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A New Fractional-Order Hyperchaotic System and Its Adaptive Tracking Control

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We construct for the first time a fractional-order hyperchaotic system via the original integer-order system. The dynamical behavior of this fractional-order hyperchaotic system is investigated in detail using first approximation method and Lyapunov exponents. Next, an adaptive control strategy for the univariate controlled hyperchaotic system has been proposed. Also, the tracking performance is fully taken into account in numerous applications, for instance, tracking sinusoidal periodic signal, self-synchronization, and generalized synchronization of heterogeneous structure. Simulation results illustrate the validity and performability of the proposed adaptive tracking control scheme.

1. Introduction

Fractional calculus has the characteristics of historical dependence and global correlation and is an ideal tool to describe the memory and heredity of real problems. Compared with integer-order calculus, fractional calculus has better fitting degree with the experimental results in signal processing, hydrodynamics, mathematical biology, and electrochemistry [1–5]. Therefore, fractional calculus has been widely used in many disciplines and engineering fields. The research on fractional differential system can enrich the related results in the field of calculus, which has important theoretical significance and application value. Virtually, fractional calculus seems to be the direct extension of integral-order calculus, but the definition of fractional-order derivative involves the kernel integral with parameter; then, many properties of integral-order differential system cannot hold in the fractional order, even if they have connotative relationships, these properties may not obtain equivalent conclusions [4]. Hence, it is of great significance to study the fractional differential system in depth. It is noted that qualitative problems of the nonlinear differential system (such as bifurcation, chaos, and quasiperiod) are an important branch of the evolution theory of differential equations. With the development of fractional calculus theory, the qualitative properties of fractional differential system are widely used in many fields, for example, physical mechanics, anomalous diffusion, automatic control, and biomedicine; the qualitative research of the fractional differential system has been paid attention by scholars, and many profound results have been obtained [1, 2, 4].

As a kind of motion form of the nonlinear system, chaos generally exists in nature. Chaos has many unique properties, such as aperiodic and long-term immeasurability. A chaotic system with two or more positive Lyapunov exponents is called the hyperchaotic system. Compared with chaos, the attractor orbits of the hyperchaotic system are separated in more directions [5–10]. As thus, the randomness and unpredictability about the hyperchaotic system are also stronger, which makes the hyperchaotic system have a broader development prospect in image encryption and secure communication. Based on the need of communication security, many scholars have tried to use hyperchaotic secure communication scheme, in which the key signal is generated by hyperchaotic system. Because of more complex dynamic characteristics in hyperchaotic
secure communication scheme, it is difficult to use time series to reconstruct and decode the phase space. How to establish a hyperchaotic system model with new characteristics and how to control and synchronize hyperchaos have always been a hot topic in the field of dynamical systems and control [8, 10].

In the past few years, the control requirements of industrial system are improved rapidly. Accordingly, the nonlinear degree is increasing, which brings great challenges to the analysis and synthesis of the system. Therefore, it is very important for the stable operation of nonlinear system to improve the fault-tolerant ability and actively suppress external disturbances [3, 11–15]. Adaptive control has the function of self-tuning, while tracking control has the function of path synchronization. The combination of adaptive control and tracking control can keep or approach the ideal performance of the original system after system failure [12–15]. The introduction of adaptive tracking control in the fractional-order system can not only upgrade the conventional adaptive tracking control but also meet the control requirements of the system described by the fractional-order operator. In the present stage, the research on fractional-order adaptive tracking control is still in its infancy, and only a basic theoretical framework has been formed. Therefore, it is necessary to further explore the potential of fractional-order adaptive tracking control in complex systems to achieve the asymptotic convergence of adaptive tracking control.

Based on the above analysis, in this paper, a new four-dimensional hyperchaotic system characterized by fractional differential equation is proposed, and dynamic behavior of the proposed system is studied. The stability of the equilibrium point and attractor evolution is studied by using the normal form method and Lyapunov exponents. The global dynamic behaviors, including hyperchaotic attractor, chaotic attractor, and singular degenerate ring, are discussed in detail. Moreover, adaptive tracking control of the considered system is analyzed and applied effectively.

2. A New Fractional-Order Hyperchaotic System

In memristor oscillator systems, a first-order mem-circuit is often discussed as follows:

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\begin{align*}
\dot{x}_1(t) &= x_2(t), \\
\dot{x}_2(t) &= \theta_1 x_3(t) - \theta_2 x_2(t) - \theta_3 x_1^2(t)x_2(t), \\
\dot{x}_3(t) &= \theta_4 x_4(t) - \theta_5 x_3(t) + \theta_6 x_4(t), \\
\dot{x}_4(t) &= -\theta_6 x_3(t) - \theta_7 x_4(t),
\end{align*}
\]  

(1)

where \( x_i(t), i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \), is the system state and \( \theta_i, i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \), is the system parameter.

