

4DM50: Dynamics and Control of Cooperation

Observers & Synchronization

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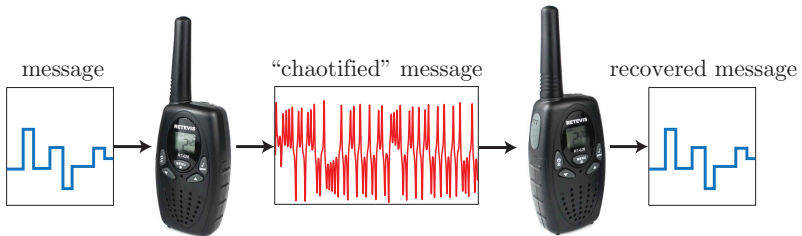
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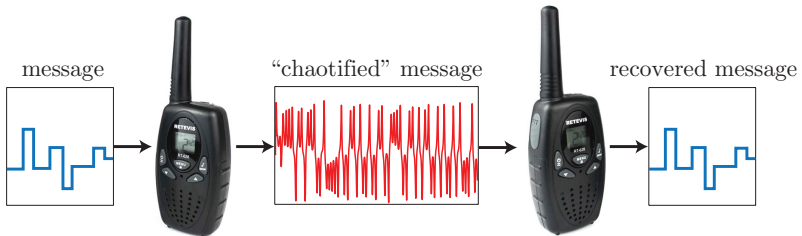
Master-slave coupled Lorenz systems

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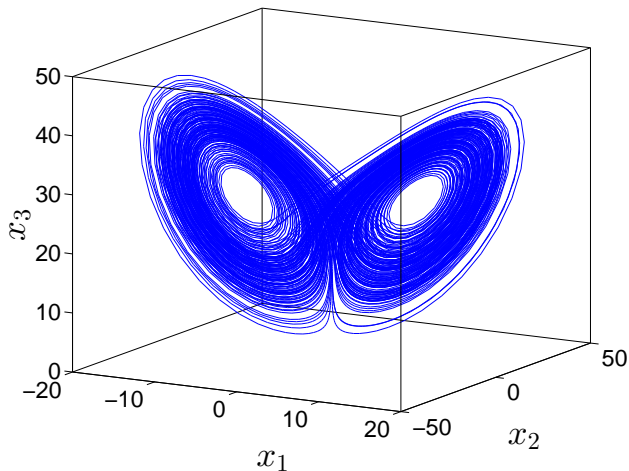
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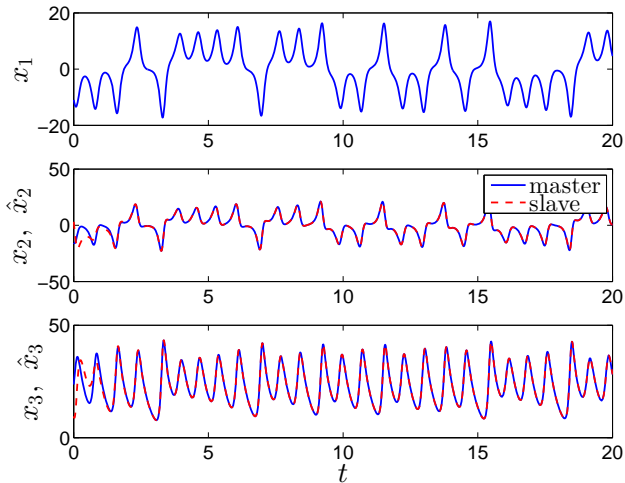
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No \hat{x}_1 -dynamics, because x_1 is already known



