

HW#2

(a) VS #15

a. $\{\hat{i} + \hat{k}, \hat{i} + \hat{j}, \hat{k}\} \Rightarrow \hat{B}_1 = \boxed{\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}}$

$$\hat{B}'_2 = \hat{B}_2 - (\hat{B}_2 \cdot \hat{B}_1) \hat{B}_1$$

$$= (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) - (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \frac{1}{2}(1)(\hat{i} + \hat{k}) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{k} \rightarrow \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \hat{B}'_2 = \boxed{\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}}$$

$$\hat{B}'_3 = \hat{B}_3 - (\hat{B}_3 \cdot \hat{B}_1) \hat{B}_1 - (\hat{B}_3 \cdot \hat{B}'_2) \hat{B}'_2$$

$$= \hat{k} - \hat{k} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \hat{k} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \left(\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

$$= \hat{k} - \frac{1}{2}(1)(\hat{i} + \hat{k}) - \frac{1}{6}(-1)(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{k} \rightarrow -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \hat{B}'_3 = \boxed{\frac{-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}} \text{ cksll } \hat{B}_1 \cdot \hat{B}_1 = \hat{B}'_2 \cdot \hat{B}'_2 = \hat{B}'_3 \cdot \hat{B}'_3 = 1$$

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b. $\{\hat{i} + \hat{k}, 2(\hat{i} + \hat{j}), 3\hat{k}\}$

Will get the same answer because the scaling of the vectors is irrelevant.

c. $\{\hat{i} + \hat{j}, \hat{i} + \hat{k}, \hat{k}\}$

For the first two vectors we swap $\hat{j} \leftrightarrow \hat{k}$:

$$\hat{B}_1 = \boxed{\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}} \text{ and } \hat{B}'_2 = \boxed{\frac{\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}}$$

but we leave the third vector alone:

$$\hat{B}'_3 = \boxed{\frac{-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

d. $\{\hat{i} + \hat{k}, \hat{i} + \hat{j}, \hat{i}\}$

The first two vectors are unchanged:

$$\hat{B}_1 = \boxed{\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{B}'_2 = \boxed{\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}}$$

and we recalculate the third vector:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{B}'_3 &= \hat{i} - \hat{i} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \hat{i} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \left(\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \\ &= \hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}(1)(\hat{i} + \hat{k}) - \frac{1}{6}(1)(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{3}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{3}\hat{k} \rightarrow \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k} \therefore \hat{B}'_3 = \boxed{\frac{\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}}\end{aligned}$$

which has the opposite sign of the original \hat{B}'_3 . (We had to get either zero or $\pm \hat{B}'_3$ because otherwise our three final vectors would not be orthogonal!) \square

(b) VS #5

$$\vec{A} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} \Rightarrow \hat{A} = \boxed{\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}}$$

$$\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{B}' &= \vec{B} - (\vec{B} \cdot \hat{A})\hat{A} \\ &= (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \left(\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \\ &= 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k} - \cancel{\frac{1}{6}(2+2+2)}^1 (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k} \Rightarrow \hat{B}' = \boxed{\frac{\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}} \quad \text{ck} \parallel \hat{A} \cdot \hat{B}' = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } \vec{C} = 2(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 2\sqrt{3} \hat{B}' \Rightarrow \hat{C}' = \boxed{0}$$

\therefore The VS is 2D. \square

(c) $|B_5\rangle = x^4$

$$\begin{aligned}|B_5\rangle &- \underbrace{\frac{\langle b_1 | B_5 \rangle}{\langle b_1 | b_1 \rangle}}_{\text{EVEN}} |b_1\rangle - \underbrace{\frac{\langle b_2 | B_5 \rangle}{\langle b_2 | b_2 \rangle}}_{\text{ODD}=0} |b_2\rangle - \underbrace{\frac{\langle b_3 | B_5 \rangle}{\langle b_3 | b_3 \rangle}}_{\text{EVEN}} |b_3\rangle \\ &- \underbrace{\frac{\langle b_4 | B_5 \rangle}{\langle b_4 | b_4 \rangle}}_{\text{ODD}=0} |b_4\rangle\end{aligned}$$

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$$= x^4 - \frac{\int_{-1}^1 x^4 dx}{\int_{-1}^1 dx} - \left[\frac{\int_{-1}^1 (\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}) x^4 dx}{\int_{-1}^1 (\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2})^2 dx} \right] (\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= x^4 - \frac{2/5}{2} - \frac{3/7 - 1/5}{9/10 - 1 + 1/2} (\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\therefore b_5 = (x^4 - \frac{6}{7}x^2 + \frac{3}{35}) N_5$$

$$\text{sub } x=1 \Rightarrow \frac{8}{35} N_5 = 1 \Rightarrow N_5 = \frac{35}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_5 = \boxed{\frac{1}{8} (35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)}$$

