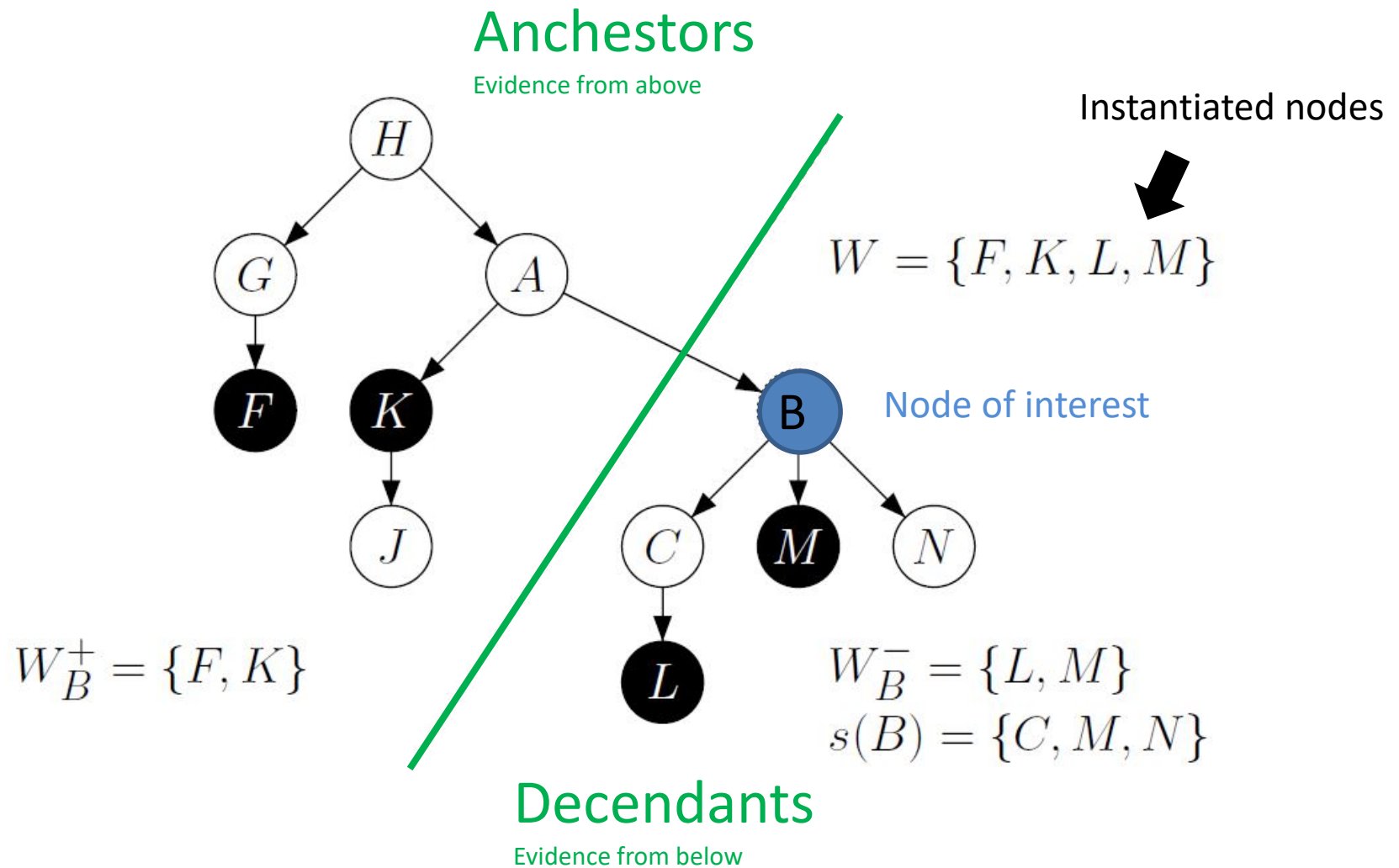


Evidence Propagation in Bayesian Trees

Example 1: Conditioning in a Bayesian Tree



The Formal Problem

Given: Belief network (V, E, P) with tree structure and $P(V) > 0$.
Set $W \subseteq V$ of instantiated variables where
a priori knowledge $W \neq \emptyset$ is allowed

Desired: $P(B \mid W)$ for all $B \in V$

Notation: W_B^- subset of those variables of W that belong
to the subtree of (V, E) that has root B

$$W_B^+ = W \setminus W_B^-$$

$s(B)$ set of direct successors of B

Ω_B domain of B

b^* value that B is instantiated with

Influence of the Evidence

$$P(B = b | W) = P(b | W_B^-, W_B^+) \quad \text{with } B \notin W$$

Def. Cond. Prob.

$$= \frac{P(W_B^-, W_B^+, B = b)}{P(W_B^-, W_B^+)}$$

Bayes Theorem

$$= \frac{P(W_B^-, W_B^+ | b)P(b)}{P(W_B^-, W_B^+)}$$

d-separation

$$= \frac{P(W_B^- | b)P(W_B^+ | b)P(b)}{P(W_B^-, W_B^+)}$$

Bayes Theorem

$$= \frac{P(W_B^+)}{P(W_B^-, W_B^+)} \times \underbrace{P(W_B^- | b)}_{\text{Evidence from "below"}} \times \underbrace{P(b | W_B^+)}_{\text{Evidence from "above"}}$$



This value depends only on B and W. It is the same for all values b of B. So it can be calculated by **normalization** using the evidences. This „normalization factor“ is denoted by $\alpha_{B,W}$.

π -values and λ -values

Let $B \in V$ be a variable and $b \in \Omega_B$ a value of its domain. We define the π - and λ -values as follows:

$$\lambda(b) = \begin{cases} P(W_B^- | b) & \text{if } B \notin W \\ 1 & \text{if } B \in W \wedge b^* = b \\ 0 & \text{if } B \in W \wedge b^* \neq b \end{cases}$$

$$\pi(b) = P(b | W_B^+)$$

π - and λ -Values

$$\lambda(b) = \prod_{C \in s(B)} P(W_C^- | b) \quad \text{if } B \notin W$$

$$\lambda(b) = 1 \quad \text{if } B \text{ leaf in } (V, E)$$

$$\pi(b) = P(b) \quad \text{if } B \text{ root in } (V, E)$$

$$P(b | W) = \alpha_{B,W} \cdot \lambda(b) \cdot \pi(b)$$

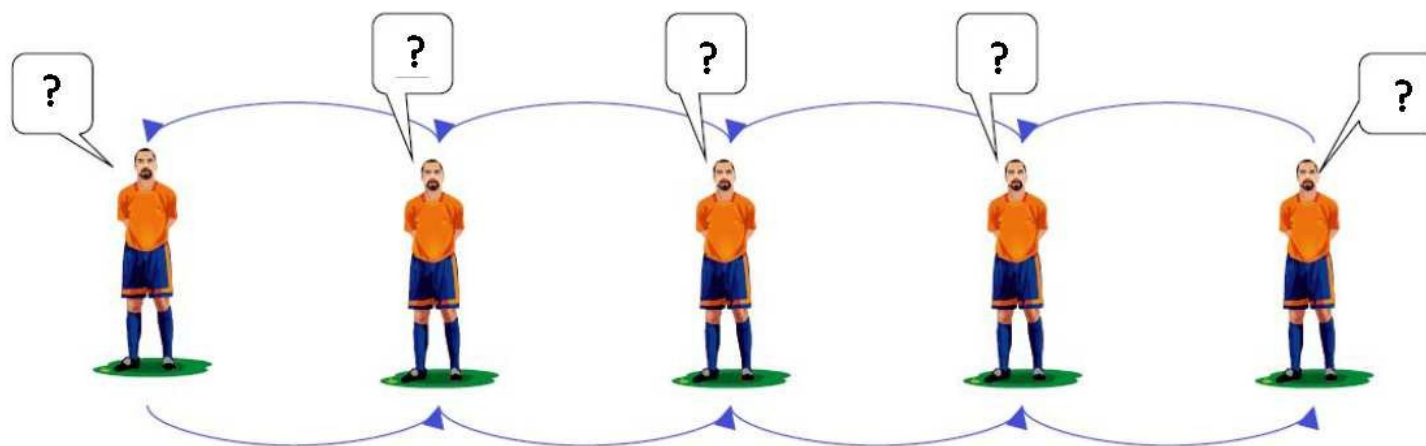
The values for λ and π are changing during the initialization and propagation phase. It is convenient to store the values as table in a node processor

	π	λ	P
b_1	0.25	0.8	0.229
b_2	0.75	0.9	0.771
...			

