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## IMAGE ENCRYPTION ALGORITHM BASED ON CONTROLLED CHAOTIC MAPS

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The article reviews the problem of ensuring the security of storage, processing, and transmission of images based on a cryptographic method using chaotic maps. The encryption algorithm is based on a three-dimensional mapping. The encryption algorithm strength when using systems with chaotic dynamics depends on the value of the largest (positive) Lyapunov characteristic exponent. Therefore, the problem of increasing resistance to various kinds of attacks is reduced to determining the control parameters, at which the leading Lyapunov characteristic exponent increases. The authors propose a procedure for changing the chaotic map characteristics (entropy and Lyapunov characteristic exponents) based on introducing feedback into the system. The procedure is developed using the modal control method based on reducing the system to the canonical Frobenius form. The use of the proposed algorithm is considered on the example of the Rössler system. The test results confirmed an increase in the strength of the proposed encryption algorithm against statistical and differential analysis due to an increase in the Lyapunov characteristic exponent.

**Keywords:** Image encryption, chaotic maps, control of the spectrum of Lyapunov characteristic exponents, modal control, canonical Frobenius form.

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## АЛГОРИТМ ШИФРОВАНИЯ ИЗОБРАЖЕНИЙ НА ОСНОВЕ УПРАВЛЯЕМЫХ ХАОТИЧЕСКИХ ОТОБРАЖЕНИЙ

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Рассмотрена задача обеспечения безопасности хранения, обработки и передачи изображений на основе криптографического метода с использованием хаотических отображений. Алгоритм шифрования построен на базе трехмерного отображения. Стойкость алгоритма шифрования при использовании систем с хаотической динамикой зависит от величины старшего (положительного) характеристического показателя Ляпунова. Поэтому задача повышения стойкости к различного рода атакам сводится к определению параметров управления, при котором старший характеристический показатель Ляпунова увеличивается. Предложена процедура изменения свойств хаотического отображения (энтропии и характеристических показателей Ляпунова) на основе введения в систему обратной связи. Процедура построена на использовании метода модального управления на основе приведения системы к канонической форме Фробениуса. Рассмотрено применение предлагаемого алгоритма шифрования для системы Ресслера. Результаты тестирования подтвердили увеличение стойкости предложенного алгоритма шифрования к статистиче-

скому и дифференциальному анализу за счет увеличения старшего характеристического показателя Ляпунова.

**Ключевые слова:** шифрование изображений, хаотические отображения, управление спектром характеристических показателей Ляпунова, модальное управление, каноническая форма Фробениуса.

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### Introduction

The problem of ensuring the security of image transmission is currently becoming more and more urgent in connection with the increasing flow of information transmitted over open communication lines. Reliable encryption methods for storing and transmitting digital images are required in various fields: medical information systems, confidential video conferencing, government and military communications systems.

Cryptographic methods stand out among various methods of protecting information and ensuring its integrity. However, traditional encryption algorithms, for example, AES and DES, were developed without taking into account the specific requirements for image encryption [1, 13] (a large amount of memory occupied, limited processing and transmission time) [2]. Therefore, it became necessary to create new encryption algorithms based on the use of nonlinear functions [3, 14].

One of the promising directions in modern cryptography is the development and research of data encryption algorithms based on dynamic chaos [4–7, 15, 16]. Such properties of chaotic systems as the exponential divergence of trajectories, ergodicity, and randomization are useful in the development of encryption schemes for digital images [8, 17–20]. Modern approaches to encryption use various chaotic maps and algorithms based on the composition of two maps that implement the operation of randomization and entanglement [9, 21, 22].

The paper considers an image encryption algorithm based on a chaotic mapping, which simultaneously implements the operation of randomizing and confusion. To improve the cryptographic stability of the algorithm, a procedure is proposed for changing the chaotic map characteristics (entropy and Lyapunov characteristic exponents) based on introducing feedback into the system. A procedure for changing the spectrum of Lyapunov characteristic exponents of a chaotic map is developed using the modal control method based on reducing the system to the canonical Frobenius form.

