# Performance Certification of Interconnected Systems using Decomposition Techniques

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## Abstract

We propose a unified framework for the certification of stability and input-output performance of interconnected dynamical systems. In our approach, we seek local dissipativity certificates for each subsystem such that when they are combined, the performance of the entire interconnected system is certified. We also demonstrate, by the use of numerical simulations, that the Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM) is a promising computational approach for solving such problems.

### 1 Introduction

Many systems of interest naturally occur as an interconnection of a large number of smaller subsystems. Examples include: power systems, biological networks, autonomous agents, and communication networks. It is often the case that the individual components are wellmodeled and characterized, but the global interconnected system is prohibitively difficult to analyze. The reason for this is that the computational tools used to analyze and certify the performance of the small subsystems do not scale well to larger systems. In this paper, we consider a general interconnection of subsystems as depicted in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Interconnected system with input and output.

The given subsystems are  $G_i$  which map  $u_i \mapsto y_i$ , and M is a static matrix that characterizes the interconnection topology. Although we think of M as being sparse, our approach does not rely on this fact and is applicable for any dense M.

We consider performance in the dissipativity framework [20]; specifically the case with quadratic supply rates [21]. The choice of supply rate dictates the property that is to be verified. For example, we may ask questions such as: "is the interconnected system stable?", "is the  $L_2$  gain from d to e less than 2?", or "is the map from dto e passive?". Given a supply rate, the goal is to find an associated storage function, which may be thought of as a generalized Lyapunov function. If a storage function is found, then the property is verified and the storage function serves as a certificate.

In general, when the  $G_i$  are nonlinear systems, determining dissipativity is very difficult. In the case of linear, time-invariant systems, the problem can be formulated as a linear matrix inequality and can be solved reliably [21]. For nonlinear, time-invariant systems with polynomial dynamics, a sum-of-squares relaxation can be used [17, 19]. The computational complexity of this latter approach grows dramatically with both the state dimension and the order of the polynomial certificates.

Main contributions. This paper has two main contributions. The first is to pose the dissipativity-verification question as a distributed optimization problem. Roughly, we search over arbitrary dissipativity properties satisfied by the local subsystems in such a way that the desired dissipativity property for the interconnected system emerges. This scalable formulation both generalizes recent efforts to characterize the performance of interconnected systems, and paves the way for further generalizations to more complicated performance criteria.

Our second contribution is to argue that ADMM, a popular large-scale optimization algorithm [6], is a potentially viable approach for solving our proposed formulation. We support our claim with numerical evidence, by solving randomly generated interconnections of 50 linear systems and comparing various optimization algorithms.

The paper is organized as follows. We first review relevant prior work and required preliminaries in Section 2. In Section 3, we formulate the distributed optimization problem, in Section 4 we discuss various decomposition methods including ADMM, and in Section 5 we present the results of our numerical simulations. We conclude in Section 6 with a discussion of possible generalizations.

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**Prior work.** Compositional analysis of large-scale interconnected dynamical systems has been studied extensively. The conventional approach, as presented in [2, 3, 14, 20] and others is to fix supply rates and storage functions for each of the local subsystems. Then, a candidate for a global storage function is sought as a linear combination of the local storage functions. The method presented in this paper is far less conservative in that we also optimize over arbitrary local storage functions and supply rates. Thus, global performance may be certified via local certificates that have been automatically generated.

The idea of optimizing over the local supply rates and storage functions was first introduced in [18]. The present work generalizes the work in [18] in two major ways. First, we consider dissipativity with respect to a quadratic supply rate rather than only considering stability certification. Second, we again consider dissipativity with respect to a general quadratic supply rate for the local subsystems, whereas in [18] the supply rates were constrained to be diagonally-scaled induced  $L_2$ -norms.

While we assume the system has a natural decomposition into simpler subsystems, this may not always be the case. Recent works have explored the idea of automatically finding favorable decompositions for such problems. In [1, 2], a decomposition algorithm based on dissipation inequalities was proposed. Another approach is a Hankel-norm based lumping technique [13]. These approaches may be used to partition a large-scale system into the canonical form of Figure 1.

