

For a mixed strategy profile

$$\sigma^* = (\sigma_1^*, \sigma_2^*, \dots, \sigma_n^*)$$

is a nash equilibrium if for each player σ_i^* is a best response to σ_{-i}^* .

That is, for all $i \in N$

$$V_i(\sigma_i^*, \sigma_{-i}^*) \geq V_i(\sigma_i, \sigma_{-i}^*) \quad \forall \sigma_i \in S_i$$

Here every player is playing the best response to the mixed strategies of the other players & no player has an incentive to unilaterally deviate from current mixed strategy.