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Three-dimensional Z(N) lattice gauge theories are studied numerically at finite temperature for N = 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 20 and for N_t=2,4,8. For each model the location of phase transitions and their critical indices are determined. The scaling of critical points with N is proposed. The data obtained enable us to verify the scaling near the continuum limit for the Z(N) models at finite temperatures.

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