String Correlation Functions of Spin-1/2 Heisenberg XXZ chain

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Recent developments of the exact calculation of the correlation functions for spin-1/2 Heisenberg XXZ chain have taught us lots of new features of the model especially at the ground state. Among them, we have found that a certain kind of string correlation functions $\mathcal{O}(n,\theta)$ can be evaluated exactly in the thermodynamic limit. These string correlation functions were originally introduced by den Nijs-Rommelse ($\theta = \pi$) and Oshikawa ($\theta = \text{general}$) as possible order parameters to characterize the Haldane state of integer spin Heisenberg XXX chains. The same string correlation functions was considered by Hida as well as Lou et al for spin-1/2 systems. In particular Hida has found the asymptotic form of $\mathcal{O}(n,\pi)$ is given by $\sim n^{-1/4}$ by use of the bosonization method, which is remarkably slower than the usual spin-spin correlation functions. More recently the asymptotic formula was generalized to $\mathcal{O}(n,\theta) \sim n^{-\theta^2/4\pi^2}$ by Lou et al. In this work, we have generalized these asymptotic formulas to general XXZ chain with the anisotropy parameter Δ in the critical region and compared with some exact results for $\Delta = 1, 1/2$ and numerical data for other Δ [1]. In the special case $\Delta = 0$, the Fisher-Hartwig conjectures for Toeplitz determinant can be applied to obtain both exact short range values and asymptotic formulas. We have also studied the massive case $\Delta > 1$ by numerical diagonalization.

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