

Investigation stability of Rikitake system

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Abstract- The Rikitake dynamical system is a model which attempts to explain the irregular polarity switching of the geomagnetic field. The system exhibits Lorenz-type chaos and orbiting around two unstable fixed points. The study showed that the system is experiencing a chaotic behavior at certain value of the control parameter. We investigated stability of this system by changing resistance of wires. When the wire resistance to change, will change value of a –that is one mainly parameter of stability- we hold constant other values to find the best conditions of stability. After per change of a , numerical simulations to illustrate the effect of a , are presented and at the end conclusions and comparing the states together are obtained.

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I. INTRODUCTION

First of all let us discuss the physics behind Rikitake system. Figure 1 shows the Rikitake system.

A common torque of magnitude G is applied to both conducting disks $D1$ and $D2$. Both disks rotate in the same sense, one with an angular velocity of ω_1 around the axis of rotation $A1$ and the other with angular velocity ω_2 around the axis of rotation $A2$. A current $I1$ circulates the current loop $L1$ where the current loop is coaxial with $D2$ with axis $A2$ and $L1$ is located below $D2$, and causes a magnetic field $B2$ to pass through the rotating disk $D2$. Loop $L1$ is connected to Disk $D1$ and its axis of rotation $A1$ by conducting brushes and the current along $A1$ is upward and in $D1$ it is radial outward. Similarly a current $I2$ circulates the current loop $L2$ where the current loop is coaxial with $D1$ with axis $A1$ and $L2$ is located above $D1$, and causes a magnetic field $B1$ to pass through the rotating disk $D1$. Loop $L2$ is connected to Disk $D2$ and its axis of rotation $A2$ by conducting brushes and the current along $A2$ is upward and in $D2$ it is radial inward. Since $D1$ is rotating $B1$ caused by $L2$ will create an induced emf (electromagnetic field) between the center of $D1$ and its rim causing an induced inward current $I1$ to occur in the opposite direction to $I1$ where the total current becomes less than the original current $I1$. Similarly since $D2$ is rotating $B2$ caused by $L1$ will create an induced emf between the center of $D2$ and its rim causing an induced outward current $I2$ to occur in the opposite direction to $I2$ where the total current becomes less than the original current $I2$. This process continues until we achieve current reversal in both loops which causes a reversal in the total magnetic field. Under particular initial conditions this process becomes chaotic.[3]

in this paper we suppose that the equilibrium point $E_+(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is $(1, 1, 1)$ we change value of a & u while a & u

are positive ($a > 0$ & $u > 0$) and observe stability of Rikitake system that this work has not investigated in the previous articles. Many researchers have discussed the dynamics of Rikitake system. This system is a mathematical model obtained from a simple mechanical system used by Rikitake [1] to study the reversals of the Earth's magnetic field. Historically E. C. Bullard has extensively discussed the behavior of earth's magnetic field and its simulation with dynamos. He first discussed the magnetic field within the earth, then the similar behavior between a set of homogeneous dynamos and terrestrial magnetism and in 1955 discussed the stability of a homopolar dynamo. Liu Xiao-Jun, et.al. [5] analyzed the dynamics of Rikitake two-disk dynamo to explain the reversals of the Earth's magnetic field. They concluded that the chaotic behavior of the system can be used to simulate the reversals of the geomagnetic field. The Rikitake chaotic attractor was studied by several authors. T. McMillen [6] and Mohammad Javidi, et.al. [4] has studied the shape and dynamics of the Rikitake attractor. J. Llibre et.al [7] used the Poincare compactification to study the dynamics of the Rikitake system at infinity. Chien-Chih Chen et al [10] have studied the stochastic resonance in the periodically forced Rikitake dynamo. In the past decade, many researchers start working on controlling the chaotic behaviors. Harb and Harb [11] have designed a nonlinear controller to control the chaotic behavior in the phase-locked loop by means of nonlinear control. Ahmad Harb [3] have designed a controller to control the unstable chaotic oscillations by means of back stepping method. The synchronization for chaotic of Rikitake system was studied by several authors. Mohamad Ali Khan [12] and Carlos Aguilar-Ibañez [9] and U.E. Vincent [8].

