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# Implementation of an Integrator for the Schrödinger Equation with Time-Dependent, Homogeneous Magnetic Field

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# 1 Introduction

We consider a spinless particle in $\mathbb{R}^d$ with mass $m > 0$ and charge $e \in \mathbb{R}$ in a homogeneous magnetic field $B(t)$. We follow the notation introduced by Gradinaru and Rietmann in [5] and quickly recap the important elements. For a full derivation please consult [5].

## 1.1 Mathematical model

In quantum mechanics, the time evolution of a particle subject to a magnetic field is given by the Pauli equation

$$i\hbar \partial_t \Psi(x,t) = H_P(t)\Psi(x,t) \tag{1.1}$$

$$H_P(t) := \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{k=1}^{d} (p_k - eA_k(x,t))^2 + e\phi(x,t) + V_{ext}(x,t) \tag{1.2}$$

where $V_{ext}(x,t)$ is some external potential, $A_k(x,t)$ the k-th component of the magnetic vector potential $A(x,t)$ and $\phi(x,t)$ the electric potential. Because of the homogenity of the magnetic field $B(t)$, the 2-form $dA$ associated with $B(t)$ is independent of x and we can rewrite the magnetic vector potential as

$$A(x,t) := \frac{1}{2}B_{jk}(t)x^j \mathrm{d}x^k,$$

where $B(t) = (B_{jk}(t))_{j,k=1}^{d}$ is a real, skew-symmetric matrix. Using the operators

$$L_{jk} := x_j p_k - x_k p_j \tag{1.3}$$

$$H_B(t) := -\sum_{j,k=1}^{d} B_{jk}(t)L_{jk} \tag{1.4}$$

the Pauli-Hamiltonian takes the form

$$H_P(t) = \frac{1}{2m}\left(\hbar^2(-\Delta) - e \cdot \sum_{1 \leqslant j < k \leqslant d} B_{jk}(t)L_{jk} + \frac{e^2}{4}\|B(t)x\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^2\right) + e\phi(x,t) + V_{ext}(x,t).$$

## 1.2 Numerical model

We use the notation $\epsilon^2 := \hbar$ and redefine $t$, $x$ and $B$ to find the simplified form

$$H_P(t) = -\Delta + H_B(t) + V(x,t)$$

where $V(x,t) := \frac{1}{2m}\frac{e^2}{4}\|B(t)x\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^2 + e\phi(x,t) + V_{ext}(x,t)$ can be considered to be a total effective potential. The Schrödinger equation

$$i\epsilon^2\partial_t\Psi(x,t) = H_P(t)\Psi(x,t) \tag{H}$$

is then split up into the following three separate parts that can easily be solved numerically:

$$i\epsilon^2\partial_t\Psi = -\Delta\Psi, \tag{K}$$

$$i\epsilon^2\partial_t\Psi = H_B(t)\Psi, \tag{M}$$

$$i\epsilon^2\partial_t\Psi = V(x,t)\Psi. \tag{P}$$

The equation (K) can be solved discretely in Fourier-space. The solution of (P) is given by pointwise multiplication with $e^{-i/\epsilon^2 \int_{t_0}^t dt V(x,t)}$. The equation (M) can be reduced to the linear differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}y(t) = B(t)y(t) \tag{B}$$

Consider the flow map $U(t,t_0)$ associated to (B). The unitary representation

$$\rho : SO(d) \longrightarrow U(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)) \tag{1.5}$$

$$R \longmapsto (\rho(R)\Psi)(x) = \Psi(R^{-1}x) \tag{1.6}$$

maps the solution $U(t,t_0)$ of (B) to a solution of (M). The proof of this statement can be found in [5]. The exact flow map $U(t,t_0)$ can be approximated by the Magnus expansion proposed by Blanes and Moan in [2]. Direct calculation shows $[-\Delta, H_B(t)] = 0$. Thus the flow maps solving (K) and (M) yield a solution to the differential equation

$$i\epsilon^2\partial_t\Psi = (-\Delta + H_B(t))\Psi \tag{K+M}$$

in the following way: Denote the solutions to (K) and (M) by $\Phi_{-\Delta}$ and $\Phi_{H_B}$ respectively. The flow map $\Phi_{-\Delta+H_B}$ which is a solution to (K+M) is

$$\Phi_{-\Delta+H_B}(t,t_0) = \Phi_{H_B}(t,t_0)\Phi_{-\Delta}(t,t_0) = \Phi_{-\Delta}(t,t_0)\Phi_{H_B}(t,t_0).$$

A splitting scheme combining the solutions of (K+M) and (P) leads to a numerical solution of (H).

## 1.3 Splitting

Consider a splitting scheme with the coefficients $(a_i, b_i)$ for $1 \le i \le n$ and the time grids

$$t_i = t_0 + (t - t_0)\sum_{j=1}^{i} b_j \quad \text{and} \quad s_i = t_0 + (t - t_0)\sum_{j=1}^{i} a_j$$

with an initial time $t_0$. [5] derives an explicit expression of the solution to (H):

$$\Phi_H(t_0 + Nh, t_0) \approx \left( \prod_{j=0}^{N-1} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \Phi_{-\Delta}(t_{i+1}, t_i) \, \Phi_{\rho(U(t_0+Nh, t_i+jh))V} (s_{i+1} + jh, s_i + jh) \right)$$
$$\times \, \Phi_{H_B}(t_0 + Nh, t_0) \quad (1.7)$$

where $h$ is the splitting time step, $\rho$ is the representation defined in Equation (1.5) and $U(t, t_0)$ is the exact flow map to (B).

Note also that for $V(x, t) = \|B(t)x\|_{\mathbb{R}^d}^2 + \phi(x, t) + V_{ext}(x, t)$ we have:

$$\int_{t_0}^t V(x, s) ds = \left\langle x, \left( - \int_{t_0}^t B^2(s) ds \right) x \right\rangle + \int_{t_0}^t (\phi(x, s) + V_{ext}(x, s)) \, ds. \quad (1.8)$$

## 2  Implementation

We implemented the method described above into the WaveBlocksND project, developed by Bourquin and Gradinaru [3]. To that avail we created a new *FourierMagneticPropagator*-class, based on the existing *FourierPropagator*-class. The full class code can be found in Appendix A. The *FourierMagneticPropagator*-class carries the header visible below.