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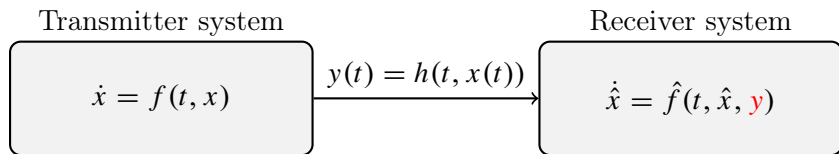
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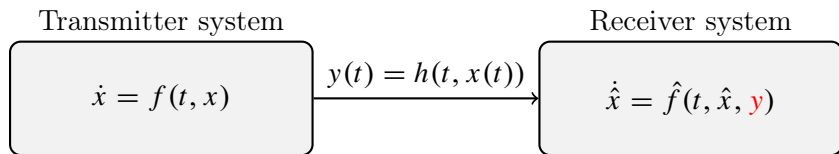
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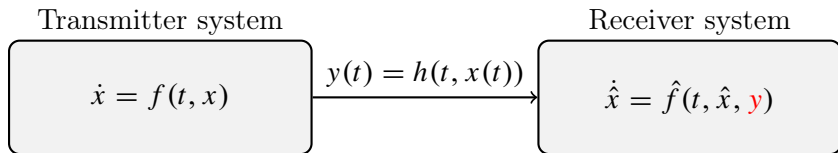
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- ▶ If the slave can be chosen freely, the master-slave synchronization problem and the (reduced) observer problem are equivalent

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with reduced observer

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 - (nonlinear) detectability

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Define the error $e = \hat{x} - x$ to obtain

$$\dot{e} = (A + LC)e$$

\Rightarrow System (2) is an observer for (1) if and only if the matrix $A + LC$ is Hurwitz

$A + LC$ has arbitrary pole-placement if and only if the pair (A, C) is **observable**:

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Dynamics of the partial state $z(t)$:

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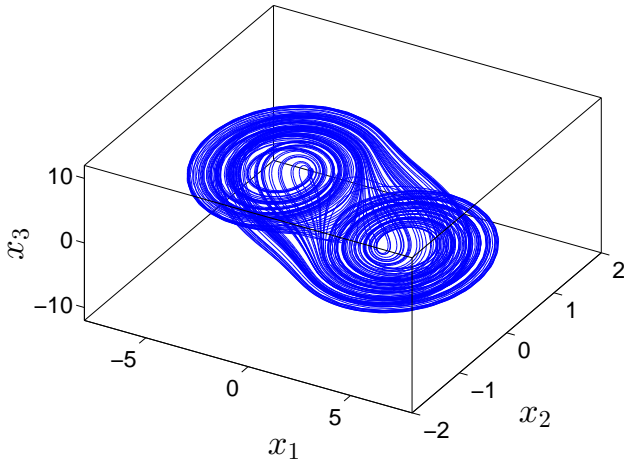
$$y = (1 \ 0 \ 0) x = Cx$$

where

$$\phi(Cx) = \phi(x_1) = m_1 x + m_2(|x_1 + 1| - |x_1 - 1|)$$

with $m_1 = -\frac{5}{7}$, $m_2 = -\frac{3}{7}$, $23 < \beta < 31$, $\alpha = 15.6$

Chua attractor for $\beta = 28$



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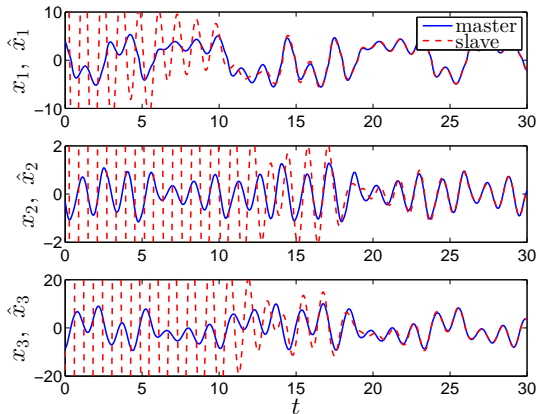
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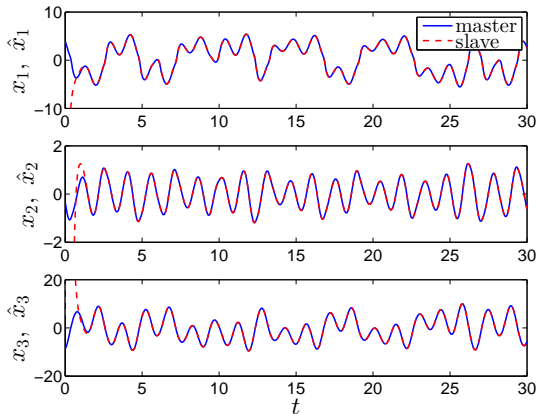
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(A, C) is observable \Rightarrow arbitrarily fast convergence by choice of L



$$L = (-16.0000 \quad -0.7622 \quad 0.7183)^T$$

(closed-loop poles at -0.01 , -0.02 and -0.03)



$$L = \begin{pmatrix} -10.6000 & -0.4103 & -8.5897 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

