Dimension of Subspace

- What is then unique, given a particular subspace H?
- Even though different bases exist for H, the number of vectors in any basis for H will be unique.
- We call this number as the dimension of H, denoted as dim H.
- In the previous example, the dimension of the plane is 2, meaning any basis for this subspace contains exactly two vectors.

Column Space of Matrix

- **Definition**: The **column space** of a matrix A is the subspace spanned by the columns of A.
  We call the column space of A as Col A.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \text{Col } A = \text{Span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- What is dim Col A?

Matrix with Linearly Dependent Columns

- Given $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, note that $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$,

  i.e., the third column is a linear combination of the first two.

$$\text{Col } A = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\} \Longrightarrow \text{Col } A = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$$

- What is dim Col A?

Rank of Matrix

- **Definition**: The **rank** of a matrix A, denoted by rank A, is the dimension of the column space of A:
  - rank A = dim Col A