*class* `WaveBlocksND.`**`FourierMagneticPropagator`**`(`*parameters*`,` *potential*`,` *initial_values*`)` [source]

This class can numerically propagate given initial values $\Psi(x_0, t_0)$ on a potential hyper surface $V(x)$, in presence of a magnetic field. The propagation is done with a splitting of the time propagation operator $\exp\left(-\frac{i}{\varepsilon^2}\tau H\right)$. Available splitting schemes are implemented in `SplittingParameters`.

In this section, we present the *postpropagate*-function which carries the implementation of Section 1 and explain its approach. Note that using the *postpropagate*-function to simulate the time evolution contrasts with the other time propagation algorithms implemented in WaveBlocksND which make use of the *propagate*-function. This difference is due to the structure of our method. WaveBlocksND calls the *propagate*-function for every time step, the *postpropagate*-function on the other hand only when data is actually saved to disk. This happens at specified times, for example after a given time interval $\Delta t = n \cdot dt$. The *FourierMagneticPropagator* does not allow intermediate results to be used to develop the simulation further, rather it requires a complete simulation from start time $t_0$ to the desired time $t_0 + k \cdot \Delta t$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. The *propagate*-function cannot be adapted to fulfill this requirement, thus the *postpropagate*-function has to be used.

The code of the *postpropagate*-function is summarised in Alg. (1). It is based on the algorithm from [5]. Its header is visible below.

A few additional remarks to Alg. 1: The flow map $\rho$ from Equation (1.5) effectively acts as a rotation. These rotations can not be applied directly onto the potential $V$ or

**`post_propagate`**(*tspan*)

> Given an initial wavepacket $\Psi_0$ at time $t = 0$, calculate the propagated wavepacket $\Psi$ at time $tspan[0]$. We perform $n = \lceil tspan[0]/dt \rceil$ steps of size $dt$.

> **Parameters:** **tspan** – `ndarray` consisting of end time at position 0, other positions are irrelevant.

the wavefunction $\Psi$ but has to be realised via a rotation of the underlying grid $X$. More precisely, the operation $(\rho(R)A)(x) = A(R^{-1}x)$ requires us to first rotate the grid $X$ by $R^{-1}$ and then evaluate quantity $A$ on the rotated grid. Because $X$ is a class member in WaveBlocksND, after the evaluation of $A$ on $R^{-1} \cdot X$ the above rotation needs to be reversed in order to return to the original state. Otherwise subsequent evaluations would be conducted on the wrong grid.

Because of the rotational invariance of the first term in Equation (1.8), only the second term $\phi(x, s) + V_{ext}(x, s)$ needs to be subjected to such a rotation.

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**Algorithm 1:** PostPropagate Function

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**Data:** *As arguments to the function:* class instance *self*; end time $t$.

*As arguments to the class instance:* step width $dt$; meshgrid $X$; initial wave function $\Psi_0$; potential $V$; magnetic field $B$; number of components of the wavefunction $N$; $\epsilon$; splitting method with coefficients $(a_i, b_i)_{i=1}^n$; end time of simulation $T$; dimension $d$; frequency of writing to disk $w_n$.

**Result:** The wavepacket at time $t$ is saved into the corresponding class member. It returns end time $t$.

**1** define stepwidth: $n_{steps} = \lceil t/dt \rceil$;

**2** define time grids: $t_a = t_0$, $t_b = t_0$ ;

**3** calculate flow map $R = U(t_0 + N \cdot dt, t_0)$ ;

**4** rotate the grid by $R^T$ ;

**5** evaluate initial data on rotated grid and save to wavefunction $\Psi$;

**6** rotate grid by $R$ ;

**7 for** *j = 0 to nsteps* **do**

**8**    **for** *i = 0 to dim(a)* **do**

**9**       potential propagator $\Phi_V = \Phi_B \cdot \Phi_\phi$ :

**10**          calculate magnetic field propagator
$\Phi_B = \exp(-i\langle x, (\int_{t_a}^{t_a + a_i \cdot dt} B^2(s)ds)x\rangle)$ ;

**11**          apply propagator to $\Psi$ ;

**12**          rotate grid by $R^T$ ;

**13**          calculate electric and external potential propagator
$\Phi_\phi = \exp(-i\int_{t_a}^{t_a + a_i \cdot dt}(\phi(x, s) + V_{ext})ds)$ ;

**14**          apply propagator to $\Psi$ on rotated grid ;

**15**          rotate grid back ;

**16**       update flow map $R = R \cdot U^{-1}(t_b + b_i \cdot dt, t_b)$ ;

**17**       kinetic propagator $\Phi_{-\Delta}$:

**18**          Fast-Fourier-Transform $\Psi$ to Fourier space ;

**19**          calculate the kinetic propagator $\Phi_{-\Delta}$ ;

**20**          apply propagator to $\mathcal{FFT}(\Psi)$ ;

**21**          Inverse-FFT $\Psi$ to real space ;

**22**       update time grids: $t_a = t_a + a_i \cdot dt$, $t_b = t_b + b_i \cdot dt$ ;

**23**    **end**

**24 end**

**25 return** $t$

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## 3  Results

In order to investigate the results of the *FourierMagneticPropagator*, we will present two examples and analyse several important metrics, mainly those of energy conservation, norm conservation and convergence. Additionally, the time evolution is shown in appendix B.

### 3.1  Example: Threefold Morse Potential

Consider the threefold morse potential for $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$:

$$V_{ext}(x) = 8 \left( 1 - \exp\left( -\frac{\|x\|_{\mathbb{R}^2}^2}{32} (1 - \cos(3 arctan2(x_2, x_1)))^2 \right) \right)^2$$

and the inital data

$$\Psi_0^\epsilon[q, p, Q, P] = \left( \pi \epsilon^2 Q^2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left( \frac{i}{2\epsilon^2} PQ^{-1}(x - q)^2 + \frac{i}{\epsilon^2} p(x - q) \right)$$

with the parameters from Table 1. The initial data is visible in Figure 3.1.



