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# **Synchronization of uncertain fractional-order hyperchaotic systems by using a new self-evolving non-singleton type-2 fuzzy neural network and its application to secure communication**

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**Abstract** This paper presents a robust control method for synchronization of the uncertain fractional-order hyperchaotic systems by using a new self-evolving nonsingleton type-2 fuzzy neural network (SE-NT2FNN). The proposed SE-NT2FNNs are used for estimating the unknown functions in the dynamic of system. The effects of approximation error and external disturbance are eliminated by linear matrix inequality control scheme. The proposed SE-NT2FNN has one rule initially, the new rules and membership functions (MFs) are added based on the proposed simple algorithm and unnecessary rules and MFs are deleted. The proposed synchronization scheme is applied in a secure communication scheme. To show the effectiveness of the proposed method, three simulation examples are given. The results are compared with other methods, and it showed that the proposed control scheme results in the better performance than other methods.

**Keywords** Self-evolving algorithm · Non-singleton type-2 fuzzy neural network · Robust LMI-based control · Fractional-order hyperchaotic

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## **1 Introduction**

Hyperchaotic systems are high-dimensional chaotic systems with complex behavior, which have more than one positive Lyaponuv exponent. Since, these systems exhibit a behavior as noise-like, unpredictability and highly sensitive to the initial conditions, are more useful in some applications such as secure communications and encryption. Also, the fractional systems contain fractional orders, and this feature leads to more complicated chaotic behaviors which can be used in applications such as secure communications. By utilizing the fractional calculus techniques, some fractionalorder chaotic/hyperchaotic systems have been identified such as fractional-order chaotic/hyperchaotic Chen system [\[1](#page-17-0)[,2](#page-17-1)], fractional-order hyperchaotic Novel system [\[3\]](#page-17-2) and fractional-order hyperchaos Lorenz system [\[4\]](#page-17-3). In [\[5](#page-17-4)], many systems which behave in a chaotic manner are reviewed. Also in [\[6](#page-17-5)[–8](#page-17-6)], the some fractional discrete systems which can exhibit chaos behavior are introduced. In the chaos-based secure communication schemes, to recover the message from the transmitter, master-slave synchronization must be completely achieved. In recent years, many types of chaos synchronization approaches have been proposed, such as projective synchronization, adaptive control, robust synchronization and active pinning control [\[9](#page-17-7)[–12\]](#page-17-8).

In many practical applications, the accurate dynamics of the systems are not available or are perturbed by the external disturbances, time delays, time-varying parameters, etc. To cope with the uncertainties and

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perturbations, many robust controllers have been pre-sented. For instance in [\[13](#page-17-9),[14\]](#page-17-10), the  $H_{\infty}$  control problem is investigated for the fractional-order linear systems. The mean-square exponential stability problem is studied in  $[15, 16]$  $[15, 16]$ . In [\[17\]](#page-17-13), based on the matrix's singular value decomposition, some sufficient conditions for quadratic stability of the uncertain fractional-order linear systems are presented. The feedback stabilization of the fractional-order systems using linear matrix inequality technique is studied in  $[18, 19]$  $[18, 19]$ . The problem of the exponential synchronization of the discretetime neural networks with mixed time delays, actuator saturation and failures, by using Lyapunov functional approach is investigated in [\[20\]](#page-17-16). The robust sliding mode control of the fractional-order systems is proposed in [\[21,](#page-17-17)[22\]](#page-17-18). In [\[23](#page-17-19)], a robust model predictive control scheme is presented to control the fractionalorder discrete-time systems.

To deal with the uncertainties in the dynamics of the system, some approaches have been presented based on the approximation property of the fuzzy neural networks (FNNs). In [\[24](#page-18-0)], a fuzzy sliding mode controller is proposed. A states feedback method by using LMI technique, based on fuzzy model, is proposed in [\[25\]](#page-18-1) to stabilize the fractional-order chaotic systems. The generalized projective synchronization by estimating unknown nonlinear functions using fuzzy systems is presented in [\[26](#page-18-2)]. An adaptive fuzzy controller with  $H_{\infty}$  synchronization performance is studied in [\[27\]](#page-18-3).

The main problem in the design of fuzzy controller is the problem of "curse of dimensionality". By increasing the input variables of a fuzzy neural network, the number of rules exponentially increases. Since the hyperchaotic systems are high-dimensional nonlinear system, FNNs cannot be adequately applied to estimate the uncertain functions in the dynamic of these systems. One approach to cope with this problem can be self-evolving FNNs.

For this purpose, some self-evolving type-2 FNNs have been proposed. For instance recently in [\[28](#page-18-4)], a SE-T2FNN is presented, the rule database of which is initially empty, and all rules are automatically grown. In [\[29\]](#page-18-5), a self-evolving recurrent type-2 fuzzy radial basis function network is presented, where new neurons and rules are generated based on a clustering algorithm. In [\[30\]](#page-18-6), a hierarchical SE-T2FNN is presented in which its new rules and antecedent part are generated by using  $\varepsilon$ -completeness criterion (this means that the firing strength of at least one fuzzy rule for any input within the operating range is not less than  $\varepsilon$ ) and its consequent part is designed by using ant-colony optimization method. In  $[31]$ , the rule database is modified in response to the controller's performance.

Singleton type-2 FNNs are used in all of the mentioned self-evolving algorithms, in which the linguistic and input numerical uncertainties are handled only by MFs. The input uncertainties arise from noise and inaccuracy of sensors, observers and input devises. The non-singleton type-2 FNNs are considered in [\[32](#page-18-8)[–34](#page-18-9)]. In these papers, some learning algorithms are developed for tuning free parameters of non-singleton type-2 FNNS.

