Ex 1. Let A be the ring

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{R} & \mathbb{C} \\ 0 & \mathbb{C} \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, b, c \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

- 1. Show that A is an \mathbb{R} -algebra and find the dimension of A over \mathbb{R} .
- 2. There are two simple A-modules. Describe them.
- 3. Write down a composition series of the free A-module A_A .

Ex 2. Consider the formal power series ring $\mathbb{k}[[x]] := \{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda_i x^i \mid \lambda_i \in \mathbb{k}\}$ with

- addition $(\sum_i \lambda_i x^i) + (\sum_i \mu_i x^i) = \sum_i (\lambda_i + \mu_i) x^i$,
- scalar multiplication $\lambda(\sum_i \lambda_i x^i) = \sum_i (\lambda \lambda_i) x^i$,
- multiplication $(\sum_i \lambda_i x^i)(\sum_j \mu_j x^j) = \sum_k (\sum_{i+j=k} \lambda_i \mu_j) x^k$.
- 1. Show that $\mathbb{k}[[x]]$ is a commutative \mathbb{k} -algebra.
- 2. Determine the invertible elements in $\mathbb{k}[[x]]$.
- 3. Show that $\mathbb{k}[[x]]$ is a local algebra.

Ex 3. Let A be the following k-algebra:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Note that for every matrix in A, the (1,1)-entry and the (3,3)-entry must be the same. Let e_1 be the idempotent of A given by the matrix with 1 in the (1,1)- and (3,3)-entry and 0 everywhere else; and $e_2 = 1_B - e_1$.

- 1. Show that both e_1A and e_2A have a unique simple submodules and they are isomorphic.
- 2. Let S_1 be the simple module in (1). Show that $S_2 := e_2 A/S_1 \ncong S_1$.
- 3. Find the composition series of e_1A and e_2A .

Ex 4. Consider the truncated polynomial ring $B = \mathbb{k}[x]/(x^2)$ and let S be its unique simple module $S = \mathbb{k}y$.

- 1. Find a basis for the Hom-spaces $\operatorname{Hom}_B(X,Y)$ for $X,Y \in \{B,S\}$. Note: One of these spaces have dimension 2, and all other have dimension 1.
- 2. Show that $\operatorname{End}_B(S \oplus B) \cong A$ where A is the algebra in Exercise 3 above.
- 3. Find the bouned path algebra presentation of B, i.e. a k-algebra isomorphism $B \cong kQ/I$.

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