

# Finite-Time Adaptive Synchronisation of a Class of Master-Slave Systems with Different Unknown Parameters

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## Abstract

*This paper is concerned with the finite-time chaotic synchronization and dynamic errors in finite-time stabilization of master-slave systems. We suggest solving these issues using a virtual recursive adaptive nonlinear controller when different unknown parameters occur. Therefore, a systematic design approach is defined for constructing both virtual adaptive nonlinear feedback control laws and associated Lyapunov functions. The corresponding sufficient conditions to achieve synchronization between two chaotic systems are obtained based on the Lyapunov stability theory. Then, two applications are evaluated using our approach: Genesio-Tesi and Couillet systems which are two topologically dissimilar systems, known as difficult to synchronize. The results presented in this paper demonstrate both effectiveness and feasibility of our control laws.*

**Keywords:** *chaotic synchronization; finite-time adaptive stabilization; master-slave systems; Couillet system; Genesio-Tesi system*

## 1. Introduction

The definition of synchronization of two chaotic systems is in general, the ability of identifying tendency of two or more systems coupled together to undergo closely related motions. Applying this universal concept to dynamical systems, chaos synchronization approach becomes a way to design a coupling interface between both systems such that chaotic time evaluation becomes ideal. In other words, slave system response asymptotically follows the master response (drive system). Therefore, the drive system output controls response of the overall system.

The synchronization of chaotic systems was defined in the earlier works by Fujisaka & Yamada [9] subsequently a mathematical improvement was given by Carroll & Pecora [6, 25]. These works shows that despite sensitive dependence on initial conditions, coupled chaotic systems could synchronize. The chaos synchronization has been classified into two types called mutual synchronization and master-slave synchronization according to the coupling configuration defined in [7, 21, 28]. Since the past decades, the problem of synchronization has attracted the attention of the research community area. This problem has been studied due to its potential applications in secure communication [19, 24], in process control [20], in chemical and biological systems [10, 11, 22]. Also, master-slave synchronization has been applied to robotics [27] and even in complex networks [31].

Until now, various effective methods have been developed to synchronize various chaotic systems such as adaptive and impulsive method [33, 36], active control [4], adaptive design method [18, 23], time delay feedback method [24], sliding mode control method [37] and intermittent control [1, 39], amongst others methods.

Most of the methods mentioned above are used to guarantee the asymptotic stability of chaotic systems. In other words, convergence of synchronization process is asymptotic within a finite settling time. However, in the view of practical application, optimizing synchronization time is more important than achieving synchronization asymptotically [5,

15, 36]. Besides, finite-time chaos synchronization control techniques have demonstrated better robustness, better rejection to parameter sensitivities or external disturbances and reduced controller complexity. So far, less attention, in the aforementioned works, has been paid to the issue of finite-time synchronization of chaotic systems with unknown and different parameters.

Motivated by the above discussion, the main contribution of this paper is to propose a new approach in order to design a virtual adaptive controller able to synchronize two topologically dissimilar systems and two other identical chaotic systems. These systems are analyzed with different unknown parameters in finite-time and are defined by classical properties of the finite-time stabilization and Lyapunov stability theory of the corresponding dynamic errors of the system. The main challenge is to design controllers and parameters update laws such that they contain fully unknown parameters, which cannot be implemented in practice. In order to overcome this difficulty, a virtual adaptive controller is designed systemically at each step of the algorithm.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In order to explain the contribution, second section introduces the system description, primary definitions and lemma about finite-time chaos synchronization. Then, in the third section, based on the Lyapunov stability theory and our Lemma, an algorithm is realized in order to design our new finite-time synchronizing controller. Following this, numerical simulations are presented in Section 4, with two 3D chaotic systems in two different cases: Genesio-Tesi system and Couillet system. In order to demonstrate effectiveness of the controller, different unknown parameters are used which increase the difficulty. Finally, a discussion and a conclusion of our results is presented.

## 2. Proposed System and Finite-Time Chaotic Synchronisation Preliminaries

In this section, we consider a class of n-dimensional nonlinear master-slave systems. First, the master system is described by the following set of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 + f_1(x_1, \theta) \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_3 + f_2(x_1, x_2, \theta) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n = f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, \theta). \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Second, concerning the slave system, the following equations are used:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y}_1 = y_2 + f_1(y_1, \eta) \\ \dot{y}_2 = y_3 + f_2(y_1, y_2, \eta) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{y}_n = f_n(y_1, \dots, y_n, \eta) + u, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $x(t) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state vector of the master system,  $f(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_n(x))^T$ , such that  $f_i(x) = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_i)$ , are  $C^1$  nonlinear functions vanishing at the origin,  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  is an unknown parameter vector of the master system,  $y(t) = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state vector of the slave system,  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  is an unknown parameter vector of the slave system and  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}$  is the control input.

We define the error between master and slave systems using  $e(t) = y(t) - x(t)$ . Therefore, by subtracting equation (2) from equation (1), one can obtain the following error:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_1(t) = e_2(t) + f_1(y_1, \eta) - f_1(x_1, \theta) \\ \dot{e}_2(t) = e_3(t) + f_2(y_1, y_2, \eta) - f_2(x_1, x_2, \theta) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{e}_n(t) = u + f_n(y, \eta) - f_n(x, \theta). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Finite-time chaos synchronization between both systems (1) and (2) can be addressed as a stabilization problem of dynamic errors (3) in finite-time [2, 3]. This means that the trajectories of the synchronization error have to be stabilized at the origin, *i.e.* the state of the slave system can track the state of the master system after a finite-time [15, 29, 38].

The precise definition of finite-time synchronization, applied to our case of study, is given below [16]:

**Definition 1** Consider the master and slave systems described by equations (1) and (2). If there exists a constant  $T = T(e(0)) > 0$ , such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T} \|e(t)\| = 0 \quad (4)$$

and  $\|e(t)\| \equiv 0$ , if  $t \geq T$ , then the chaos synchronization between systems (1) and (2) is achieved in a finite-time.

Next, we give a lemma that will be used in the sequel.

