

## ON THE EQUIVALENCE OF $q$ -MARTINGALES AND LOCALLY $L^p$ -INTEGRABLE MARTINGALES

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K. E. Dambis studied  $q$ -martingales in [2]. Local martingales, which were defined somewhat differently from the definition of  $q$ -martingales, were discussed by K. Ito and S. Watanabe [1]. In the present paper we shall prove that the class of all  $q$ -martingales (resp.  $q$ -submartingales) coincides with the class of all continuous locally  $L^p$ -integrable martingales (resp. locally  $L^p$ -integrable submartingales) for all  $p \geq 1$ , under a general assumption.

As an application, we use this result to prove that the stochastic integral, which was defined for square integrable martingales by M. Motoo and S. Watanabe [6], can be extended to locally square integrable martingales.

1. In order to give a precise formulation of the theorems we need a series of definitions.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{F}, P)$  be the basic  $P$ -complete probability space and  $\{\mathfrak{F}(t)\}_{0 \leq t < \infty}$  a family of Borel subfields of  $\mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}(s) \subset \mathfrak{F}(t)$  for  $s < t$ . We may, and do, suppose that each  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$  contains all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -sets of  $P$ -measure zero. We write  $a(b) = a_b$  and  $a \wedge b = \min(a, b)$ .

A submartingale (relative to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$ ) is a real valued process  $\{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  such that

$$(i) \quad \forall t \geq 0, E[|x(t)|] < \infty$$

and

$$(ii) \quad \forall (s, t), s \leq t, x(s) \leq E[x(t) | \mathfrak{F}(s)] \quad \text{a.s.}$$

If equality holds a.s. in (ii), the process is a martingale. If, moreover,  $E[|x(t)|^p] < \infty$  holds, then the process is an  $L^p$ -integrable martingale. We shall be concerned here only with sample continuous (sub)martingales.

A stopping time with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$  is a positive, possibly infinite, random variable  $\tau(\omega)$  such that, for every  $a \geq 0$ ,  $\{\tau \leq a\} \in \mathfrak{F}(a)$ . Given a stopping time  $\tau$  we shall define  $\mathfrak{F}(\tau)$  as the system of all sets  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$  for which  $A \cap \{\tau \leq t\} \in \mathfrak{F}(t)$  for every  $t \geq 0$ . To avoid constant repetition of

qualifying phrases, we assume that  $\tau, \beta, \tau(n), \beta(n)$ , etc., denote stopping times.

We shall here assume that

$$\mathfrak{F}(t) = \bigcap_{h>0} \mathfrak{F}(t+h) \quad \text{for every } t \geq 0$$

and

$$\mathfrak{F}(\tau(n)) \uparrow \mathfrak{F}(\tau) \quad \text{for } \tau(n) \uparrow \tau, \quad \text{a.s.}$$

We sketch several concepts from [2]. By a  $\varphi$ -process, we mean a non-negative right continuous nondecreasing random process  $\{\varphi(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  possibly assuming infinite values. By a  $\tau$ -process we mean a family  $\{\mathfrak{F}(t), \tau(t)\}$  where  $\tau(t) = \tau(t, \omega)$  is right continuous and nondecreasing in  $t$  for each fixed  $\omega$ . We call a  $\tau$ -process  $T = \{\mathfrak{F}(t), \tau(t)\}$  (resp.  $\varphi$ -process  $\{\varphi(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$ ) normal if it is continuous, finite and increases strictly from 0 to  $\infty$ .

For instance, let  $X^a = \{x^a(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$ ,  $a \in A$ , where  $A$  is an arbitrary set, be a collection of continuous random processes such that

$$\sup\{|x^a(s) - x^a(0)|; 0 \leq s \leq t, a \in A\}$$

is continuous (that is trivially satisfied if  $A$  is a finite set), and put

$$\Lambda = \{\lambda(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \quad \text{where } \lambda(t) = t + \sup\{|x^a(s) - x^a(0)|; 0 \leq s \leq t, a \in A\},$$

then  $\lambda(t)$  is  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$ -measurable, finite and increases strictly from 0 to  $\infty$ . Thus  $\Lambda$  is a normal  $\varphi$ -process. We call the  $\tau$ -process  $\Theta = \{\mathfrak{F}(t), \theta(t)\}$  where  $\theta(t) = \inf\{u; \lambda(u) > t\}$ , the stopping process for the processes  $X^a$  or the brake of the processes  $X^a$ . By the definition of  $\Lambda$ ,  $\theta(t)$  is continuous, finite and strictly increasing from 0 to  $\infty$ . Moreover, from the continuity of  $\Lambda$ , we have  $\lambda(\theta(t)) = t$  and so for each  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\forall s \geq 0, [\theta(t) \leq s] = [t \leq \lambda(s)] \in \mathfrak{F}(s).$$