#### 2 Preliminaries

**Dissipativity theory.** See [20] for a more in-depth review of this topic. Consider a time-invariant, continuous-time dynamical system described by

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t)), \quad f(0, 0) = 0$$
  

$$y(t) = h(x(t), u(t)), \quad h(0, 0) = 0$$
(1)

with  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ . A supply rate is a function  $w : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^p \to \mathbb{R}$ . A system of the form (1) is said to be *dissipative* with respect to a supply rate wif there exists a differentiable and nonnegative function  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_+$  such that

$$\nabla V(x)^{\mathsf{T}} f(x, u) - w(u, y) \le 0 \tag{2}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and y = h(x, u). Equation (2) is referred to as the *Dissipation Inequality Equation* (DIE) and V as a *storage function*. For a given supply rate, the storage function is generally not unique if it exists.

In the special case where the system is autonomous and the supply rate w is equal to zero, if V is positive definite then (2) certifies stability of the system and V is referred to as a Lyapunov function. If f and h are linear and the supply rate w is a quadratic function, then the system is dissipative if and only if there exists a quadratic storage function V. This problem can then be cast as a linear matrix inequality (LMI). If f and h have polynomial dynamics and the storage function V is restricted to be a polynomial function of fixed order then the problem of certifying dissipativity can be relaxed to a sum-of-squares (SOS) program.

A key idea is that finding a storage function V is difficult. Much like searching for Lyapunov functions, one must often broaden the search to very complicated classes of functions before a suitable one is found.

**Interconnected systems.** Consider Figure 1. The system consists of N known subsystems,  $G_i$ , with a known, static interconnection  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ e \end{bmatrix} = M \begin{bmatrix} y \\ d \end{bmatrix} \tag{3}$$

Each  $G_i$  has dynamics of the form (1) and is characterized by a local state  $x_i$  and output functions  $f_i$  and  $g_i$ , respectively. We assume that the interconnected system is well-posed, meaning that for any  $d \in L_{2e}$ , and any initial condition  $x_0$  there exists unique  $e, u, y \in L_{2e}$  that causally depend on d.

We would like to know whether the interconnected system is dissipative with respect to some given supply rate  $w_0$ . Our approach is twofold.

1. For each *i*, find a local supply rate  $w_i$  such that  $G_i$  is dissipative with respect to  $w_i$ . This means that there exists some storage function  $V_i$  such that

$$\nabla V_i(x_i)^{\mathsf{T}} f_i(x_i, u_i) - w_i(u_i, y_i) \le 0$$
 (4)

holds for all  $x_i$  and  $u_i$ , with  $y_i = h_i(x_i, u_i)$ .

2. Check whether the interconnected system is dissipative with respect to  $w_0$  with storage function that is the sum of the local storage functions. So if we define  $V(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} V_i(x_i)$ , then

$$\nabla V(x)^{\mathsf{T}} f(x, u) - w_0(d, e) \le 0 \tag{5}$$

holds for all x and d, with y = h(x, u) and (3).

In our approach, (4)–(5) are combined to eliminate the storage functions  $V_i$ , as we will see in Section 3. Therefore, verifying step 2 is carried out without explicit knowledge of the  $V_i$ . This may be useful in cases where a local subsystem is known to be dissipative with respect to some  $w_i$  but no  $V_i$  has been computed.

#### **3** Problem statement

As mentioned in Section 2, our aim is to certify the performance of the local subsystems in such a way that the performance of the interconnected system is also certified. From now on, we will assume that all supply rates are quadratic. In particular,

$$w_0(d, e) = \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} W \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \end{bmatrix} \text{ is given, and}$$

$$w_i(u_i, y_i) = \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} X_i \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} \text{ for all } i$$
(6)

where W and all  $X_i$  are real symmetric matrices. We are aiming to solve a feasibility problem of the form

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{X_{1:N}, V_{1:N}}{\text{minimize}} & 0 \\ \text{subject to} & (V_i, X_i) \in \mathcal{L}_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N \\ & (X_1, \dots, X_N) \in \mathcal{G} \end{array} \tag{7}$$

Each  $\mathcal{L}_i$  constraint is *local* because it involves only the local supply rate  $X_i$  and storage function  $V_i$ . The  $\mathcal{G}$  constraint is *global* because it involves all the supply rates.

