

## Chapter 1 Notes : Skeletal Structure

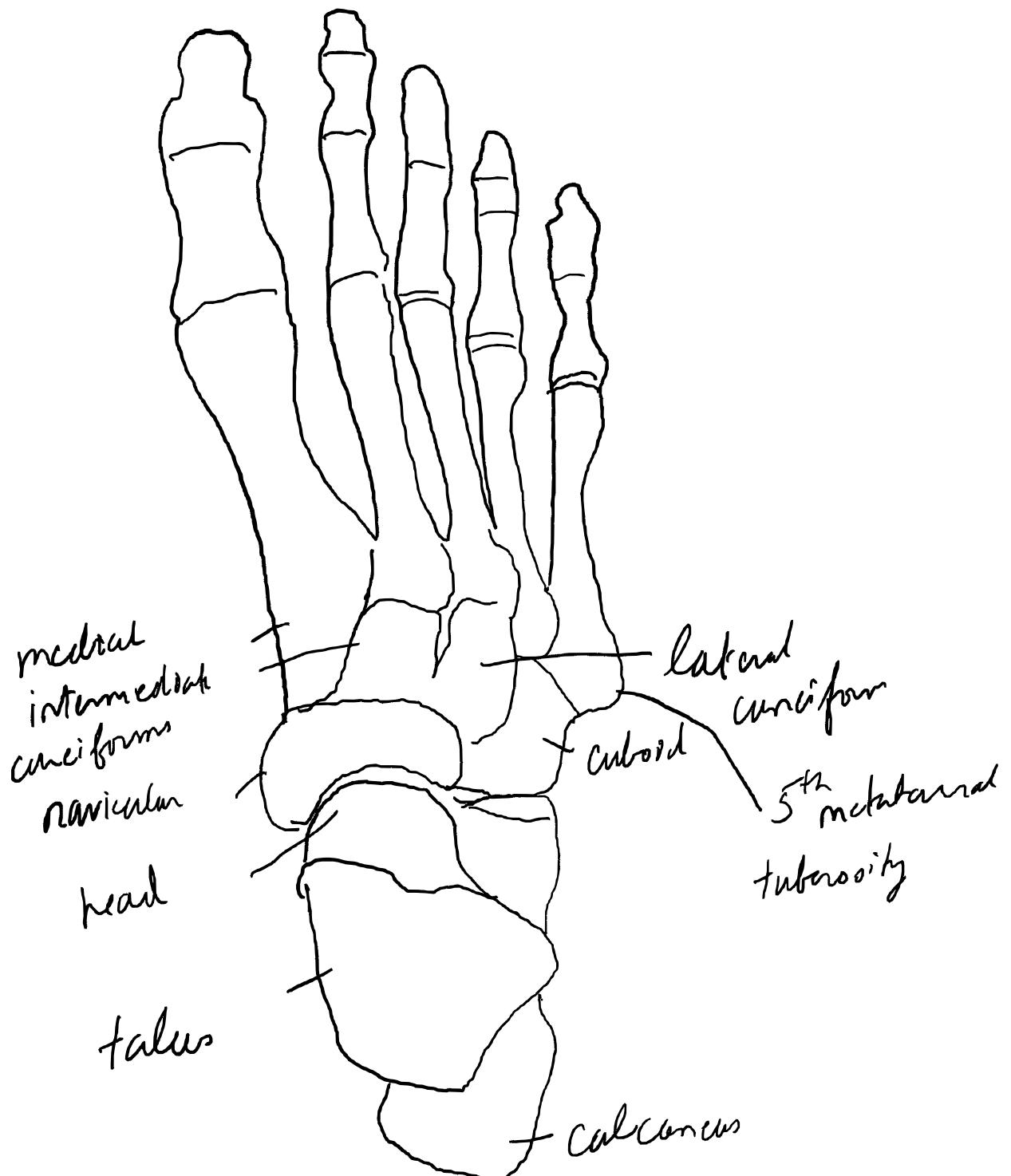
### Tibia & Fibula

- tibia extends medially to form medial malleolus
- fibula inferior and lateral. distally forms lateral malleolus
- together, hold talus for dors/plantarflexion

### Segments

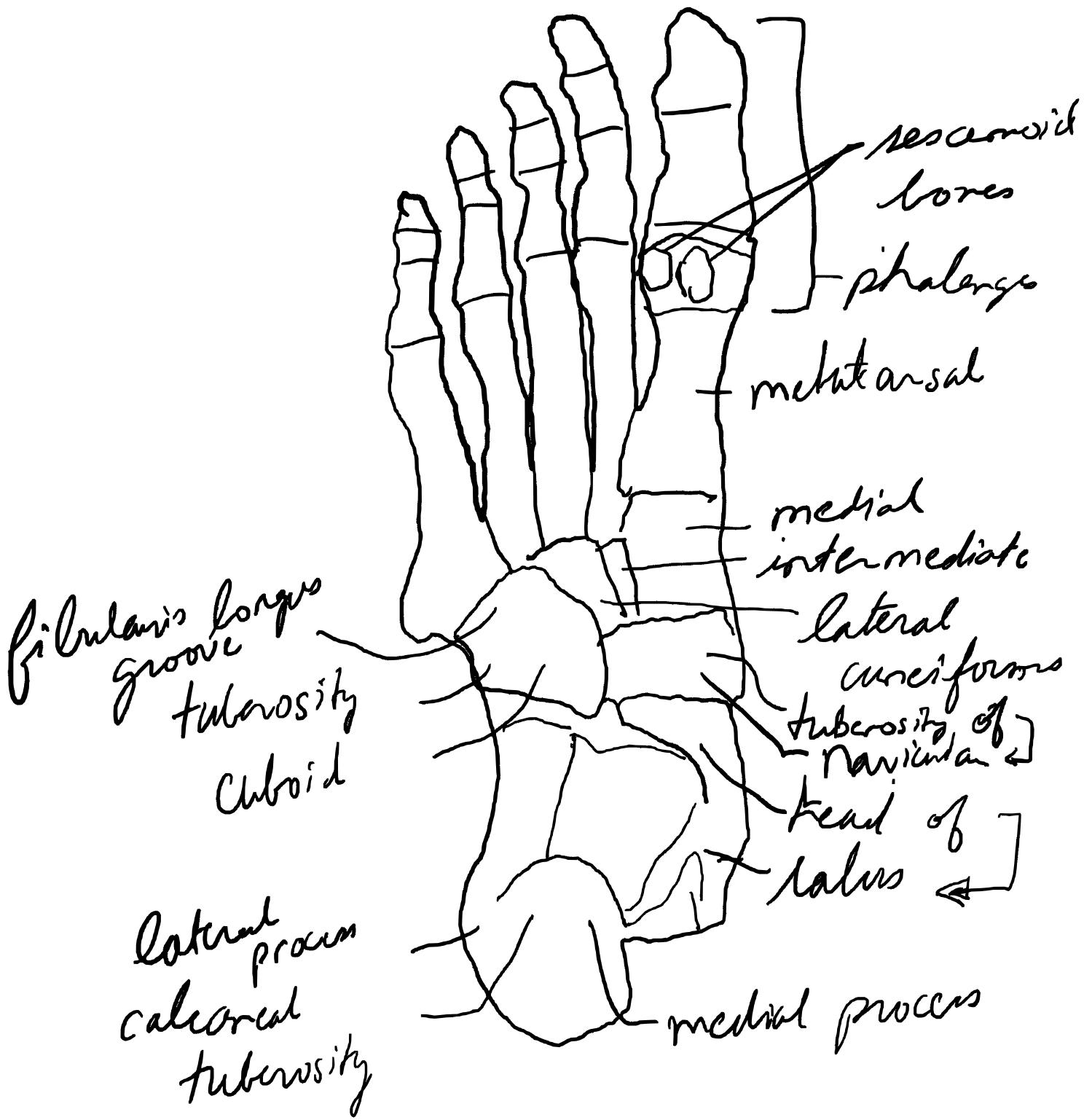
- 7 short bones make up tarsus:
  - calcaneus
  - > hindfoot
  - talus
  - navicular
  - cuboid
  - intermediate cuneiform
  - medial cuneiform
  - lateral cuneiform

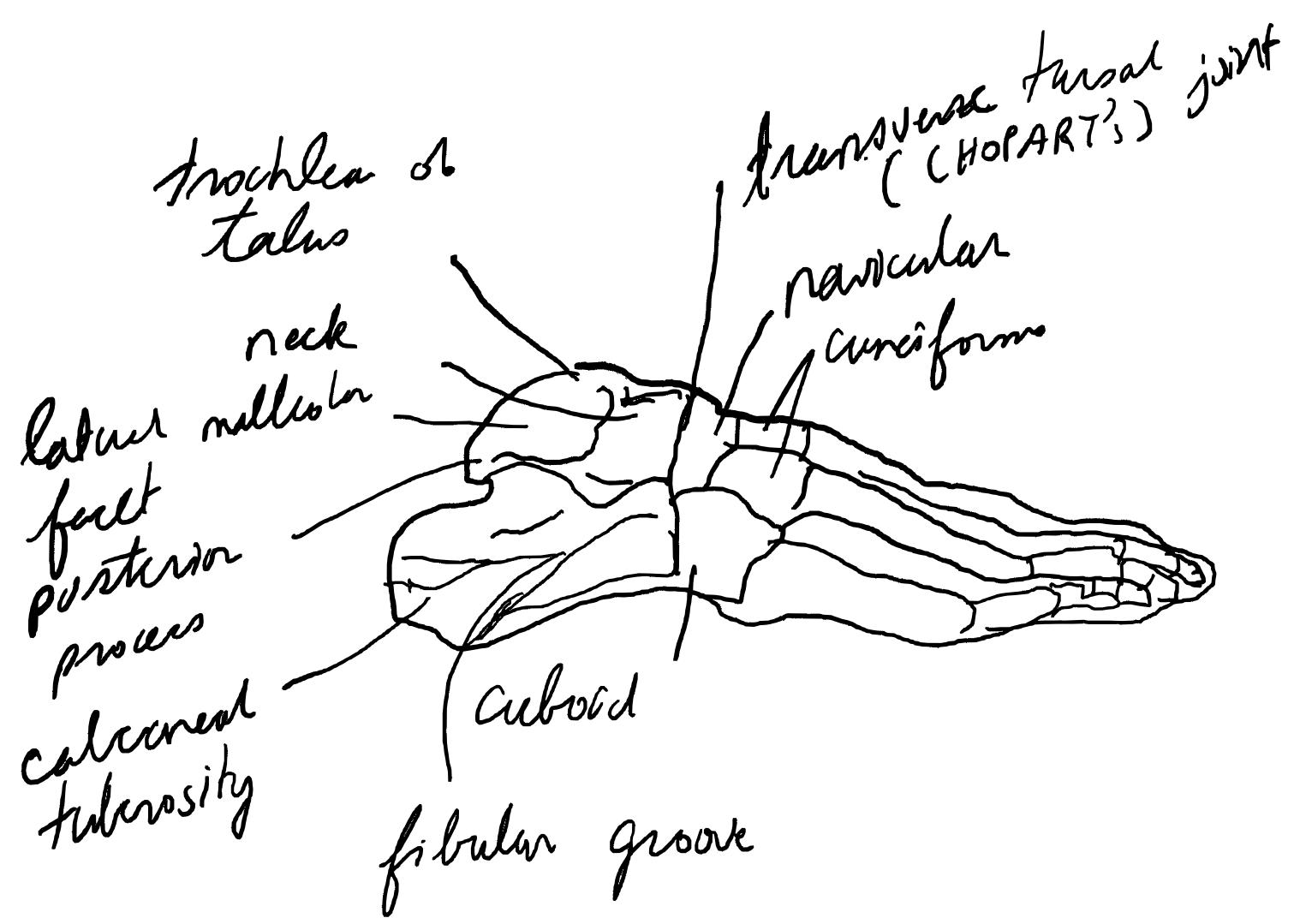
- minimal movement alone, but noticeable in conjunction



Dorsal View

# Plantar View





## Talus

- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest foot bone after Calcaneus
- 5 articulating surfaces: Fibula, Calcaneus, Navicular, distal ends of tibia/fibula

## Calcaneus

- largest foot bone
- angled upward. Anterior lateral portion scooped out, where talus sits.

## Navicular

- slight vertical ridges for cuneiforms
- articulates with cuboid, sometimes calcaneus

## Cuboid

- pyramidal
- sulcus: groove or fissure
- lateral surface has deep notch continuous with fibular sulcus
- plantar surface, deep groove parallel to anterior border for peroneus longus tendon

## Medial Cuneiform

- medial surface has shallow groove for tibialis anterior tendon

## Intermediate / Lateral Cuneiform

- nothing particular about muscle/tendinous groups / insertions

## Metatarsals

- proximal end superior (higher) than distal,  
so only ends contact tissue/skin
- First Metatarsal
  - articulates with sesamoids of flexor hallucis brevis
  - medial surface has small tubercle near its center, insertion for tib ant.
  - medial & lateral surface of base most plantarly forming tuberosity where peroneus longus inserts

- plantar aspect of heel has two grooves separated by ridge
- navicular bones of FAB slide in
- ignoring 2nd, 5th as descriptions are purely structurally. Refer to text if precise description required.