Example 2 Belief Propagation via Message Passing

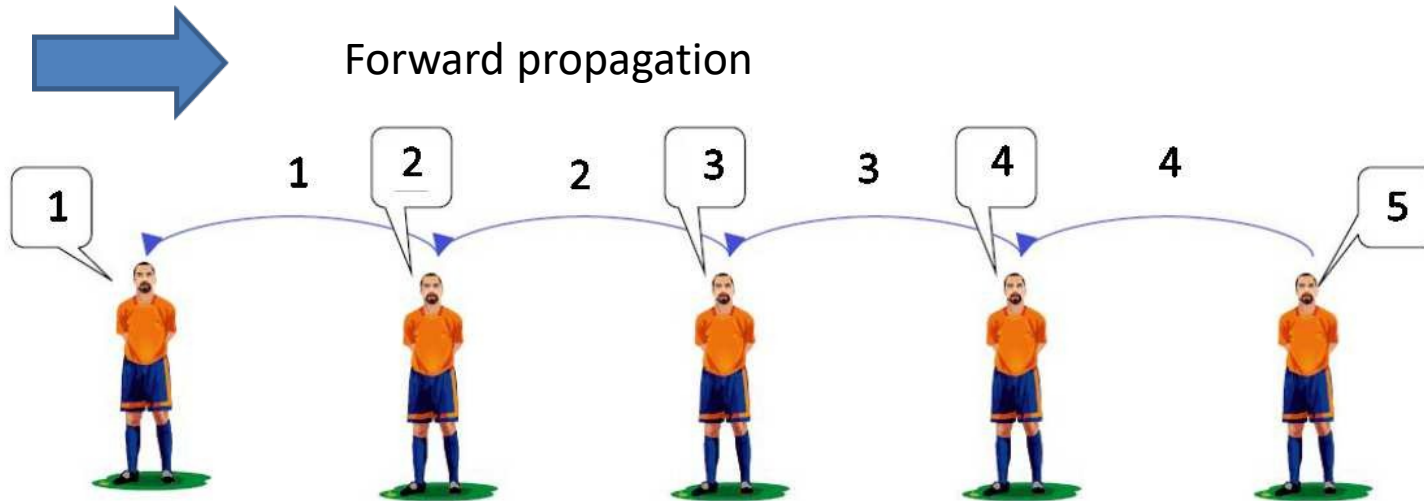
Global information can be shared locally by every entity.
New knowledge is distributed by message passing.

Example: How many people are we?



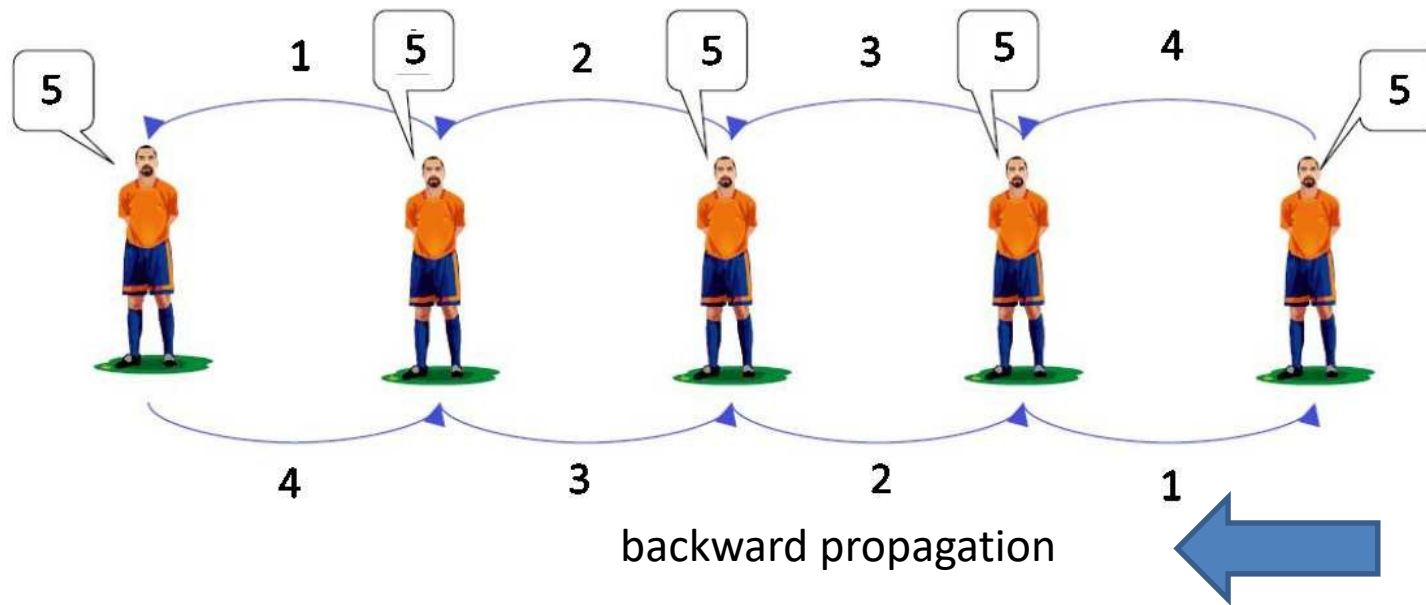
Example 2 Belief Propagation via Message Passing

How many people are we?

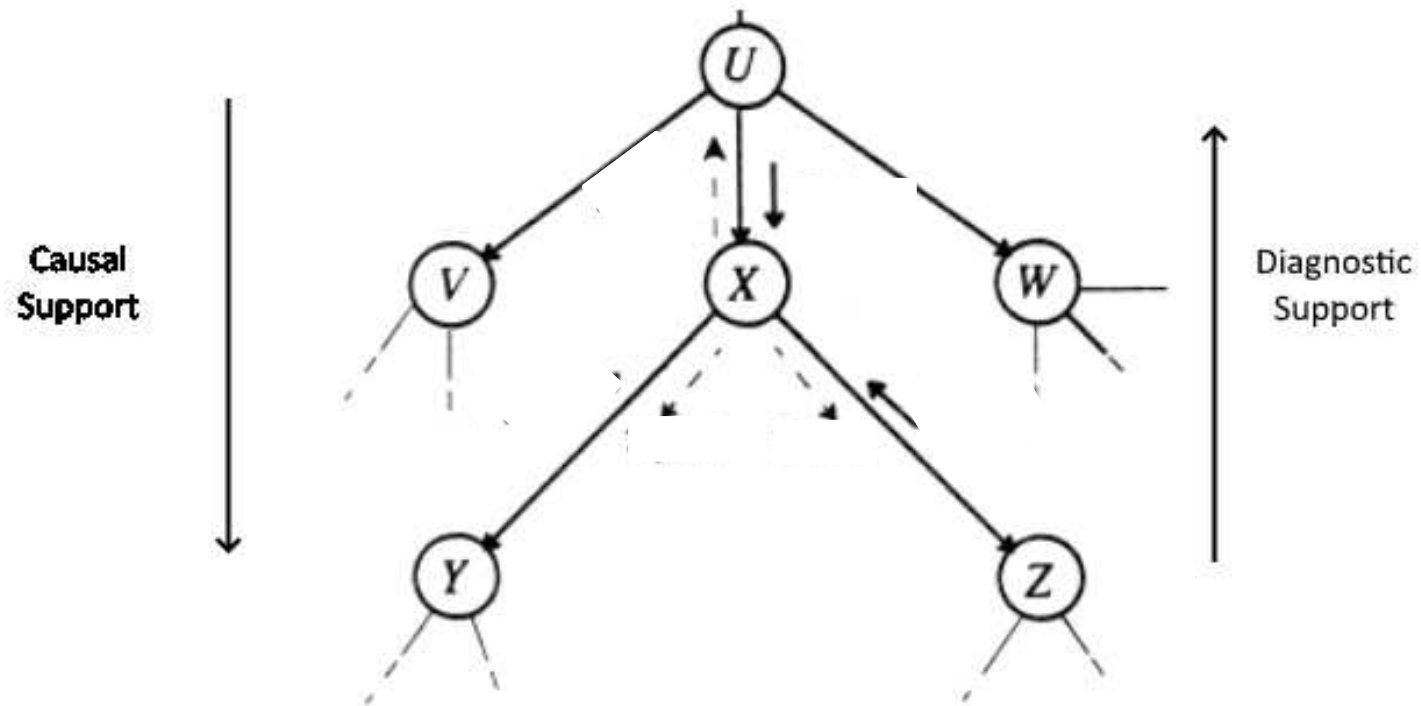


Example 2 Belief Propagation via Message Passing

How many people are we?



Belief Propagation in Trees via Message Passing



λ -Message

λ -message

Let $B \in V$ be an attribute and $C \in s(B)$ its direct children with the respective domains $\text{dom}(B) = \{b_1, \dots, b_i, \dots, b_k\}$ and $\text{dom}(C) = \{c_1, \dots, c_j, \dots, c_m\}$.

$$\lambda_{C \rightarrow B}(b_i) \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^m P(c_j \mid b_i) \cdot \lambda(c_j), \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

The vector

$$\vec{\lambda}_{C \rightarrow B} \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \left(\lambda_{C \rightarrow B}(b_i) \right)_{i=1}^k$$

is called λ -message from C to B .

λ -Message

Let $B \in V$ an attribute and $b \in \text{dom}(B)$ a value of its domain.

Then

$$\lambda(b) = \begin{cases} \rho_{B,W} \cdot \prod_{C \in s(B)} \lambda_{C \rightarrow B}(b) & \text{if } B \notin W \\ 1 & \text{if } B \in W \wedge b = b^* \\ 0 & \text{if } B \in W \wedge b \neq b^* \end{cases}$$

with $\rho_{B,W}$ being a positive constant.

π -Message

π -message

Let $B \in V$ be a non-root node in (V, E) and $A \in V$ its parent with domain $\text{dom}(A) = \{a_1, \dots, a_j, \dots, a_m\}$.

$j = 1, \dots, m :$

$$\pi_{A \rightarrow B}(a_j) \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \begin{cases} \pi(a_j) \cdot \prod_{C \in s(A) \setminus \{B\}} \lambda_{C \rightarrow A}(a_j) & \text{if } A \notin W \\ 1 & \text{if } A \in W \wedge a = a^* \\ 0 & \text{if } A \in W \wedge a \neq a^* \end{cases}$$

The vector

$$\vec{\pi}_{A \rightarrow B} \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \left(\pi_{A \rightarrow B}(a_j) \right)_{j=1}^m$$

is called π -message from A to B .