Thus each  $\theta(t)$  is a stopping time with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$ . In other words,  $\Theta = \{\mathfrak{F}(t), \theta(t)\}$  is a normal  $\tau$ -process. As  $[\lambda(t) \leq s] = [t \leq \theta(s)] \in \mathfrak{F}(\theta(s))$ ,  $\{\mathfrak{F}(\theta(t)), \lambda(t)\}$  is a normal  $\tau$ -process.

Let  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  be a process that is continuous from the right and let  $T = \{\mathfrak{F}(t), \tau(t)\}$  be a  $\tau$ -process such that  $x(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t)$  is defined for all  $\omega$  for which  $\tau(t, \omega) = \infty$  for some  $t$ ,  $0 \leq t < \infty$ .

Put  $TX = \{x(\tau(t)), \mathfrak{F}(\tau(t))\}$ . Then we say that the process  $TX$  is obtained from  $X$  by means of a random time change. If  $T$  is normal, then the random time change will be called normal.

DEFINITION 1. We call  $q$ -(sub)martingales those which are obtained by normal random time changes from continuous (sub)martingales.

DEFINITION 2.  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  is called a locally  $L^p$ -integrable (sub)-martingale if there exists a sequence  $\tau(n)$  of stopping times with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$  with  $P[\tau(n) < \infty, \tau(n) \uparrow \infty] = 1$  such that each random process  $\{x(t \wedge \tau(n)), \mathfrak{F}(t \wedge \tau(n))\}$  is an  $L^p$ -integrable (sub)martingale.

We shall denote by  $(SM)^p$  (resp.  $M^p, (SM)_{loc}^p, M_{loc}^p, QSM$  and  $QM$ ) the family of all continuous  $L^p$ -integrable submartingales (resp.  $L^p$ -integrable martingales, locally  $L^p$ -integrable submartingales, locally  $L^p$ -integrable martingales,  $q$ -submartingales and  $q$ -martingales).

2. In what follows, we may, and do, suppose that  $x(0)=0$ .

LEMMA 1. Let  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  be a right continuous submartingale and  $T = \{\mathfrak{F}(t), \tau(t)\}$  a  $\tau$ -process. Then :

- (1) If  $X$  is uniformly integrable or there exists a "constant process"  $c_t$  such that  $\tau(t) \leq c_t < \infty$ , then  $TX$  is also a submartingale. If, moreover,  $X$  is a martingale, then  $TX$  is a martingale.
- (2) If, for any  $a \in [0, \infty)$ , the random variable  $x^+(t \wedge \tau(a))$  is uniformly integrable with respect to  $t$ , then  $TX$  is a submartingale. If  $x(t \wedge \tau(a))$  is uniformly integrable and  $X$  is a martingale, then  $TX$  is a martingale.

Part (1) of Lemma 1 is proved in [4] (see Theorem 11.8, Chapter 7) and for the proof of part (2), see Theorems 4.1. and 4.1.s of Chapter 7 in [4].

LEMMA 2. For any random process  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in (SM)_{loc}^1$  (resp.  $M_{loc}^1$ ),  $\Theta X$ , where  $\Theta$  is the brake of  $X$ , belongs to  $(SM)_{loc}^p$  (resp.  $M_{loc}^p$ ) for any  $p \geq 1$ .

PROOF. If  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in (SM)_{loc}^1$ , there exists a sequence  $\beta(n)$  of stopping times with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$  such that

$$P[\beta(n) < \infty, \beta(n) \uparrow \infty] = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \{x(t \wedge \beta(n)), \mathfrak{F}(t \wedge \beta(n))\} \in (SM)^1.$$

