

Synchronization of Tokamak Systems with Symmetric and Magnetically Confined Plasma via Adaptive Control

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Abstract: One of the most developed of the modern magnetic fusion concepts is the Tokamak. In respect of their symmetry properties, toroidal magnetically confined plasmas have much in common with the Taylor-Couette flow. This research work discusses the dynamics and properties of the Tokamak system with symmetric and magnetically confined plasma studied by Arter (2009). Then this work discusses the global chaos synchronization of the Tokamak chaotic systems with unknown system parameters via adaptive control method. The main control result is established using Lyapunov stability theory. MATLAB plots have been shown to illustrate all the main results discussed on the Tokamak chaotic system with symmetric and magnetically confined plasma.

Keywords: Tokamak, magnetic fusion, plasma, chaos, chaotic system, synchronization, adaptive control, etc.

1. Introduction

One of the most developed modern magnetic fusion concepts is the Tokamak [1]. After 40 years of research, a great amount is known about Tokamak behaviour. However, a complete understanding of some of the most prominent phenomena has not yet been achieved. For example, diagnosing the behaviour of some aspects of extremely hot plasma is still a very challenging problem for the experimenter. The most intensively studied configuration most analogous to toroidal plasma devices is the Taylor-Couette experiment [2]. In this work, we analyze the dynamics of the Tokamak system with rotationally symmetric and magnetically confined plasma studied by Arter [1].

A dynamical system is called *chaotic*, the system variables should contain some nonlinear terms and the system must satisfy three properties: boundedness, infinite recurrence and sensitive dependence on initial conditions [3-4]. The first known chaotic system was discovered by Lorenz in 1963 [5]. Subsequently, Rössler discovered a 3-D chaotic chemical reaction system in 1976 [6].

The classical chaotic systems were followed by the finding of many 3-D chaotic systems such as Arneodo system [7], Sprott systems [8], Chen system [9], Lü-Chen system [10], Cai system [11], Tigan system [12], etc. Many new chaotic systems have been also discovered in the recent years such as Sampath system [13], Sundarapandian systems [14-15], Vaidyanathan systems [16-38], Pehlivan system [39], Pham system [40], etc.

Chaos theory has important applications in many fields of science and engineering such as lasers [41-42], biology [43-44], chemical reactions [45-47], robotics [48-49], circuits [50], memristors [51-53], etc.

This paper describes the modelling and properties of the Tokamak chaotic system with rotationally symmetric and magnetically confined plasma [1]. This paper also derives new results of adaptive feedback controller design for the Tokamak chaotic system using Lyapunov stability theory [54].

In control theory, active control method is used when the system parameters are available for measurement [55-70]. Adaptive control is a popular control technique used for stabilizing systems when the system parameters are unknown [71-84]. There are also other popular methods available for control and synchronization of systems such as backstepping control method [85-90], sliding mode control method [91-102], etc.

2. Tokamak system with symmetric and magnetically confined plasma:

The mathematical model for the Tokamak system with rotationally symmetric and magnetically confined plasma [1] is given the 3-D dynamics

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = x - x^3 \\ \dot{z} = a - bz^2 - x^2 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

In (1), x, y, z are the states of the Tokamak system and a, b are constant system parameters.

In [1], Arter (2009) showed that the Tokamak system (1) shows dissipative chaotic behaviour, when we take the system parameter values as

$$a = 1, \quad b = 0.001 \quad (2)$$

For numerical simulations, we take the initial conditions as $x(0) = 0.01, y(0) = 0.01$ and $z(0) = 0.01$.

For the parameter values (2) and the chosen initial conditions, the Lyapunov exponents of the Tokamak system (1) are numerically determined as

$$L_1 = 0.0228, \quad L_2 = 0, \quad L_3 = -0.0701. \quad (3)$$

Also, the Lyapunov dimension of the Tokamak chaotic system (1) is determined as

$$D_L = 2 + \frac{L_1 + L_2}{|L_3|} = 2 + \frac{0.0228 + 0}{0.0701} = 2.3252 \quad (4)$$

Figure 1 shows the 3-D phase portrait of the strange chaotic attractor of the Tokamak system (1).