### Image encryption problem statement

Mathematical model of the image. Let the raster model of the original rectangular image be represented by the following map:

$$I : [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow L(R^{N \times M}), \quad (1)$$

where  $L(R^{N \times M})$  is the space of numerical dimension matrices of  $N \times M$  size.

The  $N, M$  values are related to the dimensions of the pixel grid:

$$\Delta^{WH} = \{(i, j) : i = \overline{1, N} = [W], j = \overline{1, M} = [H]\}, \quad (2)$$

where  $[*]$  is the integer part of the number.

With the help of digitalization and quantization operations, the description of digital images is reduced to a set of samples, which can be represented in the form of a matrix:

$$I = \left( I_{ij} \right)_{i,j=1}^{N,M} \in L\left( R^{N \times M} \right), \quad (3)$$

whose elements are realizations on a discrete grid of continuous functions of two variables  $I: (0, W) \otimes (0, H) \rightarrow R$ . The elements of these matrices take integer values from the  $[0; 255]$  interval when coding the pixel intensity with an eight-bit code.

**Mathematical model of a system with chaotic dynamics.** A nonlinear differential equation with a given initial state is considered as an evolutionary operator for the implementation of the encryption algorithm:

$$\dot{x}(t) = F(x(t)), \quad x(t_0) = x_0, \quad (4)$$

where  $x(t) \in P \subseteq R^n$  is the phase vector of the system; region  $P$  – phase space of the system;  $t$  – time function,  $F: R^n \rightarrow R^n$  – vector function with  $f_i(x(t))$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  components.

Among the set of nonlinear dynamical systems  $S = \{P, F\}$ , we will consider systems with a chaotic mapping for which the following conditions are satisfied.

1. The  $f$  map has an essential dependence on the initial data or it is sensitive (if there is such a number  $\delta > 0$ , that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any  $x' \in X$  point there is a  $x'' \in X$  and the  $m \in M$  number such that  $\rho(x', x'') < \varepsilon$ , but  $\rho(f^{(m)}(x'') - f^{(m)}(x')) \geq \delta$ ).

2. The  $f$  map is transitive (for any  $U, V$  pair of open sets there is  $m \geq 0$ , that  $f^{(m)}(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ).

**The problem of controlling the spectrum of Lyapunov characteristic exponents.** The mathematical model of a chaotic system in the synthesis of an encryption algorithm is a heterogeneous differential equation with a control

$$\dot{x}(t) = F(x(t)) + Bu(t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0. \quad (5)$$

Lyapunov spectrum of the original nonlinear system (4)

$$\sigma(F) = \left\{ \chi_i(F), i = \overline{1, n} \right\}$$

consists of  $n$  various Lyapunov characteristic exponents  $\chi_1(F) \geq \chi_2(F) \geq \dots \geq \chi_n(F)$  in descending order.

The problem of controlling the Lyapunov spectrum is to determine the feedback from the phase vector of the nonlinear system:

$$u(t) = K^* x(t) \quad (6)$$

such that the closed nonlinear system

$$\dot{x}(t) = F(x(t)) + BK^* x(t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0 \quad (7)$$

had the following spectrum

$$\sigma(F + BK^*) = \left\{ \chi_i(F + BK^*), i = \overline{1, n} \right\}, \quad (8)$$

equal to the required spectrum

$$\sigma(G) = \{\chi_i(G), i = \overline{1, n}\}. \quad (9)$$

The encryption algorithm strength when using systems with chaotic dynamics depends on the value of the largest (positive) Lyapunov characteristic exponent. Therefore, the problem of increasing resistance to various kinds of attacks is reduced to determining the control parameters (6), at which the leading Lyapunov characteristic exponent (9) increases in the closed-loop system (7). Besides, the feedback factor will expand the “keyspace” of the encryption algorithm.

