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# On random fixed point theorems of random monotone operators

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we investigate the existence of random fixed point for random mixed monotone operators and random increasing (decreasing) operators and obtain some new random fixed point theorems. © 2005 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

Some random fixed point theorems play a main role in the developing theory of random differential and random integral equations [1]. The study of random fixed point theorems was initiated by Špacček [2] and Hanš [3]. They proved the random contraction mapping theorem. Mukherjea [4] proved the random Schauder fixed point theorem. Sehgaland and Waters [5] proved the random Rothe fixed point theorem. The random fixed point theory and applications have been developed rapidly in recent years (see, e.g. [7–10]).

In this paper, we investigate some new problems: the existence of a random fixed point for random monotone operators.

Let *E* be a separable real Banach space,  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a complete measure space,  $(E, \beta)$  a measurable space, where  $\beta$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all Borel subsets generated by all open subsets in *E*. *D* is a nonempty subset of *E*. Let *P* be a cone on *E* [6], and hence *P* defines a partial ordering " $\leq$ " as follows:  $y - x \in P$ , for each  $x, y \in E \iff x \leq y$ . A cone *P* in *E* is said to be normal if there exists a

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constant N > 0 such that  $\theta \le x \le y$  implies  $||x|| \le N ||y||$ . If it contains interior points, i.e.,  $i(P) \ne \emptyset$ , then *P* is called a solid cone. Assume that  $u_0, v_0 \in E, u_0 < v_0$  ( $u_0 \le v_0$  but  $u_0 \ne v_0$ ), then the set  $[u_0, v_0] = \{u \in E \mid u_0 \le u \le v_0\}$  is said to a ordered interval in *E*.

**Definition 1.1.** A mapping  $T : \Omega \times D \to E$  is called a random increasing (decreasing) operator if for any fixed  $x \in D$ ,  $T(\cdot, x) : \Omega \to E$  is measurable, and for any fixed  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $T(\omega, \cdot) : D \to E$  is increasing (decreasing) operator, i.e.,  $x, y \in D, x \leq y \Rightarrow A(\omega, x) \leq A(\omega, y)(or, A(\omega, x) \geq A(\omega, y))$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A mapping  $T : \Omega \times D \times D \to E$  is called a random mixed monotone operator if for any fixed  $(x, y) \in D, T(\cdot, x, y) : \Omega \to E$  is measurable, and for any fixed  $\omega \in \Omega, T(\omega, \cdot, \cdot) : D \times D \to E$  is mixed monotone operator, i.e.,  $x_1 \le x_2, y_2 \le y_1 \Rightarrow A(\omega, x_1, y_1) \le A(\omega, x_2, y_2)$ .

**Definition 1.3** ([1]). A random operator  $T : \Omega \times D \to E$  is said to be continuous if for any fixed  $\omega \in \Omega, T(\omega, \cdot) : D \to E$  is continuous.

**Definition 1.4** ([1]). A mapping  $A(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E)$  is said to be a random endomorphism of E if  $A(\omega)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}(E)$ -valued random variable, where  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  denotes linear bounded operator space of E.

**Definition 1.5** ([1]). Assume  $A : \Omega \times D \to E$  be a random operator. If  $\xi(\omega) : \Omega \to E$  is a *E*-valued measurable vector function such that  $A(\omega, \xi(\omega)) = \xi(\omega)_{a.e.}$ , then  $\xi(\omega)$  is called a random fixed point of the random operator *A*.

Let  $Z_i$  be separable Banach spaces,  $(Z_i, \beta_i)(i = 1, 2)$  measurable spaces. Set  $Z = Z_1 \times Z_2$ ,  $||x|| = Max\{||x_1||, ||x_2||\}$  for each  $x = (x_1, x_2)$  in Z. Obviously,  $(Z, || \cdot ||)$  is also a separable Banach space and  $(Z, \beta_1 \times \beta_2)$  is a measurable space. Moreover, we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.6.** Assume that  $d_i : \Omega \to Z_i (i = 1, 2)$ ; let

$$d_1 \times d_2 : \omega \to d_i(\omega) \times d_i(\omega) = (d_i(\omega), d_i(\omega)) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then  $d_1 \times d_2$  is measurable  $\iff d_i (i = 1, 2)$  are measurable, i.e.,  $x(\omega) = (x_1(\omega), x_2(\omega)) : \Omega \to Z$ is measurable  $\iff x_i(\omega) : \Omega \to Z_i$  are measurable, i = 1, 2.