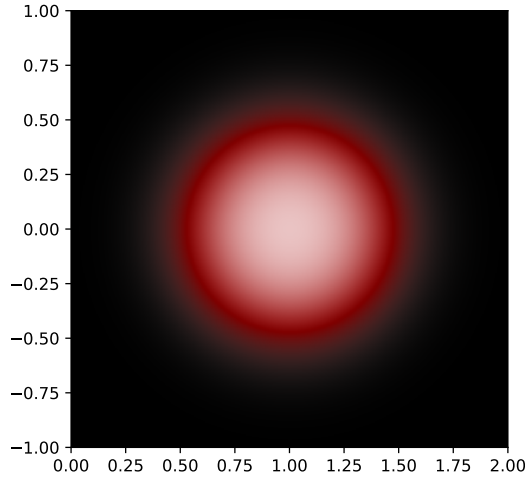Figure 3.1: Initial Data $\Psi_0$ with the parameters from Table 1. At a position $x$, the color of the corresponding pixel encodes the phase of $\Psi_0(x)$, the brightness encodes the intensity $|\Psi_0(x)|$.

Note that this corresponds to a wavefunction concentrated in position around $q$ and in momentum around $p$ with uncertainties $\epsilon|Q|/\sqrt{2}$ and $\epsilon|P|/\sqrt{2}$. Additionally consider the step width $dt = 0.01$, start time $t_0 = 0$, end time $T = 5$ and the homogeneous, time-independent magnetic field $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. As splitting method we chose Strang Splitting [6]. We set $\epsilon = 0.25$. The simulation data is sampled on a spatial grid with $1024 \times 1024$ nodes that cover the simulation domain.

| q | $\begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & 0.0 \end{pmatrix}$ |
|---|---|
| p | $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0 & 0.0 \end{pmatrix}$ |
| Q | $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2.0 \cdot 0.56} & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & \sqrt{2.0 \cdot 0.24} \end{pmatrix}$ |
| P | $\begin{pmatrix} i/\sqrt{2.0 \cdot 0.56} & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & i/\sqrt{2.0 \cdot 0.24} \end{pmatrix}$ |

Table 1: Parameters for the initial wavepacket $\Psi_0$.

### 3.1.1 Energy and Norm conservation

The evolution of the energies is visible in Figure 3.2, the evolution of the norms in Figure 3.3. We see that both energies and norms are approximately constant.
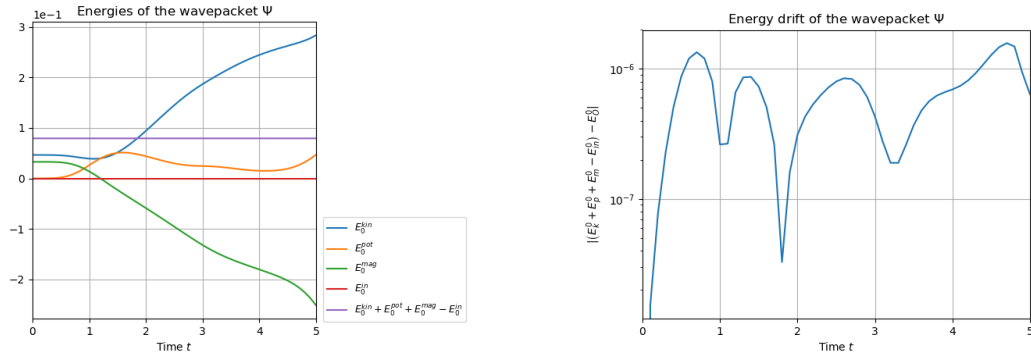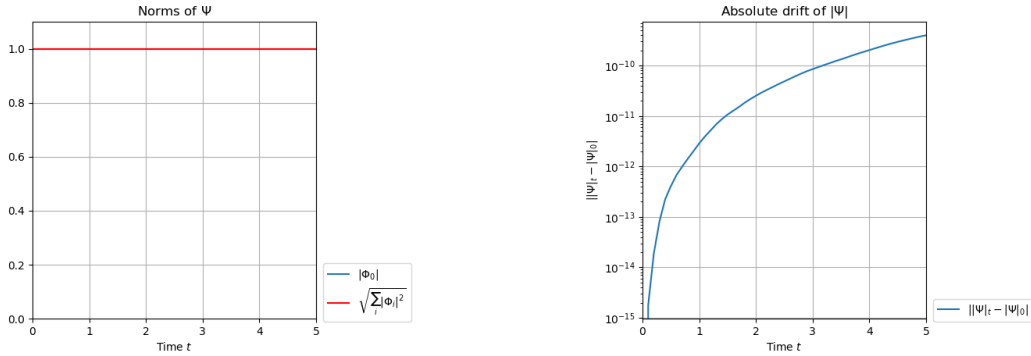


Figure 3.2: Energy and energy drift, $\epsilon = 0.25$.



Figure 3.3: Norm and norm drift, $\epsilon = 0.25$.
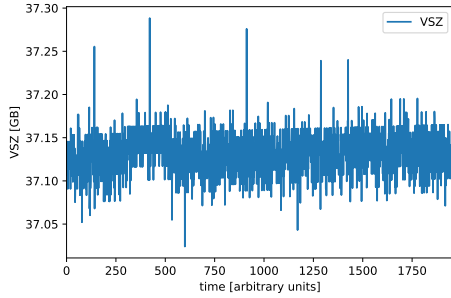
### 3.1.2 Resource Consumption

We ran the simulation on a CPU consisting of 2x AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 6174 with 24 Cores and recorded the resource consumption using Linux' pidstat and time commands. The simulation lasted a total of 5:50:44 (h:min:s) consuming on average 1068% CPU. The usage of RSS, VSZ and CPU over time is visible in Figure 3.4.
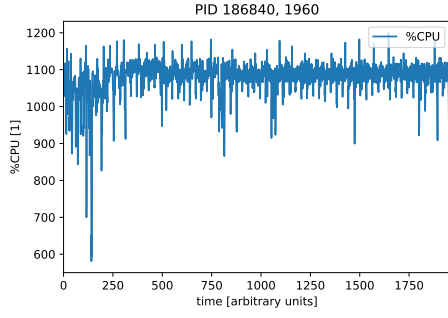
(a) Percentage of CPU.
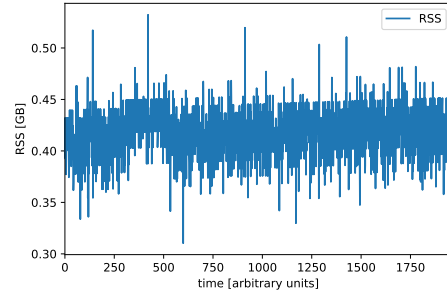


(b) RSS (Resident Set Size).



