

## Strong tightness as a condition of weak and almost sure convergence

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*Abstract.* A sequence of random elements  $\{X_j, j \in J\}$  is called strongly tight if for an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a compact set  $K$  such that  $P\left(\bigcap_{j \in J} [X_j \in K]\right) > 1 - \varepsilon$ . For the Polish space valued sequences of random elements we show that almost sure convergence of  $\{X_n\}$  as well as weak convergence of randomly indexed sequence  $\{X_\tau\}$  assure strong tightness of  $\{X_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . For  $L^1$  bounded Banach space valued asymptotic martingales strong tightness also turns out to be the sufficient condition of convergence. A sequence of r.e.  $\{X_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is said to converge essentially with respect to law to r.e.  $X$  if for all sets of continuity of measure  $P \circ X^{-1}$ ,  $P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [X_n \in A]) = P(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} [X_n \in A]) = P(\{x \in A\})$ . Conditions under which  $\{X_n\}$  is essentially w.r.t. law convergent and relations to strong tightness are investigated.

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### 1. Notations and definitions

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space,  $(S, \varrho)$  — a Polish space i.e. metric, complete and separable. A *random element* (r.e.) is any measurable mapping  $X : \Omega \mapsto S$ . For any sequence  $\{X_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of random elements  $\mathcal{F}_n$  will denote a smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . A mapping  $\tau : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{N}$  will be called a *stopping time* if  $[\tau = n] \in \mathcal{F}_n$ . Let  $T$  be a collection of all bounded stopping times i.e. such stopping times that  $P[\tau < M] = 1$ . A *generalized sequence*  $a_\tau$  is a mapping  $f : T \mapsto S$  such that  $f(\tau) = a_\tau$ . A generalized sequence  $a_\tau$  *converges* to  $a$  if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\nu \in T$  such that  $\varrho(a_\tau, a) < \varepsilon$  for all  $\tau \geq \nu$ , a.s.

A sequence  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  of random elements is *randomly convergent in law* to a random element  $X \left( X_\tau \xrightarrow{D} X \right)$  if for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\tau_0 \in T$  such that  $L(X_\tau, X) < \varepsilon$  for every  $\tau \in T, \tau \geq \tau_0$  a.s., where  $L$  denotes the Lévy-Prokhorov metric.

**Definition 1.1.** A collection  $\{P_j, j \in J\}$  of probability measures is tight if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a compact set  $K \subset S$  such that for all  $j \in J$

$$P_j(K) > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

**Definition 1.2.** A collection  $\{X_j, j \in J\}$  of random elements is strongly tight if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a compact set  $K \subset S$  such that

$$P \left( \bigcap_{j \in J} [X_j \in K] \right) > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

Obviously if a collection  $\{X_j, j \in J\}$  is strongly tight then the collection of probability measures  $\{P \circ X_j^{-1}, j \in J\}$  is tight.

**2. Essential with respect to law convergence of random elements**

In this section we will consider random elements with values in a Polish space. Let  $\mathcal{C}_{P_X}$  denote a set of continuity of measure  $P_X$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{C}_{P_X} = \{A \in \mathcal{B} : P[X \in \partial A] = 0\},$$

where  $\partial A$  is a boundary of  $A$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A sequence of random elements  $\{X_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is said to converge essentially w.r.t. law  $(X_n \xrightarrow{ED} X)$  if for all  $A \in \mathcal{C}_{P_X}$

$$P \left( \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [X_n \in A] \right) = P \left( \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} [X_n \in A] \right) = P[X \in A].$$

This type of convergence was investigated in [10]. It seems to be worth mentioning that essential w.r.t. law convergence follows from a.s. convergence. On the other side if  $X_n \xrightarrow{ED} X$  then there exists a r.e.  $X'$  with the same distribution as  $X$  such that  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X'$ .

The following theorem is analogous to Theorem 2.1 of [3].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\{X_n\}$  be a sequence of r.e., and  $X$  – a r.e. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

1.  $X_n \xrightarrow{ED} X$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,
2. for all  $A \in \mathcal{C}_{P_X}$   $P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [X_n \in A]) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in A]) = P[X \in A]$ ,
3. for any closed set  $F$   $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in F]) \leq P[X \in F]$ ,
4. for any open set  $G$   $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in F]) \geq P[X \in G]$ .

PROOF: Implication  $((1) \Rightarrow (2))$  is obvious.

