

The answer is “no” in general. To construct an example, let  $R$  be the ring of  $2 \times 2$  upper triangular matrices over a field  $k$ , and let  $M$  be the left  $R$ -module  $k^2$  with the  $R$ -action given by matrix multiplication from the left. An easy computation shows that  $E = \text{End}(RM) = k$ , in particular,  $M$  is a semisimple  $E$ -module. We claim that  $M$  is not a semisimple  $R$ -module. In fact, consider the  $R$ -submodule  $N = \{(a,0)^t \mid a \in k\} \subseteq M$ .

If  $(b,c)^t$  is not in  $N$ , then  $c$  is nonzero, so  $R(b,c)^t$  contains  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & ac^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  for all  $a \in k$ . This shows that  $N$  is not an  $R$ -direct summand of  $M$ , so  $M$  is not semisimple.