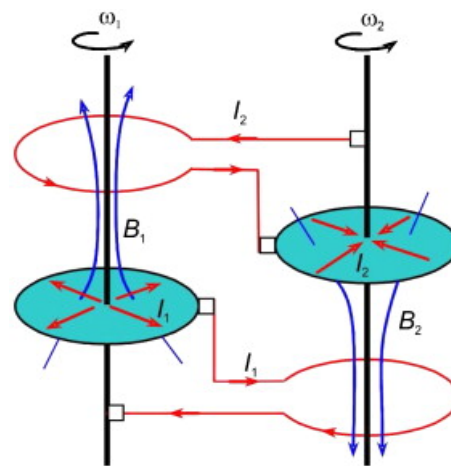


Fig 1: Rikitake two disk dynamo

II. MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF RIKITAKE SYSTEM

The Rikitake system consists of two conducting rotating disks (see Fig 1). These disks are connected into two coils. The current in each coil feeds the magnetic field of the other. The self inductance (L) and resistance (R) are the same in each circuit. An external constant mechanical torque (G) for each circuit is applied on the axis to rotate with an angular velocity.

The original differential equations derived by Rikitake are:

$$\begin{cases} L_1 \frac{dI_1}{dt} + R_1 I_1 = \omega_1 M I_2 \\ L_2 \frac{dI_2}{dt} + R_2 I_2 = \omega_2 N I_1 \\ C_1 \frac{d\omega_1}{dt} = G_1 - M I_1 I_2 \\ C_2 \frac{d\omega_2}{dt} = G_2 - N I_1 I_2 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Where $\omega_1 M I_2$ and $\omega_2 M I_1$ are the rotation voltages V1 and V2. where L, R are the self-inductance and resistance of the coil, the electric currents I, ω , C, G are the electric currents, the angular velocity, momentum of inertia, and the driving force, M, N are the mutual inductance between the coils and the disks.

Now we consider a further simplification by $L_1=L_2, R_1=R_2, M=N, C_1=C_2, G_1=G_2$ and set

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{G}{M}}x, I_2 = \sqrt{\frac{G}{M}}y, \omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{GL}{CM}}z \\ \omega_2 &= \sqrt{\frac{GL}{CM}}(z-a), t = \sqrt{\frac{CL}{GM}}t', v=R\sqrt{\frac{C}{LGM}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Where, constant parameter $a, u > 0$.

The system mathematical model can be written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x' = -ux + yz \\ y' = -y + (z-a)x \\ z' = 1 - xy \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Where $(x, y, z) \in R^3$ are the state variables and $a > 0, u > 0$ are parameters. Note that system (3) is a quadratic system in R^3 . The choice of the parameters $a > 0$ and $u > 0$ reflects a physical meaning in the Rikitake model.

It is well known that system (3) has two equilibrium points

$$E_+ = (x_0, y_0, z_0); E_- = (-x_0, -y_0, z_0)$$

In order to study the stability of E_+ , it is only sufficient to study the stability of the equilibrium point E_+ .

$$\begin{cases} x_0 = \sqrt{\frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 + 4u^2}}{2u}} \\ y_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2u}{a + \sqrt{a^2 + 4u^2}}} \\ z_0 = \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 + 4u^2}}{2u} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Where:

$$a = R\sqrt{\frac{LC}{GM}} \quad \& \quad u = (\omega_1 - \omega_2)\sqrt{\frac{CM}{GL}} \quad (5)$$

III. STABILITY OF RIKITAKE SYSTEM

In this section we investigate stability of Rikitake system and suppose that the equilibrium point $E_+(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is (1,1,1) we change value of a & u while a & u are positive ($a > 0 \& u > 0$) and observe stability of Rikitake system.

We know that the formula of resistance is:

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A} = \rho \frac{L}{\pi r^2} \quad (6)$$

We changed Radius of wire and obtained, R on base of (5) we have four positions:

- 1- $u > a$
- 2- $0 < u < a < 1$
- 3- $u = a$
- 4- $u < a$

Now display the numerical solution of Rikitake system. For all positions The initial conditions $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 1, 1)$ have been used and set steps $h=0.001$. We plotted the system behavior for four positions around X, Y and Z axes, and because of more clarification in four positions we chose special values in our figures.

