

Lecture 15: Disturbances and Steady-State Error Handout

The Final Value Theorem:

Theorem 1. Given Laplace Transform $Y(s)$ such that $sY(s)$ has all poles with negative real part. Then the inverse Laplace transform $y(t)$ satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sY(s)$$

Exercise 1: Does a signal with Laplace transform with a pole in the RHP, such as

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s-1}$$

have a “final value” in the time domain?

Exercise 2: Does a sinusoidal function such as

$$Y(s) = \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} \leftrightarrow y(t) = \sin(2t)u(t)$$

have a “final value” in the time domain? Is your answer consistent with the requirement “that $sY(s)$ has all poles with negative real part” in Theorem 1?

Cruise Control Example

Recall the open loop car “plant” block diagram from last time:

$$V(s) = \frac{1}{ms+b} F(s) - \frac{m}{ms+b} D(s)$$

If our system meets the requirements for the final value theorem (FVT), we can use the FVT to find the “final value” (i.e., steady-state value) of the car’s velocity in two cases:

1. Suppose the motor supplies a constant force f_m on a flat road. At steady state, what will the car’s speed be?
2. Suppose the car is at steady state on a flat road, but then drives on an incline with slope ϕ . By how much will the car slow down?

