

103. Notes on Fourier Series (II): Convergence Factor.

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1. R. Salem has proved the following theorem:¹⁾

If $f(x)$ is a continuous function with period 2π and its Fourier coefficients be a_n and b_n , then the relation

$$(1) \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx}{1 + s \log n} \right\} = f(x)$$

holds good almost everywhere.

In this relation we must notice that the series in the bracket of the right hand side is convergent for every positive value of s and for almost all x .

One of the present authors²⁾ has proved that

$$(2) \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx}{1 + s \sqrt{\log n}} \right\} = f(x)$$

almost everywhere for squarely integrable function $f(x)$.

The object of this paper is to prove that (1) is true for any integrable function and there is the corresponding relation for the function in L^p ($1 \leq p \leq 2$).

2. Theorem. If $f(x) \in L^p$ ($1 \leq p \leq 2$) and is periodic with period 2π and a_n and b_n are its Fourier coefficients, then we have

$$(3) \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx}{1 + s (\log n)^{1/p}} \right\} = f(x)$$

almost everywhere.

Actually we can replace the factors $\left\{ \frac{1}{1 + s (\log n)^{1/p}} \right\}$ by the more general sequence $\{\psi_n(s)\}$ which satisfies certain conditions.³⁾ But we make here no attention to this.

For the proof we make use of the theorem:

Lemma. If $f(x) \in L^p$ ($1 \leq p \leq 2$), then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx}{(\log n)^{1/p}}$$

1) R. Salem, Comptes Rendus, **205** (1937), pp. 14-16, **205** (1937), pp. 311-313. In the latter paper, Salem remarked that more generally for a bounded function, (2) holds good.

2) T. Kawata, Proc. **13** (1937), 381-384.

3) Cf. Salem, loc. cit. and T. Kawata, loc. cit.