

ON RANDOM BEST APPROXIMATIONS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we prove a random generalization of S. Reich's theorem on best approximations. As a corollary we obtain a result on random fixed points.

1. INTRODUCTION

In [8] S. Reich proved the following theorem on best approximations.

*Theorem A. Let  $S$  be a nonempty compact and convex subset of a Banach space  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  and  $F : S \rightarrow 2^E$  (the family of all nonempty subsets of  $E$ ) a continuous multifunction such that  $F(x)$  is compact and convex for each  $x \in S$ . Then there exists an  $x \in S$  such that:*

$$d(x, F(x)) = \inf\{\|u - v\|.$$

$$(u, v) \in F(x) \times S$$

V.M. Sehgal and S.P. Singh generalized Theorem A in the following way [10].

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**Theorem B.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space,  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  a measurable space with  $\Sigma$  a  $\sigma$  algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$  and  $S$  a nonempty compact and convex subset of  $E$ . If  $T : \Omega \times S \rightarrow 2^E$  is a continuous random operator with compact and convex values, then there exists a measurable mapping  $g : \Omega \rightarrow S$  satisfying:

$$d(T(\omega, g(\omega)), g(\omega)) = \inf\{\|u - v\|, \\ (u, v) \in T(\omega, g(\omega)) \times S\}$$

for each  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

In [10], as a corollary of Theorem A, a result on random fixed points is obtained.

We shall prove in this paper a similar result as Theorem B, for mappings  $T$  with a stochastic domain  $C$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In the paper we shall use the following notations: by  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  we shall denote a  $\sigma$  finite complete measure space,  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  a separable Banach space,  $2^E = \{X | X \subseteq E, X \neq \emptyset\}$ ,  $2_k^E = \{X | X \in 2^E, X \text{ is compact}\}$  and  $CB(E) = \{A | A \in 2^E, A \text{ is closed and bounded}\}$ .

A mapping  $C : \Omega \rightarrow 2^E$  is weakly measurable if and only if for all open  $D \subseteq E$ :

$$C^{-1}(D) = \{\omega | \omega \in \Omega, C(\omega) \cap D \neq \emptyset\} \in \Sigma.$$

If a mapping  $C : \Omega \rightarrow 2^E$  is such that  $C(\omega)$  is compact, for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ , then  $C$  is weakly measurable if and only if  $C^{-1}(G) \in \Sigma$ , for every closed subset  $G$  of  $E$  [6]. A mapping  $C : \Omega \rightarrow 2^E$  is separable [4] if and only if  $C$  is weakly measurable and there exists a countable set  $Z \subseteq E$  such that for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ :

$$\overline{Z \cap C(\omega)} = C(\omega).$$

If  $C : \Omega \rightarrow 2^E$  then  $GrC = \{(\omega, x) | (\omega, x) \in \Omega \times E, x \in C(\omega)\}$ .

Definition 1. [4] Let  $C : \Omega \rightarrow 2^E$  be a weakly measurable mapping. A mapping  $T : \text{Gr}C \rightarrow 2^E$  is called a random operator with a stochastic domain  $C$  if and only if for all  $x \in E$  and open  $D \subseteq E$ :

$$\{\omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, x \in C(\omega), T(\omega, x) \cap D \neq \emptyset\} \in \Sigma$$

Definition 2. [4] Let  $T : \text{Gr}C \rightarrow 2^E$  be a random operator with a stochastic domain  $C$ .  $T$  is called a continuous random operator if and only if for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $T(\omega, \cdot)$  is a continuous mapping from  $C(\omega)$  into  $(CB(E), H)$ , where  $H$  is the Hausdorff metric on  $CB(E)$ .

Theorem C. [3] Let  $f : \text{Gr}C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous random function with a separable random domain  $C$  and  $a : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a measurable function. Then the mapping  $F : \omega \mapsto F(\omega)$  is measurable, where:

$$F(\omega) = \{x \mid x \in C(\omega), f(\omega, x) \leq a(\omega)\}, \quad \omega \in \Omega.$$

Theorem D. [5] Let  $C : \Omega \rightarrow 2^E$  be a mapping with complete values. Then  $C$  is weakly measurable if and only if there exists a countable family  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots\}$  of measurable selectors for  $C$  such that:

$$C(\omega) = \overline{U(\omega)} = \overline{\{u_n(\omega) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}}.$$

Theorem E. [7] If  $F : \Omega \rightarrow E$  is weakly measurable with complete values, then  $F$  has a measurable selector.

