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## Laplace transform of integral

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One can show that if a real function  $t \mapsto f(t)$  is <http://planetmath.org/LaplaceTransformLap> transformable, as well is  $\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$ . The latter is also continuous for  $t > 0$  and by the <http://planetmath.org/FundamentalTheoremOfCalculusNewton-Leibniz> formula, has the derivative equal  $f(t)$ . Hence we may apply the formula for Laplace transform of derivative, obtaining

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = s \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau\right\} - \int_0^0 f(t) dt = s \mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau\right\},$$

i.e.

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau\right\} = \frac{F(s)}{s}. \quad (1)$$

**Application.** We start from the easily derivable rule

$$\frac{1}{s} \curvearrowright 1,$$

where the curved  $\curvearrowright$  from the Laplace-transformed function to the original function. The formula (1) thus yields successively

$$\frac{1}{s^2} \curvearrowright \int_0^t 1 d\tau = t,$$

$$\frac{1}{s^3} \curvearrowright \int_0^t \tau d\tau = \frac{t^2}{2!},$$

$$\frac{1}{s^4} \curvearrowright \int_0^t \frac{\tau^2}{2!} d\tau = \frac{t^3}{3!},$$

etc. Generally, one has

$$\frac{1}{s^n} \curvearrowright \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+. \quad (2)$$