**Lemma 1:** Assume that a continuous, positive-definite Lyapunov function  $V(t)$  satisfies the following differential inequality:

$$\dot{V}(t) \leq -\lambda V^\eta(t), \quad \forall t \geq t_0, \quad V(t_0) \geq 0, \quad (5)$$

where  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $0 < \eta < 1$  are both constants. Then, for any given  $t_0$ ,  $V(t)$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$V^{1-\eta}(t) \leq V^{1-\eta}(t_0) - \lambda(1-\eta)(t-t_0), \quad \forall t_0 \leq t \leq t_1, \quad (6)$$

and

$$V(t) = 0, \quad \forall t \geq t_1, \quad (7)$$

with  $t_1 = t_0 + \frac{V^{1-\eta}(t_0)}{\lambda(1-\eta)}$ . Therefore, the system can achieve global stability in finite-time.

In the next section, we will give the algorithm steps, under appropriate conditions, to construct our adaptive finite-time controller to guarantee finite-time chaos synchronization between both systems proposed by (1) and (2).

### 3. Finite-Time Controller Design and Stability Analysis

In this section, we investigate the design of a finite-time controller to realize chaos synchronization in a given finite-time between two different or similar n-dimensional chaotic systems (1) and (2) with unknown parameters. Moreover, this virtual finite-time controller assures asymptotic stability in finite-time.

We state conditions in order to provide a recursive systematic algorithm starting from dynamic errors and using the Lyapunov stability theory applied on a step by step resized and reconstructed subsystems. Before going further, we need to consider dynamic errors (3) and then we now introduce these three following assumptions.

**(A1)** The unknown vector parameters  $\theta$  and  $\eta$  are norm bounded such that

$$\|\theta\|_{\Gamma_\theta^{-1}}^2 = \theta^T \Gamma_\theta^{-1} \theta \leq M_\theta, \quad \|\eta\|_{\Gamma_\eta^{-1}}^2 = \eta^T \Gamma_\eta^{-1} \eta \leq M_\eta, \quad (8)$$

where  $M_\theta$  and  $M_\eta$  are both known positive constants.

**(A2)** The unknown function  $f(\cdot, \cdot)$  satisfies

$$\|f_i(y, \eta) - f_i(x, \theta)\| \leq \|(x - y)_i\| h_i^2(x, y) \|\theta\|_{\Gamma_\theta^{-1}}^2 \|\eta\|_{\Gamma_\eta^{-1}}^2, \quad (9)$$

where  $h_i(\cdot, \cdot): (\mathbb{R}^i)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a known smooth scaling function satisfying  $h_i(0,0) = 0$  and  $(x - y)_i = (x_1 - y_1, \dots, x_i - y_i)$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  is the Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**(A3)** The unknown possible nonlinear function  $f_i(\cdot, \cdot)$  is linearly parametrized, in terms of the unknown parameters  $\theta_i$  and  $\eta_i$ , and that there exist, respectively, two bounded bases  $\phi_i(x)$  and  $\delta_i(y)$ , such that:

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x, \theta) &= f_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \theta) = \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \phi_j(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i) \\ &= \theta^T \Phi_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i) = \theta^T \Phi_i(x) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(y, \eta) &= f_i(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_i, \eta) = \sum_{j=1}^n \eta_j \delta_j(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_i) \\ &= \eta^T \Delta_i(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_i) = \eta^T \Delta_i(y). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

To proceed further, our aim is to design a constructive controller, such that the two systems (1) and (2) are finite-time synchronized. Then, the problem is changed to design a suitable controller, leading to the error system (3) to achieve the finite-time stability at the origin. The design plan and its steps are described in the following.

**Step 1:** We choose a positive definite Lyapunov function in the form of

$$V_1(e_1) = \frac{1}{2} e_1^2 + \int_{t_0}^t e_1^2(\tau) h_1^2(x_1(\tau), y_1(\tau)) d\tau + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma_\theta^{-1} \tilde{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\eta}^T \Gamma_\eta^{-1} \tilde{\eta}. \quad (12)$$

where  $\Gamma_\theta = \Gamma_\theta^T > 0$ ,  $\Gamma_\eta = \Gamma_\eta^T > 0$  are rates of adaptation and  $\tilde{\theta} = \theta - \hat{\theta}$ ,  $\tilde{\eta} = \eta - \hat{\eta}$  with  $\hat{\theta}$ ,  $\hat{\eta}$  are the estimate values of the unknown parameters  $\theta$ ,  $\eta$  respectively (It is clear that  $\dot{\tilde{\theta}} = \dot{\hat{\theta}}$  and  $\dot{\tilde{\eta}} = \dot{\hat{\eta}}$ ).

The time derivative of  $V(e_1)$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1(e_1) &= e_1 e_2 + e_1 [f_1(y_1, \eta) - f_1(x_1, \theta)] \\ &\quad + e_1^2 h_1^2(x_1, y_1) + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma_\theta^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\theta}} + \tilde{\eta}^T \Gamma_\eta^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\eta}}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The online estimated quantities of  $f(x, \theta)$  and  $f(y, \eta)$  are respectively:

$$\hat{f}_i(x, \theta) = \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{\theta}_j \phi_j(x) = \hat{\theta}^T \Phi_i(x)$$

and

$$\hat{f}_i(y, \eta) = \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{\eta}_j \delta_j(y) = \hat{\eta}^T \Delta_i(y). \quad (14)$$

Then, the associated functions approximation error can be written as follow:

$$\tilde{f}_i(x, \theta) = \hat{f}_i(x, \theta) - f_i(x, \theta) = \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j) \phi_j(x) = \tilde{\theta}^T \Phi_i(x) \quad (15)$$

and

$$\tilde{f}_i(y, \eta) = \hat{f}_i(y, \eta) - f_i(y, \eta) = \sum_{j=1}^n (\hat{\eta}_j - \eta_j) \delta_j(y) = \tilde{\eta}^T \Delta_i(y). \quad (16)$$

Using (15) and (16) and noting the Assumption (A2), we obtain for (13):

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1(e_1) &= e_1 (e_2 - e_2^*) + e_1 e_2^* + e_1 [\eta^T \Delta_1(y_1) - \theta^T \Phi_1(x_1)] \\ &\quad + e_1^2 h_1^2(x_1, y_1) + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma_\theta^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\theta}} + \tilde{\eta}^T \Gamma_\eta^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\eta}}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