$((2) \Rightarrow (1))$ . Consider condition (2) for a complement  $A^c$  of the set  $A \in \mathcal{C}_{P_X}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in A^c] \right) = P[X \in A^c].$$

Then, obviously

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in A^c] \right)^c \right) = P[X \in A]$$

and finally

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in A] \right) = P[X \in A].$$

((2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)). Let  $F^\delta = \{x : \varrho(x, F) \leq \delta\}$ . Then  $\partial F^\delta \subset \{x : \varrho(x, F) = \delta\}$ . For any closed set  $F$  there exists a sequence  $\delta^k \downarrow 0$  such that the sets  $F^{\delta^k} \in \mathcal{C}_{P_X}$  and  $\bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} F^{\delta^k} = F$ . Take a closed set  $F$ . Moreover, there exists  $F^\delta \in \mathcal{C}_{P_X}$  such that  $P_X(F^\delta \setminus F) < \varepsilon$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in F] \right) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in F^\delta] \right) \\ &= P[X \in F^\delta] \leq P[X \in F] + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is an arbitrary positive number

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in F] \right) \leq P[X \in F].$$

((3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)). For an open set  $G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in G] \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - P \left( \left( \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in G] \right)^c \right) \right) \\ &= 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in G^c] \right) \geq 1 - P[X \in G^c] \\ &= P[X \in G]. \end{aligned}$$

The case ((4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)) can be proved in the similar way.

Now we need only ((3) and (4))  $\Rightarrow$  (2)). Let  $A \in \mathcal{C}_{P_X}$  and let  $\text{Int } A$  denote interior of  $A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} P[X \in \text{Int } A] &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in \text{Int } A] \right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in \text{Int } A] \right) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in A] \right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in \bar{A}] \right) \leq P[X \in \bar{A}]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A \in \mathcal{C}_{P_X}$ , (2) holds. □

There is a connection between essential w.r.t. law convergence and strong tightness.

**Theorem 2.2.** *If a sequence of random elements  $\{X_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  converges essentially w.r.t. law to a random element  $X$ , then it is strongly tight.*

PROOF: Since  $S$  is separable there exists a countable dense set  $\{x_i, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Let  $K(x_i, \delta) = \{x : \varrho(x, x_i) < \delta\}$ . Define

$$B_m(\delta) = \bigcup_{i=1}^m K(x_i, \delta).$$

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$P[X \in B_m(\delta)] > 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

By (4) of Theorem 2.1

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\bigcap_{k=n}^{\infty} [X_k \in B_m(\delta)]\right) \geq P[X \in B_m(\delta)] > 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and, by the definition of the limit, there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$P\left(\bigcap_{k=n_0}^{\infty} [X_k \in B_m(\delta)]\right) > 1 - \frac{3\varepsilon}{4}.$$

On the other side, for each random element  $X_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n_0 - 1$ ) there exists  $m_i$  such that

$$P[X_i \in B_{m_i}(\delta)] > 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{4 \cdot 2^i}.$$

Put  $m(\varepsilon, \delta) = \max\{m, m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{n_0-1}\}$ . Then

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} [X_i \in B_{m(\varepsilon, \delta)}(\delta)]\right) > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

Define a set

$$K = \overline{\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_{m(\frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}, \frac{1}{k})}(\frac{1}{k})},$$

which is compact (it is closed and contains a finite  $\varepsilon$ -net). Moreover,

$$(1) \quad P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} [X_i \in K]\right) > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty}[X_i \in K]\right) &= 1 - P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty}[X_i \notin K]\right) \\
 &= 1 - P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty}\left[X_i \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} B_{m\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}, \frac{1}{k}\right)}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)\right]\right) \\
 &= 1 - P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty}\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty}\left[X_i \notin B_{m\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}, \frac{1}{k}\right)}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)\right]\right) \\
 &\geq 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty}\left[X_i \notin B_{m\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}, \frac{1}{k}\right)}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)\right]\right) \\
 &= 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(1 - P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty}\left[X_i \in B_{m\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}, \frac{1}{k}\right)}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)\right]\right)\right) \\
 &\geq 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\frac{\varepsilon}{2^k} = 1 - \varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

