## Definition of the Inverse of a Matrix

An  $n \times n$  matrix A is **invertible** (or **nonsingular**) when there exits an  $n \times n$  matrix B such that

$$AB = BA = I_n$$

where  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of order n. The matrix B is the (multiplicative) **inverse** of A. A matrix that does not have an inverse is **noninvertible** (or **singular**).