Motivated by the discussions above, in this paper, a new self-evolving non-singleton type-2 FNN is presented. The proposed self-evolving algorithm in this paper is simple, and it can be applied to the highdimensional problems. The proposed SE-NT2FNN has only one rule initially. New MFs are added or replaced, or the existing MFs are changed such that  $\varepsilon$ - completeness criterion is satisfied. The dynamic of FOHS is assumed to be unknown and the proposed SE-NT2FNNs are employed to estimate the unknown functions. To eliminate the effect of approximation error, a LMI-based robust controller is combined with the output feedback control scheme. Some advantages of the proposed method are as follows:

- The dynamic of fractional-order chaotic system is assumed to be unknown; then the proposed controller can be applied to a wide class of FOHS.
- A new self-evolving non-singleton type-2 fuzzy neural network is presented, in which the new MFs and rules are added based on the simple algorithm, and unimportant rules are deleted. Furthermore, input uncertainties are handled by using nonsingleton fuzzification.
- The effect of approximation error and external disturbance is eliminated by a proposed LMI-based robust controller.
- Since triangular type-2 MFs are employed, in each sample time, a few number of MFs are activated for each input; furthermore, interpretability of the FNN is increased.

The remaining of this paper is organized as follows. In Sect. [2,](#page-2-0) system description and problem formulation are presented. The proposed non-singleton type-2 fuzzy neural network is presented in Sect. [3.](#page-3-0) The proposed self-evolving algorithm is introduced in Sect. [4.](#page-6-0)



<span id="page-2-1"></span>**Fig. 1** Proposed control block diagram for the *i*-th subsystem

Stability analysis is presented in Sect. [5.](#page-10-0) The simulation results of the controlled fractional-order hyperchaotic systems are shown in Sect. [6.](#page-11-0) Finally, conclusions remarks are presented in Sect. [7.](#page-15-0)

## <span id="page-2-0"></span>**2 Problem formulation and system description**

The following class of FOHS is considered as slave system:

$$
D^{\alpha_1} y_1 = f_1(y_1, ..., y_n) + d_1(t) + u_1(t)
$$
  
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha_n} y_n = f_n(y_1, ..., y_n) + d_n(t) + u_n(t)
$$
\n(1)

where  $f_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$  are unknown but bounded functions,  $d_i(t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$  are bounded external disturbance,  $u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$  are control signals,  $\underline{y} = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]^\text{T}$  are the outputs of slave system and  $0 < \alpha_i < 1$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  are the fractional derivatives orders.  $D^{\alpha} y_i$  is the fractional derivative of  $y_i$ . The regular definitions for fractional derivatives are: Grünwald–Letnikov, Riemann–Liouville and Caputo definitions. For instance, the Caputo definition is given as:

$$
D^{\alpha} y = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m - \alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{y^m(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - m + 1}} d\tau
$$
 (2)

where *m* is integer so that  $m - 1 < \alpha < m$  and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is Gamma function ( $\Gamma(t) = \int_0^\infty x^{t-1} e^{-x} dx$ ).

The master system is considered as follows:

$$
D^{\beta_1} x_1 = g_1 (x_1, ..., x_n)
$$
  
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\beta_n} x_n = g_n (x_1, ..., x_n)
$$
 (3)

where  $g_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$  are unknown but bounded functions,  $\underline{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T$  are the outputs of master system, and  $0 < \beta_i < 1$ ,  $i = 1, ..., n$  are the fractional derivatives orders. The synchronization errors are defined as  $e_i = y_i - x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . The control objective is to design controllers  $u_i$ ,  $i =$  $1, 2, \ldots, n$  such that  $||e_i|| \rightarrow 0$  *as*  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

The proposed control block diagram for *i*-th subsystem is shown in Fig. [1.](#page-2-1) As shown in Fig. [1,](#page-2-1) the unknown function in the dynamics of the slave systems is estimated by the proposed self-evolving fuzzy system, and by using this fuzzy system, an error feedback controller is designed [see Eq.  $(6)$ ]. Then, the synchronization problem [see Eq. [\(8\)](#page-3-2)] is rewritten as a standard  $H_{\infty}$  problem [see Eqs. [\(22,](#page-10-1) [23\)](#page-10-1)]. To show the robustness of the proposed control scheme and the stability analysis, a compensator is designed based on the  $H_{\infty}$ control technique [see  $u_{s_i}$  in Eq. [\(23\)](#page-10-1)], by using the results of [\[14](#page-17-10)].

<span id="page-2-2"></span>The *i*-th subsystem is considered as follows:

$$
D^{\alpha_i} y_i = f_i (y_1, ..., y_n) + d_i(t) + u_i(t)
$$
 (4)

<span id="page-2-3"></span>As shown in Fig. [1,](#page-2-1) the term  $f_i(y_1,\ldots,y_n)+d_i(t)$  in [\(4\)](#page-2-2) is estimated by SE-NT2FNN  $\hat{f}_i$ . The approximation error is defined as follows:

$$
\varepsilon_i = f_i(y_1, \dots, y_n) + d_i(t) - \hat{f}_i \tag{5}
$$

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<span id="page-3-3"></span>



<span id="page-3-1"></span>We define  $u_i$  as  $u_i = u_i^* + u_{s_i}$ , in which  $u_i^*$  is designed as follows:

$$
u_i^* = D^{\alpha_i} x_i - \lambda_i e_i - \hat{f}_i
$$
 (6)

where  $\lambda_i$  is chosen such that stability condition  $|\arg(\lambda_i)| > \alpha_i \frac{\pi}{2}$  is satisfied. This stability condition is derived from the following theorem:

**Theorem 1** ([\[35](#page-18-10)]) *The following linear autonomous system*

$$
D^{\alpha} x = A x \tag{7}
$$

 $with 0 < \alpha \leq 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  *and*  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  *is, is asymptotically stable if and only if all the eigenvalues of matrix A satisfy*  $|\arg(eig(A))| > \alpha \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

<span id="page-3-2"></span>By substituting  $(6)$  into  $(4)$  we have:

$$
D^{\alpha_i}e_i + \lambda_i e_i = \varepsilon_i + u_{s_i}
$$
 (8)

 $u_{s_i}$  is designed such that the  $H_{\infty}$  norm of closed-loop transfer function  $(T_{e\epsilon})$ , from  $e_i$  to  $\varepsilon_i$  is minimized. The proposed synchronization method is used in a secure communication application. The proposed secure com-munication scheme is shown in Fig. [2.](#page-3-3) The input message is encrypted using signals of master hyperchaotic system and is sent to the receiver. In the receiver, after synchronization, the message signal hidden inside a hyperchaotic signal is recovered.

