

① If  $|\vec{u}| = 4$ ,  $\angle(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \pi/5$ ,  
and  $|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = 8$ , then  $|\vec{v}| = ?$

② Find some unit vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$   
such that  $(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \times \vec{w} \neq \vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$ .

③  $(\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}) \times (\vec{k} - 3\vec{i}) = ?$

④ If  $|\vec{u}| = 5$ , then what is  
 $((\vec{u} + (\vec{u} \times \vec{v})) \cdot \vec{u}) - (3\vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}))$ ?

⑤ Find a unit vector perpendicular  
to both  $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$  and  $\langle 0, 5, -1 \rangle$ .

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 8 = |\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \sin \angle(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) \quad \boxed{\text{HW5}}$$

$$= 4 |\vec{v}| \left( \sin \frac{\pi}{5} \right) \Rightarrow |\vec{v}| = \frac{2}{\sin(\pi/5)} \approx 3.4026$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (\vec{i} \times \vec{j}) \times \vec{j} = \vec{0} \times \vec{j} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{i} \times (\vec{i} \times \vec{j}) = \vec{i} \times \vec{k} = -\vec{j} \neq \vec{0}$$

(There are many other examples.)

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}) \times (\vec{k} - 3\vec{i}) \quad (\text{or } \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \times \langle -3, 0, 1 \rangle)$$

$$= \vec{i} \times \vec{k} - 3\vec{i} \times \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} \times \vec{k} - 6\vec{j} \times \vec{i}$$

$$= -\vec{j} \quad + 2\vec{i} \quad + 6\vec{k}$$

$$= \langle 2, -1, 6 \rangle$$

④  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \perp \vec{u} \times \vec{v} \Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = 0 = \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}).$

So,  $((\vec{u} + (\vec{u} \times \vec{v})) \cdot \vec{u}) - (3\vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}))$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} + 0 - 0 = |\vec{u}|^2 = \boxed{25}$$

⑤  $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \times \langle 0, 5, -1 \rangle$

$$= \langle -2, 1, 5 \rangle \perp \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle, \langle 0, 5, -1 \rangle,$$

but  $\langle -2, 1, 5 \rangle$  is not a unit vector.

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \langle -2, 1, 5 \rangle} \text{ works.}$$

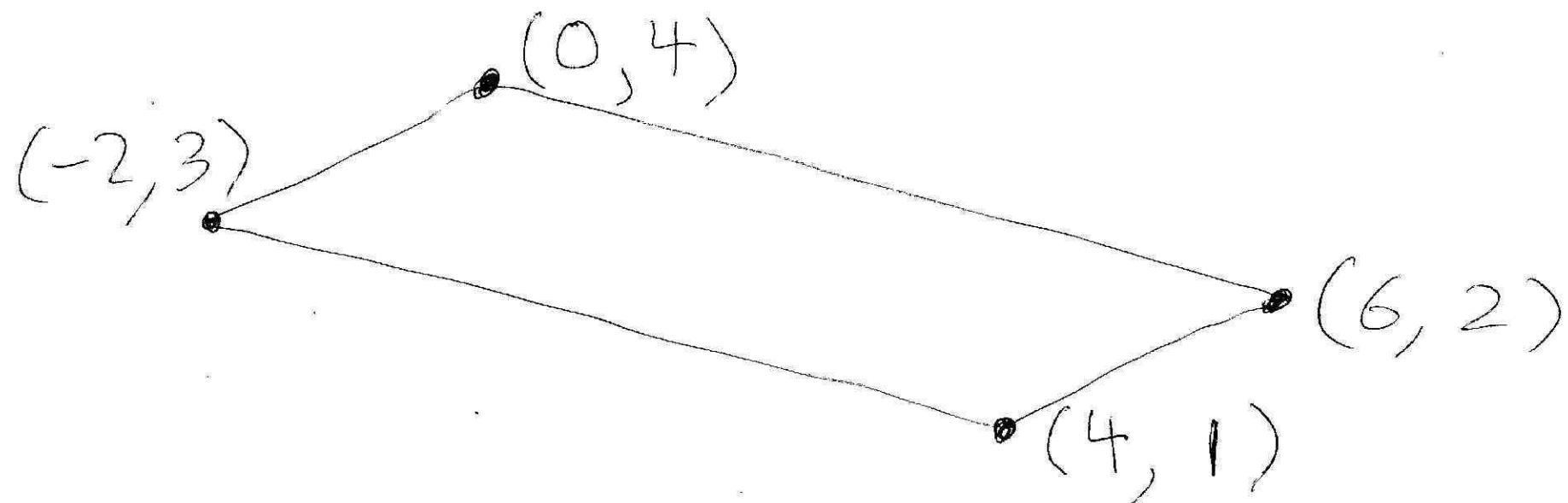
$$(\text{So does } \frac{-1}{\sqrt{30}} \langle -2, 1, 5 \rangle.)$$

(HW6)

Let  $A = (0, 1, 0)$ ;  $B = (5, 5, 5)$ ;  
 $C = (-1, 2, 3)$ ;  $D = (5, 0, 2)$ .

