

Quivers, algebras and representations

Exercises

Throughout, Q will denote a quiver and \mathbb{K} an algebraically closed field.

Exercise 1. Let $Q = \bullet \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} \bullet$ be the Kronecker quiver. Show that there is an isomorphism of algebras

$$\mathbb{K}Q \cong \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{K} & 0 \\ \mathbb{K}^2 & \mathbb{K} \end{pmatrix}$$

where we view \mathbb{K}^2 as a \mathbb{K} - \mathbb{K} -bimodule in the obvious way.

Exercise 2. Show that, in general, the set $\{e_i \mid i \in Q_0\}$ of lazy paths in Q is not the unique complete set of primitive orthogonal idempotents for $\mathbb{K}Q$. Hint: Consider for example the quiver $Q = \bullet \longrightarrow \bullet$.

Exercise 3. A \mathbb{K} -algebra A is called connected if 0 and 1 are the only idempotents that lie in the center of A . Show that the path algebra $\mathbb{K}Q$ is connected if and only if the quiver Q is connected.

Exercise 4. Let $Q = \alpha \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} \bullet \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} \beta$. Decide if the following ideals are admissible:

- $I_1 = \langle \beta^2, \alpha^3, \beta\alpha\beta \rangle$.
- $I_2 = \langle \alpha\beta - \beta\alpha, \beta^2, \alpha^2 \rangle$.

Exercise 5. Let $Q = \bullet \curvearrowright$. Show that $\text{rad}(\mathbb{C}Q) = 0$. In particular, $\text{rad}(\mathbb{C}Q)$ is not given by the arrow ideal of $\mathbb{C}Q$.

Exercise 6. Give an example of a finite dimensional \mathbb{K} -algebra A with $\text{rad}(A)^{1000} \neq 0$ and $\text{rad}(A)^{1001} = 0$.

Exercise 7. Let $\Phi : \mathbb{K}Q_A \rightarrow A$ be the surjective algebra homomorphism constructed in the proof of the main theorem in §3. Show that $\ker(\Phi) \subseteq R_{Q_A}^2$, where R_{Q_A} denotes the arrow ideal of $\mathbb{K}Q_A$.

Exercise 8. Write the following two \mathbb{K} -algebras as bound path algebras:

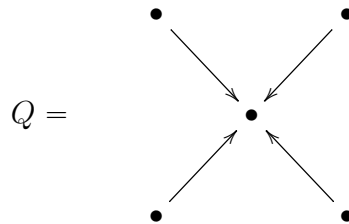
$$\bullet A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{K} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbb{K} & \mathbb{K} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{K} & 0 \\ \mathbb{K}^3 & \mathbb{K}^3 & \mathbb{K} & \mathbb{K} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\bullet A_2 = B/J \text{ where } B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ c & b & 0 \\ e & d & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbb{K} \right\} \text{ and } J \text{ is given}$$

$$\text{by } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ e & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid e \in \mathbb{K} \right\}.$$

Exercise 9. Let $Q = \bullet \longrightarrow \bullet \longrightarrow \bullet$. Describe all (finite dimensional) indecomposable representations of Q (up to isomorphism) and all possible morphisms between them.

Exercise 10. Consider the quiver



Show that there are infinitely many pairwise non-isomorphic indecomposable representations of Q . Hint: Consider representations of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{K} & & \mathbb{K} \\ & \begin{matrix} \searrow & \swarrow \end{matrix} & \\ & \begin{matrix} \binom{1}{0} & \binom{\lambda}{\mu} \end{matrix} & \\ & \mathbb{K}^2 & \\ & \begin{matrix} \swarrow & \searrow \end{matrix} & \\ \mathbb{K} & & \mathbb{K} \\ & \begin{matrix} \nearrow & \nwarrow \end{matrix} & \\ & \begin{matrix} \binom{0}{1} & \binom{1}{1} \end{matrix} & \end{array}$$

for $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{K}$ and $\mu \neq 0$.