### 3. A THEOREM ON BEST APPROXIMATIONS

The proof of the next lemma is similar to the proof of Lemma 2 from [10].

Lemma. Let  $C : \Omega \rightarrow 2_k^E$  and  $F : \text{Gr}C \rightarrow 2_k^E$  be a conti-

nuous random operator. Then for every  $\omega \in \Omega$  the real functions:

$$x \mapsto d(x, F(\omega, x)) \text{ and } x \mapsto d(C(\omega), T(\omega, x))$$

are continuous on  $C(\omega)$ .

Proof. From the inequality:

$$|d(x, F(\omega, x)) - d(y, F(\omega, y))| \leq D(F(\omega, x), F(\omega, y)) + \|x - y\|$$

for every  $x, y \in C(\omega)$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$  it follows that the mapping  $x \mapsto d(x, F(\omega, x))$  is continuous on  $C(\omega)$ . Let for  $\omega \in \Omega$ :

$$g_\omega(x) = d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x)), \quad x \in C(\omega).$$

We shall prove the continuity of  $g_\omega$  for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Suppose that  $g_\omega$  is not continuous at the point  $x_0 \in C(\omega)$ . Then there exists an  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  from  $C(\omega)$  so that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0 \quad \text{and} \quad |g(x_n) - g(x_0)| > \varepsilon, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

We shall prove that this leads to a contradiction. Since  $F(\omega, x_0)$  and  $C(\omega)$  are compact, there exist  $a \in F(\omega, x_0)$  and  $b \in C(\omega)$  so that:

$$d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_0)) = \|a - b\| = \inf\{\|u - v\| : (u, v) \in C(\omega) \times F(\omega, x_0)\}.$$

Since the mapping  $x \mapsto F(\omega, x)$  is continuous on  $C(\omega)$ , it is a lower semicontinuous mapping which implies the existence of a sequence  $\{y_{n_i}\}$ ,  $y_{n_i} \in F(\omega, x_{n_i})$ , such that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} y_{n_i} = a$ . Then we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_{n_i})) &\leq \|b - y_{n_i}\| \leq \|b - a\| + \|a - y_{n_i}\| = \\ &= d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_0)) + \|a - y_{n_i}\| \end{aligned}$$

and so:

$$d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_{n_i})) - d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_0)) \leq \|a - y_{n_i}\|.$$

This implies that there exists  $i_0(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $g(x_{n_i}) - g(x_0) < \epsilon$ , for every  $i \geq i_0(\epsilon)$ . On the other hand let, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a_n \in C(\omega)$  and  $y_n \in F(\omega, x_n)$  so that:

$$\|a_n - y_n\| = d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_n)).$$

Since  $C(\omega)$  is compact there exists a subsequence  $\{a_{n_{i_r}}\}$  of  $\{a_{n_i}\}$  such that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_{i_r}} = c$ . Further, from the compactness of  $F(\omega, x_0)$  and the uppersemicontinuity of  $x \mapsto F(\omega, x)$  at  $x = x_0$  there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n_{i_r(k)}}\}$  such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{n_{i_r(k)}} = y \in F(\omega, x_0)$ . Then we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_0)) &\leq d(c, y) \leq d(c, a_{n_{i_r(k)}}) + \\ &+ d(a_{n_{i_r(k)}}, y_{n_{i_r(k)}}) + d(y_{n_{i_r(k)}}, y) = d(c, a_{n_{i_r(k)}}) + \\ &+ d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_{n_{i_r(k)}})) + d(y_{n_{i_r(k)}}, y). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_0)) - d(C(\omega), F(\omega, x_{n_{i_r(k)}})) < \epsilon$$

for  $k \geq k_0(\omega)$ . Hence there exists  $k(\epsilon)$  so that

$$|g(x_{n_{i_r(k)}}) - g(x_0)| < \epsilon, \text{ for every } k \geq k(\epsilon)$$

which is a contradiction.