Put  $\alpha(n) = \inf\{t; \theta(t) > \beta(n)\}$ . It follows at once from the normality of  $\Theta$  that  $P[\alpha(n) < \infty, \alpha(n) \uparrow \infty] = 1$  and  $\{\alpha(n) \leq s\} = \{\beta(n) \leq \theta(s)\} \in \mathfrak{F}(\theta(s))$  for any  $s \geq 0$ . Therefore each  $\alpha(n)$  is a stopping time with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(\theta(t))$ . By the definition of  $(SM)_{loc}^p$ , we have only to give the proof of the fact  $\{x(\theta(t \wedge \alpha(n))), \mathfrak{F}(\theta(t \wedge \alpha(n)))\} \in (SM)^p$ . Since  $t = \lambda(\theta(t)) = \theta(t) + \sup\{|x(u)|; 0 \leq u \leq \theta(t)\}$  from the definitions of  $\lambda(t)$  and  $\theta(t)$ , we see

$$0 \leq \theta(t) \leq t \quad \text{and} \quad \sup\{|x(u)|; 0 \leq u \leq \theta(t)\} \leq t.$$

On the other hand, since

$$x(\theta(t \wedge \alpha(n))) = x(\theta(t) \wedge \theta(\alpha(n))) = x(\theta(t) \wedge \beta(n)) = x(\{\theta(t) \wedge \beta(n)\} \wedge \beta(n))$$

and

$$\{\theta(t) \wedge \beta(n) \leq s\} = \{\theta(t) \wedge \beta(n) \leq s \wedge \beta(n)\} \in \mathfrak{F}(s \wedge \beta(n)) \quad \text{for all } s \geq 0,$$

that is,  $\theta(t) \wedge \beta(n)$  is a stopping time with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t \wedge \beta(n))$ , in view of Lemma 1 (1), each  $\{x(\theta(t \wedge \alpha(n))), \mathfrak{F}(\theta(t \wedge \alpha(n)))\}$  belongs to  $(SM)^p$ . Hence  $\Theta X$  belongs to  $(SM)_{loc}^p$ . This completes the proof.

LEMMA 3. For any random process  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in QSM$  (resp.  $QM$ ),  $\Theta X$ , where  $\Theta$  is the brake of  $X$ , belongs to  $(SM)^p$  (resp.  $M^p$ ) for any  $p \geq 1$ .

PROOF. From the definition of  $QSM$ ,  $X = TY$ , where  $Y = \{y(t), \mathfrak{G}(t)\}$  is a continuous submartingale and  $T = \{\mathfrak{G}(t), \tau(t)\}$  is a normal  $\tau$ -process. As  $\sup\{|x(u)|; 0 \leq u \leq \theta(a)\} \leq a$  for any  $a \geq 0$ , we have

$$\sup\{|y(t \wedge \tau(\theta(a)))|; 0 \leq t < \infty\} \leq a.$$

This implies the uniform integrability of  $\{y(t \wedge \tau(\theta(a)))\}_{0 \leq t < \infty}$ , hence by Lemma 1 (2)  $\Theta X = [\Theta T]Y$  belongs to  $(SM)^p$ . Thus the lemma is proved. (This proof is due to K. E. Dambis [2]).

THEOREM 1. For any  $p \geq 1$ ,  $(SM)_{loc}^p$  (resp.  $M_{loc}^p$ ) coincides with  $QSM$  (resp.  $QM$ ).

PROOF. Let  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  be any random process of  $QSM$  and  $\Theta$  be the brake of  $X$ . Lemma 3 implies  $\Theta X \in (SM)^p$  for any  $p \geq 1$ .

Put  $X^n = \{x(t \wedge \theta(n)), \mathfrak{F}(t \wedge \theta(n))\}$ . Then clearly

$$x(t \wedge \theta(n)) = x(\theta(\lambda(t)) \wedge \theta(n)) = x(\theta(\lambda(t)) \wedge n)$$

and so each  $X^n \in (SM)^p$  by Lemma 1(1). Hence  $X \in (SM)_{loc}^p$ .

Conversely  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  is a locally  $L^p$ -integrable submartingale, then  $\Theta X$  is a locally  $L^p$ -integrable submartingale by Lemma 2, that is, there exists a sequence  $\tau(n)$  of stopping times with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(\theta(t))$ , with  $P[\tau(n) < \infty, \tau(n) \uparrow \infty] = 1$  such that  $\{x(\theta(t \wedge \tau(n))), \mathfrak{F}(\theta(t \wedge \tau(n)))\}$  belongs to  $(SM)^1$  for each  $n$ . By the assumption on  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$ , as  $\mathfrak{F}(\theta(s \wedge \tau(n))) \uparrow \mathfrak{F}(\theta(s))$ , for any  $A \in \mathfrak{F}(\theta(s))$  there exists  $A^n \in \mathfrak{F}(\theta(s \wedge \tau(n)))$  such that  $P(A \Delta A^n)$  converges

to 0. Then for each  $n$ ,

$$\int_{A^n} x(\theta(s \wedge \tau(n))) dP \leq \int_{A^n} x(\theta(t \wedge \tau(n))) dP, \quad s \leq t.$$

In view of the Lebesgue bounded convergence theorem, we have

$$\int_A x(\theta(s)) dP \leq \int_A x(\theta(t)) dP.$$

Hence  $\Theta X$  belongs to  $(SM)^1$ . Therefore as  $X = \Lambda[\Theta X]$ ,  $X$  is a  $q$ -submartingale. This completes the proof.

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  be a continuous local submartingale. Then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t)$  exists and is finite almost surely where  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) < \infty$ .*

**PROOF.** It is proved in [4] (see Theorem 3.1.s(iv) of Chapter 11) when  $X$  is a continuous submartingale. Then the proof is obvious from the fact  $(SM)_{loc}^1 = QSM$ .

3. Next we shall show that the equivalence of  $q$ -martingales and locally  $L^p$ -integrable martingales is also true in  $R^n$ .

**DEFINITION 3.** We call a process  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  in  $R^n$  with  $\{(h \circ x)(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  a continuous martingale, for each spherical harmonic polynomial  $h$  in  $R^n$ , a continuous martingale.

**DEFINITION 4.** We call  $q$ -martingales in  $R^n$  those processes which are obtained by normal random time changes from continuous martingales in  $R^n$ .

**DEFINITION 5.** A process  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  in  $R^n$  is called a locally  $L^p$ -integrable martingales in  $R^n$  if  $h \circ X = \{(h \circ x)(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  is a locally  $L^p$ -integrable martingale for each spherical harmonic polynomial  $h$  in  $R^n$ .

We shall denote by  $M^p(R^n)$  (resp.  $M_{loc}^p(R^n)$  and  $QM(R^n)$ ) the family of all continuous  $L^p$ -integrable martingales (resp. locally  $L^p$ -integrable martingales and  $q$ -martingales) in  $R^n$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *For any  $p \geq 1$ ,  $M_{loc}^p(R^n)$  coincides with  $QM(R^n)$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in QM(R^n)$ , then  $X = TY$ , where  $Y = \{y(t), \mathfrak{G}(t)\}$

is a continuous martingale in  $R^n$  and  $T = \{\mathfrak{G}(t), \tau(t)\}$  is a normal  $\tau$ -process.

Let  $h$  be any spherical harmonic polynomial in  $R^n$ . Put  $h \circ X = \{(h \circ x)(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$ . Then  $h \circ X = T[h \circ Y]$ . As  $h \circ Y$  is a continuous martingale,  $h \circ X$  is a  $q$ -martingale. Theorem 1 implies that  $h \circ X$  is a locally  $L^p$ -integrable martingale. Hence  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in M_{loc}^p(R^n)$  for any  $p \geq 1$ .

Conversely if  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in M_{loc}^p(R^n)$ ,  $h \circ X = \{(h \circ x)(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  is a locally  $L^p$ -integrable martingale for each spherical harmonic polynomial  $h$  in  $R^n$ . There exists a sequence  $\beta(n)$  of stopping times with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$  such that  $P[\beta(n) < \infty, \beta(n) \uparrow \infty] = 1$  holds and  $\{(h \circ x)(t \wedge \beta(n)), \mathfrak{F}(t \wedge \beta(n))\}$  is a martingale for each  $n$ . This sequence  $\{\beta(n)\}$  may depend on  $h$ . Let  $\Theta$  be the brake of  $X$ . Then  $\{(h \circ x)(\theta(t)), \mathfrak{F}(\theta(t))\}$  is a locally  $L^p$ -integrable martingale in view of Lemma 2. Therefore there exists a sequence  $\alpha(n)$  of stopping times with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(\theta(t))$  such that  $\{(h \circ x)(\theta(t \wedge \alpha(n))), \mathfrak{F}(\theta(t \wedge \alpha(n)))\}$  is a martingale with  $P[\alpha(n) < \infty, \alpha(n) \uparrow \infty] = 1$ .

