

## STRONG CONVERGENCE OF VECTOR-VALUED PRAMARTS AND SUBPRAMARTS

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*Abstract.* We prove a subpramart convergence theorem which is a complete solution of a problem raised by L. Egghe, and a pramart convergence theorem which partly solves a problem of L. Sucheston. We obtain also certain decomposition of subpramarts.

**1. Introduction.** In the present paper we deal with subpramarts and pramarts in Banach spaces. In Section 2 we give necessary definitions and notations, formulate problems of Sucheston and Egghe, and recall known results concerning the problems.

In Section 3 we prove the main result of this paper, it is the subpramart convergence theorem – Theorem 3.5 – which completely solves the problem of Egghe. Theorem 3.6 – the pramart convergence theorem – gives a partial solution of the problem of Sucheston. The clue to the both theorems is Lemma 3.4, which can be regarded independently as a very useful tool in other similar reasonings.

In Section 4 we obtain an extension of a subpramart decomposition theorem due to Millet and Sucheston and we give an example showing that this decomposition does not hold true in the general case.

**2. Preliminaries.** Let  $(\Omega, F, P)$  be a probability space,  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  an increasing sequence of sub- $\sigma$ -algebras of the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $F$ ,  $T$  – the set of all bounded stopping times with respect to  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** For a Banach space  $E$ , the adapted sequence  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $E$ -valued random variables is called a *pramart* if  $(X_\sigma - E^{F_\sigma} X_\tau)$  converges to zero in probability, uniformly in  $\tau \geq \sigma$ , i.e., for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\sigma_0 \in T$  such that  $\sigma_0 \leq \sigma \leq \tau$  implies

$$P(\{\|X_\sigma - E^{F_\sigma} X_\tau\| > \varepsilon\}) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Sucheston stated in 1979 the question whether Chatterji's result for martingales holds true in the case of pramarts. Let us report it exactly:

**Problem 2.2.** Let  $E$  be a Banach space with the Radon - Nikodym property (RNP), and let  $(X_n)$  be an  $E$ -valued pramart bounded in  $L_1(E)$ -norm. Is  $X_n$  strongly a.s. convergent?

Let now  $E$  be a Banach lattice.

**Definition 2.3.** The adapted sequence  $(X_n, F_n)$  of  $E$ -valued random variables is called a *subpramart* if  $(X_\sigma - E^{F_\sigma} X_\tau)^+$  converges to zero in probability, uniformly in  $\tau \geq \sigma$ .

In the real-valued case Millet and Sucheston proved

**THEOREM 2.4** ([11], p. 96, Th. 3.7). *Let  $(X_n)$  be a subpramart which satisfies the following condition:*

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(X_n^+) + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(X_n^-) < \infty.$$

*Then  $X_n$  converges a.s. to an integrable r.v.*

As it is seen from the definitions every submartingale is a subpramart, and for submartingales Heinich proved the following

**THEOREM 2.5.** ([8]). *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with the RNP. Then every positive  $L_1(E)$ -bounded submartingale is a.s. convergent.*

Egghe raised a problem which is connected with the problem of Sucheston.

**Problem 2.6.** (see [6] or [5]). Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with the RNP, and let  $(X_n, F_n)$  be an  $E$ -valued positive subpramart with an  $L_1(E)$ -bounded subsequence. Is  $X_n$  strongly a.s. convergent?

Both problems have been affirmatively solved under additional assumptions.

**THEOREM 2.7** ([7], p. 360, Th. 2.4, and [10], p. 1043, Th. 3.5). *Let  $E$  be a Banach space with the RNP, and let  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an  $E$ -valued pramart for which there is a subsequence  $(X_{n_k})$  which is uniformly integrable. Then  $X_n$  itself converges strongly a.s.*

**THEOREM 2.8.** ([13], Th. 3.1). *Let  $E$  be a Banach space with an unconditional basis and with the RNP. Let  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a pramart with an  $L_1(E)$ -bounded subsequence. Then  $X_n$  converges strongly a.s.*

In this paper we prove a pramart convergence theorem for weakly sequentially complete Banach spaces (Theorem 3.6).

