



Adaptive Neural Network Control of Chaotic Fractional-Order Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors Using Backstepping Technique

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The backstepping technique is greatly effective for the integer-order triangular non-linear systems. Nevertheless, it is dramatically challenging to implement backstepping technique in the manipulation of fractional-order permanent magnet synchronous motors (FOPMSMs), since the fractional derivatives of the composite functions are deeply complex. In this paper, adaptive neural network (NN) backstepping-based control scheme for FOPMSMs on the basis of fractional Lyapunov stability criterion is established. First, we propose a novel adaptive synchronous controller for FOPMSMs by coupling with NNs and backstepping technique. Then, we present a detailed stability analysis in terms of FOPMSMs via the proposed controller. Finally, a simulation example is given to reveal that the proposed controller can effectively eliminate or restrain the chaos of FOPMSMs, and keep the tracking signals synchronous with the reference signals.

Keywords: adaptive control, backstepping technique, neural network, fractional-order chaotic system, permanent magnet synchronous motor

1. INTRODUCTION

In late decades, fractional-order non-linear systems (FONSs) [1] have been widely studied, not only owing to their accurate performance in modeling physical phenomena (e.g., chaos, oscillations, impulses, diffusions, see [2–5]), but also owing to their successful applications in a variety of fields, such as chemistry, medicine, biology, electronics, robotics, fuel cells, and so on [6–11]. Stability analysis [12] is regarded as a fundamental and crucial task in the development of cybernetics. Recently, more and more scholars have paid attention to stability analysis of fractional-order non-linear systems [13–16]. It is not exaggerated to say that stability analysis of FONSs along with their robust control have become a hot and promising research topic.

The researches on the control of chaotic systems are widely concerned due to its valuable significance in both theoretical and practical aspects [17, 18]. Since Kuroe and Hayashi [19] originally discovered chaotic phenomenon from the motor drive system in the late 1980's, chaos control has been one of the most popular research topics in cybernetics. There are several types of chaotic motor drivers that capture widespread interests. For instance, DC motor drivers [20], step motor drivers [21], single-phase induction motor drivers [22], synchronous reluctance motor drivers [23], switched reluctance motor drivers [24] and so on. The extensive utilization of permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSMs) in industries mainly benefits from their merits

of high speed, high efficiency, high power, low loss and low temperature rise. Chaotic non-linear systems are very complex due to the irregular and unpredictable behaviors. A remarkable feature of chaotic systems is that they are very sensitive to the initial conditions. The small change of initial state will lead to great distinction. On the other hand, they have many other desired properties, such as information processing, secure communication and mechanical system. However, it may cause unexpected oscillations and even destroy the system stability. Therefore, such oscillations should be effectively suppressed. For this reason, various methods have been developed to stabilize non-linear chaotic systems, in which fractional order chaos control has also been focused, such as OGY type [25], feedback type [26–28], dynamic surface type [29], sliding mode type [30–33], backstepping type [34, 35], etc.

Neural network (NN) control technique [36, 37] is an intelligent method for controlling non-linear systems with uncertainties. Analogizing to fuzzy control approach [38, 39], the idea of NN control technique is to approximate unknown non-linear functions by using radial basis function neural networks (RBFNNs), which is a type of neuron-modeled structure formed by the computation of some adjustable parameter vectors and some specific continuous functions. As one of the most powerful tools to realizing approximation of functions, NN control technique is popular because it facilitates to control most of many non-linear systems in which the data are too imprecise or too complex to construct mathematical modeling. It provides an available way for the control designs, and it is considerably applicable in the field of control engineering.

Backstepping technique has engaged much attention due to its efficient performance in handling mismatched uncertainties of integer-order non-linear systems [40, 41]. Unfortunately, this control method has an inherent drawback, namely “explosion of complexity,” triggered by iteratively differentiating virtual control inputs [42]. Additionally, it requires complicated analysis to compute a so-called “regression matrix” [43]. Dawson et al. [44] pointed out that the size of the regression matrix displays too large when backstepping technique was applied to manipulate DC motors in a conventional manner. Such complexities might be augmented remarkably for fractional-order non-linear systems.

It is well-known that the design of NN control is rarely systematic, which is difficult to work for the control of complex systems. It is also challenging to establish a systematic NN control theory to solve a series of problems, such as the mechanism of NN control, stability analysis, systematic design, etc. Backstepping control usually leads to the problem of “complexity explosion” when it is applied in the processing of unknown functions, so the methods of adaptive NN control [36], adaptive fuzzy control [45] and adaptive NN backstepping control [35] are put forward to address such a problem. These techniques enable systems to be greatly adaptive and robust obeying the required performance criteria for the control. However, the control performance is not desired for the non-linear systems with triangular structures, and the problem of “complexity explosion” will occur during the control proceeding. Based on the above discussion, this paper proposes an adaptive neural network control method of

chaotic fractional-order permanent magnet synchronous motors using backstepping technique, which can improve the control performance of non-linear systems.

To deal with the synchronization issue of fractional-order permanent magnet synchronous motor (FOPMSM) with triangular structure, we expect to construct an adaptive NN controller combined with backstepping technique. This enables every uncertain complex non-linear functions being approximated by a radial basis function neural network (RBFNN) during each control step. The main contributions of this work can be summarized as follows:

The synchronization control scheme design and the stability analysis of FOPMSMs are investigated. In order to analyze the stability of the controlled systems, firstly, some basic results related to fractional calculus and RBFNN are recalled, including a fractional differential inequality, which lays the foundation for the application of the fractional Lyapunov function method. Meanwhile, it lays a foundation for the stability analysis of other types of FONSs. Secondly, an adaptive NN backstepping recursive control method is proposed for a class of uncertain FOPMSMs. The stability of FOPMSMs is analyzed based on fractional Lyapunov criterion. NN control technique is employed when dealing with the approximation of uncertain functions of FOPMSMs, and the fractional adaptive law is designed to update the parameters of NNs. The relevant properties of Mittag-Leffler function and Laplace transform are applied when the fractional Lyapunov function is defined to implement the system control. Our proposed control method fully averts the superfluous terms which are aroused by repeated derivation on virtual control inputs, and facilitates to overcome the so-called “complexity explosion” inherent drawback of the traditional backstepping technique. Finally, we present a numerical example to verify the main results. The simulation results show that our method embodies a perfect control effect. This also reveals the effectiveness of our control algorithm in another way.

