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*The Temperley–Lieb algebra, indecomposable representations and statistical physics*

Algebra has played a crucial role in modern physics, particularly through representation of groups and Lie algebras. Recently representations of associative algebras have also played an important role. I shall describe how the representation theory of the Temperley–Lieb algebra, an associative algebra, enters the description of phase transition in two-dimensional statistical physics.