By assumption, as  $\mathfrak{F}(\theta(s \wedge \tau(n))) \uparrow \mathfrak{F}(\theta(s))$ , for any  $A \in \mathfrak{F}(\theta(s))$  there exists  $A^n \in \mathfrak{F}(\theta(s \wedge \tau(n)))$  such that  $P(A \Delta A^n)$  converges to 0. Then for each  $n$ ,

$$\int_{A^n} (h \circ x)(\theta(s \wedge \alpha(n))) dP = \int_{A^n} (h \circ x)(\theta(t \wedge \alpha(n))) dP, \quad s \leq t.$$

As a harmonic function is bounded on every compact set, by the Lebesgue bounded convergence theorem we have

$$\int_A (h \circ x)(\theta(s)) dP = \int_A (h \circ x)(\theta(t)) dP.$$

This implies  $h \circ \Theta X \in M^1$ . Hence  $\Theta X \in M^1(R^n)$ . As  $X = \Lambda[\Theta X]$ ,  $X$  belongs to  $QM(R^n)$ . This completes the proof.

4. We shall now apply the result obtained above to a generalization of the stochastic integral defined in [6].

Let  $N^+$  be the set of all natural increasing processes  $A(t)$  defined for  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and write

$$N = \{A(t) = A^1(t) - A^2(t); A^i(t) \in N^+, i = 1, 2\}.$$

Let  $\Psi$  be the class of all  $(t, \omega)$ -measurable real-valued processes  $\psi(t, \omega)$  that are  $\mathfrak{F}(\tau)$ -measurable for each stopping time  $\tau$  with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$  and let  $\Psi_{rc}$  be the class of all bounded right continuous process having left hand limits. We define for  $\varphi \in N^+$  semi-norms  $\|\cdot\|_{\varphi}(t)$  over  $\Psi$  by

$$\|\psi\|_{\varphi}(t) = E \left[ \left( \int_0^t \psi(s)^2 d\varphi(s) \right)^{1/2} \right], \quad \psi \in \Psi$$

and put  $L_2(\varphi) = \Psi \cap \bar{\Psi}_{\tau_c}$ , where  $\bar{\Psi}_{\tau_c}$  is the closure of  $\Psi_{\tau_c}$  with respect to semi-norms  $\|\cdot\|_{\varphi}(t)$ . Clearly  $\|\psi\|_{\varphi}(s) \leq \|\psi\|_{\varphi}(t)$  for  $s < t$ .

First we recall the followings.

**THEOREM 3.** *For  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}, Y = \{y(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in M^2$ , there exists a unique (up to equivalence)  $\langle X, Y \rangle \in N$  such that for each  $t > s \in [0, \infty)$*

$$E[(x(t) - x(s))(y(t) - y(s)) | \mathfrak{F}(s)] = E[\langle X, Y \rangle(t) - \langle X, Y \rangle(s) | \mathfrak{F}(s)].$$

**THEOREM 4.** *For every  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in M^2$  and  $\psi \in L^2(\langle X \rangle)$  where  $\langle X \rangle = \langle X, X \rangle$ , there exists a unique  $Y = \{y(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in M^2$  satisfying*

$$\langle Y, Z \rangle(t) = \int_0^t \psi(s) d\langle X, Z \rangle(s), \text{ P-a.s. for any } Z = \{z(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in M^2.$$

For the proof of these two theorems, see [5] or [6]. In M. Motoo and S. Watanabe [4],  $Y$  of the above Theorem 4 is called the stochastic integral of  $\psi$  by  $X$  and is denoted by

$$y(t) = \int_0^t \psi(s) dx(s).$$

Now let  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  be any random process of  $M_{loc}^2$ . In view of Lemma 4,  $\Theta X = \{x(\theta(t)), \mathfrak{F}(\theta(t))\}$  belongs to  $M^2$  for  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\} \in M_{loc}^2$ . It is easy to see that  $\psi(\theta(t))$  is  $(t, \omega)$ -measurable. As  $\{\mathfrak{F}(\theta(t)), \lambda(t)\}$  is a normal  $\tau$ -process and  $[\theta(\tau) \leq s] = [\tau \leq \lambda(s)]$  holds for any stopping time  $\tau$  with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(\theta(t))$ , we see  $[\theta(\tau) \leq s] \in \mathfrak{F}(\theta(\lambda(s))) = \mathfrak{F}(s)$ , that is,  $\theta(\tau)$  is a stopping time with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$ .