- ① Express  $\vec{AB}$ ,  $\vec{AC}$ ,  $\vec{AD}$ ,  $\vec{BC}$ ,  $\vec{BD}$ ,  
and  $\vec{CD}$  using  $\langle , , \rangle$  form.
- ② Find the areas of the triangles  
 $ABC$ ,  $ABD$ ,  $ACD$ , and  $BCD$ .
- ③ Add these to find the surface area  
of tetrahedron  $ABCD$ .
- ④ Find the volume of  $ABCD$ .
- ⑤ Find the total length of  $ABCD$ 's 6 edges.

⑥ Find the area of this parallelogram.



①  $\vec{AB} = \langle 5, 4, 5 \rangle; \quad \vec{AC} = \langle -1, 1, 3 \rangle;$  HW6  
 $\vec{AD} = \langle 5, -1, 2 \rangle; \quad \vec{BD} = \langle 0, -5, -3 \rangle;$   
 $\vec{BC} = \langle -6, -3, -2 \rangle; \quad \vec{CD} = \langle 6, -2, -1 \rangle$

②  $|\triangle ABC| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}| = \frac{\sqrt{530}}{2} \approx 11.51$

$$|\triangle ABD| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AD}| = \frac{\sqrt{1019}}{2} \approx 15.96$$

$$|\triangle ACD| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AC} \times \vec{AD}| = \frac{\sqrt{330}}{2} \approx 9.083$$

$$|\triangle BCD| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{BC} \times \vec{BD}| = \frac{35}{2} = 17.5$$

③  $\approx 54.05$

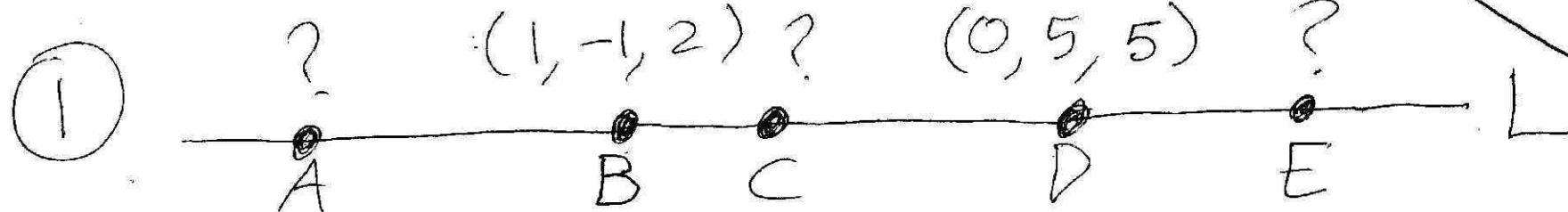
④  $\frac{1}{6} |(\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) \cdot \vec{AD}| = \frac{73}{6} \approx 12.17$

⑤  $|\vec{AB}| + |\vec{AC}| + \dots = \sqrt{54} + \sqrt{11} + \dots \approx 36.15$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad A = (-2, 3, 0), \quad B = (4, 1, 0), \\ C = (0, 4, 0), \quad D = (6, 2, 0).$$

$$\text{area } (ABCD) = \underbrace{|\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}|}_{\text{parallelogram}} = 10$$

Note: It really is a parallelogram  
because  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{CD}$  &  $\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{BD}$ .



Parametrize the line L through B & D.

