

**Exercise 3.8**

*Proof.* Noticed that  $p \mid \binom{p}{k}$  for any  $1 \leq k \leq p-1$ . So  $(x+y)^p = \sum_{k=0}^p \binom{p}{k} x^k y^{p-k} = x^p + y^p$  for any  $x, y \in R$ . Combining with the fact that  $(xy)^p = x^p y^p$  for any  $x, y \in R$ , and  $1^p = 1$ , we have this map is a ring homomorphism.  $\square$

**Exercise 6.8**

(a)

*Proof.* By definition of ideal,  $ij \in I \cap J, \forall i \in I, j \in J. \Rightarrow i_1 j_1 + \dots + i_n j_n \in I \cap J$  since  $I \cap J$  is an ideal by Ex3.13.  $\Rightarrow IJ \subset I \cap J$

$\forall t \in I \cap J$ , since  $1 \in R = I + J \Rightarrow 1 = i + j$  for some  $i \in I, j \in J \Rightarrow t = t \cdot 1 = t \cdot (i + j) = ti + tj$  where  $ti \in I, tj \in J \Rightarrow t \in IJ$   $\square$

(b)

*Proof.* Let  $a = i_a + j_a, b = i_b + j_b$  where  $i_a, i_b \in I, j_a, j_b \in J$

Then  $j_a + i_b - a = i_b - i_a \in I, j_a + i_b - b = j_a - j_b \in J \Rightarrow x = j_a + i_b$  satisfies that  $x \equiv a$  modulo  $I$  and  $x \equiv b$  modulo  $J$ .  $\square$

(c)

*Proof.* If  $IJ = 0$ , then  $I \cap J = 0$ .

Then  $\forall r \in R$ , if  $r = i + j = i' + j', i, i' \in I, j, j' \in J$ , then  $i - i' = j' - j \in I \cap J \Rightarrow i = i' = j' - j = 0$ . So  $r$  can be uniquely written as  $r = i + j, i \in I, j \in J$ .  $(\star)$

Define  $\varphi : R \rightarrow (R/I) \times (R/J), r \mapsto (r + I, r + J)$ . Easy to check that  $\varphi$  is a ring homomorphism. (In fact,  $\varphi(rs) = (rs + I, rs + J) = (r + I, r + J)(s + I, s + J)$ ,  $\varphi(r + s) = (r + s + I, r + s + J) = (r + I, r + J) + (s + I, s + J)$ )

If  $(r + I, r + J) = (r' + I, r' + J)$ , then  $r - r' \in I, r - r' \in J \Rightarrow r - r' \in I \cap J, \Rightarrow r - r' = 0$ . So  $\varphi$  is injective.

$\forall m + I \in R/I, n + J \in R/J$ , by Chinese Remainder Theorem we have  $x \in R$  s.t.  $x + I = m + I, x + J = n + J \Rightarrow \varphi(x) = (m + I, n + J) \Rightarrow \varphi$  is surjective.

Thus  $\varphi$  is isomorphic.  $\square$

(d) Idempotents in  $(R/I) \times (R/J)$  is  $(\overline{e_1}, \overline{e_2})$  where  $\overline{e_1}^2 = \overline{e_1}$  in  $R/I$ ,  $\overline{e_2}^2 = \overline{e_2}$  in  $R/J$ .

#### Exercise 7.4

The answer is no. By Prop 7.7.7(a), a ring  $R$  is a cyclic group under the law of composition  $+$ . So  $(id + id + id) \cdot (id + id + id + id + id) = 15 \cdot id = 0$  where  $id$  is the identity element of  $R$  (under multiplication). However  $(3id), (5id)$  is not zero since  $R$  is a cyclic group, hence  $R$  is not a domain. i.e. every ring of order 15 is not a domain.

**M.3** Define  $M_n = \{a \in R : \text{n-th component of } a \text{ equals } 0\}$ . Easy to check that  $M_n$  is an ideal. And for  $a \notin M_n$ , we have  $(0, 0, \dots, a_n^{-1}, 0, \dots) \cdot a = (0, 0, \dots, 1, \dots)$ . Then  $(a) + M_n$  contains a basis of  $R$  (under addition), hence  $(a) + M_n = R \Rightarrow M$  is maximal ideal.