# Phalanges

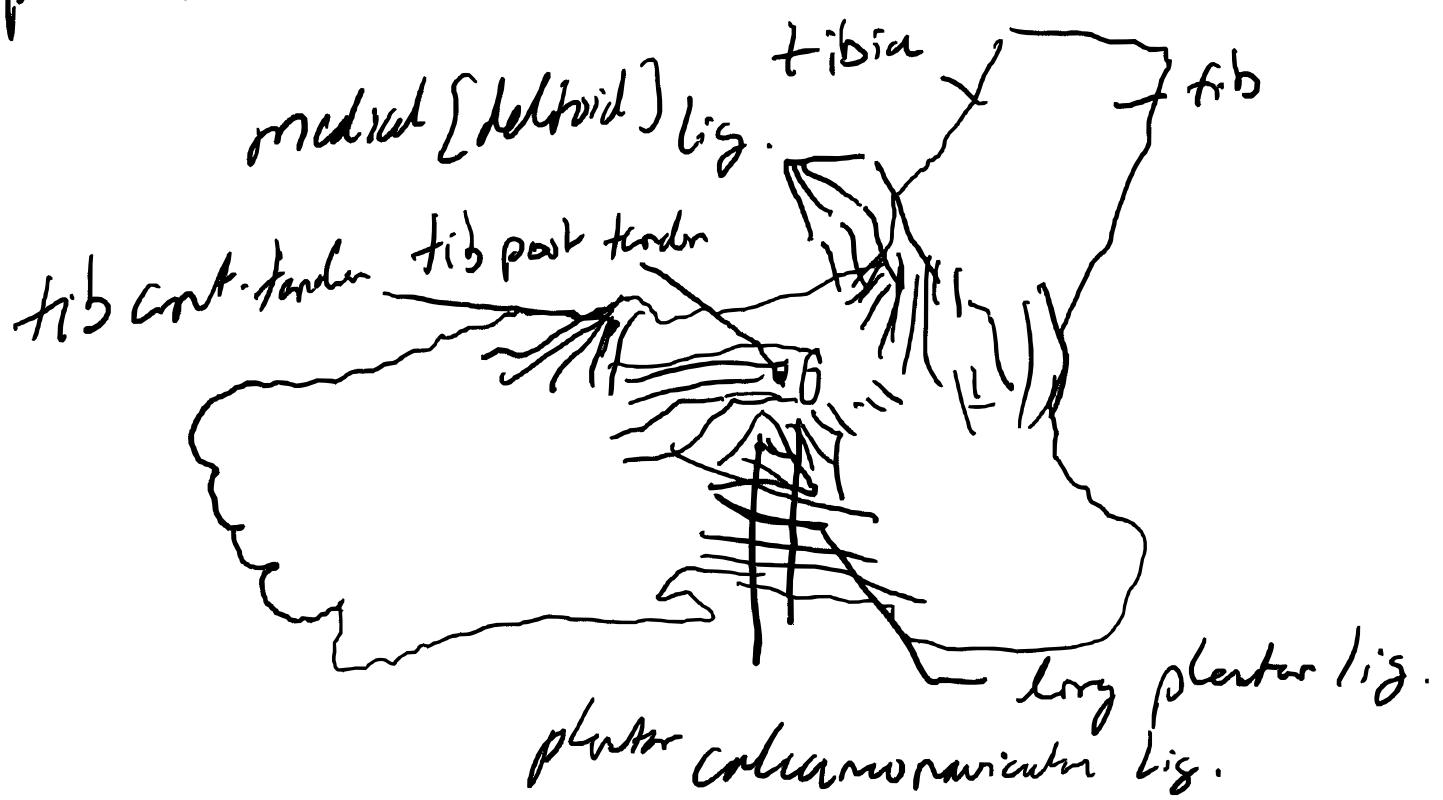
- Proximal
  - all same form. Hallux larger<sup>2</sup>
  - reflects joint pressure and force transmission
- Middle
  - only exist on lateral 4 toes

- Distal
  - second phalanx of hallux and 3<sup>rd</sup> of digits
  - hallux shift 15° deg anteriorly.
    - appears mostly in bone, slightly in joint.
  - plantar surface V shaped ridge where flexor hallucis longus inserts

joints

- Fibrofibular syndesmosis
  - joint distal ends of tibia and fibula
  - fibrous joint.
  - interosseous ligament: many strong bands prevent upward glideslip of tibia between leg bones
- Ankle joint (Taloocrural)
  - talus trochlea fits into tibia + fibula
  - deltoid and lateral ligament strongly reinforce sides of ankle

- connects to navicular, calcaneus, talus from medial malleolus.

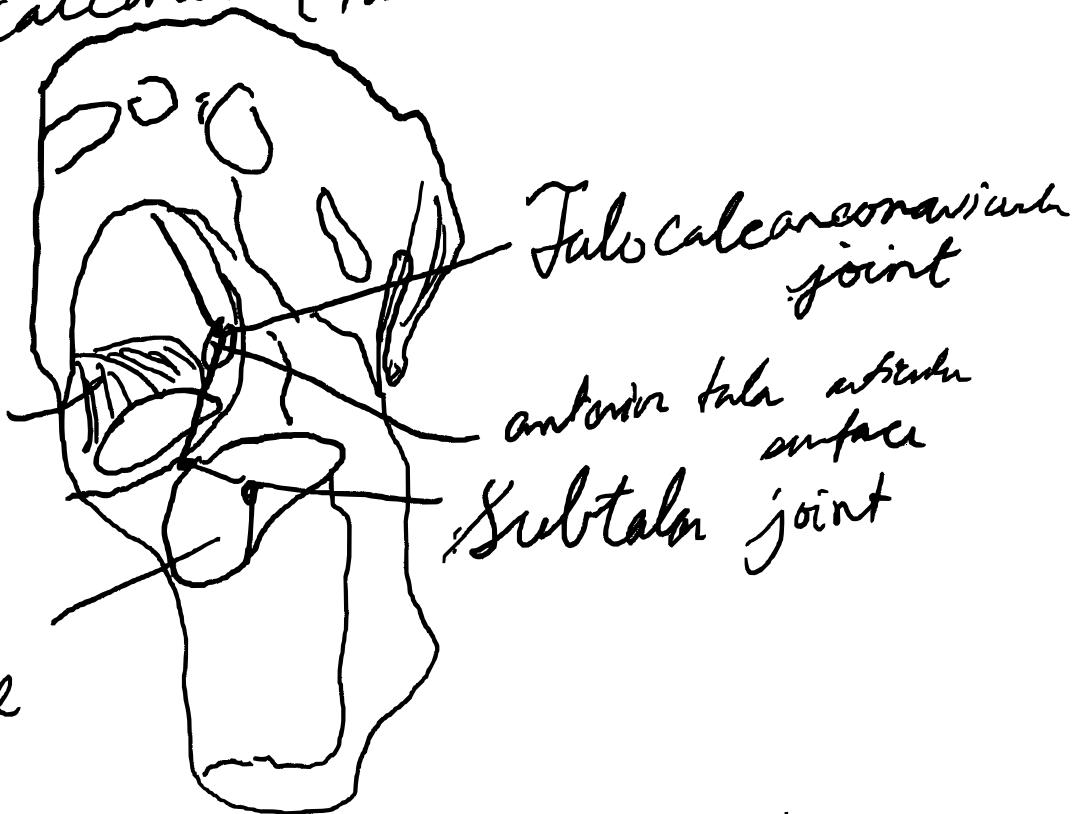


- lateral aspect often "fibiospring lig" supports plantar calcaneonavicular lig., maintaining talonavicular pos. protecting arch.

- Lateral ligament: 3 bands
  - post. talofibular stronger
  - separates ankle and subtalar joints
  - lateral malleolar fossa to post. lateral talar tubercle.
- ligaments may cross multiple joints, synovial spaces are separate
- anterior/posterior spaces have fat to allow for movement

- Subtalar joint
  - talus and calcaneus (talo calcaneal joint)

