

SNELL'S OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM FOR SEQUENCES OF CONVEX  
COMPACT VALUED RANDOM SETS

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*Abstract:* A random set analogue of the Snell problem is presented. In the original Snell's problem one observes a sequence of random variables  $(\xi_n)$ , say a gambler's capital at successive games. If the gambler leaves the game at a random time  $\nu$ , his expected capital at this time is  $E\xi_\nu$ . The objective is to stop at time  $\nu$  (using information available up to this moment) such that the expected gambler's fortune  $E\xi_\nu$ , is maximal.

Here a multivalued analogue of this problem will be studied. Given a Banach space and a sequence of convex weakly or strongly compact valued random sets  $(Z_n)$  in that space, the existence of a stopping time  $\nu$  such that  $EZ_\nu$  is maximal is investigated.

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