

multiplication of ideals

Let  $A$  be a ring. Given two-sided ideals  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subset A$ , one can multiply them.

$$\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$$

denotes the two-sided ideal generated by

$$\{ab : a \in \mathfrak{a}, b \in \mathfrak{b}\}.$$

Two sided ideals in a given ring form a monoid. The unit is given by the unit ideal;  $A$ .

## Question

$\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subset \mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{b}$  but equality does not hold in general. Check this by considering  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{b} = 2\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ .