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# The Martingale as an Orthogonal Projection

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## Abstract

This paper studies martingale as an orthogonal projection. It is proved that martingale achieves infimum relation if and only if it satisfies orthogonality relation. It is also proved that orthogonal martingale in Hilbert space achieves minimum relation. It is observed that martingale differences are orthogonal in Hilbert space and martingale can be represented as the sum of orthogonal difference.

**Keywords:** Orthogonal projection, square-integrable, orthogonality of martingale, martingale differences.

## 1. Introduction

This paper is concerned with the study of martingale and its orthogonality. Therefore, the definition of norm in  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , the inner product and  $L^2$ -martingale are needed. If  $L^2$ -martingale is closed subspace of a Hilbert space  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  then satisfies the property of infimum if and only if it satisfies the orthogonality relation.

It is concluded that the projection of  $X_{n+1}$  belongs to  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  has a unique representation on  $L^2$ -martingale. There are many previous studies which studied martingale. These studies have in some way or another a relation to the current study, like Mansuy's that studied the origins of the word "martingale" [1] and Merkouris's which tackled the transform martingale estimating functions.[2]

### 1.1 Definitions

**Definition 1.2** [3]: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of integrable a random variable on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_n \subset \mathcal{F}_{n+1}$  an increasing sequence of sub  $\sigma$ -fields of  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $X_n$  is assumed  $\mathcal{F}_n$ -measurable that is  $X_n : (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (R, \mathcal{B}(R))$ ,  $\{X_n, \mathcal{F}_n\}$  is said to be Martingale if and only if  $E[X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n] = X_n$  a.e, for all  $n=1, 2, \dots$ .

**Definition 1.3** [4]: A martingale  $\{X_n, \mathcal{F}_n\}$  is said to be  $L^2$ -martingale or (square-integrable) if  $X_n \in L^2$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 1.4** [5]: For  $X, Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  the inner product or (scalar) is defined as:

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = E(XY).$$

**Definition 1.5** [5]: If  $E(|Y|^p) < \infty$  it's said  $Y \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  for  $P \in [1, \infty)$  and then the norm defined as:

$$\|Y\|_p = \left\{ E(|Y|^p) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$



**Orthogonality 1.6** (Pythagoras theorem) [5]: Pythagoras theorem takes the form  $\|W + Z\|_2^2 = \|W\|_2^2 + \|Z\|_2^2$  if  $\langle W, Z \rangle = 0$ . It is said that,  $W$  and  $Z$  are orthogonal or perpendicular if  $\langle W, Z \rangle = 0$  thus, it is written as follows:  $W \perp Z$ .

Now, we need the following theorem to prove the main results.

**Theorem 1.7** (completeness of  $L^P$ ) [6]: If  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  form a Cauchy sequence in  $L^P$  where  $1 \leq P < \infty$ , that is,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{u, v \geq t} \|X_u - X_v\|_P = 0.$$

Then there exist  $X \in L^P$  such that  $X_u \rightarrow X$  in  $L^P$  at is

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \|X_u - X\|_P = 0$$

## 2 Main Results

**Theorem 2.1:** If  $X_n$  is  $L^2$ -martingale and orthogonal and  $Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is orthogonal with  $X_j$

for all  $j=1, 2, \dots, n$  then  $\left\| Y - \sum_{j=1}^n b_j X_j \right\|_2$  is minimized when  $E(X_j^2) = \frac{1}{n(b_j^2)}, b_j \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } 0 \leq \left\| Y - \sum_{j=1}^n b_j X_j \right\|_2^2 &= \left\langle Y - \sum_{j=1}^n b_j X_j, Y - \sum_{j=1}^n b_j X_j \right\rangle \\ &= E[(Y - \sum_{j=1}^n b_j X_j)^2] \\ &= E[Y^2 - 2Y \sum_{j=1}^n b_j X_j + (\sum_{j=1}^n b_j X_j)^2] \\ &= E(Y^2) - 2 \sum_{j=1}^n b_j E(Y X_j) + \sum_{j=1}^n E(b_j^2 X_j^2) \\ &= E(Y^2) + 1. \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Our next proposition shows that for each finite  $P \geq 1$  the space  $L^P(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is a Banach space for the norm  $\|\cdot\|_P$ . Further,  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is Hilbert space for the inner product  $\langle X, Y \rangle = E(XY)$ .

**Proposition 2.2** [5]: For each  $P \geq 1$  and  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{F}$ , the space  $L^P(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is a Banach space for the norm  $\|\cdot\|_P$ . Further,  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is Hilbert space.

If  $L^2$ -martingale is a closed subspace of,  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  the  $X_n$  is called the projection of  $X_{n+1}$  on  $L^2$ -martingale. The following result helps to justify terminology.

