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- (2)  $P_i(x^*) \cap A_i(x^*) = \emptyset$ .

**THEOREM 1.4.1 :** Let  $\Gamma = \{(X_i, P_i, A_i) : i \in I\}$  be an abstract economy satisfying the following assumptions for every  $i \in I$ .

- (1)  $X_i$  is a nonempty, compact, convex subset of  $R^\ell$ ,
- (2)  $P_i$  has an open graph in  $X \times X_i$ ,
- (3)  $x_i \notin \text{co}P_i(x), \forall x \in X$ ,
- (4)  $A_i : X \rightarrow 2^{X_i}$  is nonempty, closed, convex valued and continuous correspondence.

Then  $\Gamma$  has an equilibrium, i.e., there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that for every  $i \in I$ ,

- (a)  $x_i^* \in A_i(x^*)$ ,
- (b)  $P_i(x^*) \cap A_i(x^*) = \emptyset$

PROOF: For each  $i$ , define a correspondence  $\varphi_i : X \rightarrow 2^{X_i}$  by  $\varphi_i(x) := \text{co}P_i(x)$ . Since  $P_i$  has open graph, so does  $\varphi_i$ . For each  $i$ , define a correspondence  $\psi_i : X \rightarrow 2^{X_i}$  by  $\psi_i(x) := \varphi_i(x) \cap A_i(x)$ . Since  $\varphi_i$  has an open graph and  $A_i$  is lower-hemicontinuous, it follows that  $\psi_i$  is lower-hemicontinuous. Moreover  $\psi_i$  is convex-valued. For each  $i$ , define  $V_i := \{x \in X : \psi_i(x) \neq \emptyset\}$ .

- (i) If  $V_i$  is empty, (b) is satisfied for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $A_i$  is nonempty, closed, convex valued and continuous, so is  $A$ , where  $A(x) = \prod_{i \in I} A_i(x)$ . By the Kakutani fixed point theorem, there exists  $x^* \in A(x^*)$  so that  $x_i^* \in A_i(x^*)$ . Hence  $x^*$  is an equilibrium of  $\Gamma$ .
- (ii) Suppose  $V_i$  is not empty. Since  $\psi_i$  is lower-hemicontinuous,  $V_i = \{x \in X : \psi_i(x) \cap X_i \neq \emptyset\}$  is open. Let  $\psi_i|_{V_i} : V_i \rightarrow 2^{X_i}$  be a restriction of  $\psi_i$  to  $V_i$ . Then it is nonempty convex valued and lower-hemicontinuous. By the Michael selection theorem, there exists a continuous function  $f_i : V_i \rightarrow X_i$  such that  $f_i(x) \in \psi_i|_{V_i}(x)$  for all  $x \in V_i$ . For each  $i$ , define a correspondence  $F_i : X \rightarrow 2^{X_i}$  as follows.

$$F_i(x) := \begin{cases} \{f_i(x)\} & \text{if } x \in V_i \\ A_i(x) & \text{if } x \notin V_i \end{cases}$$