### 2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $A, B : \Omega \times [u_0, v_0] \times [u_0, v_0] \rightarrow E$  be two random continuous mixed monotone operators satisfying the following conditions:

(a) there exists a random endomorphism  $\beta(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E), \|\beta(\omega)\| < 1$  such that

 $A(\omega, v, u) - B(\omega, u, v) \le \beta(\omega)(v - u), \forall \omega \in \Omega, u_0 \le u \le v \le v_0;$ 

(b)  $B(\omega, v, u) \leq A(\omega, u, v), \forall \omega \in \Omega, u_0 \leq u \leq v \leq v_0;$ 

(c) there exist random endomorphisms  $a(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $b(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $||a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)|| < 1$  such that

 $u_0 + a(\omega)(v_0 - u_0) \le B(\omega, u_0, v_0), A(\omega, v_0, u_0) \le v_0 - b(\omega)(v_0 - u_0).$ 

Then the system of random operator equations

$$\begin{cases}
A(\omega, u, u) = u, \\
B(\omega, u, u) = u
\end{cases}$$
(1)

has a random common unique solution  $u^*(\omega)$  in  $[u_0, v_0]$  and the iterative sequences

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1}(\omega) = B(\omega, u_n(\omega), v_n(\omega)) - a(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)), \\ v_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, v_n(\omega), u_n(\omega)) + b(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)), n = 0, 1, \dots \end{cases}$$
(2)

both converge to  $u^*(\omega)$  and have the convergence rate

 $\|u^{*}(\omega) - u_{n}(\omega)(or, v_{n}(\omega))\| \le N \|a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)\|^{n} \|v_{0} - u_{0}\|,$ (3)

where N is the normal constant of P. Moreover, for any initial  $x_0 \in [u_0, v_0]$ ,  $x_{n+1}(\omega) = B(\omega, x_n(\omega), x_n(\omega))$ , we have  $u^*(\omega) = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n(\omega)$ .

**Proof.** (i) First, by induction, we can prove that

$$u_{n-1}(\omega) \le u_n(\omega) \le v_n(\omega) \le v_{n-1}(\omega), \qquad \forall \omega \in \Omega, n = 1, 2, \dots$$
(4)

(ii) By (a), (2) and (4), we have

$$\theta \leq v_{n}(\omega) - u_{n}(\omega) = A(\omega, v_{n-1}(\omega), u_{n-1}(\omega)) - B(\omega, u_{n-1}(\omega), v_{n-1}(\omega)) + (a(\omega) + b(\omega))(v_{n-1}(\omega) - u_{n-1}(\omega)) \leq \beta(\omega)(v_{n-1}(\omega) - u_{n-1}(\omega)) + (a(\omega) + b(\omega))(v_{n-1}(\omega) - u_{n-1}(\omega)) = (a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega))(v_{n-1}(\omega) - u_{n-1}(\omega)) \leq \cdots \leq (a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega))^{n}(v_{0} - u_{0}).$$
(5)

From (4) and (5), we obtain, for any positive integer m,

$$\theta \le u_{n+m}(\omega) - u_n(\omega) \le (a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega))^n (v_0 - u_0),\tag{6}$$

$$\theta \le v_n(\omega) - v_{n+m}(\omega) \le (a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega))^n (v_0 - u_0).$$
(7)

It follows from (5), (6), (7) and the normality of P that

$$\|v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)\| \le N \|a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)\|^n \|v_0 - u_0\|,$$
(8)

$$\|u_{n+m}(\omega) - u_n(\omega)\| \le N \|a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)\|^n \|v_0 - u_0\|,$$
(9)

$$\|v_n(\omega) - v_{n+m}(\omega)\| \le N \|a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)\|^n \|v_0 - u_0\|.$$
(10)