Plantar  
Calcaneonavicular  
ligament.  
Posterior talan  
Articular surface

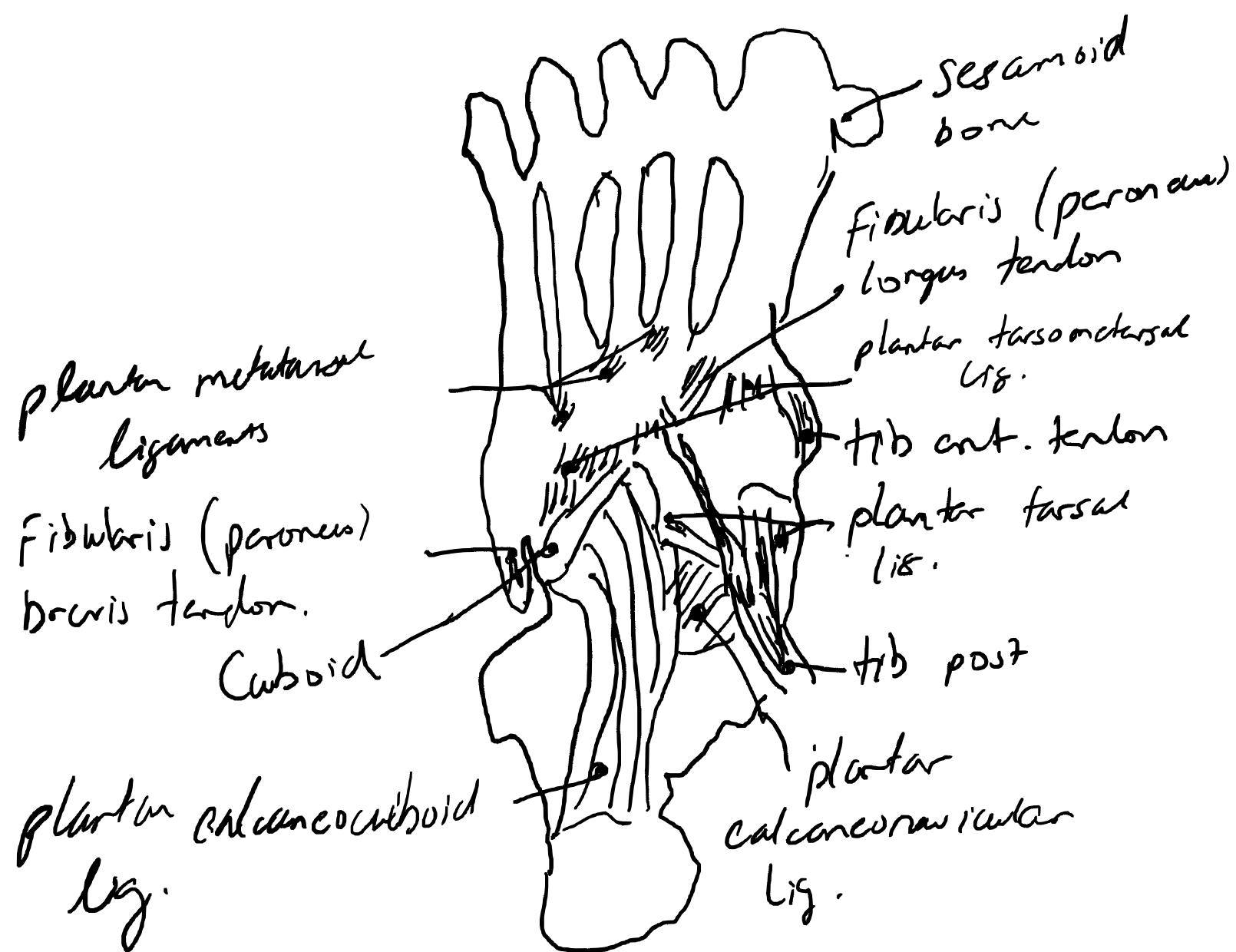


Dorsal ligaments of ankle and tarsal

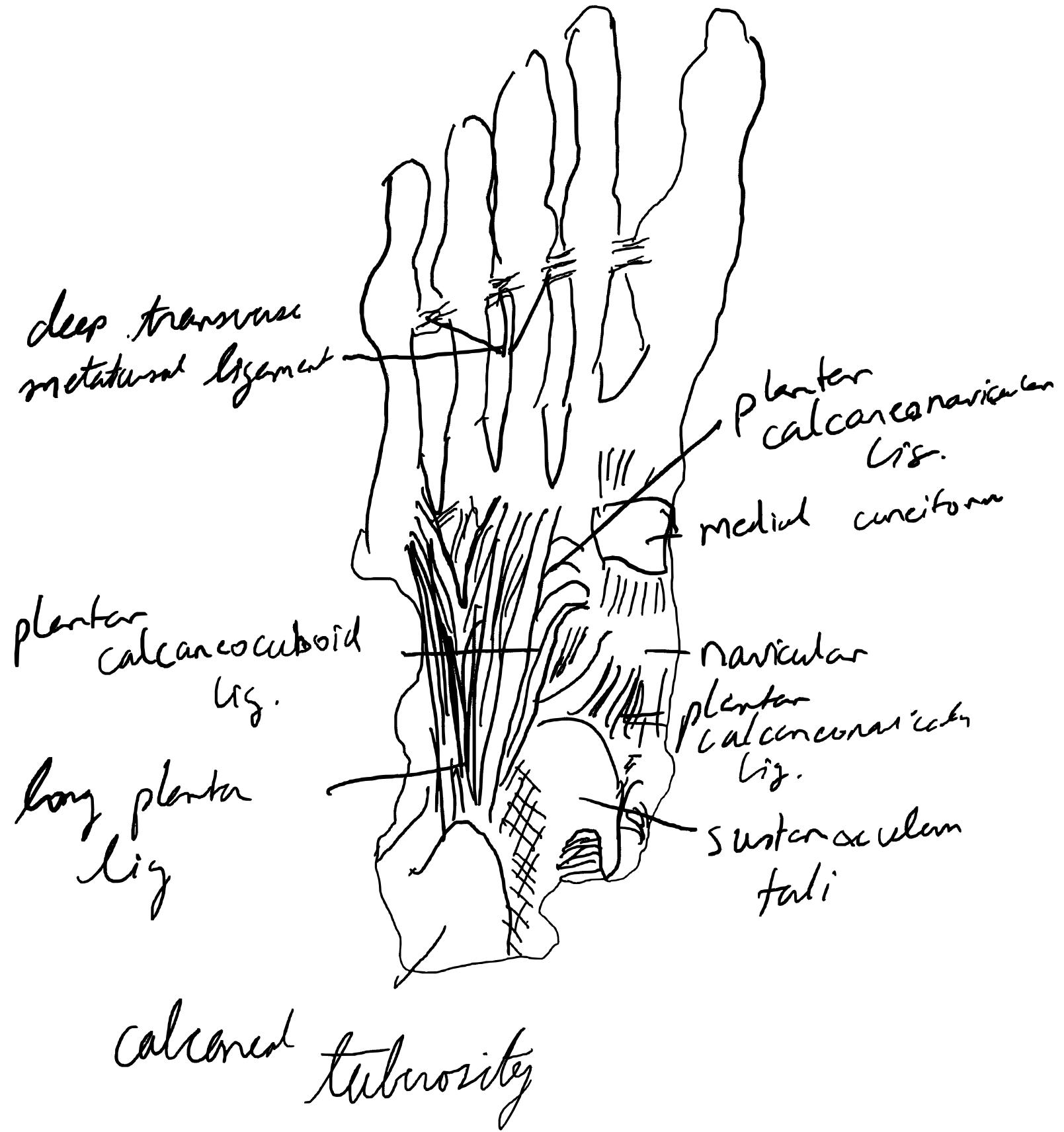
- only posterior surface, not medial or anterior
- thickness of the capsule create indistinct ligaments
  - posterior
  - lateral: extremely weak
  - medial
- 2 extracapsular ligaments
  - interosseous
  - cervical (strong): calcaneus to neck of talus
- Talocalcaneonavicular joint
  - where talus fits into calcaneus, navicular, and plantar calcaneonavicular lig.
  - more mobility than expected
  - extracapsular ligaments
    - reinforced by fibronavicular & fibrocalcaneal parts of deltoid lig on medial side
    - strong lateral ligament: calcaneonavicular lig. of bifurcate lig.

Calcaneocuboid Joint

- sellar joint: saddle joint
- dorsal + plantar calcaneocuboid lig.
- long planta
- calcaneocuboid of bifurcate



Deep Plantar ligaments



## - Cubonavicular Joint

- sometimes plane synovial, other syndesmosis
- ligaments present regardless of joint type
- 3 liggs:
  - dorsal, start dorsal lateral of navicular to lateral cuneiform, medial posterior cuboid
  - plantar
- interosseous

## - Cuneonavicular joint

- small movement, interface via wedges on navicular
- dorsal ligaments to each cuneiform
- plantar ligaments do the same
- synovial cavity is continuous = great tarsal synovial cavity
- post. fib. merge + reinforce plantar lig.

## - Cuneiform & Cuneocuboid

- little movement, strong attachment
- help create strong & stable arch.

## . Tarsometatarsal Joints

- "Lisfranc's joint"
- 3 joints in a strict sense (separate synovial cavities)
  - medial Cuneiform → first metatarsal
  - intermediate + lateral → 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> metatarsal
  - cuboid → 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>
- variety in interosseous ligament presentation
- "Lisfranc's Ligaments" Strongest and most important.
  - lateral surface of medial cuneiform to medial surface of 2<sup>nd</sup> metatarsal base

## . Proximal clavometatarsal Joints

- 4 lateral firmly held in place at proximal and dorsal, plantar, interosseous liggs.
  - interosseous strongest, dorsal, transverse, weakest

## - Distal Intermetatarsal Joints

- no serious description
- deep Transverse metatarsal lig, often seen as 1 lig instead of individual

## - Lesser Metatarsophalangeal joints

- fibrous capsule attachment at neck
  - loose dorsally and plantarly, wide ROM.
- plantar lig strong attachment to proximal phalanx, loose at metatarsal.
  - move with phalanges, even loss connection w/  
metatarsal

## - Hallucal Metatarsophalangeal joint

- accommodates 2 sesamoid bones embedded in tendon of flexor hallucis brevis + weight bearing
- plantar side of head, two grooves for sesamoids
  - medial larger
- sesamoids embedded in flexor hallucis brevis, but also have fibers from ad/abductr hallucis

- fibrous capsule. Same properties as others in dorsal/planta nature

### Interphalangeal joints

- ginglymus: freely moving in a plane (hinge)
- don't care too much about these

### Muscles And Tarsal Specializations

- extrinsic: shank origin, foot insertion
- intrinsic: both in foot

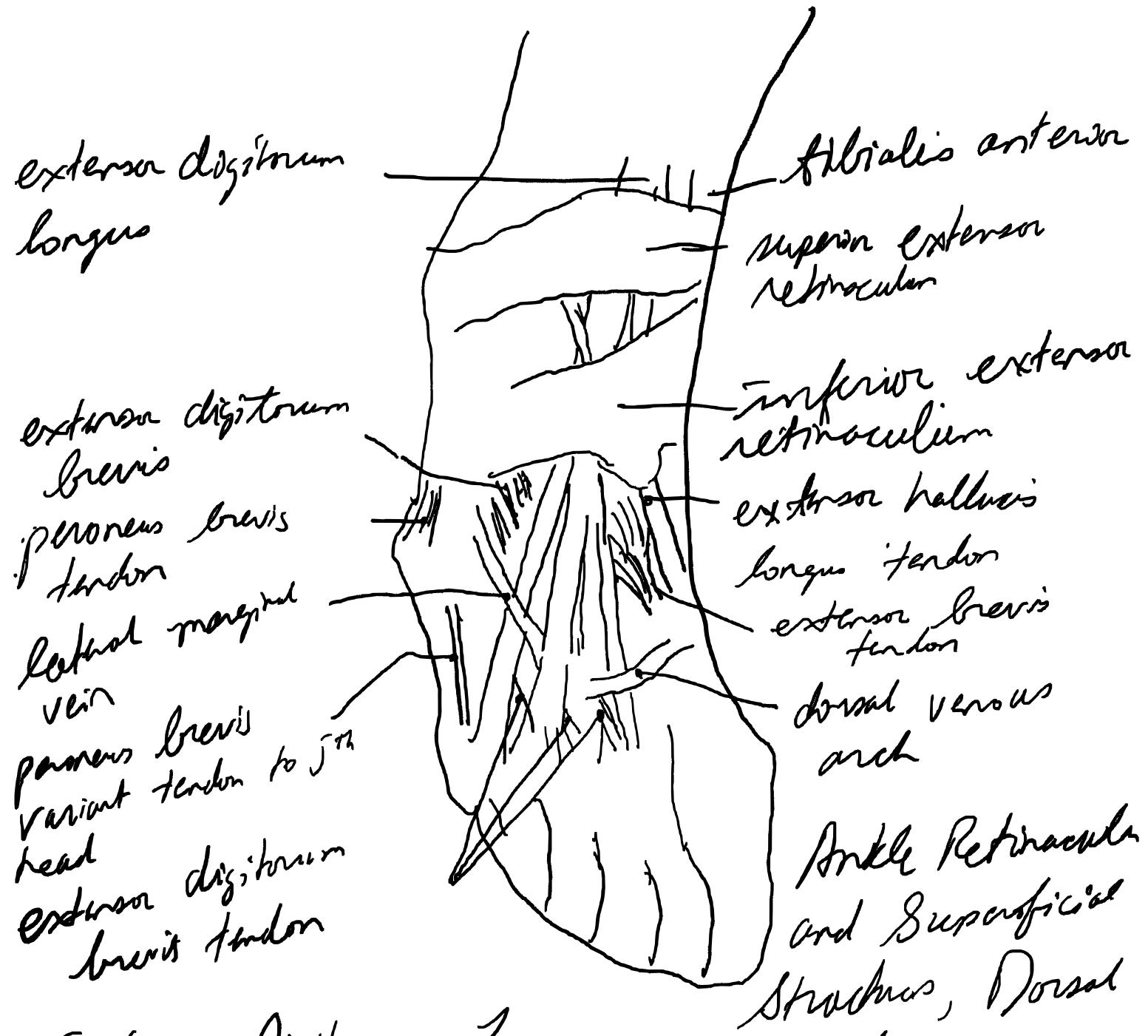
# Fascial Specialization

- superficial fascia = loose connective tissue
  - thick in the sole
- deep fascia covers superficial muscle, also thickest in sole (plantar aponeurosis)
- separates muscle groups
  - anterior compartment: extensors / dorsiflexors of ankle and toes
  - posterior superficial: flex knee, plantarflex ankle
  - deep: plantarflexors, toe flexors, invert/evert
  - lateral: plantarflexors / evertors
- Sole, 3 parts:
  - medial: 2 Hallux muscles
  - lateral: 2 little toe muscles
  - intermediate: rest of digits
- return for more notes if necessary

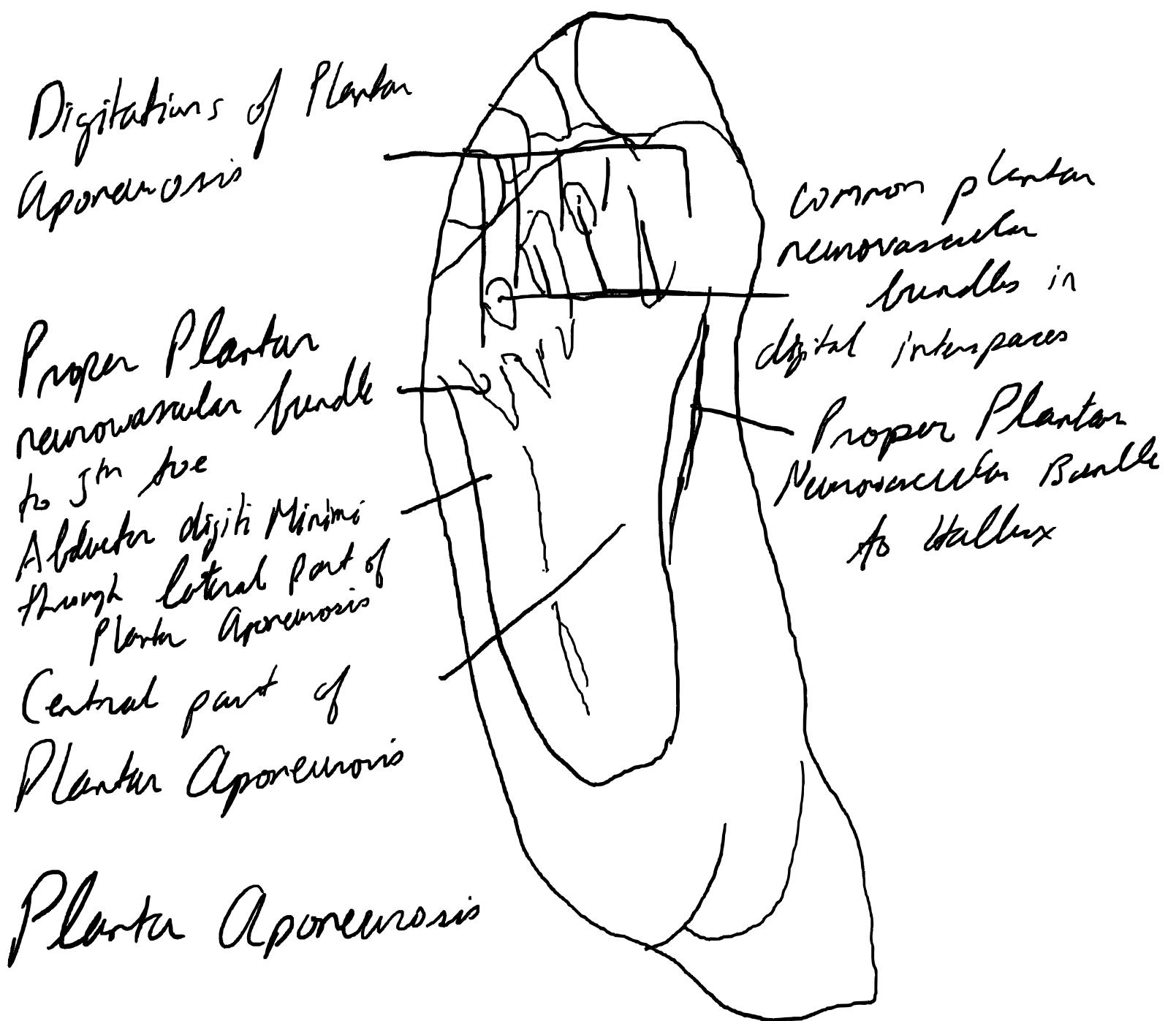
## Extrinsic Dorsal Muscles

- Fibialis Anterior
  - origin lateral condyle, proximal lateral tibia shaft
  - inserts medial/plantar surfaces of medial cuneiform and first metatarsal base

- primarily dorsiflexor but also inverter
- becomes tendon about midway down leg



- Extensor Digitorum Longus
- lies medial to fib. ant.
- extensor origin from lateral tibial condyle, fibular head,  $2\frac{1}{3}$  rd of medial fibular surface, proximal interosseous membrane, crural fascia, etc.
- appears medial belly of leg, drops vertically



## Plantar Aponeurosis

- intertwine with brevis tendons when inserting into proximal/distal phalanges
- main contributor to a membranous sheet which covers lateral toes.

