

## Baer–Kaplansky Theorem for Modules over Non-commutative Algebras

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we investigate the Baer-Kaplansky theorem for module classes on algebras of finite representation types over a field. To do this we construct finite dimensional quiver algebras over any field.

### 1. Introduction

We consider associative rings  $R$  with identity; all modules considered are unitary left  $R$ -modules. Throughout this paper  $K$  will be any field.

For a vertex  $x$  of a quiver  $Q$ ,  $S(x)$  denotes the simple representation corresponding to the vertex  $x$ . Moreover,  $P(x)$  (resp.  $I(x)$ ) denotes the indecomposable projective (resp. injective) representation corresponding to the vertex  $x$ . For short,  $S(x)$  is replaced by  $x$ . With this convention a chain of length  $n \geq 2$  of the form

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ n \end{array}$$

describes a uniserial module of length  $n$  with composition factors  $n, \dots, 2, 1$ . Moreover, a picture of the form  $\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \quad 2 \end{array}$  (resp.  $\begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 2 \\ 2 \end{array}$ ) describes an indecomposable module  $M$  of length three such that the socle of  $M$  is isomorphic to  $1 \oplus 2$  (resp.

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2), while the factor module  $M/\text{soc}M$  is isomorphic to 1 (resp.  $1 \oplus 2$ ). For more background on quivers we refer to [1] and [11].

The aim of this paper is to construct classes of modules which satisfy or do not satisfy the Baer-Kaplansky theorem defined on  $K$ -algebras, where  $K$  is any field. When we look at the literature, we see that the Baer-Kaplansky theorem states that any two torsion abelian groups having isomorphic endomorphism rings are isomorphic [4, Theorem 108.1]. Finding other classes of abelian groups, and more generally, of modules, for which a Baer-Kaplansky-type theorem is still true remains an interesting problem. In [6], Ivanov and Vámos called such classes *Baer-Kaplansky classes*. For example, the class of finitely generated abelian groups is Baer-Kaplansky (e.g., see [7, Example 1.3]). Over commutative rings, there are several Baer-Kaplansky classes of modules, but there are relatively few known over non-commutative rings. In particular, we know from Morita's paper ([8, Lemma 7.4]) that the class of all modules over a primary artinian uniserial ring is Baer-Kaplansky. Moreover, we know from Ivanov's paper ([5, Theorem 9]) that the class of all modules over a non-singular artinian serial ring is Baer-Kaplansky.

These are the motivating and leading ideas in our investigation of Baer-Kaplansky classes over non-commutative algebras.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 1 we recall some definitions and conventions. In Section 2 we collect all the results. We begin with some negative results. As we shall see, rather few classes of modules over non-commutative algebras fail to be Baer-Kaplansky. In Example 2.1, we construct a class of simple injective left  $R$ -modules which is not Baer-Kaplansky over a hereditary  $K$ -algebra  $R$  of finite representation type. In Example 2.3, we construct a class of simple left  $R$ -modules which is not Baer-Kaplansky over a non-hereditary  $K$ -algebra  $R$  of finite representation type. Also we obtain some positive results by dealing with classes of modules with a rigid structure, containing two indecomposable modules and closed under finite direct sums. Indeed the endomorphism rings of the two indecomposable modules always have dimension 1 and 2, and the vector spaces of the morphisms between two indecomposable non-isomorphic modules have dimension  $\leq 2$ . As for the invariants, some of these classes admit the number of indecomposable direct summands and the dimension of the endomorphism ring as a complete set of invariants (Example 2.8 and Example 2.10). However this property is not always true for a Baer-Kaplansky class of finitely generated projective (resp. injective) modules over a finite dimensional algebra (Example 2.6.)

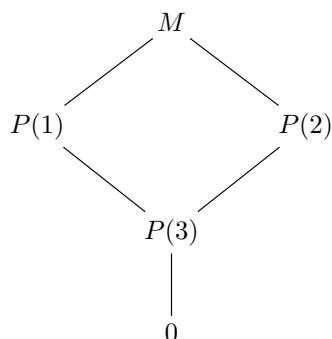
## 2. Results

**Example 2.1.** There is a hereditary  $K$ -algebra  $R$  of finite representation type and a class of  $R$ -modules such that Baer-Kaplansky theorem fails.