Before we define the  $\mathcal{L}_i$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  sets, first introduce the following conformal block partitions

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} W_{11} & W_{12} \\ W_{21} & W_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad X_i = \begin{bmatrix} X_i^{11} & X_i^{12} \\ X_i^{21} & X_i^{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

and the following block-diagonal matrices

$$X^{jk} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1^{jk} & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & X_N^{jk} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for all } j,k \in \{1,2\}$$

Recall that W is given while  $X_1, \ldots, X_N$  are to be found. The local and global sets are defined as follows.

$$\mathcal{L}_{i} := \left\{ X_{i}, V_{i} \middle| V_{i} \text{ is differentiable, } V_{i}(x_{i}) \geq 0, \\ \nabla V_{i}(x_{i})^{\mathsf{T}} f_{i}(x_{i}, u_{i}) - \begin{bmatrix} u_{i} \\ y_{i} \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} X_{i} \begin{bmatrix} u_{i} \\ y_{i} \end{bmatrix} \leq 0 \\ \text{for all } x_{i}, u_{i} \text{ and with } y_{i} = h_{i}(x_{i}, u_{i}) \right\}$$
(8)

$$\mathcal{G} := \left\{ X_{1:N} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{N} H_i X_i H_i^{\mathsf{T}} - H_0 W H_0^{\mathsf{T}} \preceq 0 \right\}$$
(9)

Here, the constant matrices  $H_0, \ldots, H_N$  are defined such that the following identity holds.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} H_{i} X_{i} H_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} - H_{0} W H_{0}^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} M \\ I \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} X^{11} & 0 & X^{12} & 0 \\ 0 & -W_{22} & 0 & -W_{21} \\ X^{21} & 0 & X^{22} & 0 \\ 0 & -W_{12} & 0 & -W_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M \\ I \end{bmatrix}$$
(10)

The local sets  $\mathcal{L}_i$  clearly certify the performance of the local subsystems. That is, each subsystem  $G_i$  is dissipative with respect to  $w_i$  if and only if  $(X_i, V_i) \in \mathcal{L}_i$ . The following result proves that any solution to (7) is a performance certificate for the interconnected system.

**Proposition 1.** Consider the interconnected system described in Section 2, with supply rates are of the form (6). Further suppose that  $X_1, \ldots, X_N$  and  $V_1, \ldots, V_N$  are a solution to (7). Then the interconnected system is dissipative with respect to the supply rate  $w_0$ .

**Proof.** Multiplying the right-hand side of (10) on the left and right by  $\begin{bmatrix} y^{\mathsf{T}} & d^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} y^{\mathsf{T}} & d^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}}$  respectively and making use of (3) and the definition (9), we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ e \\ y \\ d \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} X^{11} & 0 & X^{12} & 0 \\ 0 & -W_{22} & 0 & -W_{21} \\ X^{21} & 0 & X^{22} & 0 \\ 0 & -W_{12} & 0 & -W_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ e \\ y \\ d \end{bmatrix} \le 0 \quad (11)$$

Using this and the block diagonal structure of the  $X^{jk}$ , we can rewrite (11) as the following linear combination of quadratic forms.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} X_i \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} W \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \end{bmatrix} \le 0 \qquad (12)$$

Adding to (12) each of the local dissipativity inequalities in (8), we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla V_i(x_i)^{\mathsf{T}} f_i(x_i, u_i) - \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} W \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \end{bmatrix} \le 0$$

Hence, the interconnected system is dissipative with respect to the given supply rate  $w_0$ .

The benefit of our formulation (7) is that verifying feasibility of a candidate point may be carried out in an efficient manner. The potentially complicated storage functions  $V_i$  only appear in the local constraints, so they can be checked separately and in parallel. Finally, membership of the  $\mathcal{G}$  set amounts to solving a global LMI. While this constraint does not decouple, it also does not depend on the storage functions.

In the next section, we will describe several different ways in which one may take advantage of the structure of (7) to decompose the optimization problem and thereby solve it efficiently.