(9) and (10) imply that  $\{u_n(\omega)\}$  and  $\{v_n(\omega)\}$  are Cauchy sequences in *E*, hence there exists  $u'(\omega), v'(\omega) \in E$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} u_n(\omega) = u'(\omega), \lim_{n\to\infty} v_n(\omega) = v'(\omega)$  and  $u_n(\omega) \le u'(\omega) \le v'(\omega) \le v_n(\omega)$ . By the normality of *P* and from (8), we have  $u^*(\omega) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} u'(\omega) = v'(\omega) \in [u_0, v_0]$ , and so

$$u_n(\omega) \le u^*(\omega) \le v_n(\omega), \qquad n = 0, 1, \dots$$
(11)

(iii) Next we prove that  $u^*(\omega) : \Omega \to [u_0, v_0]$  is a random variable.

By (2), we have  $u_1(\omega) = B(\omega, u_0, v_0) - a(\omega)(v_0 - u_0)$ . Since  $B(\omega, u_0, v_0)$  is measurable and  $a(\omega)x$  is a random linear continuous operator,  $u_1(\omega) : \Omega \to [u_0, v_0]$  is also measurable. By the measurable theorem of complex operators and Lemma 1.6, it is not difficult to prove that  $u_{n+1}(\omega)$  is measurable. Similarly, we can obtain that  $v_{n+1}(\omega)$  is also measurable. From [1, Theorem 1.6], we have  $u^*(\omega) = \lim_{n\to\infty} u_n(\omega)$  is measurable.

(iv) Now we prove that  $u^*(\omega)$  is the unique common solution of (1) in  $[u_0, v_0]$ . By hypothesis, noticing (11), we have

$$u_n(\omega) \le u_{n+1}(\omega) \le u_{n+1}(\omega) + a(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)) = B(\omega, u_n(\omega), v_n(\omega))$$

$$\leq B(\omega, u^*(\omega), u^*(\omega)) \leq A(\omega, u^*(\omega), u^*(\omega)) \leq A(\omega, v_n(\omega), u_n(\omega))$$
  
$$\leq A(\omega, v_n(\omega), u_n(\omega)) + b(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)) = v_{n+1}(\omega) \leq v_n(\omega).$$

That is

$$u_n(\omega) \le B(\omega, u^*(\omega), u^*(\omega)) \le A(\omega, u^*(\omega), u^*(\omega)) \le v_n(\omega).$$
(12)

Since  $u_n(\omega) \to u^*(\omega), v_n(\omega) \to u^*(\omega)(n \to \infty)$ , we obtain

$$A(\omega, u^*(\omega), u^*(\omega)) = B(\omega, u^*(\omega), u^*(\omega)).$$

And hence  $u^*(\omega)$  is the random common solution of (1) in  $[u_0, v_0]$ . Now suppose  $v^*(\omega) \in [u_0, v_0]$  is another solution of (1). By induction, it is easy to prove that

$$u_n(\omega) \le v^*(\omega) \le v_n(\omega), \qquad n = 0, 1, \dots$$
 (13)

Since  $u_n(\omega) \to u^*(\omega), v_n(\omega) \to u^*(\omega)(n \to \infty)$ , so we obtain  $u^*(\omega) = v^*(\omega)$ .

(v) In (9) and (10), taking  $m \to \infty$ , we get convergence rate (3).

(vi) For any initial  $x_0 \in [u_0, v_0]$ , by hypothesis and induction, it is easy to prove that

$$u_n(\omega) \le x_n(\omega) \le v_n(\omega), \qquad n = 0, 1, \dots$$
(14)

Similarly, since  $u_n(\omega) \to u^*(\omega)$ ,  $v_n(\omega) \to u^*(\omega)$  we have  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n(\omega) = u^*(\omega)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $A : \Omega \times [u_0, v_0] \times [u_0, v_0] \rightarrow E$  be a random continuous mixed monotone operator satisfying the following conditions:

(a) there exists a random endomorphism  $\beta(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E), \|\beta(\omega)\| < 1$  such that

 $A(\omega, v, u) - A(\omega, u, v) \le \beta(\omega)(v - u), \forall \omega \in \Omega, u_0 \le u \le v \le v_0;$ 