By substituting the latter into equation (17), the virtual adaptive error controller is obtained:

$$e_2^* = \hat{\theta}^T \Phi_1(x_1) - \hat{\eta}^T \Delta_1(y_1) - e_1 h_1^2(x_1, y_1) - c_1 e_1, \quad (18)$$

where  $c_1 > 0$  is a constant design parameter. One can hold the inequality:

$$\dot{V}_1(e_1) \leq e_1 (e_2 - e_2^*) + \tilde{\theta}^T [\Gamma_\theta^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\theta}} + \Phi_1(x_1) e_1] + \tilde{\eta}^T [\Gamma_\eta^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\eta}} - \Delta_1(y_1) e_1] - c_1 e_1^2. \quad (19)$$

Based on (19), in order to make  $\dot{V}_1(e_1) < 0$ , the adaptive laws are chosen as:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{\theta}} &= -\Gamma_\theta \Phi_1(x_1) e_1 \quad \text{and} \\ \dot{\hat{\eta}} &= \Gamma_\eta \Delta_1(y_1) e_1. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

In fact, this leads to

$$\dot{V}_1(e_1) \leq e_1 (e_2 - e_2^*) - c_1 e_1^2. \quad (21)$$

The function  $e_2^*$  is estimative when  $e_2$  is considered as a controller. We introduce the following error between  $e_2$  and  $e_2^*$  as

$$w_2 = e_2 - e_2^*. \quad (22)$$

**Step 2:** Consider  $(e_1, w_2)$  as a subsystem given by:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_1(t) = e_2(t) + f_1(y_1, \eta) - f_1(x_1, \theta), \\ \dot{w}_2(t) = e_3(t) + f_2(y_1, y_2, \eta) - f_2(x_1, x_2, \theta) - \dot{e}_2^*. \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

We define the Lyapunov function given by

$$V_2(e_1, w_2) = \frac{1}{2}e_2^2 + V_1(e_1) + \int_{t_0}^t e_2^2(\tau)h_2^2((x, y)_2)(\tau)d\tau, \quad (24)$$

where  $(x(\tau), y(\tau))_2 = (x_1(\tau), x_2(\tau), y_1(\tau), y_2(\tau))$ . Let  $e_3^*$  be an estimative when  $e_3$  is considered as a controller. We set the error between  $e_3$  and  $e_3^*$  as

$$w_3 = e_3 - e_3^*. \quad (25)$$

The time derivative of  $V_2(e_1, w_2)$ , leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_2(e_1, w_2) = & \dot{V}_1(e_1) + e_2(e_3 - e_3^*) + e_2e_3^* + e_2^2h_2^2((x, y)_2)(t) \\ & + e_2[\eta^T\Delta_2(y_1, y_2) - \theta^T\Phi_2(x_1, x_2)]. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Let  $e_3^*$  be a virtual adaptive error controller in system (26), such that

$$e_3^* = -e_2h_2^2((x, y)_2)(t) + \hat{\theta}^T\Phi_2(x_1, x_2) - \hat{\eta}^T\Delta_2(y_1, y_2) - c_2e_2. \quad (27)$$

with  $c_2 > 0$ , being a second constant design parameter. Using (21) and the virtual adaptive error controller given by (27) and (26), leads to the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_2(e_1, w_2) \leq & e_1w_2 + e_2w_3 + \tilde{\theta}^T[\Gamma_\theta^{-1}\dot{\hat{\theta}} + \Phi_2(x_1, x_2)e_2] \\ & + \hat{\eta}^T[\Gamma_\eta^{-1}\dot{\hat{\eta}} - \Delta_2(y_1, y_2)e_2] - c_2e_2^2 - c_1e_1^2. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

We choose the following adaptive law:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{\theta}} = -\Gamma_\theta\Phi_2(x_1, x_2)e_2 \text{ and} \\ \dot{\hat{\eta}} = \Gamma_\eta\Delta_2(y_1, y_2)e_2. \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

Substituting (29) into (28) yields

$$\dot{V}_2(e_1, w_2) \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 e_iw_{i+1} - c_2e_2^2 - c_1e_1^2. \quad (30)$$

**Step  $i$**  ( $2 \leq i \leq n-1$ ): For the  $i$ th state of the error dynamics, one can define the error variable  $w_i$  as:

$$w_i = e_i - e_i^*. \quad (31)$$

Consider  $(e_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_i)$  as a subsystem given by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_1(t) = e_2(t) + f_1(y_1, \eta) - f_1(x_1, \theta) \\ \dot{w}_2(t) = e_3(t) + f_2(y_1, y_2, \eta) - f_2(x_1, x_2, \theta) - \dot{e}_2^* \\ \dot{w}_3(t) = e_4(t) + f_3(y_1, y_2, y_3, \eta) - f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3, \theta) - \dot{e}_3^* \\ \vdots \\ \dot{w}_i(t) = e_{i+1}(t) + f_i(y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_i, \eta) - f_i(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_i, \theta) - \dot{e}_i^*. \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

Consider the Lyapunov function defined by

$$\begin{aligned} V_i(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_i) = & \frac{1}{2}e_i^2 + V_{i-1}(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_{i-1}) \\ & + \int_{t_0}^t e_i^2(\tau)h_i^2((x, y)_i)(\tau)d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where  $(x(\tau), y(\tau))_i = (x_1(\tau), \dots, x_i(\tau), y_1(\tau), \dots, y_i(\tau))$ . Let  $e_{i+1}^*$  be an estimative when  $e_i$  is considered as a controller. We set the error between  $e_{i+1}$  and  $e_{i+1}^*$  as

$$w_{i+1} = e_{i+1} - e_{i+1}^*. \quad (34)$$

The time derivative of  $V_i(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_i)$ , leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_i(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_i) = & \dot{V}_{i-1}(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_{i-1}) \\ & + e_i(e_{i+1} - e_{i+1}^*) + e_ie_{i+1}^* + e_i^2h_i^2((x, y)_i)(t) \\ & + e_i[\eta^T\Delta_i(y_1, \dots, y_i) - \theta^T\Phi_i(x_1, \dots, x_i)]. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Let  $e_{i+1}^*$  be a virtual adaptive error controller in system (35), such that

$$e_{i+1}^* = -e_ih_i^2((x, y)_i)(t) + \hat{\theta}^T\Phi_i(x_1, \dots, x_i) - \hat{\eta}^T\Delta_i(y_1, \dots, y_i) - c_ie_i, \quad (36)$$

with  $c_i > 0$ , being an  $i$ th constant design parameter.

