

# Coefficients for some splitting methods to be used with the imaginary time propagation technique

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The methods are described in the paper *Solving the Schrödinger eigenvalue problem by the imaginary time propagation technique using splitting methods with complex coefficients*, by the same authors

## 1 Introduction

These are methods designed for solving the Schrödinger equation in imaginary time

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \psi(x, \tau) = H \psi(x, \tau), \quad \psi(x, 0) = \psi_0(x), \quad (1)$$

with Hamiltonian

$$H = T + V(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta + V(x). \quad (2)$$

Symmetric methods are considered and, since  $T$  and  $V$  have qualitatively different properties, both TVT- and VTV-type compositions are analyzed. These are defined as

$$\text{TVT:} \quad \Psi_h^{[p]} = e^{-a_1 h T} e^{-b_1 h V} e^{-a_2 h T} \dots e^{-a_2 h T} e^{-b_1 h V} e^{-a_1 h T}, \quad (3)$$

$$\text{VTV:} \quad \Psi_h^{[p]} = e^{-b_1 h V} e^{-a_1 h T} e^{-b_2 h V} \dots e^{-b_2 h V} e^{-a_1 h T} e^{-b_1 h V} \quad (4)$$

respectively.

## 2 Methods without modified potentials

To simplify notation, we denote compositions (3) and (4) as

$$\text{T}n_m = a_1 b_1 a_2 \dots a_2 b_1 a_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{V}n_m = b_1 a_1 b_2 \dots b_2 a_1 b_1$$

respectively. Here  $n$  indicates the order (or generalized order) of the method and  $m$  corresponds to the number of stages, i.e. the number of  $b_i$  coefficients in the TVT composition or the number of  $a_i$  coefficients in the VTV composition. The coefficients of the selected TVT methods are collected in Table 1, whereas those corresponding to the VTV methods are displayed in Table 2.

Table 1: Compositions TVT without modified potentials.

$T4_5 = a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 a_3 b_3 a_3 b_2 a_2 b_1 a_1$	
$a_1$	$= 0.0871770401947680041317965 + 0.0692594337596574537637064i$
$b_1$	$= 0.1743540803895360082635929 + 0.1385188675193149075274128i$
$a_2$	$= 0.2083976635333157695734475 + 0.0524786469564098021205086i$
$b_2$	$= 0.2424412466770955308833020 - 0.0335615736064953032863956i$
$a_3$	$= 0.2044252962719162262947561 - 0.1217380807160672558842150i$
$b_3$	$= 0.1664093458667369217062101 - 0.2099145878256392084820343i$
$T6_7 = a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 a_3 b_3 a_4 b_4 a_4 b_3 a_3 b_2 a_2 b_1 a_1$	
$a_1$	$= 0.0600114472433222558387391 + 0.0200406904988006851922750i$
$b_1$	$= 0.1156502131648962851083019 + 0.04480265967098350686763387i$
$a_2$	$= 0.1139255281780226726075734 - 0.03778105183520674993878067i$
$b_2$	$= 0.1287287053011587838332214 - 0.1234667129878517723617557i$
$a_3$	$= 0.1661602375643228985178319 - 0.0652648069736542106228585i$
$b_3$	$= 0.1868922874386694136745153 + 0.0011531052408406993673548i$
$a_4$	$= 0.1599027870143321730358555 + 0.0830051683100602753693642i$
$b_4$	$= 0.137457588190551034767923 + 0.155021896152055132253534i$
$T84_5 = a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 a_3 b_3 a_3 b_2 a_2 b_1 a_1$	
$a_1$	$= 0.0714011315400446981476365 + 0.01015543101988678959874893i$
$b_1$	$= 0.1786968542646319789859369 + 0.0281975063132180212573754i$
$a_2$	$= 0.2363838051900747368708890 + 0.0704270071395345229504498i$
$b_2$	$= 0.1984534747081546498530198 + 0.0829623147338549632623515i$
$a_3$	$= 0.1922150632698805649814746 - 0.0805824381594213125491987i$
$b_3$	$= 0.2456993420544267423220865 - 0.2223196420941459690394537i$
$T864_7 = a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 a_3 b_3 a_4 b_4 a_4 b_3 a_3 b_2 a_2 b_1 a_1$	
$a_1$	$= 0.05570582111086423655901360 + 0.01867038456508504999344773i$
$b_1$	$= 0.11577944962699042229896023 + 0.04613135617338284727635611i$
$a_2$	$= 0.11884328216349256412844908 - 0.02415180532279663475808490i$
$b_2$	$= 0.12912892080402645015486162 - 0.11903941330377420934338268i$
$a_3$	$= 0.15859151557519557833132885 - 0.07630255189357959984394132i$
$b_3$	$= 0.18464346415443894469736863 - 0.00305376144537618259996293i$
$a_4$	$= 0.16685938115044762098120845 + 0.08178397265129118460857849i$
$b_4$	$= 0.14089633082908836569761899 + 0.15192363715153508933397902i$
$T86_9 = a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 a_3 b_3 a_4 b_4 a_5 b_5 a_5 b_4 a_4 b_3 a_3 b_2 a_2 b_1 a_1$	
$a_1$	$= 0.042257897299860339794 - 0.014215780224181831787i$
$b_1$	$= 0.094894869367770736829 - 0.037963806472588094119i$
$a_2$	$= 0.095260398471830494971 + 0.004518725891475591900i$
$b_2$	$= 0.097374660381711248404 + 0.088518877931710497170i$
$a_3$	$= 0.099960578944766657818 + 0.090271995071312563389i$
$b_3$	$= 0.118584793520055816930 + 0.038356250608401259291i$
$a_4$	$= 0.14869553040260848774 + 0.01143811718761408929i$
$b_4$	$= 0.136865119760326031197 - 0.023587404969570006861i$
$a_5$	$= 0.11382559488093401968 - 0.09201305792622041279i$
$b_5$	$= 0.10456111394027233328 - 0.13064783419590731096i$