(c) VSZ (Virtual Memory Size).

Figure 3.4: Resource consumption of the simulation with the threefold morse potential.

### 3.1.3 Convergence

To determine performance for different $\epsilon$, we ran a reference simulation using a splitting of order 6 proposed by Blanes and Moan [1] and a sample simulation using Strang splitting [6], which is of order 2. The difference of those simulations for several values of $\epsilon$ is portrayed in Figure 3.5.

## 3.2 Example: Torsional Potential

Consider the torsional potential from [4] for $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$:

$$V_{ext}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} 1 - \cos(x_i),$$

and let $\Psi_0$ be as in the example above with the parameters from Table 1, $\epsilon = 0.25$ and the splitting Strang Splitting again.

### 3.2.1 Energy and Norm conservation

The energy and norm evolution over time is depicted in Figures 3.6 and 3.7.
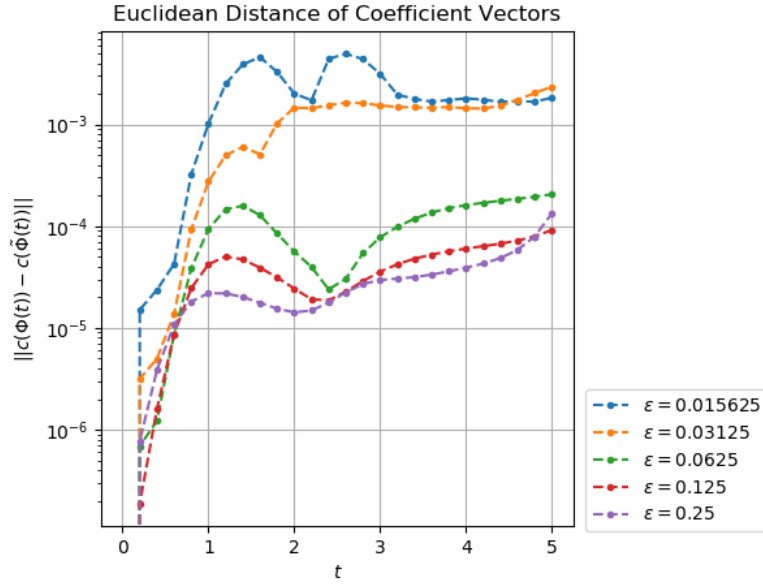
Figure 3.5: Error of the coefficient vectors for different $\epsilon$. Threefold Morse Potential.
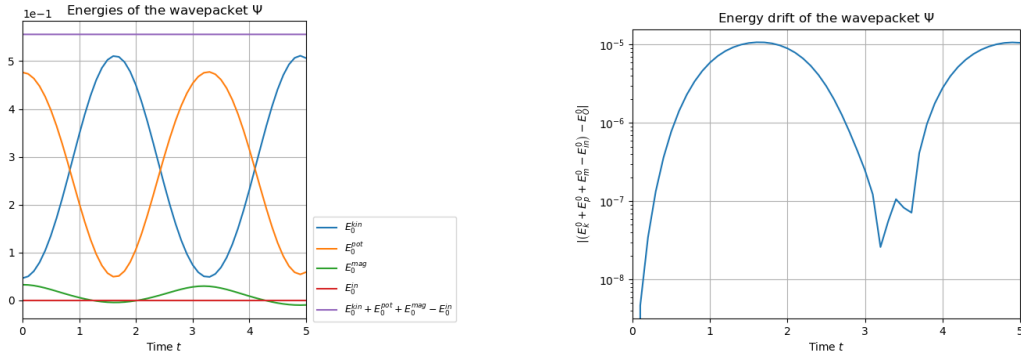


Figure 3.6: Energy and energy drift, $\epsilon = 0.25$.

### 3.2.2   Resource Consumption

We ran the simulation on a setup identical to the one mentioned above and again recorded the resource consumpion using Linux' time and pidstat commands. The simulation lasted for a total of 7:45:18 (h:min:s) and consumed 247% CPU. The usage of RSS, VSZ and CPU over time is visible in Figure 3.8.
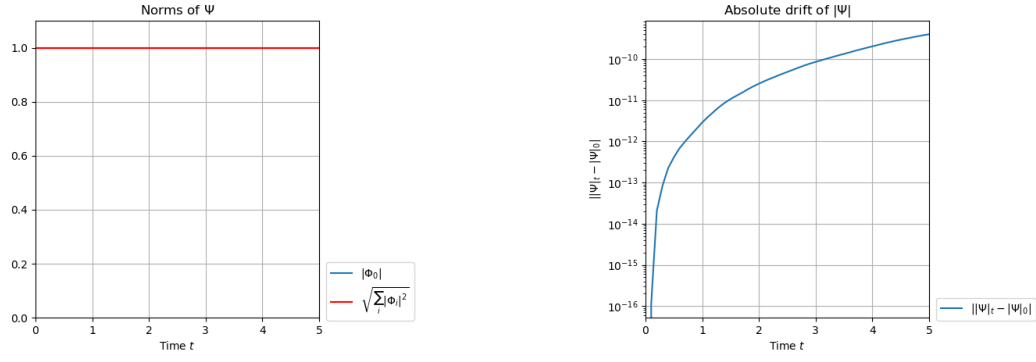
Figure 3.7: Norm and norm drift, $\epsilon = 0.25$.



(a) Percentage of CPU.



(b) RSS (Resident Set Size).