# Extensor Tendons of Foot

Dorsal Digital  
Arteries

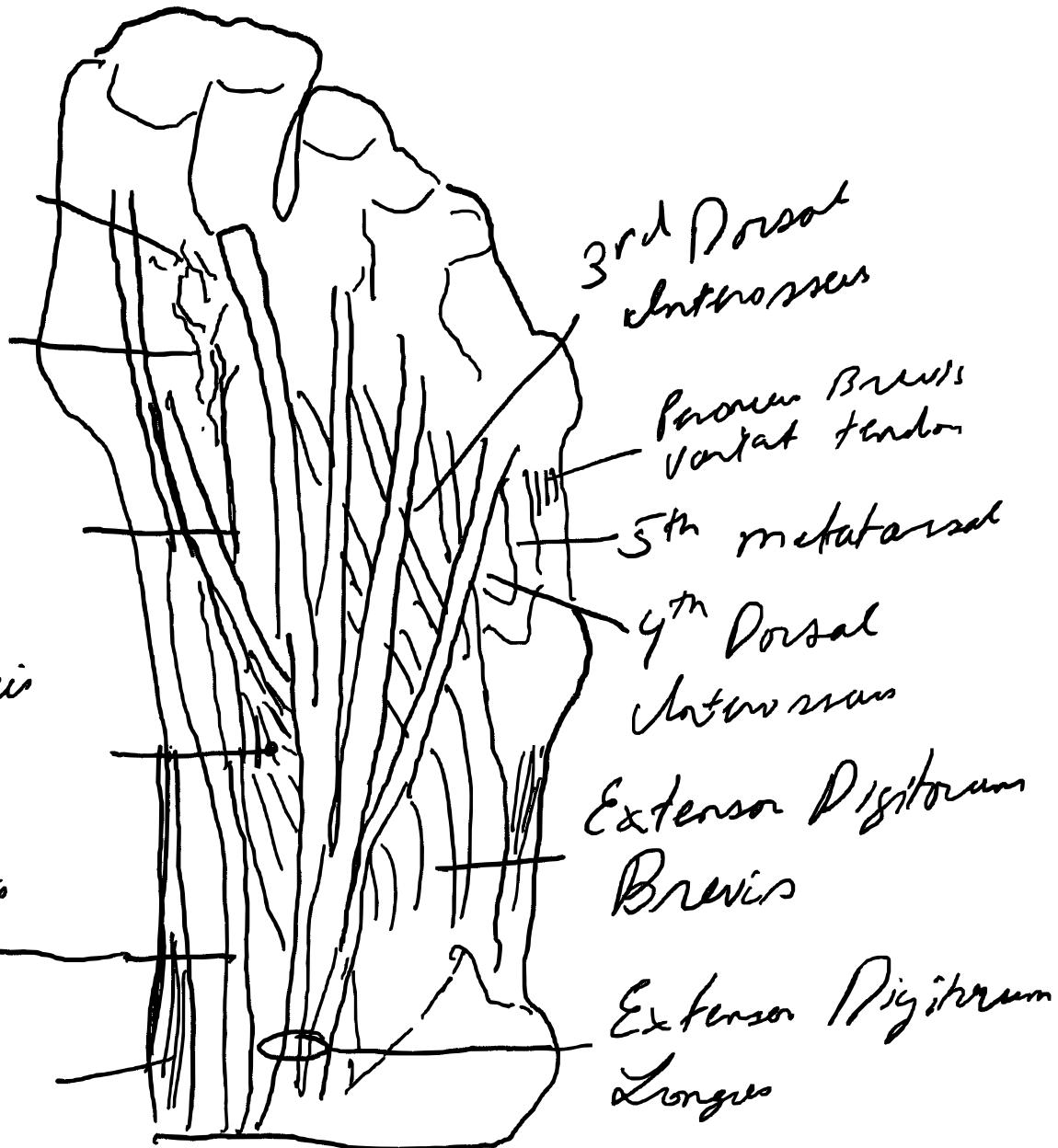
1<sup>st</sup> Dorsal Metatarsal  
Artery

Common Dorsal  
Digital Nerve to  
First Interosseous

Extensor Hallucis  
Brevis

Extensor Hallucis  
Longus

Tibialis Anterior

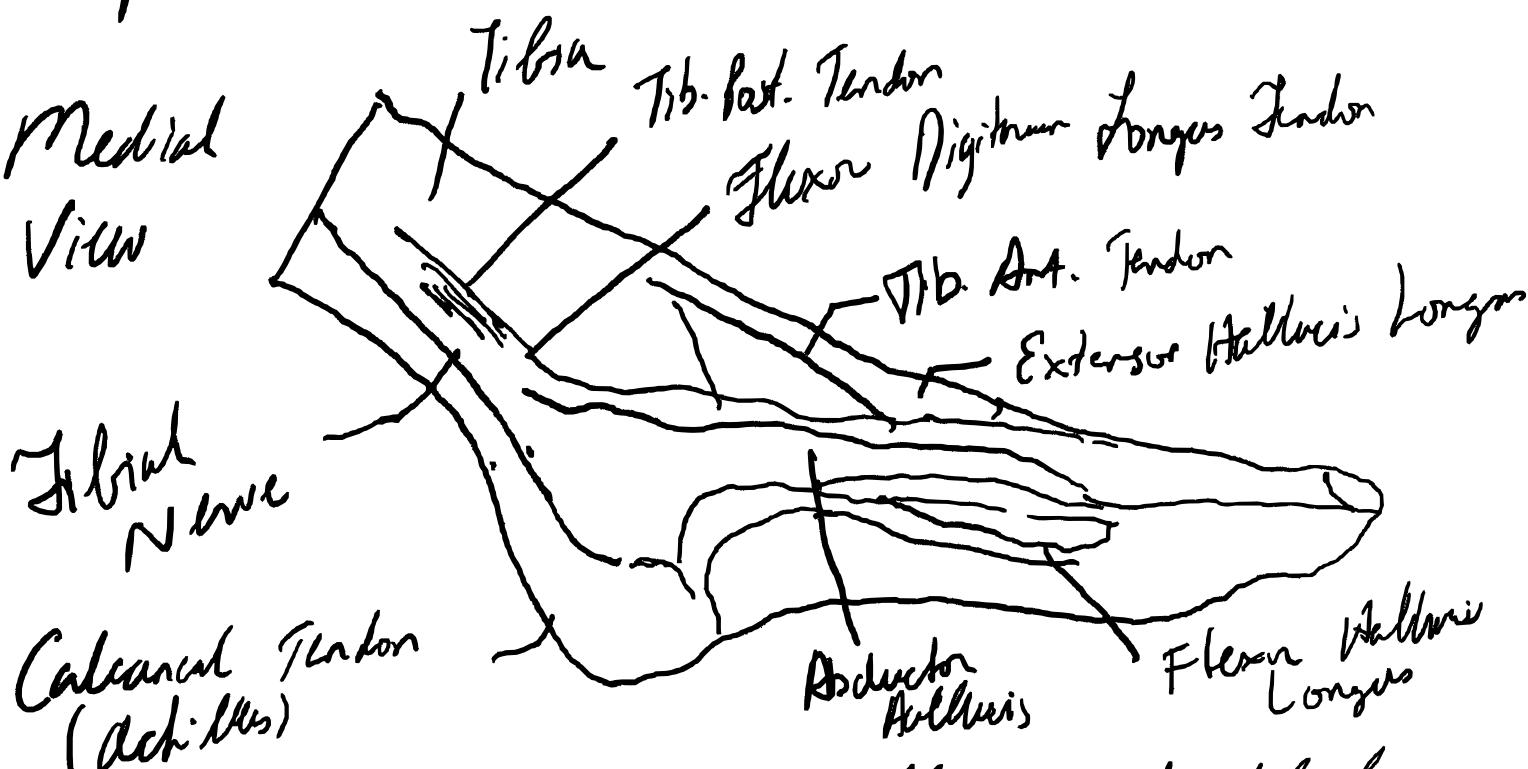


- helps keep tendons in place and provides way to extend toes
- other stats include extensor digitorum & extensor longus
- also dorsiflexes and extends lesser toes
- Extensor Hallucis Longus

- origin: middle medial surface of fibula
- deep to fib. ant. and extensor digitorum longus
- tendon passes through septum extensor retinaculum, etc.
- insertion, dorsal distal 1<sup>st</sup> phalanx & medial slip into joint.
- hallux & interphalangeal joint are extended.
- Pronator teres
- variably fused with extensor digitorum longus
- origin: inferior 1/3 of medial fib. surface, fused belly inserts 5<sup>th</sup> metatarsal, sometimes 4<sup>th</sup>
- weak dorsiflexor and evensor

## Extensor Plantar Muscles

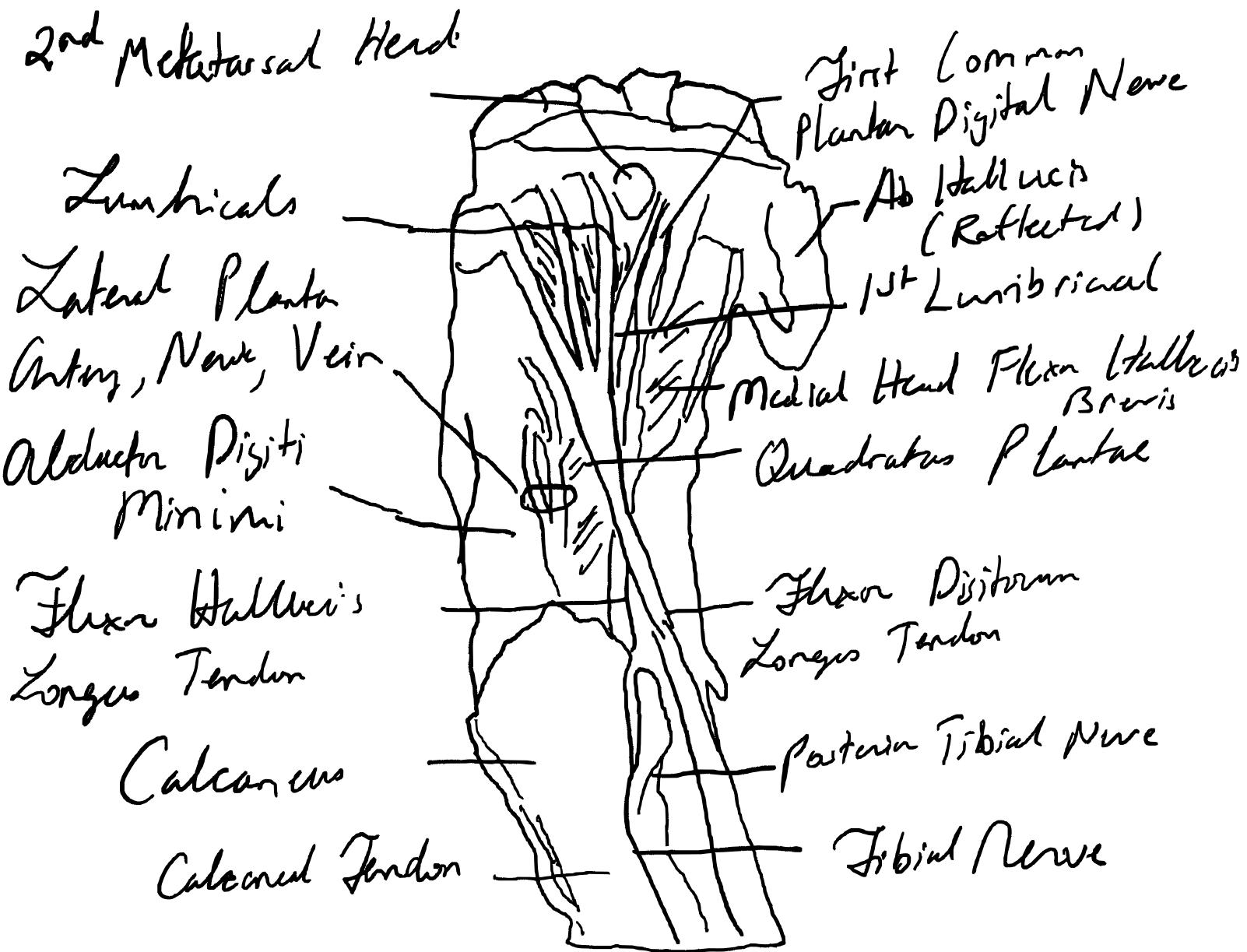
- superficial posterior compartment: gastroc, soleus, plantaris: connect to calcaneus