When \( \theta_1 = 16.3, \theta_2 = -3.28, \theta_3 = 19.68, \theta_4 = 1, \theta_5 = 1, \theta_6 = 15, \) and \( \theta_7 = 0.5 \), system (1) shows a chaotic behavior. Accordingly, chaotic attractors in three-dimensional projection are described as Figure 1.

As a natural extension of integral calculus, fractional calculus plays an important role in practical engineering applications, especially in modeling the fractional-order system. Recently, Wu and Zeng [4] have introduced fractional calculus into the design of memristor systems, found that the memristor systems of fractional order have better performance, and have achieved some successful applications. Continuing along this path, we reestablish a new fractional-order system:

\[
\begin{align*}
D^\alpha x_1(t) &= x_2(t), \\
D^\alpha x_2(t) &= \theta_1 x_3(t) - \theta_2 x_2(t) - \theta_3 x_1^2(t)x_2(t), \\
D^\alpha x_3(t) &= \theta_4 x_4(t) - \theta_5 x_3(t) + \theta_6 x_4(t), \\
D^\alpha x_4(t) &= -\theta_6 x_3(t) - \theta_7 x_4(t),
\end{align*}
\]  

(2)

where \( D^\alpha \) is Caputo fractional derivative operator with order \( \alpha > 0 \), \( x_i(t), i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \), is the system state, and \( \theta_i, i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \), is the system parameter.

When \( \alpha = 1 \), system (2) degenerates into system (1). Compared with system (1), system (2) is a broader form. Let \( \alpha = 0.5, \theta_1 = 16.3, \theta_2 = -3.28, \theta_3 = 19.68, \theta_4 = 1, \theta_5 = 1, \theta_6 = 15, \) and \( \theta_7 = 0.5 \); then, Lyapunov exponents of system (2) are \( \lambda_1 = 0.400714, \lambda_2 = 0.020389, \lambda_3 = -0.008180, \) and \( \lambda_4 = -7.854758 \) (Figure 2); this suggests that system (2) is hyperchaotic. Accordingly, hyperchaotic attractors in three-dimensional projection are described as Figure 3.

3. Dynamic Behaviors in Hyperchaotic System (2)

By \( D^\alpha x_1(t) = 0, D^\alpha x_2(t) = 0, D^\alpha x_3(t) = 0, \) and \( D^\alpha x_4(t) = 0 \), system (2) exhibits a unique equilibrium point \( O(0,0,0,0) \).

By linearizing system (2) at the equilibrium point \( O(0,0,0,0) \), the corresponding Jacobian matrix is

\[
J = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -\theta_2 & \theta_1 & 0 \\
0 & \theta_4 & -\theta_5 & \theta_3 \\
0 & 0 & -\theta_6 & -\theta_7
\end{pmatrix}.
\]  

(3)

The detailed characteristic equation is

\[
\begin{align*}
Y(\chi) &= \chi^4 + (\theta_2 + \theta_4 + \theta_6)\chi^2 \\
&\quad + (-\theta_1\theta_4 + \theta_2\theta_7 + \theta_4\theta_5 + \theta_5\theta_6)\chi \\
&\quad - \theta_1\theta_2\theta_5 + \theta_2\theta_4\theta_7 + \theta_5\theta_6\theta_7.
\end{align*}
\]  

(4)

Let \( \alpha = 0.5, \theta_1 = 16.3, \theta_2 = -3.28, \theta_3 = 19.68, \theta_4 = 1, \theta_5 = 1, \theta_6 = 15, \) and \( \theta_7 = 0.5 \); and the roots of the characteristic equation (4) are \( \chi_1 = 0, \chi_2 = 5.133, \chi_3 = -1.676 - 2.946i, \) and \( \chi_4 = -1.676 + 2.946i \); where \( i \) is imaginary number; thus, the equilibrium point \( O(0,0,0,0) \) is an unstable saddle point.

Suppose that the four Lyapunov exponents of system (2) are \( \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \) and \( \lambda_4 \), by reordering to satisfy \( \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \lambda_3 > \lambda_4 \); the following is to study the influences of parameter varying on the dynamic behavior of system (2); here, we select the evolution of Lyapunov exponents to reflect the influences of parameter variation.
Case 1: \( \alpha = 0.5, \theta_1 \in [14.8, 16.7], \theta_2 = -3.28, \theta_3 = 19.68, \theta_4 = 1, \theta_5 = 1, \theta_6 = 15, \text{ and } \theta_7 = 0.5; \) then, we get \( \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0, \lambda_3 < 0, \text{ and } \lambda_4 < 0 \) (Figure 4); system (2) has two positive Lyapunov exponents and is in the hyperchaotic state.

