

**2.4. Martingale convergence theorem.** Martingale convergence theorem is a special type of theorem, since the convergence follows from structural properties of the sequence of random variables <sup>2</sup>.

**Theorem 2.8** (Martingale convergence theorem). *Let  $(X, \mathbb{F})$  be a submartingale, which satisfies*

$$(2.15) \quad \sup_n \mathbb{E}X_n^+ < \infty.$$

*Then the limit  $\lim_n X_n = X_\infty$  exists almost surely [and the limit is thus finite, almost surely]. Moreover, we have that  $X_\infty \in L^1$ .*

**Remark 2.2.** *We do not claim that the convergence in Theorem 2.8 is  $X_n \xrightarrow{L^1(\mathbb{P})} X_\infty$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We shall give a counterexample to this claim in Example 2.6.*

*Proof* Let  $u_n^X[a, b]$  be the number of upcrossings of the interval  $[a, b]$  before the time  $n$  and put  $u_\infty^X[a, b] = \lim_n u_n^X[a, b]$ . Using the MCT and inequality (2.14) we will get that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}u_\infty^X[a, b] &= \lim_n \mathbb{E}u_n^X[a, b] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \sup_n \mathbb{E}(X_n - a)^+ \\ &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \left( \sup_n \mathbb{E}X_n^+ + |a| \right), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that always we have  $(x-a)^+ \leq x^+ + |a|$ . From this we will get that the random variable  $u_\infty^X[a, b]$  is finite almost surely. Put

$$\Lambda_{a,b} = \{ \limsup_n X_n \geq b, \liminf_n X_n \leq a \}.$$

Since  $u_\infty^X[a, b] < \infty$  almost surely, then  $\mathbb{P}(\Lambda_{a,b}) = 0$ . Let now  $a, b$  be rational numbers <sup>3</sup> and let  $\Lambda = \cup_{a < b, a, b \in \mathbb{Q}} \Lambda_{a,b}$ . From above we know that  $\mathbb{P}(\Lambda) = 0$ . On the other hand we have that

$$\Lambda = \{ \limsup_n X_n > \liminf_n X_n \}.$$

Hence we get that the limit  $X_\infty = \lim_n X_n$  exists almost surely [but as indicated, the limit  $X_\infty$  is not necessarily finite].

Let us show that in fact  $X_\infty \in \mathcal{L}^1$ .  $X$  is a submartingale, and so  $\mathbb{E}X_n \geq \mathbb{E}X_0$ . Let us remark that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|X_n| &= \mathbb{E}X_n^+ + \mathbb{E}X_n^- \\ &= 2\mathbb{E}X_n^+ - \mathbb{E}X_n \\ &\leq 2\mathbb{E}X_n^+ - \mathbb{E}X_0, \end{aligned}$$

<sup>2</sup>This result is somewhat analogous to the result from analysis, which says that a bounded monotone sequence always converges.

<sup>3</sup>In what follows we denote by  $\mathbb{Q}$  the rational numbers.

and by Fatou's lemma and the estimate (2.15) give by using the estimate above that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}|X_\infty| &= \mathbb{E}\left(\lim_n |X_n|\right) \leq \liminf_n \mathbb{E}|X_n| \\ &\leq 2 \sup_n \mathbb{E}X_n^+ - \mathbb{E}X_0 < \infty;\end{aligned}$$

and so  $X_\infty \in L^1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *If  $(X, \mathbb{F})$  is non-negative supermartingale or if  $(X, \mathbb{F})$  is a martingale bounded by above (or below), then the limit  $X_\infty = \lim_n X_n$  exists and  $X_\infty \in L^1$ .*

*Proof* If  $(X, \mathbb{F})$  is non-negative supermartingale, then  $(-X, \mathbb{F})$  is a submartingale satisfying (2.15). Hence non-negative supermartingale converges almost surely and  $X_\infty = \lim_n X_n$  is integrable.