Let us recall some known results concerning the strong convergence of subpramarts.

**THEOREM 2.9.** ([6], Cor. 2.8). *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with the RNP. Then every  $E$ -valued positive subpramart  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is strongly convergent to an integrable r.v., if there is a subsequence  $(n_k) \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(X_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly integrable.*

**THEOREM 2.10** ([13], Th. 2.2). *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with an unconditional basis such that the order is induced by the basis, and let  $E$  have the RNP. Then every  $E$ -valued positive subpramart  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is strongly a.s. convergent to an integrable r.v., if there is a subsequence  $(X_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  which is  $L_1(E)$ -bounded.*

Here we solve affirmatively the problem of Egghe without any additional assumptions.

In the paper we use a method based on a Kadec-Klee lattice renorming theorem due to Davis, Ghoussoub and Lindenstrauss:

**THEOREM 2.11** ([2]). *A Banach lattice  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  is order continuous if and only if there is an equivalent lattice norm  $\|\cdot\|_1$  on  $E$  such that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset E$ ,  $x_n \xrightarrow{w} x$  and  $\|x_n\|_1 \rightarrow \|x\|_1$  imply  $\|x_n - x\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ .*

It is obvious that if  $E$  is separable, then the equivalent norm has the Kadec-Klee property with respect to a countable set of functionals.

**3. Subpramart and pramart convergence theorems.** In order to profit by the Kadec-Klee renorming theorem we have to report two lemmas from [6].

**LEMMA 3.1.** ([6], L. 2.2). *Let  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a positive subpramart with values in a Banach lattice  $E$ . Let  $x' \in (E')_+$  be arbitrary. Then  $(x'(X_n), F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a positive subpramart.*

**Definition 3.2** ([6], Def. 2.3). Let  $(X_n^m, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of real-valued subpramarts. It is called a *uniform sequence* of subpramarts if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \sigma_0 \in T$  such that for every  $\sigma, \tau \in T$ ,  $\sigma_0 \leq \sigma \leq \tau$ ,

$$P(\{\sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} (X_\sigma^m - E^{F_\sigma} X_\tau^m) \leq \varepsilon\}) \geq 1 - \varepsilon.$$

**LEMMA 3.3.** ([6], L. 2.4). *Let  $(X_n^m, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a uniform sequence of real-valued positive subpramarts. Suppose that there is a subsequence  $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that:*

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\Omega} \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} X_{n_k}^m dP < \infty.$$

*Then each subpramart  $(X_n^m, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges a.s. to an integrable r.v.  $X_\infty^m$ , and we have:*

$$\sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} X_n^m \rightarrow \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} X_\infty^m \text{ a.s. for } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

The following lemma reduces our problems to a situation similar to that in Theorem 2.7 and 2.9. The author is very grateful to J. Szulga for a considerable simplification of the original proof of this lemma.

**LEMMA 3.4.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an adapted sequence of  $E$ -valued random variables such that*

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E \|X_n\| < \infty.$$

Then there exists a subsequence  $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that, for every  $k$ ,  $X_{n_k} = Y_{n_k} + Z_{n_k}$ , where  $Y_{n_k}$  and  $Z_{n_k}$  are  $F_{n_k}$ -measurable,  $(Y_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly integrable and  $Z_{n_k} \rightarrow 0$  a.s. if  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Proof. Note that it is enough to find such a subsequence  $(n_k)$ , where  $Z_{n_k}$  tends to zero in probability.