(b) there exist random endomorphisms  $a(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $b(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $||a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)|| < 1$  such that

 $u_0 + a(\omega)(v_0 - u_0) \le A(\omega, u_0, v_0), A(\omega, v_0, u_0) \le v_0 - b(\omega)(v_0 - u_0).$ 

Then random operator A has a unique random fixed point  $u^*(\omega)$  in  $[u_0, v_0]$  and the iterative sequences

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, u_n(\omega), v_n(\omega)) - a(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)), \\ v_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, v_n(\omega), u_n(\omega)) + b(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)), n = 0, 1, \dots \end{cases}$$

both converge to  $u^*(\omega)$  and have the convergence rate

 $||u^{*}(\omega) - u_{n}(\omega)(or, v_{n}(\omega))|| \leq N ||a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)||^{n} ||v_{0} - u_{0}||,$ 

where N is the normal constant of P. Moreover, for any initial  $x_0 \in [u_0, v_0]$ ,  $x_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, x_n(\omega), x_n(\omega))$ , we have  $u^*(\omega) = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n(\omega)$ .

**Proof.** We only need to set A = B in Theorem 2.1.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $A : \Omega \times [u_0, v_0] \rightarrow E$  be a random continuous increasing operator satisfying the following conditions:

(a) there exists a random endomorphism  $\beta(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E), \|\beta(\omega)\| < 1$  such that

 $A(\omega, v) - A(\omega, u) \le \beta(\omega)(v - u), \forall \omega \in \Omega, u_0 \le u \le v \le v_0;$ 

(b) there exist random endomorphisms  $a(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $b(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $||a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)|| < 1$  such that

 $u_0 + a(\omega)(v_0 - u_0) \le A(\omega, u_0), A(\omega, v_0) \le v_0 - b(\omega)(v_0 - u_0).$ 

Then  $A(\omega, x)$  has a unique random fixed point  $x^*(\omega)$  in  $[u_0, v_0]$  and the iterative sequences

 $\begin{cases} u_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, u_n(\omega)) - a(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)), \\ v_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, v_n(\omega)) + b(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)), n = 0, 1, \dots \end{cases}$ 

both converge to  $x^*(\omega)$  and have the convergence rate

 $\|x^*(\omega) - u_n(\omega)(or, v_n(\omega))\| \le N \|a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)\|^n \|v_0 - u_0\|,$ 

where N is the normal constant of P. Moreover, for any initial  $x_0 \in [u_0, v_0]$ ,  $x_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, x_n(\omega))$ , we have  $x^*(\omega) = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n(\omega)$ .

**Proof.** We only need to set  $A(\omega, u, v) = A(\omega, u)$  in Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $A : \Omega \times [u_0, v_0] \rightarrow E$  be a random continuous decreasing operator satisfying the following conditions:

(a) there exists a random endomorphism  $\beta(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E), \|\beta(\omega)\| < 1$  such that

 $A(\omega, u) - A(\omega, v) \leq \beta(\omega)(v - u), \forall \omega \in \Omega, u_0 \leq u \leq v \leq v_0;$ 

(b) there exist random endomorphisms  $a(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $b(\omega) : \Omega \to \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $||a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)|| < 1$  such that

 $u_0 + a(\omega)(v_0 - u_0) \le A(\omega, v_0), A(\omega, u_0) \le v_0 - b(\omega)(v_0 - u_0).$ 

Then  $A(\omega, x)$  has a unique random fixed point  $x^*(\omega)$  in  $[u_0, v_0]$  and the iterative sequences

 $\begin{cases} u_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, v_n(\omega)) - a(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)), \\ v_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, u_n(\omega)) + b(\omega)(v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega)), n = 0, 1, \dots \end{cases}$ 

both converge to  $x^*(\omega)$  and have the convergence rate

 $\|x^{*}(\omega) - u_{n}(\omega)(or, v_{n}(\omega))\| \leq N \|a(\omega) + b(\omega) + \beta(\omega)\|^{n} \|v_{0} - u_{0}\|,$ 

where N is the normal constant of P. Moreover, for any initial  $x_0 \in [u_0, v_0]$ ,  $x_{n+1}(\omega) = A(\omega, x_n(\omega))$ , we have  $x^*(\omega) = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n(\omega)$ .