Table 2: Compositions VTV without modified potentials.

$V4_5 = b_1 a_1 b_2 a_2 b_3 a_3 b_3 a_2 b_2 a_1 b_1$	
$b_1$	$= 0.0871770401947680041317946 - 0.0692594337596574537637056i$
$a_1$	$= 0.1743540803895360082635894 - 0.1385188675193149075274114i$
$b_2$	$= 0.208397663533315769573446 - 0.052478646956409802120508i$
$a_2$	$= 0.2424412466770955308833031 + 0.0335615736064953032863950i$
$b_3$	$= 0.2044252962719162262947590 + 0.1217380807160672558842140i$
$a_3$	$= 0.166409345866736921706215 + 0.209914587825639208482033i$
$V6_7 = b_1 a_1 b_2 a_2 b_3 a_3 b_4 a_4 b_4 a_3 b_3 a_2 b_2 a_1 b_1$	
$b_1$	$= 0.0584500187773306421946528 + 0.0217141273080301708808834i$
$a_1$	$= 0.1169000375546612843893053 + 0.04342825461606034176176669i$
$b_2$	$= 0.1232295694183747735677120 - 0.04028067878601612576815832i$
$a_2$	$= 0.1295591012820882627461195 - 0.1239896121880925932980834i$
$b_3$	$= 0.1580457970471110402715959 - 0.0604410907390099589784613i$
$a_3$	$= 0.1865324928121338177970721 + 0.0031074307100726753411608i$
$b_4$	$= 0.1602746147571835439660394 + 0.0790076422169959138657363i$
$a_4$	$= 0.134016736702233270135006 + 0.154907853723919152390312i$
$V84_5 = b_1 a_1 b_2 a_2 b_3 a_3 b_3 a_2 b_2 a_1 b_1$	
$b_1$	$= 0.0524725255161290266494054 - 0.0109589408424581389146811i$
$a_1$	$= 0.1759621406567323625019241 - 0.0544830562281605577870538i$
$b_2$	$= 0.2460235633327538803174761 - 0.1252285479248343520185923i$
$a_2$	$= 0.181259898687454283502367 - 0.034864508232090522462078i$
$b_3$	$= 0.2015039111511170930331185 + 0.1361874887672924909332734i$
$a_3$	$= 0.2855559213116267079914180 + 0.1786951289205021604982633i$
$V864_7 = b_1 a_1 b_2 a_2 b_3 a_3 b_4 a_4 b_4 a_3 b_3 a_2 b_2 a_1 b_1$	
$b_1$	$= 0.0600177707525289267514820 - 0.0096961507469077379948181i$
$a_1$	$= 0.108904710931114447239804 - 0.075700232434276860567484i$
$b_2$	$= 0.0670179873168538175697634 + 0.00392756774282254286438477i$
$a_2$	$= 0.1065941143001561823363895 + 0.1396519036449407611712411i$
$b_3$	$= 0.1893008723880054768245063 + 0.0910551038795303855896332i$
$a_3$	$= 0.2048970164144161053612591 + 0.0097190579551431122987707i$
$b_4$	$= 0.1836633695426117788542482 - 0.0852865208754451904591999i$
$a_4$	$= 0.1592083167086265301250951 - 0.1473414583316140258050559i$
$V86_9 = b_1 a_1 b_2 a_2 b_3 a_3 b_4 a_4 b_5 a_5 b_5 a_4 b_4 a_3 b_3 a_2 b_2 a_1 b_1$	
$b_1$	$= 0.032497706037458608212 + 0.010641310380458924639i$
$a_1$	$= 0.087895680441261752856 + 0.036052576182866484630i$
$b_2$	$= 0.094180923422602148008 + 0.023866875362648754426i$
$a_2$	$= 0.095351855399045611562 - 0.065128376035135147692i$
$b_3$	$= 0.10113295309723118071 - 0.11220175733704484150i$
$a_3$	$= 0.121865575594908413709 - 0.054974002471495827538i$
$b_4$	$= 0.16094138211943489217 - 0.01612764389695289113i$
$a_4$	$= 0.14150688271846209764 + 0.02460722904652402687i$
$b_5$	$= 0.11124703532327317090 + 0.09382121549089005356i$
$a_5$	$= 0.10676001169264424847 + 0.11888514655448092746i$