Then find points A, C, E on L

such that B is between A & C,

C is between B & D,

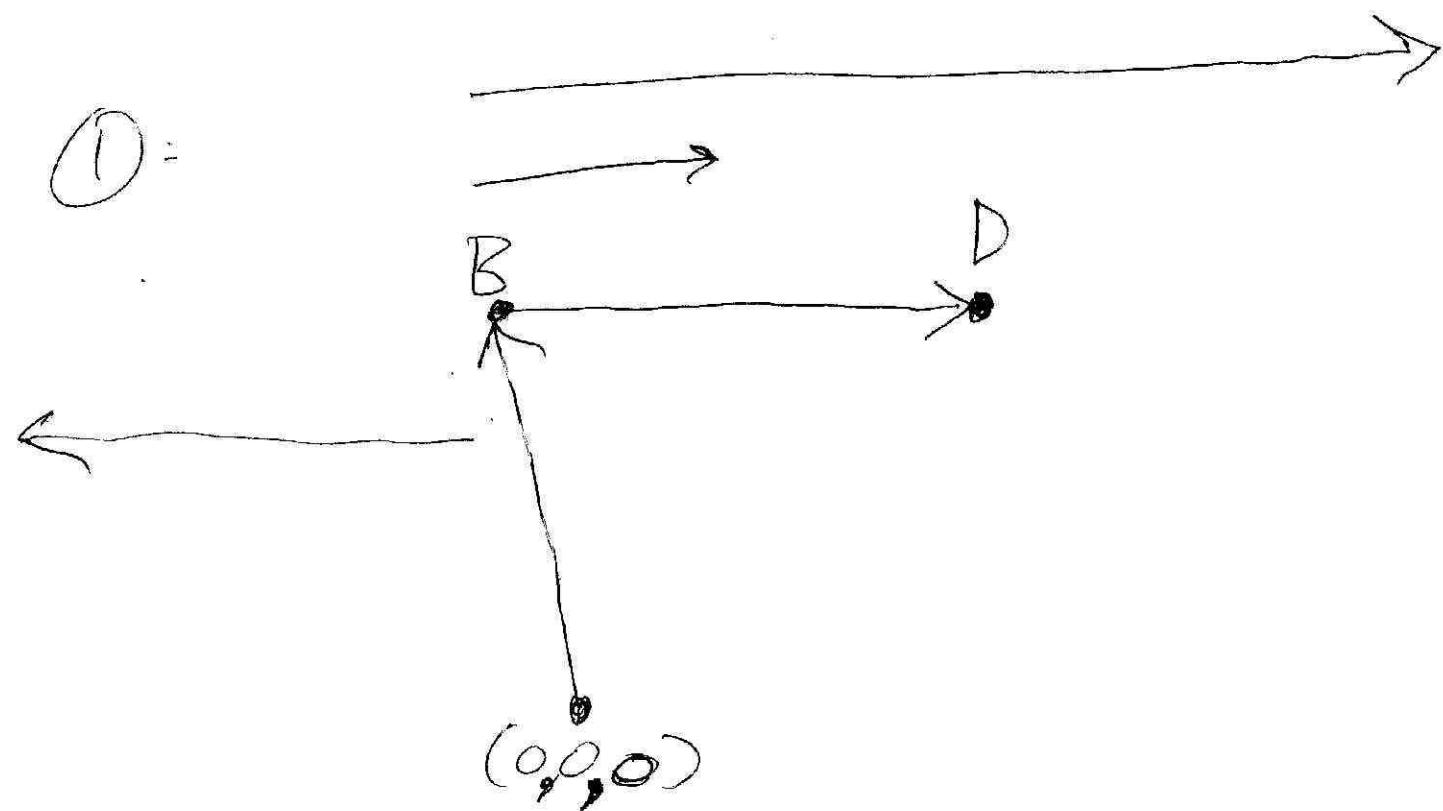
and D is between C & E.

② Parametrize the line through  $(0, 0, 1)$  that is perpendicular to  $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$  &  $\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$ .

③ Find a unit vector parallel to the line satisfying  $x - 2y + 3z = 4$  &  $5x + 6z = 7$ .

④ Find Cartesian equations for the line  
in ①.

Hint for ①:



①

$$\vec{r} = \overrightarrow{OB} + t \overrightarrow{BD}$$

parametrizes L:

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$$\boxed{\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle + t \langle -1, 6, 3 \rangle}$$

$$(or: x = 1 - t, y = -1 + 6t, z = 2 + 3t)$$

Any choice of  $t < 0$  gives an acceptable A.

$$\text{For example: } \overrightarrow{OA} = \langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle + (-1) \langle -1, 6, 3 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A = (2, -7, -1)}$$

Any choice of  $t$  with  $0 < t < 1$  works for C.

$$\text{For example: } \overrightarrow{OC} = \langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle -1, 6, 3 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C = (\frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{7}{2})}$$

Any choice of  $t > 1$  works for E.

$$t = 2, \text{ for example, yields } \boxed{E = (-1, 11, 8)}.$$

② Call the line  $L$ .  $(0, 0, 1) \in L \parallel \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle$

because  $\langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \times \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$  is  
perpendicular to both  $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$  &  $\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$ .

$$\text{So, } \langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle + t \langle 1, -1, 0 \rangle$$

parametrizes  $L$ .

