

## Reading Guide Section 4.4

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1. Define the term *span* of a set of vectors.
2. Read Example 2 (a) and (b) carefully. Can you see why span  $S$  is the set of vectors in the form  $[ab0]^T$ ?
3. State Theorem 4.4 and read over the proof.
4. Study Example 4 - do you see why span  $S$  is the subspace of  $2 \times 2$  diagonal matrices?
5. Define what it means for a set of vectors to span  $V$ . Provide an example of a set which spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
6. Read Example 6. This is the method which we usually use to determine if a vector is in the span of given vectors.
7. Read Example 8. To determine if a set of vectors  $S$  span a vector space, we check to see if an arbi