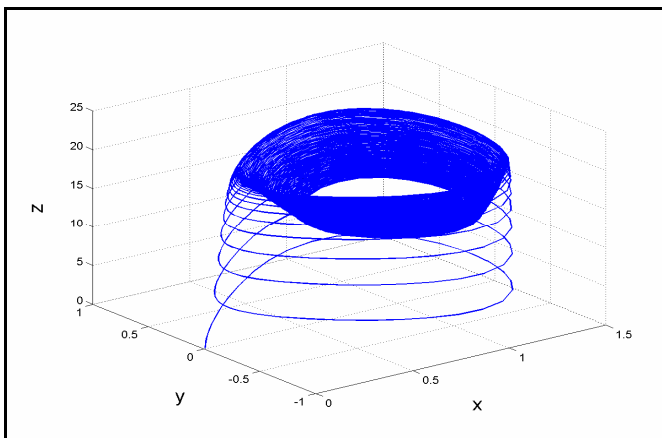


Figure 1. Strange chaotic attractor of the Tokamak system

3. Adaptive synchronization of the identical Tokamak chaotic systems

In this section, we use adaptive control method to design an adaptive feedback control law for globally synchronizing the identical Tokamak chaotic systems with symmetric and magnetically confined plasma.

As the master system, we consider the Tokamak chaotic system given by the 3-D dynamics

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = y_1 \\ \dot{y}_1 = x_1 - x_1^3 \\ \dot{z}_1 = a - bz_1^2 - x_1^2 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

In (5), x_1, y_1, z_1 are the states and a, b are unknown parameters of the system.

As the slave system, we consider the Tokamak chaotic system given by the 3-D dynamics

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_2 = y_2 + u_x \\ \dot{y}_2 = x_2 - x_2^3 + u_y \\ \dot{z}_2 = a - bx_2^2 - x_2^2 + u_z \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

In (6), x_2, y_2, z_2 are the states and u_x, u_y, u_z are the adaptive controls to be designed.

The chaos synchronization error is defined by

$$\begin{cases} e_x = x_2 - x_1 \\ e_y = y_2 - y_1 \\ e_z = z_2 - z_1 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

The error dynamics is obtained as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_x = e_y + u_x \\ \dot{e}_y = e_x - x_2^3 + x_1^3 + u_y \\ \dot{e}_z = -b(z_2^2 - z_1^2) - x_2^2 + x_1^2 + u_z \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

We consider the adaptive control defined by

$$\begin{cases} u_x = -e_y - k_x e_x \\ u_y = -e_x + x_2^3 - x_1^3 - k_y e_y \\ u_z = \hat{b}(t)(z_2^2 - z_1^2) + x_2^2 - x_1^2 - k_z e_z \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Substituting (9) into (8), we get the closed-loop error dynamics given by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_x = -k_x e_x \\ \dot{e}_y = -k_y e_y \\ \dot{e}_z = -[b - \hat{b}(t)](z_2^2 - z_1^2) - k_z e_z \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

We define the parameter estimation error as

$$e_b(t) = b - \hat{b}(t) \quad (11)$$

Using (11), we can simplify the closed-loop error dynamics (10) as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_x = -k_x e_x \\ \dot{e}_y = -k_y e_y \\ \dot{e}_z = -e_b(z_2^2 - z_1^2) - k_z e_z \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

Differentiating the parameter estimation error (11) with respect to time, we get

$$\dot{e}_b(t) = -\dot{\hat{b}}(t) \quad (13)$$

Next, we consider the candidate Lyapunov function given by

$$V(e_x, e_y, e_z, e_b) = \frac{1}{2}(e_x^2 + e_y^2 + e_z^2 + e_b^2) \quad (14)$$

Differentiating V along the trajectories of (12) and (13), we obtain

$$\dot{V} = -k_x e_x^2 - k_y e_y^2 - k_z e_z^2 + e_b[-e_z(z_2^2 - z_1^2) - \dot{\hat{b}}(t)] \quad (15)$$

In view of (15), we take the parameter estimates as follows:

$$\dot{\hat{b}} = -e_z(z_2^2 - z_1^2) \quad (16)$$

Theorem 1. *The Tokamak chaotic systems (5) and (6) with symmetric and magnetically confined plasma are globally and exponentially synchronized for all initial values by the adaptive control law (9) and*

parameter update law (16), where k_x, k_y, k_z are positive gain constants.

