

1. We start by setting  $\omega=1$ . Do the energies you determine correspond to what you expect for odd solutions? What about for  $\omega=2$ ? Verify the even solutions as well, you only need a few examples here. Recall that you can get even solutions by changing the array value which `*Wave_function*` returns.

Here are the allowed (odd) energies:

```
Energies for the bound states are:
1.5000000
3.5000000
5.5000000
7.5000000
9.5000000
11.5000001
13.5000000
15.5000000
17.5000000
19.5000000
21.5000001
23.5000001
```

For the quantum harmonic oscillator, the allowed energies are given by

$$E_n = \hbar\omega(n + 1/2)$$

If we let  $\hbar = \omega = 1$ , then the allowed energies are 1.5, 3.5, 5.5... (for  $n$  odd)... so we have agreement.

And for  $n$  even, the energies outputted are 0.5, 2.5, 4.5... (for  $n$  even), which agree with the above equation.

```
Energies for the bound states are:
0.5000000
2.5000000
4.5000000
6.5000000
8.5000000
10.5000000
12.5000000
14.5000000
16.5000000
18.5000000
20.5000000
22.5000001
```

If we have  $w = 2$ , then our equation looks like this:

$$E_n = 2(n + 1/2) = 2n + 1$$

Odd energies would be 3, 7, 11, 15; even energies would be 1, 5, 9, 13, 17...

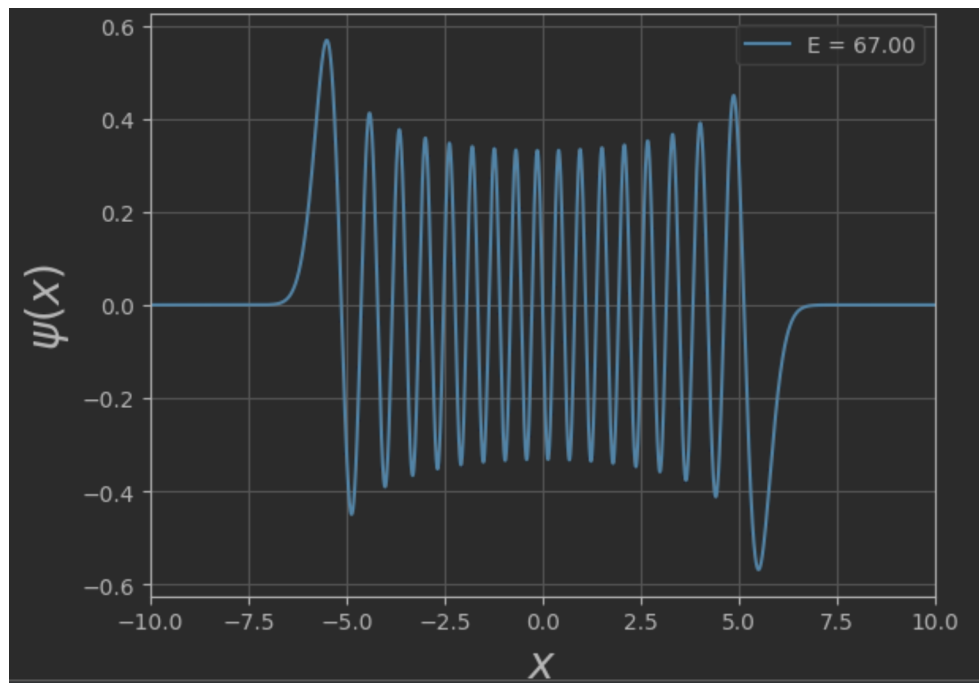
Energies for the bound states are:

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3.0000000
7.0000000
11.0000000
15.0000000
19.0000000
23.0000001
27.0000000
31.0000001
35.0000001
39.0000001
43.0000001
47.0000001
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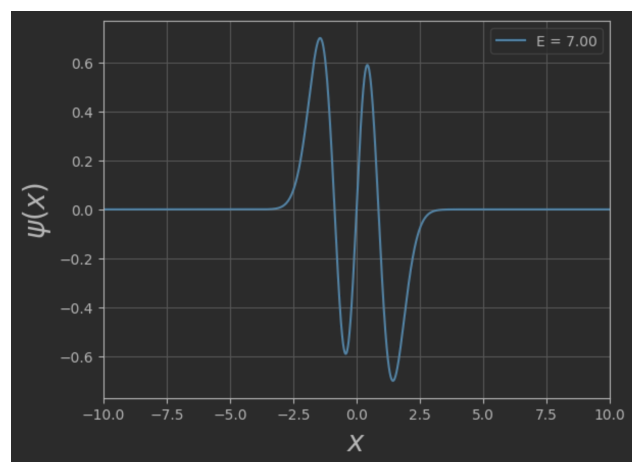
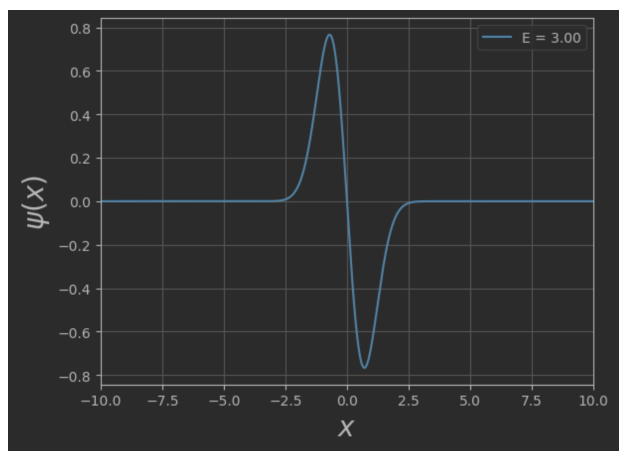
Energies for the bound states are:

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1.0000000
5.0000000
9.0000000
13.0000000
17.0000000
21.0000000
25.0000001
29.0000001
33.0000001
37.0000001
41.0000001
45.0000001
```

Consider the 17th odd state with  $\omega=2$ . How many nodes (zeroes) does the wavefunction have? Explain your finding.



Consider the first two odd wavefunctions.



The first odd function (which is the first excited state), has 3 nodes (the middle one and the two at either end). The second odd function (which is the third excited state) has 5 nodes. The relationship between the  **$n$ th odd state** and the number of nodes =  $2n + 1$ . From this, it follows that the 17th odd state will have 35 nodes.

Now let us study the 17th odd state with  $\omega=2$  in a bit more detail. As before, we might expect significant 'leaking' of the wavefunction outside the well. However, in the case of the SHO it is not as clear what 'outside the well' means. We determine this by using the classical turning point where  $E=V(x)$ . Find the classical turning point for the 17th odd state with  $\omega=2$ . What is the probability of finding the particle outside the well?

(Hint: the 17th Energy value can be found in the array `E_zeroes`. Also, remember that Python starts indexing from 0 not 1)

```
1 xturn = np.sqrt(2*67)/omega
2 print('Classical turning point: %11.7f' % xturn)
3 psioutside=np.where(abs(xall)>xturn,psilr,0)
4
5 sum = 0
6 for x in psioutside: sum = sum + (x**2) * h
7 proba = sum
8
9 print('Probability outside well: %11.7f' % proba)
```

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Classical turning point:      5.7879185
Probability outside well:      0.0413093
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