**Theorem 2.3:** If  $X_n$  is an  $L^2$ -martingale, let  $L^2$ -martingale be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and  $X_{n+1} \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  then  $\|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2 = \inf \{\|X_{n+1} - Y\|_2 : Y \in L^2\text{-martingale}\}$ . ... (1)

If and only if it satisfies the orthogonality relations

$$E[(X_{n+1} - X_n)Z] = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

for all  $Z \in L^2$ -martingale. Then it's said that  $X_n$  is orthogonal projection of  $X_{n+1}$ .

Proof: If  $X_n \in L^2$  - martingale satisfies (1) then considering  $Y = X_n + \alpha Z$  for any  $Z \in L^2$  - martingale and  $\alpha \in R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \|X_{n+1} - Y\|_2^2 - \|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2^2 \\ &= \|X_{n+1} - X_n - \alpha Z\|_2^2 - \|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2^2 \\ &= \|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2^2 - 2\alpha \langle X_{n+1} - X_n, Z \rangle + \|\alpha Z\|_2^2 - \|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2^2 \\ &= \alpha^2 E(Z^2) - 2\alpha E[(X_{n+1} - X_n)Z] \end{aligned}$$

By elementary calculus, this inequality holds for all  $\alpha \in R$  if and only if  $E[(X_{n+1} - X_n)Z] = 0$

Conversely: suppose  $X_n \in L^2$  - martingale satisfies (2) and fix  $Y \in L^2$  - martingale then, considering  $Z = Y - X_n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|X_{n+1} - Y\|_2^2 &= \|X_{n+1} - X_n - Z\|_2^2 \\ &= \|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2^2 - 2\langle X_{n+1} - X_n, Z \rangle + \|Z\|_2^2 \\ &= \|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2^2 - 2E[(X_{n+1} - X_n)Z] + \|Y - X_n\|_2^2 \\ &= \|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2^2 + \|Y - X_n\|_2^2 \geq \|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\|X_{n+1} - Y\|_2 \geq \|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2$ , thus. ■

$$\|X_{n+1} - X_n\|_2 = \inf \{ \|X_{n+1} - Y\|_2 \}$$

We may give still another way of characterizing the projection of  $X_{n+1}$  on  $L^2$  - martingale.

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $L^2$  - martingale be a closed subspace of the Hilbert space  $L^2(\Omega, F, P)$ . if

$X_{n+1} \in L^2(\Omega, F, P)$  then  $X_{n+1}$  has a unique representation  $X_{n+1} = X_n + Y$  where  $X_n \in L^2$  - martingale and  $Y \perp L^2$  - martingale. Furthermore,  $X_n$  is the projection of  $X_{n+1}$  on  $L^2$  - martingale.

Proof: Let  $X_n^*$  be the projection of  $X_{n+1}$  on  $L^2$  - martingale,  $X_n = X_n^*$ ,  $Y = X_{n+1} - X_n^*$ .

By theorem ( 2.3 ),  $Y \perp L^2$  - martingale, proving the existence of the desired representation

To proof uniqueness, let  $X_{n+1} = X_n + Y = X_n' + Y'$  where  $X_n, X_n' \in L^2$  - martingale,  $Y, Y' \perp L^2$  - martingale. Then  $X_n - X_n' \in L^2$  - martingale since  $L^2$  - martingale is a closed subspace and  $X_n - X_n' \perp L^2$  - martingale.

Since,  $X_n - X_n' = Y' - Y$  Thus  $X_n - X_n'$  is orthogonal to itself that is,  $E(X_n - X_n')^2 = 0$  then  $\|X_n - X_n'\|_2^2 = 0$ , implies that,  $X_n - X_n' = 0$  hence  $X_n = X_n'$  and  $Y' - Y = 0$  proving uniqueness. ■

**2.5 Definition:** If A any subset of  $L^2(\Omega, F, P)$ , the set

$$A^\perp = \{ X \in L^2(\Omega, F, P) \mid E(XY) = 0, \forall Y \in A \}$$

is called the orthogonal complement of  $L^2(\Omega, F, P)$ , and

(2.4) theorem is expressed by saying that if denoted by A to the set of  $L^2$  - martingale then  $L^2(\Omega, F, P)$  is the orthogonal direct sum of A and  $A^\perp$ , written

$$L^2(\Omega, F, P) = A \oplus A^\perp.$$

**Theorem 2.6:** If  $E(X_n^2) < \infty$  for all n and  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots\}$  is a martingale, implies that the martingale differences  $X_1, X_2 - X_1, \dots, X_n - X_{n-1}, \dots$  are orthogonal.