For every positive integer  $m$  set

$$g_X^m(t) = \sup_{n \geq m} \int_{\{\|X_n\| > t\}} \|X_n\| dP.$$

Since  $g_X^1(t)$  is nonincreasing and nonnegative, then there is a positive real number  $\alpha$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g_X^1(t) = \alpha.$$

Thus there is an increasing sequence  $(t_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_k = \infty$ , and

$$\alpha \leq g_X^1(t_k) < \alpha - 1/k.$$

It is obvious that also  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g_X^m(t) = \alpha$ , hence

$$\forall m \forall k \quad g_X^m(t_k) \geq \alpha.$$

There is then an increasing sequence of positive integers  $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$\int_{\{\|X_{n_k}\| > t_k\}} \|X_{n_k}\| dP > \alpha - 1/k.$$

Set

$$Y_{n_k} = X_{n_k} I_{\{\|X_{n_k}\| \leq t_k\}} \quad \text{and} \quad Z_{n_k} = X_{n_k} I_{\{\|X_{n_k}\| > t_k\}}.$$

Then  $Y_{n_k}$  and  $Z_{n_k}$  are  $F_{n_k}$ -measurable.

Since

$$P(\|Z_{n_k}\| \geq \varepsilon) \leq P(\|X_{n_k}\| > t_k) \leq 1/t_k \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E \|X_n\|,$$

$Z_{n_k}$  tends to zero in probability.

In order to prove that  $(Y_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly integrable it is enough to show that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\{\|Y_{n_k}\| > t\}} \|Y_{n_k}\| dP = 0.$$

Since

$$g(t) = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\{\|Y_{n_k}\| > t\}} \|Y_{n_k}\| dP$$

is a nonincreasing function, then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} g(t_i)$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} g(t_i) &= \sup_{k \geq i} \int_{\|X_{n_k}\| \leq t_i} \|X_{n_k}\| dP \\ &= \sup_{k \geq i} \left( \int_{\|X_{n_k}\| > t_i} \|X_{n_k}\| dP - \int_{\|X_{n_k}\| > t_i} \|X_{n_k}\| dP \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{k \geq i} \left( \alpha - \frac{1}{i} - \alpha + \frac{1}{k} \right) = \frac{2}{i}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} g(t_i) = 0$ .

Now we are in a position to solve the problem of Egghe.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with the RNP, and let  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an  $E$ -valued positive subpramart such that*

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} E \|X_{n_k}\| < \infty$$

for some subsequence  $(X_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

Then  $X_n$  is strongly a.s. convergent.

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.4 we can assume that  $X_{n_k} = Y_{n_k} + Z_{n_k}$ , where  $(Y_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly integrable and  $Z_{n_k}$  tends to zero a.s.

According to Lemma 3.1,  $x'(X_n)$  is for every  $x' \in (E')_+$  a real-valued subpramart and, by Theorem 2.4, there is an r.v.  $f_x$  such that

$$(*) \quad x'(X_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f_x \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Since  $x'(Z_{n_k}) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$  a.s., then  $x'(Y_{n_k}) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} f_x$  a.s. and, by the uniform integrability, in the  $L_1$ -norm.

Therefore, for every  $A \in F_\infty = \sigma(\bigcup_n F_n)$ ,  $\int_A x'(Y_{n_k}) dP$  is convergent, and so  $(\int_A Y_{n_k} dP)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is weakly convergent Cauchy sequence.

Since  $E$  does not contain any  $c_0$ -space, then (by Th. 1.c.4 in [9])  $E$  is weakly sequentially complete; and so  $\int_A Y_{n_k} dP$  is weakly convergent for every  $A \in F_\infty$ .

Let

$$\mu(A) = w\text{-}\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_A Y_{n_k} dP.$$

Since  $\mu$  is of bounded variation, by the Caratheodory, Hahn and Klivanek extension theorem (see [3])  $\mu$  is a countable additive measure on  $F_\infty$ . Moreover,  $\mu$  is  $P$ -continuous. By the RNP there exists an r.v.  $X = L_1(\Omega, F_\infty, P; E)$  such that

$$\mu(A) = \int_A X dP \quad \text{for every } A \in F_\infty,$$

hence

$$\forall x' \in (E')_+ \quad \forall A \in F_\infty \quad \int_A x'(Y_{n_k}) dP \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_A x'(X) dP.$$

On the other hand,

$$\int_A x'(Y_{n_k}) dP \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_A f_{x'} dP,$$

so we get

$$\int_A x'(X) dP = \int_A f_{x'} dP \quad \text{for every } A \in F_\infty$$

and, since  $x'(X)$  and  $f_{x'}$  are  $F_\infty$ -measurable,  $x'(X) = f_{x'}$  a.s. for every  $x' \in (E')_+$ . From (\*) we have  $x'(X_n) \rightarrow x'(X)$  a.s. for every  $x' \in (E')_+$ .