- 1- $u > a$

The parameters have been set to $u > a$ and. The numerical solution has been approximated from $t = 0$ to $t = 100$

For plot we set $a=1 \& u=4.5$.

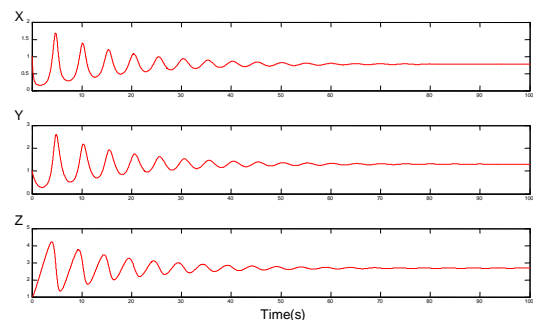


Fig. 2 the time series X(t),Y(t),Z(t) for $u > a$

Limit Cycle

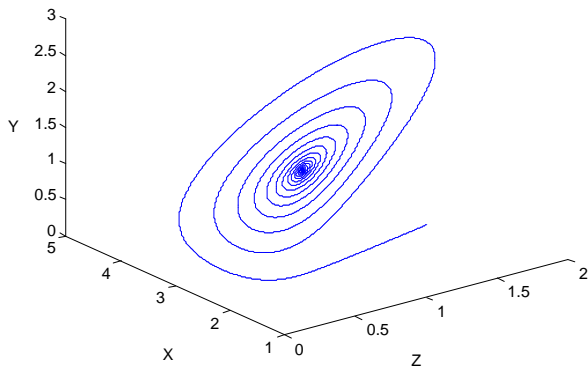


Fig. 3 the limit cycle for $u > a$

We see that, with increase the Proportion of u to a , the stability of system will be increase and we will have a stable system after some fluctuation. This system is a chaotic system but with this conditions we will have a stable system. From limit cycle we can conclude that, this system is stable. In fig. 2 we see that, the system quickly reached a stable status.

2- $0 < u \& a < 1$

Now we set parameters $0 < u \& a < 1$. The numerical solution has been approximated from $t = 0$ to $t = 100$.

For plot we set $a=0.8 \& u=0.72$.

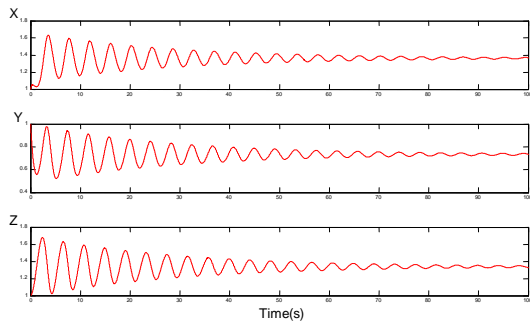


Fig. 4 the time series $X(t), Y(t), Z(t)$ for $0 < u \& a < 1$

Limit Cycle

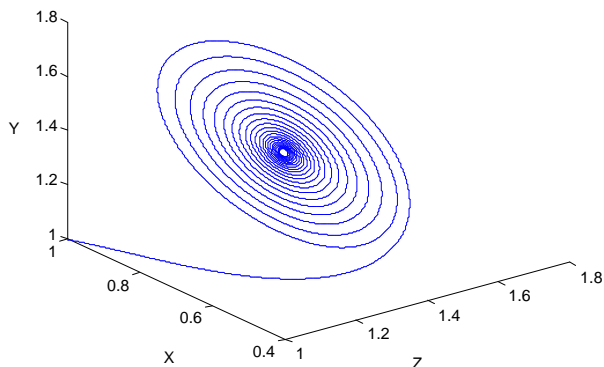


Fig. 5 the limit cycle for $0 < u \& a < 1$

When we set $0 < a < 1, 0 < u < 1$ the system will be stable. Note that in previous state, the system becomes stable faster than this state. From limit cycle we can conclude that, this system will be stable with a little delay. In fig. 4 we see that, the system is stable with delay.

3- $u = a$

Now set parameters $u=a$. The numerical solution has been approximated from $t = 0$ to $t = 1000$.

For plot we set $a=3 \& u=3$.

