

# Irreducible representations of Khovanov-Lauda-Rouquier algebras of finite type

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(It was noticed by Khovanov and Lauda that irreducible  $R_d$ -modules are always finite dimensional.)

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