Let  $(X, \mathbb{F})$  be a martingale bounded below:  $X_n \geq -c$  for some  $c > 0$ , when  $n \geq 1$ . The  $Y_n = X_n + c$  is a non-negative martingale, and hence a supermartingale, and so  $(Y_n, \mathbb{F})$  converges using the previous argument. This in turn implies that  $(X, \mathbb{F})$  converges almost surely, and so  $X_\infty = \lim_n X_n$  with  $X_\infty \in L^1$ .

Finally, let  $(X, \mathbb{F})$  be a martingale bounded from above. Then  $(-X, \mathbb{F})$  is a martingale bounded below, and after this observation everything should be clear.  $\square$

## 2.5. Uniform integrable martingales.

### 2.5.1. Uniform integrability.

**Example 2.6.** *Let  $\xi_k$  be i.i.d. random variables,  $\mathbb{P}(\xi_k = 0) = \mathbb{P}(\xi_k = 2) = \frac{1}{2}$ . We have that  $\mathbb{E}\xi_k = 1$  and if  $M_n = \prod_{k \leq n} \xi_k$ , then  $(M, \mathbb{F}^M)$  is a martingale,  $M_n \geq 0$  and  $\sup_n \mathbb{E}M_n = 1$ . Martingale convergence theorem applies, and we have that there exists almost sure limit  $M_\infty = \lim_n M_n$ . It is quite easy to see that  $M_\infty = 0$  almost surely. Hence  $\mathbb{E}M_\infty = 0 \neq 1 = \mathbb{E}M_n$ . This means that  $X_n$  does not converge to  $X_\infty$  in  $L^1$ .*

The next definition is essential for obtaining also the convergence in  $L^1$ .

**Definition 2.6.** *Let  $X_j, j \in \mathcal{J}$  be a family of random variables. The family  $X_j, j \in \mathcal{J}$  is uniformly integrable, if for all  $\epsilon$  there exists  $K > 0$  such that*

$$(2.16) \quad \int_{\{|X_j| > K\}} |X_j| d\mathbb{P} < \epsilon.$$

If  $X_j, j \in \mathcal{J}$  is uniformly integrable family, then it is bounded in  $L^1$ : take  $\epsilon = 1$  and  $K > 0$  such that  $\int_{\{|X_j| > K\}} |X_j| d\mathbb{P} < 1$ . We obtain that  $\mathbb{E}|X_j| < K + 1$  for all  $j \in \mathcal{J}$ .

On the other hand, a family of random variables, bounded in  $L^1(\mathbb{P})$ , then it is not necessarily uniformly integrable. Take

$$X_n = nI_{(0, 1/n)} \text{ and } \mathbb{P} = \text{Leb}|(0, 1),$$

then  $\mathbb{E}X_n = 1$  and for all  $K > 0$

$$\int_{\{|X_n| > K\}} |X_n| d\mathbb{P} = 1,$$

when  $n > K$ .

But if the random variables are bounded in  $L^p$ ,  $p > 1$ , then we have that they are uniformly integrable as well.

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let the family  $X_j$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  be bounded in the space  $L^p(\mathbb{P})$ ,  $p > 1$ . Then the family  $X_j$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  is uniformly integrable.*

*Proof* Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , and let  $q > 1$  be the Hlder conjugate of  $p$  and put  $M = \sup_j \mathbb{E}|X_j|^p < \infty$ . With the help of Hlder inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left(|X_j|I_{\{|X_j|>K\}}\right) &\leq \|X_j\|_p (\mathbb{P}(|X_j| > K))^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq (\mathbb{E}|X_j|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}|X_j|^p}{K^p}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = MK^{-\frac{p}{q}} < \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

when  $K > \left(\frac{M}{\epsilon}\right)^{\frac{q}{p}}$ . □

To continue we need the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $Y \in \mathbb{L}^1(\mathbb{P})$ . Then for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(A) < \delta \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(|Y|I_A) < \epsilon$ .*

*Proof* We give an indirect proof: there exists  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  and  $A_n$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(A_n) < 2^{-n}$  and  $\mathbb{E}(|Y|I_{A_n}) > \epsilon_0$ , when  $n \geq 1$ .

