## The Invertible Matrix Theorem

- 1. A is invertible.
- 2. A is row equivalent to  $I_n$ .
- 3. A has n pivotal columns (all columns are pivotal).
- 4. Ax = 0 has only the trivial solution.
- 5. The columns of A are linearly independent.
- 6. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for all  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- 7. The columns of A span  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- 8. There is a  $n \times n$  matrix C so that  $CA = I_n$  (A has a left inverse.)
- 9. There is a  $n \times n$  matrix D so that  $AD = I_n$  (A has a right inverse.)
- 10.  $A^T$  is invertible

## Example:

Is 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 invertible? 
$$RREF \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = I_3$$

Every column is pivotal.

So, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 is **invertible**!