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

- addtition $(\sum_i \lambda_i x^i) + (\sum_i \mu_i x^i) = \sum_i (\lambda_i + \mu_i) x^i$,

- 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 $\mathbb{k}$-algebra:

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

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 $e_1 A$ and $e_2 A$ have a unique simple submodules and they are isomorphic.

2. Let S_1 be the simple module in (1). Show that $S_2 := e_2 A / S_1 \not\cong S_1$.

3. Find the composition series of $e_1 A$ and $e_2 A$.

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 $\mathrm{Hom}_B(X, Y)$ for $X, Y \in \{B, S\}$. *Note*: One of these spaces have dimension 2, and all other have dimension 1.

2. Show that $\mathrm{End}_B(S \oplus B) \cong A$ where A is the algebra in Exercise 3 above.

3. Find the bouned path algebra presentation of B, i.e. a $\mathbb{k}$-algebra isomorphism $B \cong \mathbb{k}Q/I$.