

Table 1: Eigenfunctions of Simple Harmonic Oscillator

	“Hermite” Family of Equations	“Z” Family of Equations
The Generating Function	$T(t, \zeta) = e^{\zeta^2 - (t-\zeta)^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n!}\right) (t^n) H_n(\zeta)$	$S(s, \zeta) = e^{\frac{\zeta^2}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(s - \sqrt{2}\zeta)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{n!}} (s^n) Z_n(\zeta)$
The Polynomial	$H_n(\zeta) = (-1)^n (e^{\zeta^2}) \frac{d^n}{d\zeta^n} (e^{-\zeta^2})$	$Z_n(\zeta) = \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{2^n n!} \sqrt{\pi}} (e^{\zeta^2/2}) \frac{d^n}{d\zeta^n} (e^{-\zeta^2})$
The First Recurrence Relation	$H_{n+1}(\zeta) - 2\zeta H_n(\zeta) + 2n H_{n-1}(\zeta) = 0$	$\sqrt{n+1} Z_{n+1}(\zeta) - \sqrt{2}\zeta Z_n(\zeta) + \sqrt{n} Z_{n-1}(\zeta) = 0$
The Second Recurrence Relation		$\sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)} Z_{n+2}(\zeta) - (2\zeta^2 - 2n - 1) Z_n(\zeta) + \sqrt{n(n-1)} Z_{n-2}(\zeta) = 0$
The Differential Expression	$H_n'(\zeta) = 2n H_{n-1}(\zeta)$	$Z_n'(\zeta) = \sqrt{2n} Z_{n-1}(\zeta) - \zeta Z_n(\zeta)$
The Differential Equation	$H_n''(\zeta) - 2\zeta H_n'(\zeta) + 2n H_n(\zeta) = 0$	$Z_n''(\zeta) + [(2n+1) - \zeta^2] Z_n(\zeta) = 0$
Orthogonality ($m \neq n$)	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n(\zeta) H_m(\zeta) d\zeta = 0$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Z_n(\zeta) Z_m(\zeta) d\zeta = \delta_{mn}$
Normality ($m = n$)	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n(\zeta) H_m(\zeta) d\zeta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha} \sqrt{\pi} (2^n) (n!)}$	
The Explicit Representation	$H_n(\zeta) = (\sqrt{2^n}) (n!) \left[\sum_{k=0}^{n/2} \frac{(-1)^k (\sqrt{2}\zeta)^{n-2k}}{(2^k) (k!) (n-2k)!} \right]$	$Z_n(\zeta) = \left(\frac{n!}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{1/2} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{n/2} \frac{(-1)^k (\sqrt{2}\zeta)^{n-2k}}{(2^k) (k!) (n-2k)!} \right] e^{-\zeta^2/2}$

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The zeroth Function	$H_0(\zeta) = 1$	$Z_0(\zeta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{0!\sqrt{\pi}}}\right)e^{-\zeta^2/2}$
The First Function	$H_1(\zeta) = 2\zeta$	$Z_1(\zeta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1!\sqrt{\pi}}}\right)(\sqrt{2}\zeta)e^{-\zeta^2/2}$
The Second Function	$H_2(\zeta) = 4\zeta^2 - 2$	$Z_2(\zeta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2!\sqrt{\pi}}}\right)[(\sqrt{2}\zeta)^2 - 1]e^{-\zeta^2/2}$
The Third Function	$H_3(\zeta) = 8\zeta^3 - 12\zeta$	$Z_3(\zeta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3!\sqrt{\pi}}}\right)[(\sqrt{2}\zeta)^3 - 3(\sqrt{2}\zeta)]e^{-\zeta^2/2}$
The Fourth Function	$H_4(\zeta) = 16\zeta^4 - 48\zeta^2 + 12$	$Z_4(\zeta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4!\sqrt{\pi}}}\right)[(\sqrt{2}\zeta)^4 - 6(\sqrt{2}\zeta)^2 + 3]e^{-\zeta^2/2}$
The Fifth Function	$H_5(\zeta) = 32\zeta^5 - 160\zeta^3 + 120\zeta$	$Z_5(\zeta) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5!\sqrt{\pi}}}\right)[(\sqrt{2}\zeta)^5 - 10(\sqrt{2}\zeta)^3 + 15(\sqrt{2}\zeta)]e^{-\zeta^2/2}$

