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► **Theorem 12.14 (Integration of  $f(t)$ )** Let  $f(t)$  be continuous for  $t \geq 0$  and of exponential order and let  $F(s)$  be its Laplace transform. Then

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

**Proof** Let  $g(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$ . Then,  $g'(t) = f(t)$  and  $g(0) = 0$ . If we can show that  $g$  is of exponential order, then Theorem 12.13 will imply that

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \mathcal{L}(g'(t)) = s\mathcal{L}(g(t)) - 0 = s\mathcal{L}\left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau\right),$$

and the proof will be complete. As  $f(t)$  is of exponential order, we can find positive values  $M$  and  $K$  so that

$$|g(t)| \leq \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau \leq M \int_0^t e^{K\tau} d\tau = \frac{M}{K} (e^{Kt} - 1) \leq e^{Kt},$$

establishing that  $g$  is of exponential order and completing the proof.

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