

Generalized and degenerate Whittaker models for representations of reductive groups over local fields

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$\mathfrak{k} := \mathfrak{n} \cap \mathfrak{m} \cap \text{Ker}(\varphi)$. Then $\text{Exp}(\mathfrak{n} + \mathfrak{m}) / \text{Exp}(\mathfrak{k})$ is Heisenberg group corresponding to $(\mathfrak{n} + \mathfrak{m}) / (\mathfrak{n} \cap \mathfrak{m})$. The subspaces $\mathfrak{m} / (\mathfrak{n} \cap \mathfrak{m})$, $\mathfrak{n} / (\mathfrak{n} \cap \mathfrak{m})$ are Lagrangian, thus

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since both \simeq oscillator representation of $\text{Exp}(\mathfrak{n} + \mathfrak{m}) / \text{Exp}(\mathfrak{k})$ with central character φ .

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