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$$e) \Psi(x,t) = \frac{\psi_0(x)}{\sqrt{5}} \exp\left(-\frac{i\omega t}{2}\right) + \frac{2i}{\sqrt{5}} \psi_2(x) \exp\left(-\frac{5i\omega t}{2}\right)$$

The probability density is given by $|\Psi(x,t)|^2 = \Psi^*(x,t) \Psi(x,t)$ ✓

the ψ_n are real for the simple harmonic oscillator, so $\psi_n^* = \psi_n$.

$$\left(\frac{\psi_0(x)}{\sqrt{5}} e^{+\frac{i\omega t}{2}} + \frac{2i}{\sqrt{5}} \psi_2(x) e^{\frac{5i\omega t}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\psi_0(x)}{\sqrt{5}} e^{-\frac{i\omega t}{2}} + \frac{2i}{\sqrt{5}} \psi_2(x) e^{-\frac{5i\omega t}{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{|\psi_0(x)|^2}{5} + 4 \frac{|\psi_2(x)|^2}{5}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{2i}{5} e^{-2i\omega t} - \frac{2i}{5} e^{2i\omega t} \right) \psi_0(x) \psi_2(x) \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{|\psi_0(x)|^2}{5} + 4 \frac{|\psi_2(x)|^2}{5}$$

$$+ \frac{4}{5} \left(\frac{e^{2i\omega t} - e^{-2i\omega t}}{2i} \right) \psi_0(x) \psi_2(x) \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{|\psi_0(x)|^2}{5} + 4 \frac{|\psi_2(x)|^2}{5} + \frac{4}{5} \psi_0(x) \psi_2(x) \sin 2\omega t$$

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∴ the probability density oscillates sinusoidally with time, with angular frequency 2ω . ✓

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