Condition (1) assures strict tightness of the sequence  $\{X_i\}$ . □

Essential w.r.t. law convergence of random elements sequence  $\{X_n\}$  is equivalent to the weak convergence of  $\{X_\tau\}$  for all  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$  ( $\tau \in T$ ). It is easy to see that the following theorem holds.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Suppose that for all  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$  ( $\tau \in T$ )  $X_\tau \xrightarrow{D} X$ , then a collection of probability measures  $P_{X_\tau} = PX_\tau^{-1}$  is tight.*

By the Prokhorov theorem ([3]) if a sequence  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  of random elements converges in law to a random element  $X$ , then the sequence of their distributions is tight, i.e. for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a compact  $K_\varepsilon$  such that

$$P[X_n \in K_\varepsilon] > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

By the Theorem 2.3 we have

**Corollary 2.1.** *If for any  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ , ( $\tau \in T$ )  $X_\tau \xrightarrow{D} X$ , then the sequence  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  is strongly tight.*

### 3. Strong tightness in Polish spaces

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(S, \rho)$  be a Polish space and let  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of  $S$ -valued random elements. If  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for some r.e.  $X$ , then the sequence  $\{X_n\}$  is strongly tight.*

PROOF: By the Theorem 2 in [5],  $X_\tau \xrightarrow{D} X$  for any  $\tau \in T$ , such that  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ . This combined with Corollary 2.1 completes the proof. □

Some properties of the metric space  $(S, \rho)$  carry over to the space of random elements  $E_S$  with the Lévy-Prokhorov metric  $L$  or with the Ky-Fan metric

$$K(X, Y) = \inf\{\varepsilon : P[\rho(X, Y) > \varepsilon] < \varepsilon\}.$$

Examples of those properties are separability and completeness (see [3]). Unfortunately, compactness of the space  $S$  does not assure compactness of the  $(E_S, K)$ .

**Example 3.1.** Let  $\xi$  be a random variable uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $0, \delta_1\delta_2\delta_3 \dots$  be an infinite dyadic representation of  $\xi$ , i.e.  $\xi = \frac{\delta_1}{2} + \frac{\delta_2}{2^2} + \frac{\delta_3}{2^3} + \dots$ . For any integer number  $n$

$$[\delta_n = 0] = \bigcup_{i=1}^{2^{n-1}} \left[ \frac{2(i-1)}{2^n} \leq \xi < \frac{2i-1}{2^n} \right],$$

$$[\delta_n = 1] = \bigcup_{i=1}^{2^{n-1}} \left[ \frac{2i-1}{2^n} \leq \xi < \frac{2i}{2^n} \right].$$

Obviously,

$$P[\delta_n = 0] = \sum_{i=1}^{2^{n-1}} P \left[ \frac{2(i-1)}{2^n} \leq \xi < \frac{2i-1}{2^n} \right] = \sum_{i=1}^{2^{n-1}} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Analogously,  $P[\delta_n = 1] = \frac{1}{2}$ . Random variable  $\delta_n$  are also independent. Indeed, take any finite sequence  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\} \subset \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $m = i_n$  and  $\eta^{(m)} = \frac{\delta_{i_1}}{2^{i_1}} + \frac{\delta_{i_2}}{2^{i_2}} + \dots + \frac{\delta_{i_n}}{2^{i_n}}$  be an  $m$ -digital dyadic number. (This does not affect the above assumption of  $\xi$  having infinite representations.) Let  $\{\varepsilon_i\}$  be a 0-1 sequence.

$$\begin{aligned} &P([\delta_{i_1} = \varepsilon_1] \cap [\delta_{i_2} = \varepsilon_2] \cap \dots \cap [\delta_{i_n} = \varepsilon_n]) \\ &= P \left[ \eta^{(m)} = \frac{\delta_{i_1}}{2^{i_1}} + \frac{\delta_{i_2}}{2^{i_2}} + \dots + \frac{\delta_{i_n}}{2^{i_n}} \right] = \frac{1}{2^m} \\ &= P[\delta_{i_1} = \varepsilon_1] \cdot P[\delta_{i_2} = \varepsilon_2] \cdot \dots \cdot P[\delta_{i_n} = \varepsilon_n]. \end{aligned}$$

