

# **A Combinatorial Presentation for the Hecke Category**

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Ever since being defined in the 1970s, the Kazhdan–Lusztig polynomials have been a source of research problems for representation theorists. Recently, interpreting these polynomials as composition factors of modules in the Hecke category has resulted in proof of the famous Kazhdan–Lusztig positivity conjecture and helped produce a counter-example to Lusztig’s equally famous conjecture. In this talk, we’ll present a ‘nice’ combinatorial way to describe the algebraic structure of the Hecke category using (the top half of) oriented Temperley–Lieb diagrams. This will allow us to create an isomorphism between the Hecke category and Khovanov arc algebra (of knot theory fame) in type  $D$ , which this talk will focus on, although similar results for types  $A$  and  $B$  exist.

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