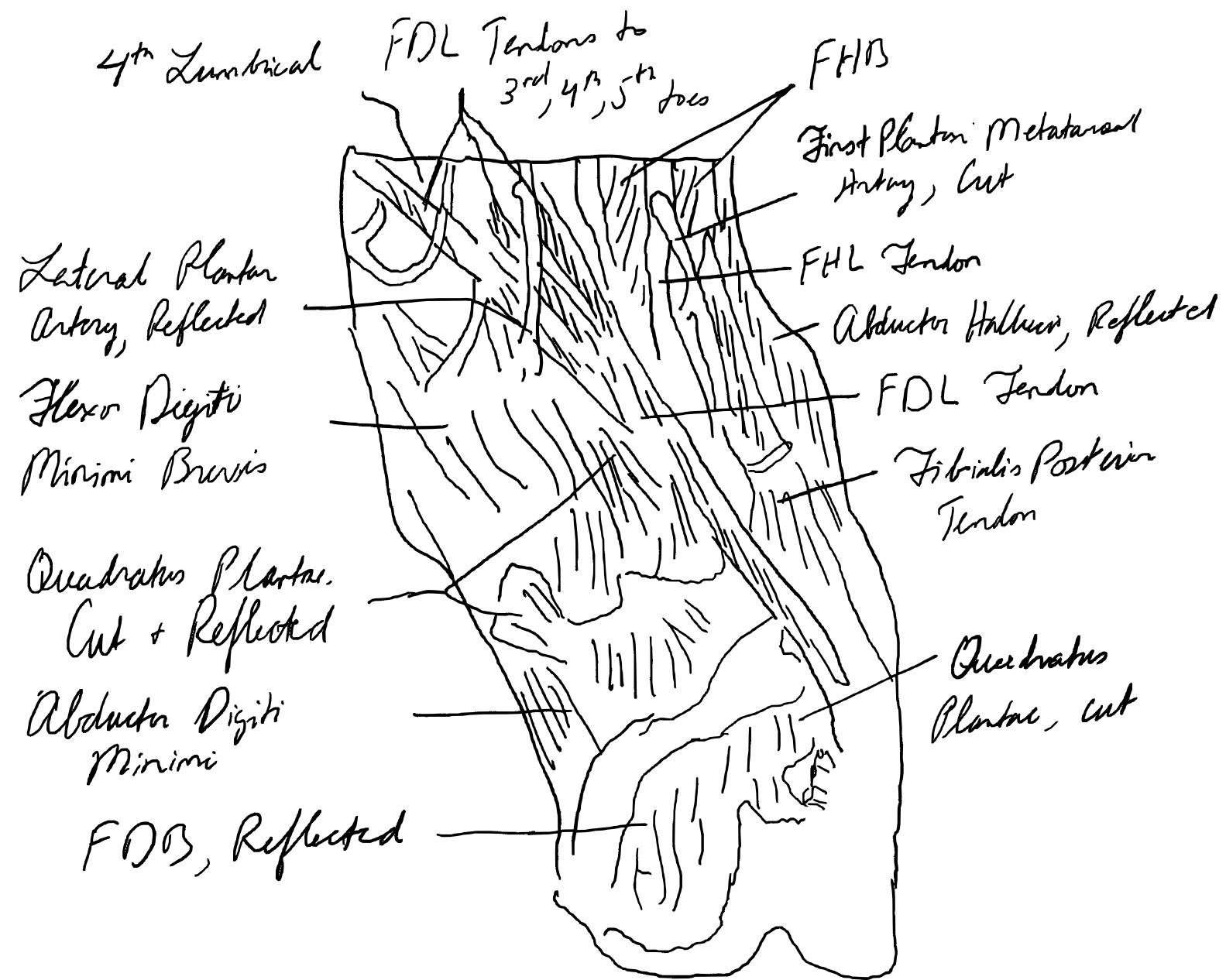
- deep compartment: digital flexors and abductors
- posterior
- Triceps Brachii
  - soleus + gastroc combine into Achilles tendon

- medial gastrocnemius head from medial femoral condyle
- lateral head: lateral femoral epicondyle
- soleus bony origin: medially along soleal line, middle 3<sup>rd</sup> of medial tibia, laterally from fibula head + postero-lateral head of post. fib. surface
- calcaneal tendon (achilles) spirals.
  - sol. subfascia medial gastrocnemius lateral
- plantar flexes + slight invertors due to ankle's oblique axis
- gastrocnemius flexes knee (femur origin) weaker than sol. unless knee is extended
- Plantaris
  - weak, small belly, long tendon, medial calc. insertion, inferomedial to triceps surae
- Flexor Digitorum Longus
  - most medial deep muscle, origin post. surface of fib.
  - goes through medial cable to sole, between 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> intrinsic layers
  - fibers divide by "knot of Henry" under navicular
  - insertion for quadratus plantae, then slips for lumbricals
  - share sheath with brevis, split slightly for insertion
- Flexor Hallucis Longus
  - origin distal 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of postero-lateral surface of fibula + many other parts
  - runs anteriorly, inferior to lateral head of flexor hallucis brevis
  - passes through sesamoids

# Plantar View



- sends fibers to digitorum longus, so can help flex other toes
- V shape insertion into phalanges, plantar flexion
- Tibialis Posterior
  - origin: crural interosseous membrane + posterior surface of tibia + fibula
  - conveys tendons deep to FDL, passes through first compartment of flexor retinaculum
  - inserts into all tarsals except talus + 2 or 3 metatarsals

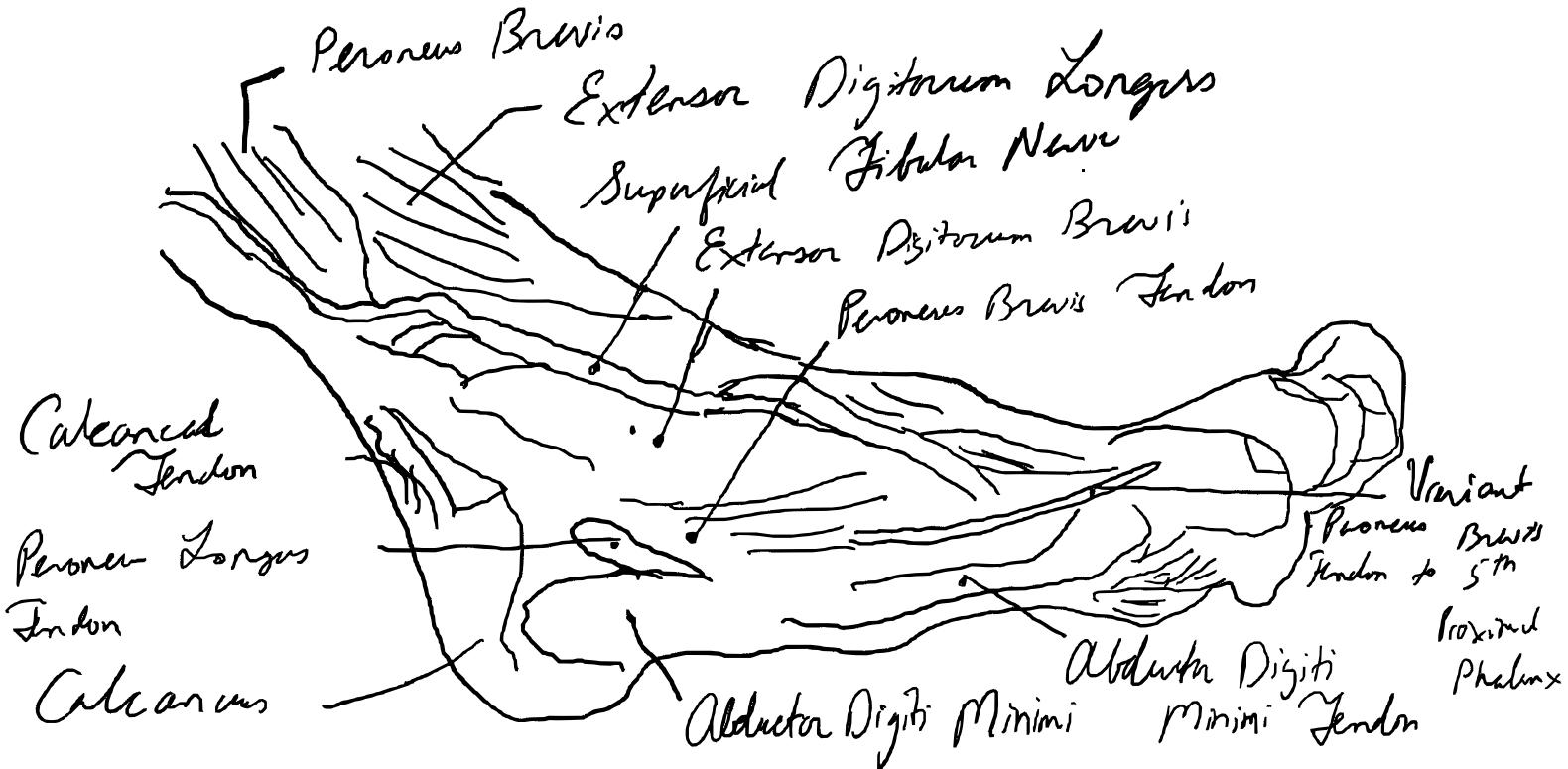


- tendon has strong band going to sustentaculum tali
  - 2 other bands
    - superficial, wider band to navicular tuberosity and inferior medial cuneiform
    - deep part becomes origin for FDB, inserts into metatarsals
  - plantar flex and strongest inverter

### Extensor Lateral Muscles

- fibula origin, ventrally down, behind lateral trachea has
- Pronator Longus
  - origin: head of fib, lateral condyle of tib.

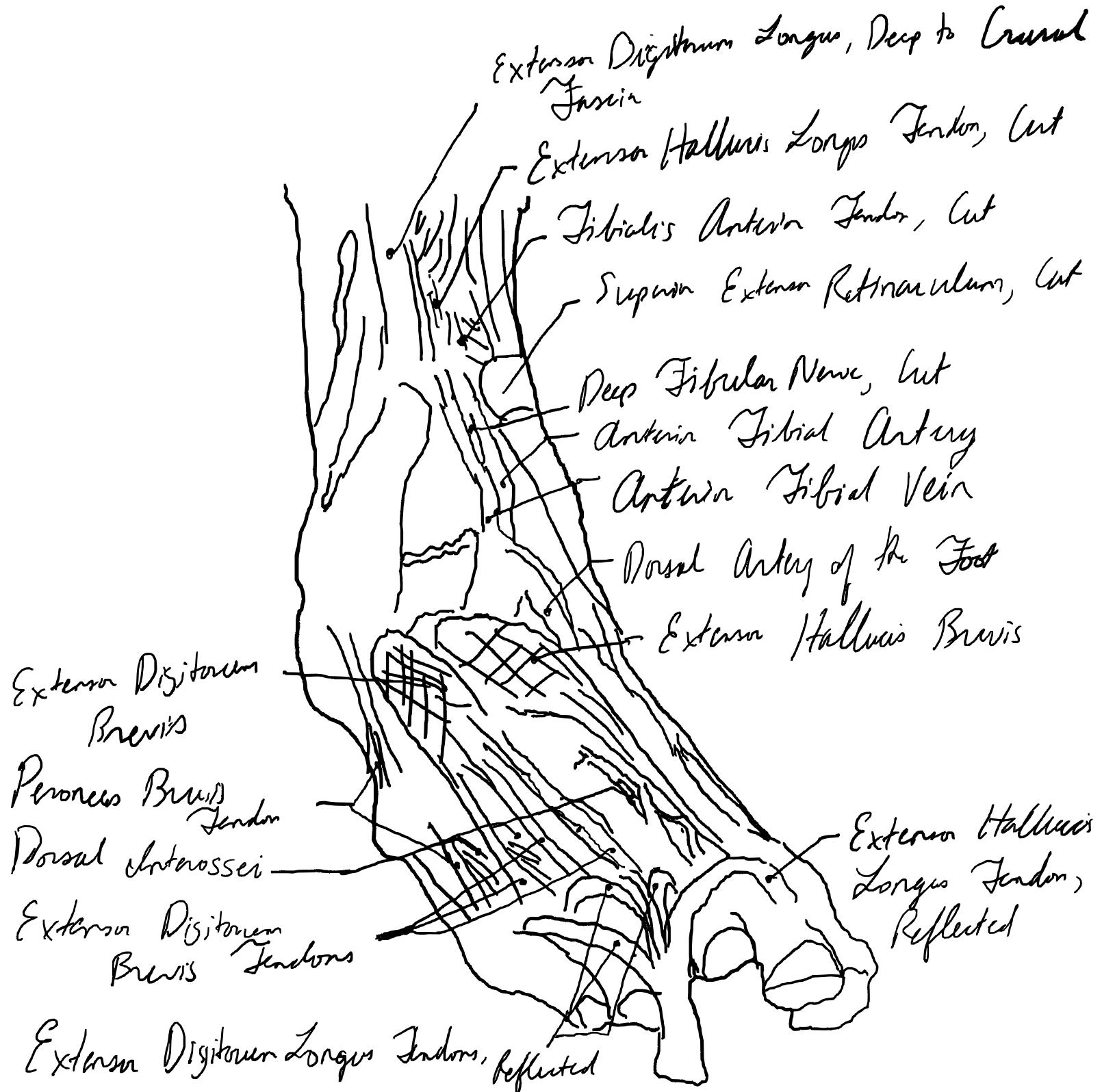
# Lateral View



- tendon goes behind lateral malleolus, along lateral calcaneus
  - as far as fibular notch of lateral tibial border
- insertion: tuberosity of lateral first metatarsal bone, plantarly
  - smaller slips insert lateral aspect of medial cuneiform + 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal neck
- plantar flexor + evertor (tendon crosses sole lateral to medial)
  - maintains longitudinal + transverse plantar arch via tendon orientation
- Pronator Brevis
  - arises lateral 2/3<sup>rd</sup> fib. surface
  - bipennate attachment on talon above lateral malleolus
  - along calcaneus inserts into 5<sup>th</sup> metatarsal tuberosity dorsally
  - plantarflexor + evertor