Put  $H = \limsup_n A_n$ . By construction of the sets  $A_n$  we have that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_n) < \infty$ , and so Borel-Cantelli lemma implies that  $\mathbb{P}(H) = 0$ , and so  $\mathbb{E}(|Y|I_H) = 0$ . On the other hand, by Fatou's lemma

$$\mathbb{E}(|Y|I_H) = \mathbb{E}(\limsup_n (|Y|I_{A_n})) \geq \limsup_n \mathbb{E}(|Y|I_{A_n}) \geq \epsilon_0;$$

but this is a contradiction, since we should also have  $\mathbb{E}(|Y|I_H) = 0$ . Hence we are done. □

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $X \in \mathbb{L}^1((\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}))$  and put  $Y^{\mathcal{G}} \doteq \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$ , when  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ . Then the family  $Y^{\mathcal{G}}$  is uniformly integrable.*

*Proof* Using Lemma 2.3 given  $\epsilon > 0$  we can pick  $\delta > 0$  such that, if  $\mathbb{P}(F) < \delta$ , then  $\mathbb{E}(|X|I_F) < \epsilon$ . Moreover, from the fact that  $X \in \mathbb{L}^1(\mathbb{P})$  it follows that we can find a constant  $K > 0$  such that  $\frac{\mathbb{E}(|X|)}{K} < \delta$ .

Put  $Y^{\mathcal{G}} = \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{G}]$ , when  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ . From the Jensen inequality it follows that

$$(2.17) \quad |Y^{\mathcal{G}}| \leq \mathbb{E}[|X||\mathcal{G}].$$

From the estimate (2.17) we will get that  $\mathbb{E}|Y^{\mathcal{G}}| \leq \mathbb{E}|X|$  and further

$$(2.18) \quad K\mathbb{P}(|Y^{\mathcal{G}}| > K) \leq \mathbb{E}|Y^{\mathcal{G}}| \leq \mathbb{E}|X|.$$

With the help of the inequality (2.17) we finally get that

$$\int_{\{|Y^{\mathcal{G}}|>K\}} |Y^{\mathcal{G}}| d\mathbb{P} \leq \int_{\{|Y^{\mathcal{G}}|>K\}} \mathbb{E}[|X||\mathcal{G}] = \int_{\{|Y^{\mathcal{G}}|>K\}} |X| d\mathbb{P},$$

where the last inequality follows from the definition of conditional expectation. Now the claim follows from the Lemma 2.3, because  $\mathbb{P}(|Y^{\mathcal{G}}| > K) < \delta$ . □

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $X_n, X \in \mathbb{L}^1(\mathbb{P})$ . The following are equivalent:*

- a)  $\mathbb{E}|X_n - X| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

b) *The family  $X_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is uniformly integrable and  $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X$ .*

*Proof* First we prove the implication b)  $\Rightarrow$  a): Let  $K > 0$  and

$$\psi_K(x) = xI_{\{|x| \leq K\}} + KI_{\{x > K\}} - KI_{\{x < -K\}}.$$

The family  $X_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is uniformly integrable, so there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such, that

$$(2.19) \quad \mathbb{E}|\psi_K(X_n) - X_n| = \left| \int_{\{|X_n| > K\}} X_n d\mathbb{P} \right| \leq \int_{\{|X_n| > K\}} |X_n| d\mathbb{P} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

Clearly  $|\psi_K(x) - \psi_K(y)| \leq |x - y|$  and this in turn implies that the map  $x \mapsto \psi_K(X)$  is continuous. Continuous mappings preserve convergence in probability, and so  $\psi_K(X_n) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \psi_K(X)$ . DCT theorem implies, that in fact this convergence is in  $L^1$ , and hence there exists  $n_0$  such that if  $n \geq n_0$ , then

$$(2.20) \quad \mathbb{E}|\psi_K(X_n) - \psi_K(X)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

We can now collect the estimates (2.19) and (2.20) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|X_n - X| &\leq \mathbb{E}|X_n - \psi_K(X_n)| + \mathbb{E}|\psi_K(X_n) - \psi_K(X)| \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}|\psi_K(X) - X| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have a).

