

Notice that each player in the game described above is characterized by a strategy set and a random preference correspondence. We now follow the original formulation by J. Nash [22] (and its generalizations by Fan [12] and Browder [8] among others) where random preference correspondences are replaced by random payoff functions, i.e., real valued functions defined on  $\Omega \times X$ .

Let  $\Gamma = \{(X_i, u_i) : i \in I\}$  be a Nash-type random game, i.e.,

1.  $X_i$  is the strategy set of player  $i$ , and
2.  $u_i: \Omega \times X \rightarrow R$  (where  $X = \prod_{i \in I} X_i$ ) is the random payoff function of player  $i$ .

Let  $\hat{X}_i = \prod_{j \neq i} X_j$  and denote the elements of  $\hat{X}_i$  by  $\hat{x}_i$ . A random Nash equilibrium for  $\Gamma$  is a measurable function  $x^*: \Omega \rightarrow X$  such that for all  $i$  and almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$  we have

$$u_i(\omega, x^*(\omega)) = \max_{y_i \in X_i} u_i(\omega, y_i, \hat{x}_i^*(\omega)).$$

We now state our first random equilibrium existence result.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $\mathcal{E} = \{(X_i, P_i) : i \in I\}$  be a random game satisfying for each  $i$  the following properties:

1. each  $X_i$  is a nonempty, compact, and convex subset of  $R^l$ ,
2. each  $\text{co } P_i$  is lower measurable, i.e., for every open subset  $V$  of  $X_i$  the set

$$\{(\omega, x) \in \Omega \times X : \text{co } P_i(\omega, x) \cap V \neq \emptyset\}$$

belongs to  $\Sigma \otimes \beta(X)$ ,

3. for every measurable function  $x: \Omega \rightarrow X$  we have  $x_i(\omega) \notin \text{co } P_i(\omega, x(\omega))$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ , and
4. for each  $\omega \in \Omega$  the set-valued function  $P_i(\omega, \cdot)$  is l.s.c.

Then there exists a random equilibrium for  $\mathcal{E}$ .

*Proof:* For each  $i \in I$  define the correspondence  $\varphi_i: \Omega \times X \rightarrow 2^{X_i}$  by  $\varphi_i(\omega, x) = \text{co } P_i(\omega, x)$ . Since by assumption (4) each  $P_i(\omega, \cdot)$  is l.s.c., it follows from Theorem 2.1 that for each fixed  $\omega \in \Omega$  the function  $\varphi_i(\omega, \cdot)$  is l.s.c. Furthermore, by assumption (2), the function  $\varphi_i$  is lower measurable and clearly convex valued. Next, let

$$O_i = \{(\omega, x) \in \Omega \times X : \varphi_i(\omega, x) \neq \emptyset\},$$

and

$$O_i^\omega = \{x \in X : (\omega, x) \in O_i\} \text{ and } O_i^\# = \{\omega \in \Omega : (\omega, x) \in O_i\}.$$

From Theorem 2.4, it follows that there exists a Carathéodory selection  $f_i$  for  $\varphi_i$ . I.e., there exists a function  $f_i: O_i \rightarrow X_i$  such that