Proof. The quadratic Lyapunov function V defined by Eq. (14) is a positive definite function on R^4 .

Substituting the parameter update law (16) into (15), the time-derivative of V is obtained as

$$\dot{V} = -k_x e_x^2 - k_y e_y^2 - k_z e_z^2 \quad (17)$$

which is a negative semi-definite function on R^4 .

Thus, by Lyapunov stability theory [54], we conclude that $[e_x(t), e_y(t), e_z(t)] \rightarrow 0$ exponentially as $t \rightarrow \infty$ for all initial conditions $e(0) \in R^3$.

Hence, we have proved that the Tokamak chaotic systems (5) and (6) with symmetric and magnetically confined plasma are globally and exponentially synchronized for all initial values by the adaptive control law (9) and parameter update law (16).

This completes the proof. ■

Numerical Simulations

We use classical fourth-order Runge-Kutta method in MATLAB with step-size $h = 10^{-8}$ for solving the systems of differential equations given by (5), (6) and (16), when the adaptive control law (9) is implemented.

We take the gain constants as $k_x = k_y = k_z = 6$.

We take the initial conditions of the Tokamak system (5) as

$$x_1(0) = 2.5, \quad y_1(0) = 4.9, \quad z_1(0) = 8.4.$$

We take the initial conditions of the Tokamak system (6) as

$$x_2(0) = 9.4, \quad y_2(0) = 2.1, \quad z_2(0) = 3.7.$$

We take the system parameters as in the chaotic case, *i.e.*

$$a = 1 \text{ and } b = 0.001.$$

Also, we take the initial conditions of the parameter estimate as $\hat{b}(0) = 10.6$.

Figures 2-4 show the synchronization of the states of the Tokamak systems (5) and (6). Figure 5 shows the time-history of the synchronization errors e_x, e_y, e_z . From Figure 5, it is clear that the synchronization errors $e_x(t), e_y(t), e_z(t)$ converge to zero in two seconds.

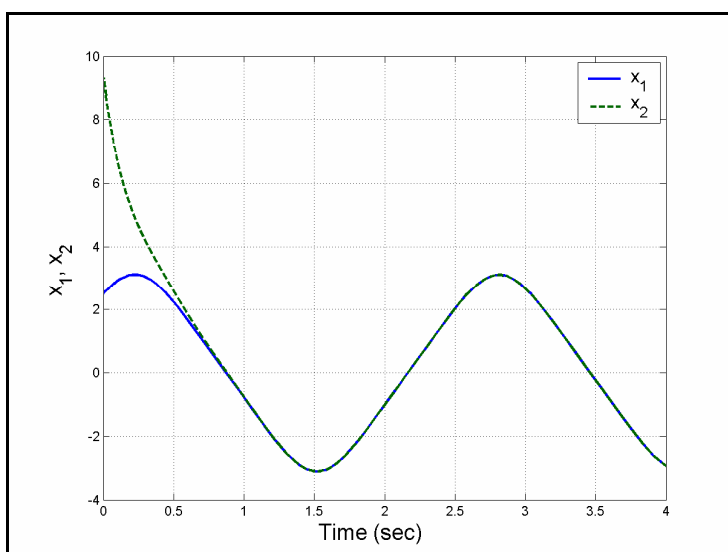


Figure 2. Synchronization of the states $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$