Using the recursive precedent inequality on  $\dot{V}_{i-1}(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_{i-1})$  and the virtual adaptive error controller given by (36) in (35), leads to the inequality

$$\dot{V}_i(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_i) \leq \sum_{j=1}^i e_jw_{j+1} + \tilde{\theta}^T[\Gamma_\theta^{-1}\dot{\hat{\theta}} + \Phi_i(x_1, \dots, x_i)e_i]$$

$$+\tilde{\eta}^T [\Gamma_\eta^{-1}\dot{\hat{\eta}} - \Delta_i(y_1, \dots, y_i)e_i] - \sum_{j=1}^i c_j e_j^2. \quad (37)$$

We choose the following adaptive law defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{\theta}} &= -\Gamma_\theta \Phi_i(x_1, \dots, x_i)e_i \quad \text{and} \\ \dot{\hat{\eta}} &= \Gamma_\eta \Delta_i(y_1, \dots, y_i)e_i. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

When substituting (38) into (37), it yields

$$\dot{V}_i(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_i) \leq \sum_{j=1}^i e_j w_{j+1} - \sum_{j=1}^i c_j e_j^2. \quad (39)$$

**Step n:** The final design step is to set the state feedback input which make the system (3) asymptotically stable in finite-time. Then, we define the error variable  $w_n$ , as

$$w_n = e_n - e_n^*. \quad (40)$$

Consider the  $(e_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n)$  subsystem given by:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_1(t) = e_2(t) + f_1(y_1, \eta) - f_1(x_1, \theta) \\ \dot{w}_2(t) = e_3(t) + f_2(y_1, y_2, \eta) - f_2(x_1, x_2, \theta) - \dot{e}_2^* \\ \dot{w}_3(t) = e_4(t) + f_3(y_1, y_2, y_3, \eta) - f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3, \theta) - \dot{e}_3^* \\ \vdots \\ \dot{w}_n(t) = f_n(y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n, \eta) - f_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, \theta) + u - \dot{e}_n^*. \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

Then, we shall consider the Lyapunov function defined by

$$\begin{aligned} V_n(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) &= \frac{1}{2} e_n^2 + V_{n-1}(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-1}) \\ &\quad + \int_{t_0}^t e_n^2(\tau) h_n^2((x, y)_n)(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Therefore, the time derivative of  $V_i(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$ , leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_n(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) &= \dot{V}_{n-1}(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-1}) + e_n u + e_n^2 h_n^2((x, y)_n)(t), \\ &\quad + e_n [\eta^T \Delta_n(y_1, \dots, y_n) - \theta^T \Phi_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)], \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

where  $\dot{V}_n$  is a negative definite function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Thus, by Lyapunov stability theory [12], the dynamic errors (3) is asymptotically stable for all initial conditions  $e_i(t_0)$  and in particular  $e_i(0)$ ,  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$ . The virtual control is given by the following form

$$u = -e_n h_n^2((x, y)_n)(t) + \hat{\theta}^T \Phi_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \hat{\eta}^T \Delta_i(y_1, \dots, y_n) - c_n e_n, \quad (44)$$

with  $c_n > 0$ , being an  $n$ th constant design parameter. Which leads to the final inequality

$$\dot{V}_n(e_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} e_j w_{j+1} - \sum_{j=1}^n c_j e_j^2. \quad (45)$$

Then  $\dot{V}_n$  is a negative definite function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with the well chosen following adaptive parameters

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{\theta}} &= -\Gamma_\theta \Phi_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)e_n \quad \text{and} \\ \dot{\hat{\eta}} &= \Gamma_\eta \Delta_n(y_1, \dots, y_n)e_n, \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

and we obtain the finite-time chaos synchronization between both systems (1) and (2) by the asymptotic stability of (41) in finite-time.

## 4. Simulation Study

In this section, we will give two examples to illustrate efficiency of our control algorithm approach proposed in this paper. Many other effective methods and techniques have been developed on the same examples, such as feedback approach [41], sliding-mode [37] and backstepping design technique [26, 36].

### 4.1. Example 1: Two Genesio-Tesi System

In this example, the control algorithm will be used to synchronize two Genesio-Tesi systems with different unknown parameters and different initial conditions. The mathematical expressions are illustrated by the following nonlinear equations [8, 17, 40].

The master system is described by the Genesio-Tesi system dynamics which correspond

to

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1(t) = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2(t) = x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3(t) = \theta_3 x_3 + \theta_2 x_2 + \theta_1 x_1 + x_1^2, \end{cases} \quad (47)$$

where  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are state variables and  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  are negative, constant parameters of the system. The slave system is taken as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y}_1(t) = y_2 \\ \dot{y}_2(t) = y_3 \\ \dot{y}_3(t) = \eta_3 y_3 + \eta_2 y_2 + \eta_1 y_1 + y_1^2 + u, \end{cases} \quad (48)$$

where  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  are state variables,  $\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3$  are other negative, constant parameters and  $u$  is the controller to be designed.

