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# On Convergence of Two-Parameter Multivalued Pramarts and Mils

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**Abstract**. In this paper we give some convergence results for two-parameter multivalued 1-parameter and 1-mils.

### 1. Introduction

Real-valued martingales were first introduced and considered by Doob [6], and later systematically extended to the Banach space-valued case by many authors. For the main convergence results for vector-valued martingales and their generalizations, the interested reader is referred to Neveu [14], Millet and Sucheston [12], Talagrand [16], Edgar and Sucheston [5], Luu [9] and etc... On the other hand, martingales, submartingales and laws of large numbers of random sets have been also extensively considered in recent years by Mosco [13], Castaing and Valadier [2], Luu [10, 11], Hess [6], Wang and Xue [17], Choukairi - Dini [3], Wenlong and Zhenpend [18], Lavie [8] and etc... The main aim of the note is to apply some of these results to prove several convergence theorems for multivalued 1-pramarts and 1-mils.

## 2. Notations and Definitions

Throuthout the paper, we shall denote by  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  a complete probability space, X a separable (real) Banach space and wkc(X) the collection of all nonempty, weakly compact and convex subsets of X. Further, let denote by  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of all

nonnegative integers and  $J = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . Then it is known that endowed with the usual partial order " $\leq$ ", given by  $S = (S_1, S_2) \leq t = (t_1, t_2)$  if and only if  $S_1 \leq t_1$  and  $S_2 \leq t_2$ , J becomes a directed set. Let  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in J}$  be a complete stochastic basis of  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ , i.e, a nondecreasing family of complete sub-fields of  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_t$ . For each  $t = (t_1, t_2) \in J$ , we put

$$\mathcal{F}_t^1 = \mathcal{F}_{(t_1,u)}.$$

A map  $: \Omega \to J$  is called an 1-stopping time, if  $[=t] \in \mathcal{F}_t^1$ ,  $t \in J$ . The set of all simple 1-stopping times is denoted by  $\mathcal{T}^1$ . Then it is also known that equipped with the a.s. order " $\leq$ ", given by

$$\leq$$
 if and only if ()  $\leq$  (), a.s.,

 $T^1$  becomes also a directed set, and  $\overline{\mathbb{N}} = \{ \overline{n} = (n, n), n \in \mathbb{N} \}$  and J would be regarded as two special cofinal subsets of  $T^1$ . Furthermore, by Proposition 4.2.5 [4], the stochastic basis  $(\mathcal{F}^1_t)_{t \in T}$  satisfies the Vitalli condition (V), i.e., for any  $A \in \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}^1_t$ ,  $A_t \in \mathcal{F}^1_t$  with  $A \subset \operatorname{esslim} \sup_{t \in J} A_t$  and > 0, there is a finite system  $\{t_i, i \leq m\}$  of J and disjoint sets  $(B_i)$  with each  $B_i \in \mathcal{F}^1_{t_i}$ ,  $B_i \subset A_{t_i}$ ,  $i \leq m$  and such that  $\mathbb{P}(A \setminus B_i) \in \mathcal{F}^1_t$ .

Now let A, C,  $A_t \in wkc(X)$ ,  $t \in J$ . We say that  $(A_t)_{t \in J}$  is weakly convergent to A, write

$$A_t \xrightarrow{W} A_t \ t \in J_t$$

if for each  $X^* \in X^*$ , we have

 $t \in J$ 

$$S(X^*, A_t) \rightarrow S(X^*, A), t \in J$$

where  $X^*$  is the topological dual of X and

$$S(X^*, C) = \sup\{ \langle X^*, X \rangle, X \in C \}.$$

Further,  $(A_t)_{t\in\mathcal{J}}$  is said to be Wijsman convergent to A, write

$$A_t \stackrel{Wijs}{\longrightarrow} A, \ t \in J,$$

if for each  $x \in X$ , we have

$$d(x, A_t) \rightarrow d(x, A), t \in J$$

where

$$d(x, C) = \inf\{\|x - y\|, y \in C\}.$$

In the particular case, when

$$A_t \xrightarrow{w} A \text{ and } A_t \xrightarrow{Wijs} A, t \in J,$$

we shall say that  $(A_t)_{t \in \mathcal{I}}$  converges to A in linear topology and write  $_{t \in \mathcal{I}} A_t = A$  or

$$A_t \stackrel{L}{\longrightarrow} A_t \ t \in J.$$

Now, we define

$$s\text{-}\liminf_{t\in J} A_t = \{x \in X : \lim_{t\in J} d(x, A_t) = 0\}$$

and

$$\text{W-}\limsup_{t\in\mathcal{J}} = x \in X : x_k \xrightarrow{w} x, \ x_k \in A_{t_k}$$

where  $(t_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a cofinal subsequence of J. Finally,  $(A_t)_{t\in J}$  is said to be convergent to A in the Mosco sense, write M- $\lim_{t\in J}A_t=A$ , if

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- \lim \sup_{t \in J} A_t = A = S
- \lim \inf_{t \in J} A_t.$$

It is easily checked that if  $_{L}$ - $\lim_{t\in J}A_{t}=A$  then M- $\lim_{t\in J}A_{t}=A$  (see also Lemma 5.4. [6]).