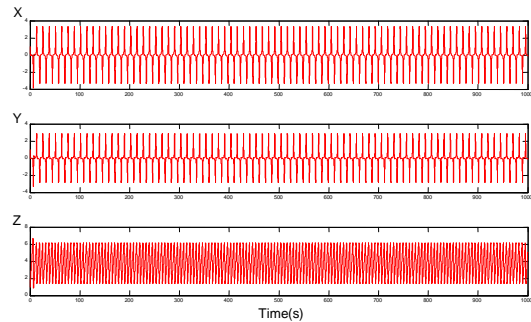


Fig. 6 the time series $X(t), Y(t), Z(t)$ for $u=a$

Limit Cycle

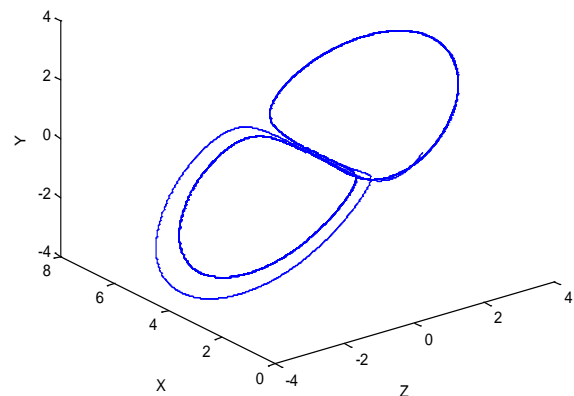


Fig. 7 the limit cycle for $u=a$

When we set values of $u \& a$ equal together the system will be sinusoid and it doesn't stable or chaotic. From limit cycle we can see that, the system will not be stable and it has a sinusoid behavior. In fig. 6 X, Y, Z axes shows that this system is not stable and it is sinusoidal system.

4- $u < a$

Now set parameters $u < a$. The numerical solution has been approximated from $t = 0$ to $t = 200$.

For plot we set $a=3 \& u=1.2$.

When we set $u < a$, the system will be chaotic and it doesn't stable or sinusoid. From X, Y, Z axes and limit cycle we can see that, the system has a chaotic behavior.

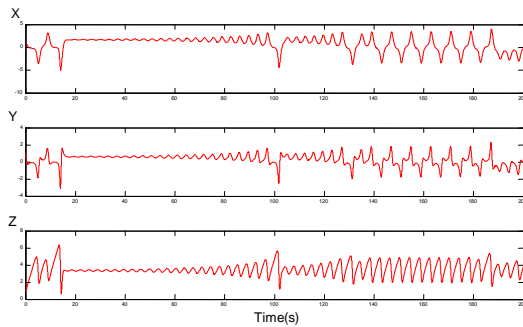


Fig. 8 the time series $X(t), Y(t), Z(t)$ for $u < a$

Limit Cycle

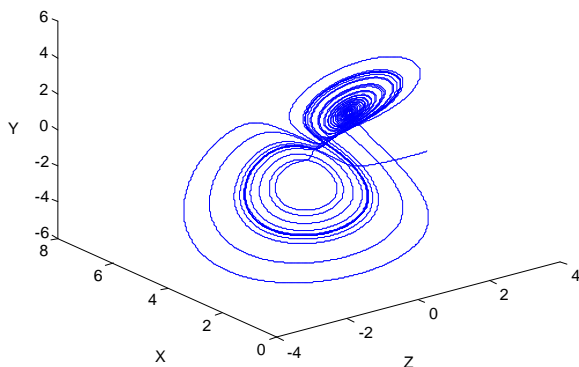


Fig. 9 the limit cycle for $u < a$

IV. CONCLUSIONS

This paper investigated stability of Rikitake system. Firstly discussed the physics behind Rikitake system. After that presented the mathematical model of the Rikitake system consists of three nonlinear differential equations, which found to be the same as the mathematical model of the well known Lorenz system. The study showed that the system has intrinsic chaotic behavior at certain value. we suppose that the equilibrium point $E_+(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is $(1, 1, 1)$ and changed value of R that it caused different a & u and observed stability of Rikitake system, finally we concluded from numerical simulations that when $u > a$ and $0 < u & a < 1$ the system will be stable, and other states isn't stable. If want to have a stable system we should adjust some conditions of Rikitake system like resistance of wire.

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