

## Relative norms of Gauss sums for characters of 2-power order

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**Abstract.** Let  $p$  be a prime number such that  $p \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$  and  $t$  a natural number bigger than 3. We evaluate the relative norms of Gauss sums for characters of order  $2^{t-s}$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq t-1$ , on the finite field  $F_{p^f}$ ,  $f = 2^{t-3}$ .

### 1. Introduction

In this note we treat to evaluate the relative norms of a special class of Gauss sums over finite fields. Let  $p$  be an odd prime number. Let  $m$  be a natural number bigger than 1 and  $f = \text{ord}_m p$  the multiplicative order of  $p$  modulo  $m$ . For a multiplicative character  $\chi$  of order  $m$  on the finite field  $F_q$ ,  $q = p^f$ , extended with  $\chi(0) = 0$ , the Gauss sums  $G_f(\chi^r)$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq m-1$ , are defined by

$$G_f(\chi^r) = \sum_{\alpha \in F_q} \chi^r(\alpha) \zeta_p^{\text{Tr}(\alpha)}$$

where  $\zeta_p = e^{2\pi i/p}$  and  $\text{Tr}$  is the trace map from  $F_q$  onto  $F_p$ .

In general it is difficult to evaluate explicitly Gauss sums over finite fields, and only in the special cases the values of them are known. When  $m = 2$ , it is a classical theorem of Gauss that

$$G(\chi) = \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \chi(a) \zeta_p^a = \begin{cases} \sqrt{p}, & p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ i\sqrt{p}, & p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

If  $m = 4$  and  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $f = 1$  and  $\chi$  is a quartic character on  $F_p$  (cf. [1, Chap.4]). If  $m = 4$  and  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $f = 2$  and we have

$$G_2(\chi) = \sum_{\alpha \in F_{p^2}} \chi(\alpha) \zeta_p^{\text{Tr}\alpha} = (-1)^{\frac{p+1}{4}} p$$

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by Stickelberger's theorem [1, Chap.11], since  $-1 \in \langle p \rangle$ , the subgroup generated by  $p$  in the multiplicative group  $(Z/4Z)^\times$ . In the case  $m = 2^t$  with  $t \geq 3$  and  $p \equiv 3$  or  $5 \pmod{8}$ , the evaluations of  $G_f(\chi^{2^s}), 0 \leq s \leq t-1$ , have been recently given by Meijer and van der Vlugt [4].

We consider the case  $m = 2^t$  with  $t \geq 4, p \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$  and hence  $f = 2^{t-3}$ . We see that  $G_f(\chi)$  is in the  $8p$ -th cyclotomic number field  $K_1$ . So, we treat to evaluate the relative norms of  $G_f(\chi^{2^s}), 0 \leq s \leq t-1$ , from  $K_1$  to its subfield  $K_0$ , the  $4p$ -th cyclotomic number field.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $k$  be the  $m$ -th cyclotomic number field; then  $k$  has  $k_0 = Q(i)$  and  $k_1 = Q(i, \sqrt{2})$  as subfields,  $Q$  being the field of rational numbers. Let  $K = k(\zeta_p)$ , which has  $K_i = k_i(\zeta_p), i = 0, 1$ , as subfields. We see that

$$[k : k_1] = [K : K_1] = f = \frac{m}{8},$$

$$[k : k_0] = [K : K_0] = 2f = \frac{m}{4}.$$

Let  $G \cong (Z/mZ)^\times$  be the Galois group of  $k$  over  $Q$ ; for a rational integer  $a$  prime to  $m$ , let  $\sigma_a$  denote the automorphism of  $k$  sending  $\zeta_m$  to  $\zeta_m^a$  where  $\zeta_m = e^{2\pi i/m}$ . The order of  $\sigma_p$  is equal to  $f$ . We write  $\sigma$  simply for  $\sigma_5$ ; then the order of  $\sigma$  is equal to  $2f$ , since  $\langle 5^2 \rangle = \langle p \rangle \subset (Z/mZ)^\times$ , and  $k_0$  and  $k_1$  correspond to the subgroups  $\langle \sigma \rangle$  and  $\langle \sigma^2 \rangle = \langle \sigma_p \rangle$  of  $G$ , respectively.