#### 4 Decomposition techniques

There are many ways to efficiently compute solutions to (7). The basic idea is that the constraints involving the  $V_i$  are independent, so one should take advantage of this fact in choosing a computational approach. As mentioned in Section 2, it is particularly important to take advantage of separability because the local storage functions  $V_i$  may need to be very complicated, and searching for a global storage function of adequate complexity may be computationally infeasible. **Projected Subgradient method.** Dual decomposition and the projected subgradient method as presented in [7] was used in [18] to certify stability of an interconnected system and in [15] to verify the safety of a system using barrier certificates. Applying dual decomposition to (7), the projected subgradient method has the form:

1. Local optimization: given  $\Lambda^k$ , solve for each *i*:

$$(X_i^{k+1}, V_i^{k+1}) = \underset{(X,V) \in \mathcal{L}_i}{\operatorname{arg\,min\,trace}\left(\Lambda^k H_i X H_i^{\mathsf{T}}\right) + \rho \|X\|_F^2}$$

where  $\rho$  is a regularization parameter.

2. If  $(X_{1:N}^{k+1}, V_{1:N}^{k+1})$  is not feasible, update  $\Lambda^k$  as follows and return to step 1.

$$\Lambda^{k+1} = \mathbb{P}\left(\Lambda^k + \alpha_k \left(\sum_{i=1}^N H_i X_i^{k+1} H_i^{\mathsf{T}} - H_0 W H_0^{\mathsf{T}}\right)\right)$$

where  $\mathbb{P}$  projects onto the positive-semidefinite cone, and  $\{\alpha_k\}$  is the stepsize sequence.

If the stepsize sequence  $\{\alpha_k\}$  satisfies  $\alpha_k > 0$ ,  $\alpha_k \to 0^+$ , and  $\sum_k \alpha_k = \infty$ , the subgradient method is guaranteed to converge to a solution, either after finitely many steps or in the limit. However, careful tuning of the stepsize schedule and regularization parameter is often required to achieve desirable performance [5].

**Projection methods.** A natural way of viewing (7) is that we are seeking to find a point that lies in the intersection of several sets. Note that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a convex set. If all the  $\mathcal{L}_i$  sets are convex as well, we may use projection methods. The simplest such method is the *alternating* projection method [9], which has the form:

1. For each i, project onto the local sets.

$$(X_i^{k+1/2}, V_i^{k+1}) = \underset{(X,V)\in\mathcal{L}_i}{\arg\min} \|X - X_i^k\|_F^2$$

2. project onto the global set.

$$X_{1:N}^{k+1} = \underset{X_{1:N} \in \mathcal{G}}{\arg\min} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \|X_i - X_i^{k+1/2}\|_F^2$$

3. If 
$$(X_{1:N}^{k+1}, V_{1:N}^{k+1})$$
 is not feasible return to step 1.

We tested this method as well as *Dykstra's method* [4], another popular projection method. These methods are guaranteed to converge monotonically, though the convergence rates may be very slow. **ADMM.** The Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM) is a kind of operator-splitting method, and is described in detail in [6]. This method has been shown to perform well in many practical engineering applications [6, 11, 12]. It can be used to solve problems of the form

minimize 
$$f(x) + g(z)$$
  
subject to  $Ax + Bz = c$  (13)

where x and z are vector decision variables. Our problem (7) may be put into this form by defining the following indicator functions:

$$\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{L}_i}(X_i, V_i) := \begin{cases} 0 & (X_i, V_i) \in \mathcal{L}_i \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{G}}(X_{1:N}) := \begin{cases} 0 & (X_1, \dots, X_N) \in \mathcal{G} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We may then write (7) as

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \underset{X_{1:N}, Z_{1:N}, V_{1:N}}{\text{minimize}} & \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{L}_i}(X_i, V_i) + \mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{G}}(Z_1, \dots, Z_N) \\
 \text{subject to} & X_i - Z_i = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N
\end{array}$$

and it is now in the canonical form (13). The f function and the constraints are separable, so the ADMM update takes on the following parallelized form [6].

1. X-updates: for each i, solve the local problem

$$(X_i^{k+1}, V_i^{k+1}) = \underset{(X,V)\in\mathcal{L}_i}{\arg\min} \|X - Z_i^k + U_i^k\|_F^2$$

2. Z-update: if  $(X_{1:N}^{k+1}, V_{1:N}^{k+1})$  is not feasible, solve the global problem

$$Z_{1:N}^{k+1} = \arg\min_{Z_{1:N} \in \mathcal{G}} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{N} (X_i^{k+1} - Z_i + U_i^k) \right\|_F^2$$

3. U-update: perform the following update and return to step 1.

$$U_i^{k+1} = X_i^{k+1} - Z^{k+1} + U_i^k$$

When applied to (13), ADMM is guaranteed to converge if f, g are closed, proper, and convex, and the Lagrangian has a saddle point [6].