## Intrinsic Dorsal Foot Muscles

- Extensor Hallucis Brevis and Extensor Digitorum Brevis
- Only one muscle mass on foot dorsum, from calcaneus splits
  - 4 ways to hallux + 3 toes
- Hallux split considered own muscle

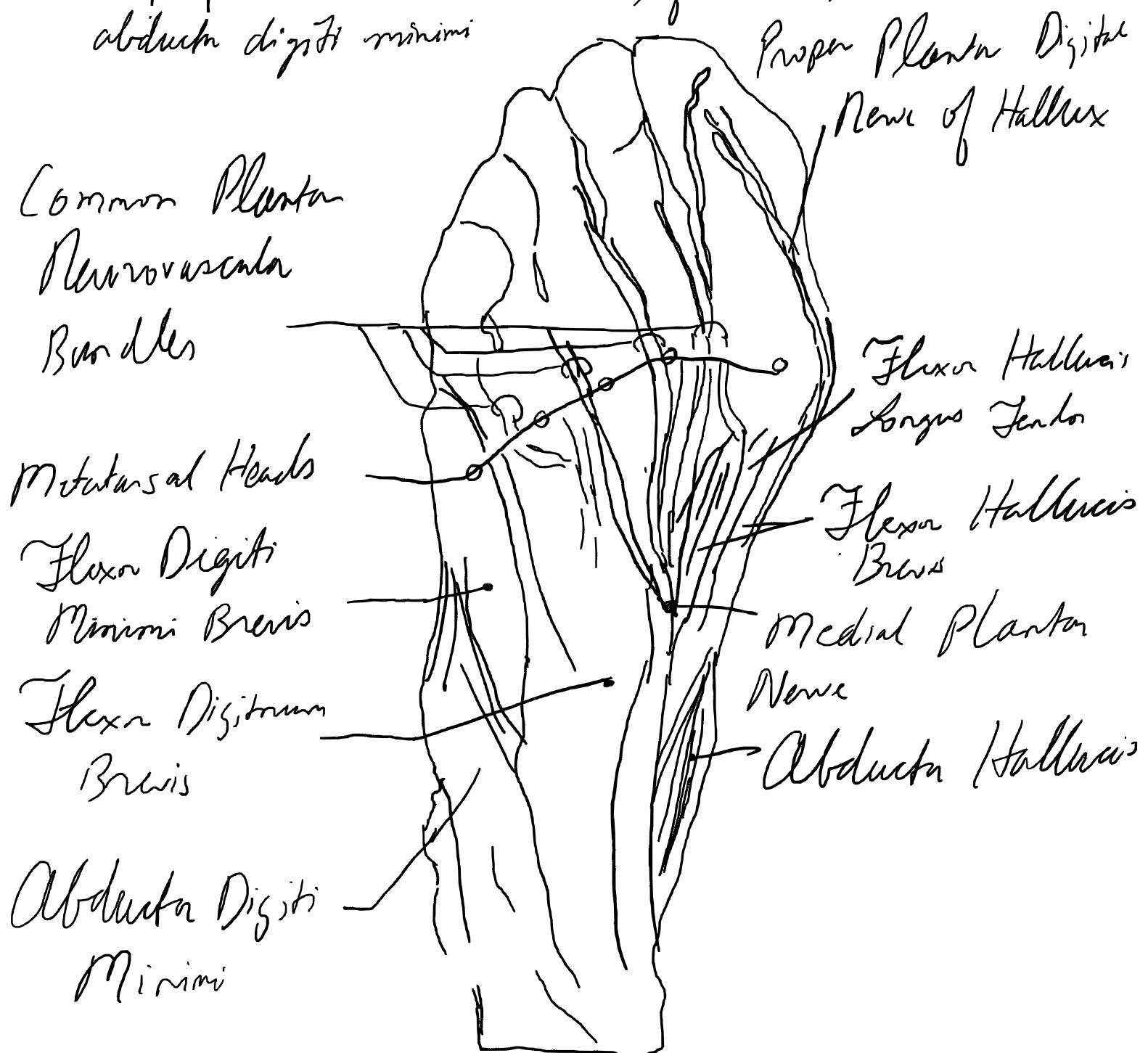


Extensor Digitorum Longus Tendons, reflected

- arise from lateral calcaneus, deep to EDL + PT
- long + short extensor tendons pass in digits
- hallucis tendon dorsal insertion proximal phalanx
- digits tendons trifurcate:
  - central dorsal middle phalanx
  - medial + lateral recombine to distal phalanx base
- extends great toe + toes on metatarsals at interphalangeal joint.

## Intrinsic Plantar Muscles

- 18 arise and insert into sole
- start from plantar aponeurosis, 4 layers
  - 1. superficial: abductor hallucis, flexor digitorum brevis, abductor digiti minimi

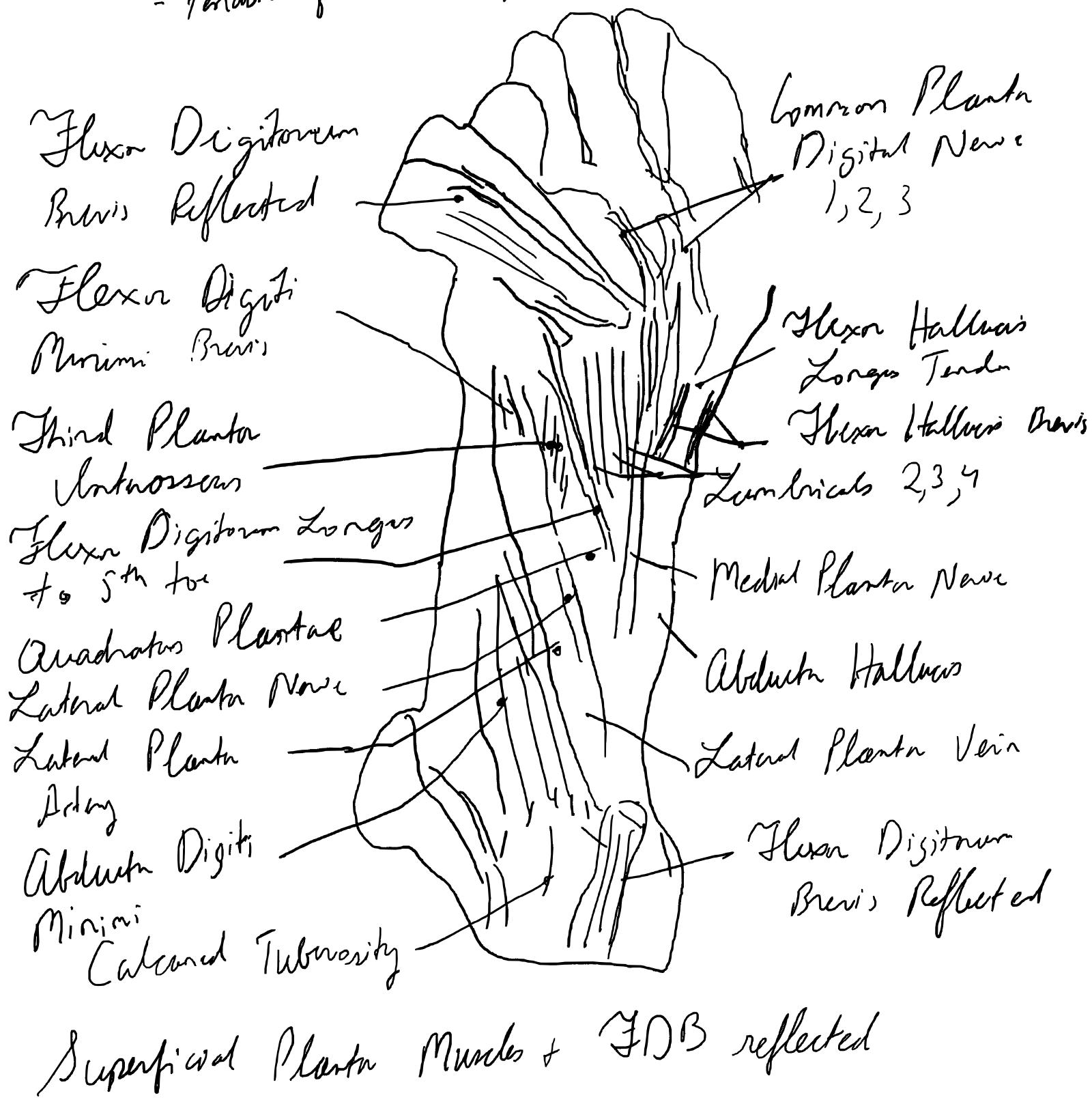


Superficial Plantar Muscles

2. 5 muscles: quadratus plantae + 4 lumbricals.  
- tendons of FHL + DL in this layer

3. Flexor Hallucis Brevis, Flexor Digiti Minimi Brevis, 2 headed adductor hallucis

4. Deepest: 4 dorsal + 3 plantar interosseous  
- tendons of Peronius Longus + Post. fib. in this layer



## - Abductor Hallucis

- medial bulging muscle on sole
- origin: calcaneal tuberosity, medial + fascia plantar
- runs anteriorly, runs tendons through tarsal tunnel
- inserts into plantar lig & medial sesamoïd.
- merges with FHL at metatarsophalangeal joint

## - Flexor Digitorum Brevis

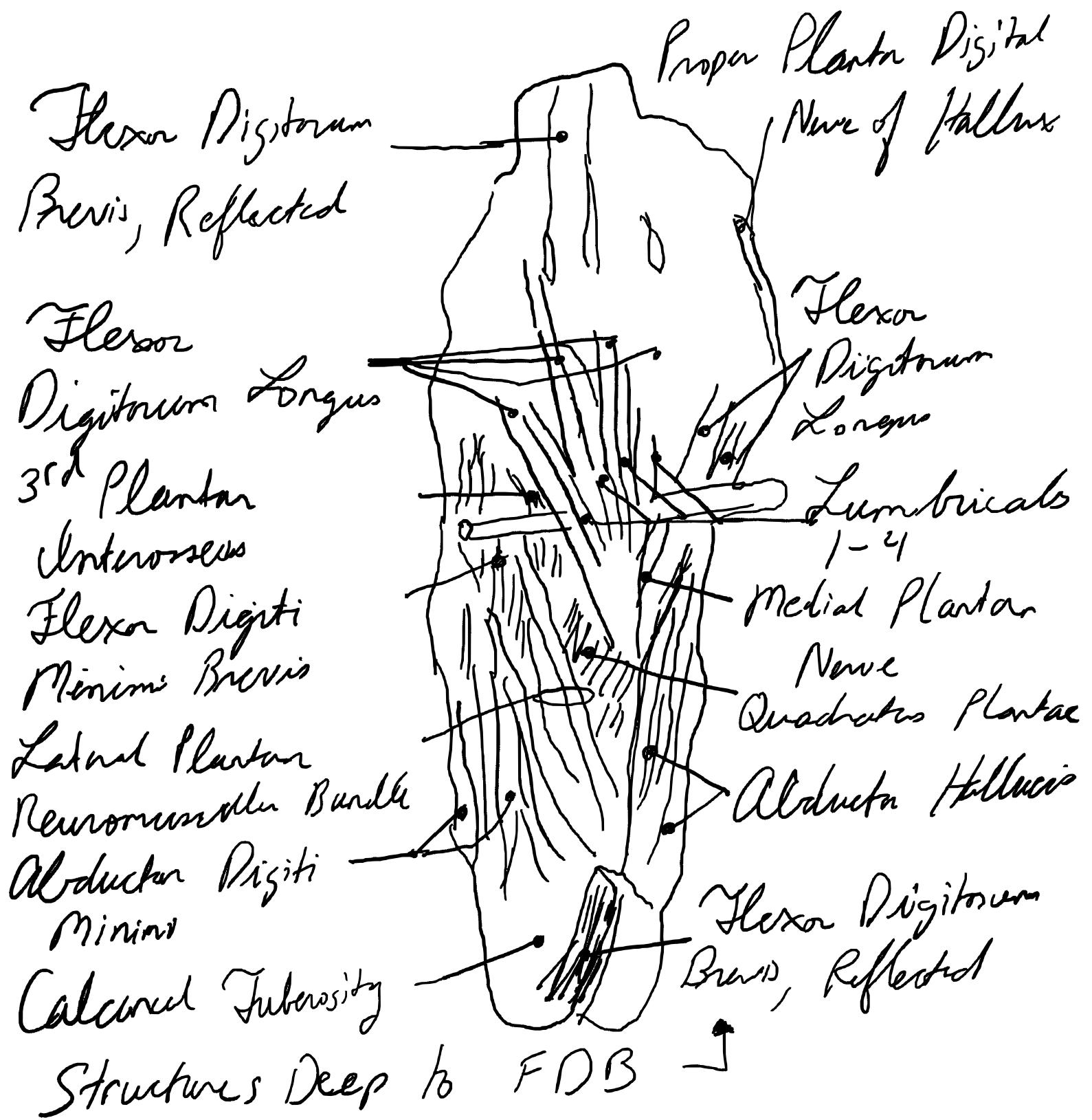
- origin Calcaneal tuberosity, proximal intermedial plantar aponeurosis, interosseous lam septa.
- runs anterior, 4 way split to each toe. Plantar to FDL
- tendon splits to let FDL enter superficially.
  - reforms insertions at sides of middle phalanges, plantar
- plantarflex

## - Abductor Digiti Minimi

- slender muscle from lateral calcaneal tuberosity
- tendon starts on 1 calcaneocuboid joint, thick insertion into 3rd proximal phalangeal base, plantar
- likely stronger flexor than abductor