After some calculations, the following dynamic errors of the system ( $e = y - x$ ) is obtained such as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_1(t) = e_2 \\ \dot{e}_2(t) = e_3 \\ \dot{e}_3(t) = \eta_3 y_3 - \theta_3 x_3 + \eta_2 y_2 - \theta_2 x_2 + \eta_1 y_1 - \theta_1 x_1 + y_1^2 - x_1^2 + u. \end{cases} \quad (49)$$

First, we consider the stability of the system without any parameters

$$\dot{e}_1(t) = e_2. \quad (50)$$

We choose the Lyapunov function defined by  $V_1(e_1) = \frac{1}{2}e_1^2$ , which its time derivative is given by

$$\dot{V}_1(e_1) = e_1 e_2 \leq e_1 w_2 + e_1 e_2^*, \quad (51)$$

where  $w_2 = e_2 - e_2^*$  and  $e_2^*$  is the control error defined by

$$e_2^* = -c_1 e_1. \quad (52)$$

In this situation,  $c_1 > 0$  is an adequate chosen design parameter. This leads to

$$\dot{V}_1(e_1) \leq e_1 w_2 - c_1 e_1^2. \quad (53)$$

We take the subsystem  $(e_1, w_2)$ , without parameters, defined by:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_1(t) = e_2(t) \\ \dot{w}_2(t) = e_3(t) - \dot{e}_2^*, \end{cases} \quad (54)$$

and we define the Lyapunov function associated to (54) as

$$V_2(e_1, w_2) = \frac{1}{2}e_2^2 + V_1(e_1). \quad (55)2QW$$

We set  $w_3 = e_3 - \dot{e}_3^*$  and  $e_3^*$  is the control error such that  $e_3^* = -c_2 e_2$ , where  $c_2 > 0$  is a second chosen parameter. Thus, the time derivative of (55), using (53) is as the following:

$$\dot{V}_2(e_1, w_2) \leq e_1 w_2 + e_2 w_3 - c_1 e_1^2 - c_2 e_2^2. \quad (56)$$

We take the subsystem  $(e_1, w_2, w_3)$ , with unknown parameters, given by:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_1(t) = e_2(t) \\ \dot{w}_2(t) = e_3(t) - \dot{e}_2^* \\ \dot{w}_3(t) = u + \eta_3 y_3 - \theta_3 x_3 + \eta_2 y_2 - \theta_2 x_2 + \eta_1 y_1 - \theta_1 x_1 + y_1^2 - x_1^2 - \dot{e}_3^*. \end{cases} \quad (57)$$

We construct the Lyapunov function defined by

$$\begin{aligned} V_3(e_1, w_2, w_3) = & \frac{1}{2}e_3^2 + V_2(e_1, w_2) \\ & + \int_{t_0}^t e_3^2(\tau) h_3^2((x, y)_3)(\tau) d\tau \\ & + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma_{\theta}^{-1} \tilde{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\eta}^T \Gamma_{\eta}^{-1} \tilde{\eta}, \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

where  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$ ,  $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$  and  $\tilde{\theta} = \theta - \hat{\theta}$ ,  $\tilde{\eta} = \eta - \hat{\eta}$ .

The time derivative of  $V_3(e_1, w_2, w_3)$ , leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_3(e_1, w_2, w_3) = & e_1 e_2 + e_2 e_3 + e_3 u + e_3^2 h_3^2((x, y)_3)(t) \\ & + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma_{\theta}^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\theta}} + \tilde{\eta}^T \Gamma_{\eta}^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\eta}} + e_3 [\eta_3 y_3 - \theta_3 x_3 + \eta_2 y_2 - \theta_2 x_2 + \\ & \eta_1 y_1 - \theta_1 x_1 + y_1^2 - x_1^2] \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

We consider the chosen scaling function  $(x, y)_3 \mapsto h_3^2((x, y)_3)$  with  $(x, y)_3 = (x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3)$ , such that

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+: (x, y)_3 \mapsto h_3^2((x, y)_3) = x_1^3 - y_1^3. \quad (60)$$

Equation (60) is a smooth function verifying the Assumption (9) and we also have

$$\lim_{(x, y)_3 \rightarrow (0, 0)} h_3^2((x, y)_3) = 0.$$

Then, we design the following virtual adaptive recursive controller given by

$$\begin{aligned} u = & \hat{\theta}_3 x_3 + \hat{\theta}_2 x_2 + \hat{\theta}_1 x_1 \\ & - \hat{\eta}_3 y_3 - \hat{\eta}_2 y_2 - \hat{\eta}_1 y_1 + x_1^2 \\ & - y_1^2 - c_3 e_3 - e_3 h_3^2((x, y)_3)(t), \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

with  $c_3 > 0$ , being a constant design parameter, with

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) = & (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T \quad \text{and} \\ \Delta_3(y_1, y_2, y_3) = & (y_1, y_2, y_3)^T, \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

and the adaptative laws, choosing respectively the adequate rates of adaptation as

$$\Gamma_{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_{\eta} = \begin{pmatrix} k'_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k'_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k'_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (63)$$

with

$$k_1 = 2, k_2 = 1, k_3 = -1, k'_1 = -1.5, k'_2 = 1, k'_3 = 1, \quad (64)$$

and

$$\dot{\hat{\theta}} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\hat{\theta}}_1 \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}}_2 \\ \dot{\hat{\theta}}_3 \end{pmatrix} = -\Gamma_{\theta} \Phi_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -k_1 x_1 e_3 \\ -k_2 x_2 e_3 \\ -k_3 x_3 e_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (65)$$

and

$$\dot{\hat{\eta}} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\hat{\eta}}_1 \\ \dot{\hat{\eta}}_2 \\ \dot{\hat{\eta}}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \Gamma_{\eta} \Delta_3(y_1, y_2, y_3) e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} k'_1 y_1 e_3 \\ k'_2 y_2 e_3 \\ k'_3 y_3 e_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (66)$$

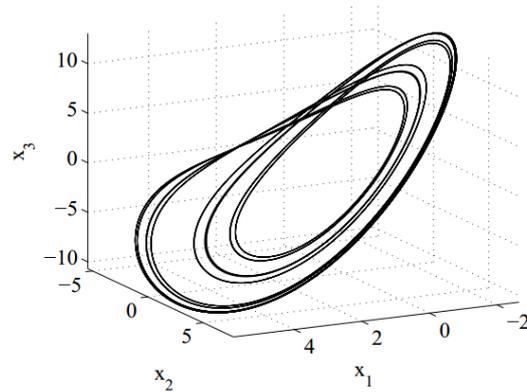
Substituting (60),(61),(62), (63), (65) and (66) into (59) and using inequality (56), leads to

$$\dot{V}_3(e_1, w_2, w_3) \leq e_1 w_2 + e_2 w_3 - c_1 e_1^2 - c_2 e_2^2 - c_3 e_3^2. \quad (67)$$

