

**Theorem 1.** for all  $n \in Z^+$ ,

$$Decep^*(s, \mathbf{b}, n) \geq Nash_{l^*}(s), \forall \mathbf{b} \quad (1)$$

*Proof.* We will prove by induction. By definition, when  $n = 0$ ,  $Decep^*(s, \mathbf{b}, 0) = Nash_{l^*}(s), \forall \mathbf{b}$

**Base case:** when  $n = 1$ , ( $A$  is the joint action space of the attacker and defender team)

$$\begin{aligned} Nash_{l^*}(s) &= \sum_{a \in A} \pi^*(s, a, s') T(s, a, s') (R^*(s, a) + \gamma Nash_{l^*}(s')) \\ Decep^*(s, \mathbf{b}, 1) &= \max_{a_d} \sum_{a_a \in A_a} y(a_a | \mathbf{b}, s) T(s, a, s') (R^*(s, a) + \gamma Decep^*(s', \mathbf{b}', 0)) \\ &= \max_{a_d} \sum_{a_a \in A_a} y(a_a | \mathbf{b}, s) T(s, a, s') (R^*(s, a) + \gamma Nash_{l^*}(s')) \end{aligned}$$

Since we assume we know exactly what the attacker policy is, the optimal strategy for the defender team should be deterministic and any stochastic policy would not have a better payoff.

$$Decep^*(s, \mathbf{b}, 1) \geq \sum_{a_d \in A_d} \left[ x_{l^*}^*(a_d | s) \sum_{a_a \in A_a} y(a_a | \mathbf{b}, s) T(s, a, s') (R^*(s, a) + \gamma Nash_{l^*}(s')) \right]$$

Given the definition of Nash equilibrium of a zero-sum game, when the defender team play its Nash strategy  $x_{l^*}^*$ , it gets minimum payoff when the attacker plays  $y_{l^*}^*$ . Any other attacker strategy will let the defender gain more payoff.

$$\begin{aligned} Decep^*(s, \mathbf{b}, 1) &\geq \sum_{a_d \in A_d} \left[ x_{l^*}^*(a_d | s) \sum_{a_a \in A_a} y_{l^*}^*(a_a | s) T(s, a, s') (R^*(s, a) + \gamma Nash_{l^*}(s')) \right] \\ &= Nash_{l^*}(s), \forall \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

**Induction step:** Let  $k \in Z^+$  be given and suppose Equation (1) is true for  $n = k$ . Then for  $n = k + 1$  we have

$$Decep^*(s, \mathbf{b}, k + 1) = \max_{a_d} \sum_{a_a \in A_a} y(a_a | \mathbf{b}, s) T(s, a, s') (R^*(s, a) + \gamma Decep^*(s', \mathbf{b}', k))$$

For  $n = k + 1$ , we have  $Decep^*(s', \mathbf{b}', k) \geq Nash_{l^*}(s')$ . Thus similar with base step, we have  $Decep^*(s, \mathbf{b}, k + 1) \geq Nash_{l^*}(s), \forall \mathbf{b}$

**Conclusion:** By the principle of induction, Equation (1) is true for all  $n \in Z^+$ .