The remainder of this work is arranged as below: In section 2, we recall several fundamental preliminaries of fractional calculus and RBFNN. Then, a brief overview of a class of FOPMSMs is provided. In section 3, we propose a RBFNN-based control scheme in three steps and present stability analysis. In section 4, we illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed synchronous controller via a simulation example. Finally, in section 5, we summarize the results of this work and put forward the prospect for our further investigation.

2. PRELIMINARIES AND MODEL DESCRIPTION

Some basic concepts, notations and lemmas, involved with fractional calculus and radial basis function neural network (RBFNN), need to be stated in this section before used. For convenience, we adopt the symbol \mathbb{R} (resp. \mathbb{R}^n , \mathbb{C}) to represent the collection of all real numbers (resp. n -dimensional real vectors, complex numbers). $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is always assumed to be compact. $T = [0, +\infty)$ means the time-variable domain. The notation $C^1(T, \Omega)$ stands for the collection of all continuous

functions from T to Ω with continuous derivatives. Given a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, x^T denotes its transpose, $\|x\|$ denotes its Euclidean norm.

Definition 1 ([8]). Let $\alpha \geq 0$. For a given function $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, its α -th order integral is written as

$${}_0\mathcal{I}_\psi^\alpha f(\psi) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\psi \frac{f(\eta)}{(\psi - \eta)^{1-\alpha}} d\eta, \quad \psi > 0 \quad (1)$$

where $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{+\infty} s^{\alpha-1} e^{-s} ds$.

Definition 2 ([8]). Let $\alpha \geq 0$. For a given function $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, its α -th order Caputo derivative is expressed by

$${}_0^C\mathcal{D}_\psi^\alpha f(\psi) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \alpha)} \int_0^\psi \frac{f^{(n)}(\eta)}{(\psi - \eta)^{\alpha+1-n}} d\eta, \quad \alpha \geq 0, \quad \psi > 0 \quad (2)$$

where $\alpha \in [n - 1, n)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$.

Definition 3 ([8]). Let $\alpha, \gamma > 0$. The Mittag-Leffler function $E_{\alpha,\gamma}$ on \mathbb{C} is expressed as

$$E_{\alpha,\gamma}(\zeta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\zeta^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \gamma)}. \quad (3)$$

Moreover, taking the Laplace transform on $E_{\alpha,\gamma}$ generates

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^{\gamma-1} E_{\alpha,\gamma}(-at^\alpha)\} = \frac{s^{\alpha-\gamma}}{s^\alpha + a}. \quad (4)$$

Lemma 1 ([1]). Let $0 < \alpha < 1$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}$ fulfilling the following:

$$\frac{\pi\alpha}{2} < v < \min\{\pi, \pi\alpha\} \quad (5)$$

If $|\zeta| \rightarrow \infty$, $v \leq |\arg(\zeta)| \leq \pi$, then the following statement holds:

$$E_{\alpha,\gamma}(\zeta) = -\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma - \alpha j)\zeta^j} + o(|\zeta|^{-n-1}), \quad (6)$$

where n is a non-zero natural number.

Lemma 2 ([1]). Let $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$. If μ is a constant fulfilling

$$\frac{\pi\alpha}{2} < \mu \leq \min\{\pi, \pi\alpha\}, \quad (7)$$

then there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$|E_{\alpha,\beta}(\zeta)| \leq \frac{C}{1 + |\zeta|}, \quad \forall \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \quad (8)$$

with $|\arg(\zeta)| \in [\mu, \pi]$.

Lemma 3 ([35]). Let $z(t)$ be a smooth function. Then

$$\frac{1}{2} {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha (z^T(t)z(t)) \leq z^T(t) {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha z(t) \quad (\forall t \in T). \quad (9)$$

Lemma 4 ([34, 46]). Let $z = 0$ be the equilibrium point of a FONS, which is given by

$${}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha z(t) = f(t, z(t)), \quad (10)$$

where $f : T \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function with the Lipschitz condition. Suppose there exist a Lyapunov function $V(t, z(t))$ and a family of class-K functions¹ \hat{g}_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) satisfying

$$\hat{g}_1(\|z(t)\|) \leq V(t, z(t)) \leq \hat{g}_2(\|z(t)\|), \quad (11)$$

$${}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha V(t, z(t)) \leq -\hat{g}_3(\|z(t)\|) \quad (12)$$

Then system (10) is asymptotical stable, i.e., $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} z(t) = 0$.

Next, let us introduce some basic notions and notations about the radial basis function NN (RBFNN) [43, 47]. The goal of the control procedure is to establish a adaptive NN control scheme, which enables the tracking signal $x_1(t)$ and the given reference signal $x_d(t)$ are synchronized.

A RBFNN can be formed as

$$\hat{f}(z(t)) = \theta^T(t)\vartheta(z(t)). \quad (13)$$

where $z(t) = (z_1(t), z_2(t), \dots, z_n(t))^T \in C^1(T, \Omega)$ and \hat{f} are the input-variable and the output-variable, respectively, $\theta(t) = (\theta_1(t), \theta_2(t), \dots, \theta_m(t))^T$ is an adjustable parameter vector, $\vartheta(z(t)) = (\vartheta_1(z(t)), \vartheta_2(z(t)), \dots, \vartheta_m(z(t)))^T$ with $\vartheta_j(z(t)) = (\vartheta_j(z_1(t)), \vartheta_j(z_2(t)), \dots, \vartheta_j(z_n(t)))^T$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$) being a continuous function, called the regressor variable. To illustrate its structure, we refer to **Figure 1**.

