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**On the quantization of presymplectic dynamical systems via coisotropic imbeddings.**

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The geometric quantization of a presymplectic manifold  $(M, \Omega)$  is studied within the framework of Kostant and Souriau. Here  $\Omega$  is a closed 2-form of constant rank on the smooth manifold  $M$ . The method used is to consider a coisotropic embedding of  $M$  into a symplectic manifold  $X$  with symplectic form  $\omega$ . This corresponds to first class constraints in the sense of Dirac. Under suitable conditions on a polarization  $F$  of  $(X, \omega)$ , and for compact  $M$ , it is shown that the quantized operator associated with a classical observable  $f \in C^\infty(X)$  can be determined by operations in an arbitrary small neighbourhood of  $M$  in  $X$ . This is applied to obtain a result on the independence of the quantization of a choice of coisotropic embedding.

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