Since  $E$  has the RNP,  $E$  is order continuous and, by Theorem 2.11, there is an equivalent norm  $\|\cdot\|_1$  on  $E$  which has the Kadec-Klee property. Let  $D$  be a countable subset of  $(E')_+$  such that for every  $x \in E_+$

$$\|x\|_1 = \sup_{x' \in D} x'(x).$$

Then  $(x'(X_n), F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a uniform sequence of positive submartingales, and by Lemma 3.3

$$\|X_n\|_1 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \|X\|_1 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Finally, by the Kadec-Klee property of  $(E, \|\cdot\|_1)$  we get

$$X_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} X \quad \text{strongly a.s.}$$

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $E$  be a weakly sequentially complete Banach space with the RNP, and let  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an  $E$ -valued martingale such that*

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} E \|X_{n_k}\| < \infty$$

*for some subsequence  $(X_{n_k})$ . Then  $X_n$  is strongly a.s. convergent.*

**PROOF.** According to Lemma 3.4, we can assume that  $X_{n_k} = Y_{n_k} + Z_{n_k}$ , where  $(Y_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly integrable and  $Z_{n_k} \rightarrow 0$  a.s.,  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Since we consider a sequence of strongly measurable functions which are separable valued, we can assume that  $E$  is separable. By the classical Kadec renorming theorem, there is an equivalent norm  $\|\cdot\|_1$  on  $E$  with the Kadec-Klee property. Moreover, there exists a countable set  $D \subset \{x' \in E' \mid \|x'\| \leq 1\}$  such that for every  $x \in E$

$$\|x\|_1 = \sup_{x' \in D} |x'(x)|.$$

For every  $x' \in E'$ ,  $x'(X_n)$  is a real-valued pramart. By Theorem 2.4, there is an r.v.  $f_{x'}$  such that  $x'(X_n) \rightarrow f_{x'}$  a.s.

Next, as in the proof of Theorem 3.5, we get that for every  $A \in F_\infty$

$$\left(\int_A Y_{n_k} dP\right)_{k \in N}$$

is a weakly convergent Cauchy sequence. By the weak completeness of  $E$ ,  $\left(\int_A Y_{n_k} dP\right)_{k \in N}$  is weakly convergent.

Afterwards, continuing as in the proof of Theorem 3.5, we get an r.v.  $X$  such that  $\forall x' \in E'$   $x'(X_n) \rightarrow x'(X)$  a.s.; hence also  $|x'(X_n)| \rightarrow |x'(X)|$  a.s., where  $|x'(X_n)|$  is a real-valued positive subpramart. By Lemma 3.3

$$\|X_n\|_1 = \sup_{x' \in D} |x'(X_n)| \rightarrow \sup_{x' \in D} |x'(X)| = \|X\|_1,$$

and by the classical Kadec renorming theorem  $X_n \rightarrow X$  a.s.

**4. Decomposition of subpramarts.** In this section we discuss an extension to Banach lattices of the following subpramart decomposition theorem of Millet-Sucheston:

**THEOREM 4.1** ([11], p. 93, Prop. 3.3). *Let  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in N}$  be a real-valued positive integrable adapted sequence. Then  $(X_n)$  is a subpramart if and only if there is a positive submartingale  $(R_n, F_n)$  such that for every positive integer  $n$ ,  $R_n \leq X_n$  a.s., and*

$$\lim_{\tau \in T} (X_\tau - R_\tau) = 0 \text{ in probability.}$$

We consider now a Banach lattice  $E$  with an unconditional basis  $\{e_i\}$ , such that the lattice order is induced by the basis, i.e.,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x^i e_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y^i e_i \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall i \in N \quad x^i \leq y^i,$$

where

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x^i e_i \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y^i e_i \in E.$$

**Remark 4.2.** On every Banach space  $E$  with an unconditional basis  $\{e_i\}_{i \in N}$  there is a norm  $\|\cdot\|_1$  equivalent to the original one, and such that for this norm the basis  $\{e_i\}_{i \in N}$  is strictly hyperorthogonal ([12], Theorem 20.3).  $(E, \|\cdot\|_1)$  is a Banach lattice with the order induced by the basis  $\{e_i\}_{i \in N}$ .

