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*Additivity of spin- $c$  Quantization Under Cutting*

We describe a cutting construction for a compact oriented Riemannian manifold  $M$ , endowed with an  $S^1$ -equivariant  $\text{spin}^c$  structure. This produces two other equivariant  $\text{spin}^c$  manifolds (the “cut spaces”), denoted by  $M_{\text{cut}}^+$  and  $M_{\text{cut}}^-$ .

The  $\text{spin}^c$  structures on  $M$ ,  $M_{\text{cut}}^+$  and  $M_{\text{cut}}^-$  (together with a connection on their determinant line bundles) enable us to define virtual representations of  $S^1$ , called the “spin- $c$  quantization” of the manifold.

We claim that the representation that corresponds to  $M$  is the sum of the representations that correspond to those of the cut spaces, and we outline the main steps in the proof.