## - Quadratus Plantae

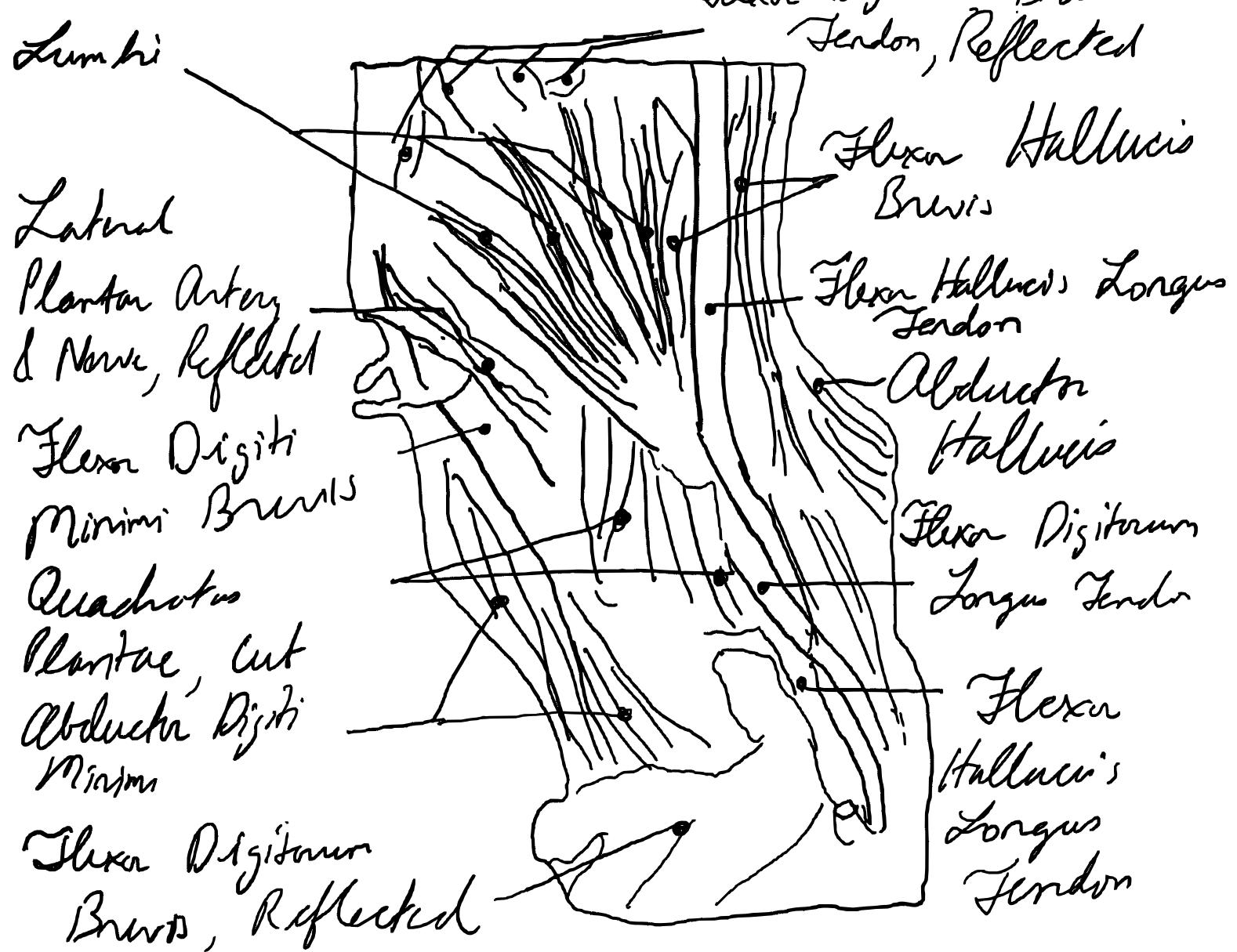
- "flexor accessorius"
- V shaped, from medial and lateral calcaneus (2 heads)
- inserts into FDL tendons
- traction to FDL makes QP move too.



- Lumbricals

- 4 worm shaped muscles, 2-5<sup>th</sup> toes
- soft tissue origin and insertion

# Relationships of the Long Flexor Tendons



- FDL tendon medial origin.

- all bipennate except 1<sup>st</sup>, largest

- Insert medially into extensor expansion

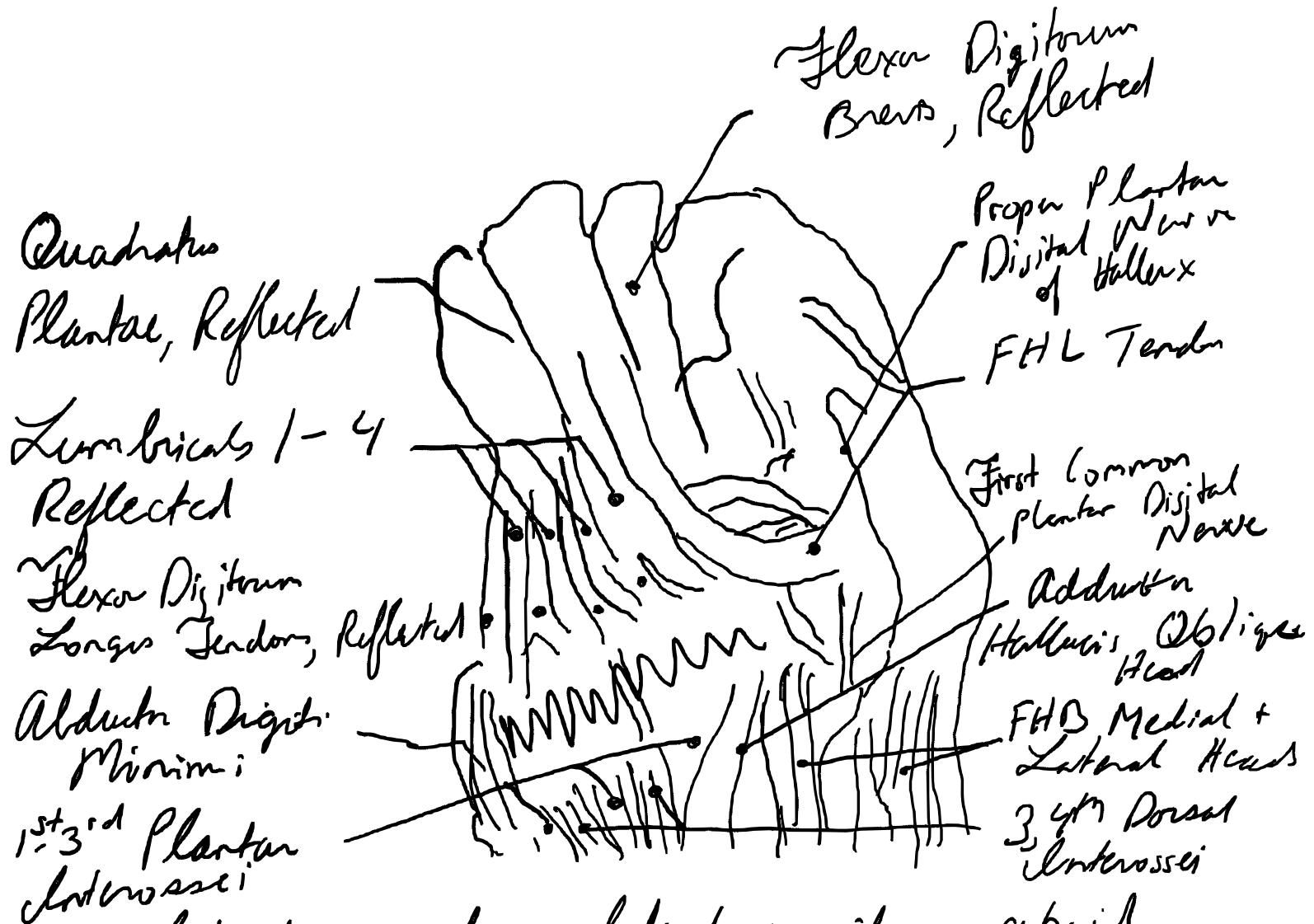
- flex metatarsophalangeal and extend interphalangeal joints.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> toe abductor, others adduct (due to resting axis)

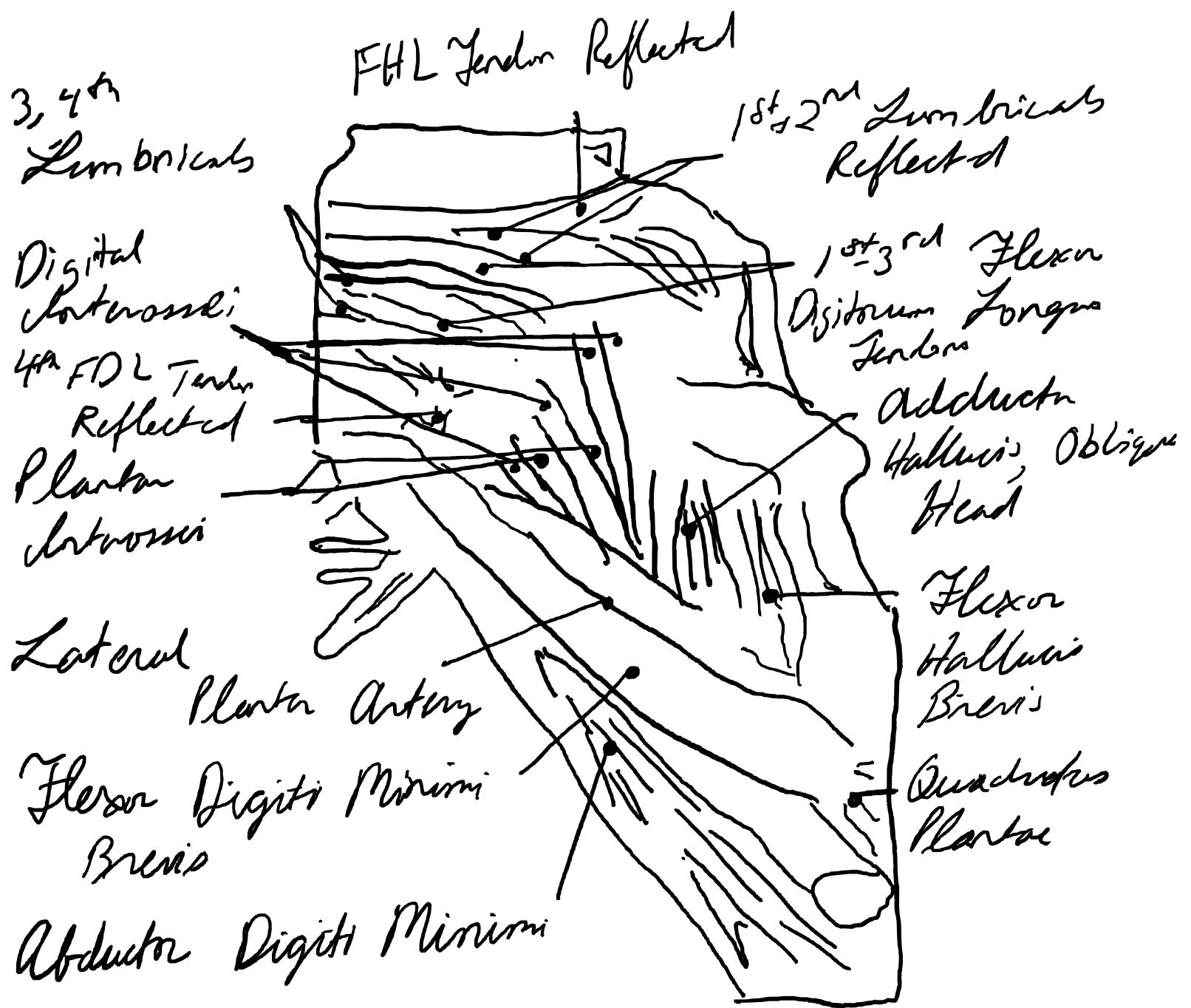
- Flexor Hallucis Brevis

- plantar & parallel to 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal

- (inverse Y shape): medial, slip from Post Tib. insertion



- lateral arm from lateral cuneiform + cuboid
- runs lateral + inferior of 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal
- complex insertion known as plantar plate
- flex
- Flexor Digiti Minimi Brevis
  - + inferior to 5<sup>th</sup> metatarsal
  - + starts from said metatarsal & fib. shaft / cuboid
  - + joins Abductor Digitii Minimi, inserts into proximal phalanx
- Adductor Hallucis
  - + 2 heads: oblique from tibular sheath + 2 - 4 metatarsal base, antero-medial to insert lateral to FHB



- + Smaller transverse head from metatarsophalangeal ligaments & 2-5 MTP joints
- + inserts onto lateral sesamoid
- Dorsal & Plantar Interossei
- + fill intermetatarsal space, bulging onto dorsum of foot

- + 2 groups:
- \* 4 dorsal interossei: larger, bulge above
- \* 3 plantarly: smaller, fill plantar space
- + form coffered plantar sheet
- + resting axis is through second toe
- \* dorsal: ABduct, plantar ADduct
- + 1-4 dorsal, medial to lateral
- \* bipinnate, from bones of metatarsal space, tarsometatarsal ligaments, adjacent fascia
- \* insert proximal phalanx
- \* plantar flex + abduct 2-4
- + plantar similar but opposite.
- \* plantarflex and adduct 3-5<sup>th</sup> toes

