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Let  $R$  be a ring, and let  $A$  and  $B$  be left (right) ideals of  $R$ . Then the *product* of the ideals  $A$  and  $B$ , which we denote  $AB$ , is the left (right) ideal generated by all products  $ab$  with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Note that since sums of products of the form  $ab$  with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  are contained simultaneously in both  $A$  and  $B$ , we have  $AB \subset A \cap B$ .