For other related notations and definitions, the reader is referred to Castaing and Valadier [2].

## 3. Main Results

From now on, let  $\mathcal{L}^1_{wkc(X)}$  denote the complete metric space of all integrably bounded multifunctions  $F:\Omega\to wkc(X)$  (see [7]). It is clear that if  $F,G\in\mathcal{L}^1_{wkc(X)}$  then both real-valued functions

$$|F|(\ ) = \sup\{||x||, \ x \in F(\ )\}$$

and

$$h(F, G)() = h(F(), G()), \in \Omega$$

are also integrable, where

$$h(A,C) = \max \sup_{x \in A} d(x,C), \ \sup_{y \in C} d(y,A) \ .$$

Unless otherwise stated, we shall consider in the note only processes  $(F_t)_{t \in \mathcal{J}}$  in  $\mathcal{L}^1_{wkc(X)}$  such that each  $F_t$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable. Note that the first convergence result we shall prove is connected with the following notion.

**Definition 3.1.** We say that  $(F_t)_{t \in J}$  is an 1-pramart, if for every > 0, there is  $0 \in T^1$  such that

$$\mathbb{P} \ h(F, \mathcal{E}(F \mid \mathcal{F}^1)) > \langle , \forall , \in \mathcal{T}^1, 0 \leqslant \langle . \rangle$$

Remark 1. It is worth noting that in the case, when  $(\mathcal{F}_t)$  satisfies the usual conditional independence condition  $F_4$ , every real-valued  $L^1$ -bounded martingale  $(F_t)$  is an 1-amart (cf. [5], Remark 9.4.12). This with Theorem 4.2.10 [5] guarantees that  $(F_t)$  converges a.s., hence it should be an 1-pramart.

The following theorem seems to be the first convergence result for multivalued 1-pramarts.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $((F_t)_{t\in T})$  be an 1-pramart such that

- a)  $\overline{co}$   $F_t() \in wkc(X), \forall \in \Omega$ ,
- b)  $\sup_{t\in J} \stackrel{t}{E} |F_t| < \infty.$

Then there exists an integrably bounded multifunction F such that

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- $\lim_{t\in J}F_{t}=F$  a.s..

*Proof.* We denote by  $D(D^*)$  a countable subset which is dense for the norm (Mackey) topology in the closed unit ball  $B(B^*)$  of  $X(X^*)$ , respectively) and by  $D_1^*$  the set of all rational linear combinations of members of  $D^*$ .

Firstly, because for all  $x^* \in D^*$ ,  $f \in T^1$ ,  $f \in T^1$ , we have

$$|s(x^*, F) - \mathcal{E}(s(x^*, F)|\mathcal{F}^1)| = |s(x^*, F) - s(x^*, \mathcal{E}(F|\mathcal{F}^1))|$$
  
$$\leq h(F, \mathcal{E}(F|\mathcal{F}^1))$$

and  $(F_t)_{t\in\mathcal{J}}$  is an 1-pramart,  $(s(x^*, F_t))_{t\in\mathcal{J}}$  is a real 1-pramart. Further, by Proposition 4.2.5 [5], the stochastic basis  $(\mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t\in\mathcal{J}}$  satisfies the Vitali condition V and by b), Doob's condition

$$\sup_{t \in J} E|s(x^*, F_t)| \leq ||x^*|| \sup_{t \in J} E|F_t| < \infty$$

is satisfied, so by Theorem 4.4 or Theorem 5.1 in [12], the real 1-pramart  $(s(X^*, F_t))_{t \in J}$  converges almost surely. Therefore, by Lemma 5.2 [6], there exist a measurable multifunction F with values in wkc(X) and a negligible subset  $N_1$  such that

$$\lim_{t\in\mathcal{J}}s(x^*,F_t(\phantom{x}))=s(x^*,F(\phantom{x})),\quad\forall x^*\in D_1^*,\ \forall\ \not\in N_1.$$

It follows that

$$F_t(\ ) \xrightarrow{W} F(\ ), \ t \in J, \quad \notin N_1.$$
 (3.1)

