

# Exploring generalized Jacobi preconditioners and smoothers in MFEM

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# Preliminaries

Consider  $A = (a_{ij})_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  an SPD operator.

## A-convergent smoother

We say  $M$  is an A-convergent smoother if  $M + M^T - A$  is SPD, i.e.,  $(Ax, x) < (Mx, x) + (M^T x, x) = 2(Mx, x)$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Boundedness of off-diagonal entries

A C.B.S. inequality implies  $|a_{ij}| \leq \sqrt{a_{ii}}\sqrt{a_{jj}}$ .

## Two-level preconditioner

The two-level preconditioner will be SPD provided  $M$  being a A-convergent smoother.

$$B_{TL}^{-1} = M(M^T + M - A)^{-1}M^T + \text{SPSD term} .$$

## $\ell_{p,q}$ -Jacobi preconditioners

We define the family of (diagonal)  $\ell_{p,q}$ -Jacobi preconditioners  $\{D_{p,q}\}_{p,q}$ , for  $p \geq 0, q \in \mathbb{R}$ , by

$$(D_{p,q})_{i,i} := \sum_j \left( \frac{|a_{ij}|}{\frac{1-\frac{q}{p}}{a_{ii}^p} a_{jj}^p} \right)^p a_{ii}, \quad (1)$$

which can conveniently written as  $D_{p,q} = \text{diag}(D^{1+q-p} |A|^p D^{-q} \mathbf{1})$ , where  $D$  is the diagonal matrix of  $A$ , i.e.,  $(D)_{ii} := a_{ii}$ , and we understand the operations as *entry-wise* operations.

## Specific examples of Jacobi-type preconditioners

Under the assumption of a diagonally dominant matrices ( $a_{ii} = \max_j |a_{ij}|$ ), we have some examples.

1.  $p = 0, q = 0 \mapsto$  Row-wise re-scaled Jacobi smoother  
 $(D_{0,0})_{ii} = \text{nnz}_i a_{ii}$ .
2.  $p = 1, q = 0 \mapsto \ell_1\text{-Jacobi smoother}$   
 $(D_{1,0})_{ii} = a_{ii} + \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|$ .
3.  $p = 2, q = 0 \mapsto D_{2,0} = \arg \min_D \|Id - D^{-1}A\|_{\text{Fro}}$   
 $(D_{2,0})_{ii} = a_{ii} + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{|a_{ij}|^2}{a_{ii}}$ .
4.  $p = \infty, q = 0 \mapsto$  Jacobi smoother  
 $(D_{\infty,0})_{ii} = a_{ii}$ .

# Properties of the $\ell_{p,q}$ -Jacobi family

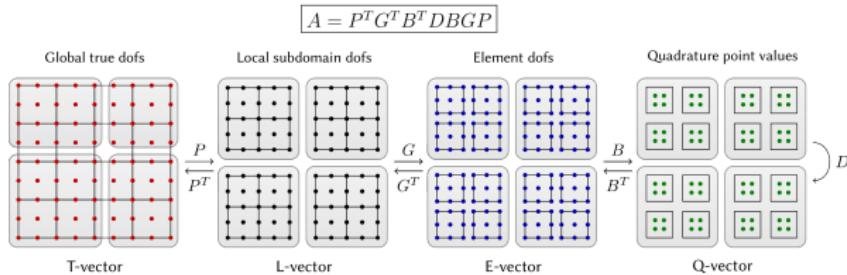
1.  $D_{p_1, q_1} \leq D_{p_2, q_2}$ , if  $q_1 - q_2 = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{2}$  and  $p_1 \geq p_2$ .
2. A weighted Young's inequality is the key step to prove  $A \leq D_{p,q}$  for  $0 \leq p \leq 1$  and all  $q$ .
3. All  $D_{p,q}$ , for  $0 \leq p \leq 1$  and all  $q$ , are  $A$ -convergent smoothers.

## Question

Can we get a better smoother (or preconditioner) when increasing  $p$ ?

