

5e. Hermite functions

See §2.3.2

Definitions and some checks

The Hermite polynomials

```
In[ ]:= Clear[HermPol, xi]
HermPol[0] = 1;
HermPol[m_] := HermPol[m] = Block[{h}, h = HermPol[m - 1];
  2 xi h - D[h, xi] // Expand]
HermPol[m_] := 0 /; m < 0
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In[ ]:= Do[Print[m, " ", HermPol[m]], {m, 0, 5}]
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0  1
1  2 xi
2  -2 + 4 xi^2
3  -12 xi + 8 xi^3
4  12 - 48 xi^2 + 16 xi^4
5  120 xi - 160 xi^3 + 32 xi^5
```

Relation

```
In[ ]:= Table[HermPol[m + 1] == 2 xi HermPol[m] - 2 m HermPol[m - 1] // Simplify, {m, 0, 15}]
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Out[ ]:= {True, True, True, True, True, True, True,
  True, True, True, True, True, True, True, True}
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Normalized Hermite functions as explicit functions, in (2.59)

```
In[ ]:= Clear[Hermn]
Hermn[ell_, m_, x_] := 2^((1 - m) / 2) Abs[ell]^(1 / 4) Factorial[m]^(-1 / 2)
  (HermPol[m] /. xi -> Sqrt[4 Pi Abs[ell]] x) E^(-2 Pi Abs[ell] x^2) // Simplify
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```
In[ ]:= Clear[ell]
Do[Print[m, " ", Hermn[ell, m, xi] // Simplify], {m, 0, 5}]
```

$$\begin{aligned}
0 & \sqrt{2} e^{-2\pi xi^2 Abs[ell]} Abs[ell]^{1/4} \\
1 & 4 e^{-2\pi xi^2 Abs[ell]} \sqrt{\pi} xi Abs[ell]^{3/4} \\
2 & e^{-2\pi xi^2 Abs[ell]} Abs[ell]^{1/4} (-1 + 8\pi xi^2 Abs[ell]) \\
3 & 2 e^{-2\pi xi^2 Abs[ell]} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{3}} xi Abs[ell]^{3/4} (-3 + 8\pi xi^2 Abs[ell]) \\
4 & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} e^{-2\pi xi^2 Abs[ell]} Abs[ell]^{1/4} (3 - 48\pi xi^2 Abs[ell] + 64\pi^2 xi^4 Abs[ell]^2) \\
5 & e^{-2\pi xi^2 Abs[ell]} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{15}} xi Abs[ell]^{3/4} (15 - 80\pi xi^2 Abs[ell] + 64\pi^2 xi^4 Abs[ell]^2)
\end{aligned}$$

See Table 2.3

In[]:=

Check of orthogonality

See (2.60)

In[]:= **bd = 5;**

**Table[Integrate[Hermn[ell, m, xi] * Hermn[ell, ma, xi], {xi, -Infinity, Infinity}],
{m, 0, bd}, {ma, 0, bd}] // MatrixForm**

Out[]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}$$