

**Exercise 9.1**

(a) For any ideal  $I \subset R \times S$ , we have the projection maps  $\pi_R : R \times S \rightarrow R, \pi_S : R \times S \rightarrow S$  where  $\pi_R(r, s) = r$  and  $\pi_S(r, s) = s$ . We have that  $I$  is the intersection of the ideals  $P = \pi_R(I) \times S$  and  $Q = R \times \pi_S(I)$ . It is clear that  $R \times S = P + Q$  since  $R \times \{0\} \subset Q$  and  $\{0\} \times S \subset P$ . Thus we can use the chinese remainder theorem.

$$(R \times S)/I \cong (R \times S)/P \oplus (R \times S)/Q$$

We have that  $(R \times S)/P = (R \times S)/(\pi_R(I) \times S) \cong R/\pi_R(I)$  and similarly  $(R \times S)/Q \cong S/(\pi_S(I))$ . Thus

$$(R \times S)/I \cong R/\pi_R(I) \oplus S/\pi_S(I)$$

Since  $R, S$  are semi-simple, we know that the short exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_R(I) \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/(\pi_R(I)) \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_S(I) \rightarrow S \rightarrow S/(\pi_S(I)) \rightarrow 0$$

split, and we get

$$R \cong R/(\pi_R(I)) \oplus \pi_R(I), S \cong S/(\pi_S(I)) \oplus \pi_S(I)$$

So

$$R \times S \cong R/(\pi_R(I)) \oplus \pi_R(I) \times S/(\pi_S(I)) \oplus \pi_S(I)$$

from our chinese remainder theorem identity:

$$R \times S \cong (R \times S)/I \oplus (\pi_R(I) \oplus \pi_S(I))$$

And  $I = (\pi_R(I) \oplus \pi_S(I))$  since every element in  $I$  is the unique sum of elements in  $R$  and  $S$  that are also in  $I$ , thus  $R \times S$  is semi-simple.

**Exercise 9.2**

(a) We have the following isomorphism

$$\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}/n] \cong \mathbb{C}[x]/(x^n - 1)$$

We have from the chinese remainder theorem

$$\mathbb{C}[x]/(x^n - 1) = \mathbb{C}[x]/\left(\prod_{m=0}^{n-1} (x - e^{\frac{2\pi im}{n}})\right) \cong \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{C}[x]/(x - e^{\frac{2\pi im}{n}})$$

Each  $\mathbb{C}[x]/(x - e^{\frac{2\pi im}{n}})$  is a free  $\mathbb{C}$  module of rank 1 and thus  $\mathbb{C}[x]/(x - e^{\frac{2\pi im}{n}}) \cong \mathbb{C}$ . So we have

$$\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}/n] \cong \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{C}$$

### Exercise 9.3

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i):

### Exercise 9.4

(a)

### Exercise 9.5

(a) Letting  $A(t) = \sum_{i \geq 0} h_i t$  and  $B(t) = \sum_{i \geq 0} e_i t$ , we can use combinatorial reasoning to write these series in a new form.

When we multiply out

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i t) = (1 + x_1 t)(1 + x_2 t) \dots (1 + x_n t)$$

We get  $B(t)$ . The reasoning for this is because for each  $k$ , a  $t^k$  only shows up in the product by choosing  $k$   $x_i t$  terms and multiplying by 1 for the other terms. Thus every  $t^k$  term is of the form  $x_{j_1} x_{j_2} \dots x_{j_k}$  where  $1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_k \leq n$ , and conversely all  $x_{j_1} x_{j_2} \dots x_{j_k}$  show up uniquely as a coefficient of one of the  $t^k$  terms by choosing  $x_{j_1} x_{j_2} \dots x_{j_k}$  and multiplying out by 1 for the other terms. Summing up all these terms we get the symmetric polynomials:

$$\sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_k \leq n} x_{j_1} \dots x_{j_k} t^k = e_k t^k$$

Thus  $B(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i t)$  since each coefficient of  $t^k$  is the same in both polynomials. For  $A(t)$  we have the following product of the closed form of the geometric series

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1 - x_i t} = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i t + (x_i t)^2 + (x_i t)^3 \dots + (x_i t)^k \dots)$$

When we factor out this product we get  $A(t)$ . The reasoning for this is because for each  $k$ , a  $t^k$  only shows up in the product if we choose  $(x_{j_1} t)^{n_1}, (x_{j_2} t)^{n_2}, \dots, (x_{j_l} t)^{n_l}$  so that  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_l = k$  and multiply by the 1 term for every other term in the product. Thus every  $t^k$  term is one of the terms in  $h_k$ . We have that every term of  $h_k$  shows up uniquely as a coefficient of one of the  $t^k$  since any monomial  $x_{j_1}^{n_1} x_{j_2}^{n_2} \dots x_{j_l}^{n_l}$  of total degree  $k$  shows up only by choosing the terms  $(x_{j_1} t)^{n_1} (x_{j_2} t)^{n_2} \dots (x_{j_l} t)^{n_l}$  and 1s in the other terms. Thus when we sum up all the  $t^k$  terms we get  $h_k t^k$ .

(b) From our product identities we have the equality

$$A(t)B(-t) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x_i t) \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1 - x_i t} = 1$$

By factoring out  $A(t)B(-t)$  we get the constant term  $e_0h_0 = 1$ , thus subtracting the constant term on both sides we get the sum of nonconstant terms is 0. Thus for each  $k \geq 1$  the coefficient of  $t^k$  is zero. We have that every  $t^k$  coefficient term is of the form  $h_n(-1)^me_m$  where  $m+n=k$ . Thus the sum of the coefficients of the  $t^k$  terms is  $h_k - h_{k-1}e_1 + h_{k-2}e_2 - \dots + (-1)^ke_k$ . This coefficient must be zero, thus we have Newtons identity

$$h_k - h_{k-1}e_1 + h_{k-2}e_2 - \dots + (-1)^ke_k = 0$$

(c) From Newtons identity we can that  $\Lambda_n = \mathbb{Z}[h_1, \dots, h_n]$ . We from lecture that  $\Lambda_n = \mathbb{Z}[e_1, \dots, e_n]$  thus if we show  $\mathbb{Z}[h_1, \dots, h_n] = \mathbb{Z}[e_1, \dots, e_n]$  we are done. By showing that  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  linearly spans  $e_1 \dots e_n$  we are done (we already know  $e_1, e_2 \dots e_n$  spans  $h_1 \dots h_n$  since  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  generate all symmetric polynomials). Using induction we have the base case  $h_0 = e_0$ . From Newtons identity:

$$(-1)^{k-1}(h_k - h_{k-1}e_1 + h_{k-2}e_2 - \dots e_{k-1}h_1) = e_k$$

We have that each  $e_k$  is a linear sum of  $e_i$  and  $h_j$  where  $i < k$  thus from our inductive hypothesis each  $e_i$  is a linear sum of  $h_j$ s and thus  $e_k$  is a linear sum of  $h_j$ s.