

**ON THE CLASS OF ALL PROCESS HAVING  
A RIESZ DECOMPOSITION**

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**INTRODUCTION** The theory of Asymptotic Martingales (Amarts) has been developed and extensively studied in recent years by Bellow [1], Edgar and Sucheston [3], Chacon and Sucheston [2] among others. It was shown that every real, valued amart and every vector-valued uniform amart has a Riesz decomposition. Thus one problem seems to be remained is that of characterizing all processes having a Riesz decomposition. The purpose of the present is to solve this problem. Our main results are given in the section. In the section 2 we prove some convergence theorems and construct some related examples.

**I. DISCRETE PARAMETER PROCESSES HAVING A RIESZ DECOMPOSITION**

Throughout the paper let  $B$  be a Banach space with some norm denoted by  $\| \cdot \|$  and  $L_1(B, F)$  the Banach space of all  $B$ -valued Bochner integrable functions defined on some probability space  $(S, E, P)$ . We shall assume that we are given an increasing sequence  $F(n)$  of sub-fields of  $E$ . A process  $X(n)$  is said to be adapted to  $F(n)$  if  $X(n)$  is  $F(n)$ -measurable for all positive integers  $n$ . All our processes are assumed to be adapted to  $F(n)$ . Unless otherwise specified all random variables will be assumed taken from  $L_1(B, F)$ .

**DEFINITION 1.1.** A process  $X(n)$  is said to have a Riesz decomposition, if  $X(n) = M(n) + P(n)$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) (1.1) where  $M(n)$  is a martingale and  $P(n)$  a  $L_1$ -potential, i. e.

$$\lim_n E(\|P(n)\|) = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

By the same argument as that given in [5] the Riesz decomposition is always essentially unique.

**PROPOSITION 1.1** Every uniform amart ([5]), hence every quasi-martingale in  $L_1(B, F)$  has a Riesz decomposition.

**PROPOSITION 1.2** A process  $X(n)$  is convergent in  $L_1$  iff it has a Riesz decomposition (1.1) with (1.2), where  $M(n)$  is a regular martingale.

**THEOREM 1.1** A process  $X(n)$  has a Riesz decomposition iff the following condition (RD) holds

$$(RD) \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists k \geq 1 \forall m \geq n \geq k E(\|X_n(m) - X(n)\|) \leq \varepsilon$$

Where  $X_n(m) = E(X(m), (F(n)) (m \geq n \geq 1))$

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $X(n)$  be a process having a Riesz decomposition (1.1) with (1.2). Then in particular, we have

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists k \geq 1 \forall m \geq k E(\|P(m)\|) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Hence  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists k \geq 1 \forall m \geq n \geq k$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} E(\|X_n(m) - X(n)\|) &\leq E\|X(m) - M(m)\| + E(\|X(n) - X(n)\|) \\ &\leq (E\|P(m)\|) + E(\|P(n)\|) \leq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

It proves condition (RD).

**Proof of ( $\Leftarrow$ )** Suppose conversely that a process  $X(n)$  satisfies condition (RD). Thus, in particular, we have

$$\forall j \geq 1 \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists k \geq j \forall m \geq k E(\|X_k(m) - X(k)\|) \leq \varepsilon$$

Therefore  $\{X_j(n)\}_{n=j}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L_1(B, F, (j))$  for all  $j \geq 1$ . Consequently,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(\|X_j(n) - M(j)\|) = 0$$

for some sequence  $M(j)$ . It is not hard to show that in the case the sequence  $M(j)$  is a martingale. Now put

$$P(j) = X(j) - M(j) \quad (j \geq 1)$$

We claim that  $P(j)$  is a  $L_1$ -potential. Indeed, fix a positive number  $\varepsilon$ , by condition (RD) we have

$$\exists k \geq 1 \forall m \geq n \geq k E(\|X_n(m) - X(n)\|) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

On the one hand, since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(\|X_j(n) - M(j)\|) = 0 (j \geq 1)$  then, in particular, we get

$$\forall j \geq k \exists m_j E(\|X(j) + m_j - M(j)\|) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

On the other hand, since

$$\begin{aligned} E(\|P(j)\|) &= E(\|X(j) - M(j)\|) \\ &\leq E(\|X(j) - X_j(j) + m_j\|) + E(\|X_j(j + m_j) - M(j)\|) \end{aligned}$$

then finally we have  $E(\|P(j)\|) \leq \varepsilon (j \geq k)$

In prove (1.2). The proof of theorem 1.1 is complete

**DEFINITION 1.2.** Let  $N$  denote the set of all positive integers. For every pair  $m > n \geq 1$  and every subsequence  $(\alpha_n)$  ( $N$  we denote by  $\alpha[m, n]$  the number of elements of  $(\alpha_n)$  contained in the interval  $[m, n]$ ). In the following theorem if we have two sequences  $(\alpha_n)$  and  $(\beta_n)$  of  $N$  then by  $(\gamma_n)$  we mean the superimposed sequence  $(\alpha_n$  with  $(\beta_n)$ ).

