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Antiferromagnetic Ordering and Phase Transitions in the Exchange  
Interaction Model and the Potts Model on General Lattices

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Abstract

It is shown that in the mean-field theory the spin- $S$  exchange interaction model and the  $(2S+1)$ -state Potts model have the same thermodynamic properties. Mean-field studies of these two models with antiferromagnetic interactions on general multipartite lattices are performed. These systems can have two or more successive first-order phase transitions.