### 5 Numerical simulations

In order to test and compare the different algorithms discussed in Section 4, we randomly generated N = 50 stable LTI subsystems, each with 3 states, 2 inputs, and 2 outputs. The subsystem state-space equations (1) then take the form

$$G_i: \qquad \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_i = A_i x_i + B_i u_i \\ y_i = C_i x_i + D_i u_i \end{array} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N$$

Each  $G_i$  was scaled so that its  $L_2$  gain (equivalently, its  $H_{\infty}$  norm, or induced  $L_2$  norm) was equal to 0.95. A random sparse interconnection matrix M was generated with 5% of its entries nonzero and scaled so that its spectral norm satisfies ||M|| = 0.95. The interconnected system has two inputs and two outputs. Due to the scalings mentioned above, the interconnected system will be stable and have  $L_2$  gain less than 1. We then introduced further random scalings  $\Psi = \text{diag}(\Psi_1, \ldots, \Psi_N)$ and  $\Phi = \text{diag}(\Phi_1, \ldots, \Phi_N)$ , and transformed the interconnection of Figure 1 into that of Figure 2. These final scalings do not change the closed-loop map from d to e, but they conceal the fact that the interconnection was constructed to satisfy a particular  $L_2$  gain condition.



Figure 2: Scaling of the interconnected system of Figure 1 that leaves the closed-loop map unchanged.

As a proof-of-concept, we restricted our search to quadratic  $V_i$  functions. Therefore, the  $\mathcal{L}_i$  sets (8) are

$$\mathcal{L}_{i} := \left\{ X_{i}, P_{i} \middle| P_{i} \succeq 0, \begin{bmatrix} A_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} P_{i} + P_{i} A_{i} & P_{i} B_{i} \\ B_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} P_{i} & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ C_{i} & D_{i} \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} X_{i} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ C_{i} & D_{i} \end{bmatrix} \preceq 0 \right\}$$

Certifying that the  $L_2$  gain of the interconnected system is less than 1 amounts to using the supply rate

$$w_0(d, e) = \|d\|_2^2 - \|e\|_2^2 = \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 3 shows a typical convergence plot comparing the various methods discussed in Section 4. Each method was implemented in MATLAB using the CVX toolbox [8] to solve all the convex optimization problems. For each method, we plot the largest eigenvalue of the  $\mathcal{G}$ -constraint as a function of iteration count. When this value becomes negative, all eigenvalues are negative and the  $\mathcal{G}$ constraint is satisfied; a feasible point has been found. The iterative methods were initialized using  $\Lambda^0 = I$  and  $X_i^0 = Z_i^0 = -I$ , as applicable.

We now make a few remarks regarding these result. For the particular example plotted in Figure 3, the ADMM method converges in 15 iterations. The trace ends abruptly when the subsequent point is negative and feasibility has been attained. Subgradient,  $\alpha_k = (100 + k)^{-1}$  — Dykstra's proj. --- Subgradient,  $\alpha_k = (50 + k)^{-1}$  --- Alternating proj. --- ADMM



Figure 3: Plot of the largest eigenvalue for five different iterative methods. Feasibility is achieved when all eigenvalues are negative (indicated by a terminal circle). ADMM converged in 15 iterations, while the other methods took longer or failed to converge after 1000 iterations.

Similar traces are obtained for the projected subgradient method, though the number of iterations required to find a feasible point turned out to be very sensitive to initial conditions, stepsize schedule  $\{\alpha_k\}$ , and regularization parameter  $\rho$ . With a stepsize of  $\alpha_k = (100 + k)^{-1}$ , a feasible point was found in 187 iterations, but when the stepsizes are increased slightly to  $\alpha_k = (50 + k)^{-1}$ , no feasible point was found after 1000 iterations. We used  $\rho = 0.1$  for both cases.

Finally, Dykstra's method and the alternating projection method both exhibited a monotonically decreasing behavior typical of projection methods; they steadily approached the boundary of the feasible set without ever penetrating it.