If  $M$  maximal ideal but not one of  $M_n$ . We prove that  $a = (a_1, \dots) \in M$ ,  $0 = a_n = a_{n+1} = \dots$ . Otherwise,  $R/M$  is a field  $\Rightarrow$  There exists  $b$  s.t.  $ab - (1, 1, 1, \dots) \in M$ . i.e.  $(a'_1, \dots, a'_{n-1}, -1, -1, \dots) \in M$ . Since  $M \neq M_n$ , and  $M \not\subset M_n$ , there exists  $B^m \in M$  s.t.  $m$ -th component of  $B^m$ ,  $B_m^m \neq 0$ . By Gauss elimination, any element  $t \in R$  can be expressed as  $m + t'$ ,  $m' \in M$ ,  $t'_i = 0, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Then  $t' = (0, 0, \dots, -t'_n, -t'_{n+1}, \dots) \cdot (a'_1, \dots, a'_{n-1}, -1, -1, \dots) \in M \Rightarrow M = R \Rightarrow$  contradiction.

Therefore  $M \supset (a : a_i = 1, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n-1; a_i = 0, \forall i \geq n; n \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$ . Actually,  $N = (a : a_i = 1, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n-1; a_i = 0, \forall i \geq n; n \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$  is a maximal ideal. That's because: for  $t \notin M$ ,  $t = (t_1, \dots, 0 \neq t_n = t_{n+1} = \dots)$ . Then  $t \cdot (1, 1, \dots, t_n^{-1}, t_{n+1}^{-1}, \dots) - (1, 1, 1, \dots) \in N \Rightarrow t$  is a unit in  $R/N \Rightarrow R/N$  is a field  $\Rightarrow N$  is a maximal ideal.

Therefore,  $M$  is a maximal ideal if and only if  $M = M_n$  or  $M = N = (a : a_i = 1, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n-1; a_i = 0, \forall i \geq n; n \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$

5. (a) Every ideal contains 0 so  $V(0) = \text{Spec } R$ .  $R$  is not prime ideal  $\Rightarrow V(R) = \emptyset$

(b)  $V(\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda) = \{p \in \text{Spec } R \mid p \supset \cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda\} = \{p \in \text{Spec } R \mid p \supset E_\lambda \forall \lambda \in \Lambda\} = \cap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \{p \in \text{Spec } R \mid p \supset E_\lambda\} = \cap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} V(E_\lambda)$

(c)  $\forall p \supset IJ, p \in \text{Spec } R$ , then  $\forall t \in I \cap J, t^2 \in IJ \subset p \Rightarrow t \in p$  since  $p$  is prime ideal. So  $I \cap J \subset p \Rightarrow p \in V(I \cap J)$ .  $\forall p \supset I \cap J, p \in \text{Spec } R$ , then  $IJ \subset I \cap J \subset p \Rightarrow p \in V(IJ)$ . Therefore  $V(I \cap J) = V(IJ)$ .

$\forall p \in V(IJ)$ , if  $\exists i \in I, i \notin p$ , then  $\forall j \in J, ij \in IJ \subset p \Rightarrow j \in p$  since  $p$  prime ideal.  $\Rightarrow J \subset p \Rightarrow p \in V(J)$ . If not, then  $I \subset p \Rightarrow p \in V(I)$ . Thus,  $V(IJ) \subset V(I) \cup V(J)$ .

$\forall p \in V(I), p \supset I \supset I \cap J \Rightarrow p \in V(I \cap J) = V(IJ)$ . Similarly for  $p \in V(J), p \in V(IJ)$ .  $\Rightarrow V(I) \cup V(J) \subset V(IJ)$ .

Therefore  $V(IJ) = V(I) \cup V(J)$ .

(d) For any decreasing net of nonempty closed subsets  $(V(E_\lambda))_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ , we have  $p_\lambda \in V(E_\lambda)$ . Then  $\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda \subset \cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} p_\lambda$ . Since  $\forall xy \in \cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} p_\lambda, xy \in p_\lambda$  for some  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $\Rightarrow x \in \cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} p_\lambda$  or  $y \in \cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} p_\lambda$ . And since  $1 \notin p_\lambda \Rightarrow 1 \notin \cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} p_\lambda$ . Thus  $\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} p_\lambda$  is a prime ideal containing  $\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda$ . i.e.  $\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} p_\lambda \in V(\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_\lambda) = \cap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} V(E_\lambda) \Rightarrow \cap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} V(E_\lambda) \neq \emptyset$ .

By decreasing chain property, we have  $X = \text{Spec } R$  is compact.

Note: you can check decreasing chain property in [https://binguimath.github.io/Files/2023\\_Analysis.pdf](https://binguimath.github.io/Files/2023_Analysis.pdf), page136, Proposition 8.15.