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Laplace transform of $\frac{f(t)}{t}$

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Suppose that the quotient

$$\frac{f(t)}{t} := g(t)$$

is <http://planetmath.org/LaplaceTransform> Laplace-transformable. It follows easily that also $f(t)$ is such. According to the <http://planetmath.org/LaplaceTransformOf> entry, we may write

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G'(s)\} = -t g(t) = -f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{-F(s)\}.$$

Therefore

$$G'(s) = -F(s),$$

whence

$$G(s) = -F^{(-1)}(s) + C \quad (1)$$

where $F^{(-1)}(s)$ means any antiderivative of $F(s)$. Since each Laplace transformed function vanishes in the infinity $s = \infty$ and thus $G(\infty) = 0$, the equation (1) implies

$$C = F^{(-1)}(\infty)$$

and therefore

$$G(s) = F^{(-1)}(\infty) - F^{(-1)}(s) = \int_s^\infty F(u) du.$$

We have obtained the result

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{f(t)}{t}\right\} = \int_s^\infty F(u) du. \quad (2)$$

Application. By the table of Laplace transforms, $\mathcal{L}\{\sin t\} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$. Accordingly the formula (2) yields

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\sin t}{t}\right\} = \int_s^\infty \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} du = \int_s^\infty \arctan u = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan s = \operatorname{arccot} s.$$

Thus we have

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\sin t}{t}\right\} = \operatorname{arccot} s = \arctan \frac{1}{s}. \quad (3)$$

This result is derived in the entry Laplace transform of sine integral in two other ways.