π -Message

Let $B \in V$ be a non-root node in (V, E) and A the parent node of B .
Further let $b \in \text{dom}(B)$ be a value of B 's domain.

$$\pi(b) = \mu_{B,W} \cdot \sum_{a \in \text{dom}(A)} P(b | a) \cdot \pi_{A \rightarrow B}(a)$$

Let $A \notin W$ a non-instantiated attribute and $P(V) > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{A \rightarrow B}(a_j) &= \pi(a_j) \cdot \prod_{C \in s(A) \setminus \{B\}} \lambda_{C \rightarrow A}(a_j) \\ &= \tau_{B,W} \cdot \frac{P(a_j | W)}{\lambda_{B \rightarrow A}(a_j)} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3 Belief Updating

Court Hearing

There are three suspects for murder

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$$

There is a holder of the weapon

$$Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$$

A fingerprint analysis Z of the weapon is performed

Z

Bayes Network

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z, \quad P(X,Y,Z) = P(X) \times P(Y|X) \times P(Z|Y)$$

$$P(X) = (0.8, 0.1, 0.1), \quad P(y|x) = 0.8, \text{ if } x=y, \quad P(y|x) = 0.1, \text{ if } x \neq y$$

The „Who is the murder?“-Belief changes over time in the light of new evidence.

Initial Belief

$$\pi(X) = (0.8, 0.1, 0.1), \quad \lambda(X) = (1, 1, 1) \text{ (no diagnostic support)}, \quad P(X) = \alpha \pi(X) \lambda(X) = (0.8, 0.1, 0.1)$$

$$\pi(Y) = (0.8, 0.1, 0.1) \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.8 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix} = (0.66, 0.17, 0.17), \quad \lambda(Y) = (1, 1, 1), \quad P(Y) = (0.66, 0.17, 0.17)$$

For calculations it is convenient if the numbers in the vectors are not normalized, so we use again normalization factors. The final result is given in normalized form.

Example 3 Belief Updating

Updated belief due to the fingerprint analysis (evidential support)

Z passes diagnostic knowledge to Y in form of a new λ of Y: $\lambda(Y) = \alpha (0.8, 0.6, 0.5)$

$\pi(Y) = (0.66, 0.17, 0.17)$ does not change,

The new belief is $P(Y) = \alpha \pi(Y) \lambda(Y) = \alpha (0.8, 0.6, 0.5) (0.66, 0.17, 0.17) = (0.738, 0.142, 0.119)$

Y passes the new knowledge to X, where the conditional probabilities have to be used:

$$\lambda(X) = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.8 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.6 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix} = \beta (0.75, 0.61, 0.54)$$

The new belief is $P(X) = \alpha (0.75, 0.61, 0.54) (0.8, 0.1, 0.1) = (0.840, 0.085, 0.075)$

Note that P is the updated belief, in general it is different from the prior probability P

Example 3 Belief Updating

Updated belief due to a rather strong alibi for suspect 1 (causal support)

The prior probability for X is revised to $\pi(X) = (0.28, 0.36, 0.36)$

$\lambda(X) = (0.75, 0.61, 0.54)$ is the same as before, $P(X) = (0.343, 0.349, 0.308)$

The revised prior is forwarded to Y

$$\pi(Y) = (0.28, 0.36, 0.36) \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.8 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix} = (0.30, 0.35, 0.35), \lambda(Y) = (0.75, 0.61, 0.54),$$

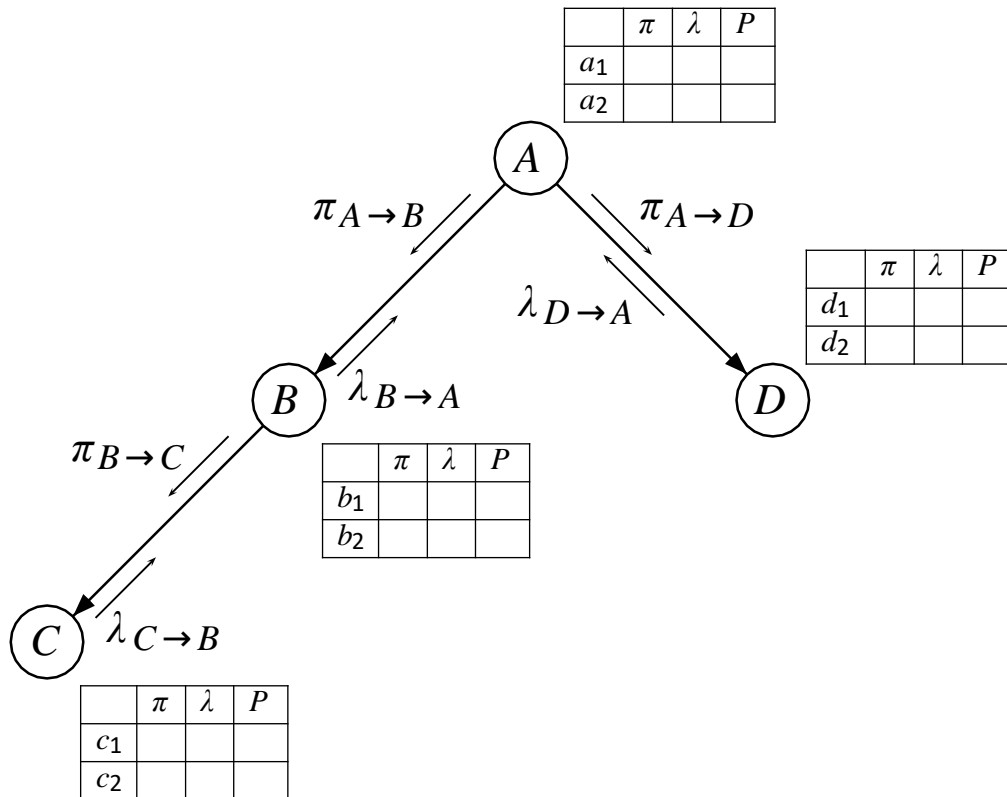
The new belief is $P(Y) = \alpha(0.3, 0.35, 0.35) (0.8, 0.6, 0.5) = (0.384, 0.336, 0.280)$

Thus suspect 2 becomes the strongest candidate for being the killer: $P(X=2) = 0.349$.

Note that suspect 1 is still more likely to be the owner of the fingerprint: $P(Y=1) = 0.384$

Example 4: Propagation in Belief Trees (1)

Belief Tree



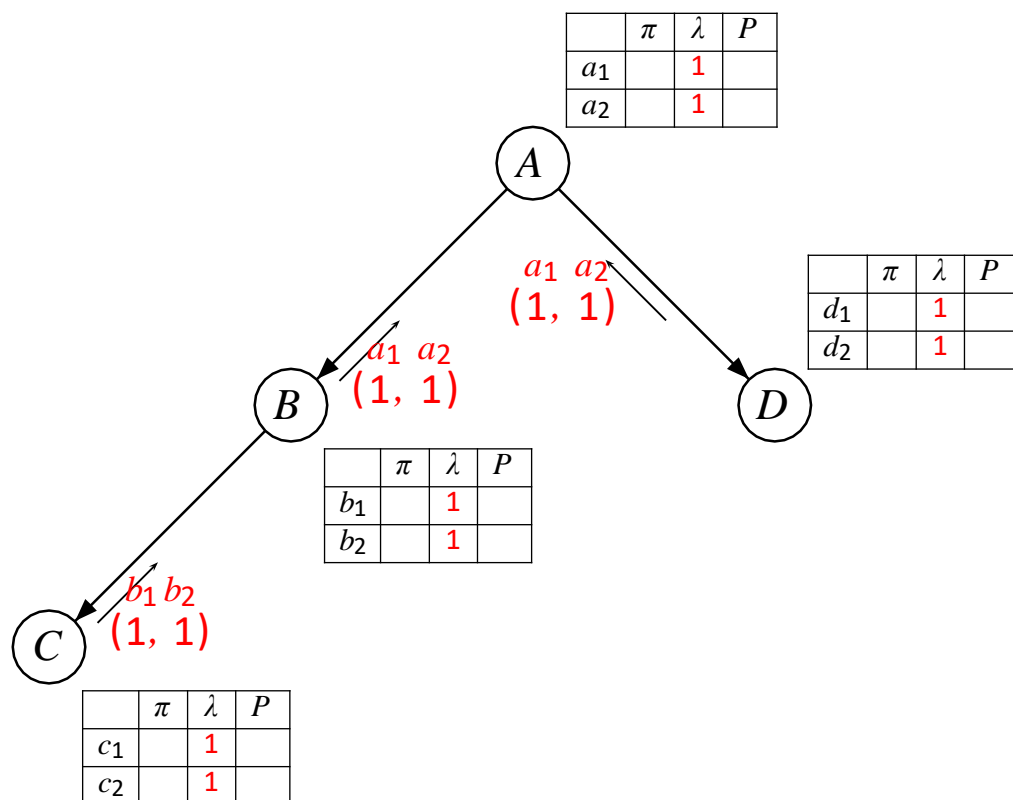
Conditional Probabilities

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(a_1) &= 0.1 & P(b_1 | a_1) &= 0.7 \\
 P(b_1 | a_2) &= 0.2 & P(d_1 | a_1) &= 0.8 \\
 & & P(c_1 | b_1) &= 0.4 \\
 P(d_1 | a_2) &= 0.4 & P(c_1 | b_2) &= 0.001
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that in the tables the P represents the „current“ belief, it changes.