Proof: If  $m < n$ , and  $F_m = F(X_1, \dots, X_m)$

$$\begin{aligned} & E[(X_m - X_{m-1})(X_n - X_{n-1})] \\ &= E[E[(X_m - X_{m-1})(X_n - X_{n-1}) | F_m]] \\ &= E[(X_m - X_{m-1})E[(X_n - X_{n-1}) | F_m]] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X_m - X_{m-1}$  is  $F_m$ -measurable but,

$$E[(X_n - X_{n-1}) | F_m] = X_m - X_m = 0 \quad (\text{since } X_n \text{ is a martingale}). [1]$$

Hence the formula  $X_n = X_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n (X_k - X_{k-1})$  expresses  $X_n$  as the sum of orthogonal terms, and pythagor's theorem yields,

$$E(X_n^2) = E(X_0^2) + \sum_{k=1}^n E[(X_k - X_{k-1})^2] \quad [3]$$

*Example 2.7:* Let  $\{X_n : n \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of random variables. Assume that  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , is a martingale. Then for any  $i \neq j$ ,  $E(X_i X_j) = 0$ . [7]

Solution: If  $i > j$

$$S_1 = X_1, S_2 = X_1 + X_2, \dots, S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

$$X_i = S_i - S_{i-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_i X_j) &= E[E(X_i X_j | F_{i-1})] \\ &= E[X_j E(X_i | F_{i-1})] \\ &= E[X_j E(S_i - S_{i-1} | F_{i-1})] \\ &= E[X_j [E(S_i | F_{i-1}) - E(S_{i-1} | F_{i-1})]] \\ &= E[X_j (S_{i-1} - S_{i-1})] \\ &\quad (\text{by the martingale property}) \\ &= 0. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$X \in L^2$ -martingale is closest to  $Y$  if and only if  $Y - X \perp L^2$ -martingale.

*Theorem 2.8:* Let  $L^2(\Omega, F, P)$  be a vector space and  $L^2$ -martingale  $\subset L^2(\Omega, F, P)$  be a subspace and  $Y \in L^2(\Omega, F, P)$ . If  $Y - X \perp L^2$ -martingale when  $X \in L^2$ -martingale, then  $\|Y - X\|_2 \leq \|Y - Z\|_2$  for all  $Z \in L^2$ -martingale and  $\|Y - X\|_2 = \|Y - Z\|_2$  if and only if  $X = Z$ . Thus  $X$  is the member of  $L^2$ -martingale closest to  $Y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \|Y - Z\|_2^2 &= \|(Y - X) + (X - Z)\|_2^2 \\ &= E[(Y - X) + (X - Z)]^2 = E[(Y - X)^2 + 2(Y - X)(X - Z) + (X - Z)^2] \\ &= E(Y - X)^2 + 2E[(Y - X)(X - Z)] + E(X - Z)^2 \\ &= E(Y - X)^2 + E(X - Z)^2 \\ &\quad (\text{Because } Y - X \perp L^2\text{-martingale and } X - Z \in L^2\text{-martingale}). \\ &= \|Y - X\|_2^2 + \|X - Z\|_2^2 \\ &\geq \|Y - X\|_2^2 \quad (\text{since } \|X - Z\|_2^2 \geq 0) \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

So  $\|Y - X\|_2 \leq \|Y - Z\|_2$

If  $\|Y - X\|_2 = \|Y - Z\|_2$ , then we see by using (3) that  $\|X - Z\|_2^2 = 0$ , hence  $X=Z$ .

Conversely: If  $X=Z$ , it is clear that  $\|Y - X\|_2 = \|Y - Z\|_2$ .

**Theorem 2.9:** Let  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a vector space and  $L^2$ -martingale  $\subset L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and assume that

$\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $L^2$ -martingale. For  $Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , let  $X = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{E(YX_j)}{\|X_j\|_2^2} X_j \in L^2$

-martingale. Then  $Y - X \perp L^2$ -martingale or (equivalently,  $X$  is the vector in  $L^2$ -martingale closest to  $Y$ ).

**Proof:** We must prove that  $E[(Y - X)X_j] = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(Y - X)X_j] &= E(YX_j) - E(XX_j) \\ &= E(YX_j) - E\left[\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{E(YX_k)}{\|X_k\|_2^2} X_k X_j\right] \\ &= E(YX_j) - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{E(YX_k)}{\|X_k\|_2^2} E[X_k X_j] \\ &= E(YX_j) - \frac{E(YX_j)}{\|X_j\|_2^2} E(X_j^2) \\ &= E(YX_j) - \frac{E(YX_j)}{\|X_j\|_2^2} \|X_j\|_2^2 \\ &= E(YX_j) - E(YX_j) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $Y - X \perp X_j$ , implies that  $Y - X \perp L^2$ -martingale.

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