Since  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ ,  $(p)$  splits completely in  $k_1$ , and hence so in  $k_0$ . Let  $p_0 = (a + bi)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational integers such that  $p = a^2 + b^2$ , be a prime divisor of  $(p)$  in  $k_0$ , and further let  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  be a prime divisor of  $p_0$  in  $k_1$  and its conjugate by  $\sigma$ , respectively:  $(p) = p_0 \bar{p}_0$  in  $k_0$  and  $p_0 = \mathfrak{p} \bar{\mathfrak{p}}^\sigma$  in  $k_1$ , the bar indicating the complex conjugate. All of these prime divisors of  $(p)$  in  $k_1$  remain prime in  $k$ , and may be considered as prime ideals of  $k$ , and all prime divisors of  $(p)$  in  $k_i$  are totally ramified in  $K_i, i = 0, 1$ :  $p_0 = \mathfrak{P}_0^{p-1}$  in  $K_0$  and  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{P}^{p-1}$  in  $K_1$  etc.

We identify  $F_q$  with the residue class field  $O_k/\mathfrak{p}$ ,  $O_k$  being the integer ring of  $k$ , and define a multiplicative character  $\chi$  of order  $m$  on  $F_q$  by

$$\chi(\alpha) \bmod \mathfrak{p} = \alpha^{\frac{q-1}{m}}, \quad \alpha \in F_q. \quad (1)$$

Let  $\chi^*$  denote the restriction of  $\chi$  on  $F_p$ ; then, since the multiplicative groups of finite fields are cyclic, the order of  $\chi^*$  is equal to  $m/(m, (q-1)/(p-1)) = 8$ . For  $1 \leq r \leq m-1$  we have

$$G_f(\chi^r) = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in F_q \\ \text{Tr} \alpha = a}} \chi^r(\alpha) \right) \zeta_p^a = \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \chi^{*r}(a) \zeta_p^a \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in F_q \\ \text{Tr} \alpha = 1}} \chi^r(\alpha) + \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in F_q \\ \text{Tr} \alpha = 0}} \chi^r(\alpha)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in F_q \\ \text{Tr}\alpha=0}} \chi^r(\alpha) &= - \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in F_q \\ \text{Tr}\alpha=a}} \chi^r(\alpha) = - \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \chi^{*r}(a) \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in F_q \\ \text{Tr}\alpha=1}} \chi^r(\alpha) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & \chi^{*r} \neq 1, \\ -(p-1) \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in F_q \\ \text{Tr}\alpha=1}} \chi^r(\alpha), & \chi^{*r} = 1, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$G_f(\chi^r) = \begin{cases} G(\chi^{*r})E_f(\chi^r), & \chi^{*r} \neq 1, \\ -pE_f(\chi^r), & \chi^{*r} = 1, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where

$$E_f(\chi^r) = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in F_q \\ \text{Tr}\alpha=1}} \chi^r(\alpha).$$

Since  $\text{Tr}\alpha = \text{Tr}\alpha^p$ , it follows that  $E_f(\chi^r) = E_f(\chi^{rp})$  is in  $k_1$  and hence  $G_f(\chi^r) = G_f(\chi^{rp})$  is in  $K_1$ . So, we evaluate the relative norm  $N_{K_1/K_0}G_f(\chi^r)$ .

### 3. $N_{K_1/K_0}G_f(\chi^2)$ and Lemma

For any rational integer  $a$  not divisible by  $m$ , we denote the least positive residue of  $a$  modulo  $m$  by  $R_m(a) : a \equiv R_m(a) \pmod{m}, 1 \leq R_m(a) \leq m-1$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} s(a) &= s_f(a) = a_0 + a_1 + \cdots + a_{f-1}, \\ t(a) &= t_f(a) = a_0!a_1!\cdots a_{f-1}! \end{aligned}$$

with rational integers  $a_j, 0 \leq j \leq f-1$ , which appear in the  $p$ -adic expansion

$$R_m(a) \frac{q-1}{m} = a_0 + a_1p + \cdots + a_{f-1}p^{f-1}.$$

It follows that

$$s(a) = \frac{p-1}{m} \sum_{j=0}^{f-1} R_m(ap^j). \quad (3)$$

Stickebrger's congruence theorem [1, Chap.11] shows that

$$G_f(\chi^{-a}) \equiv - \frac{(\zeta_p - 1)^{s(a)}}{t(a)} \pmod{\mathfrak{P}^{s(a)+1}} \quad (4)$$

and in particular  $G_f(\chi^{-a})$  is divisible exactly by  $\mathfrak{P}^{s(a)}$ :  $\mathfrak{P}^{s(a)} \parallel G_f(\chi^{-a})$ .