Propagation in Belief Trees (2)

Belief Tree:

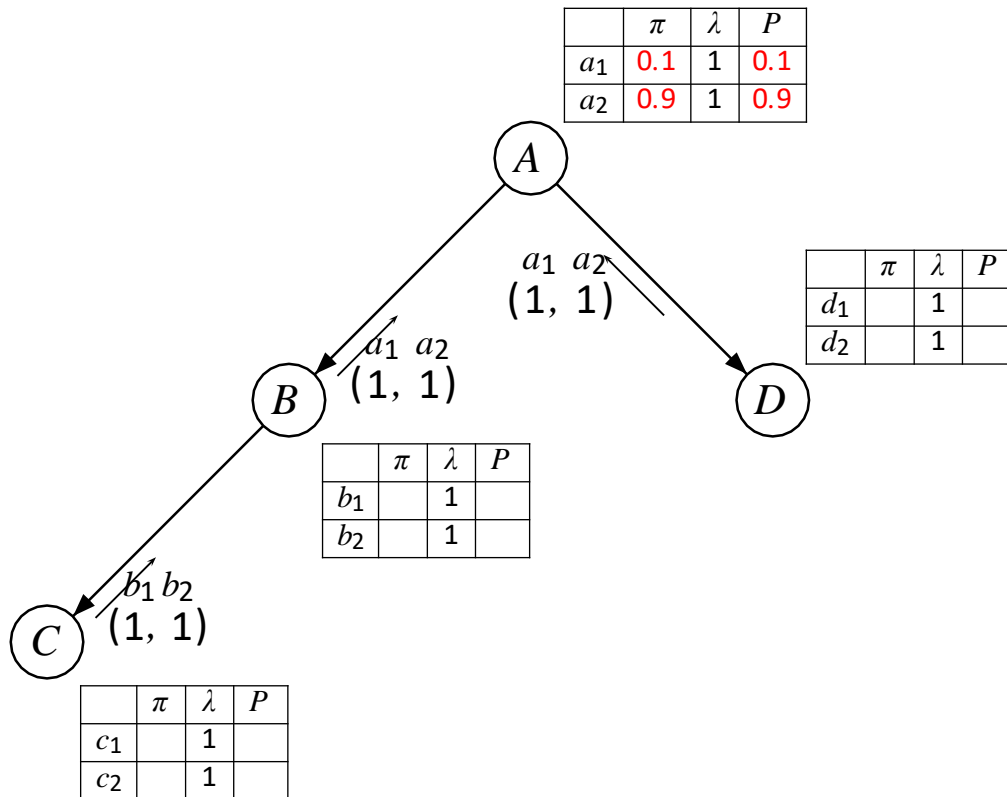


Initialization Phase:

Set all λ -messages and λ -values to 1.

Propagation in Belief Trees (3)

Belief Tree:



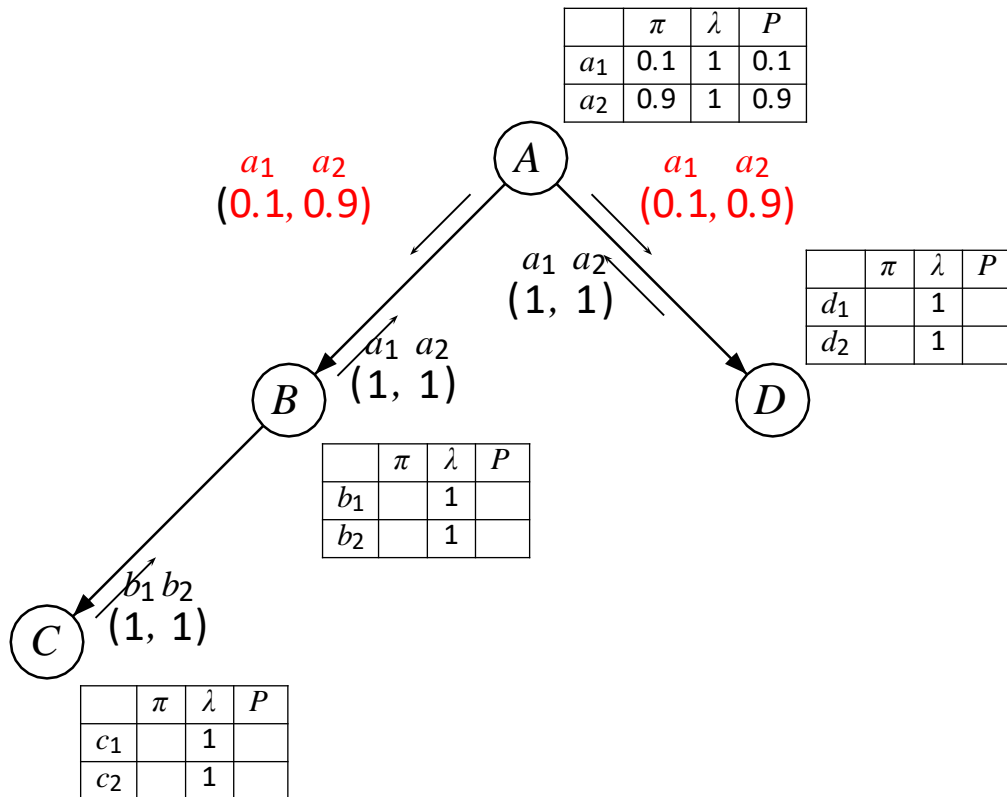
Initialization Phase:

Set all λ -messages and λ -values to 1.

$$\pi(a_1) = P(a_1) \text{ and } \pi(a_2) = P(a_2)$$

Propagation in Belief Trees (4)

Belief Tree:



Initialization Phase:

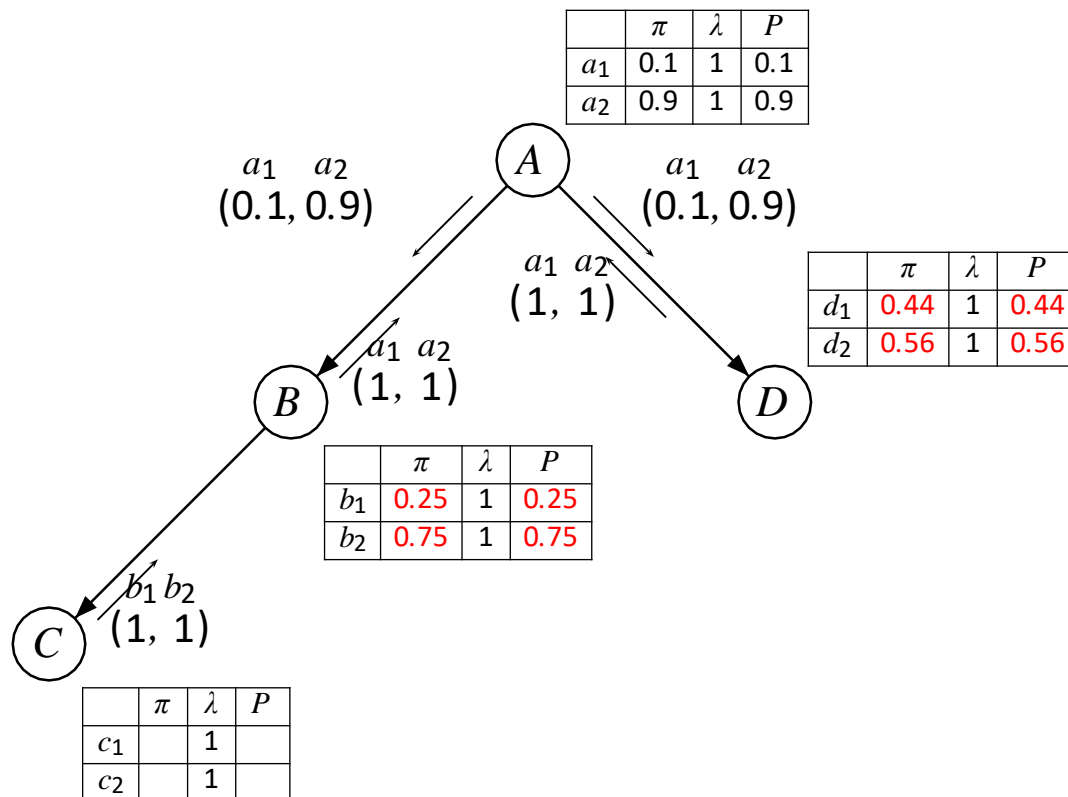
Set all λ -messages and λ -values to 1.

$\pi(a_1) = P(a_1)$ and $\pi(a_2) = P(a_2)$.

A sends π -messages to B and D.

Propagation in Belief Trees (5)

Belief Tree:



Initialization Phase:

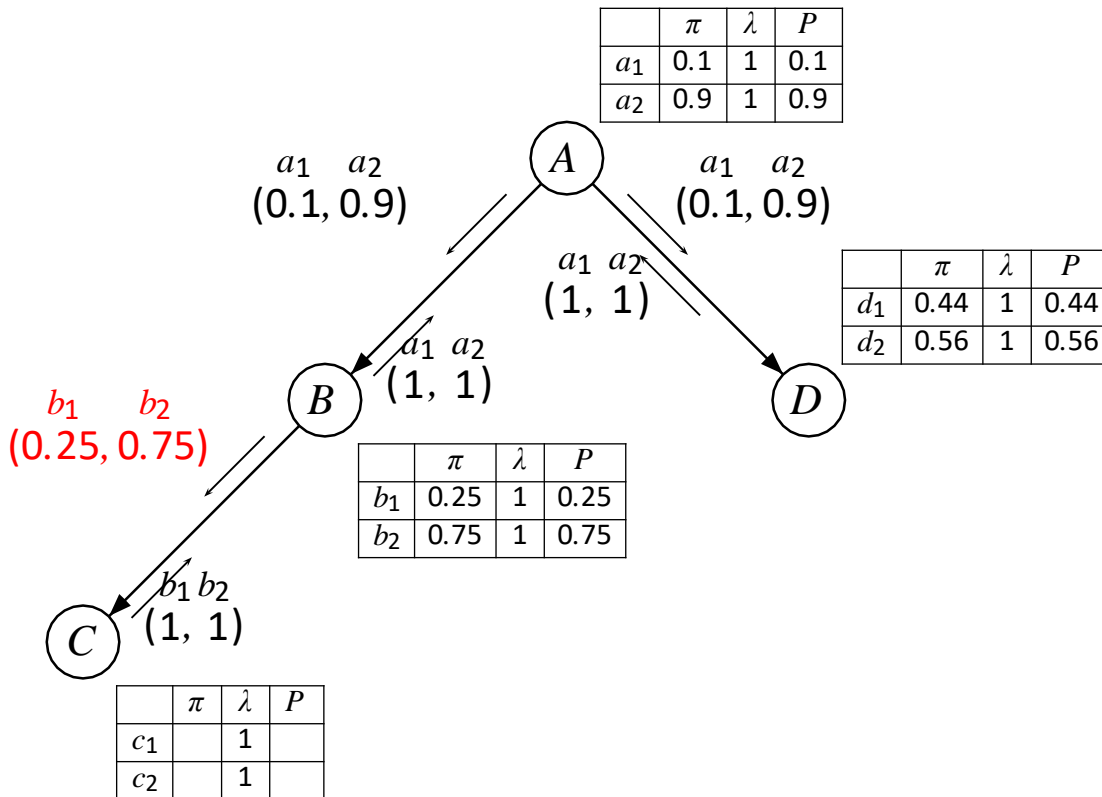
Set all λ -messages and λ -values to 1.

