

# Proposition 1.8

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1. RINGS AND IDEALS

**Fact.**  $a \in \mathfrak{p} + (x) \wedge b \in \mathfrak{p} + (y) \Rightarrow ab \in \mathfrak{p} + (xy)$

$a = c + dx$  with  $c \in \mathfrak{p}$ ,  $b = e + fy$  with  $e \in \mathfrak{p}$ ; then  $ab = (c + dx)(e + fy) = ce + cfy + dex + dfy$ ; but first three are in  $\mathfrak{p}$  and last is in  $(xy)$ .