

**PERIODIC AND WEAKLY PERIODIC  
GROUND STATES FOR THE POTTS MODEL  
WITH COMPETING INTERACTIONS  
ON THE CAYLEY TREE**

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We consider the Potts model with competing interactions on the Cayley tree of order  $k$  with  $k \geq 2$ . We describe the sets of periodic and weakly periodic ground states corresponding to normal subgroups of the group representation of the Cayley tree of index 4.

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