$\pi(a_1) = P(a_1)$ and $\pi(a_2) = P(a_2)$.
A sends π -messages to B and D.

B and D update their π -values.

Propagation in Belief Trees (6)

Belief Tree:



Initialization Phase:

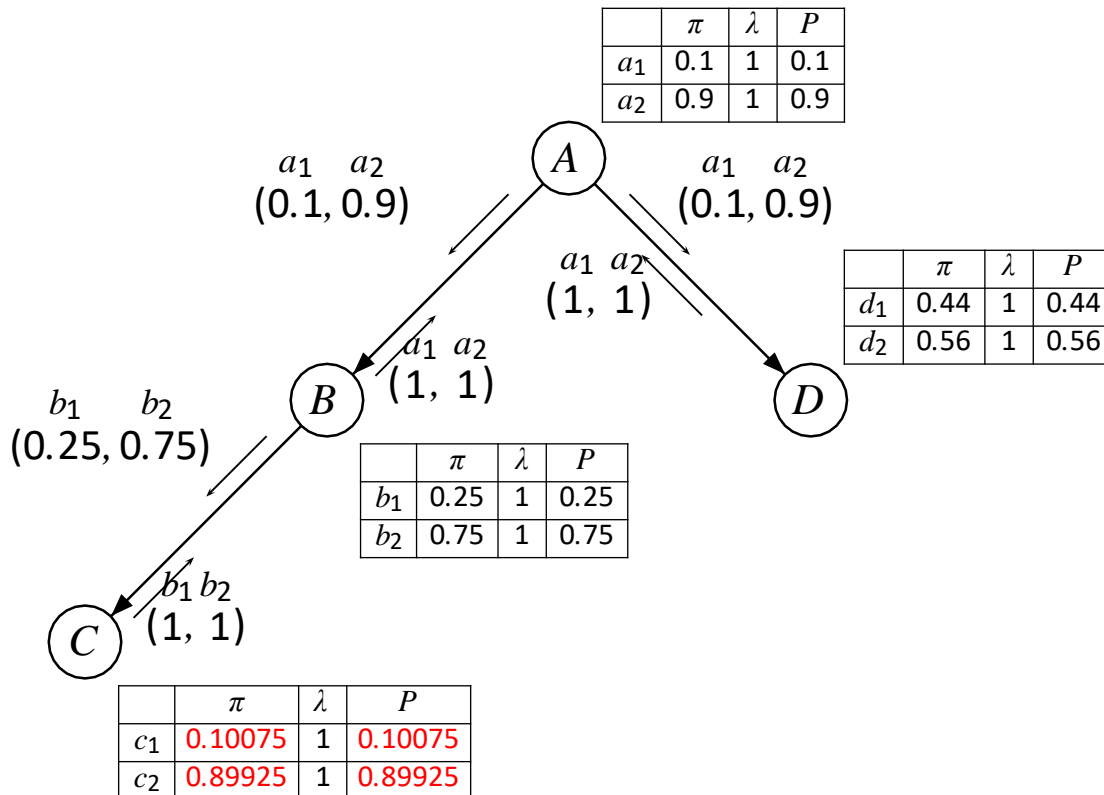
Set all λ -messages and λ -values to 1.

$\pi(a_1) = P(a_1)$ and $\pi(a_2) = P(a_2)$.
 A sends π -messages to B and D.
 B and D update their π -values.

B sends π -message to C.

Propagation in Belief Trees (7)

Belief Tree:



Initialization Phase:

Set all λ -messages and λ -values to 1.

$\pi(a_1) = P(a_1)$ and $\pi(a_2) = P(a_2)$.

A sends π -messages to B and D.

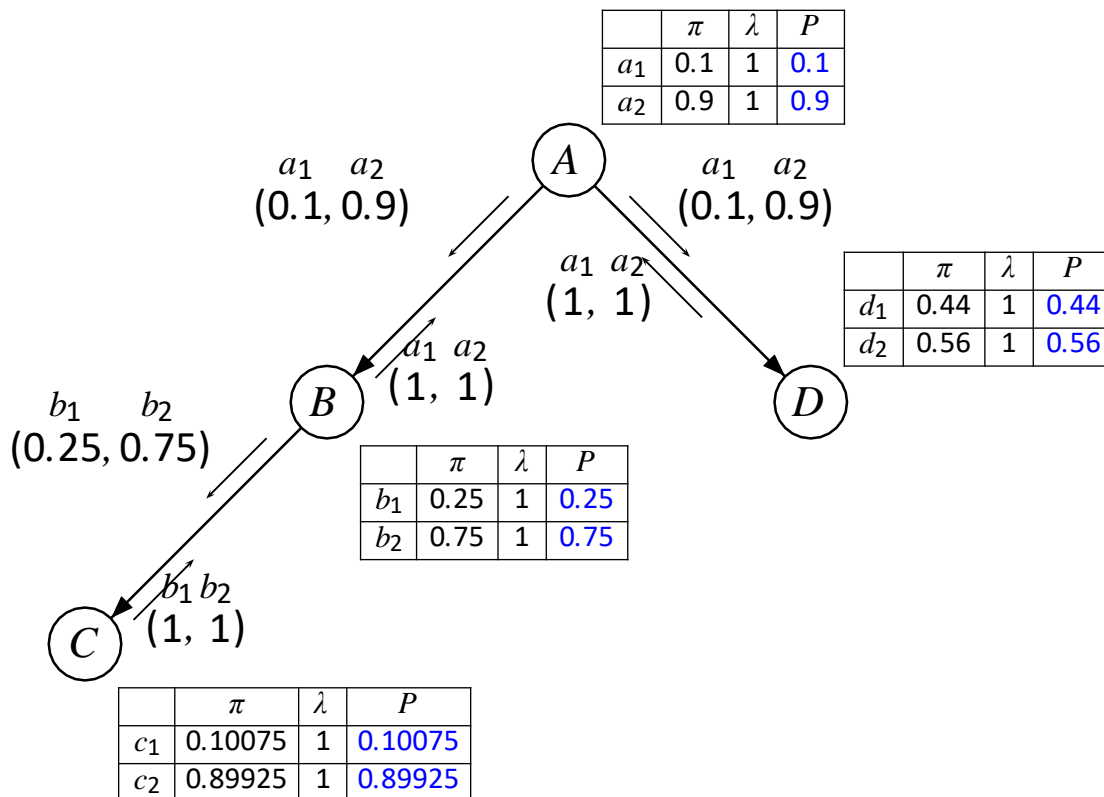
B and D update their π -values.

B sends π -message to C.

C updates its π -value.

Propagation in Belief Trees (8)

Belief Tree:



Initialization Phase:

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$\pi(a_1) = P(a_1)$ and $\pi(a_2) = P(a_2)$.
A sends π -messages to B and D.

