Problem Set 4

- **1.** Suppose $e \in R$ is an idempotent element. Prove that $R_R = eR \oplus (1-e)R$.
- 2. Write R_R as a direct sum of indecomposable modules. What are the dimensions of the direct components?
 - a) $R = KC_4, K = \mathbb{Z}_2$
 - b) $R = KC_4, K = \mathbb{R}$
 - c) $R = KC_4, K = \mathbb{C}$
 - d) R is the ring of 3×3 upper triangular matrices over \mathbb{R}
- **3.** Let $0 = M_0 < M_1 < \ldots < M_{k-1} < M_k = M$ be a composition series of the module M, and let U be a submodule of M. Prove that the factors of the series

$$0 = M_0 \cap U \le M_1 \cap U \le \dots \le M_{k-1} \cap U \le M_k \cap U = U \text{ and}$$
$$= (M_0 + U)/U \le (M_1 + U)/U \le \dots \le (M_{k-1} + U)/U \le (M_k + U)/U = M/U$$

are all simple or zero modules, and at each step the factor is zero in exactly one of the two series, and isomorphic to the corresponding factor M_i/M_{i-1} in the other.

4. Prove that

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- a) $\operatorname{Hom}(\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i, N) \cong \prod_{i \in I} \operatorname{Hom}(M_i, N)$, and
- b) $\operatorname{Hom}(M, \prod_{i \in I} N_i) \cong \prod_{i \in I} \operatorname{Hom}(M, N_i).$
- 5. Suppose that for a submodule $U \leq R_R$, the factor module R_R/U is semisimple. Prove that $U \geq J(R)$. Give an example when $R_R/J(R)$ is not semisimple.

A right or left ideal I of R is nilpotent if there is an integer k > 0 such that $I^k = 0$

- 6. Prove that the following three statements are equivalent for a right ideal J of a finite dimensional algebra A.
 - (i) J is nilpotent.
 - (ii) Every simple A-module is annihilated by J.
 - (iii) Every finite dimensional A-module is annihilated by an appropriate power of J.
- 7. Prove the following statements for the Jacobson radical of a finite dimensional algebra A.
 a) J(A) annihilates all (semi)simple modules.
 - b) J(A) is the smallest right ideal such that $A_A/J(A)$ is semisimple (i.e. it is contained by all the other right ideals with this property).
 - c) J(A) is the largest nilpotent right ideal (i.e. it contains all the other nilpotent right ideals).
 - d) J(A) is the only right ideal with the property that $A_A/J(A)$ is semisimple and J(A) is nilpotent.
 - e) J(A) is a two-sided ideal.
- 8. Which of the rings in problem 2 are semisimple? What is the Jacobson radical in each case?
- **HW1.** Suppose that M is a direct summand of R_R , i.e. M = eR for some idempotent element e. Prove that M is decomposable if and only if there is an idempotent element $f \in eRe$ such that $0 \neq f \neq e$.
- **HW2.** Prove that $\operatorname{Hom}(M, \bigoplus_{i \in I} N_i) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} \operatorname{Hom}(M, N_i)$ if M is finitely generated.