 \bar{\chi}_2 \bar{\chi}_3^2(u) \chi_3(1+u^2+v^2-2u-2v-2uv) \chi_2(v).$$

Finally, suppose that  $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3^2$ , and  $\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3^2$  are nontrivial. Then  $S_1$  can be evaluated from (27).

## 7. PROOF OF (5)

Let  $E$  denote the left side of (5). Since  $\chi_1\chi_2$  is nontrivial,

$$E + 1 + \chi_1\chi_2(-1) = \sum_{\substack{x, y \neq 0 \\ x+y \neq -1}} \chi_1\chi_3\left(\frac{1+x}{y}\right) \chi_2\chi_3\left(\frac{1+y}{x}\right) \chi_1\chi_2(y-x).$$

Set  $t = \frac{1+x}{y}$ ,  $u = \frac{1+y}{x}$ , so

$$x = \frac{t+1}{ut-1}, \quad y = \frac{u+1}{ut-1}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} E + 1 + \chi_1\chi_2(-1) &= \sum_{\substack{u, t \neq -1 \\ ut \neq 1}} \chi_1\chi_3(t) \chi_2\chi_3(u) \chi_1\chi_2\left(\frac{t-u}{1-ut}\right) \\ &= \sum_{u, t \neq -1} \chi_1\chi_3(t) \chi_2\chi_3(u) \chi_1\chi_2(t-u) \bar{\chi}_1\bar{\chi}_2(1-ut). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\chi_1\chi_3$  and  $\chi_2\chi_3$  are nontrivial,

$$E = \sum_{u, t \neq 0} \chi_1\chi_3(t) \chi_2\chi_3(u) \chi_1\chi_2(t-u) \bar{\chi}_1\bar{\chi}_2(1-ut).$$

Replace  $t$  by  $t/u$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sum_{u, t \neq 0} \chi_1\chi_3(t) \bar{\chi}_1^2(u) \chi_1\chi_2(t-u^2) \bar{\chi}_1\bar{\chi}_2(1-t) \\ &= \sum_{u, t \neq 0} \chi_1\chi_3(t) \bar{\chi}_1\bar{\chi}_2(1-t) \bar{\chi}_1(u) \chi_1\chi_2(t-u) \{1 + \phi(u)\}. \end{aligned}$$