**Evaluation of the encryption algorithm strength.** It is necessary to build a grayscale image encryption algorithm based on a chaotic map and to carry out a comparative assessment of the algorithm’s strength with and without control action.

As a result of statistical cryptanalysis, it is necessary:

- to assess the uniformity of the distribution of pixels by brightness values, construct a histogram of this distribution;
- to calculate the pairwise correlation between two adjacent pixels horizontally, vertically, and diagonally;
- to calculate informational entropy.

To assess the strength of the algorithm to differential analysis, calculate:

- the percentage of pixels that changed the brightness value;
- the average change in gray intensity.

#### Encryption algorithm based on a 3D chaotic map

**Chaotic map and its properties.** In the process of image encryption, a three-dimensional chaotic Rössler map is used as a model of a nonlinear system (4)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -(x_2 + x_3); \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 + ax_2; \\ \dot{x}_3 = b + x_3(x_1 - c). \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

For  $a = 0.2, b = 0.2, c = 5.7$  values of the parameters, this map has a spectrum of Lyapunov characteristic exponents equal to

$$\sigma(F) = \{\chi_1(F) = 0.1016; \chi_2(F) = 0.0922; \chi_3(F) = -5.6953\}, \quad (11)$$

and a trajectory in three-dimensional phase space, which has the form shown in Fig. 1.

The spectrum of Lyapunov characteristic exponents and a strange attractor indicate the presence of chaotic dynamics in system (10).

**Encryption algorithm.** The grayscale image encryption algorithm of  $N \times M$  size using nonlinear map (10) has the following steps in one round of encryption.

Step 1. Based on the original image, a raster model of the original image (1) with a matrix of the form (3) is formed:

$$I = (I_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{N,M} \in L(\mathbb{R}^{N \times M}),$$

where  $i$  is the number of pixel in the vertical row;  $j$  – the number of pixel in the horizontal row;  $I_{i,j}$  – pixel with the  $i, j$  number brightness value;  $N$  – number of rows, and  $M$  – number of columns of the pixel matrix determined by the grid size (2).

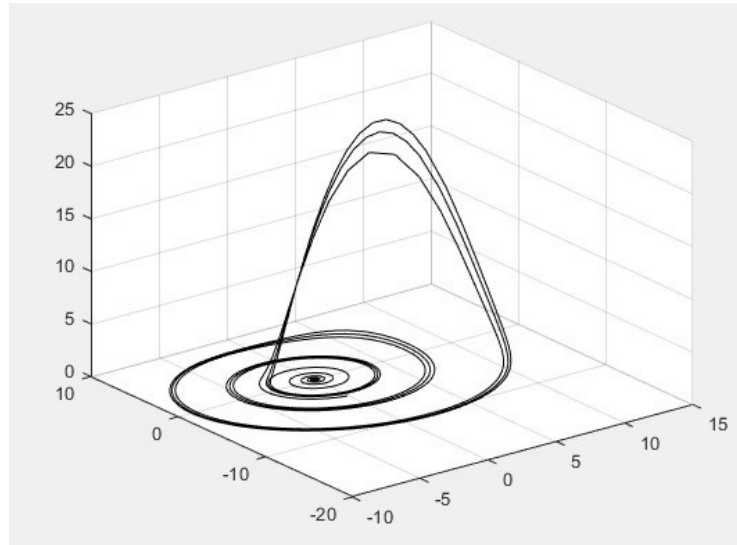


Fig. 1. Trajectory of the Rössler system

Step 2. For some initial state  $x(0) = (x_1(0), x_2(0), x_3(0))$ , determined by the point of exit of the chaotic system trajectory (10) to a strange attractor, three sequences are generated:

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= \{x_1(t_1), \dots, x_1(t_k), \dots, x_1(t_s)\}; \\ X_2 &= \{x_2(t_1), \dots, x_2(t_k), \dots, x_2(t_s)\}, \quad s = N \times M; \\ X_3 &= \{x_3(t_1), \dots, x_3(t_k), \dots, x_3(t_s)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Sequences  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  define the randomization of pixels, and the  $X_3$  sequence defines the scattering (brightness changes) of pixels.