Now, we have

$$\mathfrak{p}^{s(-2)} \parallel G_f(\chi^2), \quad \mathfrak{p}^{s(-10)} \parallel G_f(\chi^{10}), \quad \mathfrak{p}^{s(2)} \parallel G_f(\chi^{-2}), \quad \mathfrak{p}^{s(10)} \parallel G_f(\chi^{-10}).$$

Applying  $\sigma^{-1}, \sigma_{-1}, \sigma_{-5}^{-1} = \sigma_{-1}\sigma^{-1}$  respectively to these last three divisibility relations by prime ideals yields

$$(\mathfrak{p}^\sigma)^{s(-10)} \parallel G_f(\chi^2), \quad \overline{\mathfrak{p}}^{s(2)} \parallel G_f(\chi^2), \quad (\overline{\mathfrak{p}}^\sigma)^{s(10)} \parallel G_f(\chi^2).$$

Therefore the prime ideal factorization of  $(G_f(\chi^2))$  is given as follows:

$$(G_f(\chi^2)) = \mathfrak{p}^{s(-2)} (\mathfrak{p}^\sigma)^{s(-10)} \overline{\mathfrak{p}}^{s(2)} (\overline{\mathfrak{p}}^\sigma)^{s(10)}.$$

Also, we have

$$(G_f(\chi^{10})) = \mathfrak{p}^{s(-10)} (\mathfrak{p}^\sigma)^{s(-2)} \overline{\mathfrak{p}}^{s(10)} (\overline{\mathfrak{p}}^\sigma)^{s(2)}.$$

These two factorizations imply

$$(N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^2)) = (G_f(\chi^2) G_f(\chi^{10})) = (\mathfrak{p} \mathfrak{p}^\sigma)^{s(-2)+s(-10)} (\overline{\mathfrak{p}} \overline{\mathfrak{p}}^\sigma)^{s(2)+s(10)}. \quad (5)$$

**Lemma.** For any rational integer  $a$  not divisible by  $m = 2^t$ , put

$$S_f(a) = \sum_{j=0}^{f-1} R_m(ap^j).$$

If  $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then for  $f = 2^{t-3}$  with  $t \geq 4$

$$S_f(a) = \frac{f}{2} S_2(a) + \left(\frac{f}{2} - 1\right)m.$$

**Proof.** To obtain the desired equality it suffices to show the recurrence formula

$$S_f(a) = 2S_{\frac{f}{2}}(a) + \frac{f}{4}m$$

for  $f = 2^{t-3}$  with  $t \geq 5$ . We have that

$$p^{\frac{f}{2}} \equiv 1 + 2f = 1 + \frac{m}{4} \pmod{\frac{m}{2}},$$

$$p^{\frac{f}{2}} \equiv 1 + 4f = 1 + \frac{m}{2} \pmod{m}.$$

If  $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , then for  $0 \leq j \leq f/2 - 1$

$$ap^j \equiv ap^{\frac{f}{2}+j} + \frac{m}{2} \pmod{m}$$

and hence

$$R_m(ap^j) + R_m(ap^{\frac{f}{2}+j}) = 2R_{\frac{m}{2}}(ap^j) + \frac{m}{2},$$

from which we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_f(a) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{f}{2}-1} (R_m(ap^j) + R_m(ap^{\frac{f}{2}+j})) \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{f}{2}-1} (2R_{\frac{m}{2}}(ap^j) + \frac{m}{2}) \\
 &= 2S_{\frac{f}{2}}(a) + \frac{f}{4}m.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $a \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 ap^j &\equiv ap^{\frac{f}{4}+j} + \frac{m}{2} \pmod{m}, & 0 \leq j \leq \frac{f}{4} - 1, \\
 ap^j &\equiv ap^{\frac{f}{2}+j} \pmod{m}, & 0 \leq j \leq \frac{f}{2} - 1,
 \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_m(ap^j) + R_m(ap^{\frac{f}{4}+j}) &= 2R_{\frac{m}{2}}(ap^j) + \frac{m}{2}, & 0 \leq j \leq \frac{f}{4} - 1, \\
 R_m(ap^j) &= R_m(ap^{\frac{f}{2}+j}), & 0 \leq j \leq \frac{f}{2} - 1,
 \end{aligned}$$

