

## Quiz 2

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Instructions: Give concise answers, but clearly indicate your reasoning.

- I.** Find the cosine of the angle (you don't need to find the angle itself) between the diagonal of a cube and one of its edges.  
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- II.** In the standard  $xyz$ -coordinate system, suppose that  $\vec{v}$  is a vector in the  $xy$ -plane, that starts at the origin and points into quadrant III (where  $x < 0$  and  $y < 0$ ), and  $\vec{w}$  is a vector in the  $xy$ -plane that starts at the origin and points into quadrant II (where  $x < 0$  and  $y > 0$ ). Draw a picture of the coordinate system, showing such a  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$ . Does  $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  point in the positive or negative  $z$ -direction?  
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- III.** Let  $\ell$  be the line through the points  $(1, 3, 2)$  and  $(-4, 3, 0)$ .  
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- (a) Write  $\ell$  as a vector-valued function  $\vec{r}(t)$ .
- (b) Write  $\ell$  as parametric equations for  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  in terms of  $t$ .
- (c) Write an equation for the plane through  $(1, 3, 2)$  that is perpendicular to  $\ell$ .
- IV.** Find the point at which the line  $x = 1 + t$ ,  $y = 2t$ ,  $z = 2 - t$  intersects the plane  $x - 3y + z = 9$ .  
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