

## uniqueness of Fourier expansion

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$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_m \cos mx + b_m \sin mx)$$
 (1)

where the series  $a_1 + b_1 + a_2 + b_2 + a_3 + b_3 + \dots$  of the coefficients converges absolutely, then the series (1) converges uniformly on the interval and can be http://planetmath.org/SumFunctionOfSeriesintegrated termwise. The same concerns apparently the series which are gotten by multiplying the equation (1) by  $\cos nx$  and by  $\sin nx$ ; the results of the integrations determine for the coefficients  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  the unique values

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx,$$
$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx$$

for any n. So the Fourier series of f is unique.

As a consequence, we can infer that the well-known goniometric formula

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$$

presents the Fourier series of the even function  $\sin^2 x$ .