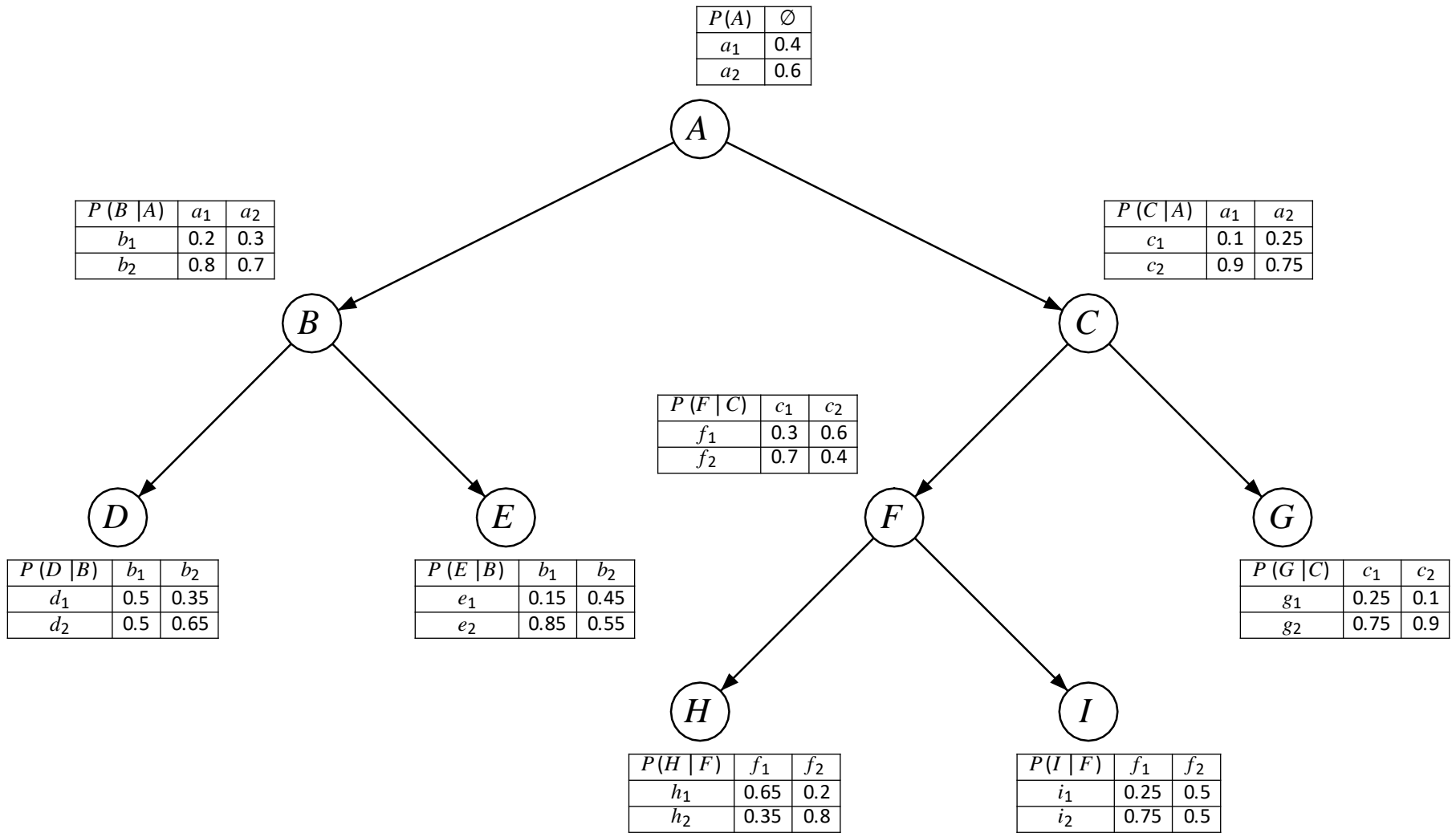
B and D update their π -values.

B sends π -message to C.

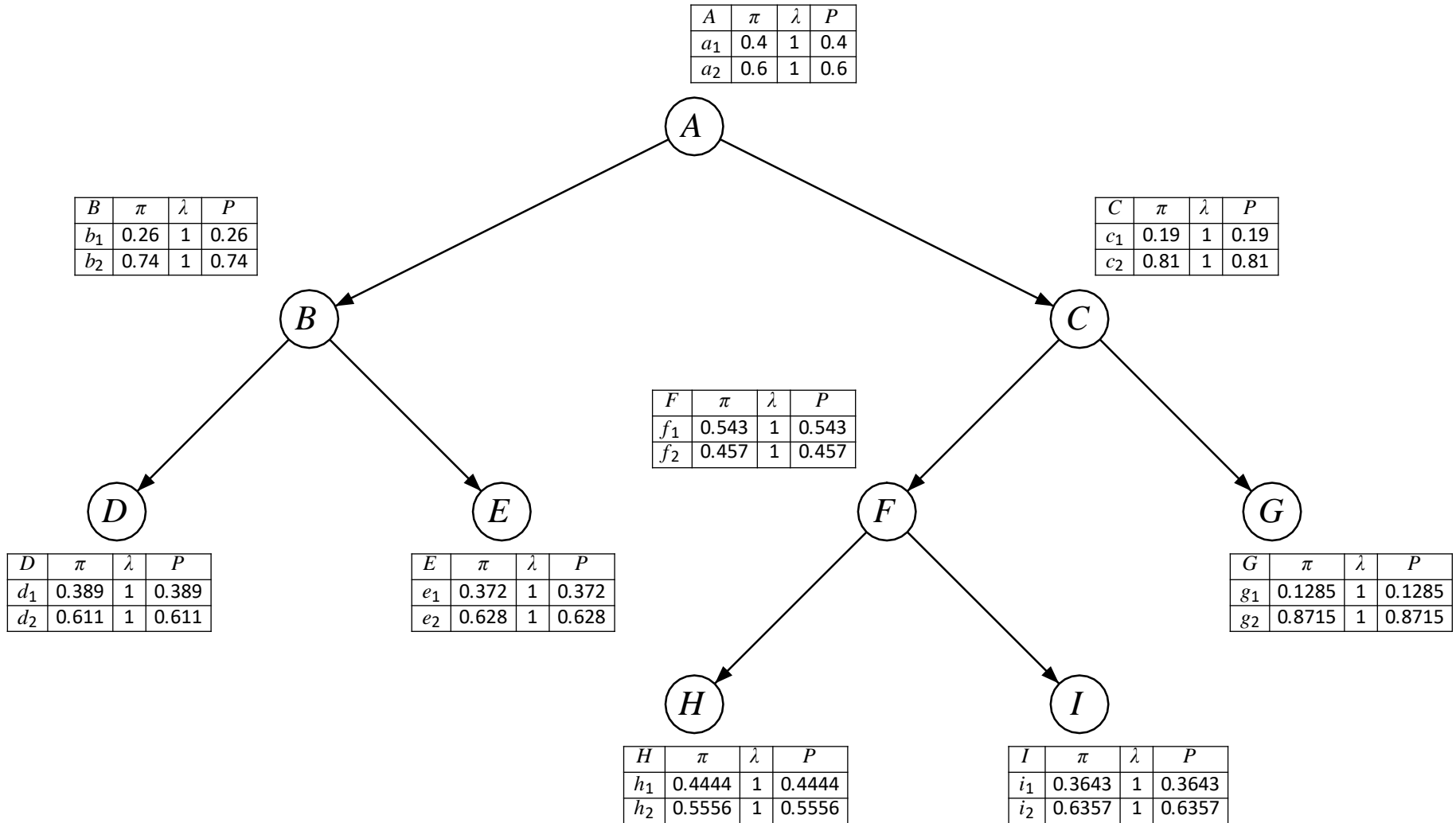
C updates its π -value.

Initialization finished.

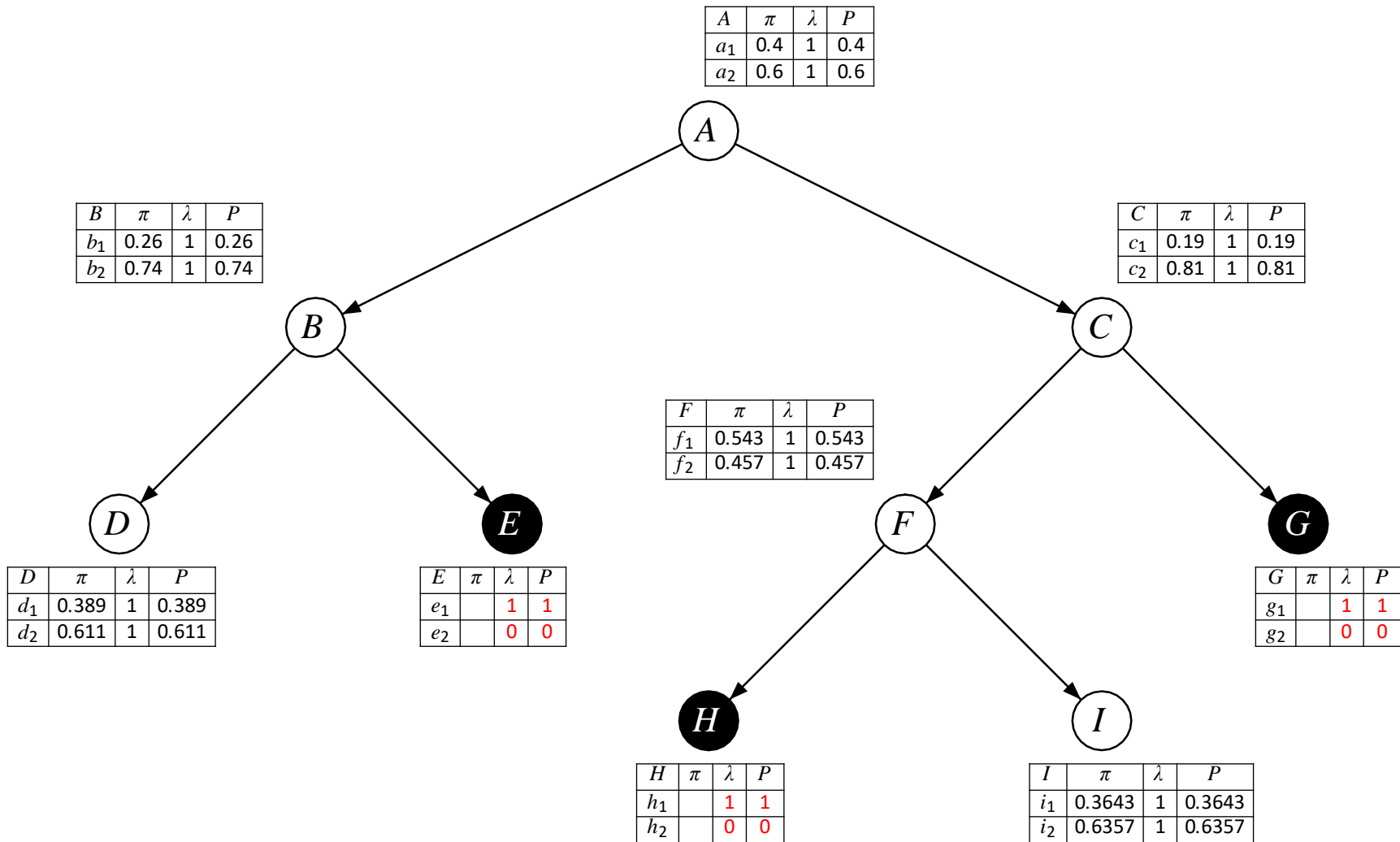
Example 5: Larger Tree (1)