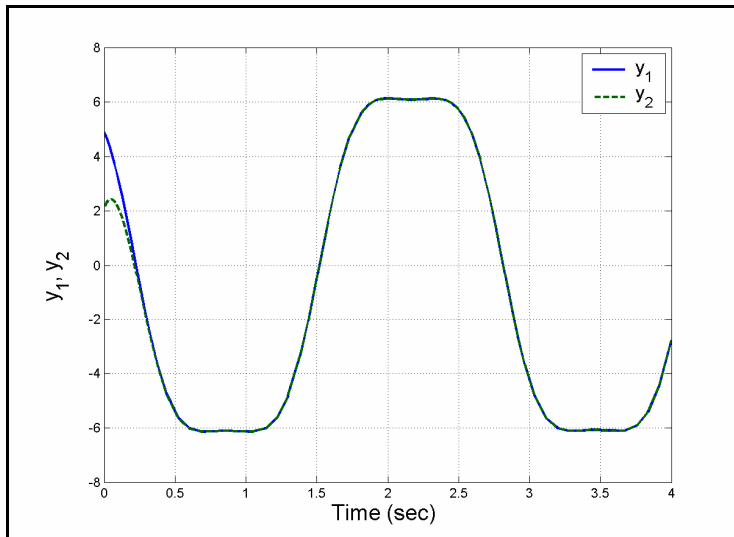


Figure 3. Synchronization of the states $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$

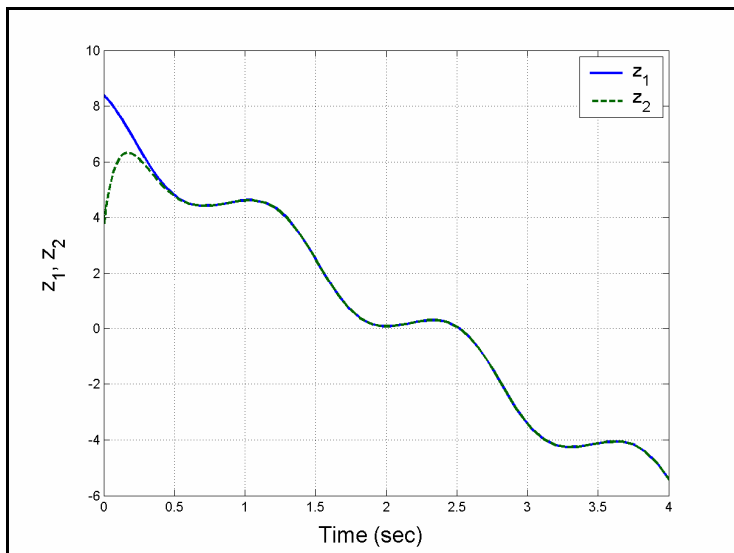


Figure 4. Synchronization of the states $z_1(t)$ and $z_2(t)$

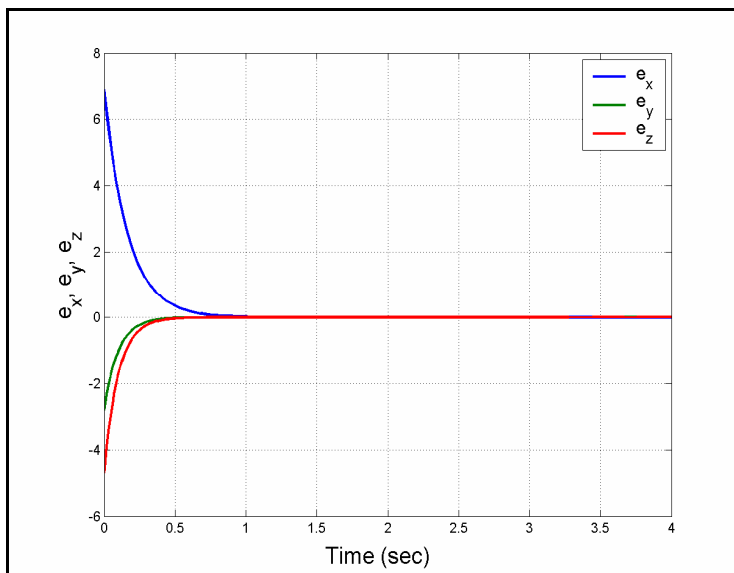


Figure 5. Time-history of the synchronization errors e_x, e_y, e_z

Conclusions

In this paper, new results have been derived for the analysis and adaptive synchronization of the Tokamak chaotic systems with rotationally symmetric and magnetically confined plasma. We analyzed the dynamics and qualitative properties of the Tokamak system with symmetric and magnetically confined plasma studied by Arter (2009). Then we derived new results for the adaptive synchronization of the identical Tokamak chaotic systems with unknown system parameters. The main result was established using Lyapunov stability theory. MATLAB plots were depicted to illustrate all the main results discussed on the Tokamak chaotic system with symmetric and magnetically confined plasma.

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