

Low-temperature peculiarities of thermodynamic quantities for decorated spin chains

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We discuss the origin of the peculiar low-temperature behavior of one-dimensional decorated spin systems [1-4] which was coined the pseudo-transition [5]. Tracing out the decorated parts results in the standard Ising-chain model with temperature-dependent parameters and an unexpected low-temperature behavior of thermodynamic quantities and correlations of the decorated spin chains can be tracked down to the critical point of the standard Ising-chain model at $H = 0$ and $T = 0$ [6].

We illustrate this perspective using as examples the spin-1/2 Ising-XYZ diamond chain and the coupled spin-electron double-tetrahedral chain. We have verified that the pseudo-critical exponents satisfy the following universality relation: $\alpha = \alpha' = \gamma = \gamma' = 3\nu = 3\nu' = 3$ [7].

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