Convesely, assume a) :  $\mathbb{E}|X_n - X| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Because  $\mathbb{L}^1$  convergence implies stochastic convergence, then  $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X$ .

Next we will show that the family  $X_n, n \geq 1$  is uniformly integrable. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $n_0$  such that for  $n \geq n_0$  we have  $\mathbb{E}|X_n - X| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . Lemma 2.3 gives the following: there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $\mathbb{P}(A) < \delta$ , then

$$(2.21) \quad \mathbb{E}|X_k I_A| < \epsilon \text{ ja } \mathbb{E}|X I_A| < \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

when  $k = 1, \dots, n_0$  [formally the constant  $\delta$  depends from the index  $k$ , but we can take  $\delta = \min\{\delta_k : k \leq n_0\}$ , and  $\delta > 0$ , since the minimum is taken over a finite collection of positive numbers].

The family  $X_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{L}^1(\mathbb{P})$ , and hence there exists  $K > 0$  such that we have

$$(2.22) \quad \frac{\sup_n \mathbb{E}|X_n|}{K} < \delta.$$

From this inequality we obtain that  $\mathbb{P}(|X_n| > K) < \delta$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , so if  $k \leq n_0$ , then  $\mathbb{E}|X_k I_{\{|X_k| > K\}}| < \epsilon$  and if  $k > n_0$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}|X_k I_{\{|X_k| > K\}}| \leq \mathbb{E}|X_k - X| + \mathbb{E}|X I_{\{|X_k| > K\}}| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon.$$

Hence the family  $X_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is uniformly integrable and we have proved b).

□

As a corollary we get the very useful summary:

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $X_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  be non-negative random variables which satisfy  $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{L}^1(\mathbb{P})$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- a)  $\mathbb{E}|X_n - X| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- b) *The family  $X_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is uniformly integrable.*

c)  $\mathbb{E}X_n \rightarrow \mathbb{E}X$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof* The claim a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  b) is in fact Theorem 2.11.

Assume that a) holds. Because  $|\mathbb{E}X_n - \mathbb{E}X| \leq \mathbb{E}|X_n - X|$ , then we have c).

Coversely, assume c). We have the identity

$$(2.23) \quad |X_n - X| = X_n - X + 2(X_n - X)^-.$$

By assumption  $(X_n - X)^- \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$  and since  $X_n, X$  are non-negative, we get the estimate  $(X_n - X)^- \leq X$ . Now we can use the dominated convergence theorem to get

$$\mathbb{E}(X_n - X)^- \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

So the claim a) follows from this fact, and identity (2.23).  $\square$

### 2.5.2. Uniform integrable martingales.

**Definition 2.7.**  $(M_n, F_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is an uniformly integrable martingale, if  $(M_n, F_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a martingale, and the family  $M_n, n \geq 1$  is uniformly integrable.

