

Denote by E the *commodity space*, where E is an ordered separable Banach space whose positive cone E_+ has an *interior point* u . An *economy* \mathcal{E} is a quadruple $[(T, \tau, \mu), X, \succsim, e]$ where

- (1) (T, τ, μ) is a *measure space of agents*;
- (2) $X : T \rightarrow 2^{E_+}$ is the *consumption correspondence*,
- (3) $\succsim_t \subset X(t) \times X(t)$ is the *preference relation* of agent t ,
- (4) $e : T \rightarrow E_+$ is the *initial endowment* where for all $t \in T$, $e(t) \in X(t)$ and for all $t \in T$, $e(t)$ belongs to a norm compact subset of $X(t)$.

Denote the *budget set* of agent t at prices p by $B(t, p) = \{x \in X(t) : p \cdot x \leq p \cdot e(t)\}$. The *demand set* of agent t at prices p is defined as $D(t, p) = \{x \in B(t, p) : \text{for all } y \in B(t, p), x \succsim_t y\}$.

A *competitive equilibrium* for \mathcal{E} is a price-consumption pair (p, f) , $p \in E_+^* / \{0\}$, $f \in L_1(\mu, E_+)$ such that:

- (i) $f(t) \in D(t, p)$ for almost all t in T , and
- (ii) $\int_T f(t) d\mu(t) \leq \int_T e(t) d\mu(t)$.

3.2 Assumptions. The following assumptions which are standard in equilibrium analysis will be needed to prove our Main Theorem.

- (3.1) (T, τ, μ) is a complete finite measure space.
- (3.2) The correspondence $X : T \rightarrow 2^{E_+}$ is integrably bounded, closed, convex, nonempty, weakly compact valued, and it has a measurable graph, i.e., $G_X \in \tau \otimes \beta(E_+)$.
- (3.2') The correspondence $X : T \rightarrow 2^{E_+}$ is closed, convex, nonempty, norm compact valued and it has a measurable graph.
- (3.3) (a) For each $t \in T$ and each $x \in X(t)$ the set $R(t, x) = \{y \in X(t) : y \succsim_t x\}$ is convex, and norm closed and the set $R^{-1}(t, x) = \{y \in X(t) : x \succsim_t y\}$ is norm closed, (b) \succsim_t is measurable in the sense that the set $\{(t, x, y) \in T \times E_+ \times E_+ : y \succsim_t x\}$ belongs to $\tau \otimes \beta(E_+) \otimes \beta(E_+)$.
- (3.4) For all $t \in T$, there exists $z(t) \in X(t)$ such that $e(t) - z(t)$ belongs to the norm interior of E_+ .

3.3 The Main Result. We are now ready to state our main result:

Main Theorem. *Let \mathcal{E} be an economy satisfying (3.1)–(3.4). Then a competitive equilibrium exists in \mathcal{E} .*