

By the Berge Maximum Theorem, for all i , φ_i is u.h.c and compact-valued. Also φ_i is nonempty since u_i is a continuous function defined on a compact set (Weierstrass Theorem). Moreover, for all i , φ_i , is convex-valued, since u_i is quasi-concave. Now define a new correspondence $\Phi : X \rightarrow 2^X$ by,

$$\Phi(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\tilde{x}_i)$$

Notice now, that Φ carries all the properties of φ_i . Hence, Φ has a closed graph (since it is uhc and closed-valued and X is compact), is nonempty and convex-valued. Therefore, by the Kakutani fixed point theorem, there exists an $x^* \in X$ such that $x^* \in \Phi(x^*)$. It can be easily seen that the fixed point by construction is a Nash equilibrium. \square

DEFINITION 1.4.5 : An **exchange economy** \mathcal{E} is $\{(X_i, P_i, e_i) : i \in I\}$ where, for every $i \in I$,

- (1) X_i is the consumption set of agent i ,
- (2) $P_i : X \rightarrow 2^{X_i}$ is the preference correspondence of agent i ,
- (3) $e_i \in X_i$ is the initial endowment of i .

DEFINITION 1.4.6 : An **equilibrium for the exchange economy** \mathcal{E} is $(p^*, x^*) \in \Delta \times X$ such that

- (a) $\forall i \in I, p^* \cdot x_i^* \leq p^* \cdot e_i$,
- (b) $\forall i \in I, P_i(x^*) \cap \{x_i \in X_i : p^* \cdot x_i \leq p^* \cdot e_i\} = \emptyset$,
- (c) $\sum_{i \in I} x_i^* = \sum_{i \in I} e_i$.

THEOREM 1.4.3 : Let $\mathcal{E} = \{(X_i, P_i, e_i) : i \in I\}$ be an exchange economy satisfying the following assumptions for each $i \in I$.

- (1) X_i : is a nonempty compact convex subset of R^ℓ ,
- (2) P_i has an open graph in $X \times X_i$ and $x_i \notin coP_i(x), \forall x \in X$,
- (3) $e_i \in intX_i$.

Then \mathcal{E} has a free disposal equilibrium, i.e., there exist $(p^*, x^*) \in \Delta \times X$ such that

- (a) $\forall i \in I, p^* \cdot x_i^* \leq p^* \cdot e_i$,