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into (3)

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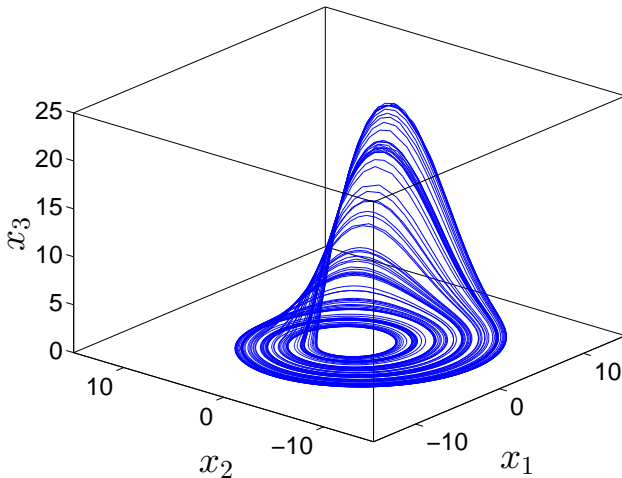
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Rössler attractor for $a = 0.2$, $b = 5.7$, $c = 0.2$



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\Rightarrow the change of coordinates

$$\begin{pmatrix} \zeta_1 \\ \zeta_2 \\ \zeta_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \ln x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

is well-defined

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Conditions for the existence of the state space transformation $\xi = \Phi(x)$ and output transformation $\eta = \Psi(y)$ exist, cf.



H. Nijmeijer and I. Mareels, “An observer looks at synchronization”,
IEEE trans. Circ. Syst. I, 44(10), pp 882–890, 1997

and the references therein

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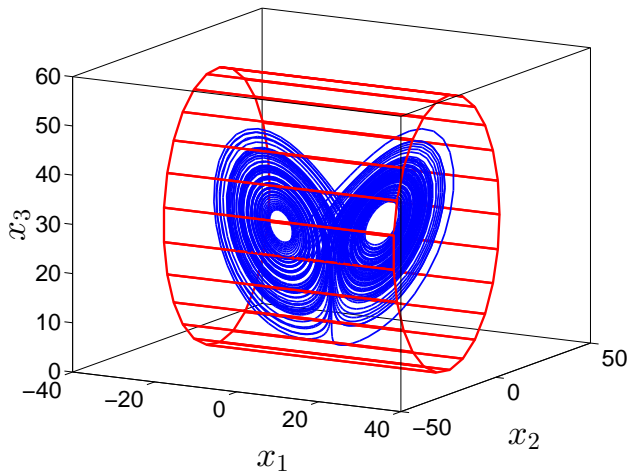
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Compact domain

$$\Omega = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_2^2 + (x_3 - \rho)^2 \leq \rho^2, |x_1| \leq \rho\}$$

is positively invariant w.r.t. the dynamics



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High-gain observer:

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = f(\hat{x}) + L(y - \hat{y})$$

$$\hat{y} = h(\hat{x})$$

“high-gain” $L \Rightarrow$ nonlinearities in the error-dynamics are dominated

High-gain observer for Lorenz system with output $y = x_1$:

$$\dot{\hat{x}}_1 = \sigma(\hat{x}_2 - \hat{x}_1) + L_1(\hat{x}_1 - x_1)$$

$$\dot{\hat{x}}_2 = \hat{x}_1(\rho - \hat{x}_3) - \hat{x}_2 + L_2(\hat{x}_1 - x_1)$$

$$\dot{\hat{x}}_3 = \hat{x}_1\hat{x}_2 - \gamma\hat{x}_3 + L_3(\hat{x}_1 - x_1)$$

Error dynamics $e_j = \hat{x}_j - x_j$:

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Nonlinear autonomous system

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with scalar output $y \in \mathbb{R}$

Assumption: Dynamics are constrained to some compact simply connected set Ω

Let iterated Lie-derivatives define new coordinates on an open (simply connected) set containing Ω

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with

$$K_{\theta} = -\frac{1}{2}S_{\theta}^{-1}C^T$$

where, given $\theta > 0$, $S_{\theta} = S_{\theta}^T > 0$ solves

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\Rightarrow errors $e = \xi - \hat{\xi}$ converge exponentially to zero

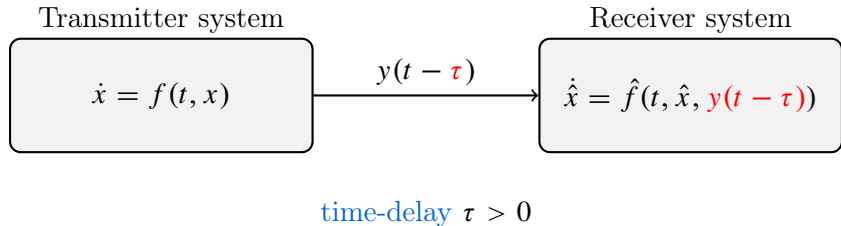
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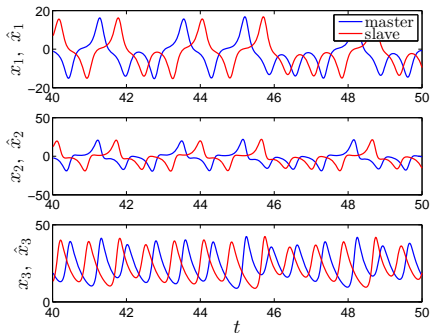
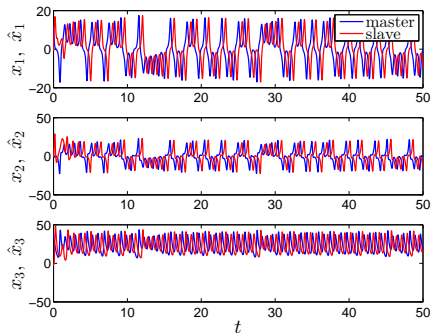
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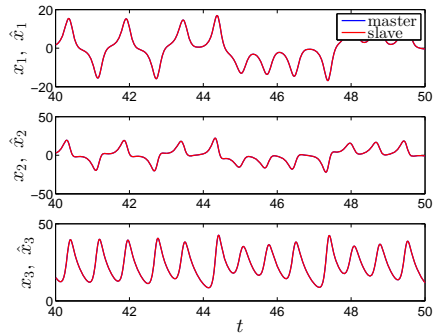
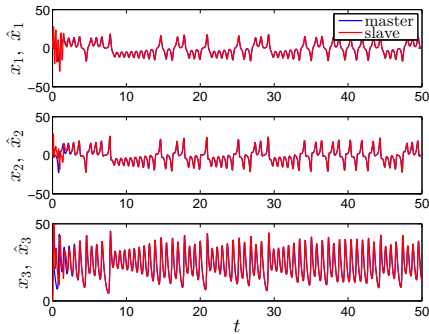
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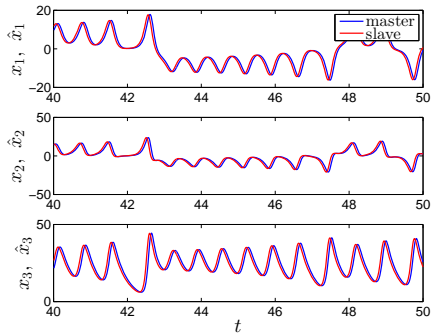
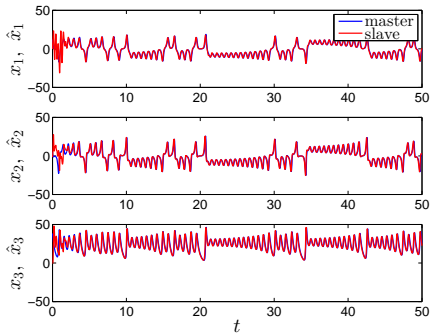
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