Suppose that all of the continuous functions $\vartheta_1(z(t)), \vartheta_2(z(t)), \dots, \vartheta_m(z(t))$ in the above RBFNN are chosen as Gaussian functions, that is, for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$,

$$\vartheta_j(z(t)) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|z(t) - c_j\|^2}{\sigma_j^2}\right),$$

where $c_j = [c_{j1}, c_{j2}, \dots, c_{jn}]^T$ is the center vector and $\sigma_j > 0$ is the width of the Gaussian function $\vartheta_j(z(t))$. Then the next lemma is obtained.

Lemma 5 ([35]). Let $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lipschitz function. For each $z \in C^1(T, \Omega)$ and for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a RBFNN fulfilling Equation (13) and the following property:

$$\sup_{t \in T} |f(z(t)) - \theta^T(t)\vartheta(z(t))| \leq \varepsilon. \quad (14)$$

¹A function $\hat{g} : [0, \infty) \rightarrow T$ is said to belong to class-K if it is strictly increasing, continuous and $\hat{g}(0) = 0$.

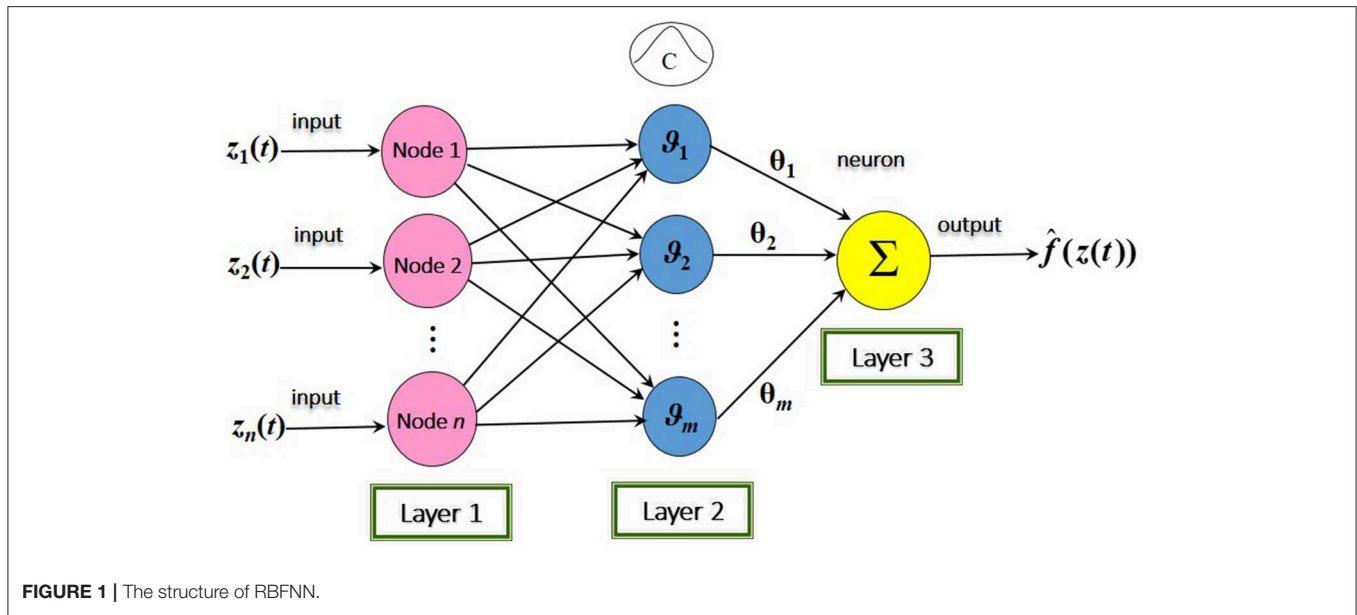


FIGURE 1 | The structure of RBFNN.

It is well-known that non-linear theory has yet been widely applied in the stability analysis of integer-order non-linear PMSMs. Yu et al. [48] investigated a type of classical PMSMs, which are described as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \sigma(i_q - \omega), \\ \frac{di_q}{dt} = -i_q - \omega i_d + \gamma \omega, \\ \frac{di_d}{dt} = -i_d + \omega i_q + u_d, \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

Yu et al. [48] also studied that when the parameters σ , γ of a PMSM decrease in a certain range, chaos will appear in the PMSM. To eliminate chaos in PMSM drive systems, they treated u_d as an adjustable variable, and proposed an adaptive NN control method based on backstepping control technique. It is well-known that backstepping technique usually makes great efforts to the effective control of integer-order triangular non-linear systems. Nevertheless, it is difficult to incorporate backstepping control technique into FONSS because of the complexities of fractional derivatives of composite functions. Moreover, the applications of FONSS broadly cover a great deal of fields, such as physics, chemistry, mathematics, etc., which suggests that the mathematical structures modeled by FONSS are more accurate and more practical.

Based on the aforementioned facts, this paper concerns a class of FOPMSMs. For simplicity, denote $\omega = x_1$, $i_q = x_2$, $i_d = x_3$ in system (15), and extend system (15) into the next

fractional-order form:

$$\begin{cases} {}^C_0\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha x_1(t) = \sigma(x_2(t) - x_1(t)), \\ {}^C_0\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha x_2(t) = -x_2(t) - x_1(t)x_3(t) + \gamma x_1(t), \\ {}^C_0\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha x_3(t) = -x_3(t) + x_1(t)x_2(t) + u_d(t), \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

where $0 < \alpha < 1$, $x(t) = [x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is a measurable state-variable, $x_1(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ is an output-variable, $u_d(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ is an input-variable, σ and γ are positive constants, both of them represent system operating parameters.