**Construction:** Let  $R$  be the  $K$ -algebra given by the quiver  $1 \longrightarrow 3 \longleftarrow 2$ . Then  $1, 2, 3, \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}$  and  $\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}$  are the indecomposable left  $R$ -modules. Let  $M$  be

the  $R$ -module  $I(3) = \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & & 2 \\ & 3 & \end{smallmatrix}$ . Note that  $P(1) = \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}$ ,  $P(2) = \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix}$  and  $P(3) = 3$ .

The lattice of submodules of  $M$  is

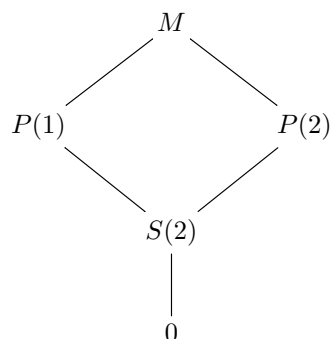


and we have  $I(3)/P(1) \not\cong I(3)/P(2)$ . Also  $\text{End}_R(I(3)/P(1)) \cong \text{End}_R(I(3)/P(2)) \cong K$  because  $I(3)/P(1)$  and  $I(3)/P(2)$  are one dimensional vector spaces. Therefore the class of simple injective left  $R$ -modules  $\{I(3)/P(1), I(3)/P(2)\} = \{S(2), S(1)\}$  is not Baer-Kaplansky.

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $R$  be a  $K$ -algebra of finite representation type such that  $K$  is the endomorphism ring of any indecomposable left  $R$ -module. Then Baer-Kaplansky theorem fails for any class with more than one indecomposable module. Moreover Baer-Kaplansky theorem holds for any class of the form  $\{M^n \mid n \geq 1\}$ , where  $M$  is an indecomposable left  $R$ -module.

**Example 2.3.** There is a non-hereditary  $K$ -algebra  $R$  of finite representation type and a class of  $R$ -modules such that Baer-Kaplansky theorem fails.

**Construction:** Let  $R$  be the  $K$ -algebra given by the quiver  $1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{b} 1$  with relations  $ba = b^2 = 0$ . Then the indecomposable left  $R$ -modules are  $1, 2, \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}$  and  $\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & & 2 \\ & 2 & \end{smallmatrix}$ . Let  $M = I(2) = \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & & 2 \\ & 2 & \end{smallmatrix}$ . Note that  $P(1) = \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}$ ,  $P(2) = \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}$  and  $S(2) = 2$ . Also in this case the lattice of submodules of  $M$  is of the form



with  $I(2)/P(1) \not\cong I(2)/P(2)$ . Since  $I(2)/P(1)$  and  $I(2)/P(2)$  are one dimensional vector spaces,  $\text{End}_R(I(2)/P(1)) \cong \text{End}_R(I(2)/P(2)) \cong K$ . Then the class of simple left  $R$ -modules  $\{I(2)/P(1), I(2)/P(2)\} = \{S(2), S(1)\}$  is not Baer-Kaplansky. Note that  $S(1)$  is injective, while  $S(2)$  has infinite injective dimension. Here  $S(2)$  has a minimal injective resolution of the form

$$0 \longrightarrow S(2) = \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow 1 \oplus \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow 1 \oplus \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \dots$$

Moreover both simple modules have infinite projective dimension. The minimal projective resolutions of  $S(1)$  and  $S(2)$  are of the form

$$\dots \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow 1 = S(1) \longrightarrow 0$$

and

$$\dots \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longrightarrow 2 = S(2) \longrightarrow 0.$$

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a  $K$ -algebra admitting three non-isomorphic modules  $M$  with the following properties:*

- (1)  $M$  has exactly three non-zero proper submodules  $N_1, N_2$  and  $N_1 \cap N_2$ .
- (2)  $M/N_1$  is not isomorphic to  $M/N_2$ .
- (3)  $\text{End}_R(M/N_i) \cong K$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

