6. Since the product 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0+1 & \frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2} \\ 0+0 & 1+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$$
 and the product

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0+1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{5} - \frac{2}{10} & 1-0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2,$$

the matrices are inverses of each other.

11. First, we augment the matrix with  $I_2$ ; then we use row operations to obtain the reduced row echelon form of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = r_1 - r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = -2r_1 + r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 = -2r_2 + r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the identity matrix  $I_2$  is on the left side, the matrix on the right is the inverse.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -7 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

12. First, we augment the matrix with  $I_2$ ; then we use row operations to obtain the reduced row echelon form of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = r_1 - r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = -3r_1 + r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the identity matrix  $I_2$  is on the left side, the matrix on the right is the inverse.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

19. First, we augment the matrix with  $I_3$ , and then we use row operations to obtain the reduced row echelon form of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = -3r_1 + r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 3 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 6 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the identity matrix  $I_3$  is on the left side, the matrix on the right is the inverse.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{9} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{9} \\ \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{7}{9} & -\frac{5}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \end{bmatrix}$$

**20.** First, we augment the matrix with  $I_3$ ; then we use row operations to obtain the reduced row echelon form of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_2 = -2r_1 + r_2}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -1 & -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 = -r_2}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_1 = -r_2 + r_1}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 = -r_3 + r_2}
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}$$

Since the identity matrix  $I_3$  is on the left side, the matrix on the right is the inverse.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**26.** First, we augment the matrix with  $I_2$ ; then we use row operations to obtain the reduced row echelon form of the matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = -\eta} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -6 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = -3\eta_1 + \eta_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The 0s in row 2 indicate that we cannot get the identity matrix. This tells us that the original matrix has no inverse.

- **29.** Since the matrix has a row of zeros, it has no inverse.
- **36.** To find the inverse we augment the matrix with  $I_2$ , and then use row operations to obtain the reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = \frac{1}{4}r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = -2r_1 + r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The 0s in the row 2 tell us we cannot get the identity matrix. This indicates that the original matrix has no inverse.

**44.** To solve the system  $\begin{cases} 3x + 7y = -4 \\ 2x + 5y = -3 \end{cases}$  we define  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The solution to the system is  $X = A^{-1}B$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -7 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, x = 1 and y = -1 or (1, -1).

**50.** To solve  $\begin{cases} x + y - z = 6 \\ 3x - y = 8 \text{ we define } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$ 

The solution to the system is  $X = A^{-1}B$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{9} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{9} \\ \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{7}{9} & -\frac{5}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{29}{9} \\ \frac{5}{3} \\ -\frac{10}{9} \end{bmatrix}$$

So, 
$$x = \frac{29}{9}$$
,  $y = \frac{5}{3}$ , and  $z = -\frac{10}{9}$  or  $\left(\frac{29}{9}, \frac{5}{3}, -\frac{10}{9}\right)$ .