## <span id="page-3-0"></span>**3 Proposed non-singleton type-2 fuzzy neural network**

In this section, the structure of proposed SE-NT2FNN is introduced. As shown in Fig. [1,](#page-2-1) the unknown functions in the dynamics of the slave systems are estimated by the proposed SE-NT2FNN. The structure and the consequent parameters of SE-NT2FNN are online adjusted based on a proposed self-evolving algorithm and the gradient descent algorithm, respectively [see Sects. [4.1,](#page-6-1) [4.2\]](#page-7-0). As shown in Fig. [1,](#page-2-1) the training data are coming from the slave system at each sample time. The main merits of proposed SE-NT2FNN compared with other fuzzy neural networks are that the proposed fuzzy system has only one rule initially and new MFs and rules are added when necessary and also the unimportant rules are deleted based on a simple algorithm. Furthermore, the input uncertainties are handled by the proposed non-singleton fuzzification.

The proposed network structure has six layers as shown in Fig. [3.](#page-4-0)

Each rule has the following form:

Rule *i* : IF 
$$
y_1
$$
 is  $\tilde{A}_1^i$  And  $\cdots$  And  $y_n$  is  $\tilde{A}_n^i$  Then  $\hat{f}$   
 $\in [w_l^i, w_r^i]$   $i = 1, ..., M$  (9)

where *M* is the number of rules,  $y_l$ ,  $l = 1, \ldots, n$  are inputs of SE-NT2FNN, *n* is the number of inputs of SE-NT2FNN,  $\tilde{A}^i_j$   $j = 1, ..., n$  is the *i*-th interval type-2 membership function (MF) for the *j*-th input and  $\left[w_i^i, w_r^i\right]$  are the consequent parameters.  $\hat{f}$  is output of SE-NT2FNN. Each layer of SE-NT2FNN is explained as follows:

*Input layer*: The inputs of SE-NT2FNN are the outputs of slave system.

<span id="page-4-0"></span>



*Fuzzification layer*: In this layer, the non-singleton fuzzification operation is performed. The uncertainties of inputs of SE-NT2FNN are modeled by type-2 MFs. The proposed type-2 MF for input  $y_i$  has three points, in which its first-point, center-point and end-point are located at  $y_i - \Delta$ ,  $y_i$  and  $y_i + \Delta$ , respectively (as shown in Fig. [4\)](#page-5-0).  $\Delta$  is a designable parameter which is constant for all inputs. By this fuzzifier, crisp inputs are mapped into a type-2 MF. The non-singleton fuzzifier changes the membership values of MFs. Consider*i*-th MF for *j*th input, the non-singleton fuzzifier transforms  $y_j$  to  $\vec{y}_j^i$ . By using minimum inference  $\vec{y}_j^i$  is obtained as follows:

where  $y_j$  is *j*-th input,  $a_j^i$ ,  $m_j^i$  and  $b_j^i$  are first-point, center-point and end-point of *i*-th MF for *j*-th input, respectively (Figs. [5,](#page-5-1) [6\)](#page-6-2).

*Membership layer*: In this layer, the upper and lower memberships of MFs are computed. Consider *i*-th MF for  $j$ -th input  $y_j$ , the upper and lower memberships of  $\vec{y}_j^i$  (transformed of  $y_j$  by non-singleton fuzzifier) are obtained as follows:

$$
\vec{y}_{j}^{i} = \begin{bmatrix}\ny_{j} & \text{if } (y_{j} + \Delta) < a_{j}^{i} \text{ or } (y_{j} - \Delta) > b_{j}^{i} \text{ or } y_{j} = m_{j}^{i} \\
\frac{\Delta \times a_{j}^{i} + \left|a_{j}^{i} - m_{j}^{i}\right| \times (y_{j} + \Delta)}{\Delta + \left|a_{j}^{i} - m_{j}^{i}\right|} & \text{else if } y_{j} < m_{j}^{i} \text{ see Fig. 5} \\
\frac{\Delta \times b_{j}^{i} + \left|b_{j}^{i} - m_{j}^{i}\right| \times (y_{j} - \Delta)}{\Delta + \left|b_{j}^{i} - m_{j}^{i}\right|} & \text{else if } y_{j} > m_{j}^{i} \text{ see Fig. 6}\n\end{bmatrix}
$$
\n(10)



**Fig. 4** Modeling of the uncertainty of inputs by proposed type-2 MF

<span id="page-5-0"></span>

<span id="page-5-1"></span>**Fig. 5** Non-singleton fuzzifier by using minimum inference

$$
\bar{\mu}_{\vec{y}_{j}^{i}}^{i} = \begin{cases}\n\frac{\vec{y}_{j}^{i} - a_{j}^{i}}{m_{j}^{i} - a_{j}^{i}} & \text{if } a_{j}^{i} < \vec{y}_{j}^{i} \leq m_{j}^{i} \\
\frac{\vec{y}_{j}^{i} - b_{j}^{i}}{m_{j}^{i} - b_{j}^{i}} & \text{if } m_{j}^{i} < \vec{y}_{j}^{i} < b_{j}^{i} \\
0 & \text{otherwise}\n\end{cases}
$$
\n
$$
\mu_{\vec{y}_{j}^{i}}^{i} = \begin{cases}\n0.5 \frac{\vec{y}_{j}^{i} - a_{j}^{i}}{m_{j}^{i} - a_{j}^{i}} & \text{if } a_{j}^{i} < \vec{y}_{j}^{i} \leq m_{j}^{i} \\
0.5 \frac{\vec{y}_{j}^{i} - b_{j}^{i}}{m_{j}^{i} - b_{j}^{i}} & \text{if } m_{j}^{i} < \vec{y}_{j}^{i} < b_{j}^{i} \\
0 & \text{otherwise}\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(11)

*Rule layer*: Each node in this layer corresponds to a rule, which computes the upper and lower firing degrees. The upper and lower firing degrees of *i*-th rule are computed as follows:

$$
\bar{z}_i = \bar{\mu}_{\vec{y}_1^{p_1}}^{p_1} \times \bar{\mu}_{\vec{y}_2^{p_2}}^{p_2} \times \cdots \times \bar{\mu}_{\vec{y}_j^{p_j}}^{p_j} \times \cdots \times \bar{\mu}_{\vec{y}_n^{p_n}}^{p_n}
$$
\n
$$
\underline{z}_i = \mu_{\vec{y}_1^{p_1}}^{p_1} \times \mu_{\vec{y}_2^{p_2}}^{p_2} \times \cdots \times \mu_{\vec{y}_j^{p_j}}^{p_j} \times \cdots \times \mu_{\vec{y}_n^{p_n}}^{p_n}
$$
\n(12)

where  $\bar{\mu}^{p_j}_{\vec{v}^j}$  $\vec{y}_j^{(P)}$ and  $\mu^{p_j}_j$  $\vec{y}_j^{(P)}$ are the upper and lower memberships of  $p_j$ -th MF for  $j$ -th input, respectively.