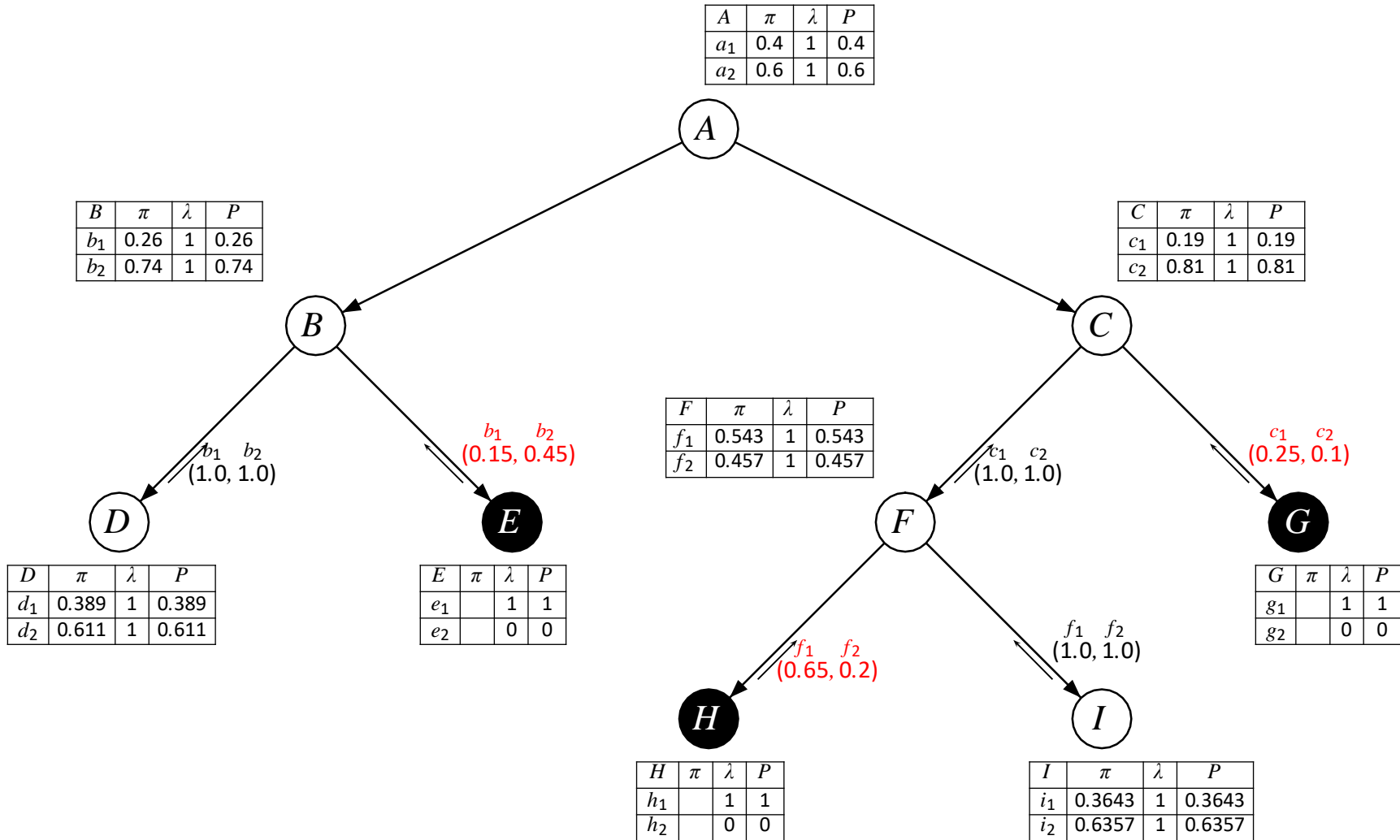
Larger Tree (2): After Initialization



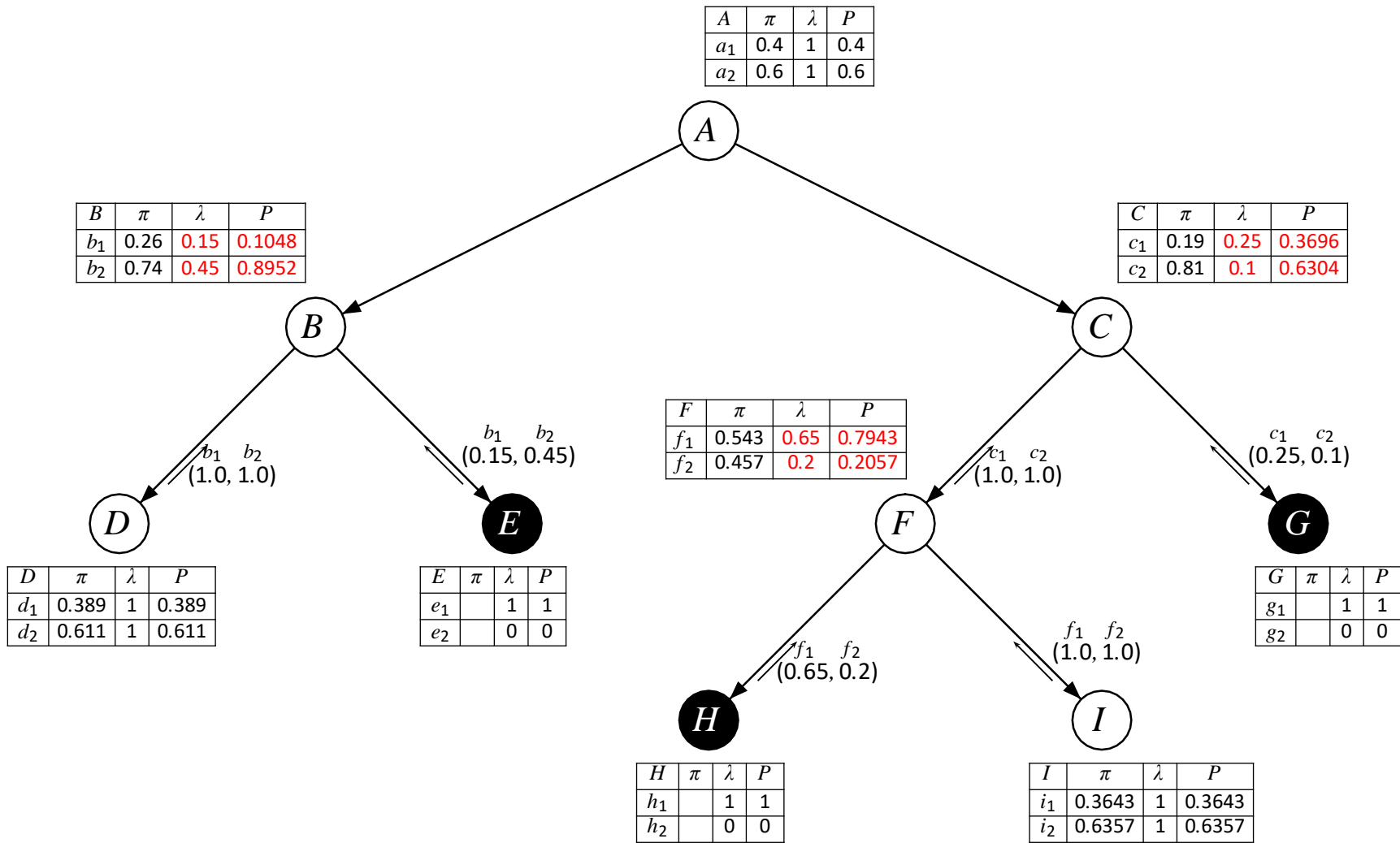
Larger Tree (3): Set Evidence e_1, g_1, h_1



