

## 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  $\phi$ . By how much will the car slow down?