from which we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_f(a) &= 2 \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{f}{2}-1} R_m(ap^j) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{f}{4}-1} (R_m(ap^j) + R_m(ap^{\frac{f}{4}+j})) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{f}{4}-1} (2R_{\frac{m}{2}}(ap^j) + \frac{m}{2}) \\
 &= 4 \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{f}{4}-1} R_{\frac{m}{2}}(ap^j) + \frac{f}{4}m \\
 &= 2S_{\frac{f}{2}}(a) + \frac{f}{4}m.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Putting Lemma together with (3) gives

$$\begin{aligned} s(a) &= \frac{p-1}{m} \left( \frac{f}{2} S_2(a) + \left( \frac{f}{2} - 1 \right) m \right) \\ &= (p-1) \left( \frac{f}{2} + \frac{1}{16} S_2(a) - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note

$$S_2(a) = R_{16}(a) + R_{16}(ap).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} s(-2) + s(-10) &= (p-1) \left( \frac{f}{2} + \frac{7}{4} - 1 \right) + (p-1) \left( \frac{f}{2} + \frac{3}{4} - 1 \right) \\ &= (p-1) \left( f + \frac{1}{2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Since  $s(a) = (p-1)f - s(-a)$ , we also see that

$$s(2) + s(10) = (p-1) \left( f - \frac{1}{2} \right). \quad (7)$$

It then follows from (5) that

$$(N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^2)) = (\mathfrak{P} \mathfrak{P}^\sigma)^{(p-1)(f+\frac{1}{2})} (\overline{\mathfrak{P}} \overline{\mathfrak{P}}^\sigma)^{(p-1)(f-\frac{1}{2})} = \left( \frac{p^f}{\sqrt{p}} \right) \mathfrak{p}_0. \quad (8)$$

Since  $G_f(\chi^{*2})$  is in  $K_0$  and  $E_f(\chi^2)$  is in  $k_1$ , from (2) we have

$$N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^2) = G_f(\chi^{*2})^2 N_{k_1/k_0} E_f(\chi^2). \quad (9)$$

For the quartic character  $\chi^{*2}$  on  $F_p$  we know that

$$G_f(\chi^{*2})^2 = J(\chi^{*2}, \chi^{*2}) G_f(\chi^{*4}) = J(\chi^{*2}, \chi^{*2}) \sqrt{p}, \quad (10)$$

where

$$J(\chi^{*2}, \chi^{*2}) = \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \chi^{*2}(a(p+1-a))$$

is in  $k_0$ . It follows from (8), (9), (10) that there exists a unit  $\eta$  of  $k_0$  such that

$$N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^2) = p^f \frac{\eta(a+bi)}{\sqrt{p}}. \quad (11)$$

**Remark.**

$$\begin{aligned} J(\chi^{*2}, \chi^{*2}) &= 2 \sum_{a=1}^{\frac{p-3}{2}} \chi^{*2}(a(p+1-a)) + \chi^{*2}\left(\left(\frac{p+1}{2}\right)^2\right) \\ &\equiv 2\frac{p-3}{2} + \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = p-2 \equiv -1 \pmod{\mathfrak{J}^3}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathfrak{J} = (1+i)$  is a prime divisor of  $(2)$  in  $k_0$  (cf. [1, Chap.3], [3, Chap.6]). By Stickelberger's congruence we have

$$(G_f(\chi^{*2})) = \mathfrak{P}_0^{\frac{3(p-1)}{4}} \overline{\mathfrak{P}_0}^{\frac{p-1}{4}}$$

and so

$$(G_f(\chi^{*2})^2) = \mathfrak{P}_0^{\frac{3(p-1)}{2}} \overline{\mathfrak{P}_0}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = (\sqrt{p}) \mathfrak{p}_0,$$

from which together with (10)  $G_f(\chi^{*2})^2$  can be written as

$$G_f(\chi^{*2})^2 = \varepsilon(a+bi)\sqrt{p}$$

with a unit  $\varepsilon$  of  $k_0$  satisfying  $\varepsilon(a+bi) \equiv -1 \pmod{\mathfrak{J}^3}$ .

