## MAT 552

Introduction to
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Here $\odot$ denotes the symmetric tensor product.

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$z \in \mathbf{U}(1) \subset \mathbb{C}$ acts with eigenvalues

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