

# A detail in Gauss' derivation

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$$\text{If } \begin{cases} \sum_i \psi(z_i) = 0 \\ \sum_i z_i = 0 \end{cases} \text{ then, } \forall \alpha, \beta \neq 0, \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha \sum_i \psi(z_i) = 0 \\ \beta \sum_i z_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then (making the sum would be the same, or even better, because later it would imply  $k/2 = h^2$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \sum_i \psi(z_i) - \beta \sum_i z_i &= 0 \\ \sum_i [\alpha \psi(z_i) - \beta z_i] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since this relation must hold independently of  $n$  and the values of  $z_i$ , then each term in the sum must vanish, i.e.

$$\alpha \psi(z_i) - \beta z_i = 0,$$

or,  $\forall z$ ,

$$\psi(z) = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} z = k z$$