Therefore  $\psi(\theta(\tau))$  is  $\mathfrak{F}(\theta(\tau))$ -measurable. Thus, from Theorem 4, there exists a unique  $Y^* = \{y^*(t), \mathfrak{F}(\theta(t))\} \in M^2$  such that

$$\langle Y^*, Z \rangle(t) = \int_0^t \psi(\theta(s)) d\langle \Theta X, Z \rangle(s), \text{ P-a.s. for any } Z = \{z(t), \mathfrak{F}(\theta(t))\} \in M^2.$$

Put  $H(X, \psi) = \Delta Y^* = \{y^*(\lambda(t)), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$ . Theorem 1 implies  $\Delta Y^* \in M_{loc}^2 = QM$ . This mapping  $H$  coincides with the stochastic integral on  $M^2$ . In fact, let  $X = \{x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  be an  $L^2$ -integrable martingale. First we consider the case that  $\psi(t)$  is a step function, that is, there exists an increasing sequence  $\{\tau(n)\}$  of stopping times with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(t)$  such that  $\tau(n) \uparrow \infty$  and  $\psi(s) = \psi(\tau(n-1))$  if  $\tau(n-1) \leq s < \tau(n)$ . Then there exists an increasing sequence  $\beta(n)$  such that  $\theta(\beta(n)) = \tau(n)$  and  $\psi(\theta(s)) = \psi(\theta(\tau(n-1)))$  if  $\beta(n-1) \leq s < \beta(n)$ . As

$[\beta(n) \leq s] = [\theta(\beta(n)) \leq \theta(s)] = [\tau(n) \leq \theta(s)] \in \mathfrak{F}(\theta(s))$  for all  $s \geq 0$ , that is, each  $\beta(n)$  is a stopping time with respect to the family  $\mathfrak{F}(\theta(t))$ ,  $\psi(\theta(t))$  is also a step function.

Since, by the definition of the stochastic integral in [6],

$$\int_0^t \psi(s) dx(s) = \sum_n \psi(t \wedge \tau(n-1)) \{x(t \wedge \tau(n)) - x(t \wedge \tau(n-1))\}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} y^*(t) &= \int_0^t \psi(\theta(s)) dx(\theta(s)) \\ &= \sum_n \psi(\theta(t \wedge \beta(n-1))) \{x(\theta(t \wedge \beta(n))) - x(\theta(t \wedge \beta(n-1)))\} \\ &= \sum_n \psi(\theta(t) \wedge \tau(n-1)) \{x(\theta(t) \wedge \tau(n)) - x(\theta(t) \wedge \tau(n-1))\}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$y^*(\lambda(t)) = \int_0^t \psi(s) dx(s).$$

In other words,  $H(X, \psi)$  coincides with the stochastic integral of  $\psi$  by  $X$  if  $\psi$  is a step function.

Now let  $\psi$  be any element of  $L^2(\langle X \rangle)$ . Then we can choose a sequence of step function  $\{\psi^n\} \subset \Psi$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\psi^n - \psi\|_{\langle X \rangle}(t) = 0.$$

Put

$$y^n(t) = \int_0^t \psi^n(s) dx(s).$$

Then we get  $\lim E[(y(t) - y^n(t))^2] = 0$  (see [5]). On the other hand, by the uniqueness of  $\langle x \rangle$  in Theorem 3, we have  $\langle \ominus X \rangle(t) = \langle X \rangle(\theta(t))$  for every  $t \geq 0$ . Since for any  $\psi \in L^2(\langle X \rangle)$

$$E \left[ \left( \int_0^t \psi^2(\theta(s)) d\langle \ominus X \rangle(s) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \leq E \left[ \left( \int_0^t \psi^2(s) d\langle X \rangle(s) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right],$$

we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[(y^*(t) - y^{*n}(t))^2] = 0$  where  $y^{*n}(t) = \int_0^t \psi^n(\theta(s)) dx(\theta(s))$ . As



$\{(y^n(t) - y(t))^2, \mathfrak{F}(t)\}$  is a submartingale, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[(y^*(t) - y(\theta(t)))^2] &\leq \frac{1}{2} \{E[(y^*(t) - y^{**}(t))^2] + E[(y^{**}(t) - y(\theta(t)))^2]\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \{E[(y^*(t) - y^{**}(t))^2] + E[(y^n(\theta(t)) - y(\theta(t)))^2]\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \{E[(y^*(t) - y^{**}(t))^2] + E[(y^n(t) - y(t))^2]\}. \end{aligned}$$

hence  $y^*(t) = y(\theta(t))$ . This implies  $y(t) = y^*(\lambda(t))$ . Therefore if  $X = (x(t), \mathfrak{F}(t)) \in M^2$ ,  $H(X, \psi)$  coincides with the stochastic integral of  $\psi$  by  $X$  for any  $\psi \in L^2(\langle X \rangle)$ .

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