*T ype*-*reduction layer*: Based on the center of sets type reduction,  $\hat{f}_r$  and  $\hat{f}_l$  are as follows:



<span id="page-6-2"></span>**Fig. 6** Non-singleton fuzzifier by using minimum inference

<span id="page-6-3"></span>
$$
\hat{f}_r = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^R \underline{z}_j w_r^j + \sum_{j=R+1}^M \bar{z}_j w_r^j}{\sum_{j=1}^R \underline{z}_j + \sum_{j=R+1}^M \bar{z}_j},
$$
\n
$$
\hat{f}_l = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^L \bar{z}_j w_l^j + \sum_{j=L+1}^M \underline{z}_j w_l^j}{\sum_{j=1}^L \bar{z}_j + \sum_{j=L+1}^M \underline{z}_j}
$$
\n(13)

in which *R* and *L* are obtained from KM iterative algo-rithm [\[36\]](#page-18-11).  $w_r^j$  and  $w_l^j$  are the consequent parameters.  $\overline{z}_i$  and  $z_j$  are the upper and lower firing degrees of *j*-th rule, respectively, and *M* is the number of rules. To simplify Eq. [\(13\)](#page-6-3), the following definitions are considered:

<span id="page-6-4"></span>
$$
q_r \triangleq \left[ \underbrace{\frac{R}{1 \ 1 \ \cdots \ 1} \ \frac{M - R}{0 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0}}_{q_l} \right]^{\mathrm{T}},
$$
  
\n
$$
q_l \triangleq \left[ \underbrace{\frac{L}{1 \ 1 \ \cdots \ 1} \ \frac{M - L}{0 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0}}_{R} \right]^{\mathrm{T}}.
$$
\n(14)

where  $\boxed{1 \cdot \cdot \cdot 1}$  represent that the number of ones is *R*. According to [\(14\)](#page-6-4), Eq. [\(13\)](#page-6-3), can be rewritten as follows:

$$
\hat{f}_r = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{M} \left[ q_r(j) \underline{z}_j + (1 - q_r(j)) \, \overline{z}_j \right] \times w_r^j}{\sum_{j=1}^{M} \left[ q_r(j) \underline{z}_j + (1 - q_r(j)) \, \overline{z}_j \right]},
$$

$$
\hat{f}_l = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{M} \left[ q_l(j)\bar{z}_j + (1 - q_l(j)) \underline{z}_j \right] w_l^j}{\sum_{j=1}^{M} \left[ q_l(j)\bar{z}_j + (1 - q_l(j)) \underline{z}_j \right]}
$$
(15)

where  $q_r(j)$  and  $q_l(j)$  represent the *j*-th element of vector *qr* and *ql*, respectively. *Out put layer*: The defuzzified crisp output  $\hat{f}$  is the average of  $\hat{f}_r$  and  $\hat{f}_l$ :

$$
\hat{f} = \frac{\hat{f}_r + \hat{f}_l}{2} \tag{16}
$$

## <span id="page-6-0"></span>**4 Self-evolving algorithm**

In this section, consequent parameters [see Eq. [\(13\)](#page-6-3)] and the structure of type-2 fuzzy neural network are tuned.

## <span id="page-6-1"></span>4.1 Parameter learning

The consequent parameters  $w_r^j$ ,  $w_l^j$ ,  $j = 1, ..., M$  are tuned based on gradient descent algorithm. As shown in Fig. [1,](#page-2-1) the parameters  $w_r^j$ ,  $w_l^j$ ,  $j = 1, ..., M$  are tuned such that the following cost function is minimized:

$$
E = \frac{1}{2} \Big[ y_i - D^{-\alpha_i} \left( \hat{f}_i + u_i \right) \Big]^2 \tag{17}
$$

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where  $y_i$  is the output of *i*-th subsystem,  $D^{-\alpha_i}$  is fractional integrator,  $\hat{f}_i$  is the output of *i*-th SE-NT2FNN and *ui* is *i*-th control signal in *i*-th subsystem. Based on gradient descent algorithm, we have:

<span id="page-7-1"></span>
$$
w_r^j(t+1) = w_r^j(t) - \eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_r^j}
$$
  
\n
$$
= w_r^j(t) - \eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial \hat{f}_i} \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial w_r^j}
$$
  
\n
$$
= w_r^j(t)
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \eta \left[ y_i - D^{-\alpha_i} \left( \hat{f}_i + u_i \right) \right] D^{-\alpha_i}
$$
  
\n
$$
\times \left( \frac{q_r(j)z_j + (1 - q_r(j))\bar{z}_j}{\sum_{j=1}^M \left[ q_r(j)z_j + (1 - q_r(j))\bar{z}_j \right]} \right)
$$
  
\n(18)

Similar to [\(18\)](#page-7-1), for training of  $w_l^j$  we have:

$$
w_l^j(t+1) = w_l^j(t) + \eta \left[ y_i - D^{-\alpha_i} \left( \hat{f}_i + u_i \right) \right] D^{-\alpha_i} \times \left( \frac{q_l(j)\bar{z}_j + (1 - q_l(j)) \underline{z}_j}{\sum_{j=1}^M \left[ q_l(j)\bar{z}_j + (1 - q_l(j)) \underline{z}_j \right]} \right)
$$
(19)

#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>4.2 Structure learning

In this section, a new structure learning algorithm is presented. Our proposed SE-NT2FNN has only one rule initially. New rules and new MFs are added, and unnecessary rules and MFs are deleted, when necessary. And the proposed algorithm limits the number of rules from indefinitely growing. The flowchart of proposed algorithm is shown in Fig. [7.](#page-8-0) When tracking error is greater than a predefined threshold, the structure is changed. Detailed explanation is given in the following.

