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Fourier series of function of bounded variation

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If the real function  $f$  is of bounded variation on the interval  $[-\pi, +\pi]$ , then its Fourier series expansion

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx) \quad (1)$$

with the <http://planetmath.org/FourierCoefficientscoefficients>

$$\begin{cases} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx \\ b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

converges at every point of the interval. The sum of the series is at the interior points  $x$  equal to the arithmetic mean of the <http://planetmath.org/OneSidedLimitleft>-sided and the right-sided limit of  $f$  at  $x$  and at the end-points of the interval equal to  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow -\pi+} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow +\pi-} f(x) \right)$ .

**Remark 1.** Because of the periodicity of the terms of the terms, the expansion (1) converges for all real values of  $x$  and it represents a periodic function with the period  $2\pi$ .

**Remark 2.** If the function  $f$  is of bounded variation, instead of  $[-\pi, +\pi]$ , on the interval  $[-p, +p]$  the equations (1) and (2) may be converted via the change of variable  $x := \frac{pt}{\pi}$  to

$$\frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{p} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi t}{p}) \quad (3)$$

and

$$\begin{cases} a_n &= \frac{1}{p} \int_{-p}^p f(t) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{p} \, dt \\ b_n &= \frac{1}{p} \int_{-p}^p f(t) \sin \frac{n\pi t}{p} \, dt. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Correspondingly, the sum of (3) at the points of  $[-p, +p]$  is expressed via the left-sided and right-sided limits of  $f(t)$ .