

# Harmonic Oscillator & Hermite Polynomials

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} ; \quad \frac{1}{2} k x^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 x^2$$

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 x^2 \right] \psi_n(x) = E_n \psi_n(x)$$

$$\text{Let } \beta = \sqrt{\frac{m \omega_0}{\hbar}} ; \quad E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2}) \hbar \omega_0$$

$$\psi_n(x) = \left( \frac{\beta^2}{\pi} \right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} H_n(\beta x) e^{-\beta^2 x^2 / 2}$$

$H_n(z)$  - Hermite polynomials

$$H_n(z) = \left( 2z - \frac{d}{dz} \right)^n 1$$

$$H_0(z) = 1$$

$$H_1(z) = 2z$$

$$H_2(z) = 4z^2 - 2$$

$$H_3(z) = 8z^3 - 12z$$