To check, type the following command in Mathematica:

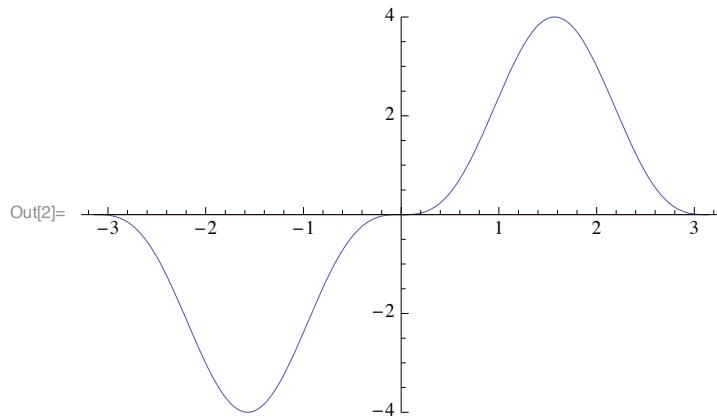
LegendreP[4, x] 

(d)

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In[1]:= a1 = 3; a2 = 0; a3 = -1; a4 = 0
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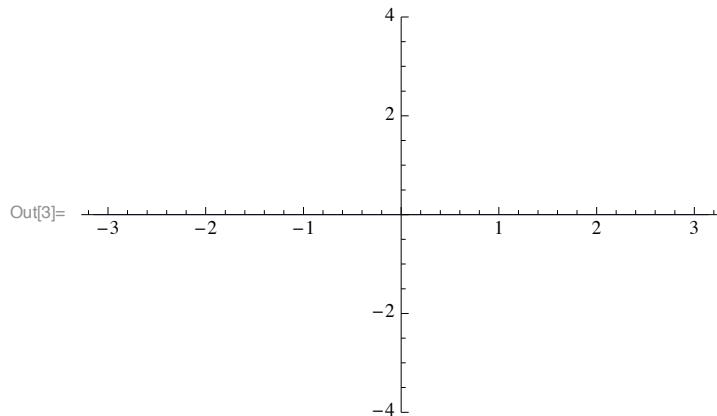
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Out[1]= 0
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In[2]:= Plot[{4 (Sin[x])^3, 4 (Sin[x])^3 - (a1 * Sin[x] + a2 * Sin[2 x] + a3 * Sin[3 x] + a4 * Sin[4 x])}, {x, -Pi, Pi}, PlotRange -> {-4, 4}]
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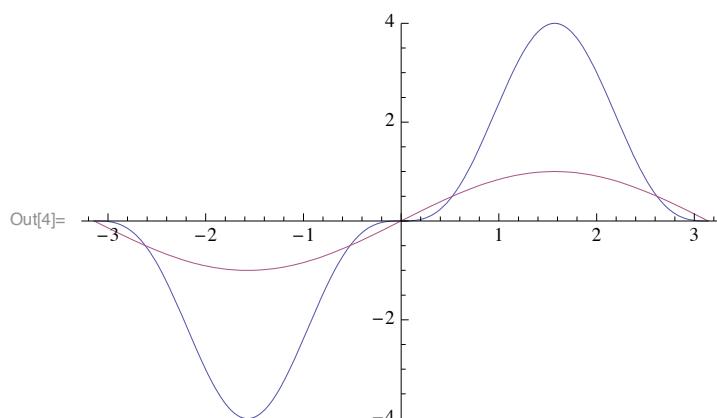
Not very easy to do!
Changing one
coefficient tends to
mess up the plot for the
other coefficients!
Takes a fair bit of trial
and error to succeed.

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In[3]:= Plot[{(4 (Sin[x])^3 - (a1 * Sin[x] + a2 * Sin[2 x] + a3 * Sin[3 x] + a4 * Sin[4 x]))^2}, {x, -Pi, Pi}, PlotRange -> {-4, 4}]
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Slightly easier,
but still nontrivial.