*Then  $R$  is not commutative and there is a class (of non-uniserial modules) which is not Baer-Kaplansky.*

*Proof.* The existence of a module satisfying (1), (2) and (3) implies that  $R$  is not commutative [3, Remark 2.2]. On the other hand the endomorphism ring of a module satisfying (1), (2) and (3) is either isomorphic to  $K$  or isomorphic to  $K[x]/(x^2)$  [2, Theorem 3.8]. Since there exist three non-isomorphic modules  $M_1, M_2$  and  $M_3$  satisfying (1), (2) and (3), without loss of generality we may assume that  $\{M_1, M_2\}$  is not a Baer-Kaplansky class. □

We will use the next lemma to construct Baer-Kaplansky classes with infinitely many modules and exactly two indecomposable modules. In the sequel given a module  $M$  we will denote by  $\text{add}M$  the class of all finite direct sums of direct summands of  $M$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be a  $K$ -algebra of finite dimension and let  $U$  and  $V$  be two finite dimensional left  $R$ -modules with the following properties:  $\text{End}_R(U) \cong K$ ,  $\text{End}_R(V) \cong K[x]/(x^2)$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(U, V) = 0$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(V, U) \cong K$ . Then the class  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$  is a Baer-Kaplansky class. Moreover the number of indecomposable direct summands and the dimension of the endomorphism ring are not a complete set of invariants for the modules in  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $U$  and  $V$  are indecomposable modules, it follows that  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$  consists of finite direct sums of copies of  $U$  and  $V$ . Let  $X$  be a non-zero left  $R$ -module of the form  $U^m \oplus V^n$  with  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $A = \text{End}_R(U^m)$ ,  $B = \text{End}_R(V^n)$  and let  $H = \text{Hom}_R(V^n, U^m)$ . Then  $A$  is isomorphic to the full matrix algebra  $M_m(K)$  and  $B$  is isomorphic to the full matrix algebra  $M_n(K[x]/(x^2))$ . Finally  $H$  is an  $A$ - $B$ -bimodule of dimension  $mn$ . Let  $T = \text{End}_R(X)$ . Then our hypotheses on  $U, V$  and  $X$  imply that

$$(1) \ T = \text{End}_R(X) \text{ is isomorphic to the matrix algebra } \begin{bmatrix} A & H \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}.$$

This means that the identity of  $T$  is the sum of primitive idempotents  $e_1, \dots, e_m, \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$  such that

(2) The regular module  ${}_T T$  is the direct sum of the simple isomorphic modules  $Te_1, \dots, Te_m$  (of dimension  $m$ ) and of the indecomposable non-simple isomorphic modules  $T\epsilon_1, \dots, T\epsilon_n$  (of dimension  $m + 2n$ ).

Let  $Y$  be a module in  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$  such that  $\text{End}_R(X) \cong \text{End}_R(Y)$ . Then there exist  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $Y \cong U^p \oplus V^q$ , and so

(3)  $\text{End}_R(Y)$  is the direct sum of  $p$  simple isomorphic modules (of dimension  $p$ ) and  $q$  indecomposable non-simple isomorphic modules (of dimension  $p + 2q$ ).

Since  $T$  is a finite dimensional algebra, we know from [9, p. 66] that the category  $\text{mod} T$  of finitely generated  $T$ -modules is a Krull-Schmidt category, that is a category where the Krull-Remark-Schmidt theorem [10, p. 3] holds. Consequently we deduce from (2) and (3) that  $m = p$  and  $n = q$ , and so  $X \cong Y$ .

We finally note that  $U^2$  and  $U \oplus V$  are non-isomorphic modules with endomorphism ring of dimension 4. More generally, if  $m, n, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \leq m$ , then  $U^m \oplus V^n$  and  $U^{m-s} \oplus V^{n+s}$  have endomorphism ring of the same dimension  $m^2 + mn + 2n^2$  if and only if  $ms - 3ns - 2s^2 = 0$ . The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Example 2.6.** There is a non-commutative  $K$ -algebra  $R$  of finite representation type such that the class of finitely generated projective (resp. injective) modules is a Baer-Kaplansky class with the property described in Lemma 2.5.

