

On L^p -boundedness of martingales in Banach space with Radon-Nikodým property

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Abstract. Let $f = (f_n)$ be a martingale with values in Banach space X having Radon-Nikodým property. $\|\cdot\|$ denotes a norm on X and E denotes Lebesgue integration over a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) . Then f is L^1_X -bounded if and only if f is L^p_X -bounded ($1 < p < \infty$). Moreover if $f = (f_n)$ is L^1_X -bounded martingale then $\{\|f_n\|\}$ is uniformly integrable. Thus, L^1 -bounded positive submartingale $f = (f_n)$ is uniformly integrable. In fact, f converges in L^1 .

Let $\|f\|_1 = \sup_n E \|f_n\|$ and let $M^1 = \{\text{martingale } f = (f_n) : \|f\|_1 < \infty\}$.

Here notice that $\|f(\omega)\|$ is a positive function over Ω .

Theorem 1. f is L^1_X -bounded $\Leftrightarrow f$ is L^p_X -bounded ($1 < p < \infty$).

Proof. $f \in M^1 \Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow {}^B f_\infty$ a. e. as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$E \|f_\infty\| \leq \varliminf_n E \|f_n\|$ (by Fatou's lemma)

$$\leq \overline{\lim}_n E \|f_n\|$$

$$\leq \sup_n E \|f_n\|$$

$$< \infty$$

And $E \|f_n\| \leq \sup_n E \|f_n\| < \infty$ for all n .

So $E \|f_n\| \leq {}^B G < \infty$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$)

so that $\|f_n\| \leq {}^B K = K(\omega) < \infty$ a. e. ($n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$),

i. e., $\|f_n\| \leq {}^B K < \infty$ on $\Omega \setminus e_n$, $P(e_n) = 0$, so on $\Omega \setminus \bigcup_n e_n$ by Zorn's lemma.

Thus, $\sup_n \|f_n(\omega)\| \leq K < \infty$ a. e., on $\Omega \setminus \bigcup_n e_n$.

From $\sup_n \|f_n\| \geq \|f_n\|$ (≥ 0)

$K^p \geq (\sup_{a.e.} \|f_n\|)^p \geq \|f_n\|^p$ for all n ($1 \leq p < \infty$).

So $\sup_n \|f_n(\omega)\|^p \leq K^p < \infty$ a. e., i. e., on $\Omega \setminus \bigcup_n e_n$.

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \| \|f_n\|^p \|_\infty &= \text{ess. sup}_\omega \|f_n(\omega)\|^p \\ &= \text{ess. sup}_\omega \|f_n(\omega)\|^p \\ &= \inf_{e \in N} \sup_{\substack{\Omega \setminus e \\ P(e)=0}} \|f_n(\omega)\|^p \\ &\quad (\text{Here } N \text{ is the family of all null set } e.) \\ &\leq \inf_{e \in N} \sup_{\substack{\Omega \setminus e \\ P(e)=0}} \left\{ \sup_n \|f_n(\omega)\|^p \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{e \in N} \sup_{\substack{\Omega \setminus e \\ P(e)=0}} K^p \leq \sup_{\substack{\Omega \setminus e \\ P(e)=0}} K^p < \infty \text{ for all } n. (\text{Here let } e = \bigcup_n e_n) \end{aligned}$$

And $\|1\|_1 < \infty$. That is, $\|f_n\|^p \in L_\infty, 1 \in L^1$.

Thus, by Hölder's inequality, for all n ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \|f_n\|^p dP &= \int_{\Omega} \|f_n\|^p \cdot 1 dP \leq \| \|f_n\|^p \|_{\infty} \cdot \|1\|_1 \\ &\leq \sup_n \| \|f_n\|^p \|_{\infty} \cdot \|1\|_1 \leq \sup_{\substack{\Omega \setminus e \\ P(e)=0}} K^p \cdot \|1\|_1 < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

so that $\sup_n \|f_n\|_p < \infty$.

Therefore f is L^1_X -bounded $\Rightarrow f$ is L^p_X -bounded ($1 < p < \infty$).

Conversely, f is L^p_X -bounded ($1 < p < \infty$) \Rightarrow

Since $\|f_n\| \in L^p$ and $1 \in L^q$ ($1/p + 1/q = 1$),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \|f_n\| dP &= \int_{\Omega} \|f_n\| \cdot 1 dP \\ &\leq \| \|f_n\| \|_p \cdot \|1\|_q \quad (\text{by Hölder's inequality}) \\ &= \left\{ \int_{\Omega} \|f_n\|^p dP \right\}^{1/p} \cdot \|1\|_q \quad (\text{Here notice } 1 \in L^q.) \\ &\leq \sup_n \| \|f_n\| \|_p \cdot \|1\|_q < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

That is, f is L^p_X -bounded $\Rightarrow f$ is L^1_X -bounded. (q. e. d.)

Theorem 2 If $f = (f_n) \in M^1$ then $\{\|f_n\|\}$ is uniformly integrable.

Proof. Let $f \in M^1$ then $f_n \xrightarrow{D} f_\infty \in L^1$ a. e. ($n \rightarrow \infty$).

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\|f_n\| - \|f_\infty\|| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|\|f_n\| - \|f_\infty\||) \\ &= |\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n\| - \|f_\infty\|| \\ &= |\|\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n\| - \|f_\infty\|| \quad (\text{by the continuity of norm}) \\ &= |\|f_\infty\| - \|f_\infty\|| \\ &= 0 \text{ a. e.} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, since (f_n, a_n) is a martingale

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_n\| &= \|E(f_{n+1}/a_n)\| \\ &\leq E(\|f_{n+1}\|/a_n) \quad (\|f_n\| \text{ is a real submartingale.}) \\ \overline{\text{a. e.}} \|f_{n+1}\| &\quad (\text{See Remark.}) \\ &= \|E(f_{n+2}/a_{n+1})\| \\ &\leq E(\|f_{n+2}\|/a_{n+1}) \\ \overline{\text{a. e.}} \|f_{n+2}\| &\uparrow \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|f_{n+j}\| = \|f_\infty\|. \end{aligned}$$

And, by Fatou's lemma,

$$E \|f_\infty\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \|f_n\| \leq \overline{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}} E \|f_n\| \leq \sup_n E \|f_n\| < \infty.$$

That is, $\|f_n\| \leq \|f_\infty\|$ a. e. and $\|f_\infty\| \in L^1$.

So $|\|f_n\| - \|f_\infty\|| \leq |\|f_n\|| + |\|f_\infty\|| = \|f_n\| + \|f_\infty\| \leq 2 \cdot \|f_\infty\| \in L^1$.

By Lebesgue's convergence theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \left(\left| \|f_n\| - \|f_\infty\| \right| \right) &= E \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \|f_n\| - \|f_\infty\| \right| \right) \\
&= E(0) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

That is, $\{\|f_n\|\}$ is uniformly integrable. (q. e. d.)

Thus, L^1 -bounded positive submartingale $f = (f_n)$ is uniformly integrable. In fact, f converges in L^1 .

Remark. In the proof suppose that a_n is not finitely generated. If some $a_n (\neq \{\phi, \Omega\})$ is finitely generated then every $a_m, m > n$, is finitely generated since $a_m \supset a_n$ so that there is $g \in L^1$ such that $\|f_n\| \leq g$ ($n=1, 2, \dots$) since $\|f_m\| = E(\|f_m\|/a_m) = \text{simple function}$ ($m > n$). Thus, then $\{\|f_n\|\}$ is uniformly integrable.

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