#### *4.2.1 Adding new MF*

Consider input  $y_j$ , at time  $t$ , if the maximum of upper memberships of all MFs to input  $y_i$  is less than 0.5, a new MF is added for input  $y_i$  as shown in Fig. [8.](#page-9-0) The

center-point of new MF  $m_j^{\text{new}}$  is located at  $y_j$ , its firstpoint  $a_j^{\text{new}}$  is chosen as center-point of neighboring MF and its end-point  $b_j^{\text{new}}$  is chosen as  $b_j^{\text{new}} = 2 \times m_j^{\text{new}}$  –  $a_j^{\text{new}}$ . It must be noted that each input has only one type-2 MF initially.

## *4.2.2 Replacing new MF*

Consider input  $y_i$ , if the number of MFs for input  $y_i$ is greater than a predefined threshold, after adding new MF, the furthest MF from newly added MF is deleted.

## *4.2.3 Generate new rules*

After adding or replacing new MFs, all new rules, the firing degrees of which are greater than 0.5 are generated. Let the current SE-NT2FNN output value be  $w$ , the consequent parameters of new rules  $w_r^{\text{new}}, w_l^{\text{new}}$  are initialized, as follows:

$$
\begin{cases}\nw_r^{\text{new}} = w, & w_l^{\text{new}} = 0 & w > = 0 \\
w_r^{\text{new}} = 0, & w_l^{\text{new}} = w & w < 0\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(20)

If by adding or replacing new MFs, there is no a new rule the firing degree of which is greater than 0.5, or there is not any rule in the rule database, the firing degree of which is greater than 0.5 , then a new rule is generated as follows:

For each input, one MF is found which its upper membership is maximum. The center of this MF is changed to the current input value. Also the end-point of left neighboringMF and the first-point of right neighboring MF are modified to the current input value [see Fig. [9\]](#page-9-1).

For example, assume *y*1, *y*<sup>2</sup> and *y*<sup>3</sup> are the inputs of SE-NT2FNN,  $\tilde{A}_{y_1}^1$ ,  $\tilde{A}_{y_1}^2$ ,  $\tilde{A}_{y_1}^3$  are the type-2 MFs for input  $y_1$ ,  $\tilde{B}_{y_2}^1$ ,  $\tilde{B}_{y_2}^2$ ,  $\tilde{B}_{y_2}^3$  are the type-2 MFs for input *y*<sub>2</sub> and  $\tilde{C}_{y_3}^1$ ,  $\tilde{C}_{y_3}^2$ ,  $\tilde{C}_{y_3}^3$  are the type-2 MFs for input *y*<sub>3</sub>. And assume the output of SE-NT2FNN at time *t* is w. If the center of MFs  $\tilde{A}_{y_1}^1$ ,  $\tilde{B}_{y_2}^3$  and  $\tilde{C}_{y_3}^2$  are changed [see Fig. [9\]](#page-9-1), the new rule is generated as follows:

If  $y_1$  is  $\tilde{A}^1_{y_1}$ , and  $y_2$  is  $\tilde{B}^3_{y_2}$ , and  $y_3$   $\tilde{C}^2_{y_3}$ , Then  $\hat{f}$  is  $\tilde{G}$  Centroid of  $\tilde{G}$  is  $[w_l, w_r]$  where

$$
\begin{cases} w_r = w, & w_l = 0 \text{ if } w \ge 0\\ w_r = 0, & w_l = w \text{ if } w < 0 \end{cases}
$$
 (21)



<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Fig. 7** Proposed structure learning algorithm

## *4.2.4 Add new rules to the rule database*

If by adding new rules to the rule database, the number of rules is greater than a predefined threshold (maximum number of rules), the new generated rules are replaced with the rules which have the smallest firing degrees. Otherwise, new rules are added to rule database. It must be noted that since the consequent parameters of new rules are initialized to SE-NT2FNN current output value, the control signal remains continues,





<span id="page-9-0"></span>

<span id="page-9-1"></span>**Fig. 9** Change the center of one MF which its upper membership is maximum



<span id="page-10-2"></span>**Fig. 10** Configuration of standard  $H_{\infty}$  problem

and then, our assumption about bounded approximation error remains valid. So the stability analysis are valid when the structure changes.

#### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**5 Stability analysis**

In this section, a compensator is designed such that  $H_{\infty}$ norm of transfer function *Te*<sup>ε</sup> is minimized. We repre-sent the Eq. [\(8\)](#page-3-2) as a standard  $H_{\infty}$  problem as shown in Fig. [10.](#page-10-2)

where,

<span id="page-10-1"></span>
$$
P\begin{cases} D^{\alpha_i}e_i = Ae_i + Bu_{s_i} + B_{\varepsilon}\varepsilon_i\\ y = Ce_i + Du_{s_i} + D_{\varepsilon}\varepsilon_i\\ z = C_{\varepsilon}e_i + D_{\varepsilon}u_{s_i} + D_{\varepsilon}\varepsilon_i \end{cases}
$$
(22)

$$
K\begin{cases}D^{\alpha_i}x_k = A_k x_k + B_k y\\u_{s_i} = C_k x_k + D_k y\end{cases}
$$
\n(23)

in which,  $A = -\lambda_i$ ,  $B = 1$ ,  $B_{\varepsilon} = 1$ ,  $C = 1$ ,  $D =$ 0,  $D_{\varepsilon} = 0$ ,  $C_{z} = 1$ ,  $D_{z} = 0$ ,  $D_{z\epsilon} = 0$ ,  $e_{i} \in R^{n}$  is the state of subsystem [\(8\)](#page-3-2),  $u_i \in R^{n_u}$  is control signal, *y* ∈  $R^{n_y}$  and  $z \in R^{n_z}$  are outputs and  $x_k \in R^n$  is the state of controller.