(c) VSZ (Virtual Memory Size).
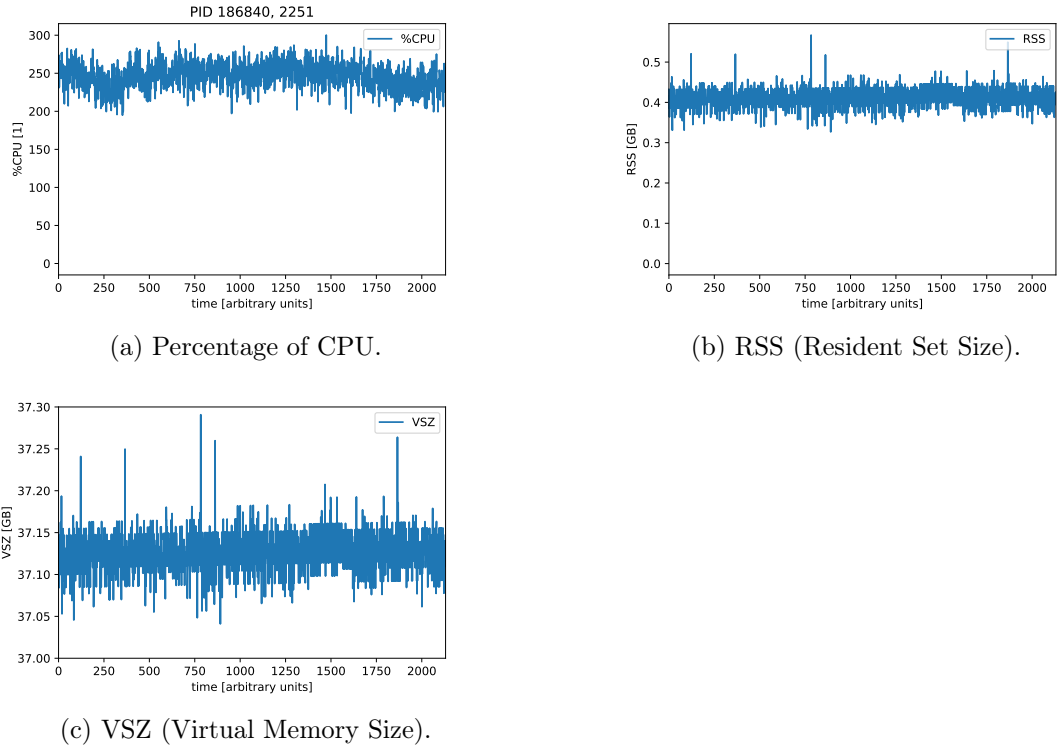
Figure 3.8: Resource consumption of the simulation with the torsional potential. The difference in CPU percentage between the torsional potential and the morse potential is mostly due to different loads on the machines at the time of simulation.

### 3.2.3 Convergence

The same considerations as in Section 3.1.3 were made for the torsional potential. The difference of those simulations for various values of $\epsilon$ is portrayed in Figure 3.9.

Figure 3.9: Error of the coefficient vectors for different $\epsilon$. Torsional Potential.

# 4 Discussion and Conclusion

We implemented the method developed by Rietmann and Gradinaru in [5] into the WaveblocksND framework. We found that energies and norms are conserved well in both of the cases we explored. From Figures 3.5 and 3.9 we can conclude that the method is well suited for values of $\epsilon > 0.125$, but is subject to increasing errors for values of $\epsilon$ smaller than that.
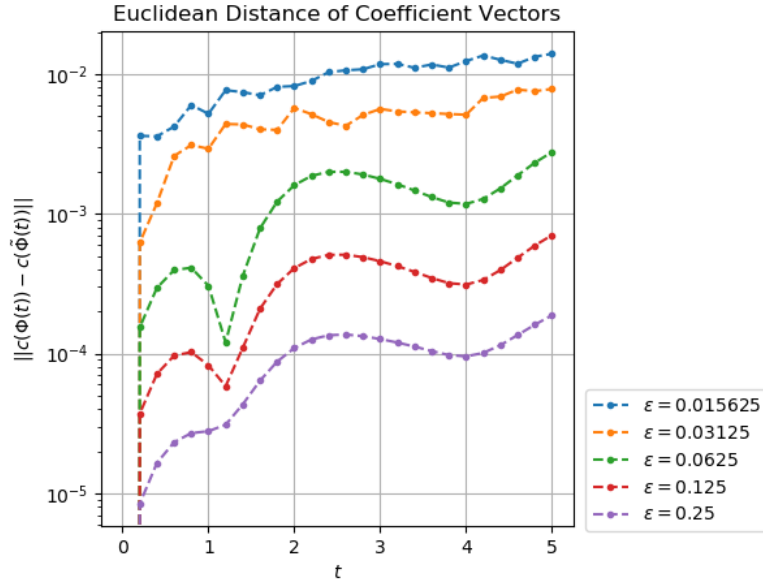
The major disadvantage of this method is its speed. The section above shows that simulations are time- and resource intensive. Additionally the method is structured such that time-steps are not consecutive but have to be calculated individually. This means that in order to write data to the disk after the 10th and 20th time step (for example to calculate the energy at those times) the simulation needs to run the first 10 time-steps, write to disk, restart at $t_0$ and run the first 20 time-steps. This doesn't present itself as a problem when only the state at a certain end-time $T$ is needed but quickly becomes costly if a high resolution of the evolution itself is required.

One could further investigate the performance of this method for a particle in a time-dependent magnetic field as well as in dimensions $d > 2$. Additionally performance could be compared to the semi-classical wavepacket approach from [4] also implemented in WaveBlocksND.

