1 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ gives $c_3 = c_2 = c_1 = 0$. So those 3 column vectors are independent. But $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \\ c \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is solved by $\boldsymbol{c} = (1, 1, -4, 1)$. Then $\boldsymbol{v}_1 + \boldsymbol{v}_2 - 4\boldsymbol{v}_3 + \boldsymbol{v}_4 = \boldsymbol{0}$ (dependent).

2 $\boldsymbol{v}_1, \boldsymbol{v}_2, \boldsymbol{v}_3$ are independent (the -1's are in different positions). All six vectors in $\mathbf{R}^4$ are on the plane $(1, 1, 1, 1) \cdot \boldsymbol{v} = 0$ so no four of these six vectors can be independent.

3 If $a = 0$ then column $1 = \boldsymbol{0}$; if $d = 0$ then $b(\text{column } 1) - a(\text{column } 2) = \boldsymbol{0}$; if $f = 0$ then all columns end in zero (they are all in the xy plane, they must be dependent).

4 $U\boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & d & e \\ 0 & 0 & f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ gives $z = 0$ then $y = 0$ then $x = 0$ (by back substitution). A square triangular matrix has independent columns (invertible matrix) *when its diagonal has no zeros*.

5 (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -7 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & -18/5 \end{bmatrix}$: invertible $\Rightarrow$ independent columns.

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 \\ 0 & -7 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$; $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ columns add to $\boldsymbol{0}$.

6 Columns $1, 2, 4$ are independent. Also $1, 3, 4$ and $2, 3, 4$ and others (but not $1, 2, 3$). Same column numbers (not same columns!) for A. This is because $EA = U$ for the matrix E that subtracts 2 times row 1 from row 4. So A and U have the same nullspace (same dependencies of columns).

7 The sum $\boldsymbol{v}_1 - \boldsymbol{v}_2 + \boldsymbol{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ because $(\boldsymbol{w}_2 - \boldsymbol{w}_3) - (\boldsymbol{w}_1 - \boldsymbol{w}_3) + (\boldsymbol{w}_1 - \boldsymbol{w}_2) = \mathbf{0}$. So the difference are *dependent* and the difference matrix is singular: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

8 If $c_1(\boldsymbol{w}_2 + \boldsymbol{w}_3) + c_2(\boldsymbol{w}_1 + \boldsymbol{w}_3) + c_3(\boldsymbol{w}_1 + \boldsymbol{w}_2) = \mathbf{0}$ then $(c_2 + c_3)\boldsymbol{w}_1 + (c_1 + c_3)\boldsymbol{w}_2 + (c_1 + c_2)\boldsymbol{w}_3 = \mathbf{0}$. Since the $\boldsymbol{w}$'s are independent, $c_2 + c_3 = c_1 + c_3 = c_1 + c_2 = 0$. The only solution is $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$. Only this combination of $\boldsymbol{v}_1, \boldsymbol{v}_2, \boldsymbol{v}_3$ gives $\mathbf{0}$.

(changing -1's to 1's for the matrix A in solution **7** above makes A invertible.)

9 (a) The four vectors in $\mathbf{R}^3$ are the columns of a 3 by 4 matrix A. There is a nonzero solution to $A\boldsymbol{x} = \mathbf{0}$ because there is at least one free variable (b) Two vectors are dependent if $[\,\boldsymbol{v}_1\ \ \boldsymbol{v}_2\,]$ has rank 0 or 1. (OK to say "they are on the same line" or "one is a multiple of the other" but *not* "$\boldsymbol{v}_2$ is a multiple of $\boldsymbol{v}_1$" —since $\boldsymbol{v}_1$ might be $\mathbf{0}$.) (c) A nontrivial combination of $\boldsymbol{v}_1$ and $\mathbf{0}$ gives $\mathbf{0}$: $0\boldsymbol{v}_1 + 3(0, 0, 0) = \mathbf{0}$.

10 The plane is the nullspace of $A = [\,1\ \ 2\ \ -3\ \ -1\,]$. Three free variables give three independent solutions $(x, y, z, t) = (2, -1, 0, 0)$ and $(3, 0, 1, 0)$ and $(1, 0, 0, 1)$. Combinations of those special solutions give more solutions (all solutions).