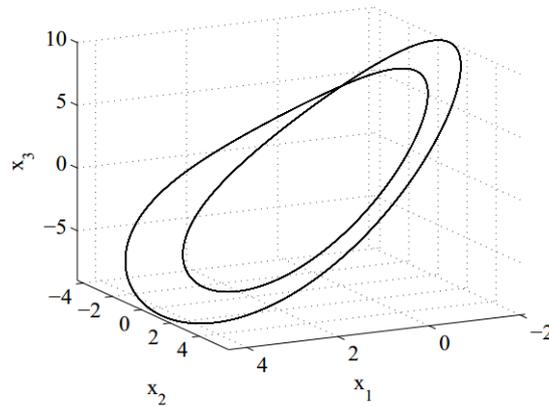
Then,  $\dot{V}_n$  is a negative definite function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for any initial conditions and with different unknown parameters and the subsystem  $(e_1, w_2, w_3)$  is asymptotically stable. This leads us to the finite-time stabilization of the dynamic errors (49) and eventually to the finite-time synchronization of both chaotic systems (47) and (48).

For the numerical simulations, the Euler method is used to verify the efficiency of the proposed method on two Genesio-Tesi systems with different unknown parameters and unequal initial conditions. Thus, the 3D systems (47) and (48) are chaotic for  $\theta_1 = -6, \theta_2 = -2.92, \theta_3 = -1.2$  and  $\eta_1 = -5, \eta_2 = -3, \eta_3 = -1$ , with the initial values of the master system  $x_1(0) = 0, x_2(0) = 1, x_3(0) = 1$  and the initial values of the slave system  $y_1(0) = -1, y_2(0) = 0, y_3(0) = 0.5$  with  $c_3 = 500$  and the initial values of the estimated parameters  $\hat{\theta}_1(0) = -6, \hat{\theta}_2(0) = -2.92, \hat{\theta}_3(0) = -1.2, \hat{\eta}_1(0) = -5, \hat{\eta}_2(0) = -3, \hat{\eta}_3(0) = -1$ .

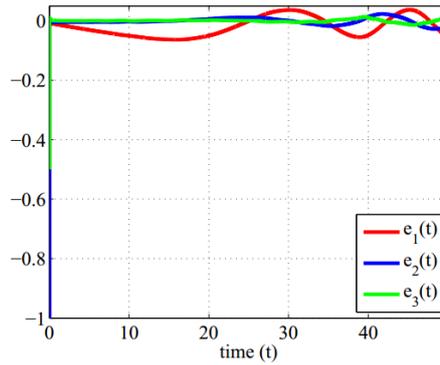
Figure 1 and Figure 2 display the chaotic behavior of respectively the master and slave system. Figure 3 displays the synchronization errors of systems (47) and (48) and the convergence of the synchronization error. Figure 4 displays the time response of states for the master system (47) and the states for the slave system (48). Figure 5 shows that the estimated values  $(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2, \hat{\theta}_3, \hat{\eta}_1, \hat{\eta}_2, \hat{\eta}_3)$  of unknown parameters of the systems (47) and (48) converge in finite-time to  $(\theta_1 = -6, \theta_2 = -1, \theta_3 = -1.2, \eta_1 = -5, \eta_2 = -3, \eta_3 = -1)$ , respectively as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . It can be seen from the figures a rapid convergence to zero synchronization errors, verifying the effectiveness of the method we propose.



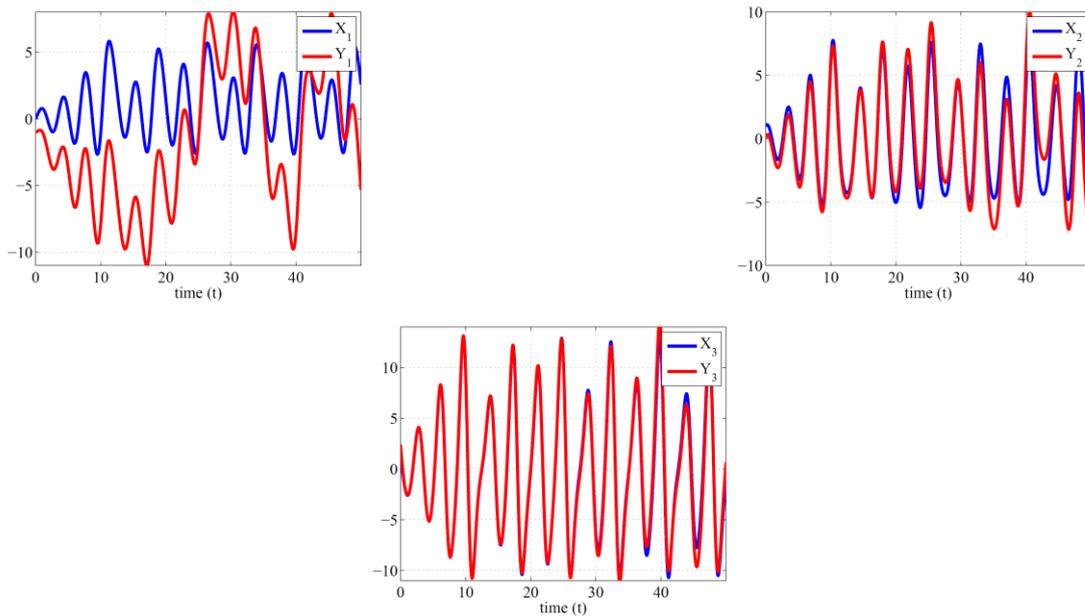
**Figure 1. Chaotic Behavior of Genesio-Tesi Master System with  $\theta = (-6, -2.92, -1.2), x(0) = (0, 1, 1)$**



**Figure 2. Chaotic Behavior of Genesio-Tesi Slave System with  $\eta = (-5, -3, -1), y(0) = (-1, 0, 0.5)$**



**Figure 3. Time History of the Synchronization Error States  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  between Two Chaotic Systems Genesio-Tesi, with Different Unknown Parameters)**



**Figure 4. Time Evolutions of the States of the Master System (47) and the Slave System (48) With the Controller (61) (Synchronization of two Chaotic Systems Genesio-Tesi With Different Unknown Parameters)**