Now, put

$$t_2 = t(-2)t(-10).$$

Then, from (4), (6) we have

$$N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^2) = G_f(\chi^2) G_f(\chi^{10}) \equiv \frac{(\zeta_p - 1)^{(p-1)(f+\frac{1}{2})}}{t_2} \pmod{\mathfrak{P}_0^{(p-1)(f+\frac{1}{2})+1}}$$

and so from (11)

$$p^f \frac{\eta(a+bi)}{\sqrt{p}} \equiv \frac{(\zeta_p - 1)^{(p-1)(f+\frac{1}{2})}}{t_2} \pmod{\mathfrak{P}_0^{(p-1)(f+\frac{1}{2})+1}},$$

which implies

$$\frac{\eta^i \sqrt{p}}{2b} \equiv \frac{(\zeta_p - 1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}}{t_2} \pmod{\mathfrak{P}_0^{\frac{p-1}{2}+1}},$$

because  $(\zeta_p - 1)^{p-1} \equiv -p \pmod{\mathfrak{P}_0^p}$  and  $p = (a+bi)(a-bi) \equiv -2bi(a+bi) \pmod{\mathfrak{p}_0^2}$ . But noting  $(\zeta_p - 1)^{(p-1)/2} \equiv \pm i\sqrt{p} \pmod{\mathfrak{P}_0^{(p-1)/2+1}}$ , after change of  $a, b$  by multiplication of  $\pm\eta$  to  $a+bi$ , we obtain that

$$N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^2) = p^f \frac{a+bi}{\sqrt{p}} \tag{12}$$

with  $p = a^2 + b^2$ ,  $2b + t_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_0 = (a+bi)$ .

#### 4. $N_{K_1/K_0}G_f(\chi)$ and Theorem

Next, we evaluate  $N_{K_1/K_0}G_f(\chi)$ . By the product formula of Davenport-Hasse [1,Chap.11],[2] we have

$$G_f(\chi^2) = -\chi^{*2}(2) \frac{G_f(\chi)G_f(\chi^{1+\frac{m}{2}})}{G_f(1)G_f(\chi^{\frac{m}{2}})}.$$

Here  $\chi^{*2}(2) = \pm 1$  [1, Chap.7], [3, Chap.5],  $G_f(1) = -1$ ,  $G_f(\chi^{m/2}) = -p^{f/2}$  [1, Chap.11] and, since  $1+m/2 \in \langle p^{f/2} \rangle \subset \langle p \rangle \subset (Z/mZ)^\times$ ,  $G_f(\chi^{1+m/2}) = G_f(\chi)$ . Hence, we have

$$G_f(\chi)^2 = -\chi^{*2}(2)p^{\frac{f}{2}}G_f(\chi^2),$$

which implies from (12)

$$N_{K_1/K_0}G_f(\chi)^2 = p^f N_{K_1/K_0}G_f(\chi^2) = p^{2f} \frac{a+bi}{\sqrt{p}}$$

and so

$$N_{K_1/K_0}G_f(\chi) = p^f \frac{\sqrt{a+bi}}{\sqrt[4]{p}} \quad (13)$$

with ambiguity of sign. Put

$$t_1 = t(-1)t(-5).$$

Then, from (4)

$$N_{K_1/K_0}G_f(\chi) = G_f(\chi)G_f(\chi^5) \equiv \frac{(\zeta_p - 1)^{(p-1)(f+\frac{1}{4})}}{t_1} \pmod{\mathfrak{P}_0^{(p-1)(f+\frac{1}{4})+1}},$$

because

$$\begin{aligned} s(-1) + s(-5) &= (p-1)\left(\frac{f}{2} + \frac{11}{8} - 1\right) + (p-1)\left(\frac{f}{2} + \frac{7}{8} - 1\right) \\ &= (p-1)\left(f + \frac{1}{4}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from (13) we have

$$p^f \frac{\sqrt{a+bi}}{\sqrt[4]{p}} \equiv \frac{(\zeta_p - 1)^{(p-1)(f+\frac{1}{4})}}{t_1} \pmod{\mathfrak{P}_0^{(p-1)(f+\frac{1}{4})+1}}$$

and so

$$\frac{\sqrt{a+bi}}{\sqrt[4]{p}} \equiv \frac{(\zeta_p - 1)^{\frac{p-1}{4}}}{t_1} \pmod{\mathfrak{P}_0^{\frac{p-1}{4}+1}}.$$