③ Choosing  $x=0$ , then  $z=0$ , I find two points on the line:  $A = (0, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{7}{6})$ ,  
then  $B = (\frac{7}{5}, -\frac{13}{10}, 0)$ .

Why?

$$\begin{cases} x-2y+3z=4 \\ 5x+6z=7 \\ x=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y=-\frac{1}{4} \\ z=\frac{7}{6} \\ x=0 \end{cases}; \quad \begin{cases} x-2y+3z=4 \\ 5x+6z=7 \\ z=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y=-\frac{13}{10} \\ x=\frac{7}{5} \\ z=0 \end{cases}$$

Parallel to the line is  $\vec{AB} = \left\langle \frac{7}{5}, -\frac{21}{20}, -\frac{7}{6} \right\rangle$

$$= \frac{7}{60} \langle 12, -9, -10 \rangle.$$

A unit vector

$$\langle 12, -9, -10 \rangle$$

$$\sqrt{12^2 + 9^2 + 10^2}$$

parallel to the line is

$$\approx \langle 0.666, -0.499, -0.555 \rangle.$$

(The opposite arrow  $\approx \langle -.666, +.499, +.555 \rangle$   
is the only other correct solution.)

④  $x = 1 - t \Rightarrow t = 1 - x$

$$y = -1 + 6t \Rightarrow y = -1 + 6(1-x)$$

$$z = 2 + 3t \Rightarrow z = 2 + 3(1-x)$$

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Alternative solution to ③: The line is the intersection of two planes  $\perp$  to  $\langle 1, -2, 3 \rangle$  &  $\langle 5, 0, 6 \rangle$ , respectively. So, the line is  $\parallel$  to their cross product  $\langle 12, +9, +10 \rangle$  & to  $\frac{\langle 12, +9, +10 \rangle}{\sqrt{12^2 + 9^2 + 10^2}}$ .

- ① Parametrize the plane containing  $(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $(2, 3, 4)$ , and  $(-1, 5, -6)$ .
- ② Give a Cartesian equation for the same plane as ①.
- ③ We can rearrange  $x + y + z = 5$  as  $0 = 1(x - 0) + 1(y - 0) + 1(z - 5)$  to see that  $x + y + z = 5$  describes the plane containing  $(0, 0, 5)$  &  $\perp$  to  $\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ . Use an analogous trick to find a vector perpendicular to the plane  $3x - 4z = 1$ .

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \vec{r} = \overrightarrow{OA} + s \overrightarrow{AB} + t \overrightarrow{AC} \quad \text{HW 8}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 + s - 2t \\ y = 3s + 5t \\ z = 1 + 3s - 7t \end{cases}$$

where

$$A = (1, 0, 1)$$

$$B = (2, 3, 4)$$

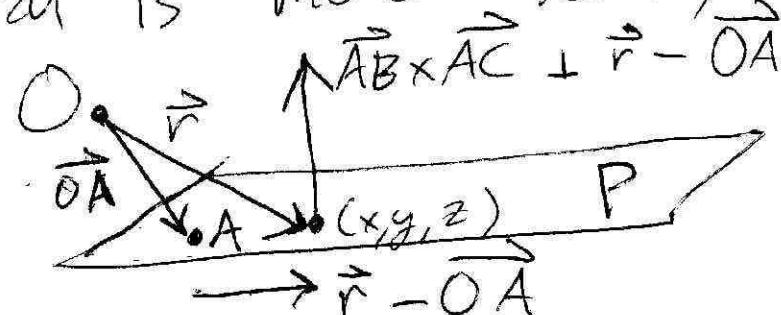
$$C = (-1, 5, -6)$$

$$O = (0, 0, 0)$$

\textcircled{2} The plane P through ABC  
is parallel to  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  &  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ ; hence,  
it is perpendicular to  $\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} = \langle -36, 1, 11 \rangle$

So, P is described by  $O = (\vec{r} - \overrightarrow{OA}) \cdot \langle -36, 1, 11 \rangle$ ,

which is more usefully written as:



$$O = -36(x-1) + y + 11(z-1)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 3x - 4z = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3x - 4z - 1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3(x-0) + 0(y-0) + (-4)(z + \frac{1}{4}) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle 3, 0, -4 \rangle \cdot (\langle x, y, z \rangle - \langle 0, 0, \frac{1}{4} \rangle) = 0.$$

So,  $3x - 4z = 1$  describes the plane

through  $(0, 0, -\frac{1}{4})$  that is

perpendicular to  $\boxed{\langle 3, 0, -4 \rangle}$ .

(You can just read the  $3, 0, -4$  from  
the coefficients of  $3x - 4z = 1!$ )