The following lemma is easy to verify.

**LEMMA 4.3.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with the order induced by a basis  $\{e_i\}_{i \in N}$ .*

Let  $\{e^i\}_{i \in N}$  be a biorthogonal sequence of functionals and set

$$D = \{x' \in E' \mid \|x'\| \leq 1, x' = \sum_{i \in S} x_i e^i, S \subset N, x_i \in Q_+\},$$

where  $Q_+$  is the set of positive rational numbers, and  $S$  is finite.

Then  $D$  is countable and

$$\forall x \in E_+ \quad \|x\| = \sup_{x' \in D} x'(x).$$

The next lemma may be interesting in itself as it shows a large class of submartingales which are pramarts.

LEMMA 4.4. Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with the RNP, and let  $(R_n, F_n)_{n \in N}$  be an  $E$ -valued positive  $L_1$ -bounded submartingale. Then  $(R_n, F_n)_{n \in N}$  is a pramart.

Proof. Let  $R_n = M_n - Z_n$  be the Riesz decomposition of  $R_n$ , where  $(M_n, F_n)_{n \in N}$  is a martingale and  $(Z_n, F_n)_{n \in N}$  is a positive potential (see [4]).

Since, for every increasing sequence of stopping times  $(\tau_k) \subset T$ ,  $R_{\tau_k}$  is a positive  $L_1$ -bounded submartingale, then (by Theorem 2.5)  $R_{\tau_k}$  is convergent in probability, and so  $(R_{\tau})_{\tau \in T}$  also converges in probability. Similarly, by the well known Chatterji theorem,  $(M_{\tau})_{\tau \in T}$  is convergent in probability. Thus  $(z_{\tau})_{\tau \in T}$  converges in probability. Moreover,  $\lim_{\tau \in T} Z_{\tau} = 0$ , as  $w\text{-}\lim_{\tau \in T} Z_{\tau} = 0$ .

Since

$$\forall \sigma, \tau \in T, \quad \tau \geq \sigma \Rightarrow 0 \leq E^{F_{\sigma}} R_{\tau} - R_{\sigma} = Z_{\sigma} - E^{F_{\sigma}} Z_{\tau} \leq Z_{\sigma},$$

then  $\sup_{\tau \geq \sigma} \|E^{F_{\sigma}} R_{\tau} - R_{\sigma}\| \leq \|Z_{\sigma}\|$ , and so  $R_n$  is a pramart.

THEOREM 4.5. Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with the order induced by an unconditional basis  $\{e_i\}_{i \in N}$ , and with the RNP. Let  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in N}$  be an  $E$ -valued positive integrable adapted sequence. Then  $X_n$  is a subpramart iff there exists a positive submartingale  $(R_n, F_n)_{n \in N}$  such that  $\forall n \in N$   $R_n \leq X_n$  a.s., and  $\lim_{\tau \in T} (X_{\tau} - R_{\tau}) = 0$ , in probability.

Proof. Necessity. Let  $\{e^i\}_{i \in N}$  be the biorthogonal sequence of functionals. For  $n, i \in N$  set  $X_n^i = e^i(X_n)$ . Then  $(X_n^i, F_n)$  is (for every  $i \in N$ ) a real-valued positive subpramart; and as in the proof of Theorem 4.1 (see [11])

$$r_n^i = \inf_{\tau \geq n} E^{F_{\tau}} X_{\tau}^i$$

is a submartingale such that  $\forall n \in N$   $r_n^i \leq X_n^i$  a.s., and  $\lim_{\tau \in T} (X_{\tau}^i - r_{\tau}^i) = 0$ , in probability.