Secondly we prove that  $(F_t)_{t\in\mathcal{I}}$  is Wijsman convergent to F (a.s.). For the purpose, let us fix  $X\in X$ , and put

$$Z_t^{X^*} = < X^*, X > -s(X^*, F_t), X^* \in X^*, t \in J.$$

We show that the process  $\{(Z_t^{x^*}, \mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t\in J}, x^* \in D^*\}$  is a uniform sequence of real-valued pramarts, i.e., for every > 0, there exists  $_0 \in \mathcal{T}^1$  such that for every  $_+ \in \mathcal{T}^1$  with  $_0 \leq _- \leq _-$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}[\sup_{X^* \in D^*} |Z^{X^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{X^*}|\mathcal{F}^1)| > ] < . \tag{3.2}$$

Indeed, since  $(F_t, \mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t \in \mathcal{I}}$  is a pramart, hence for each > 0, there exists  $_0 \in \mathcal{T}^1$  such that for any  $_t \in \mathcal{T}^1$ ,  $_0 \leq _t \leq _t$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}[h(F, \mathcal{E}(F \mid \mathcal{F}^1)) > ] < . \tag{3.3}$$

On the other hand,

$$\sup_{X^* \in D^*} |Z^{X^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{X^*} | \mathcal{F}^1)| = \sup_{X^* \in D^*} |\mathcal{E}[s(X^*, F) | \mathcal{F}^1) - s(X^*, F^1)| 
= \sup_{X^* \in D^*} |s(X^*, F) - s(X^*, \mathcal{E}(F | \mathcal{F}^1))| 
\leq h(F, \mathcal{E}(F | \mathcal{F}^1)).$$
(3.4)

Then (3.3) and (3.4) imply (3.2).

But

$$\sup_{t \in J} \mathcal{E}(\sup_{x^* \in D^*} |Z^{x^*}_t|) \leqslant ||x|| + \sup_{t \in J} \mathcal{E}|F_t| < \infty,$$

it follows that for each  $X^* \in D^*$   $(Z_t^{X^*})_{t \in J}$  converges a.s. to some real integrable function  $Z^{X^*}$  (cf. [12, Theorem 5.1]),  $R_t^{X^*} = \operatorname{ess} \inf_{\in \mathcal{T}^1(t)} (Z^{X^*} | \mathcal{F}_t^1)$  is finite a.s. and  $(R_t^{X^*}, \mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t \in J}$  is a generalized sub-martingale (cf. [12, Proposition 3.3]). Moreover, we can prove that

$$\sup_{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{T}^1(\cdot)} \mathbb{P}(\sup_{X^* \in D^*} (Z^{X^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{X^*} | \mathcal{F}^1)) > ) = \mathbb{P}(\sup_{X^* \in D^*} (Z^{X^*} - R^{X^*}) > ), \quad (3.5)$$

where  $T^1(\ )=\{\ \in T^1,\ \geqslant\ \}$ . Indeed, by Proposition 4.1.14 in [5], for each  $x^*\in D^*$  we can choose a nondecreasing cofinal sequence  $(\ _n^{x^*})\subset T^1(\ )$  such that  $\mathcal{E}(Z^{x^*}_{z^*}|\mathcal{F}^1)\downarrow R^{x^*}$ . Then

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{esssup}_{\ \in T^1(\ )} \mathbb{P} \sup_{x^* \in D^*} (Z^{x^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{x^*} | \mathcal{F}^1) \ > \ ) \\ \leqslant \mathbb{P} \operatorname{esssup}_{\ \in T^1(\ )} \sup_{x^* \in D^*} (Z^{x^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{x^*} | \mathcal{F}^1)) \ > \\ & = \mathbb{P} \sup_{x^* \in D^*} \operatorname{esssup}_{\ \in T^1(\ )} (Z^{x^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{x^*} | \mathcal{F}^1)) \ > \\ & = \mathbb{P} \sup_{x^* \in D^*} \operatorname{esssup}_{\ \in T^1(\ )} (Z^{x^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{x^*} | \mathcal{F}^1)) \ > \\ & = \mathbb{P} \sup_{x^* \in D^*} \sup_{n} (Z^{x^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{x^*}_{\frac{n}{n}} | \mathcal{F}^1)) \ > \\ & = \mathbb{P} \sup_{n} \sup_{x^* \in D^*} (Z^{x^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{x^*}_{\frac{n}{n}} | \mathcal{F}^1)) \ > \\ & = \sup_{n} \mathbb{P} \sup_{x^* \in D^*} (Z^{x^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{x^*}_{\frac{n}{n}} | \mathcal{F}^1)) \ > \\ & \leqslant \operatorname{esssup}_{\ \in T^1(\ )} \mathbb{P} \sup_{x^* \in D^*} (Z^{x^*} - \mathcal{E}(Z^{x^*} | \mathcal{F}^1)) \ > \ . \end{split}$$

Thus, (3.5) is proved.

