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Néel and disordered phases of coupled Heisenberg chains<sup>1</sup> SAMUEL MOUKOURI, University of Michigan — We use the recently proposed two-step density-matrix renormalization group method to study the effects of frustration in Heisenberg models with  $S=\frac{1}{2}$  to S=4 in a two- dimensional spatially anisotropic lattice. We find that the system is made of nearly disconnected chains at the maximally frustrated point,  $J_d/J_{\perp} = 0.5$ , i.e., the transverse spin-spin correlations decay exponentially. This leads to the following consequences: (i) all halfinteger spins systems are gapless, behaving like a sliding Luttinger liquid; (ii) for integer spins, there is an intermediate disordered phase with a spin gap, with the width of the disordered state is roughly proportional to the 1D Haldane gap.

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