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Summary: The main objective of this paper is to find structural conditions under which a stochastic game between two players with total reward functions has an ϵ -equilibrium. To reach this goal, the results of Markov decision processes are used to find ϵ -optimal strategies for each player and then the correspondence of a better answer as well as a more general version of Kakutani's fixed point theorem to obtain the ϵ -equilibrium mentioned. Moreover, two examples to illustrate the theory developed are presented.

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