With definition  $\tilde{x}(t) = \left[ e_i x_k \right]$ , the state-space representation of the closed-loop  $\overline{T_{z\varepsilon_i}^{cl}}$  can be written as follows:

<span id="page-10-3"></span>
$$
T_{z\varepsilon_i}^{cl} = \begin{cases} D^{\alpha_i} \tilde{x} = A_{cl} \tilde{x} + B_{cl} \varepsilon_i \\ z = C_{cl} \tilde{x} + D_{cl} \varepsilon_i \end{cases}
$$
(24)

where

$$
A_{cl} = \begin{bmatrix} A + BD_kC & BC_k \\ B_kC & A_k \end{bmatrix}, B_{cl} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{\varepsilon} + BD_kD_{\varepsilon} \\ B_kD_{\varepsilon} \end{bmatrix}
$$
  

$$
C_{cl} = [C_z + D_zD_kC & D_zC_k], D_{cl} = D_{ze} + D_zD_kD_{\varepsilon}
$$
  
(25)

Various methods have been presented for computation of the upper bound of  $H_{\infty}$ -norm.

**Lemma 1** ([\[37](#page-18-12),[38\]](#page-18-13))*: The H*<sub>∞</sub>*-norm of system* [\(24\)](#page-10-3)*, is bounded by*  $γ$ *, if and only if there exists symmetric positive definite*  $X = X^* \in R^{2n \times 2n}$  *such that:* 

<span id="page-10-4"></span>
$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n\bar{r}A_{cl}^T X + XrA_{cl} & XB_{cl} & \bar{r} C_{cl}^T \\
B_{cl}^T X & -\gamma^2 I & D_{cl}^T \\
rC_{cl} & D_{cl} & -\gamma I\n\end{bmatrix} < 0
$$
\nwith  $r = e^{(1-\alpha_i)j\pi/2}$ \n(26)

Partition the solution of [\(26\)](#page-10-4) as follows:

$$
X = \begin{bmatrix} Y & N \\ N^T & * \end{bmatrix}, X^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} Z & M \\ M^T & * \end{bmatrix}
$$
 (27)

in which, *Z* and *Y* are symmetric and  $n \times n$ . By using [\(26\)](#page-10-4) and linearizing change of variables, Theorem [2,](#page-10-5) [\[14\]](#page-17-10) has been derived:

<span id="page-10-5"></span>**Theorem 2** ([\[14](#page-17-10)])*: The fractional-order system* [\(22\)](#page-10-1) *with*  $1 < \alpha_i < 2$ , *by output feedback control* [\(23\)](#page-10-1), *is Bounded-Input Bounded-Output (BIBO) stabilizable*  $\int \frac{dx}{dx} = \int \frac{dx}{dx} =$  $Y^T \in R^{n \times n}$ ,  $\hat{A} \in R^{n \times n}$ ,  $\hat{B} \in R^{n \times n_y}$ ,  $\hat{C} \in R^{n_u \times n}$  and  $\hat{D} \in R^{n_u \times n_y}$  *such that LMI* [\(29\)](#page-11-1) *is feasible with* 

<span id="page-11-1"></span>
$$
\begin{bmatrix} Z & I \\ I & Y \end{bmatrix} > 0
$$
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix} \bar{r} \left( AZ + B\hat{C} \right) + r \left( ZA^T + \hat{C}^T B^T \right) \bar{r} \left( YA + \hat{B}C \right) + r \left( A^T Y + C^T \hat{B}^T \right) & B_w + B\hat{D}D_w & \bar{r} \left( C_z Z + D_z \hat{C} \right)^T \\ r \left( A + B\hat{D}C \right)^T + \bar{r}\hat{A} & \left( YB_w + \hat{B}D_w \right)^T & YB_w + \hat{B}D_w & \bar{r} \left( C_z + D_z \hat{D}C \right)^T \\ \left( B_w + B\hat{D}D_w \right)^T & r \left( C_z + D_z \hat{D}C \right) & -\gamma^2 I & \left( D_{zw} + D_z \hat{D}D_w \right)^T \\ r \left( C_z Z + D_z \hat{C} \right) & \bar{r} \left( YA + \hat{B}C \right) + r \left( A^T Y + C^T \hat{B}^T \right) & D_{zw} + D_z \hat{D}D_w & -I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \tag{28}
$$
\n
$$
(28)
$$

*where*

$$
\hat{A} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} N A_k M^T + N B_k C Z + Y B C_k M^T + Y (A + B D_k C) Z \n\hat{B} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} N B_k + Y B D_k
$$
\n
$$
\hat{C} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} C_k M^T + D_k C Z
$$
\n
$$
\hat{D} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} D_k
$$
\n(30)

The results of Theorem [2](#page-10-5) is derived from [\[38\]](#page-18-13) and can be easily extended to case of fractional-order system [\(22\)](#page-10-1) with  $0 < \alpha_i < 1$ .

<span id="page-11-2"></span>After solving [\(29\)](#page-11-1), matrices *M* and *N* must be find such that:

$$
MN^T = I - ZY \tag{31}
$$

By using  $(31)$  and  $(30)$ , the controller matrices  $A_k$ ,  $B_k$ ,  $C_k$ ,  $D_k$  can be derived as follows:

$$
D_k \triangleq \hat{D}
$$
  
\n
$$
C_k \triangleq (\hat{C} - D_k C X) M^{-T}
$$
  
\n
$$
B_k \triangleq N^{-1} (\hat{B} - Y B D_k)
$$
  
\n
$$
A_k \triangleq N^{-1} (\hat{A} - N B_k C X - Y B C_k M^T - Y (A + B D_k C) X) M^{-T}
$$
\n(32)

#### <span id="page-11-0"></span>**6 Simulations**

In this section, two examples are presented to evaluate the performance of proposed controller for the synchronization of uncertain fractional hyperchaotic systems and its application to secure communication.

Many numerical methods, based on the approximation of fractional derivative (integral) operators, have been presented for solving the fractional differential <span id="page-11-3"></span>Eqs. [\[39](#page-18-14)[–42](#page-18-15)]. In this paper, for simulation the Caputo derivative of fractional-order, we use Simulink block *nid*, which has been created by Duarter Valerio [\[43](#page-18-16)]. The use of Caputo derivative is more popular in real applications.