**THEOREM 1.2.** Let  $X(n)$  be a process in  $L_1(B, F)$  then the following conditions are equivalent

(1)  $X(n)$  has a Riesz decomposition

$$(2) \forall \alpha > 1 \exists \{\alpha_k\} \subset N \uparrow \infty \forall \{\beta_k\} \subset N \uparrow \infty, \text{ if } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\beta[\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1}]}{\alpha^k} < \infty$$

then the process  $X(\gamma_k)$  is a quasi-martingale.

$$(3) \exists \{\alpha_k\} \subset N \uparrow \infty \forall \{\beta_k\} \subset N \text{ if } \beta[\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1}] = 1 \quad (k \geq 1)$$

then the process  $X(\gamma_k)$  is a quasi-martingale.

$$(4) \exists \{\alpha_k\} \subset N \uparrow \infty \forall \{\beta_k\} \subset N \uparrow \infty, \text{ if } \beta[\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1}] = 1, \quad (k \geq 1)$$

then the process  $X(\gamma_k)$  is a uniform amart.

**Proof of (1  $\rightarrow$  2).** Let  $X(n)$  be a process having a Riesz decomposition (1.1) with (1.2). Then, in particular, we have

$$\forall \alpha > 1 \exists \{\alpha_k\} \subset N \uparrow \infty \forall n \geq \alpha_k E(\|P(n)\|) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha^k} \quad (1.3).$$

Suppose now that  $\{\beta_1 < \beta_2 < \beta_3 < \dots\}$  is any but fixed subsequence of

$$N \text{ with } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_k = \infty \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\beta[\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1})}{\alpha_k} < \infty \quad (1.4)$$

Estime

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E(\|X_{\gamma_k}(\gamma_{k+1}) - X_k(\gamma_k)\|) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\gamma_j \in [\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1})} E(\|X_{\gamma_j}(\gamma_{j+1}) - \\ &- X(\gamma_j)\|) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\gamma_j \in [\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1})} [E(\|X(\gamma_{j+1}) - M(\gamma_{j+1})\|) + E(\|X(\gamma_j) - \\ &- M(\gamma_j)\|)] \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{Z[\beta[\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1}) + 1]}{\alpha_k} \end{aligned}$$

Thus since  $\alpha > 1$  then by (1.3) and (1.4) we have (2).

Because the implications (2  $\rightarrow$  3  $\rightarrow$  4) are clear then it remains to show that (4  $\rightarrow$  1). Indeed.

Let  $X(n)$  be a process satisfying condition (4) then, in particular in view of result of Bellow [1] we get

$$X(\alpha_k) = M(\alpha_k) + P(\alpha_k) \quad (k \geq 1) \quad (1.5)$$

where  $M(X_{\alpha_k})$  is a martingale and  $P(\alpha_k)$  is a  $L_1$ -potential. Now define

$$M(n) = E(M(\alpha_k), F(n)) \text{ for all } \alpha_{k-1} < n \leq \alpha_k$$

with  $\alpha_0 = 0$  and  $P(n) = X(n) - M(n) \quad (n \geq 1)$

We claim that the process  $M(n)$  and  $P(n)$  satisfy condition (1.1) with (1.2). Since (1.1) is clear then we have to show only (1.2). Indeed, suppose that (1.2) does not hold, hence we can choose some positive number  $\varepsilon$  and a subsequence

$$\begin{aligned} \{\beta_k\} \text{ of } N \text{ with } \beta[\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1}) = 1 \text{ for all } k \text{ and} \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E(\|P(\beta_k)\|) \geq \varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

But again, by (4) the process  $X(\gamma_k)$  is a uniform amart therefore in view of [1] we get

$$X(\gamma_k) = M'(\gamma_k) + P'(\gamma_k) \quad (k \geq 1) \quad (1.7)$$

Where  $M'(\gamma_k)$  is a martingale and  $P'(\gamma_k)$  is a uniform potential hence a  $L_1$ -potential. Again define

$M'(n) = E(M'(\gamma_k), F(n))$  for all  $\gamma_{k-1} < n \leq \gamma_k$  with  $\gamma_0 = 0$   
 and  $P'(n) = X(n) - M'(n) \quad (n \geq 1)$

On the one hand, since  $\{\alpha_k\} \subset \{\gamma_k\}$  then by (1.7) and (1.5)

we get  $M(\alpha_k) = M'(\alpha_k) \quad (k \geq 1)$ , hence

$M(n) = M'(n) \quad (n \geq 1)$ . It implies that

$P(n) = P'(n) \quad (n \geq 1)$ .