Let  $(M_n, F_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be uniformly integrable martingale. Uniform integrability implies that the family  $M_n, n \geq 1$  is bounded in  $L^1(\mathbb{P})$ , and so  $\sup \mathbb{E}|M_n| < \infty$ . We can use the martingale convergence theorem to conclude that we have the limit

$$M_\infty = \lim_n M_n \mathbb{P} - \text{ a.s.};$$

moreover, by Theorem 2.11 we get that  $\mathbb{E}|M_\infty - M_n| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We claim that in fact

$$(2.24) \quad M_n = \mathbb{E}[M_\infty | F_n].$$

By the martingale property we get, when  $F \in F_n$  and  $r > n$ :

$$(2.25) \quad \int_F M_n d\mathbb{P} = \int_F M_r d\mathbb{P}.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_F M_r d\mathbb{P} - \int_F M_\infty d\mathbb{P} \right| &\leq \int_F |M_r - M_\infty| d\mathbb{P} \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}|M_r - M_\infty| \rightarrow 0, \text{ kun } r \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that we can replace in the equation (2.25) the random variable  $M_r$  by the random variable  $M_\infty$ . From this we obtain the claim (2.24).

As a summary of uniform integrable martingales we obtain

**Theorem 2.12.** Assume that  $(M_n, F_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a uniformly integrable martingale. Then there exists an integrable random variable  $M_\infty$ , which satisfies

$$M_\infty = \lim_n M_n \mathbb{P} - \text{ a.s. and in } \mathbb{L}^1(\mathbb{P}).$$

Moreover, we have the representation (2.24).

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $(M_n, F_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be an uniformly integrable martingale and  $\tau$  is a stopping time. Then

$$(2.26) \quad M_\tau = \mathbb{E}[M_\infty | F_\tau].$$

To verify this is left as an exercise.

## 2.6. Change of measure.

### 2.6.1. Radon-Nikodym-theorem.

**Definition 2.8.** *probability measure  $Q$  is absolutely continuous with respect to the probability measure  $\mathbb{P}$ , if  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0 \Rightarrow Q(A) = 0$ . Notation:  $Q \ll \mathbb{P}$ . The measures  $Q$  ja  $\mathbb{P}$  are equivalent if  $Q \ll \mathbb{P}$  ja  $\mathbb{P} \ll Q$ . Notation:  $Q \sim \mathbb{P}$ .*

**Example 2.7.** *Let  $X \geq 0$  be a random variable with  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}X = 1$ . Then one can define a new probability measure  $Q$  by putting*

$$Q(A) = \int_A X d\mathbb{P}.$$

*We know that  $Q$  is a probability measure and that  $Q \ll \mathbb{P}$  [after the exercise III, at least].*

**Theorem 2.13** (Radon-Nikodym-theorem). *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  be a measurable space and  $\mathbb{P}, Q$  probability measures on it. Let  $Q \ll \mathbb{P}$ . Then there exists a random variable  $Y \geq 0$  such that*

$$Q(A) = \int_A Y d\mathbb{P}.$$

*We say that  $Y$  is the Radon-Nikodym derivative of  $Q$  with respect to the measure  $\mathbb{P}$ . Notation:  $Y =: \frac{dQ}{d\mathbb{P}}$ .*

*Proof<sup>4</sup>* We prove the theorem in the case when  $\mathcal{F}$  is separable [or countably generated]: there exists sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  such that  $\mathcal{F} = \sigma\{A_i : i \geq 1\}$ <sup>5</sup>.

Let  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ ; we know that if  $B \in \mathcal{F}_n$ , then  $B = \cup_{i=1}^k B_k$ , where the sets  $B_k$  have the form  $B_k = \cap_{i=1}^p C_i$ , and  $C_i = A_j$  or  $C_i = A_j^c$  for some  $A_j \in \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ . We say that a set  $D \in \mathcal{F}_n$  is an atom, if  $G \subset D$  implies that  $G = D$  or  $G = \emptyset$ . It is easy to check that the atoms  $A_{n,1}, \dots, A_{n,r(n)}$  of the sigma-algebra  $\mathcal{F}_n$  define a partition of the set  $\Omega$ :  $\Omega = \sum_{k=1}^{r(n)} A_{n,k}$  and if  $G \in \mathcal{F}_n$ , then  $G = \sum_{j=1}^p A_{n,k_j}$ . Denote the atoms of  $\mathcal{F}_n$  by  $A_{n,j}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r(n)$ .