<span id="page-11-5"></span>*Example 1* In this example, the proposed controller is applied to synchronize the fractional-order hyperchaotic Novel system and fractional-order hyperchaotic Chen system [\[44\]](#page-18-17). The master and slave systems dynamics are given as follows:

Master system: 
$$
\begin{cases}\nD^{\beta_1}x_1 = 35(x_2 - x_1) + 35x_2x_1 \\
D^{\beta_2}x_2 = 25x_1 - 5x_1x_3 + x_2 + x_4 \\
D^{\beta_3}x_3 = x_1x_2 - 4x_3 \\
D^{\beta_4}x_4 = -100x_2\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(33)

<span id="page-11-4"></span>and

Slave system:

\n
$$
\begin{cases}\nD^{\alpha_1}y_1 = 35(y_2 - y_1) + y_4 + d_1 + u_1 \\
D^{\alpha_2}y_2 = 7y_1 - y_1y_3 + 12y_2 + d_2 + u_2 \\
D^{\alpha_3}y_3 = y_1y_2 - 3y_3 + d_3 + u_3 \\
D^{\alpha_4}y_4 = y_2y_3 + 0.3y_4 + d_4 + u_4\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(34)

where  $u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are controllers,  $d_i$ ,  $i =$ 1, 2, 3, 4 are external disturbance which are considered to be white noise with zero mean and variance 0.1. The fractional derivative orders are  $\alpha_i = \beta_i = 0.97$ ,  $i =$ 1,..., 4. Initial conditions are chosen as  $x_1(0) = 1$ ,  $x_2(0) = 1, x_3(0) = 1, x_4(0) = 1, y_1(0) = 0.61,$  $y_2(0) = 0.21$ ,  $y_3(0) = 0.61$  and  $y_4(0) = 0.21$ . The parameters of self-evolving algorithm are given in Table [1.](#page-12-0) The input message is considered as sin(*t*).

To design the controller, we rewrite slave system [\(34\)](#page-11-4) as follows:



<span id="page-12-0"></span>

$$
D^{\alpha_1} y_1 = f_1 \left(\underline{y}\right) + u_1
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha_2} y_2 = f_2 \left(\underline{y}\right) + u_2
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha_3} y_3 = f_3 \left(\underline{y}\right) + u_3
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha_4} y_4 = f_4 \left(\underline{y}\right) + u_4
$$
\n(35)

in which  $y = [y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4]$  and  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4$  are nonlinear and unknown but bounded functions. The controllers  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$  are designed as follows:

$$
u_1 = D^{\alpha_1} x_1 - \lambda_1 e_1 - \hat{f}_1 + u_{s_1}
$$
  
\n
$$
u_2 = D^{\alpha_2} x_2 - \lambda_2 e_2 - \hat{f}_2 + u_{s_2}
$$
  
\n
$$
u_3 = D^{\alpha_3} x_3 - \lambda_3 e_3 - \hat{f}_3 + u_{s_3}
$$
  
\n
$$
u_4 = D^{\alpha_4} x_4 - \lambda_4 e_4 - \hat{f}_4 + u_{s_4}
$$
\n(36)

where  $\hat{f}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are SE-NT2FNNs which estimate  $f_i(y) + d_i(t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  [see Fig. [1\]](#page-2-1). By substituting  $(36)$  into  $(34)$ , we have:

$$
D^{\alpha_1}e_1 = -\lambda_1 e_1 + \varepsilon_1 + u_{s_1}
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha_2}e_2 = -\lambda_2 e_2 + \varepsilon_2 + u_{s_2}
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha_3}e_3 = -\lambda_3 e_3 + \varepsilon_3 + u_{s_3}
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha_4}e_4 = -\lambda_4 e_4 + \varepsilon_4 + u_{s_4}
$$
\n(37)

where  $\varepsilon_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are approximation errors [see Eq. [\(5\)](#page-2-3)], by considering  $\lambda_i = 100$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , after solving LMI [\(29\)](#page-11-1), the matrices of controllers  $u_{s_i}$ ,  $i =$ 1, 2, 3, 4 [see Fig. [10](#page-10-2) and Eq. [\(23\)](#page-10-1)] are obtained as follows:

$$
\begin{cases}\nA_{k_i} = -18.4916, \ B_{k_i} = -1.3122 \\
C_{k_i} = 8.4653, \ D_{k_i} = 99.2928 \\
\gamma^2 = 0.7602\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(38)

Output trajectory of  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  is shown in Fig. [11.](#page-13-0) The results of the encryption and decryption are shown in Fig. [12.](#page-13-1) It can be seen that the synchronization performance is desired, and the input message is recovered with a good accuracy. The fractional-order hyperchaotic systems of this example have been synchronized in [\[44\]](#page-18-17), by a new nonlinear technique. The comparison values of root-mean-square error (RMSE) are given in Table [2.](#page-14-0) It can be seen that RMSE values for the synchronization error of our method are significantly less than [\[44](#page-18-17)]. It must be noted that dynamic of slave and master systems is assumed to be unknown in our method, and furthermore, external disturbance has been considered. But in [\[44\]](#page-18-17), dynamic of slave and master system assumed to be known, and there is no external disturbance.

<span id="page-12-2"></span><span id="page-12-1"></span>*Example 2* In this example, the proposed controller is applied to synchronize the uncertain fractional-order hyperchaotic Lorenz system as the slave system, and fractional-order hyperchaotic Chen system as the master system. The hyperchaotic Lorenz system is as follows:

$$
D^{\alpha} y_1 = 10 (y_2 - y_1) + y_4 + d_1^s + u_1
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha} y_2 = 28y_1 - y_2 - y_1y_3 + d_2^s + u_2
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha} y_3 = y_1y_2 - 8/3y_3 + d_3^s + u_3
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha} y_4 = -y_2y_3 - y_4 + d_4^s + u_4
$$
\n(39)

Hyperchaotic chen system is:

$$
D^{\beta} x_1 = 35 (x_2 - x_1) + x_4 + d_1^m
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\beta} x_2 = 7x_1 + 12x_2 - x_1x_3 + d_2^m
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\beta} x_3 = x_1x_2 - 8x_3 + d_3^m
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\beta} x_4 = x_2x_3 + 0.3x_4 + d_4^m
$$
\n(40)

where  $[45]$ 

$$
d_1^s = 0.25 \cos(6t)y_1 - 0.15 \sin(t),
$$
  
\n
$$
d_1^m = -0.25 \sin(4t)x_1 + 0.1 \sin(7t),
$$
  
\n
$$
d_2^s = -0.2 \cos(2t)y_2 + 0.1 \sin(3t),
$$
  
\n
$$
d_2^m = 0.1 \cos(t)x_2 + 0.15 \cos(3t)
$$
  
\n
$$
d_3^s = 0.15 \sin(3t)y_3 + 0.2 \cos(5t),
$$
\n(41)



