

1 Problem 1

The approximate error leaves neglects errors of $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$ or higher in approximating the true error so it will be off. The approx error is 0.026633333333333137 and the real error is 0.026660000000000572

2 Problem 2

2.1 a

$$\begin{aligned}E &= \frac{m}{2} \frac{dq^2}{dt} + V(q) \\ \frac{2}{m} (E - V(q)) &= \frac{dq^2}{dt} \\ dt &= \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{dq}{\sqrt{E - V(q)}} \\ t|_0^{t=T/4} &= \int_0^a \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{dq}{\sqrt{E - V(q)}} \\ \frac{T}{4} &= \int_0^a \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{dq}{\sqrt{E - V(q)}} \\ T &= \sqrt{8m} \int_0^a \frac{dq}{\sqrt{E - V(q)}}\end{aligned}$$

2.2 b

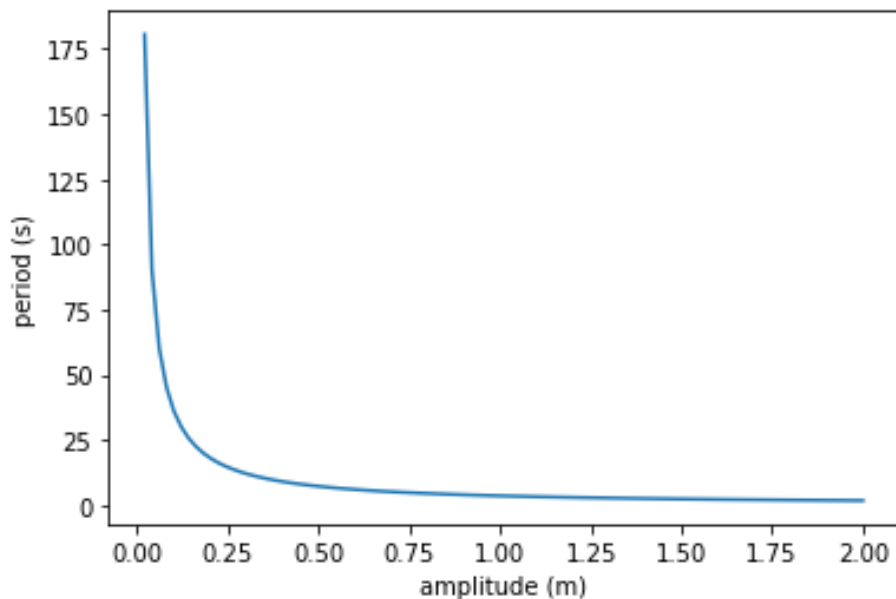


Figure 1: Period of Oscillator against amplitude

2.3 c

As $a \rightarrow 0$, the physical situation becomes a particle at rest in equilibrium. This particle won't move thus an infinite period. For potential that goes as x^n the integral can be approximated as $\approx \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^n}}$. Thus for $n < 2$, the period increases as a grows, vice versa for $n > 2$. At $n = 2$, we expect a constant period for any initial amplitude, which is what we see for a simple harmonic oscillator.

3 Problem 3

Notice for this problem $[\sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{\hbar}}] = \frac{1}{L}$ is unitless. Therefor, distance is unitless. Amplitude needs unit such that when square and integrated over distance, it gives a unitless probability. Therefor amplitude is also unitless here. For Hermite-Gaussian quadrature to perfectly determine the rms distance of a wave function of energy n , it needs $2n + 2$ points, $2n$ for the n^2 of the wave-function square amplitude, plus 2 from the x^2 term.

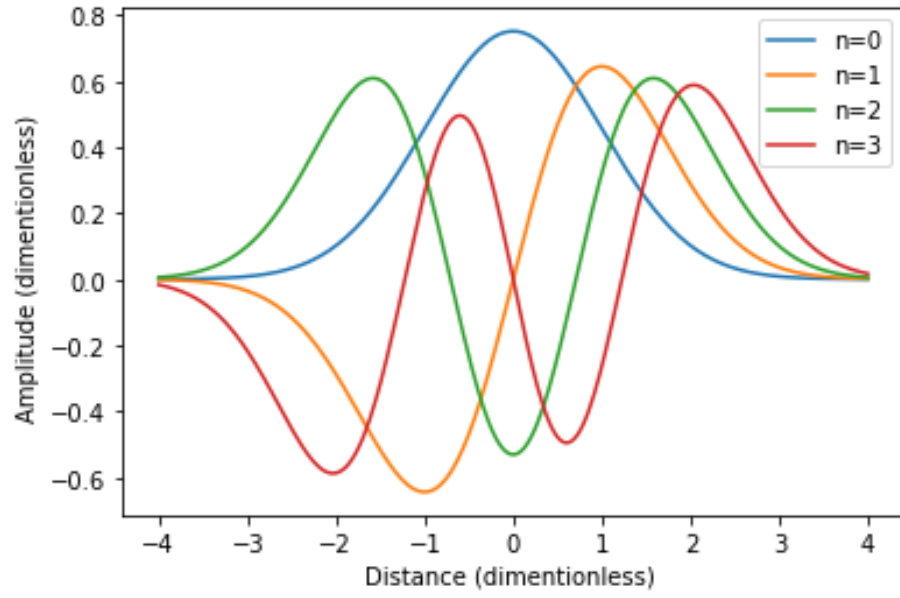


Figure 2: $|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle$

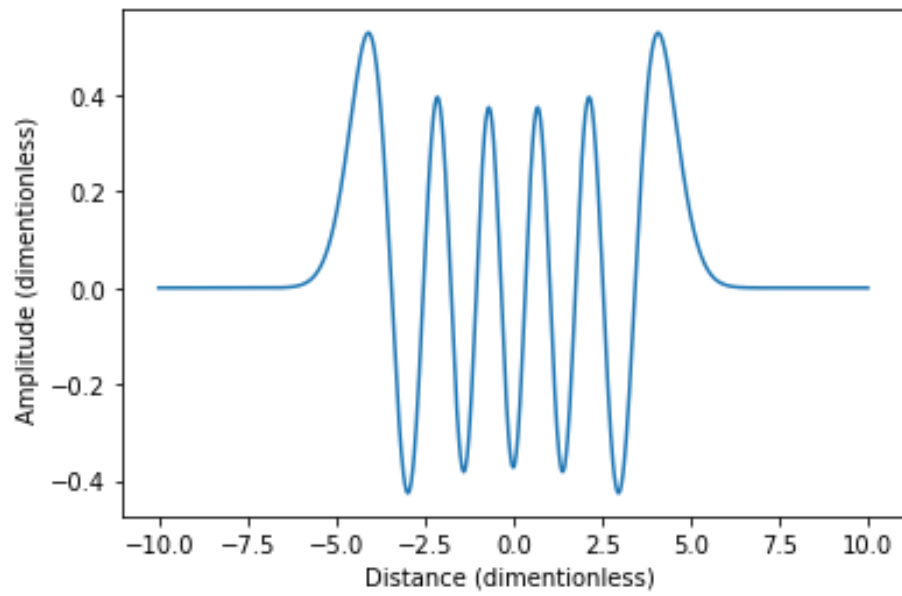


Figure 3: $|10\rangle$