

Example 7: Consider the set of vectors  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$  where

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

1. Show that the vector  $\mathbf{v}_3$  is in  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$ .

Since  $\vec{v}_3 = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2$ ,  $\vec{v}_3$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  and thus  $\vec{v}_3$  is in  $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ .

2. Show that any vector in  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$  is also in  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$ .

Suppose  $\vec{v}$  in  $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \vec{v} &= c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 \\ &= c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 (\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) \\ &= \underline{(c_1 + c_3) \vec{v}_1 + (c_2 + c_3) \vec{v}_2}. \end{aligned} \text{ Thus, } \vec{v} \text{ in } \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2).$$

3. Show that any vector in  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$  is also in  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$ .

Suppose  $\vec{v}$  in  $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \vec{v} &= c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 \\ &= \underline{c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + 0 \vec{v}_3}. \end{aligned} \text{ Thus } \vec{v} \text{ in } \text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$$

4. Thus  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$  is equal to  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$  and hence is a Plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Theorem 3: Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . If  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is in  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}, \mathbf{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ , then

$$\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{i-1}, \mathbf{v}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$$

$\vec{v}_i$  a "redundant" vector