Note that in Figure 3, the x-axis measures iterations rather than time or floating-point operations. Iteration count is a fair metric in this case, because all methods compared have a similar structure. Specifically, each iteration consists of parallelizable local steps involving the  $\mathcal{L}_i$ constraints, and a global step involving the  $\mathcal{G}$  constraint. There is a minor difference in the global step, however. The subgradient method computes a global projection onto the positive-semidefinite cone, while the other methods compute a projection onto  $\mathcal{G}$ , which is described by a global LMI. One could argue that the latter requires more computational effort than the former. In order to test the robustness of ADMM, we generated 1000 random instances of the interconnected system described earlier in this section. All parameters including the interconnection topology were randomized. ADMM was applied to each system, and the number of iterations required to certify  $L_2$  performance were recorded. Figure 4 shows a cumulative frequency plot of the result. Only one of the 1000 systems tested required more than 40 iterations (it required 74 iterations), and 90% of systems tested required 16 iterations or fewer.



Figure 4: Cumulative plot showing the fraction of 1000 total trials that required at most a given number of iterations to find a feasible point using ADMM. For example, the fastest trials found a feasible point in 4 iterations. Also, 90% of trials succeeded in 16 iterations or fewer.

These results suggest that ADMM, even in its most basic implementation, is a fast and reliable way of solving large distributed performance certification problems, both in an absolute sense, and as compared to subgradient or projection methods.

#### 6 Extensions and future directions

Several extensions are possible, and are likely necessary to render the method useful for it's intended purpose of certifying performance of large interconnections of nonlinear systems. We discuss two possibilities below.

**Polynomials and SOS.** In Section 5, we assumed the  $V_i$  were quadratic. This may not be adequate for certifying the dissipativity of a general nonlinear system, as in equation (4)–(5). A sufficient condition, suitable for the case when f, h are polynomials and V is drawn from a finite-dimensional subspace of polynomial functions, is to require that the expressions V(x) and  $w(u, h(x, u)) - \nabla V^{\mathsf{T}} f(x, u)$  are sum-of-squares in the variables x and (x, u) respectively. Deciding if such a V exists can be determined by a semidefinite program.

**Extension to IQCs.** Rather than requiring dissipativity with respect to a quadratic supply rate, we may want to allow for integral quadratic constraints (IQCs). This allows for very general frequency-dependent performance measures, including robustness analysis [10]. As in the dissipativity framework, the conventional approach of fixing the local storage functions was adapted to IQCs in [16]. We now outline how the approach of Sections 3 and 4 may also be extended to IQCs.

If  $(\bar{A}, \bar{B}, \bar{C}, \bar{D})$  is the realization of a stable LTI system  $\Psi$ , then the existence of a positive semidefinite  $V(x, \eta)$  such that

$$(\nabla_x V)^{\mathsf{T}} f(x, u) + (\nabla_\eta V)^{\mathsf{T}} \left( \bar{A}\eta + \bar{B} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ \leq \left( \bar{C}\eta + \bar{D} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right)^{\mathsf{T}} X \left( \bar{C}\eta + \bar{D} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (14)$$

for all x, u, and y = h(x, u) ensures that the dynamical system  $\dot{x} = f(x, u), y = h(x, u)$  satisfies the IQC defined by  $\Pi = \Psi^* X \Psi$ . We recover traditional dissipativity in the special case where  $\Psi$  is static.

Using such IQCs for each subsystem, the global certifying condition (9) takes on the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} M \\ I \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} \Pi^{11} & 0 & \Pi^{12} & 0 \\ 0 & -W_{22} & 0 & -W_{21} \\ \Pi^{21} & 0 & \Pi^{22} & 0 \\ 0 & -W_{12} & 0 & -W_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M \\ I \end{bmatrix} \preceq -\varepsilon I$$

where the  $\Pi^{jk}$  and  $W_{jk}$  are functions of frequency  $\omega$ , and the inequality must hold for all  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ . Such a constraint can be made tractable by sampling at finitely many points, or via the KYP lemma.

While these extensions affect the sets (4)-(5), the optimization problem (7) has the same structural form. Hence, the ADMM algorithm as described in Section 4 can be applied, and is the subject of future work.

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