**Theorem.** Let  $C : \Omega \rightarrow 2^E_k$  be a separable weakly measurable mapping such that  $C(\omega)$  is convex, for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $T : \text{Gr}C \rightarrow 2^E_k$  a continuous random operator such that  $T(\omega, x)$  is convex for every  $(\omega, x) \in \text{Gr}C$ . Then there exists a measurable

mapping  $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow E$  such that for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $\varphi(\omega) \in C(\omega)$  and:

$$d(\varphi(\omega), T(\omega, \varphi(\omega))) = d(C(\omega), T(\omega, \varphi(\omega))), \quad \omega \in \Omega.$$

Proof. Let  $f : \text{GrC} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a real function defined by  $f(\omega, x) = d(x, T(\omega, x)) - d(C(\omega), T(\omega, x))$ , for every  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $x \in C(\omega)$ . Further, let for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ :

$$F(\omega) = \{x \mid x \in C(\omega), f(\omega, x) \leq 0\}.$$

Then  $x \in F(\omega)$  implies that  $f(\omega, x) = 0$ , since for every  $x \in C(\omega)$ ,  $d(x, T(\omega, x)) \geq d(C(\omega), T(\omega, x))$ . Hence, it remains to be proved that the mapping  $F$  has a measurable selector  $\varphi$ . In order to apply Theorem E we have to prove that the mapping  $F$  is measurable (it is obvious that  $F(\omega)$  is closed and hence compact, for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ ). We shall prove the measurability of  $F$  by using Theorem C, where  $a(\omega) = 0$ , for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Let us prove that  $f$  is a continuous random function. In [4] it is proved that the mapping  $N_1 : \text{GrC} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , defined by

$$N_1(\omega, x) = d(x, T(\omega, x)), \quad (\omega, x) \in \text{GrC}$$

is a continuous random function. We shall prove that the mapping  $N_2 : \text{GrC} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by:

$$N_2(\omega, x) = d(C(\omega), T(\omega, x)), \quad (\omega, x) \in \text{GrC}$$

is a continuous random function as well. In fact, we shall prove that for every  $r > 0$  and every  $x \in E$ :

$$\{\omega \mid x \in C(\omega), N_2(\omega, x) \leq r\} \in \Sigma.$$

For every  $s > 0$  and every  $x \in E$ :

$$\{\omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, x \in C(\omega), N_2(\omega, x) < s\} =$$

$$= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{ \omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, x \in C(\omega), d(u_n(\omega), T(\omega, x)) < s \}$$

where  $C(\omega) = \overline{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} u_n(\omega)}$  is the Castaing representation of  $C$ .

Further [1], for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\{ \omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, x \in C(\omega), d(u_n(\omega), T(\omega, x)) < s \} \in \Sigma$$

and so

$$\{ \omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, x \in C(\omega), N_2(\omega, x) < s \} \in \Sigma.$$

If  $Z$  is a countable subset of  $E$  such that  $\overline{Z \cap C(\omega)} = C(\omega)$  it is easy to prove that:

$$\{ \omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, x \in C(\omega), N_2(\omega, x) \leq r \} =$$

$$= \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{z \in Z \cap L(x, 1/n)} \{ \omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, z \in C(\omega), N_2(\omega, z) < r + \frac{1}{n} \}$$

using the continuity of the mapping  $d(C(\omega), T(\omega, \cdot))$  on  $C(\omega)$ , for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Hence,  $\{ \omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, x \in C(\omega), N_2(\omega, x) \leq r \} \in \Sigma$ .

If  $\varphi$  is a measurable selector of  $F$  we have that  $d(\varphi(\omega), T(\omega, \varphi(\omega))) = d(C(\omega), T(\omega, \varphi(\omega)))$ , for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Corollary. Let  $C$  and  $T$  be as in Theorem and  $\overline{T(\omega, C(\omega))} \subseteq C(\omega)$ , for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then there exists a measurable mapping  $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow E$  so that  $\varphi(\omega) \in C(\omega)$ , for every  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $\varphi(\omega) \in \overline{T(\omega, \varphi(\omega))}$  (i.e.  $\varphi$  is a random fixed for the mapping  $T$ ).

Proof. Since in this case we have that

$$d(C(\omega), T(\omega, \varphi(\omega))) = 0, \text{ for every } \omega \in \Omega$$

we have that  $d(\varphi(\omega), T(\omega, \varphi(\omega))) = 0$  for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

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## REZIME

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