3. ADAPTIVE NEURAL NETWORK BACKSTEPPING CONTROL OF FOPMSMS

In this section, we will improve the conventional control method combined with backstepping technique, by which the chaos of FOPMSMs realizes to be eliminated or restrained in a high effective manner. The design process includes three steps. Each of them will construct a virtual control variable based on a proper Lyapunov function. At the end, a controller in real sense will be produced to manipulate FOPMSM. Assume that $x_d(t)$ is a given reference signal. Our goal is to establish an appropriate controller $u_d(t)$, ensuring that the tracking error $e(t) = x_1(t) - x_d(t)$ will ultimately converge to an arbitrarily small neighborhood of the origin. Next, we present a recursive backstepping procedure to reach our goal in three steps:

Step 1: From (16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} {}^C_0\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e(t) &= {}^C_0\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha x_1(t) - {}^C_0\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha x_d(t) \\ &= \sigma(x_2(t) - x_1(t)) - {}^C_0\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha x_d(t) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The virtual control input $\alpha_1(e(t), x_1(t), x_d(t))$ is adopted as

$$\alpha_1(e(t), x_1(t), x_d(t)) = x_1(t) - \frac{1}{\sigma} [k_{11}e(t) + k_{21}\text{sign}(e(t)) - {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha x_d(t)] \quad (18)$$

where $k_{11} > 0, k_{21} > 0$ are design parameters, $\text{sign}(\cdot)$ denotes a signum function.

Denote $\alpha_1(t) = \alpha_1(e(t), x_1(t), x_d(t))$. Let

$$e_1(t) = x_2(t) - \alpha_1(t). \quad (19)$$

Introduce Equations (18) and (19) into Equation (17) yields

$${}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e(t) = -k_{11}e(t) - k_{21}\text{sign}(e(t)) + \sigma e_1(t). \quad (20)$$

Multiplying $e(t)$ with Equation (20) generates

$$e(t) {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e(t) = -k_{21}|e(t)| + \sigma e(t)e_1(t) - k_{11}e^2(t) \leq \sigma e(t)e_1(t) - k_{11}e^2(t) \quad (21)$$

Let the Lyapunov function candidate $V_1(t)$ be taken as

$$V_1(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^2(t) \quad (22)$$

By Lemma 3 and Equation (21), one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha V_1(t) &= \frac{1}{2} {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e^2(t) \leq e(t) {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e(t) \\ &\leq -k_{11}e^2(t) + \sigma e(t)e_1(t) \\ &= -\kappa_1 V_1(t) + \sigma e(t)e_1(t) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where $\kappa_1 = 2k_{11}$ is a positive constant.

Step 2: From Equations (16) and (19), we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_1(t) &= {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha x_2(t) - {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \alpha_1(t) \\ &= -x_2(t) - x_1(t)x_3(t) + \gamma x_1(t) - {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \alpha_1(t) \\ &= -x_2(t) - x_1(t)x_3(t) + \gamma x_1(t) - F_1(x_1(t)) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where $F_1(x_1(t)) = {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \alpha_1(t)$ is an unknown function. To approximate $F_1(x_1(t))$, we adopt a RBFNN formulated by

$$\hat{F}_1(x_1(t), \theta_1(t)) = \theta_1^T(t) \vartheta_1(x_1(t)). \quad (25)$$

Suppose θ_1^* is the optimal parameter, which is represented as

$$\theta_1^* = \arg \min_{\theta_1(t)} \left[\sup_{x_1(t)} |F_1(x_1(t)) - \hat{F}_1(x_1(t), \theta_1(t))| \right]. \quad (26)$$

Here, θ_1^* is presented for the purpose of analysis, in other words, it is not required in the controller design procedure.

Define the parameter estimation error $\tilde{\theta}_1(t)$ as

$$\tilde{\theta}_1(t) = \theta_1(t) - \theta_1^*, \quad (27)$$

Also, formulate the optimal approximate error $\epsilon_1(x_1(t))$ by

$$\epsilon_1(x_1(t)) = \hat{F}_1(x_1(t), \theta_1^*) - F_1(x_1(t)), \quad (28)$$

According to Tong and Li [49], we know that $\epsilon_1(x_1(t))$ is bounded. Therefore,

$$|\epsilon_1(x_1(t))| \leq \bar{\epsilon}_1, \quad (29)$$

where $\bar{\epsilon}_1$ is a known constant. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} &\hat{F}_1(x_1(t), \theta_1(t)) - F_1(x_1(t)) \\ &= \hat{F}_1(x_1(t), \theta_1(t)) - \hat{F}_1(x_1(t), \theta_1^*) + \hat{F}_1(x_1(t), \theta_1^*) - F_1(x_1(t)) \\ &= \theta_1^T(t) \vartheta_1(x_1(t)) - \theta_1^{*T} \vartheta_1(x_1(t)) + \epsilon_1(x_1(t)) \\ &= \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t) \vartheta_1(x_1(t)) + \epsilon_1(x_1(t)). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Define the virtual control input by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_2(t) &= -x_1^{-1} \left[\theta_1^T(t) \vartheta_1(x_1(t)) + x_2(t) - k_{12}e_1(t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - k_{22}\text{sign}(e_1(t)) - \sigma e(t) \right] + \gamma \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where $k_{12} > 0$ and $k_{22} > \bar{\epsilon}_1$ are design parameters.

Implement the following fractional-order adaptation law:

$${}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \theta_1(t) = -e_1(t) \vartheta_1(x_1(t)) - \rho_1 \theta_1(t), \quad (32)$$

where ρ_1 is a positive design parameters. Noting that the α -th order derivatives of constants are equal to 0, by Equation (27), we immediately get

$${}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \tilde{\theta}_1(t) = {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \theta_1(t). \quad (33)$$

Put

$$e_2(t) = x_3(t) - \alpha_2(t). \quad (34)$$

Then Equations (24), (30), and (31) lead to

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0^C\mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_1(t) &= -x_2(t) - x_1(t)x_3(t) + \gamma x_1(t) - F_1(x_1(t)) \\ &= -x_2(t) - x_1(t)x_3(t) + \gamma x_1(t) + \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t) \vartheta_1(x_1(t)) \\ &\quad + \epsilon_1(x_1(t)) - \theta_1^{*T}(t) \vartheta_1(x_1(t)) \\ &= -x_1(t)e_2(t) - k_{12}e_1(t) - k_{22}\text{sign}(e_1(t)) - \sigma e(t) \\ &\quad + \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t) \vartheta_1(x_1(t)) + \epsilon_1(x_1(t)). \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

