

prime ideals

## Definition

Let  $A$  be a ring. A two-sided ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$  is prime if  $A - \mathfrak{a}$  is closed under multiplication.

## A remark

Since the empty product is 1, a prime ideal cannot be the unit ideal.

## Question

If  $A$  and  $B$  are rings, how the prime ideals of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $A \times B$  are related?