

# Prisoner's Dilemma

Best Response ← in  $1, 3$ .

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		Quiet	Fink
1	Quiet	2, 2 → 0, 3	
Fink	3, 0 → 1, 1		

strategy, not outcome, payoff.  
NE = (F, F)

(one player can switch to better)

Nash equilibrium: ① can be no Nash equilibrium.  
② do not need to be optimal, but stable

- each player chooses action that provides highest payoff, given beliefs about others' actions  
(Given choice of the other, better choose ---)  
belief.
- Beliefs are correct

## Split & steal

more beliefs involved than the puzzle.

		split	steal
split	50, 50	0, 100	
steal	100, 0	0, 0	

NE (steal, steal)  
(steal, split)  
(split, steal)

dominant strategy: no matter other do, do better with dominant strategy.

strictly dominant strategy: --- strictly better ---

## Stag Hunt

		stag	hare
stag	2, 2 ← 0, 1		
hare	1, 0 → 1, 1		

NE (S, S)  
(h, h)

## Bach or Stravinsky (Battle of the Sexes)

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		B	S
1	B	2, 1 ← 0, 0	
S	0, 0 → 1, 2		

player 1 prefer B, player prefer S.  
Both hope to come with another person.

NE (B, B) (S, S).



## Matching Pennies

		2	
		H	T
1	H	1, -1	-1, 1
	T	-1, 1	1, -1

match: player 2 -1, player +1  
vice versa.

no NE, randomize.

zero-sum game (conflict)

## Chicken

	Swerve straight	
Swerve	2, 2 → 1, 3	
straight	3, 1 ← 0, 0	

NE (Swerve, straight)  
(straight, swerve)

## Three Players

contribute or not.

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N

C / H \ N

C N


NE (N, N, N)

## N players

each player chooses Y or N.

If all choose Y, each player gets 1, otherwise, each get 0.

NE: all Y, all N, k players play Y with  $k \neq n-1$