**Proof.** We only need to set  $A(\omega, u, v) = A(\omega, v)$  in Theorem 2.2.

**Remark 1.** In particular, if  $\beta(\omega)$ ,  $a(\omega)$ ,  $b(\omega)$  in Theorems 2.1–2.4 are measurable functions mapping  $\Omega$  to [0, 1], our conclusions also hold. Indeed, we only need to let  $\beta(\omega)I$ ,  $a(\omega)I$ ,  $b(\omega)I$  be corresponding random endomorphisms in Theorems 2.1–2.4, where *I* is the identity operator in *E*.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let P be a normal and solid cone of E, and let  $A : \Omega \times i(P) \times i(P) \rightarrow i(P)$  be a random continuous mixed monotone operator; suppose that

(a) for fixed  $(\omega, y)$ ,  $A(\omega, \cdot, y) : i(P) \to i(P)$  satisfies:

 $A(\omega, tx, y) \ge t^{\alpha} A(\omega, x, y), \quad 0 < t < 1, \forall x \in i(P),$ 

and for fixed  $(\omega, x)$ ,  $A(\omega, x, \cdot) : i(P) \to i(P)$  satisfies:

 $A(\omega, x, sy) \ge s^{-\alpha}A(\omega, x, y), \quad s > 1, \forall y \in i(P),$ 

where  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ .

(b) there exist  $u_0, v_0 \in i(P)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  such that, for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ 

$$\theta \ll u_0 \le v_0, u_0 \le A(\omega, u_0, v_0), A(\omega, v_0, u_0) \le v_0$$
(15)

$$A(\omega, \theta, v_0) \ge \epsilon A(\omega, v_0, u_0). \tag{16}$$

Then A has exactly one random fixed point  $x^*(\omega)$  in  $[u_0, v_0]$ , and for any initial  $x_0, y_0 \in [u_0, v_0]$ , constructing successively the sequences

$$x_n(\omega) = A(\omega, x_{n-1}(\omega), y_{n-1}(\omega)), \quad y_n(\omega) = A(\omega, y_{n-1}(\omega), x_{n-1}(\omega))$$
(17)

both converge to  $x^*(\omega)$ .

#### Proof. Let

$$u_n(\omega) = A(\omega, u_{n-1}(\omega), v_{n-1}(\omega)), \quad v_n(\omega) = A(\omega, v_{n-1}(\omega), u_{n-1}(\omega))$$
  $(n = 1, 2, ...)$ 

By induction, it is easy to show

$$\theta \ll u_0 \le u_1(\omega) \le \dots \le u_n(\omega) \le \dots \le v_n(\omega) \le \dots \le v_1(\omega) \le v_0.$$
 (18)

Hence by (16)

$$u_n(\omega) \ge u_1(\omega) \ge \epsilon v_1(\omega) \ge \epsilon v_n(\omega).$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

Set

$$t_n(\omega) = \sup\{t(\omega) > 0 \mid u_n(\omega) \ge t(\omega)v_n(\omega)\} \quad (n = 1, 2, \ldots),$$
(20)

then

$$u_n(\omega) \ge t_n(\omega)v_n(\omega),\tag{21}$$

and on account of the fact  $u_{n+1}(\omega) \ge u_n(\omega) \ge t_n(\omega)v_n(\omega) \ge t_n(\omega)v_{n+1}(\omega)$ , we have

$$0 < \epsilon \le t_1(\omega) \le t_2(\omega) \le \dots \le t_n(\omega) \le \dots \le 1,$$
(22)

which implies that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} t_n(\omega) = t^*(\omega)$  exists and  $\epsilon \le t^*(\omega) \le 1$ . By condition (a), it is not difficult to prove that  $t^*(\omega) = 1$ . From (18) and (21), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &\leq u_{n+m}(\omega) - u_n(\omega) \leq v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega) \leq (1 - t_n(\omega))v_n(\omega) \leq (1 - t_n(\omega))v_0, \\ \theta &\leq v_n(\omega) - v_{n+m}(\omega) \leq v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega) \leq (1 - t_n(\omega))v_n(\omega) \leq (1 - t_n(\omega))v_0. \end{aligned}$$