Here, the elements of sequences (12) are formed according to the rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1(t) &= f_1[x(t)], \\ \dot{x}_2(t) &= f_2[x(t)], \quad \Leftrightarrow \dot{x}(t) = F[x(t)], \\ \dot{x}_3(t) &= f_3[x(t)], \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where  $F[x(t)] = (f_1(x(t), f_2(x(t), f_3(x(t))))^T$  is a vector function whose components are the functions on the right-hand side of equations (10).

Step 3. A chaotic matrix of the encrypted image of the first round is formed using the third equation (13):

$$E^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{1,1}^{(1)} & e_{1,2}^{(1)} & \dots & e_{1,M}^{(1)} \\ e_{2,1}^{(1)} & e_{2,2}^{(1)} & \dots & e_{2,M}^{(1)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ e_{N,1}^{(1)} & e_{N,2}^{(1)} & \dots & e_{N,M}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}, \tag{14}$$

where  $e_{i,j}^{(1)} = [x_3(t) \bmod 255]$  is the intensity of gray pixel with the  $i = [x_1(t) \bmod M]$  row number and the  $j = [x_2(t) \bmod N]$  column number;  $[*]$  is the integer part of number.

Further, repeating steps 2–3 for the image (14) for  $p$  rounds, we get an encrypted image  $\hat{E}^{(p)}$  of the following form:

$$\hat{E}^{(1)} = \left( \hat{e}_{i,j}^{(1)} \right)_{i,j}^{N,M} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}. \quad (15)$$

The number of rounds is determined by the required cipher strength indicators.

**Cryptanalysis of the encryption algorithm.** The assessment of the algorithm strength is carried out using statistical and differential cryptanalysis [2]. The  $512 \times 512$  gray-scale Lena photo is used as the source image.

To determine the distribution of pixels of the encrypted image  $\hat{E}^{(p)}$  (15) in grayscale, the following probability is calculated:

$$P(m_s) = \frac{m_s}{N \times M}, \quad (16)$$

where  $m_s$  is the number of pixels  $e_{ij}$ , for the gray intensity takes on  $s \in [0; 255]$  values. The distribution of pixels by gray intensity values for the original image is shown in Fig. 2, and for the encrypted image – in Fig. 3.

Pairwise correlation between two adjacent pixels horizontally, vertically and diagonally of the original and encrypted images is calculated by the formula:

$$\rho(u_i, v_{i+1}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N \times M} (u_i - \bar{U})(v_{i+1} - \bar{V})}{N \times M} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N \times M} (u_i - \bar{U})^2}{N \times M} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N \times M} (v_{i+1} - \bar{V})^2}{N \times M}}, \quad (17)$$

$$\bar{U} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N \times M} u_i}{N \times M}, \quad \bar{V} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N \times M} v_i}{N \times M},$$

where  $u_i, v_{i+1}$  – the intensity of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  gray pixel and the pixel adjacent to it,  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_{N \times M}\}$ ,  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i, \dots, v_{N \times M}\}$  – a series of gray intensity values of pixels in the image and a series of gray intensity values of neighboring pixels.

Information entropy is determined by the expression:

$$H(m_s) = \sum_{s=0}^{2^n-1} P(m_s) \log_2(1/P(m_s)), \quad (18)$$

where  $P(m_s)$  is the probability of the gray intensity belonging to the  $s \in [0; 255]$  level.