### 3 Methods with modified potentials

New methods of generalized order (6,4) and (8,4) with positive coefficients are constructed, as well as 6th-order schemes with complex coefficients. In all cases, compositions TVT and VTV compositions with up to 5 stages are considered. They are denoted as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TnM}_m &= a_1 (b_1 c_1) a_2 \cdots a_2 (b_1 c_1) a_1, \\ \text{VnM}_m &= (b_1 c_1) a_1 (b_2 c_2) \cdots (b_2 c_2) a_1 (b_1 c_1) \end{aligned}$$

Here the parenthesis is used to help counting of the number of exponentials, and the letter M indicates that the methods use modified potentials. Notice that the number of free parameters can differ for the TVT and VTV sequences with the same number of exponentials because the exponent of a modified potential contains two parameters. The coefficients of the selected methods are collected in Table 3 and Table 4 for the TVT and VTV compositions, respectively.

Table 3: Compositions TVT with modified potentials.

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$T64M_4 = a_1 (b_1 c_1) a_2 (b_2 c_2) a_3 (b_2 c_2) a_2 (b_1 c_1) a_1$
$a_1 = (1 - 3a_3)/2$
$b_1 = (8 + \sqrt{55})/72$
$c_1 = \frac{1}{207360} \left( -144(20 + \sqrt{55}) + \sqrt{9936975 + 863970\sqrt{55}} \right)$
$a_2 = a_3$
$c_2 = \frac{1}{207360} \left( 144(80 + \sqrt{55}) - \sqrt{15(8042345 + 294958\sqrt{55})} \right)$
$b_2 = (1 - 2b_1)/2$
$a_3 = \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{15}(25 - 2\sqrt{55})}$
$T84M_5 = a_1 (b_1 c_1) a_2 (b_2 c_2) a_3 (b_3 c_3) a_3 (b_2 c_2) a_2 (b_1 c_1) a_1$
$a_1 = 0.0585209633596948659027541$
$b_1 = 0.1453815376016157256424989$
$c_1 = 0.0002459065492612288193531$
$a_2 = 0.2079030474428717711417244$
$b_2 = 0.2443514086966383279189334$
$c_2 = 0.0002591785614191258651533$
$a_3 = 0.233575989197433362955214$
$b_3 = 0.2205341074034918928771353$
$c_3 = 0.0009381057017111535364871$
$T86M_5 = a_1 (b_1 c_1) a_2 (b_2 c_2) a_3 (b_3 c_3) a_3 (b_2 c_2) a_2 (b_1 c_1) a_1$
$a_1 = 0.0635560519974931022645619 + 0.01060689039668092065072592i$
$b_1 = 0.1569395253472245630106418 + 0.0279313062004158194793769i$
$c_1 = 0.000133739181746125568350810 + 0.000085540153220213661369117i$
$a_2 = 0.2089988172317563224881429 + 0.0402402038265233958276438i$
$b_2 = 0.2223831366759822135906966 + 0.0260332620900359385933254i$
$c_2 = 0.000484323504408882233530820 + 0.000241671051573332429722116i$
$c_3 = 0.000179180363327321745275990 - 0.00085830441303451126183627i$