**Construction:** Let  $R$  be the algebra considered in Example 2.3, given by the quiver  $1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \begin{matrix} \curvearrowright \\ \curvearrowleft \end{matrix} b$  with relations  $ba = b^2 = 0$ . Then the classes of finitely generated projective and injective modules are  $\text{add} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\text{add}(1 \oplus \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ & 2 \end{matrix})$  respectively. Moreover we clearly have  $\text{End}_R \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cong K \cong \text{End}_R(1)$ ,  $\text{End}_R \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \\ & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cong K[x]/(x^2) \cong \text{End}_R \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 = \text{Hom}_R(1, \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ & 2 \end{matrix})$  and  $\text{Hom}_R \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cong K \cong \text{Hom}_R \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ & 2 \end{pmatrix}, 1)$ . Hence the conclusion that  $\text{add} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\text{add}(1 \oplus \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ & 2 \end{matrix})$  are Baer-Kaplansky classes with the desired property follows from Lemma 2.5.

We will use the next lemma to obtain Baer-Kaplansky classes  $\mathcal{C}$  with the property that  $\text{Hom}_R(L, M) \neq 0$  if  $L$  and  $M$  are two non-zero modules in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a  $K$ -algebra of finite dimension and let  $U$  and  $V$  be two finite dimensional left  $R$ -modules with the following properties:  $\text{End}_R(U) \cong K, \text{End}_R(V) \cong K[x]/(x^2), \text{Hom}_R(U, V) \cong K \cong \text{Hom}_R(V, U)$ . Then the class  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$  is a Baer-Kaplansky class. Moreover the number of indecomposable direct summands and the dimension of the endomorphism ring are a complete set of invariants for the modules in  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$ .*

*Proof.* We first note that for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $\dim \text{End}_R(U^m \oplus V^n) = m^2 + 2mn + 2n^2$ . Assume that  $s$  is a natural number  $\leq m$  such that  $\dim \text{End}_R(U^{m-s} \oplus V^{n+s}) = \dim(U^m \oplus V^n)$ . Then we have  $2ns + s^2 = 0$ . Consequently  $s = 0$ . Hence  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$  is a Baer-Kaplansky class with the desired property.  $\square$

**Example 2.8.** There is a non-hereditary  $K$ -algebra  $R$  of finite representation type, such that any indecomposable module is uniserial, with the following properties:

- (1) The class of simple modules is not Baer-Kaplansky.
- (2) Let  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  be the classes of finitely generated projective modules and finitely generated injective modules, respectively and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the class of finitely generated modules of projective and injective dimension at most one. Then  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  are Baer-Kaplansky classes. Moreover the number of indecomposable direct summands and the dimension of the endomorphism ring are a complete set of invariants for the modules in  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Construction:** Let  $R$  be the  $K$ -algebra given by the quiver  $1 \overset{a}{\rightleftarrows} 2$  with relation

$ab = 0$ . Then  $1, 2, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are the indecomposable modules. Since 1 and 2 are non-isomorphic one dimensional modules, (1) clearly holds. On the other hand we have  $\mathcal{P} = \text{add}(\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 2 \end{pmatrix})$ ,  $\mathcal{I} = \text{add}(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 2 \end{pmatrix})$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \text{add}(1 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 2 \end{pmatrix})$ .

Consequently (2) follows from Lemma 2.7.

