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**Title, part I:** Introduction to finite Hecke algebras and Schur elements

Finite Hecke algebras first arose as endomorphism algebras for induced modules of finite linear groups. For example, for a positive integer  $n$  and a finite field  $F$  with  $q$  elements, inducing the the trivial representation from the group of all  $n \times n$  upper triangular invertible matrices to the group of all invertible matrices with entries in  $F$  produces a module whose endomorphism algebra  $H_n(q)$  varies “polynomially” with  $q$ , suggesting the possibility of specializing  $q$  to numbers other than prime powers.

For instance, when  $q = 1$  it is isomorphic to the group algebra of the symmetric group, and when  $q$  is a root of unity of prime order  $p$  its representation theory is closely related to the characteristic  $p$  representation theory of the symmetric group  $S_n$ .

The study of the representation theory of finite Hecke algebras is far from complete. One tool used to study them is the fact that they are self-dual in a strong sense: they are “Frobenius algebras”. This self-duality allows, via the calculation of polynomials called “Schur elements”, significant control over the induction and restriction functors relating representations of different finite Hecke algebras. I will explain the basic results and techniques for doing explicit computations.

**Part II:** Harish-Chandra series for rational Cherednik algebras (based on joint work with Daniel Juteau)

The rational Cherednik algebra associated with a reflection group  $W$  acting on a vector space  $V$  is an associative algebra that might be thought of as a non-commutative resolution of the symplectic quotient singularity  $(V + V^*)/W$ , in the same way that the universal enveloping algebra of a semisimple Lie algebra might be thought of as a non-commutative resolution of its nilpotent cone. Its representation theory may be studied using Harish-Chandra’s philosophy of cusp forms, and is closely related to that of finite Hecke algebras. I will explain how Schur elements for finite Hecke algebras and certain special functions generalizing the Bessel functions may be used to compute the Harish-Chandra series of the “spherical” representation of the rational Cherednik algebra.

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