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<p><i>Application to The Classical Linear Harmonic Oscillator</i></p>		
<p>The Hamiltonian Function H of a simple harmonic oscillator in an elastic force field is:</p>		
$H = \frac{p_x^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}Kx^2$		
<p>The Hamiltonian Operator</p>		
$\vec{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{2}Kx^2$		
<p>Assuming the existence of $\psi(x)$ such that:</p>		
$\vec{H}\psi(x) = E\psi(x) \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$		
<p>we get:</p>		
$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi(x) + \frac{1}{2}Kx^2\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$		
<p>For:</p>		
$\alpha^2 = \frac{\hbar}{m\omega}, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = \frac{2E}{\hbar\omega} \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$		
<p>and</p>		
$x = \alpha\zeta \quad dx = \alpha(d\zeta) \quad \frac{d}{dx} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d}{d\zeta} \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} \quad \psi(x) = \psi(\alpha\zeta) = \phi(\zeta) \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$		
$\phi''(\zeta) + (\lambda - \zeta^2)\phi(\zeta) = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$		
<p>Eqn (4) is the Schroedinger equation for the oscillating particle.</p>		

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Necessary transformation	$\psi(x) = \phi(\zeta) = e^{-\zeta^2/2} \chi(\zeta)$	$\psi(x) = \psi(\alpha\zeta) = Z(\zeta)$
Schroedinger Equation reduces to:	$\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} \chi(\zeta) - 2\zeta \frac{d}{d\zeta} \chi(\zeta) + (\lambda - 1)\chi(\zeta) = 0$	$\frac{d^2}{d\zeta^2} \psi(\zeta) + [\lambda - \zeta^2] \psi(\zeta) = 0$
Setting and	$\lambda = (2n + 1)$ $\chi_n(\zeta) = H_n(\zeta)$	$\lambda = (2n + 1)$ $\psi_n(x) = Z_n(\zeta)$
Schroedinger Equation reduces to:	$H_n''(\zeta) - 2\zeta H_n'(\zeta) + 2nH_n(\zeta) = 0$	$Z_n''(\zeta) + (2n + 1 - \zeta^2)Z_n(\zeta) = 0$
Eigenvalues	$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})(\hbar\omega)$	$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})(\hbar\omega)$
Eigenfunctions	$\psi_n(x) = [N_n e^{-\zeta^2/2}] H_n(\zeta)$	$\psi_n(x) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}\right) Z_n(\zeta)$
Attachment for Eigenfunctions	$e^{-\zeta^2/2}$	$(1/\sqrt{\alpha})$

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<i>Normalizing Factors for the First Five Eigenfunctions are:</i>		
Normalizing Factor	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha\sqrt{\pi}(2^n)(n!)}}$	<i>NONE</i>
$n = 0$	$N_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha\sqrt{\pi}}}$	<i>NONE</i>
$n = 1$	$N_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\alpha\sqrt{\pi}}}$	<i>NONE</i>
$n = 2$	$N_2 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\alpha\sqrt{\pi}}}$	<i>NONE</i>
$n = 3$	$N_3 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3\alpha\sqrt{\pi}}}$	<i>NONE</i>
$n = 4$	$N_4 = \frac{1}{8\sqrt{6\alpha\sqrt{\pi}}}$	<i>NONE</i>
$n = 5$	$N_5 = \frac{1}{16\sqrt{15\alpha\sqrt{\pi}}}$	<i>NONE</i>

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Expectation Integral	$(\Psi_m(x), x \Psi_n(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi_m(x) \Psi_n(x) x dx$ $= \alpha^2 N_m N_n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n(\zeta) H_m(\zeta) e^{-\zeta^2} \zeta d\zeta$	$(\Psi_m(x), x \Psi_n(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi_m(x) \Psi_n(x) x dx$ $= \alpha \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Z_n(\zeta) Z_m(\zeta) \zeta d\zeta$
Expectation Value for $m = n + 1$	$\alpha^2 N_m N_n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n(\zeta) H_m(\zeta) e^{-\zeta^2} \zeta d\zeta = \alpha \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{2}}$	$\alpha \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Z_n(\zeta) Z_m(\zeta) \zeta d\zeta = \alpha \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{2}}$
Expectation Value for $m = n - 1$	$\alpha^2 N_m N_n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n(\zeta) H_m(\zeta) e^{-\zeta^2} \zeta d\zeta = \alpha \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}}$	$\alpha \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Z_n(\zeta) Z_m(\zeta) \zeta d\zeta = \alpha \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}}$