**Fig. 11** Output trajectory of master and slave systems, Example [1](#page-11-5)

<span id="page-13-0"></span>

<span id="page-13-1"></span>**Fig. 12** Results for the encryption and decryption, Example [1](#page-11-5)

	RMSE				
	e <sub>1</sub>	e <sub>2</sub>	$e_3$	$e_4$	
Proposed method	0.1599	0.0229	0.0145	0.0064	
The method of $[44]$	1.5884	3.9767	2.5956	13.3590	

<span id="page-14-0"></span>**Table 2** Comparison results of proposed method in this paper and the proposed nonlinear technique in [\[44](#page-18-17)], Example [1](#page-11-5)

$$
d_3^m = 0.25 \sin(4t)x_3 - 0.15 \sin(5t)
$$
  
\n
$$
d_4^s = -0.2 \cos(2t)y_4 - 0.15 \cos(t),
$$
  
\n
$$
d_4^m = -0.15 \sin(t)x_4 + 0.2 \cos(2t)
$$

Initial conditions of master and slave systems are as  $y_1(0) = 1$ ,  $y_2(0) = 2$ ,  $y_3(0) = 3$ ,  $y_4(0) = 4$ ,  $x_1(0) = 3, x_2(0) = 1, x_3(0) = 4$  and  $x_4(0) = -1$ . The fractional derivative orders are  $\alpha_i = \beta_i = 0.98$ ,  $i =$ 1,..., 4. Other controller parameters are the same as the Example [1.](#page-11-5) The synchronization performance is shown in Fig. [13.](#page-14-1) The results of the encryption and decryption are shown in Fig. [14.](#page-15-1) The comparison results of proposed method and fractional non-singular terminal sliding mode technique [\[45](#page-18-18)] are given Table [3.](#page-15-2) It can be seen that the proposed controller shows better performance.

*Example 3* In this example, the proposed controller is applied for synchronization of two uncertain fractionalorder Liu systems with different initial conditions. The obtained results are compared with the results of [\[46](#page-18-19)]. In [\[46\]](#page-18-19), the synchronization of two fractional-order Liu systems has been used in a secure communication scheme. The Liu system is as follows:

$$
D^{\alpha} y_1 = 10 (y_2 - y_1)
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha} y_2 = 40y_1 - y_1 y_3
$$
  
\n
$$
D^{\alpha} y_3 = -4y_1^2 - 2.5y_3
$$
\n(42)

where  $\alpha = 0.9$ , the initial conditions of master and slave systems are  $y_1(0)$ ,  $y_2(0)$ ,  $y_3(0) = (2, 1, 3)$  and  $y_1(0)$ ,  $y_2(0)$ ,  $y_3(0) = (15, 6.5, 7)$  [\[46](#page-18-19)]. The input mes-

<span id="page-14-2"></span>

<span id="page-14-1"></span>**Fig. 13** Output trajectory of master and slave systems, Example [2](#page-12-2)



<span id="page-15-1"></span>**Fig. 14** Results for the encryption and decryption, Example [2](#page-12-2)

<span id="page-15-2"></span>**Table 3** Comparison results of proposed method in this paper and fractional non-singular terminal sliding mode technique [\[45](#page-18-18)], Example [2](#page-12-2)

	<b>RMSE</b>				
	e <sub>1</sub>	e <sub>2</sub>	$e_3$	$e_4$	
Proposed method	0.0291	0.0680	0.1533	0.2707	
The results of $[44]$	0.3342	0.2104	0.1972	1.7383	

sage is considered as *sin*(*t*). Other controller parameters are the same as the Example [1.](#page-11-5) The synchronization performance is shown in Fig. [15.](#page-16-0) The results of the encryption and decryption are shown in Fig. [16.](#page-16-1) The comparison results of proposed method and the method of [\[46\]](#page-18-19) are given in Table [4.](#page-17-20) As the same as the previous examples, this example also shows that the proposed controller shows better performance. It must be noted that the image encryption based on the fractional-order chaotic systems has been studied in many papers. For instance in [\[47](#page-18-20)[,48](#page-18-21)] the image encryption scheme are proposed based on a fractional-order chaotic logistic systems.

# <span id="page-15-0"></span>**7 Conclusion**

A new robust control strategy is proposed in this paper for synchronization of fractional-order hyperchaotic systems. Furthermore, a new self-evolving nonsingleton type-2 fuzzy neural network (SE-NT2FNN) presented, in which the structure of fuzzy neural network is not fixed and is modified when necessary and the proposed SE-NT2FNN has ability to identify dynamic of hyperchaotic systems. The effect of approximation error and external disturbance can be eliminated by  $H_{\infty}$  LMI-based control approach. It is shown that the closed-loop system is stable. The pro-



**Fig. 15** Output trajectory of master and slave systems, Example [3](#page-14-2)

<span id="page-16-0"></span>

<span id="page-16-1"></span>Fig. 16 Results for the encryption and decryption, Example [3](#page-14-2)

<span id="page-17-20"></span>

	RMSE			
	e <sub>1</sub>	e <sub>2</sub>	$e_3$	
Proposed method	0.1754	0.0845	0.1187	
The method of $[46]$	3.3043	1.1299	1.1347	

**Table 4** Comparison of our results and the results of [\[46](#page-18-19)], Example [3](#page-14-2)

posed method is successfully applied to synchronize two identical and nonidentical fractional-order hyperchaotic systems. The simulation results verified that proposed controller shows good performance in the presence of unknown functions and external disturbances. Also the results for the encryption and decryption of the input message in the secure communication system, confirmed the effectiveness of the proposed synchronization scheme. As we know, in all of works in the field of synchronization of the fractional-order chaotic systems and also in this paper, the value of the fractional-order is assumed to be known. In the future works, we will extended the results to the cases that the controller is not depend on the value of fractional-order.

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