By multiplying $e_1(t)$ with (35), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_1(t) {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_1(t) &= -x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) - k_{12}e_1^2(t) \\
 &\quad - k_{22}|e_1(t)| - \sigma e_1(t)e(t) \\
 &\quad + e_1(t)\tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\vartheta_1(x_1(t)) + e_1(t)\epsilon_1(x_1(t)) \\
 &\leq -x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) - k_{12}e_1^2(t) - \sigma e_1(t)e(t) \\
 &\quad + e_1(t)\tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\vartheta_1(x_1(t)) + |e_1(t)|\bar{\epsilon}_1 \\
 &\leq -x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) - k_{12}e_1^2(t) - \sigma e_1(t)e(t) \\
 &\quad + e_1(t)\tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\vartheta_1(x_1(t))
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Adopt the next Lyapunov function candidate $V_2(t)$:

$$V_2(t) = V_1(t) + \frac{1}{2}e_1^2(t) + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\tilde{\theta}_1(t) \tag{37}$$

Applying Lemma 3 and Equation (23), ont gets

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha V_2(t) &= {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha V_1(t) + \frac{1}{2} {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_1^2(t) + \frac{1}{2} {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\tilde{\theta}_1(t) \\
 &\leq -\kappa_1 V_1(t) + \sigma e_1(t)e(t) + e_1(t) {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_1(t) \\
 &\quad + \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t) {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \tilde{\theta}_1(t) \\
 &= -\kappa_1 V_1(t) + \sigma e_1(t)e(t) + e_1(t) {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_1(t) \\
 &\quad + \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t) {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \tilde{\theta}_1(t)
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Substituting Equations (36) and (32) into Equation (38) derives

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha V_2(t) &\leq -\kappa_1 V_1(t) - x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) - k_{12}e_1^2(t) \\
 &\quad + e_1(t)\tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\vartheta_1(x_1(t)) + \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t) {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \tilde{\theta}_1(t) \\
 &= -\kappa_1 V_1(t) - k_{12}e_1^2(t) - x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) \\
 &\quad - \rho_1 \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\theta_1(t) \\
 &= -\kappa_1 V_1(t) - k_{12}e_1^2(t) - x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) \\
 &\quad - \rho_1 \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\tilde{\theta}_1(t) - \rho_1 \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\theta_1^* \\
 &\leq -\kappa_1 V_1(t) - k_{12}e_1^2(t) - x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\rho_1}{2} \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\tilde{\theta}_1(t) + \frac{\rho_1}{2} \theta_1^{*T}(t)\theta_1^* \\
 &\leq -\kappa_2 V_2(t) - x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) + H_1
 \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

where $\kappa_2 = \min\{\kappa_1, 2k_{12}, \rho_1\}$ and $H_1 = \frac{\rho_1}{2}\theta_1^{*T}\theta_1^*$ are positive constants.

Step 3: Using Equation (34), one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_2(t) &= {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha x_3(t) - {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \alpha_2(t) \\
 &= -x_3(t) + x_1(t)x_2(t) + u_d(t) - {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \alpha_2(t) \\
 &= -x_3(t) + x_1(t)x_2(t) + u_d(t) - F_2(x_1(t), x_2(t))
 \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

where $F_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \alpha_2(t)$ is unknown. We approximate $F_2(x_1(t), x_2(t))$ via RBFNN as follows:

$$\hat{F}_1(x_1(t), x_2(t), \theta_2(t)) = \theta_2^T(t)\vartheta_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)). \tag{41}$$

Furthermore, Equation (40) can be reformulated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_2(t) &= -x_3(t) + x_1(t)x_2(t) + u_d(t) - F_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)) \\
 &= -x_3(t) + x_1(t)x_2(t) + u_d(t) - F_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)) \\
 &\quad + \hat{F}_2(x_2(t), \theta_2(t)) - \hat{F}_2(x_2(t), \theta_2(t)) \\
 &= -x_3(t) + x_1(t)x_2(t) + u_d(t) + \tilde{\theta}_2^T \vartheta_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)) \\
 &\quad + \epsilon_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)) - \theta_2^T \vartheta_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Let the virtual control input be expressed by

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_d(t) &= -k_{13}e_2(t) + x_1(t)e_1(t) - k_{23}\text{sign}(e_2(t)) + x_3(t) \\
 &\quad - x_1(t)x_2(t) + \theta_2^T \vartheta_2(x_1(t), x_2(t))
 \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

Design the fractional-order adaptation law as

$${}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \theta_2(t) = -e_2(t)\vartheta_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)) - \rho_2 \theta_2(t), \tag{44}$$

where $k_{13} > 0$, $k_{23} > \bar{\epsilon}_2$ ($\bar{\epsilon}_2$ are design parameters with $\|e_2(x_1(t), x_2(t))\| \leq \bar{\epsilon}_2$), $\rho_2 > 0$. Substitute it into Equation (43). By multiplying $e_2(t)$ with Equation (42), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_2(t) {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_2(t) &= -k_{13}e_2^2(t) + x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) - k_{23}|e_2(t)| \\
 &\quad + e_2(t)\tilde{\theta}_2^T \vartheta_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)) + e_2(t)\epsilon_2(x_1(t), x_2(t)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Choose the Lyapunov function $V_3(t)$ as

$$V_3(t) = \frac{1}{2}e_2^2(t) + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\theta}_2^T(t)\tilde{\theta}_2(t) + V_2(t) \tag{46}$$

Employing Lemma 3 with Equations (39), (44), and (45) together gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha V_3(t) &= {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha V_2(t) + \frac{1}{2} {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_2^2(t) + \frac{1}{2} {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \tilde{\theta}_2^T(t)\tilde{\theta}_2(t) \\
 &\leq -\kappa_2 V_2(t) - x_1(t)e_1(t)e_2(t) + H_1 + e_2(t) {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha e_2(t) \\
 &\quad + \tilde{\theta}_2^T(t) {}_0^C \mathcal{D}_t^\alpha \tilde{\theta}_2(t) \\
 &\leq -\kappa_2 V_2(t) + H_1 - k_{13}e_2^2(t) - \rho_2 \tilde{\theta}_2^T(t)\theta_2(t) \\
 &= -\kappa_2 V_2(t) + H_1 - k_{13}e_2^2(t) - \rho_2 \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\tilde{\theta}_1(t) \\
 &\quad - \rho_2 \tilde{\theta}_1^T(t)\theta_1^* \\
 &\leq -\kappa_2 V_2(t) + H_1 - k_{13}e_2^2(t) - \frac{\rho_2}{2} \tilde{\theta}_2^T(t)\tilde{\theta}_2(t) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\rho_2}{2} \theta_2^{*T}\theta_2^* \\
 &\leq -\kappa_3 V_3(t) + H_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

where $\kappa_3 = \min\{\kappa_2, 2k_{13}, \rho_2\}$ and $H_2 = H_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho_1\theta_2^{*T}\theta_2^*$ are positive constants.