To assess the strength of the algorithm against the differential analysis, the following are calculated:

- number of changing pixel rate (NPCR):

$$\Pi(I_1, I_2) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M D(i, j)}{N \times M} \times 100\%, \quad (19)$$

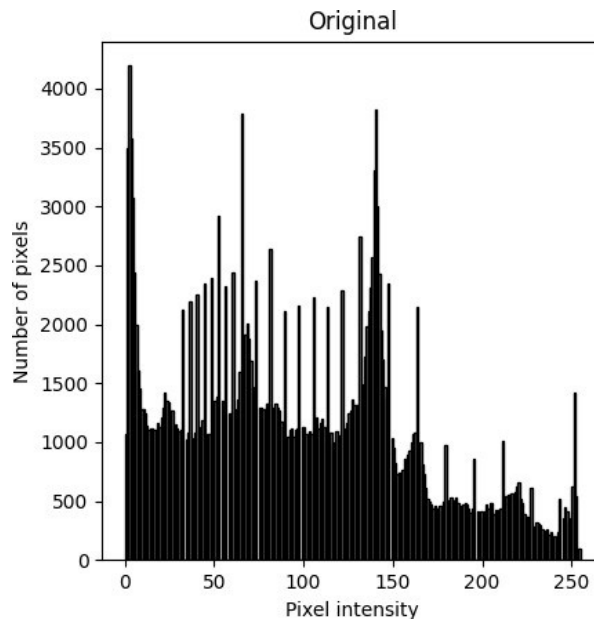


Fig. 2. Original image histogram

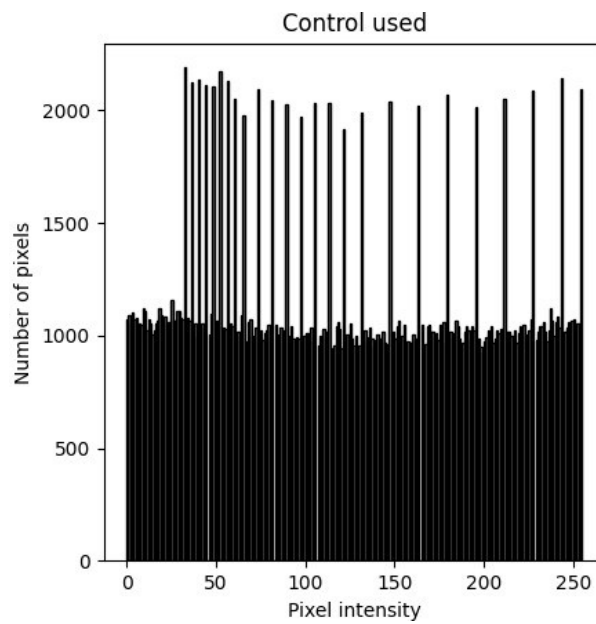


Fig. 3. Encrypted image histogram

where

$$D(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } e_1(i, j) = e_2(i, j) \\ 0, & \text{if } e_1(i, j) \neq e_2(i, j) \end{cases} \quad \forall i = \overline{1, N}, \quad \forall j = \overline{1, M},$$

$I_1$  – the original image,  $I_2$  – the original image with the gray level of one pixel being changed;

$\hat{E}_1^{(p)} \cdot \hat{E}_2^{(p)}$  – the encrypted images corresponding to the  $I_1, I_2$  original images;

$\hat{e}_1^{(p)}(i, j), \hat{e}_2^{(p)}(i, j)$  – the value of the gray level for the pixel with the  $(i, j)$  number in the  $\hat{E}_1^{(p)}$  and  $\hat{E}_2^{(p)}$  images;

- unified averaged changed intensity (UACI)

$$C(E_1, E_2) = \frac{1}{N \times M} \sum_{i=1, j=1}^{N, M} \frac{|e_1(i, j) - e_2(i, j)|}{255} \times 100 \% . \quad (20)$$

The results of calculating the strength criteria after two rounds of encryption using the chaotic map with and without control are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

**Encryption algorithm strength criteria**

Chaotic map	Largest LCE	Image	Correlation coefficient			Entropy	NPCR, %	UACI, %
			Horizontal	Vertical	Diagonal			
–	–	original	0.0293	0.0263	0.0653	7.55	–	–
No control	0.1016	encrypted	0.000175	0.000192	0.000380	7.76	99.54	33.42
With control	0.2862	encrypted	0.000101	0.000186	0.000117	7.96	99.55	33.45

**Control of Lyapunov characteristic exponent of chaotic map**

To increase the strength of the proposed image encryption algorithm, a control action is introduced into a system with chaotic dynamics to increase the positive Lyapunov characteristic exponent and information entropy. Control is sought in the form of linear feedback in phase coordinates.