For  $2 \leq s \leq t-3$  by the product formula of Davenport-Hasse we have



$$G_f(\chi^{2^s}) = -\chi^{*2^s}(2^s) \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{2^s-1} G_f(\chi^{1+2^{t-s}j})}{\prod_{j=0}^{2^s-1} G_f(\chi^{2^{t-s}j})}.$$

Here  $\chi^{*2^s}(2^s) = 1$ ,  $G_f(1) = -1$ ,  $G_f(\chi^{m/2}) = -p^{f/2}$ ,  $G_f(\chi^{2^{t-s}j})G_f(\chi^{2^{t-s}(2^s-j)}) = p^f$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 2^{s-1} - 1$ , and, since  $1 + 2^{t-s}j \in \langle p \rangle \subset (Z/mZ)^\times$ ,  $G_f(\chi^{1+2^{t-s}j}) = G_f(\chi)$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 2^s - 1$ . Hence, we get

$$G_f(\chi^{2^s}) = -\frac{G_f(\chi)^{2^s}}{p^{2^{s-1}f - \frac{f}{2}}}$$

and so from (13)

$$N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^{2^s}) = \frac{1}{p^{f(2^s-1)}} N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi)^{2^s} = p^{f-2^{s-2}} (a+bi)^{2^{s-1}}.$$

For  $s = t - 2$  we have also

$$G_f(\chi^{2^s}) = -\chi^{*2^s}(2^s) \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{2^s-1} G_f(\chi^{1+2^s j})}{\prod_{j=0}^{2^s-1} G_f(\chi^{2^s j})}.$$

Here  $\chi^{*2^s}(2^s) = 1$ ,  $G_f(1) = -1$ ,  $G_f(\chi^{m/2}) = -p^{f/2}$ ,  $G_f(\chi^{2^s j})G_f(\chi^{2^s(2^s-j)}) = p^f$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 2^{s-1} - 1$ , and  $G_f(\chi^{1+2^s j}) = G_f(\chi)$  or  $G_f(\chi^5)$  according as  $j \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{2}$ , because  $1 + 2^s j \in \langle p \rangle$  or  $\langle 5 \rangle - \langle p \rangle$  according as  $j \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{2}$ . Hence, from (13)

$$G_f(\chi^{2^s}) = -\frac{N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi)^{2^{s-1}}}{p^{2^{s-1}f - \frac{f}{2}}} = -p^{\frac{f}{2} - 2^{s-3}} (a+bi)^{2^{s-2}}.$$

Thus, our results can be summarized as follows:

**Theorem.** Suppose that  $p$  is a prime number such that  $p \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$ ,  $m = 2^t$  with  $t \geq 4$ , and  $\chi$  is a character of order  $m$  on the finite field  $F_q$ ,  $q = p^{2^{t-3}}$ , defined by (1). Then the relative norms  $N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^{2^s})$  of the Gauss sums  $G_f(\chi^{2^s})$  are given by

$$(i) \quad N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi) = p^{2^{t-3}} \frac{\sqrt{a+bi}}{\sqrt[3]{p}},$$

$$(ii) \quad N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^2) = p^{2^{t-3}} \frac{a+bi}{\sqrt{p}},$$

$$(iii) \quad N_{K_1/K_0} G_f(\chi^{2^s}) = p^{2^{t-3} - 2^{s-2}} (a+bi)^{2^{s-1}}, \quad 2 \leq s \leq t-3,$$

and further

$$(iv) \quad G_f(\chi^{2^{t-2}}) = -p^{2^{t-5}}(a+bi)^{2^{t-4}},$$

$$(v) \quad G_f(\chi^{2^{t-1}}) = -p^{2^{t-4}}.$$

Herein  $p = a^2 + b^2$ ,  $2b + t_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_0 = (a + bi)$ , and  $\sqrt{a+bi}/\sqrt[4]{p} \equiv (\zeta_p - 1)^{(p-1)/4}/t_1 \pmod{\mathfrak{P}_0^{(p-1)/4+1}}$ .

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