Theorem 1. *In system (16), if the control outputs are formulated by Equations (18), (31), and (43), and the adaptation law is designed as Equations (32) and (44), then the tracking error $e(t)$ must tend to a sufficiently small neighborhood of the equilibrium point.*

Proof: Applying (47), one gets

$${}_0^C D_t^\alpha V_3(t) + \bar{Q}(t) = -\kappa_3 V_3(t) + H_2 \tag{48}$$

where $\bar{Q}(t) \geq 0$. By the implementation of the Laplace transform on Equation (48), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} V_3(s) &= \frac{s^{\alpha-1}}{s^\alpha + \kappa_3} V_3(0) + \frac{H_2}{s(s^\alpha + \kappa_3)} - \frac{M(s)}{s^\alpha + \kappa_3} \\ &= \frac{s^{\alpha-1}}{s^\alpha + \kappa_3} V_3(0) + \frac{s^{\alpha-(1+\alpha)} H_2}{s^\alpha + \kappa_3} - \frac{M(s)}{s^\alpha + \kappa_3} \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

where $V_3(s)$ and $M(s)$ are given by the Laplace transform on $V_3(t)$ and $\bar{Q}(t)$, respectively.

By Equations (4), (49), $V_3(t)$ can be rearranged as

$$\begin{aligned} V_3(t) &= V_3(0)E_{\alpha,1}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha) + H_2 t^\alpha E_{\alpha,1+\alpha}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha) \\ &\quad - \bar{Q}(t) * t^{-1} E_{\alpha,0}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha) \end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

where $*$ denotes the convolution between functions. Since $\bar{Q}(t)$ and $t^{-1} E_{\alpha,0}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha)$ are non-negative,

$$\bar{Q}(t) * t^{-1} E_{\alpha,0}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha) \geq 0.$$

Additionally, we have

$$|V_3(t)| \leq |V_3(0)|E_{\alpha,1}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha) + H_2 t^\alpha E_{\alpha,1+\alpha}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha). \tag{51}$$

Note that $\arg(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha) = -\pi, |-\kappa_3 t^\alpha| \geq 0$ for any $t \geq 0$ and $\alpha \in (0, 2)$. Employing Lemma 2, we deduce that there is a positive constant C with

$$|E_{\alpha,1}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha)| \leq \frac{C}{1 + \kappa_3 t^\alpha}. \tag{52}$$

It follows from Equation (52) that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |V_3(0)|E_{\alpha,1}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha) = 0. \tag{53}$$

Therefore, for an arbitrary positive constant ε , there exists a positive constant t_1 fulfilling that

$$|V_3(0)|E_{\alpha,1}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \quad \forall t > t_1. \tag{54}$$

On the other hand, by employing Lemma 1, we get

$$E_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(-\kappa_n t^\alpha) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1)\kappa_n t^\alpha} + o\left(\frac{1}{|\kappa_n t^\alpha|^{1+1}}\right). \tag{55}$$

From Equation (55), for an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a positive constant t_2 with

$$H_2 t^\alpha E_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(-\kappa_3 t^\alpha) \leq \frac{H_2}{\kappa_3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \quad \forall t > t_2. \tag{56}$$

Note that the design parameter can be adjusted with $\frac{H_2}{\kappa_3} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$. Thus, coupling of Equations (51), (54), and (56) yields

$$|V_3(t)| < \varepsilon. \tag{57}$$

In view of Equation (57) and the definition of $V_3(t)$, we conclude that all signals and estimation errors are bounded in the closed-loop system. Further, the tracking signal $e(t)$ will ultimately tend toward a sufficiently small neighborhood of the equilibrium point with radius $\varepsilon \geq \frac{1}{2}e^2(t)$ for every $t > \min\{t_1, t_2\}$. \square

Remark 1. *Theorem 1 can be extended to the stability analysis of many other FONSs. Employing fractional-order Lyapunov stability criterion, we know that if there are two positive constants ϕ_1, ϕ_2 such that ${}_0^C D_t^\alpha V(t) \leq -\phi_1 V(t) + \phi_2$, where $V(t) = \frac{1}{2}y^T(t)y(t)$ is a Lyapunov function, then $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is globally bounded and $y(t) \leq \frac{\phi_2}{\phi_1}$ holds whenever the time variable t is sufficiently large.*

Remark 2. *In practice, the system parameters σ and γ for the model of FOPMSM are uncertain in general. Thereby, we can take advantage of the RBFNNs and adopt the corresponding adaptation law to estimate the unknown system parameters, analogizing to our proposed estimation formula (25). For the sake of simplicity, we assume that the system parameters are constants.*

Remark 3. *In the proposed adaptive NN backstepping control scheme, the designed controller determined by Equations (20), (31), and (43) is apparently simpler than the ones without using NN backstepping technique. Meanwhile, it is able to avert superfluous terms aroused by repeated derivation on virtual control inputs. This is beneficial especially for FONSs, in which there are a larger amount of complicated terms of fractional derivatives. For the detail, the readers may refer to Appendix B of the literature [48].*

4. NUMERICAL SIMULATION EXAMPLE

Let us consider the next non-linear FOPMSM by setting $\sigma = 5.6, \gamma = 230$ and $x_i(t) = y_i(t)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) in system (16):

$$\begin{cases} {}_0^C D_t^\alpha y_1(t) = 5.6(y_2(t) - y_1(t)), \\ {}_0^C D_t^\alpha y_2(t) = -y_2(t) - y_1(t)y_3(t) + 230y_1(t), \\ {}_0^C D_t^\alpha y_3(t) = -y_3(t) + y_1(t)y_2(t) + u_d(t). \end{cases} \tag{58}$$