Consider now the matrix

$$\begin{matrix} \delta_1 & \delta_3 & \delta_6 & \dots \\ \delta_2 & \delta_5 & \dots & \dots \\ \delta_4 & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{matrix}$$

and random dyadic numbers

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 &= 0, \delta_1\delta_3\delta_6 \dots = \frac{\delta_1}{2} + \frac{\delta_3}{2^2} + \frac{\delta_6}{2^3} + \dots \\ \xi_2 &= 0, \delta_2\delta_5\delta_9 \dots = \frac{\delta_2}{2} + \frac{\delta_5}{2^2} + \frac{\delta_9}{2^3} + \dots \\ \xi_3 &= 0, \delta_4\delta_8 \dots = \frac{\delta_4}{2} + \frac{\delta_8}{2^2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$\xi_i$  are independent for  $\delta_i$  are. Now we will prove that  $\xi_i$  are uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$ . Indeed, for any  $n$

$$\xi_i^{(n)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\delta_k}{2^k}$$

may take values from the set  $\{0, \frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{2}{2^n}, \dots, \frac{2^n-1}{2^n}\}$  with probabilities  $\frac{1}{2^n}$ . As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\xi_i^{(n)} \rightarrow \xi_i$  and the distribution of  $\xi_i^{(n)}$  converges to the uniform distribution.

Let  $\{\xi_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$  defined above. By the Borel-Cantelli Lemma a sequence of i.i.d. r.v. converges in law (and, equivalently, in the Ky-Fan metric) to a degenerated r.v. Indeed, let

$$F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ x, & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 1, \\ 1, & \text{for } x > 1, \end{cases}$$

be the distribution function of  $\xi_n$ . Let  $A_n = [\xi_n < x]$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\xi_n^{-1}((-\infty, x)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ \infty, & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

For  $x \leq 0$ , obviously  $F_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ . If  $x > 0$ , then, since  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} \xi_k^{-1}((-\infty, x))$  is a decreasing sequence,

$$P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} \xi_k^{-1}((-\infty, x))\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\xi_n^{-1}((-\infty, x)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = 1$$

which equals 1, by the Borel-Cantelli Lemma.

#### 4. Convergence in Banach spaces

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  denote a Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and let  $\mathcal{E}^*$  be its dual with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_*$ .

We have the following result similar to the one obtained in [1].

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a separable Banach space. Suppose  $Y$  is an integrable cluster point of the sequence  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\} \subset \mathcal{E}$ . Then there exists an increasing sequence of stopping times  $\{\tau_n, n \in \mathbb{B}\} \subset T$ , such that*

$$X_{\tau_n} \rightarrow Y \quad \text{a.s.}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

PROOF: We have to show that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $m \geq 1$  we can choose  $\tau_k \geq m$  so that

$$(4) \quad P[\varrho(X_{\tau_k}, Y) > \delta] \leq \varepsilon.$$

For  $N \geq m$  define a random element

$$Z = E(Y | \mathcal{F}_N)$$

measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_N$ . Then  $P[\varrho(Y, Z) < \frac{\delta}{2}] > 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ , (see Proposition V-2-6 in [6]), and for all  $N \geq 1, 2, \dots$  there exists  $n > N$  such that  $\varrho(X_n, Y) < \frac{\delta}{2}$ . Moreover  $\varrho(X_n, Z) \leq \varrho(X_n, Y) + \varrho(Y, Z)$ , therefore

$$[\varrho(Y, Z) < \frac{\delta}{2}] \subset [\varrho(X_n, Z) < \frac{\delta}{2}, n \geq N].$$

Thus there exists  $N_0 > N$  such that

$$P[\varrho(X_n, Z) < \frac{\delta}{2} \quad \text{for some } N \leq n \leq N_0] > 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Define the set  $\Phi_n = [\varrho(X_n, Z) < \frac{\delta}{2}]$  and a stopping time

$$\tau_{k+1}(\omega) = \begin{cases} m & k = 0, \\ \inf\{n > \tau_k(\omega) : \omega \in \Phi_n \quad \text{for some } N \leq n \leq N_0\} & \\ N_0 & \omega \notin \Phi_n. \end{cases}$$

Now  $P[\varrho(X_{\tau_k}, Z) < \frac{\delta}{2}] \geq 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  and

$$P[\varrho(X_{\tau_k}, Z) < \delta] \geq 1 - \varepsilon.$$

□

Uniform boundness of  $E\|X_n\|$  is one of the conditions that assure almost sure convergence of real-valued amarts. However this condition is not sufficient in Banach spaces. It turns out that strong tightness is necessary and sufficient condition of almost sure convergence of the  $L^1$  bounded Banach space valued amarts.

Let us outline the proofs of these facts.