Set

$$R_n = \bigwedge_{\tau, n} E^{F_{\tau}} X_{\tau}.$$

Then

$$R_n = \bigwedge_{\tau \geq n} E^{F_n} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} X_{\tau}^i e_i = \bigwedge_{\tau \geq n} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (E^{F_n} X_{\tau}^i) e_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \inf_{\tau \geq n} (E^{F_n} X_{\tau}^i) e_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} r_n^i e_i.$$

Since, for every  $i$ ,  $r_n^i$  is a submartingale, then  $R_n$  is also a submartingale. Moreover,  $0 \leq R_n \leq X_n$  a.s.  $\forall n \in N$ , and it is easy to verify that if  $R'_n$  is a submartingale such that  $R'_n \leq X_n$ , then  $R'_n \leq R_n$ .

Let  $D$  be as in Lemma 4.3. Since

$$\lim_{\tau \in T} (X_{\tau}^i - r_{\tau}^i) = 0$$

in probability, and  $r_n^i = e^i R_n^i$ , then

$$\forall x' \in D \quad \lim_{\tau \in T} x'(X_{\tau} - R_{\tau}) = 0 \quad \text{in probability.}$$

In order to prove that

$$\lim_{\tau \in T} (X_{\tau} - R_{\tau}) = 0 \quad \text{in probability,}$$

it is enough to show that for every increasing sequence of stopping times  $\tau_n$

$$(X_{\tau_n} - R_{\tau_n})_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

By Lemma 4.4,  $R_{\tau_n}$  is a pramart, hence  $(X_{\tau_n} - R_{\tau_n})_{n \in N}$  is a positive subpramart, and, for  $x' \in D$ ,  $x'(X_{\tau_n} - R_{\tau_n})$  is a uniform sequence of subpramarts. Using Lemma 3.3 we get

$$\|X_{\tau_n} - R_{\tau_n}\| = \sup_{x' \in D} x'(X_{\tau_n} - R_{\tau_n}) \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Sufficiency. Assume that there exists a submartingale  $(R'_n, F_n)$  such that  $R'_n \leq X_n$  and

$$\lim_{\tau \in T} (X_{\tau} - R'_{\tau}) = 0, \quad \text{in probability.}$$

Since  $R'_n \leq R_n \leq X_n$ , we have

$$\lim_{\tau \in T} (X_{\tau} - R_{\tau}) = 0, \quad \text{in probability.}$$

But

$$X_{\sigma} - E^{F_{\sigma}} X_{\tau} \leq X_{\sigma} - R_{\sigma},$$

thus  $X_n$  is a subpramart.

As the following example shows, the above decomposition, i.e., the "necessity" part of the previous theorem, fails even for the Banach lattice  $L_2([0, 1])$  and for a constant sequence of trivial  $\sigma$ -algebras.

Example 4.6. We consider  $L_2([0, 1])$  as a Banach lattice with the natural pointwise order. Let, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $F_n = \{\Phi, \Omega\}$ .

Set  $A_n = [k/2^m, (k+1)/2^m)$  for  $n = 2^m + k$ , where  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2^m - 1$ , and set  $X_n = \mathbf{1}_{A_n^c}$ . Then  $(X_n, F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an  $L_2$ -valued positive order bounded pramart as it is deterministic norm-convergent sequence. Note that

$$R_n = \bigwedge_{m \geq n} E^{F_n} X_m = \bigwedge_{m \geq n} X_m = \bigwedge_{m \geq n} \mathbf{1}_{A_m^c} = \mathbf{1}_{\bigcap_{m \geq n} A_m^c} = 0.$$

Let  $(R'_n, F_n)$  be a submartingale such that  $R'_n \leq X_n$ . Then  $R'_n \leq R_n$ , and  $X_n - R'_n \geq X_n - R_n = X_n$ .

However  $X_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{1}$  strongly. Thus  $(X_n - R'_n) \not\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

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