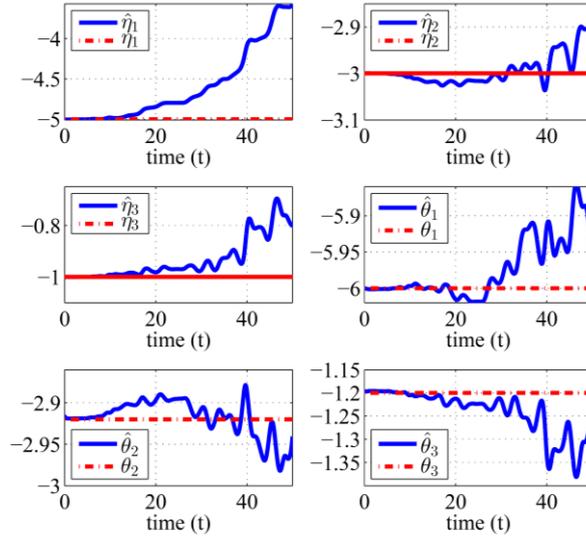
#### 4.2. Example 2: Genesio-Tesi and Coulet systems

In this example, it is assumed that Genesio-Tesi is the master system and Coulet is the slave system [13, 30, 35]. The master system is described previously in (47) from example 1 and thus, we introduce the following slave dynamics:

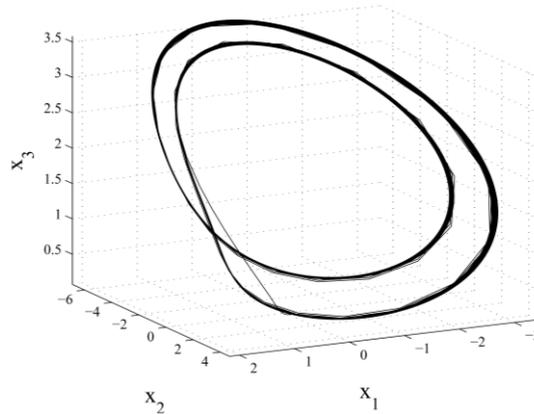
$$\begin{cases} \dot{y}_1(t) = y_2 \\ \dot{y}_2(t) = y_3 \\ \dot{y}_3(t) = \eta_3 y_3 + \eta_2 y_2 + \eta_1 y_1 - y_1^3 + u. \end{cases} \quad (68)$$

The dynamic errors is obtained as following

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_1(t) = e_2 \\ \dot{e}_2(t) = e_3 \\ \dot{e}_3(t) = \eta_3 y_3 - \theta_3 x_3 + \eta_2 y_2 - \theta_2 x_2 + \eta_1 y_1 - \theta_1 x_1 - y_1^3 - x_1^2 + u. \end{cases} \quad (69)$$



**Figure 5. Parameter Estimation Results (Synchronization in Finite-Time of the Two Chaotic Systems Genesio-Tesi, With Different Unknown Parameters)**



**Figure 6. Chaotic Behavior of Coulet System with  $\eta = (7, 3.5, 2.3)$ ,  $y(0) = (0.1, -0.1, 0.1)$**

For the controller design algorithm, we keep the same step 1 and step 2, of the example 1. Then we consider the subsystem  $(e_1, w_2, w_3)$ , with unknown different parameters, given by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{e}_1(t) = e_2(t) \\ \dot{w}_2(t) = e_3(t) - \dot{e}_2^* \\ \dot{w}_3(t) = u + \eta_3 y_3 - \theta_3 x_3 + \eta_2 y_2 - \theta_2 x_2 + \eta_1 y_1 - \theta_1 x_1 - y_1^3 - x_1^2 - \dot{e}_3^*. \end{cases} \quad (70)$$

We consider the Lyapunov function given in (58). The time derivative of (58) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_3(e_1, w_2, w_3) = & e_1 e_2 + e_2 e_3 + e_3 u + e_3^2 h_3^2((x, y)_3)(t) + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma_\theta^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\theta}} \\ & + \tilde{\eta}^T \Gamma_\eta^{-1} \dot{\tilde{\eta}} \\ & + e_3 [\eta_3 y_3 - \theta_3 x_3 + \eta_2 y_2 - \theta_2 x_2 + \eta_1 y_1 - \theta_1 x_1 - y_1^3 - x_1^2]. \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

Consider the scaling smooth function  $(x, y)_3 \mapsto h_3^2((x, y)_3)$  with  $(x, y)_3 = (x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3)$ , such that

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+: (x, y)_3 \mapsto h_3^2((x, y)_3) = x_1^2 - y_1^2 \quad (72)M,$$

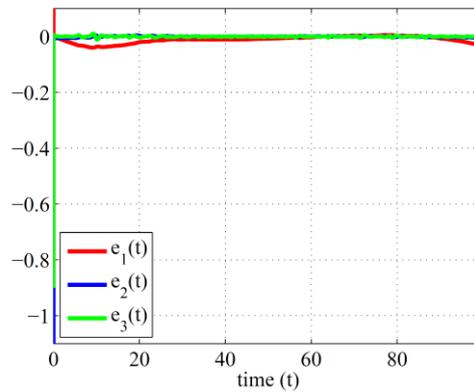
The designed controller is also given by (61), choosing the adaptive laws (62), (63), (65) and (66) with