The solution to the problem of changing the spectrum of characteristic exponents of a nonlinear system is based on the Grobman-Hartman theorem [11]. Any system in a neighborhood of a hyperbolic singular point is locally topologically equivalent to its linear approximation. Thus, the behavior of a nonlinear system in the neighborhood of a hyperbolic singular point is similar to the behavior of a linearized system. A singular point is hyperbolic if the Jacobi matrix has no eigenvalues in it on the imaginary axis. A change in the characteristic exponents of a linearized system, which coincides with the real part of the eigenvalues of the Jacobi matrix, entails a change in the characteristic exponents of a nonlinear system.

**Synthesis of linearized system control.** It is possible to provide the desired eigenvalues of the Jacobi matrix of the linearized system using the method of synthesis of a modal controller based on a reduction to the canonical Frobenius form [12].

Let the equations of state of the linearized system have the form:

$$\dot{y}(t) = Ay(t) + bu(t), \quad y(t_0) = y_0, \quad (21)$$

where  $y(t) \in R^n$  is the vector of state coordinates;  $u(t) \in R^1$  – the control action;  $A \in R^{n \times n}$  – the Jacobi matrix of the nonlinear system (10) at the hyperbolic singular point.

It is required to determine the  $k = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n)^T$  parameters of the linear feedback control law  $u(t) = -kx(t)$  providing the given eigenvalues  $\bar{\nu}_i, i = 1, \dots, n$  of the matrix of the closed system  $A_c = A + bk$ . From the expression for the matrix of the  $A_c = A + bk^T$  closed system, it is impossible to directly obtain



the values of the feedback coefficient, since the matrix is unknown. Therefore, such a change of variables  $y = Q\tilde{y}$  is used that the mathematical model of the transformed system  $\dot{\tilde{y}} = (\tilde{A} + \tilde{b}\tilde{k}^T)\tilde{y}$  has the canonical Frobenius form with the  $A$  matrix and the  $b$  vector of the following form:

$$A_f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & \dots & -a_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $a_i$  are the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial of the matrices  $A$  and  $A_f$ .

To bring the matrix of the system to the canonical form, the matrix  $T$  formed from the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $A$  is used as follows:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & \dots & 1 \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-3} & \dots & 0 \\ a_{n-3} & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The similarity transformation  $y = Q\tilde{y}$  uses the matrix  $Q = S_y T$ , where  $S_y$  is the system controllability matrix. If this similarity transformation is performed in system (21):

$$\dot{\tilde{y}} = Q^{-1} A Q \tilde{y} + Q^{-1} b k^T Q \tilde{y}$$

and the following notation is introduced

$$\tilde{k} = Q^T k, \quad \tilde{b} = Q^{-1} b, \quad \tilde{A} = Q^{-1} A Q,$$

then the system model will take the following form:

$$\dot{\tilde{y}} = (\tilde{A} + \tilde{b}\tilde{k}^T)\tilde{y}.$$

Considering the peculiarities of constructing the  $Q$  matrix, the matrix of the system will have the Frobenius matrix form, and the  $b$  vector will be reduced to the simplest form:

$$\tilde{A} = I_n^{(1)} - e_n a^T, \quad \tilde{b} = e_n,$$

where  $I_n^{(1)}$  is a matrix of  $n \times n$  size, having unities over the main diagonal, and the remaining elements being zero;  $e_n$  is a unit vector of  $n$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of which is equal to unity, and the rest are equal to zero;  $a = (a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1)^T$ .