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a Banach space and let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $\mathcal{E}$ . There exists a countable sequence  $\{x_k^*\} \subset \mathcal{E}^*$  such that for an arbitrary sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset K$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  (in the norm) for some  $x$  if and only if for all  $k$ ,  $x_k^*(x_n)$  converges ([6]).*

*Remark 4.1..* In general, even the convergence of  $\{x^*(x_n), n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for all  $x^* \in \mathcal{E}^*$  does not imply even weak convergence of  $\{x_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Consider the following sequence  $x_n = (\underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_n, 0, \dots)$  in the space  $c_0$  of all real-valued sequences converging to zero.



**Lemma 4.3.** *Suppose  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  is strongly tight sequence of random elements. Then there exists a countable subset  $\{x_k^*\} \subset \mathcal{E}^*$  such that  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X$  if and only if for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  the sequence  $\{x_k^*(X_n), n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  converges for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

PROOF: If  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X$  then for any  $x^* \in \mathcal{E}^*$   $x^*(X_n) \xrightarrow{a.s.} x^*(X)$ .

Consider now *sufficiency*. Take any  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , then there exists a compact set  $K_{\frac{1}{p}}$  such that

$$P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} [X_n \in K_{\frac{1}{p}}]\right) > 1 - \frac{1}{p}.$$

By Lemma 4.2 for any  $\{x_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset K_{\frac{1}{p}}$ ,  $x_n$  converges to some  $x$  if and only if there exists a countable set  $\{x_l^{*(p)}\} \subset \mathcal{E}^*$  such that  $x_l^{*(p)}(x_n)$  converges. Let

$$\{x_k^*\} = \{x_l^{*(p)}, p, l \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Suppose that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  the sequence  $\{x_k^*(X_n)\}$  converges a.s. for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $\Omega_0$  be a set where  $\{x_k^*(X_n(\omega)), n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  converges for any  $k$ . Define

$$\Omega_p = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} [X_n \in K_{\frac{1}{p}}] \cap \Omega_0$$

and  $\Omega' = \bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} \Omega_p$ . Obviously,  $P(\Omega_p) > 1 - \frac{1}{p}$  and  $P(\Omega') = 1$ . Take  $\omega \in \Omega'$ , then  $\omega \in \Omega_p$  for some  $p$ . The sequence  $x_l^{*(p)}(X_n(\omega))$  converges for all  $l$ . The limit is measurable. Thus, by Lemma 4.3,  $X_n(\omega)$  converges, therefore  $X_n$  converges a.s. □

### 4.1 Almost sure convergence of asymptotic martingales

**Definition 4.1** ([5]). A sequence  $\{(X_n, \mathcal{A}_n); n \geq 1\}$  of Pettis integrable r.v.s. is called an asymptotic martingale (amart) iff  $X_n$  is  $\mathcal{A}_n$ -measurable for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\tau_0 \in T$  such that for every  $\tau, \nu \in T$   $\tau, \nu \geq \tau_0$  we have

$$\|EX_{\tau} - EX_{\nu}\| < \varepsilon.$$

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\{(X_n, \mathcal{A}_n)\}$  be an  $L^1$ -bounded asymptotic martingale. The necessary and sufficient condition for a.s. convergence of  $X_n$  to an integrable random element  $X$  is strong tightness of the sequence  $\{X_n\}$ .*

PROOF: *Necessity* of the above condition follows from the Theorem 3.1. For *sufficiency*, assume that  $\{X_n\}$  is strictly tight. For any  $x^* \in \mathcal{E}^*$  the sequence  $x^*(X_n)$  is an  $L^1$ -bounded real-valued asymptotic martingale. Indeed  $\sup_n E|x^*(X_n)| \leq \sup_n \|x^*\|_* \cdot E\|X_n\| < \infty$  and  $|Ex^*(X_{\tau}) - Ex^*(X_{\sigma})| = |(EX_{\tau}) - x^*(EX_{\sigma})| \leq \|x^*\|_* \|EX_{\tau} - EX_{\sigma}\|$ . Since  $\{x^*(X_n)\}$  is an  $L^1$ -bounded asymptotic martingale

it converges a.s. ([1]) and, by Lemma 4.3  $X_n$  converges a.s. The limit  $X$  of  $\{X_n\}$  is integrable. Indeed, by Fatou lemma

$$\int X dP = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int X_n dP < \infty.$$

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