$$k_1 = 5, k_2 = 1, k_3 = 1, k'_1 = -0.5, k'_2 = 1, k'_3 = 1. \quad (73)$$

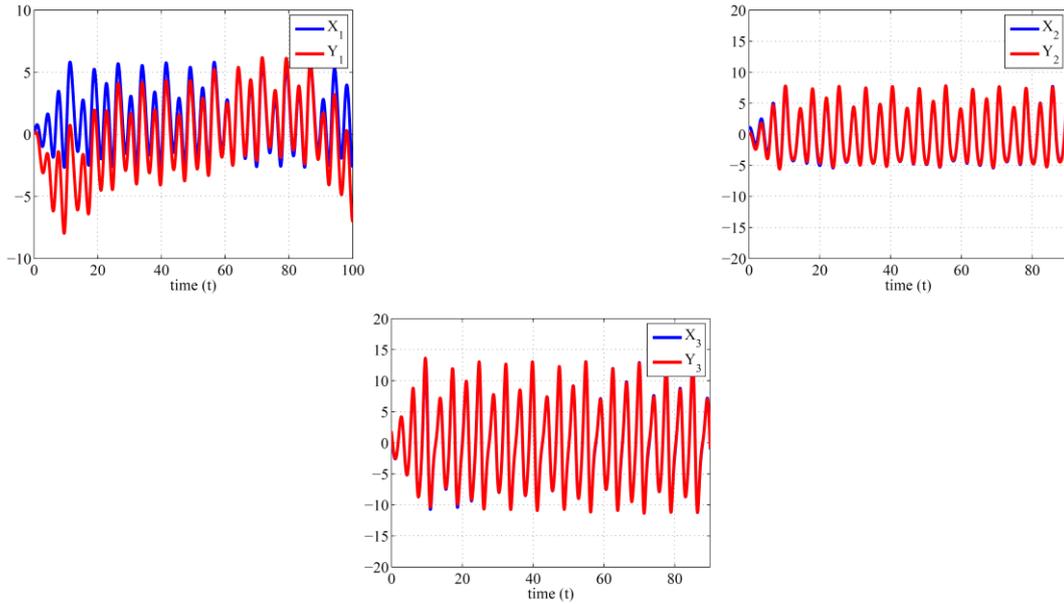
The time derivative of (72), leads to the same inéquality seen in (67).

In the next simulation, we discuss the result for the synchronization between both Genesio-Tesi and Coulett systems which are topologically different systems. Also, they are known to be difficult to synchronize in finite-time. The 3 – D systems from (47) and (68) are chaotic for  $\theta_1 = -6, \theta_2 = -2.92, \theta_3 = -1.2$  and  $\eta_1 = 7, \eta_2 = 3.5, \eta_3 = 2.5$ , with the initial values of the master system  $x_1(0) = 0, x_2(0) = 1, x_3(0) = 1$ , the initial values of the slave system  $y_1(0) = 0.1, y_2(0) = -0.1, y_3(0) = 0.1$  with  $c_3 = 250$  and the initial values of the estimated parameters  $\hat{\theta}_1(0) = -6, \hat{\theta}_2(0) = -2.92, \hat{\theta}_3(0) = -1.2, \hat{\eta}_1(0) = 7, \hat{\eta}_2(0) = 3.5, \hat{\eta}_3(0) = 2.5$ .

Figure 6 displays the Coulett chaotic behavior. In this figure, we notice the importance of the initial conditions in the implementation. Then, Figure 7 displays the synchronization errors of both systems (47) and (68). Figure 8 displays the time response of states for the master system (47) and the states for the slave system (68). Figure 9 shows that the estimated values  $(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2, \hat{\theta}_3, \hat{\eta}_1, \hat{\eta}_2, \hat{\eta}_3)$  of unknown parameters of the systems (47) and (48) converge in finite-time to  $(\theta_1 = -6, \theta_2 = -1, \theta_3 = -1.2, \eta_1 = 7, \eta_2 = 3.5, \eta_3 = 2.5)$ , respectively as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ .



**Figure 7. Time History of the Synchronization Error States  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  between Two Chaotic Systems Genesio-Tesi and Coulett with Different Unknown Parameters**

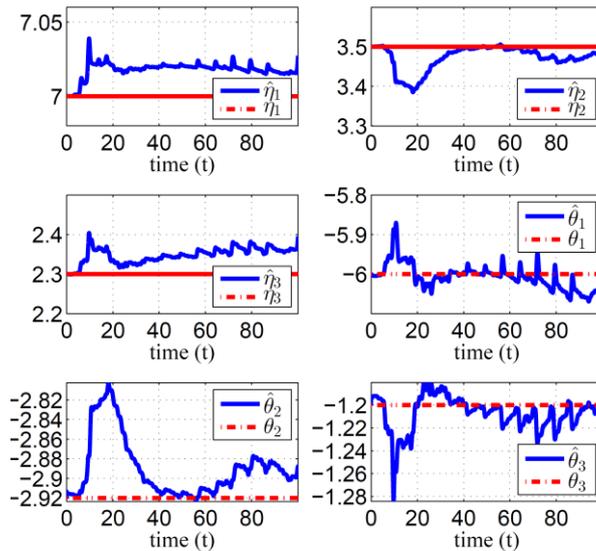


**Figure 8. Time Evolutions of the States of the Master System (47) and the Slave System (68) With the Controller (61) (Synchronization in Finite-Time of Two Chaotic Systems Genesio-Tesi and Couillet, With Different Unknown Parameters)**

The simulation results indicate that the proposed constructive method for a virtual synchronizing controller in finite-time gives interesting results even if the systems are topologically different.

#### 4.3. Discussion

During simulation using MatLAB software, there still exist a sensitive dependence in the initial conditions of the states and parameters initialization for both systems given in examples 1 and 2, which made us to initialize the parameters to be estimated to their real values. As a conclusion, this encourages us to consider, in further works, some ameliorations of our proposed algorithm in case where the parameters are subject to disturbances.



**Figure 9. Parameter Estimation Results, Synchronization In Finite-Time Of The Two Chaotic Systems Genesisio-Tesi and Coulet, With Different Unknown Parameters**

## 5. Conclusion

In this research work, we have investigated and proposed an algorithm able to synchronize, in finite-time, two chaotic systems in a master-slave configuration. This algorithm was evaluated using 3D identical and non-identical chaotic systems using Genesisio-Tesi and Coulet topology. We suggest using an adaptive control method when system parameters are unknown or uncertain. The simulation results presented for both examples validate the worth of the proposed synchronization algorithm since they could illustrate effectiveness of our method.

For the sake of simplicity, we have restricted our consideration for unknown parameters case. Our method, however, can straightforwardly be extended to the cases in which these parameters are uncertain and could be perturbed. Then, a study on the system sensitivity could be completed in future work considering initial conditions and perturbation. It could give more insight for increasing robustness and performance of the approach.

Based on the Lyapunov finite-time stability theory, the synchronization will be achieved even in presence of unknown parameters by choosing a proper adaptation law and by designing a virtual adaptive controller, using a recursive approach. Consequently, the extension of the control strategy to higher-dimensional chaotic systems and to systems with uncertain parameters is promising.

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