Case 2: \( \alpha = 0.5, \theta_1 = 16.3, \theta_2 \in [-4, -3], \theta_3 = 19.68, \theta_4 = 1, \theta_5 = 1, \theta_6 = 15, \text{ and } \theta_7 = 0.5; \) then, we get \( \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0, \lambda_3 < 0, \text{ and } \lambda_4 < 0 \) (Figure 5); system (2) has two positive Lyapunov exponents and is in the hyperchaotic state.

Case 3: \( \alpha = 0.5, \theta_1 = 16.3, \theta_2 = -3.28, \theta_3 \in [19.4, 20.6], \theta_4 = 1, \theta_5 = 1, \theta_6 = 15, \text{ and } \theta_7 = 0.5; \) then, we get \( \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0, \lambda_3 < 0, \text{ and } \lambda_4 < 0 \) (Figure 6); system (2) has two positive Lyapunov exponents and is in the hyperchaotic state.

Case 4: \( \alpha = 0.5, \theta_1 = 16.3, \theta_2 = -3.28, \theta_3 = 19.68, \theta_4 \in [0.8, 9], \theta_5 = 1, \theta_6 = 15, \text{ and } \theta_7 = 0.5; \) then, we get \( \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0, \lambda_3 < 0, \text{ and } \lambda_4 < 0 \); system (2) has two positive Lyapunov exponents and is in the hyperchaotic state.

Case 5: \( \alpha = 0.5, \theta_1 = 16.3, \theta_2 = -3.28, \theta_3 = 19.68, \theta_4 = 1, \theta_5 \in [0.2, 1.4], \theta_6 = 15, \text{ and } \theta_7 = 0.5; \) then, we get \( \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0, \lambda_3 < 0, \text{ and } \lambda_4 < 0 \); system (2) has two positive Lyapunov exponents and is in the hyperchaotic state.
Case 6: $\alpha = 0.5$, $\theta_1 = 16.3$, $\theta_2 = -3.28$, $\theta_3 = 19.68$, $\theta_4 = 1$, $\theta_5 = 1$, $\theta_6 \in [14, 21.3]$, and $\theta_7 = 0.5$; then, we get $\lambda_1 > 0$, $\lambda_2 > 0$, $\lambda_3 < 0$, and $\lambda_4 < 0$; system (2) has two positive Lyapunov exponents and is in the hyperchaotic state.

Case 7: $\alpha = 0.5$, $\theta_1 = 16.3$, $\theta_2 = -3.28$, $\theta_3 = 19.68$, $\theta_4 = 1$, $\theta_5 = 1$, $\theta_6 = 15$, and $\theta_7 \in [0, 0.5]$; then, we get $\lambda_1 > 0$ and $\lambda_2 > 0$ (for example, $\theta_7 = 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5$) or $\lambda_3 < 0$ (for example, $\theta_7 = 0.4$), $\lambda_3 < 0$, $\lambda_4 < 0$; system (2) will experience hyperchaotic and chaotic states; see Figure 7 when $\theta_7 = 0.2$ and Figure 8 when $\theta_7 = 0.4$.

The algorithm for Lyapunov exponents is described as follows:

Step 1: the fractional differential equation is transformed into an equivalent integral equation

Step 2: the approximate solution of the transformed equation system is obtained

Step 3: the Jacobian matrix of the transformed equation system is decomposed via QR method (the matrix is decomposed into a normal orthogonal matrix $Q$ and an upper triangular matrix $R$)
In Cases 1–6, by adjusting the parameters, we describe the hyperchaotic behavior of the system. At the same time, in order to provide an intuitive understanding, we give the evolution diagram of Lyapunov exponents for Case 1 to Case 3 (of course, the similar evolution diagram of Lyapunov exponents for Case 4 to Case 6 is omitted). In Case 7, when \( \theta_7 \in [0, 0.5] \), the system will be hyperchaotic/chaotic.

4. Adaptive Tracking Control

4.1. Design Strategy about Adaptive Tracking Control. Combined with the nonlinear characteristics of system (2), this subsection aims to carry out the research on adaptive tracking control strategy of the fractional-order hyperchaotic system. Our goal is to design an adaptive tracking controller so that the variable \( x_1(t) \) of the hyperchaotic system (2) can track any given reference signal in various forms.