Table 4: Compositions VTV with modified potentials.

$V6M_4 = (b_1 c_1) a_1 (b_2 c_2) a_2 (b_3 c_3) a_2 (b_2 c_2) a_1 (b_1 c_1)$		
$b_1 = 0.07002459560292818625716812 + 0.01553357398309409441527749i$		
$c_1 = 0$		
$a_1 = 0.2100737868087845587715043 + 0.0466007219492822832458324i$		
$b_2 = 0.2801906969846603550718898 + 0.0450359028224405601951867i$		
$c_2 = 0.0009062382232305312947511475 + 0.0006146318508197180370814421i$		
$a_2 = 0.2899262131912154412284956 - 0.0466007219492822832458324i$		
$b_3 = 0.2995694148248229173418840 - 0.1211389536110693092209284i$		
$c_3 = 0.000526292468950590787897511 - 0.001566397557699757133616464i$		
$V64M_4 = (b_1 c_1) a_1 (b_2 c_2) a_2 (b_3 c_3) a_2 (b_2 c_2) a_1 (b_1 c_1)$		
$b_1 = 0.0643421003811126714295577$		
$c_1 = 0.0002179580661284102136129$		
$a_1 = 0.2048397108622296193229738$		
$b_2 = 0.2936324622996246405816496$		
$c_2 = 0.0006018722059398803357006$		
$a_2 = 0.2951602891377703806770261$		
$b_3 = 0.2840508746385253759775853$		
$c_3 = 0.0015255449479001958853354$		
$V84M_5 = (b_1 c_1) a_1 (b_2 c_2) a_2 (b_3 c_3) a_3 (b_3 c_3) a_2 (b_2 c_2) a_1 (b_1 c_1)$		
$b_1 = 0.04230845124312736513689035$		
$c_1 = 0.00023296626956549820889656$		
$a_1 = 0.14293932426771618480008504$		
$b_2 = 0.21930356875338711037889577$		
$c_2 = 5.5667712023113020862678 \cdot 10^{-7}$		
$a_2 = 0.24247450823453149346716436$		
$b_3 = 0.23838798000348552448421386$		
$c_3 = 0.00079449077747943178404625$		
$a_3 = 0.22917233499550464346550119$		
$V84M_4^{LR} = (b_1 c_1) a_1 (b_2 c_2) a_2 (b_3 c_3) a_2 (b_2 c_2) a_1 (b_1 c_1)$		
$b_1 = 1/20, \quad c_1 = \frac{3861 - 791\sqrt{21}}{129600}, \quad a_1 = 1/2 - \sqrt{3/28}$		
$b_2 = 49/180, \quad c_2 = 0, \quad c_3 = 0$		
$V86M_5 = (b_1 c_1) a_1 (b_2 c_2) a_2 (b_3 c_3) a_3 (b_3 c_3) a_2 (b_2 c_2) a_1 (b_1 c_1)$		
$b_1 = 0.0462136258381520955043411 - 0.0078245293559831083444982i$		
$c_1 = 0.0000358304613395204523170031 + 0.000074370857685421162566151i$		
$a_1 = 0.1526509501047998174163937 - 0.0302799671636990657019769i$		
$b_2 = 0.2242580526788563844543516 - 0.0508792824027617729494576i$		
$c_2 = 0.000338053435041382135064241 - 0.000490508913279372367892220i$		
$a_2 = 0.226364275186039762622558 - 0.016537249619936515659952i$		
$c_3 = 0.000408311644874003620006800 + 0.000484371967433683138443166i$		