The closed-loop matrix will take the form:

$$\tilde{A}_c = \tilde{A} + \tilde{b}\tilde{k}^T = I_n^{(1)} - e_n (a - \tilde{k})^T.$$

For this matrix to have the required eigenvalues, the coefficients of its characteristic equation must correspond to the  $a_{est} = (a_n^{est}, a_{n-1}^{est}, \dots, a_1^{est})^T$  vector, where  $a_i^{est}$  are the coefficients of the characteristic

polynomial of the matrices  $A_c$  and  $\tilde{A}_c$ . Then  $a_{est} = a - \tilde{k}$ , and the coefficients of the controller for linearized system (21) are determined by the relation:

$$k = (Q^T)^{-1} (a - a_{est}). \quad (22)$$

**Synthesis of a nonlinear system control.** Let the Jacobian matrix equal  $J^*$  at the singular point  $x^*$  of system (4) in the absence of control, and the vector of its eigenvalues is equal to  $v^*$ . Let us set the vector of the desired eigenvalues  $\bar{v}^*$  of the Jacobian  $\bar{J}^*$  of the nonlinear system (5) in the form:

$$\bar{v}_i^* = v_i^* + \alpha \operatorname{Re}(v_i^*), \quad (23)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the coefficient selected according to the graph in Fig. 4.

For the Jacobian  $\bar{J}^*$  of system (21) to have given eigenvalues, we choose a control in the form:

$$u(t) = kx(t), \quad (24)$$

then the Jacobian of system (21) with control (24) will be equal to

$$\bar{J}^* = J^* + Bk, \quad (25)$$

where  $k \in R^{1 \times n}$  is the feedback coefficient, which is found by the method of synthesis of modal control according to formula (22).

The largest Lyapunov characteristic exponent of system (5) with control (24) will differ from the largest Lyapunov characteristic exponent of uncontrolled nonlinear system (4). It is necessary to increase the largest Lyapunov characteristic exponent to increase chaos in the system, which is achieved by the appropriate choice of the  $\alpha$  coefficient in formula (23).

A graph of the dependence of the largest characteristic exponent of the nonlinear system with control from the  $\alpha$  coefficient is built to select the  $\alpha$  (see Fig. 4). Based on this graph, the  $\alpha^*$  coefficient is selected that satisfies the desired value of the largest characteristic exponent of the nonlinear system.

After choosing the  $\alpha^*$  coefficient, the corresponding feedback coefficient  $k^*$  is substituted into formula (24) instead of  $k$ .

We will illustrate the control synthesis technique for the Rössler system, the model of which in dimensionless variables and parameters has the following form:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = -(x_2 + x_3) \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_1 + ax_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 = b + x_3(x_1 - c) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \dot{x}(t) = F(x(t)).$$

The Rössler system, with the  $a = 0.2$ ,  $b = 0.2$ ,  $c = 5.7$  values of the parameters, has two singular points:

$$\begin{aligned} x1^* &= (0.0070 \quad -0.0351 \quad 0.0351), \\ x2^* &= (5.6930 \quad -28.4649 \quad 28.4649), \end{aligned}$$

and the Jacobi matrix equals:

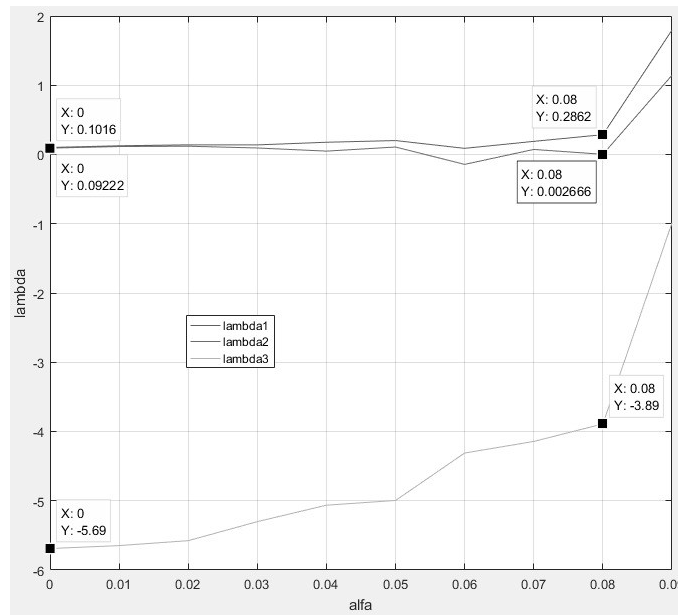


Fig. 4. Dependence of the largest Lyapunov characteristic exponent  $\chi_1$  on  $\alpha$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & a & 0 \\ x_3 & 0 & x_1 - c \end{bmatrix}.$$

Eigenvalues of the Jacobi matrix calculated at singular points are:

$$v(J(x1^*)) = \begin{cases} v_1 = 0.0970 + 0.9952i \\ v_2 = 0.0970 - 0.9952i, \\ v_3 = -5.6870 \end{cases}$$

$$v(J(x2^*)) = \begin{cases} v_1 = 5.4280i \\ v_2 = -5.4280i. \\ v_3 = 0.1930 \end{cases}$$

We will change the eigenvalues of the Jacobian at the hyperbolic singular point  $x1^*$ . The desired eigenvalues of the Jacobian (25) of the closed system calculated at  $x1^*$  point are determined by equality (23). Fig. 4 shows the graph of the dependence of the largest Lyapunov characteristic exponent of the nonlinear system (7) on  $\alpha$ .

According to the graph shown in Fig. 4, we select the  $a^* = 0.08$  value of the coefficient at which the condition  $\chi_1^* > \chi_1(F)$  is fulfilled. Using the selected  $a^* = 0.08$  value, we calculate the required eigenvalue of the Jacobian, and using formula (22) we calculate the feedback coefficient in the nonlinear system:

$$k^* = (1.0426 \quad -0.4943 \quad -22.8945).$$

Spectrum (8) of a nonlinear system (7) with synthesized control is equal to:

$$\sigma(F + bk^*) = \{\chi_1 = 0.2862; \chi_2 = 0.0026; \chi_3 = -3.8931\}.$$

The largest indicator of a closed system is 2.82 times higher than the largest indicator of the original system, which indicates an increase in chaos in the system.

### Properties of an encryption algorithm based on controlled chaos

The strength of the encryption algorithm based on a chaotic feedback system is estimated according to the same criteria of statistical and differential cryptanalysis that were used when testing the algorithm with no control, namely: the probability of gray intensity distribution was calculated by formula (16); correlation coefficients – according to formulas (17); information entropy – according to formula (18), and the percentage of changed pixels and average change in gray color intensity – according to formulas (19) and (20), respectively. The results of testing the encryption algorithm with control are shown in Table 1.

It follows from the above test results that all the compared cryptographic strength criteria are improved when using an encryption algorithm with the control in comparison with an algorithm with no control.

### Conclusion

An algorithm for encrypting a grayscale image based on the use of a three-dimensional chaotic map, which implements simultaneous randomization and scattering, is presented. To increase the cryptographic strength of the algorithm, a method for synthesizing feedback on the phase vector of a nonlinear system is proposed, which ensures an increase in the largest Lyapunov characteristic exponent responsible for the degree of chaos. The synthesis technique is based on the modal control method using the canonical Frobenius form, which is extended to nonlinear chaotic systems.

The use of the proposed algorithm is considered using the example of the Rössler system. The test results confirmed an increase in the strength of the proposed encryption algorithm against statistical and differential analysis due to an increase in the Lyapunov characteristic exponent, which is achieved by introducing feedback into the chaotic system used for encryption.

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