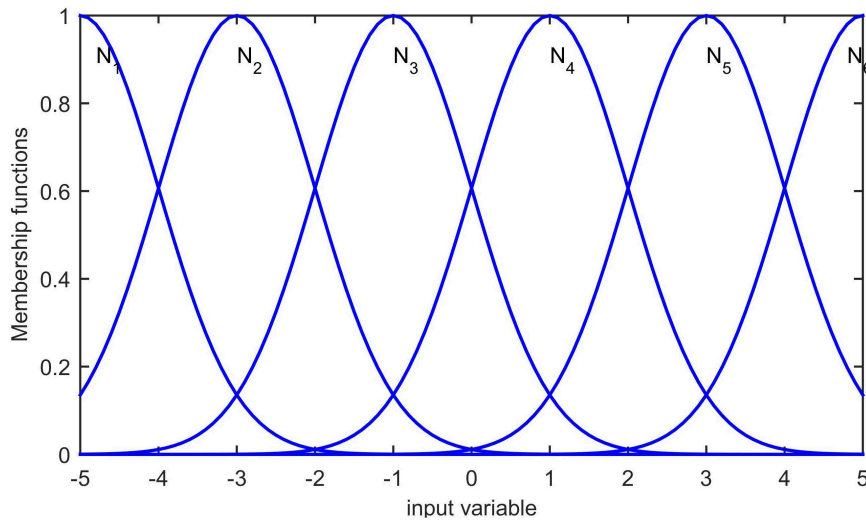


FIGURE 2 | The radial basis functions for RBFNN.

system is proceeded under the initial condition $y_0 = (-2, -0.8, 0.6)$. Given a reference signal $y_d(t) = \sin t$. The chosen parameters k_{1i} ($i = 1, 2, 3$) should be >0 . However, if k_{1i} are too large, the control gain will increase, which will consume more control energy. Therefore, in the simulation, the selected parameters k_{1i} are very small such that the synchronization control performs perfectly. This also shows the effectiveness of our control algorithm from another viewpoint. The adaptive parameters change much faster when the parameters are selected much larger. Based on the above considerations, The control parameters are selected as $k_{11} = k_{12} = 1$, $k_{13} = 3$, $\rho_1 = \rho_2 = 0.5$, then we have $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = \kappa_3 = 0.5$.

In the aforementioned settings, there are two RBFNNs:

The first one, endowed with the input $y_1(t)$, relies on the Gaussian radial basis functions expressed by

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(y_1(t)) &= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(y_1(t) + 5)^2\right], & \vartheta_2(y_1(t)) &= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(y_1(t) + 3)^2\right], \\ \vartheta_3(y_1(t)) &= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(y_1(t) + 1)^2\right], & \vartheta_4(y_1(t)) &= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(y_1(t) - 1)^2\right], \\ \vartheta_5(y_1(t)) &= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(y_1(t) - 3)^2\right], & \vartheta_6(y_1(t)) &= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(y_1(t) - 5)^2\right], \end{aligned}$$

respectively. The radial basis functions are shown in **Figure 2**. The initial condition is taken as $\theta_1(0) = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]^T \in \mathbb{R}^6$, uniformly distributed on $[-5, 5]$.

Another RBFNN utilizes $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ as its inputs. Choose the Gaussian radial basis functions to be the same as that of the previous RBFNN for every input. The initial condition is fixed as $\theta_2(0) = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{36}$.

On the basis of the above settings, the drive system of FOPMSM is simulated as follows:

