The Invertible Matrix Theorem (Theorem 2.8)
Let $A$ be a square $n \times n$ matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent. That is, for a given A , the statements are either all true or all false.
a. $A$ is an invertible matrix.
b. $A$ is row equivalent to the $n \times n$ identity matrix.
c. $A$ has $n$ pivot positions.
d. The equation $A \overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}}=\overrightarrow{\mathbf{0}}$ has only the trivial solution.
e. The columns of $A$ form a linearly independent set.
f. The linear transformation $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}} \rightarrow A \overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}}$ is one-to-one.
g. The equation $A \overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}}=\overrightarrow{\mathrm{b}}$. has at least one solution for each $\overrightarrow{\mathrm{b}}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$.
h. The columns of $A$ span $\mathbb{R}^{n}$.
i. The linear transformation $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}} \rightarrow A \overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}}$ maps $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ onto $\mathbb{R}^{n}$.
j. There is an $n \times n$ matrix $C$ such that $C A=I$.
k. There is an $n \times n$ matrix $D$ such that $A D=I$.

1. $A^{T}$ is an invertible matrix.

Recall Theorems 1.4 and 1.12:

## Theorem 1.4

Let $A$ be an $m \times n$ matrix. The following are equivalent:
a. For all $\overrightarrow{\mathrm{b}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m}, A \overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}}=\overrightarrow{\mathrm{b}}$ has a solution.
b. Each $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{b}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m}$ is a linear combination of the columns of $A$.
c. The columns of $A$ span $\mathbb{R}^{m}$
d. $A$ has a pivot in every row.

Theorem 1.12
Let $T: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$ be a linear transformation and $A$ the standard matrix for $T$.
a. $T$ maps $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ onto $\mathbb{R}^{m}$ iff the columns of $A$ span $\mathbb{R}^{m}$
b. $T$ is one-one iff the columns of $A$ are linearly independent

Sketch of proof of the Invertible Matrix Theorem