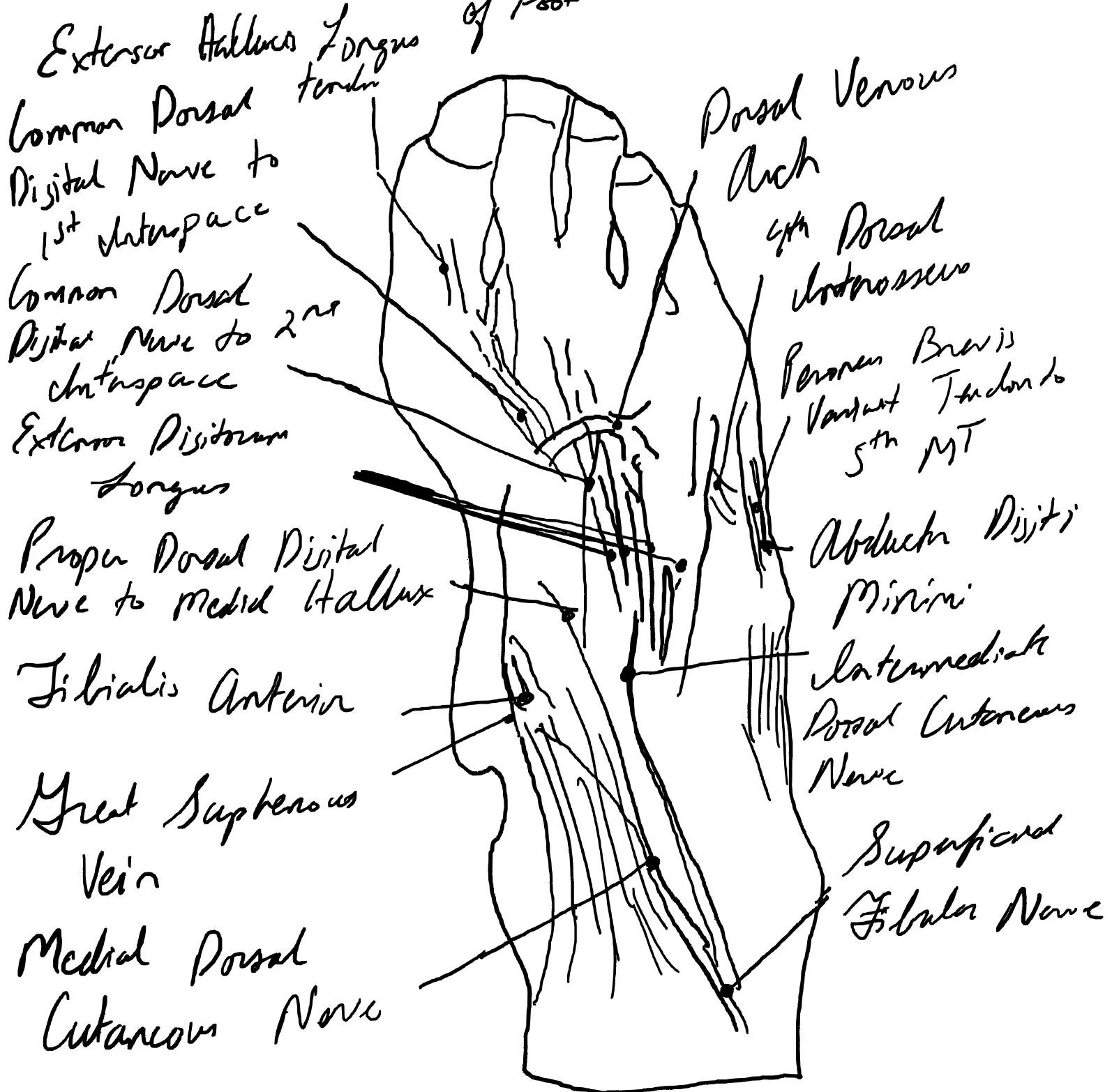
## Nerves

- foot sensory & motor come from sacral plexus
- + tibial nerve (L4,5,S1,2,3)
- + common fibular nerve (L4,5,S1,2)
- + travel together in sheath (sciatic nerve) 2/3rds down thigh

## Fibular Nerves of the Foot

- fibular nerve down anterior compartment
- + branch for sural nerve
- + deep and superficial split
- deep fibular nerve crosses superior extensor retinaculum, terminates medial + lateral branches
- superficial innervates dorsum

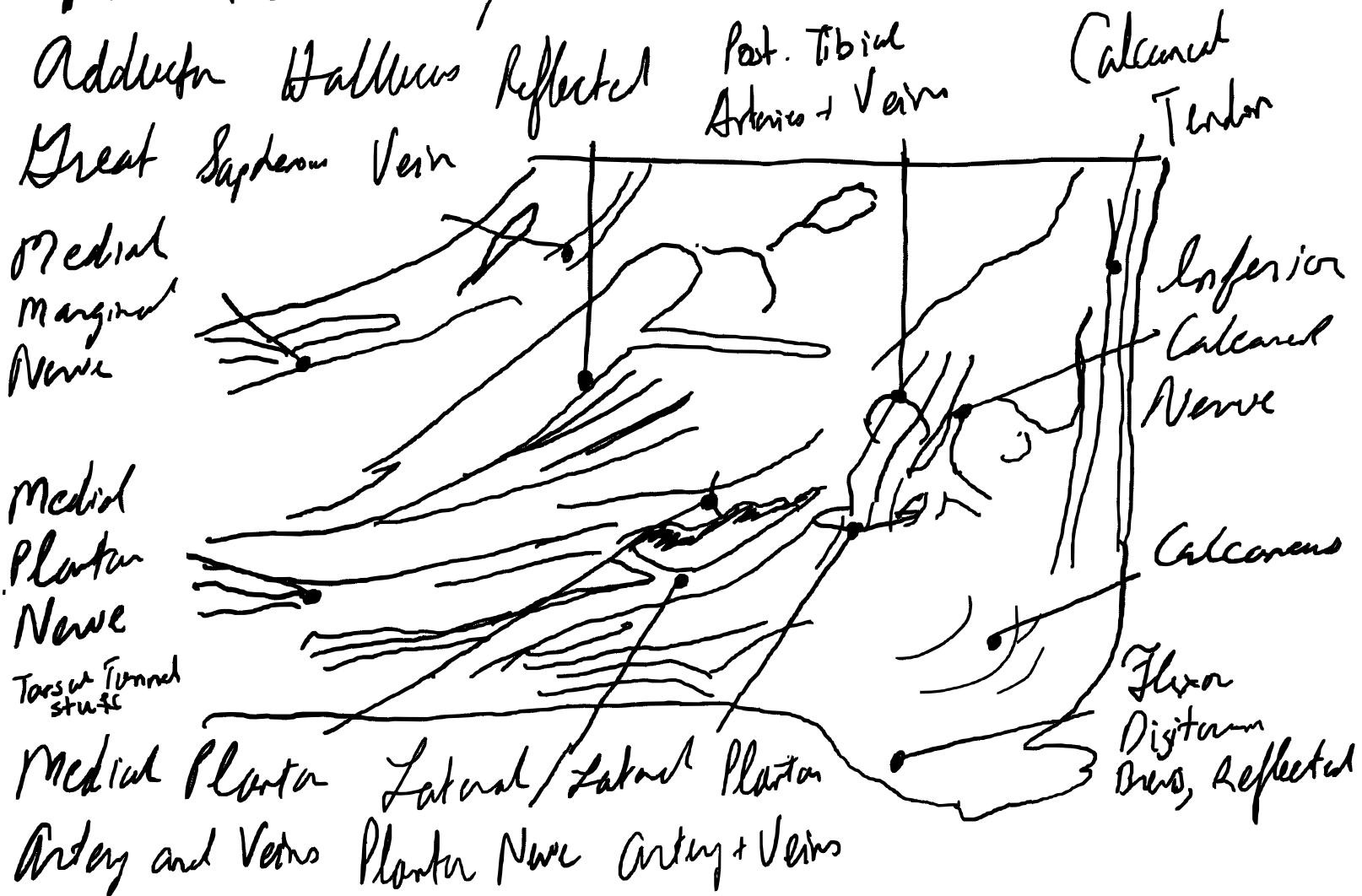
# Superficial Structures of the Dorsum of Foot



- + medial + lateral branch of medial dorsal nerve
- \* medial → hallux. lateral : 2, 3
- + intermediate dorsal : 4, 5<sup>th</sup>

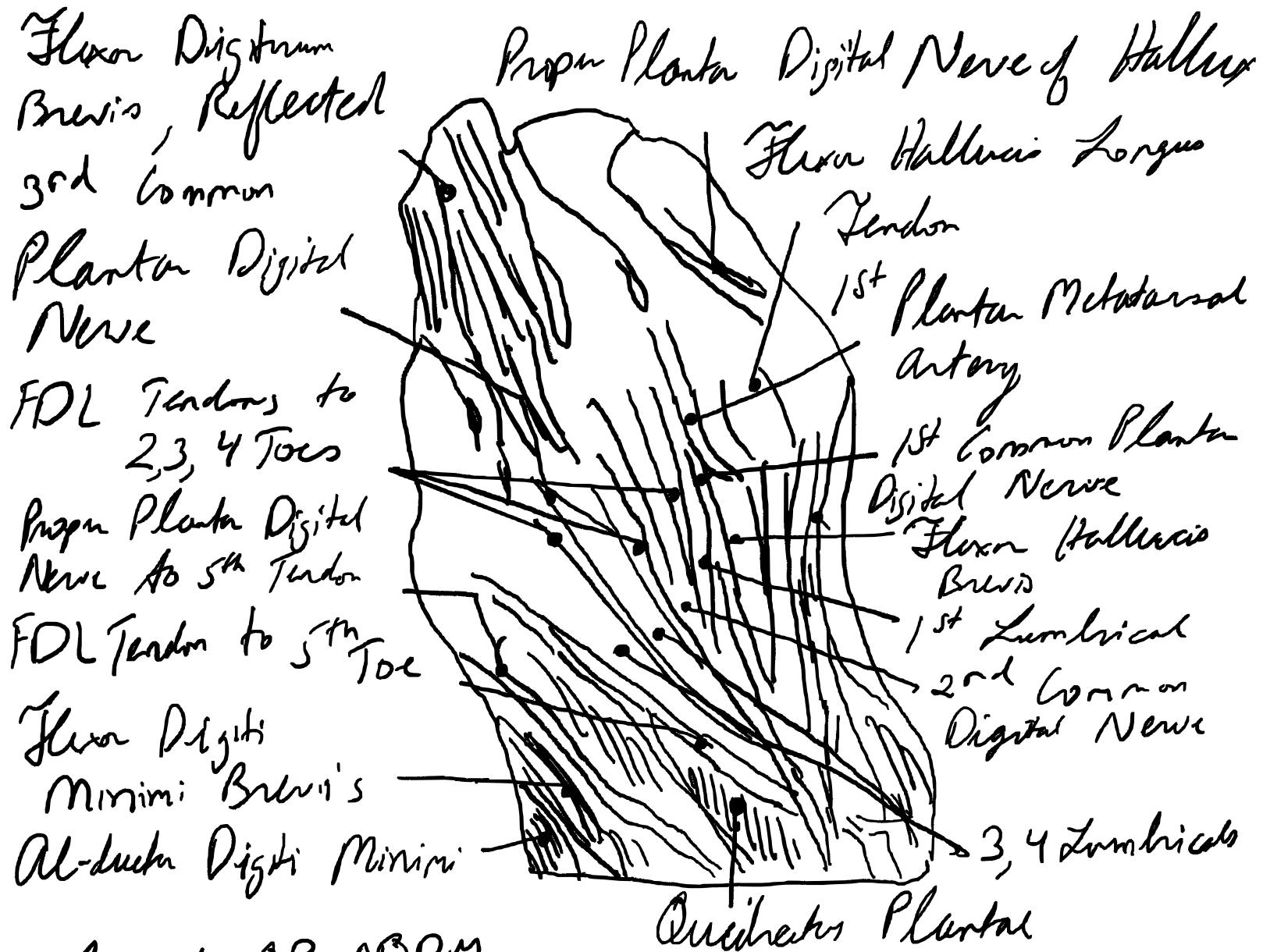
# Tibial Nerves of the Foot

- inferior tibial
- branches of medial sural cutaneous nerve → goes superficial, joins lateral sural branch → dorsal nerve → innervates structures around lateral malleolus → lateral dorsal cutaneous nerve
- trunk of tibial nerve → flexor digitorum longus + branches to ankle, cutaneous branch of postero-medial sole \* medial / lateral plantar branches



- medial → APL, FOB, 1<sup>st</sup> Lumbrical, tarsus + metatarsus joints

# Nervovasculon Plantar Midfoot



- lateral: QP, ABDM.

+ superficial / deep branches

\* superficial: FDMB, 3, 4 plantar interossei

\* deep: AD; interossei, lateral 3 lumbricals

## Blood Supply

### Arteries

- 3: anterior tibial, posterior tibial, fibular
- + anterior: dorsal
- + posterior: inferomedial

- + fibula: lateral
- Key Details
- + dorsal continues along tibia, navicular, interosseous unciform
- \* terminates deep plantar branch
- + posterior tibial artery → medial/lateral plantar + medial calcaneal
- \* medial → A<sub>1</sub>B<sub>1</sub>C<sub>1</sub>, FDB, 1<sup>st</sup> dorsal interossei.

## Veins

- 2: superficial, deep