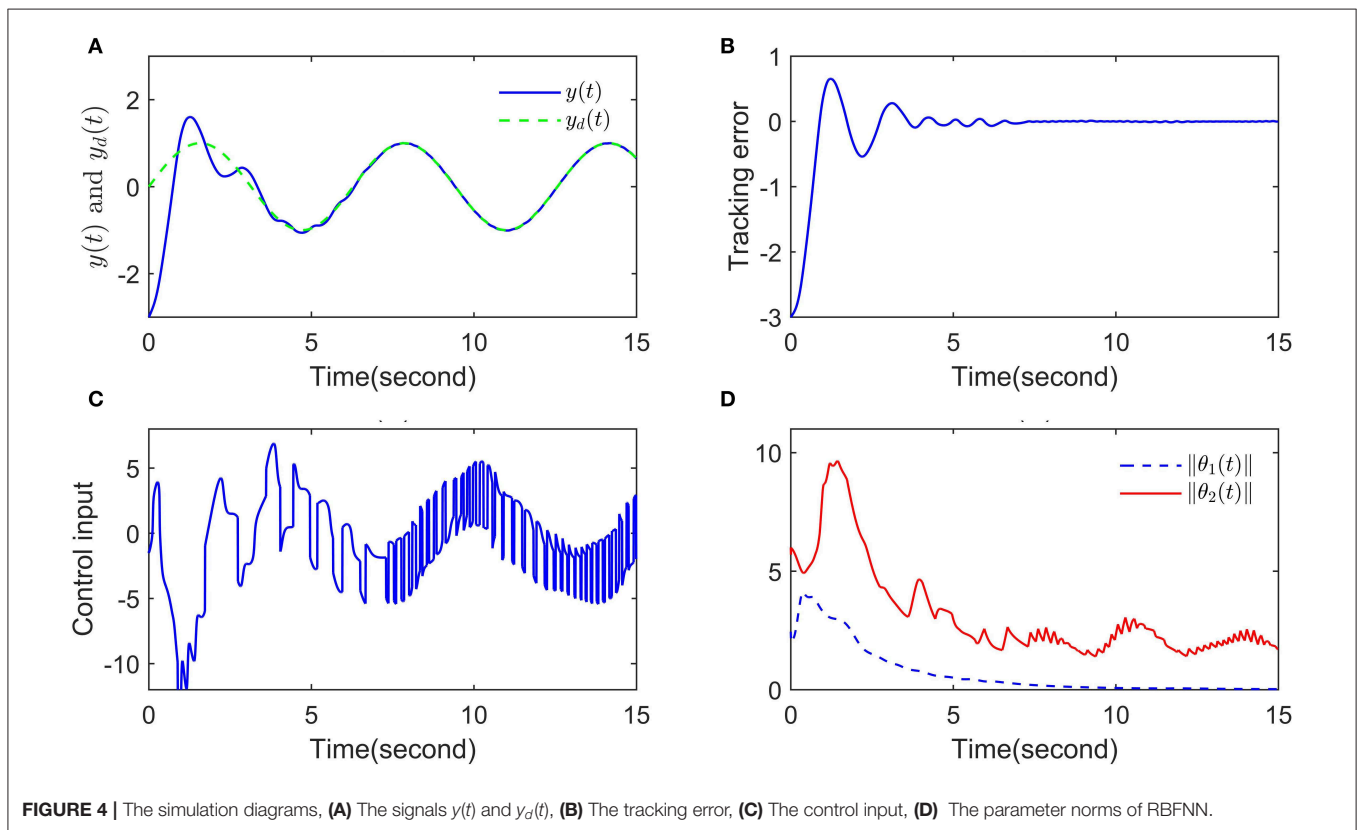
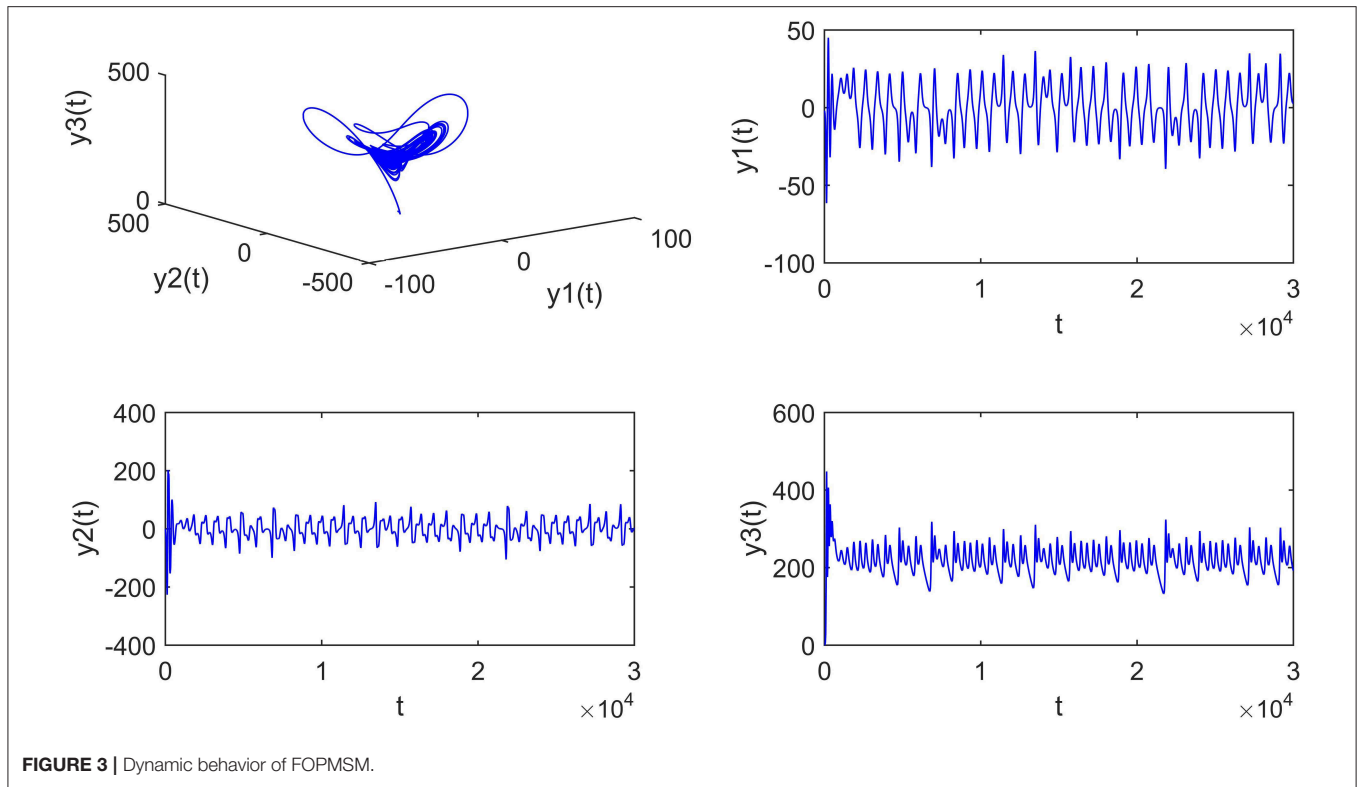
Firstly, when $\alpha = 0.98$ and $u_d(t) = 0$, the chaotic phenomenon of the FOPMSM drive system is tested, demonstrating that system (58) is not stable, as illustrated in **Figure 3**.

Secondarily, we apply the proposed adaptive RBFNN backstepping method in the control procedure of chaotic FOPMSM, which is depicted in **Figure 4**.

Finally, as a summary, it is evident that the proposed controller makes an effective effort to restrain the chaos of FOPMSM drive system, and it embodies desirable performance during the signal tracking.

5. CONCLUSION

This work provides a framework to study stabilization control of chaotic FOPMSMs on the basis of extended Lyapunov stability criterion. Our results as well as numerical simulations indicate that when the proposed adaptive NN backstepping-based control scheme is employed to control chaotic FOPMSMs, it indeed facilitates to overcome the inherent drawback “explosion of complexity.” It is demonstrated that chaos and oscillation may appear apparently in the system when the system is uncontrolled. Through the control proceeding, the variables become regular, the chaos oscillation is suppressed, and the task of signal tracking is perfectly accomplished. The problem about how to further construct an adaptive NN backstepping control scheme for generalized FOPMSMs with more input uncertainties and non-linearities is open, which is one task of our future works.



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All datasets generated for this study are included in the article/supplementary material.

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