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Laplace transform of power function

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In the defining <http://planetmath.org/ImproperIntegralintegral>

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^r\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} t^r dt$$

of the Laplace transform of the power function $t \mapsto t^r$, we make the <http://planetmath.org/Substitution> $u := st$:

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^r\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-u} \left(\frac{u}{s}\right)^r \frac{du}{s} = \frac{1}{s^{r+1}} \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{r+1-1} du$$

Here we have assumed that $r > -1$ and $s > 0$. According to the definition of the gamma function, the last integral is equal to $\Gamma(r+1)$. Thus we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}\{t^r\} = \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{s^{r+1}}. \quad (1)$$

The special case $r = -\frac{1}{2}$ gives the result

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\right\} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}. \quad (2)$$