But  $Z^{x^*} \geqslant R^{x^*}$ , a.s., it follows from Theorem 4.2 [12] that

$$\lim_{t \in J} \sup_{x^* \in D^*} |Z_t^{x^*} - R_t^{x^*}| = 0 \quad \text{a.s.,}$$

and thus for each  $X^* \in D^*$ , the nets  $(Z_t^{X^*})_{t \in J}$  and  $(R_t^{X^*})_{t \in J}$  converge almost surely to the same limit  $Z^{X^*}$ 

Applying the proof of Neveu's Lemma [15, Lemma V.2.9] for the submartingale  $(R_t^{X^*})_{t\in J}$  and Wang-Xue's Lemma [17, Lemma 2.2] we obtain

$$\lim_t \ \sup_{x^* \in D^*} Z_t^{x^*}(\ ) \ = \sup_{x^* \in D^*} \ \lim_t Z_t^{x^*}(\ ) \ = \sup_{x^* \in D^*} Z^{x^*}(\ )$$

for every  $x \in D$  and  $\notin N_x$   $(P(N_x) = 0)$ . Thus, for each  $x^* \in D_1^*$ ,  $x \in D$  and  $\notin [N_1 \cup N_x]$ 

$$\lim_{t \in J} Z_t^{X^*} = \lim_{t \in J} \langle X^*, X \rangle - S(X^*, F_t(\ )) = \langle X^*, X \rangle - S(X^*, F(\ )).$$

On the other hand, since

$$d(x, A) = \sup_{x^* \in D^*} [\langle x^*, x \rangle - s \langle x^*, A \rangle], \ A \in wkc(X)$$

(cf [17, p. 815] or [6, p. 190]), we get

$$\lim_{t \in J} d(x, F_t(\ )) = d(x, F(\ ))$$

for all  $x \in D$  and  $\notin N_1 \cup (\cup_{y \in D} N_y)$ . Thus, by putting  $N_0 = N_1 \cup (\cup_{x \in D} N_x)$  we get

$$F_t(\ ) \xrightarrow{Wijs} F(\ ), \ t \in J, \quad \notin N_0.$$

This with (3.1) implies

$$_{L}$$
-  $\lim F_{t}(\ )=F(\ )\ \ \forall\ \not\in N.$ 

Finally, since

$$|F(\ )| = \sup\{||x||; x \in F(\ )\} = \sup\{s(x^*, F(\ )) : x^* \in D^*\}$$

we have

$$|F(\ )|\leqslant \liminf_{t\in J}|F_t(\ )|,\quad \forall \ \not\in N_0.$$

Hence by Fatou's Lemma

$$E|F| \leq \liminf_{t \in J} E|F_t| < \infty.$$

In other words, F is integrably bounded, it completes the proof.

Related to the constructive results of Talagrand [16] for vector-valued mils, we propose the following.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(F_t)_{t \in J}$  be an adapted sequence of integrably bounded wkc(X)-valued multifunctions. We say that  $(F_t)_{t \in J}$  is an 1-mil, if  $(F_t, \mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t \in J}$ 

is a mil, i.e., for every > 0, there exists  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\in T^1, \overline{p} \leqslant \overline{n}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(h(X, \mathcal{E}(X_{\overline{n}}|\mathcal{F}^1)) > ) < ,$$

where  $\overline{n} = (n, n) \in \overline{\mathbb{N}}$ .

Remark 2. It is easy to see that every 1-pramart is an 1-mil. Furthermore, restricted to the one-parameter discrete case, the notion of 1-mils coincides with the original notion of mils introduced by Talagrand [16].

The following lemma will be needed in the proof of the next weak convergence result.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $(X_t)_{t \in J}$  be a uniformly integrable, real 1-mil. Then  $(X_t)_{t \in J}$  converges a.s.