# Appendices

## A   Code

```
1  r"""The WaveBlocks Project
2
3  This file contains the Fourier Magnetic Propagator class. The
       wavefunction
4  :math:'\Psi' is propagated in time with a splitting of the
5  exponential :math:'\exp(-\frac{i}{\varepsilon^2} \tau H)'.
6
7  @author: R. Bourquin
8  @copyright: Copyright (C) 2012, 2016 R. Bourquin
9  @license: Modified BSD License
10 """
11
12 from numpy import array, complexfloating, dot, exp, eye, zeros, shape
13 from numpy.fft import fftn, ifftn
14 from scipy.linalg import expm
15
16 from WaveBlocksND.BlockFactory import BlockFactory
17 from WaveBlocksND.Propagator import Propagator
18 from WaveBlocksND.KineticOperator import KineticOperator
19 from WaveBlocksND.MagneticField import MagneticField
20 from WaveBlocksND.SplittingParameters import SplittingParameters
21
22 __all__ = ["FourierMagneticPropagator"]
23
24
25 class FourierMagneticPropagator(Propagator, SplittingParameters):
26     r"""This class can numerically propagate given initial values :math
       :'\Psi(x_0, t_0)' on
27     a potential hyper surface :math:'V(x)', in presence of a magnetic
       field. The propagation is done with a splitting
28     of the time propagation operator :math:'\exp(-\frac{i}{\varepsilon^2}
        \tau H)'.
29     Available splitting schemes are implemented in :py:class:'
       SplittingParameters'.
30     """
31
32     def __init__(self, parameters, potential, initial_values):
33         r"""Initialize a new :py:class:'FourierMagneticPropagator'
       instance. Precalculate the
34         the kinetic operator :math:'T_e' and the potential operator :math
       :'V_e'
35         used for time propagation.
36
37         :param parameters: The set of simulation parameters. It must
       contain at least
```

```
38                                 the semi - classical parameter :math:'\
     varepsilon' and the
39                                 time step size :math:'\tau'.
40          :param potential: The potential :math:'V(x)' governing the time
      evolution.
41          :type potential: A :py:class:'MatrixPotential' instance.
42          :param initial_values: The initial values :math:'\Psi(\Gamma, t_0
     )' given
43                                  in the canonical basis.
44          :type initial_values: A :py:class:'WaveFunction' instance.
45
46          :raise: :py:class:'ValueError' If the number of components of :
     math:'\Psi' does not match the
47                                  number of energy surfaces :math:'\lambda_i(x)'
      of the potential.
48
49          :raise: :py:class:'ValueError' If the number of components of :
     math:'\Psi' does not match the dimension of the magnetic field :math
     :'\vec{B}(x)'.
50
51          :raise: :py:class:'ValueError' If the dimensions of the splitting
      scheme parameters :math:'a' and :math:'b' are not equal.
52          """
53          # The embedded 'MatrixPotential' instance representing the
     potential 'V'.
54          self._potential = potential
55
56          # The initial values of the components '\psi_i' sampled at the
     given grid.
57          self._psi = initial_values
58
59          if self._potential.get_number_components() != self._psi.
     get_number_components():
60              raise ValueError("Potential dimension and number of
     components do not match.")
61
62          # The time step size.
63          self._dt = parameters["dt"]
64
65          # Final time.
66          self._T = parameters["T"]
67
68          # The model parameter '\varepsilon'.
69          self._eps = parameters["eps"]
70
71          # Spacial dimension d
72          self._dimension = parameters["dimension"]
73
74          # The position space grid nodes '\Gamma'.
75          self._grid = initial_values.get_grid()
76
77          # The kinetic operator 'T' defined in momentum space.
```

```python
 78            self._KO = KineticOperator(self._grid, self._eps)
 79
 80            # Exponential '\exp(-i/2*eps^2*dt*T)' used in the Strang
    splitting.
 81            # not used
 82            self._KO.calculate_exponential(-0.5j * self._dt * self._eps**2)
 83            self._TE = self._KO.evaluate_exponential_at()
 84
 85            # Exponential '\exp(-i/eps^2*dt*V)' used in the Strang splitting.
 86            # not used
 87            self._potential.calculate_exponential(-0.5j * self._dt / self.
    _eps**2)
 88            VE = self._potential.evaluate_exponential_at(self._grid)
 89            self._VE = tuple([ve.reshape(self._grid.get_number_nodes()) for
    ve in VE])
 90
 91            # The magnetic field
 92            self._B = MagneticField(parameters["B"])
 93            # check if magnetic field and potential are of same dimension
 94            if self._B.get_dimension() != self._dimension:
 95                raise ValueError("Spacial dimension of potential and magnetic
     field must be the same")
 96
 97            #precalculate the splitting needed
 98            self._a, self._b = self.build(parameters["splitting_method"])
 99            if shape(self._a) != shape(self._b):
100                raise ValueError("Splitting scheme shapes must be the same")
101
102            # Get inital data as function
103            packet_descr = parameters["initvals"][0]
104            self._initalpacket = BlockFactory().create_wavepacket(
    packet_descr)
105
106
107    # TODO: Consider removing this, duplicate
108    def get_number_components(self):
109        r"""Get the number :math:'N' of components of :math:'\Psi'.
110
111        :return: The number :math:'N'.
112        """
113        return self._potential.get_number_components()
114
115
116    def get_wavefunction(self):
117        r"""Get the wavefunction that stores the current data :math:'\Psi
    (\Gamma)'.
118
119        :return: The :py:class:'WaveFunction' instance.
120        """
121        return self._psi
122
123
```

```python
124     def get_operators(self):
125         r"""Get the kinetic and potential operators :math:'T(\Omega)' and
    :math:'V(\Gamma)'.
126
127         :return: A tuple :math:'(T, V)' containing two ''ndarrays''.
128         """
129         # TODO: What kind of object exactly do we want to return?
130         self._KO.calculate_operator()
131         T = self._KO.evaluate_at()
132         V = self._potential.evaluate_at(self._grid)
133         V = tuple([v.reshape(self._grid.get_number_nodes()) for v in V])
134         return (T, V)
135
136
137     @staticmethod
138     def _Magnus_CF4(tspan, B, N, *args):