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In[4]:= Plot[{4 (Sin[x])^3, Sin[x]}, {x, -Pi, Pi}, PlotRange -> {-4, 4}]
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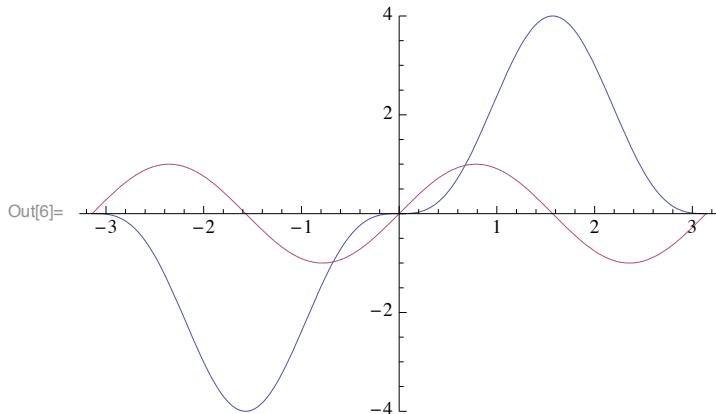
Clearly the pink curve
overlaps the blue curve
significantly. We expect
a sizeable positive
coefficient for a1.

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In[5]:= 1 / Pi * Integrate[Sin[x] * (4 (Sin[x])^3), {x, -Pi, Pi}]
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Out[5]= 3
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Nice illustration of the
power of inner products!

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In[6]:= Plot[{4 (Sin[x])^3, Sin[2 x]}, {x, -Pi, Pi}, PlotRange -> {-4, 4}]
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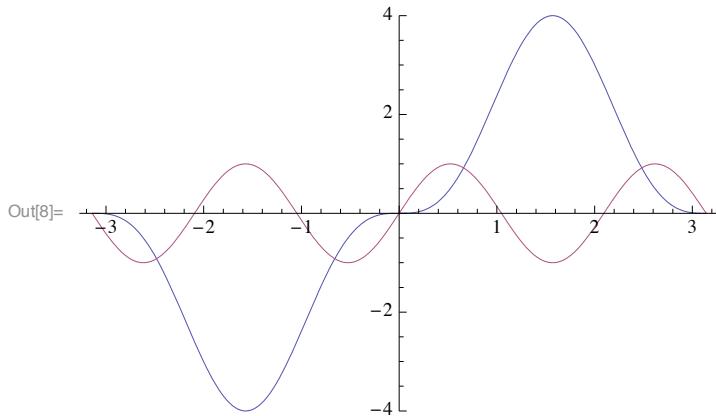


Clearly there are positive and negative areas, so we expect cancellations to give a small answer.

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In[7]:= 1/Pi * Integrate[Sin[2 x] * (4 (Sin[x])^3), {x, -Pi, Pi}]
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Out[7]= 0
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In[8]:= Plot[{4 (Sin[x])^3, Sin[3 x]}, {x, -Pi, Pi}, PlotRange -> {-4, 4}]
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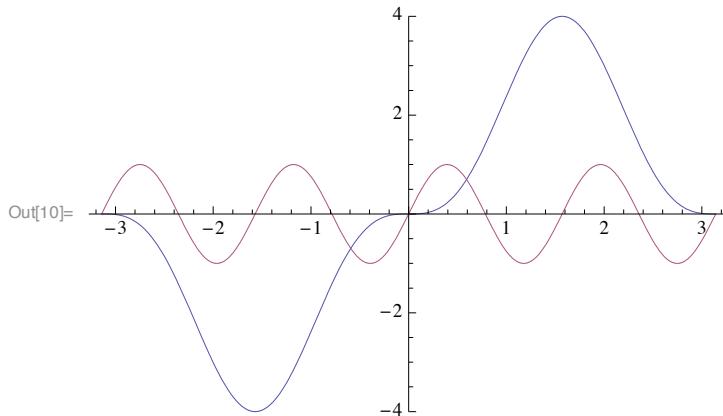


In fact, they cancel totally, something you cannot tell by eye alone.

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In[9]:= 1/Pi * Integrate[Sin[3 x] * (4 (Sin[x])^3), {x, -Pi, Pi}]
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Out[9]= -1
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In[10]:= Plot[{4 (Sin[x])^3, Sin[4 x]}, {x, -Pi, Pi}, PlotRange -> {-4, 4}]
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If we flipped the pink curve over, it would better match the blue curve.

It turns out that's all we need to do.

The pink curve appears to wiggle too fast to be a good representation of the blue curve.

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In[11]:= 1 / Pi * Integrate[Sin[4 x] * (4 (Sin[x])^3), {x, -Pi, Pi}]      Sure enough the answer is zero.  
Out[11]= 0
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