Clearly  $\mathcal{F}_n \subset \mathcal{F}_{n+1}$ . Put  $Y_n(\omega) = 0$ , when  $\omega \in A_{n,j}$  and  $\mathbb{P}(A_{n,j}) = 0$  [then also  $Q(A_{n,j}) = 0$ , since  $Q \ll \mathbb{P}$ ] and otherwise we put

$$Y_n(\omega) = \frac{Q(A_{n,j})}{\mathbb{P}(A_{n,j})}.$$

We will show that  $(Y_n, \mathcal{F}_n)$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is  $\mathbb{P}$ -martingale. Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n$ . Because also  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{n+1}$ , then there exists atoms  $A_{n+1,j_k}$  such that

$$F = \cup_{k=1}^p A_{n+1,j_k}.$$

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<sup>5</sup>One can show that Borel sets on real line is separable, but Lebesgue measurable sets are not separable.

Now we can compute

$$\begin{aligned} Q(F) &= \sum_{k=1}^p Q(A_{n+1,j_k}) = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{Q(A_{n+1,j_k})}{\mathbb{P}(A_{n+1,j_k})} \mathbb{P}(A_{n+1,j_k}) \\ &= \int_F Y_{n+1} d\mathbb{P}. \end{aligned}$$

And with a similar computation one can show that  $Q(F) = \int_F Y_n d\mathbb{P}$ ; now we have shown that

$$\int_F Y_n d\mathbb{P} = \int_F Y_{n+1} d\mathbb{P},$$

so the sequence  $(Y_n, \mathcal{F}_n)$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is a martingale.

On the other hand,  $Y_n \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} Y_n = 1$ , and so the martingale  $(Y_n, \mathcal{F}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges almost surely and we have a limit  $Y_\infty = \lim_n Y_n$   $\mathbb{P}$ - a.s.

We will show next that  $(Y_n, \mathcal{F}_n, \mathbb{P})_{n \geq 1}$  is a uniformly integrable martingale. The following is an exercise:

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $Q \ll \mathbb{P}$ : then for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(F) < \delta \Rightarrow Q(F) < \epsilon$ .*

Now we prove uniform integrability. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ ; then we can find  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(F) < \delta \Rightarrow Q(F) < \epsilon$ . Pick a constant  $K > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{K} = \frac{Q(\Omega)}{K} < \delta.$$

Then

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_n > K) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} Y_n}{K} = \frac{Q(\Omega)}{K} < \delta;$$

and by using Lemma 2.4 we finally get

$$\int_{\{Y_n > K\}} Y_n d\mathbb{P} = Q(Y_n > K) < \epsilon.$$

Hence the family  $Y_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is uniformly integrable with respect to the measure  $\mathbb{P}$ , and  $Y_\infty = \lim_n Y_n$  also in  $L^1(\mathbb{P})$ . Moreover  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} Y_\infty = 1$ .

Define a probability measure  $R$  by

$$R(A) = \int_A Y_\infty d\mathbb{P}, \text{ when } A \in \mathcal{F}.$$

We claim that  $R = Q$ .

We know that  $Y_n = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[Y_\infty | \mathcal{F}_n]$ , so if  $A \in \mathcal{F}_n$ , then by definition of the conditional expectation

$$Q(A) = \int_A Y_n d\mathbb{P} = \int_A Y_\infty d\mathbb{P} = R(A).$$

hence the probability measures  $R$  ja  $Q$  are the same on  $\mathcal{H} = \cup_n \mathcal{F}_n$ . But the family  $\mathcal{H}$  is a monotone class, and by extension theorem we get that the measures  $Q$  and  $R$  are the same on  $\mathcal{F}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.3.**

- The Radon-Nikodym derivate  $Y = \frac{dQ}{d\mathbb{P}}$  is unique almost surely.
- One can show that Theorem 2.13 holds for arbitrary  $\mathcal{F}$

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