139         r"""Returns the  Fourth Order Magnus integrator :math:'\Omega(A)'
    according to [#]_.
140
141         :param tspan: Full timespan of expansion.
142
143         :param B: Magnetic field matrix :math:'B(t) = (B_{j,k}(t))_{1 \
    leq j, k \leq d}'.
144
145         :param N: Number of timesteps for the expansion.
146
147         :param *args: Additional arguments for the magnetic field :math:'
    B(t, *args)'
148
149         .. [#] S. Blanes and P.C. Moan. "Fourth- and sixth-order
    commutator-free Magnus integrators for linear and non-linear dynamical
     systems". Applied Numerical Mathematics, 56(12):1519 - 1537, 2006.
150         """
151         # Magnus constants
152         c1 = 0.5*(1.0 - 0.5773502691896258)
153         c2 = 0.5*(1.0 + 0.5773502691896258)
154         a1 = 0.5*(0.5 - 0.5773502691896258)
155         a2 = 0.5*(0.5 + 0.5773502691896258)
156
157         R = 1.*eye( len( B(1.*tspan[0], *args) ) )
158         h = (tspan[1]-tspan[0]) / (1.*N)
159         for k in range(N):
160             t0 = k*h + tspan[0]
161             t1 = t0 + c1*h
162             t2 = t0 + c2*h
163             B1 = B(t1, *args)
164             B2 = B(t2, *args)
165             R = dot(expm(a1*h*B1+a2*h*B2), dot(expm(a2*h*B1+a1*h*B2), R))
166
167         return R
168
169
```

```python
170    def post_propagate(self, tspan):
171        r"""Given an initial wavepacket :math:'\Psi_0' at time :math:'t
       =0', calculate the propagated wavepacket :math:'\Psi' at time :math:'
       tspan [0]'. We perform :math:'n = \lceil tspan[ 0 ] /dt \rceil' steps
       of size :math:'dt'.
172
173        :param tspan: ''ndarray'' consisting of end time at position 0,
       other positions are irrelevant.
174        """
175
176        #Define stepwidth
177        nsteps = int(tspan[0] / self._dt + 0.5)
178        #Console output
179        print("Perform " + str(nsteps) + " steps from t = 0.0 to t = " +
       str(tspan[0]))
180
181
182        # Define magnetic field matrix B(t)
183        B = lambda t: self._B(t)
184
185        #how many components does Psi have
186        N = self._psi.get_number_components()
187
188        #set start time and time grids
189        t0 = 0
190        t_a = t0
191        t_b = t0
192
193        #calculate R = U(t0 + N*h, t0)
194        #Use N = n_steps to account for large time difference
195        t_interval = array([t0, tspan[0]])
196        R = FourierMagneticPropagator._Magnus_CF4(t_interval, B, nsteps)
197
198        # rotate the grid by the transpose of R
199        self._grid.rotate(R.T)
200
201        # Compute rotated initial data
202        X = self._grid.get_nodes(flat=True)
203        values = self._initalpacket.evaluate_at(X, prefactor=True)
204        values = tuple([val.reshape(self._grid.get_number_nodes()) for
       val in values])
205        self._psi.set_values(values)
206
207        # rotate grid back to original orientation
208        self._grid.rotate(R)
209
210        #calculate timesteps
211        # each j is an individual time steps
212        for j in range(nsteps):
213            # each i is an intermediate time step in the splitting
214            for i in range(len(self._a)):
215
```

```
216            ### Calculate potential flow map \Phi_V = \Phi_B * \Phi_
    {\phi}###
217
218            # Integral -\int_{tspan[0]}^{tspan[1]}B^2(s)ds and its
    associated propagation
219            # does not need to be rotated, as B^2(s) is independent
    of rotations
220            # (see [Gradinaru and Rietmann, 2020]. Remark 3.1)
221            minus_B_squared = lambda t: (-1.0) * dot(B(t), B(t))
222            A = 1.0 / 8.0 * MagneticField.matrix_quad(minus_B_squared
    , t_a, t_a + self._a[i]*self._dt)
223
224            X = self._grid.get_nodes(flat=True)
225            VB = sum(X * dot(A, X))
226            VB = VB.reshape(self._grid.get_number_nodes())
227            #define the magnetic field propagator \Phi_B = \int{ -i/
    eps^2 * \int{ B^2}}
228            prop = exp(-1.0j / self._eps**2 * VB)
229
230            #apply the propagator
231            values = self._psi.get_values()
232            values = [prop * component for component in values]
233
234            #define the propagator \Phi_{\phi} (for electric and
    spatial potential)
235            # these potential are not independent of rotations and
    need to be rotated
236            self._potential.calculate_exponential(-1.0j *  self._a[i
    ]*self._dt /self._eps**2)
237
238            # rotate and evaluate potentials
239            self._grid.rotate(R.T)
240            VE = self._potential.evaluate_exponential_at(self._grid)
241            self._VE = tuple([ve.reshape(self._grid.get_number_nodes
    ()) for ve in VE])
242
243            # apply the propagator
244            values = [self._VE * component for component in values]
245            self._grid.rotate(R)
246
247            # define time step for Magnus Integrator
248            t_interval[0] = t_b
249            t_interval[1] = t_b + self._b[i]*self._dt
250
251            # calculate Magnus Integrator
252            U = (FourierMagneticPropagator._Magnus_CF4(t_interval, B,
     1)).T
253            R = dot(R , U)
254            if(R.shape != U.shape):
255                raise ValueError("Shapes of R and U do not match")
256
257            # check for obsolete splitting steps
```

```
258                    if(self._b[i] != 0):
259                        ### calculate kinetic flow map \Phi_{-\Delta} ###
260
261                        #go to fourier space
262                        values = [fftn(component) for component in values]
263
264                        # calculate the kinetic operator
265                        self._KO = KineticOperator(self._grid, self._eps)
266                        self._KO.calculate_exponential(-0.5j * self._eps**2 *
        self._b[i]*self._dt)
267
268                        #calculate and apply the kinetic propagator
269                        TE = self._KO.evaluate_exponential_at()
270                        values = [TE * component for component in values]
271
272                        # Go back to real space
273                        values = [ifftn(component) for component in values]
274
275                    # save data
276                    self._psi.set_values(values)
277
278                    #update time grids
279                    t_a = t_a + self._a[i]*self._dt
280                    t_b = t_b + self._b[i]*self._dt
281
282            return tspan[0]
283
284
285    def propagate(self, tspan):
286        r"""This method does nothing.
287        """
```