We will use the next lemma to obtain Baer-Kaplansky classes  $\mathcal{C}$  with more complicated Hom spaces between indecomposable non-isomorphic modules in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $R$  be a  $K$ -algebra of finite dimension and let  $U$  and  $V$  be two finite dimensional left  $R$ -modules with the following properties:  $\text{End}_R(U) \cong K, \text{End}_R(V) \cong K[x]/(x^2), \text{Hom}_R(U, V) = 0$  and  $\dim \text{Hom}_R(V, U) = 2$ . Then the class  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$  is a Baer-Kaplansky class with the property described in Lemma 2.7.*

*Proof.* Our hypotheses imply that  $\dim \text{End}_R(U^m \oplus V^n) = m^2 + 2mn + 2n^2$  for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence the conclusion follows from the proof of Lemma 2.7.  $\square$

**Example 2.10.** There is a  $K$ -algebra  $R$  of finite dimension such that the classes  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  of finitely generated projective and finitely generated injective modules are Baer-Kaplansky, but the class  $\mathcal{C}$  of finitely generated modules of projective and injective dimension at most one is not Baer-Kaplansky. Moreover the number of indecomposable direct summands and the dimension of the endomorphism ring are a complete set of invariants for the modules in  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$ .

**Construction:** Let  $R$  be the  $K$ -algebra given by the quiver  $1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{b} 1$  with relation  $b^2 = 0$ . Then we have  $\mathcal{P} = \text{add} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \oplus 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \text{add} \left( 1 \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ .

This observation and Lemma 2.9 imply that  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  are Baer-Kaplansky classes with the desired property. We also note that there exist exact sequences of the form

$$0 \longrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \longrightarrow 1 \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \longrightarrow 1 \oplus 1 \longrightarrow 0,$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \longrightarrow 1 \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \longrightarrow 1 \longrightarrow 0$$

and  $0 \longrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \longrightarrow 0.$

Hence  $\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}$  and  $\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}$  are in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Since  $\text{End}_R \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \cong K[x]/(x^2) \cong \text{End}_R \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ , we conclude that  $\mathcal{C}$  is not Baer-Kaplansky.

**Proposition 2.11.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be finite dimensional  $K$ -algebras such that there is an epimorphism from  $A$  to  $B$ . For any algebra  $R$  let  $\mathcal{P}_R$  and  $\mathcal{I}_R$  denote the classes of finitely generated projective and finitely generated injective left  $R$ -modules, respectively. Among others the following cases are possible:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{P}_A = \mathcal{I}_A$  is not a Baer-Kaplansky class, while  $\mathcal{P}_B$  and  $\mathcal{I}_B$  are Baer-Kaplansky classes. Moreover the number of indecomposable direct summands and the dimension of the endomorphism ring are a complete set of invariants for the modules in  $\mathcal{P}_B$  and  $\mathcal{I}_B$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{P}_A, \mathcal{I}_A, \mathcal{P}_B$  and  $\mathcal{I}_B$  are Baer-Kaplansky classes. Moreover the number of indecomposable direct summands and the dimension of the endomorphism ring are (resp. are not) a complete set of invariants for the modules in  $\mathcal{P}_A$  and  $\mathcal{I}_A$  (resp.  $\mathcal{P}_B$  and  $\mathcal{I}_B$ ).

*Proof.* (1) Let  $A$  be the  $K$ -algebra given by the quiver  $1 \xrightleftharpoons[a]{b} 2$  with relations  $aba =$

$bab = 0$ . Then we have  $\mathcal{P}_A = \mathcal{I}_A = \text{add} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 \oplus 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ . Since  $\text{End}_A \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 \oplus 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \cong K[x]/(x^2) \cong$

$\text{End}_A \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{P}_A = \mathcal{I}_A$  is not Baer-Kaplansky. Let  $B$  denote the

algebra considered in Example 2.8, given by the quiver  $1 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{a} \\ \xleftarrow{b} \end{matrix} 2$  with relation  $ab = 0$ .

Then there is an epimorphism  $A \rightarrow B$  and Lemma 2.7 implies that (1) holds.

(2) Let  $A$  be the algebra considered in Example 2.10, given by the quiver  $1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{b} \\ \xleftarrow{a} \end{matrix} 1$  with relation  $b^2 = 0$ . Next let  $B$  be the algebra considered in Example 2.6, given by the quiver  $1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{b} \\ \xleftarrow{a} \end{matrix} 1$  with relations  $ba = b^2 = 0$ . Also in this case there is an epimorphism  $A \rightarrow B$ . Hence (2) holds.  $\square$

We will use the next lemma to investigate classes of modules of finite projective or injective dimension.