# Absolute-value $\ell_1$ -Jacobi preconditioner

In the context of finite element methods, we usually have an operator of the form



We know that the  $\ell_1$ -Jacobi preconditioner is convergent:  $A \leq D_1$ .  
A rough approximation of the  $\ell_1$ -Jacobi smoother can be made by just employing triangle inequality.

$$D_{\text{Abs}-\ell_1} = \text{diag}(|P|^T |G|^T |B|^T D |B| |G| |P|), \quad (2)$$

so we have  $A \leq D_1 \leq D_{\text{Abs}-\ell_1}$ .

# Numerical Results: Diffusion Problem on ICF Mesh

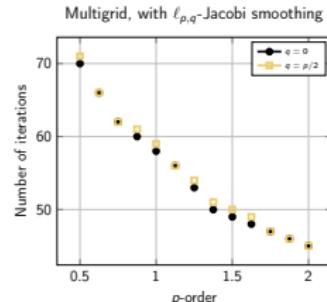
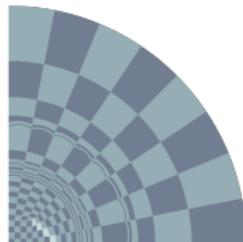


Figure: ICF mesh

Ord.	N. Iter.	N. DoF.
1	235	3,721
2	587	14,609
3	941	32,665
4	1,370	57,889
5	1,824	90,281
6	2,323	129,841
7	2,855	176,569
8	3,399	230,465
9	3,949	291,529
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(a) Without preconditioner

(b) Abs.  $\ell_1$ -Jacobi precond.

(c) MG, abs.  $\ell_1$ -Jacobi smooth.

Table: Diffusion problem on `icf.mesh`, with partial assembly, utilizing PCG.

# Current status

## Main modifications

1. Current PR #4498  
Jacobi-type of  
preconditions/smoothers
2. Implementation of AbsMult  
on matrices.
3. AddAbsMult on domain  
integrators.
4. Miniapp with Multigrid  
wrappers (cf. Example 26p).
5. Comparable with previous  
examples (cf. Example 1p,  
2p, 3p).

Examine the current status!



(a) MFEM website



(b) PR #4498

## Implementation of absolute-value multiplication: CurlCurl kernel

Let us consider  $u_h$  a FE discretization for the definite Maxwell problem:

$$\operatorname{curl} u_h = \sum_i u_i \operatorname{curl} \phi_{h,i}.$$

The curl of a function of the form (e.g.)  $v = \phi^{3D}(x)e_1$  is

$$\operatorname{curl} v = (0, \partial_2 \phi^{3D}(x), -\partial_1 \phi^{3D}(x)).$$

We get the absolute-value application of  $B$  by taking the absolute value of the basis function on the quadrature points and making sure the curl does not introduce a negative sign.

# Implementation of absolute-value multiplication: CurlCurl kernel

```
1  template<int T_D1D = 0, int T_Q1D = 0>
2  inline void PACurlCurlApply3D(const int did,
3                                const int qid,
4                                const bool symmetric,
5                                const int NE,
6                                const Array<real_t> &bo,
7                                const Array<real_t> &bc,
8                                const Array<real_t> &bot,
9                                const Array<real_t> &bct,
10                               const Array<real_t> &gc,
11                               const Array<real_t> &gct,
12                               const Vector &pa_data,
13                               const Vector &x,
14                               Vector &y,
15                               bool useAbs = false)
16  {
17      // ...
18      // x component
19      for (int qx = 0; qx < Q1D; ++qx)
20      {
21          // \hat{|\nabla|} times \hat{u} is [0, (u_0)_x_2, -(u_0)_x_1]
22          curl[qz][qy][qx][1] += gradXY[qy][qx][1] * wDz; // (u_0)_x_2
23          if (!useAbs) { curl[qz][qy][qx][2] -= gradXY[qy][qx][0] * wz; } //
24          ↪ -(u_0)_x_1
25          else { curl[qz][qy][qx][2] += gradXY[qy][qx][0] * wz; }     // +(u_0)_x_1
26      }
27  }
```