On the other hand, since  $\{\beta_k\} \subset \{\gamma_k\}$  then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E(\|P(\beta_k)\|) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E(\|P'(\beta_k)\|) = 0$$

which contradicts (1.6). The proof of Theorem 1.2 is thus complete.

## 2. THE CONVERGENCE THEOREMS AND SOME EXAMPLES

The following convergence theorems for processes having a Riesz decomposition can be easily established from and at the same time can be regarded as some extensions of results in [6] and [3] given by Uhl and Chatterji, resp.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *A process  $X(n)$  having a Riesz decomposition is convergent in  $L_1$  iff the following conditions hold*

(1)  $X(n)$  is uniformly integrable and  $L_1$ -bounded

(2) For every positive number  $\epsilon$  there is a convex compact subset  $K$  of  $B$  such that

$$\forall \delta > 0 \exists n_0 \exists A_0 \in F(n_0) P(A_0) > 1 - \epsilon \quad \forall_{n > 0} \forall A \in F(n)$$

if  $A \subset A_0$  then  $\int_A X(n) dP \in P(A) K + \delta U$

where  $U$  denotes the unit ball of  $B$ .

**THEOREM 2.2.** *A Banach space  $B$  has the RN property w. r. t.  $(S, F, P)$  iff every uniformly integrable and  $L_1$ -bounded process which has a Riesz decomposition is convergent in  $L_1$ .*

Note that it was shown in [1] that every quasi-martingale is a uniform amart. The following example shows that the converse implication is not true.

**Example 1.** There is a uniform amart in  $L_1(I_2, [0,1])$  which fails to be a quasi-martingale.

**Construction.** Let  $P$  be a Lebesgue measure on Borel sets of  $[0,1]$  and  $(e_n)$  the usual basis for  $l_2$ . Define

$$A_k^j = \left[ 2^{-k} (j-1), 2^{-k} \cdot j \right] \quad \text{for } k \geq 1, 1 \leq j \leq 2^k$$

$$\text{and } X(k, t) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^{2^k} 1_{A_k^j}(t) e_{n_{k-1} + j} \quad (k \geq 1); t \in [0,1]$$

where  $n_k = \sum_{j=1}^k 2^j$  with  $n_0 = 0$  and  $1_A(\cdot)$  denotes the characteristic function of a Borel set  $A$ .

Note that, if  $k \neq k'$  then for all  $t \in [0,1]$  we have  $X(k, t) \perp X(k', t)$ , hence

$$\|X(k, t) - X(k', t)\| \geq \|X(k', t)\| \quad (t \in [0,1])$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E(\|X_k(k+1) - X(k)\|) &\geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E(\|X(k)\|) \geq \\ &\geq \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{1}{k} = \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $X(n)$  is not a quasi-martingale. But since  $E(\|X(\tau)\|) \leq \frac{1}{k}$  for all bounded stopping times  $\tau \geq k$  then  $X(n)$  is a uniform amart (see [1]).

**Example 2.** There is a real, valued process which has a Riesz decomposition but it is not a uniform amart.

**Construction.** Let  $P$  and  $A_n^k$  be defined as in preceding example. Put

$$Y_n^k(f) = \frac{1}{4n} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \alpha_i 1_{A_n^i}(f) \quad (n \geq 1), 1 \leq k \leq 2^n$$

where  $\alpha_i = i$  for  $i \neq k$  and  $\alpha_k = 4^n$ . Define moreover  $Y_n^k \geq Y_{n'}^{k'}$  iff either  $n > n'$  or  $n = n'$  and  $k > k'$  and let the resulting sequence renumbered with the order be denoted by  $X(n)$ . It is not hard to check that  $X(n)$  is a  $L^1$ -potential but  $\lim E(X(\tau))$  does not exist hence, by definition, it fails to be an amart where  $T$  denotes the set of all bounded stopping times with the usual order.

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