Consider the following univariate controlled hyperchaotic system:

\[
\begin{align*}
D^\alpha x_1(t) &= x_2(t) + u(t), \\
D^\alpha x_2(t) &= \theta_1 x_3(t) - \theta_2 x_2(t) - \theta_3 x_2^2(t)x_2(t), \\
D^\alpha x_3(t) &= \theta_4 x_2(t) + \theta_5 x_3(t) + \theta_6 x_4(t), \\
D^\alpha x_4(t) &= -\theta_7 x_3(t) - \theta_8 x_4(t),
\end{align*}
\]

(5)

where \( u(t) \) is the adaptive controller to be designed.

Suppose any reference signal is \( y(t) \), define the tracking error as \( e(t) = x_1(t) - y(t) \) and the controller \( u(t) \) is designed as

\[
u(t) = \rho(t)e(t),
\]

(6)

where \( \rho(t) \) is adaptive control gain and satisfies

\[
D^\alpha \rho^2(t) = -\omega \left[ e^2(t) + e(t)D^\alpha e(t) \right],
\]

(7)

where \( \omega > 0 \) is a constant and its size of \( \omega \) directly affects the convergence rate of control gain \( \rho(t) \).

Theorem 1. For the controlled system (5), if the adaptive controller represented by (6) and (7) is selected, then the state variable \( x_1(t) \) can track any given reference signal \( y(t) \) in different forms.

Proof. To choose

\[
V(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^2(t) + \frac{1}{2\omega} \rho^2(t),
\]

(8)

then

\[
D^\alpha V(t) \leq e(t)D^\alpha e(t) + \frac{1}{\omega} \rho(t)D^\alpha \rho(t)
\]

\[
= -e^2(t)
\]

(9)

\[
\leq 0.
\]

By mean of the fractional-order convergence principle, it follows that the state variable \( x_1(t) \) of the controlled system (5) asymptotically converging to the reference signal \( y(t) \) under the adaptive controllers (6) and (7).

4.2. Tracking Sinusoidal Periodic Signal. Signal tracking is an important research topic in the field of signal processing. It is widely used in radar detection, sonar positioning, wireless
Figure 7: Hyperchaotic attractors.

Figure 8: Continued.
4.3. Self-Synchronization. The phenomenon of self-synchronization opens up a new application domain of vibration technology and guides the birth of a new discipline of vibration utilization engineering. At present, self-synchronous vibrator is widely used in industrial production departments, such as vibrating screen, vibrating feeder, and vibrating dehydrator. On the basis of the analysis of adaptive tracking control in the previous content, combining the adaptive tracking control with the self-synchronization theory, we aim to guide the establishment of a systematic self-synchronization theoretical framework.

Selecting the following hyperchaotic system (10) as the response system,

\[
\begin{align*}
D^\alpha z_1(t) &= z_2(t), \\
D^\alpha z_2(t) &= \theta_1 z_3(t) - \theta_5 z_3(t) - \theta_1^2 z_4(t)z_2(t), \\
D^\alpha z_3(t) &= \theta_4 z_2(t) - \theta_4 z_4(t) + \theta_5 z_4(t), \\
D^\alpha z_4(t) &= -\theta_6 z_3(t) - \theta_7 z_4(t),
\end{align*}
\]

Let \( \alpha = 0.5, \theta_1 = 16.3, \theta_2 = -3.28, \theta_3 = 19.68, \theta_4 = 1, \theta_5 = 1, \theta_6 = 15, \) and \( \theta_7 = 0.5; \) to choose the reference signal \( y(t) = z_1(t), \) the relevant simulation result is shown as Figure 10. Viewed from Figure 10, system state \( x_1(t) \) is consistent with \( z_1(t) \) about 0.2 second, which also completely demonstrates that system (5) and system (10) can achieve self-synchronization under the adaptive controllers (6) and (7).

4.4. Generalized Synchronization of Heterogeneous Structure. Heterogeneous coupling is one of the key characteristics of the cyber-physical system. In fact, the communication network in the cyber-physical system is composed of sensor network, actuator network, and computer network, which is often heterogeneous. How to choose the appropriate and effective control strategy to obtain desired performance of the system and then to achieve the stability and controllability of the system are hot issues.
Tracking error

Figure 10: The curve of tracking error.

Figure 11: The curve of tracking error.

The basic dynamics of this system, including Lyapunov exponents and attractor types, are studied in detail. The analysis shows that the new fractional-order system presents chaos, hyperchaos, and other complex motions with the change of different parameters. Finally, an adaptive tracking controller is designed to realize the single-variable tracking control of the hyperchaotic system for different types of reference signals. Taking the tracking control of sinusoidal periodic signal, self-synchronization, and generalized synchronization between heterogeneous systems as examples, the effectiveness of the adaptive controller is verified.

Data Availability

No data were used to support this study.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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