Since *P* is normal and  $t_n(\omega) \to 1$ ,  $\{u_n(\omega)\}$  and  $\{v_n(\omega)\}$  are Cauchy sequences in *E*, hence there exists  $u^*(\omega), v^*(\omega) \in E$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} u_n(\omega) = u^*(\omega), \lim_{n\to\infty} v_n(\omega) = v^*(\omega)$  and

$$u_n(\omega) \le u^*(\omega) \le v^*(\omega) \le v_n(\omega).$$
<sup>(23)</sup>

By the normality of *P* and  $v_n(\omega) - u_n(\omega) \le 2(1 - t_n(\omega))v_0$ , we get  $x^*(\omega) = u^*(\omega) = v^*(\omega)$ . Since  $A(\omega, x, y)$  is continuous in (x, y), we have  $x^*(\omega) = A(\omega, x^*(\omega), x^*(\omega))$ . Also since  $A(\omega, x, y)$  is a random continuous operator, it follows from Lemma 1.6 and the measurable theorem of complex operators that  $u_n(\omega), v_n(\omega)(n = 1, 2, ...)$  are all measurable, and hence  $x^*(\omega)$  is also measurable. The fact that  $u_0 \le u_n(\omega) \le x^*(\omega) \le v_0$  shows that  $x^*(\omega)$  is a random fixed point of  $A(\omega, x, y)$  in  $[u_0, v_0]$ .

Next we prove that  $x^*(\omega)$  is unique. Indeed, suppose  $x'(\omega)$  is another random fixed point in  $[u_0, v_0]$ . By induction, it is easy to prove that

$$u_n(\omega) \le x'(\omega) \le v_n(\omega), \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega, n = 1, 2, \dots$$
 (24)

Since  $u_n(\omega) \to x^*(\omega)$ ,  $v_n(\omega) \to x^*(\omega)$  and P is normal, by (24) we obtain  $x'(\omega) = x^*(\omega)$ . Finally, similar to (25), for every  $(x_0, y_0) \in [u_0, v_0]$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ , we have

 $u_n(\omega) \le x_n(\omega) \le v_n(\omega), u_n(\omega) \le y_n(\omega) \le v_n(\omega), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$ 

Since  $u_n(\omega) \to x^*(\omega), v_n(\omega) \to x^*(\omega)$  and P is normal, we have

$$||x_n(\omega) - x^*(\omega)|| \to 0, ||y_n(\omega) - x^*(\omega)|| \to 0, n \in \infty.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.5.  $\Box$ 

## 3. Applications

We consider the following random Hammerstein integral equation (\*):

$$x(\omega, t) = Ax(\omega, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} k(\omega, t, s)(1 + \sqrt{x(\omega, s)}) \mathrm{d}s.$$

Suppose that

- (i) the kernel  $k(\omega, t, s)$  is non-negative, bounded and random continuous on  $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^1$ .
- (ii) for any bounded continuous functions u(t), v(t) satisfying the following condition:

$$\frac{1}{9} \le u(t) \le v(t) \le 1,$$

there exists  $\beta \in (0, 1)$  such that for any  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} k(\omega, t, s) [\sqrt{v(s)} - \sqrt{u(s)}] \mathrm{d}s \le \beta [v(t) - u(t)].$$

(iii) there exists  $a, b \in [0, 1]$  and  $a + b + \beta < 1$ , such that for any  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,

$$\frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{1}{9}+\frac{8}{9}a\right) \leq = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} k(\omega,t,s)\left(1+\sqrt{x(\omega,s)}\right) \mathrm{d}s \leq \frac{1}{2}\left(1-\frac{8}{9}b\right).$$

Then for equation (\*) there exists a unique random continuous solution  $x^*(\omega, t)$  and  $\frac{1}{9} \le x^*(\omega, t) \le 1$ .

**Proof.** It is easy to prove the conclusion using Theorem 2.3.  $\Box$ 

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