# B    Time evolution

## B.1    Threefold Morse Potential

The time evolution of the wavepacket $\Psi$ is portrayed in Figure B.1. At a position $x$ the color encodes the phase of $\Psi(x)$, the brightness of the pixel encodes the intensity $|\Psi(x)|$.

## B.2    Torsional Potential

The time evolution of the wavepacket $\Psi$ is portrayed in Figure B.2. At a position $x$ the color encodes the phase of $\Psi(x)$, the brightness of the pixel encodes the intensity $|\Psi(x)|$.
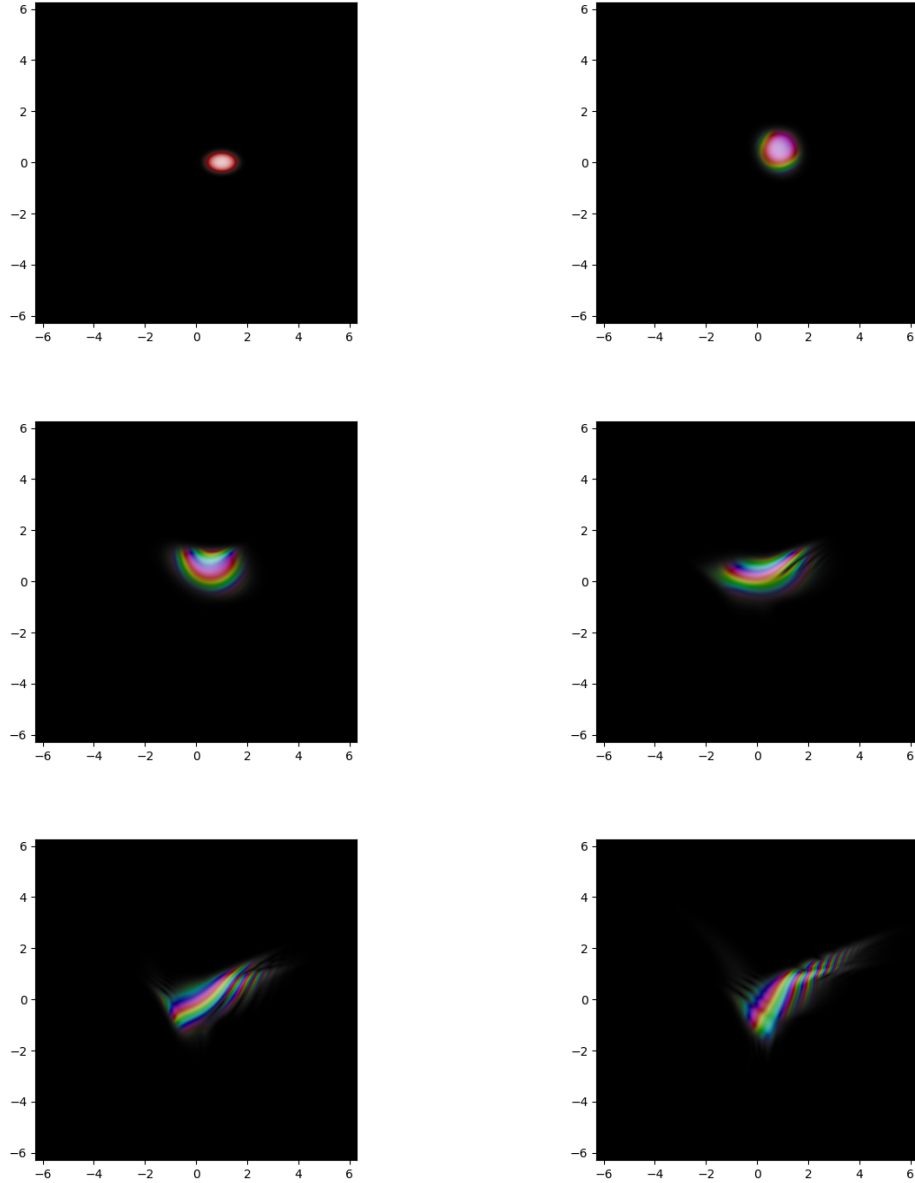
Figure B.1: Time evolution of the wavepacket $\Psi$ with initial data $\Psi_0$ in the threefold morse potential and a homogeneous, time-independent magnetic field.
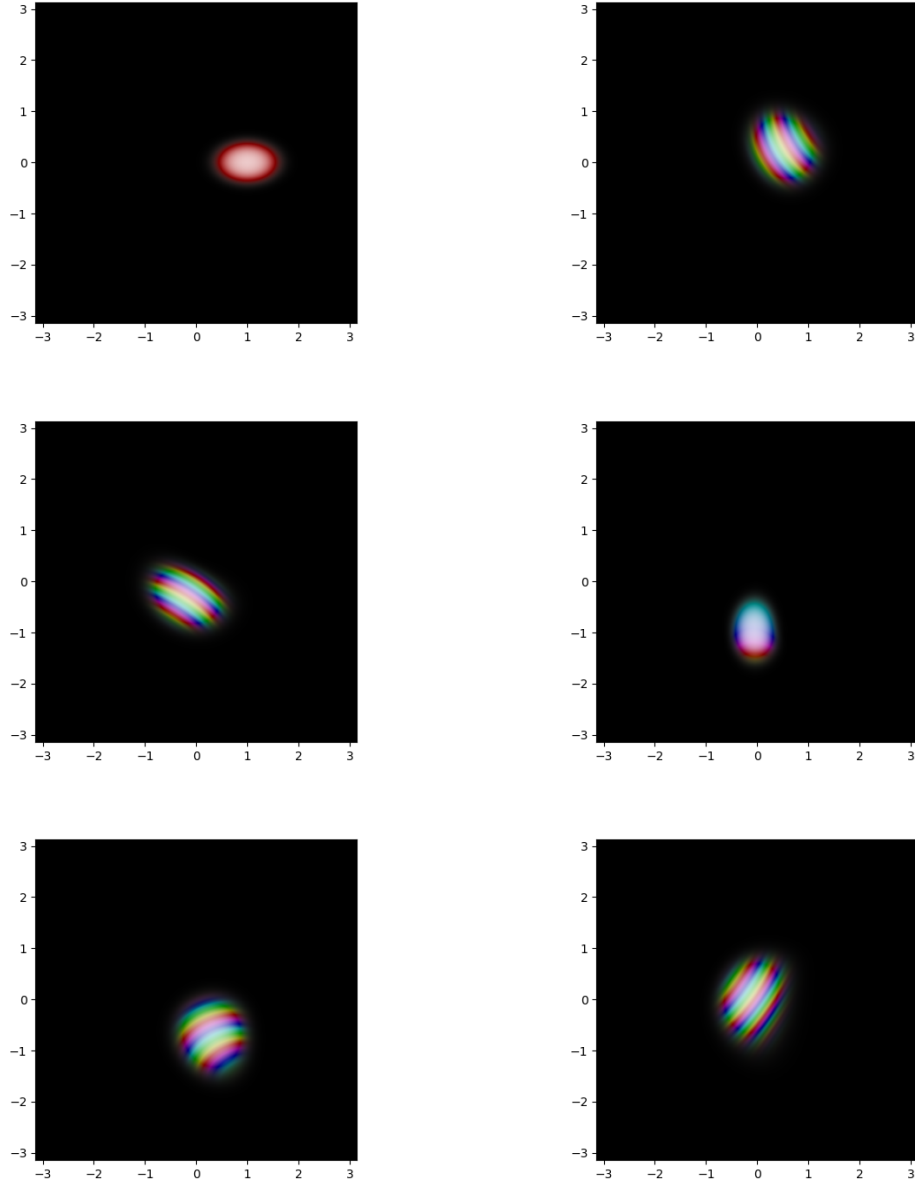
Figure B.2: Time evolution of the wavepacket $\Psi$ with initial data $\Psi_0$ in the torsional potential and a homogeneous, time-independent magnetic field.

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