**Lemma 2.12.** *Let  $R$  be the  $K$ -algebra of finite dimension and let  $U$  and  $V$  be two finite dimensional left  $R$ -modules such that  $\text{End}_R(U) \cong K$ ,  $\text{End}_R(V) \cong K[x]/(x^2)$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(U, V) \cong K$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(V, U) = 0$ . Then the class  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$  is a Baer-Kaplansky class. Moreover the number of indecomposable direct summands and the dimension of the endomorphism ring are not a complete set of invariants for the modules in  $\text{add}(U \oplus V)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 2.5. More precisely, let  $X$  be a non-zero left  $R$ -module of the form  $U^m \oplus V^n$  with  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $A = \text{End}_R(U^m)$ ,  $B = \text{End}_R(V^n)$ ,  $H = \text{Hom}_R(U^m, V^n)$ ,  $T = \text{End}_R(X)$ . Then  $A$  is isomorphic to the full matrix algebra  $M_m(K)$ ,  $B$  is isomorphic to the full matrix algebra  $M_n(K[x]/(x^2))$ .  $H$  is a  $B$ - $A$ -bimodule of dimension  $mn$  and  $T$  is isomorphic to the matrix algebra  $\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ H & B \end{bmatrix}$ . Consequently, the following facts hold:

- (1)  $\dim T = m^2 + 2n^2 + mn$ .
- (2) The identity of  $T$  is the sum of  $m + n$  primitive idempotents.
- (3) The category of finitely generated left  $T$ -modules is a Krull-Schmidt category [9, page 66].
- (4) The regular module  ${}_T T$  is the direct sum of  $m$  indecomposable non-simple isomorphic left  $T$ -modules (of dimension  $m + n$ ) and of  $n$  simple isomorphic left  $T$ -modules (of dimension  $2n$ ).

From now on we continue as in the last part of the proof of Lemma 2.5.  $\square$

**Example 2.13.** There exist finite dimensional  $K$ -algebras  $A$  and  $B$  with the following properties:

- (1) The classes of finitely generated projective (resp. injective) left modules over  $A$  and  $B$  are Baer-Kaplansky classes.
- (2) Any finitely generated left  $A$ -module of finite projective dimension is projective.



- (3) Any finitely generated left  $B$ -module of finite injective dimension is injective.
- (4) The class of finitely generated left  $A$ -modules of finite injective dimension is not a Baer-Kaplansky class.
- (5) The class of finitely generated left  $B$ -modules of finite projective dimension is not a Baer-Kaplansky class.

**Construction:** Let  $A$  be the algebra of Example 2.6, given by the quiver  $1 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{b} 1$  with relations  $ba = b^2 = 0$ . Next let  $B$  be the algebra, isomorphic to  $A^{\text{op}}$ , given by the quiver  $a \xrightarrow{c} 1 \xrightarrow{b} 2$  with relations  $a^2 = ba = 0$ . Then  $1, 2, \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}, \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}, \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}$  are the indecomposable left  $B$ -modules, while

$$\text{add}(2 \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{add}(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \oplus \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix})$$

are the classes of finitely generated projective and finitely generated injective left  $B$ -modules, respectively. Hence (1) immediately follows from Example 2.6 (or Lemma 2.5) and Lemma 2.12. Since the left  $A$ -modules  $1, 2, \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}$  have infinite projective dimension, we conclude that (2) holds. Dually, the left  $B$ -modules  $1, 2, \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}$  have infinite injective dimension. Hence also (3) holds. Moreover the projective left  $A$ -module  $\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}$  has injective dimension one, and we clearly have  $\text{End}_A(\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}) \cong K[x]/(x^2) \cong \text{End}_A(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix})$ . Consequently (4) holds. Finally the injective left  $B$ -module  $\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}$  has projective dimension one, and we obviously have  $\text{End}_B(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}) \cong K[x]/(x^2) \cong \text{End}_B(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix})$ . Hence also (5) holds.

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