*Proof.* Let  $(X_t)_{t\in\mathcal{J}}$  be as given in the lemma. Then  $(X_{\overline{n}}, \mathcal{F}_{\overline{n}}^1)_{n\geqslant 0}$  is also a mil in the sense of Talagrand. Hence, by ([16, Theorem 4]) and the uniform integrability of  $(X_t)_{t\in\mathcal{T}}$ ,  $(X_{\overline{n}})$  converges to some X a.s. and in  $L^1$ . Consequently  $(X_{\overline{n}})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is written uniquely in the form  $X_{\overline{n}} = Y_{\overline{n}} + Z_{\overline{n}}$  where  $(Y_{\overline{n}})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a regular martingale:  $Y_{\overline{n}} = \mathcal{E}(X|\mathcal{F}_{\overline{n}}^1)$  and  $(Z_{\overline{n}})_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a mil with  $Z_{\overline{n}} \to 0$  a.s. and in  $L^1$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Put  $Y_t = \mathcal{E}(X|\mathcal{F}_t^1)$ ,  $Z_t = X_t - Y_t$ ,  $t \in J$ . Since  $(Y_t, \mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t \in J}$  is a regular martingale, hence by ([12, Theorem 4.3]),  $(Y_t)$  converges to X a.s. and in  $L^1$ .

Now we prove that the mil  $(Z_t, \mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t \in \mathcal{J}}$  is convergent to 0 a.s. By Theorem 4.2 in [12] (see also [19], Lemma 2), it is sufficient to prove that the net  $(Z)_{\in \mathcal{T}^1}$  converges to 0 in probability. Since  $(Z_t, \mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t \in \mathcal{J}}$  is a mil, for any > 0 there is  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $\in \mathcal{T}^1$ ,  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\overline{p} \leq \infty \leq \overline{n}_1$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(|Z - \mathcal{E}(Z_{\overline{n}}|\mathcal{F}^1)| > ) < . \tag{3.6}$$

On the other hand, since  $Z_{\overline{n}} \to 0$  in  $L^1$  as  $n \uparrow \infty$ , it follows that there is  $n_2 \ge n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$E|Z_{\overline{n}}| < {}^{2}, \ n \geqslant n_{2}. \tag{3.7}$$

Thus, by (3.6), (3.7) and Chebyshev's inequality, for any  $\in T^1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $\geqslant \overline{p}, n \geqslant n_2$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}(|Z| > 2) \leqslant \mathbb{P} & |Z| - \mathcal{E}(Z_{\overline{n}}|\mathcal{F}^1) > + \mathbb{P} & |\mathcal{E}(Z_{\overline{n}}|\mathcal{F}^1) > \\ \leqslant & + \frac{E|Z_{\overline{n}}|}{} \leqslant + \frac{2}{} = 2 \end{split}.$$

It means that  $(Z)_{\in T^1}$  converges to 0 in probability. This completes the proof.

For multivalued 1-mils, we get the following weak convergence result.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(F_t, t \in N)$  be a uniformly integrable wkc(X)-valued 1-mil. Suppose that

$$\overline{co} \quad F_t(\ ) \in \mathit{wkc}(X), \quad \in \Omega.$$

Then there exists a multifunction F of  $\mathcal{L}^1_{wkc(X)}$  such that

$$W-\lim_{t\in J}F_t=F\ a.s.$$

*Proof.* Let  $(F_t)_{t\in J}$  be as given in the theorem. Since for each  $x^*\in X^*$ 

$$|s(x^*, F_t(\ ))| \leq ||x^*|||F_t(\ )|,$$

the set  $\{s(x^*, F_t)\}_{t \in J}$  is uniformly integrable.

But if  $||x^*|| \leq 1$ , we have

$$|s(x^*, F) - \mathcal{E}(s(x^*, F_{\overline{n}})|\mathcal{F}^1)|$$

$$= s(x^*, F) - s(x^*, \mathcal{E}(F_{\overline{n}}|\mathcal{F}^1))$$

$$\leq h(F, \mathcal{E}(F_{\overline{n}}|\mathcal{F}^1)) \quad \text{for any} \quad \leq \overline{n},$$

then for each  $X^* \in X^*$ , the process  $\{S(X^*, F_t\}_{t \in \mathcal{I}} \text{ is also a uniformly integrable real 1-mil. It follows from Lemma 3.1 that for each <math>X^* \in D_1^*$  there exists a negligible subset  $N_{X^*}$  such that  $\lim_t S(X^*, F_t(\ ))$  exists for any  $\in \Omega \backslash N_{X^*}$ . This with the same argument used in Lemma 5.2 [6] entails the existence of a multifunction F with values in WKC(X) which satisfies

$$S(X^*, F(\phantom{\cdot})) = \lim_t S(X^*, F_t(\phantom{\cdot})), \ \forall \in N, \ \forall X^* \in D_1^*$$

where  $N = N_{X^*}$ . But  $D_1^*$  is countable and dense in  $X^*$  for the Mackey

topology, it guarantees that

$$F_t \xrightarrow{W} F_t$$
  $t \in J$ .

The proof is thus complete.

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