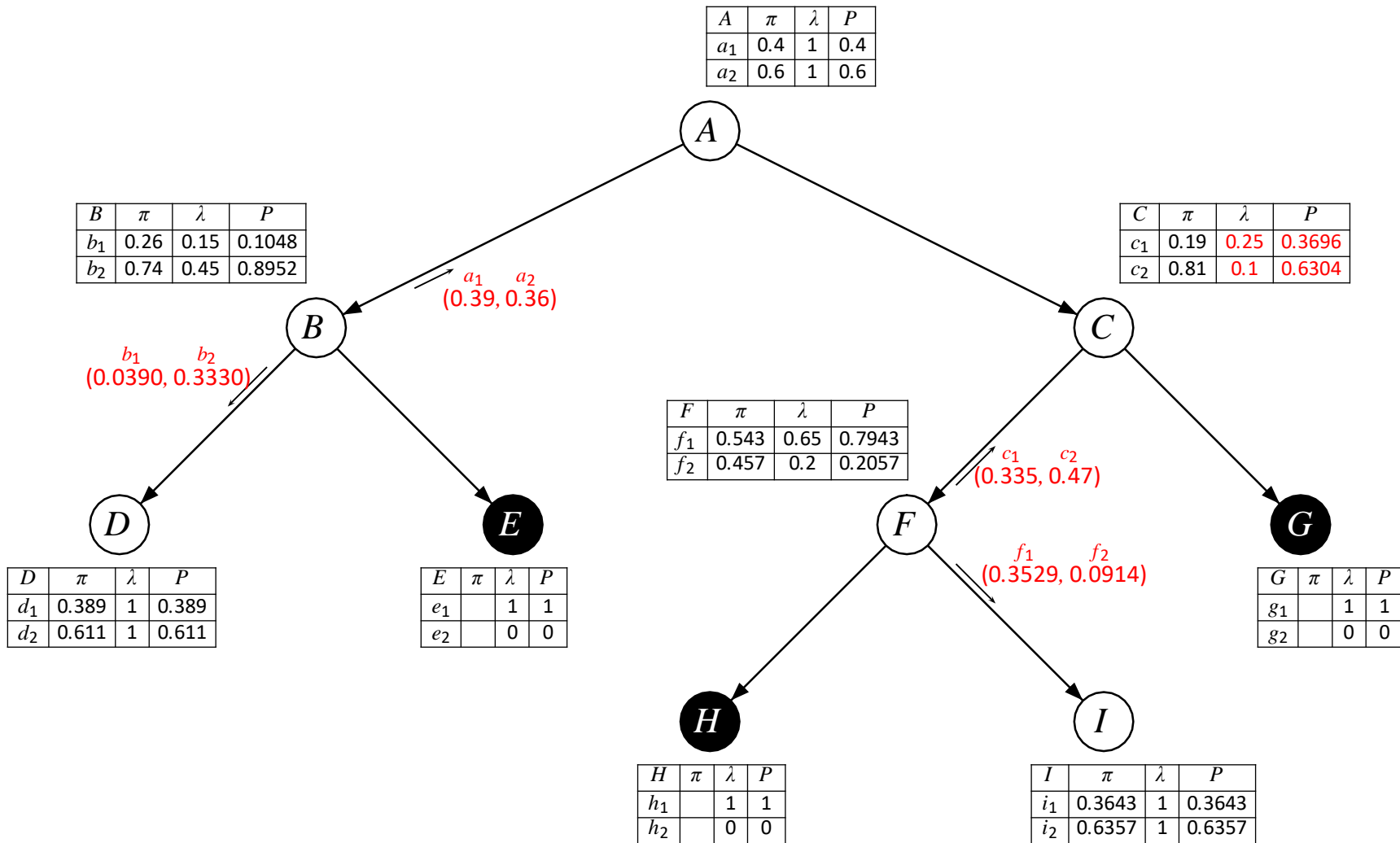
Larger Tree (4): Propagate Evidence



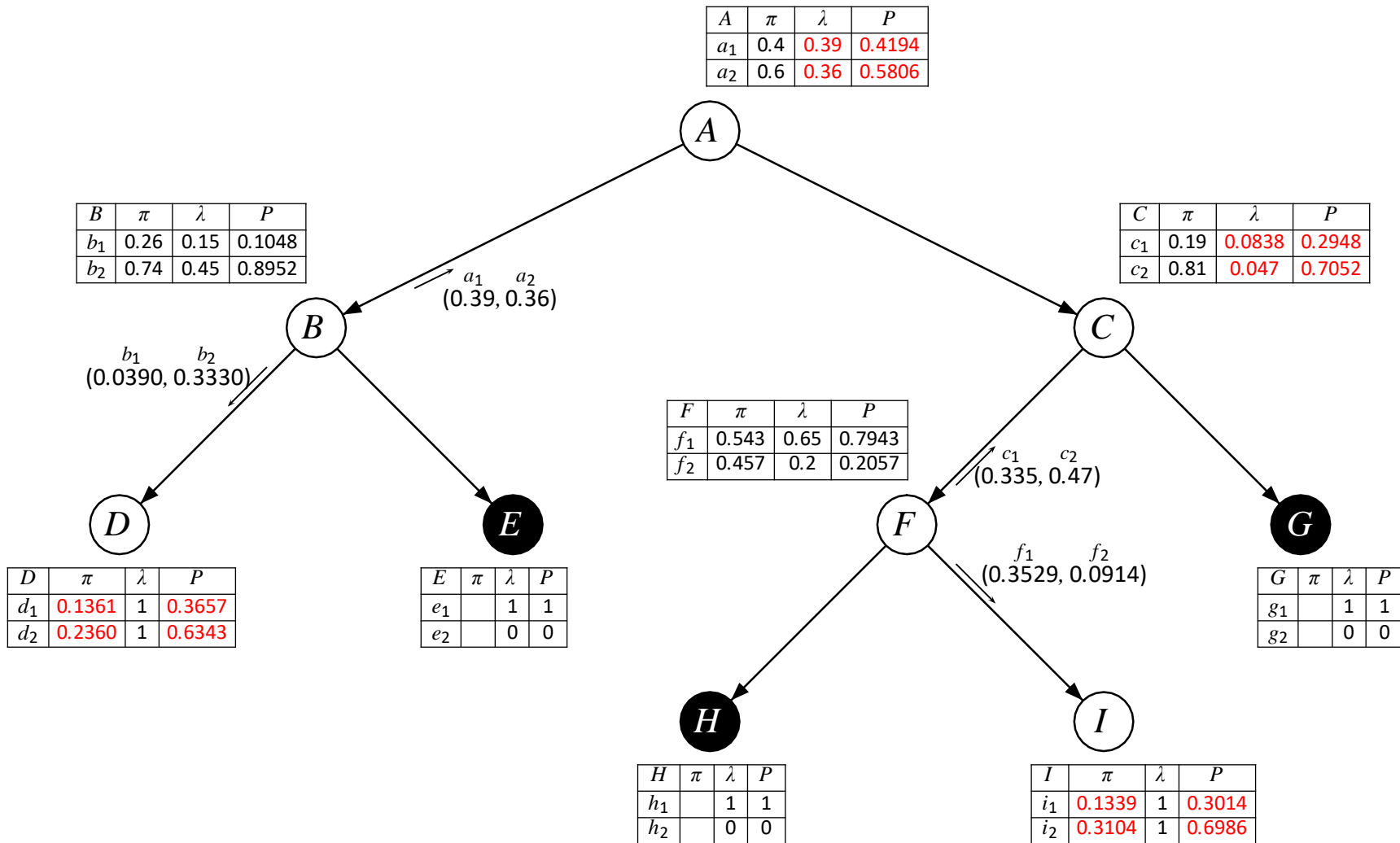
Larger Tree (5): Propagate Evidence, cont.



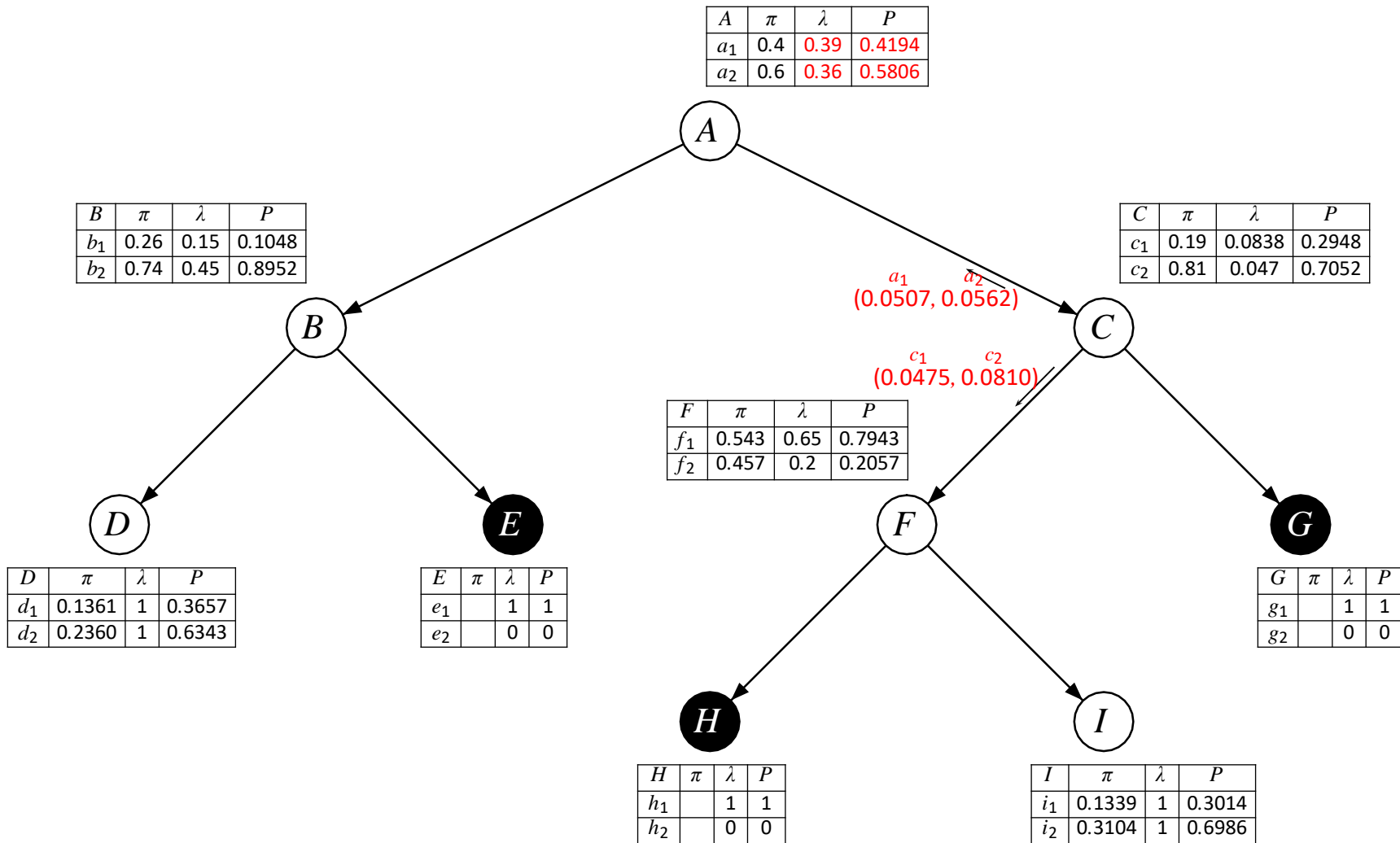
Larger Tree (6): Propagate Evidence, cont.



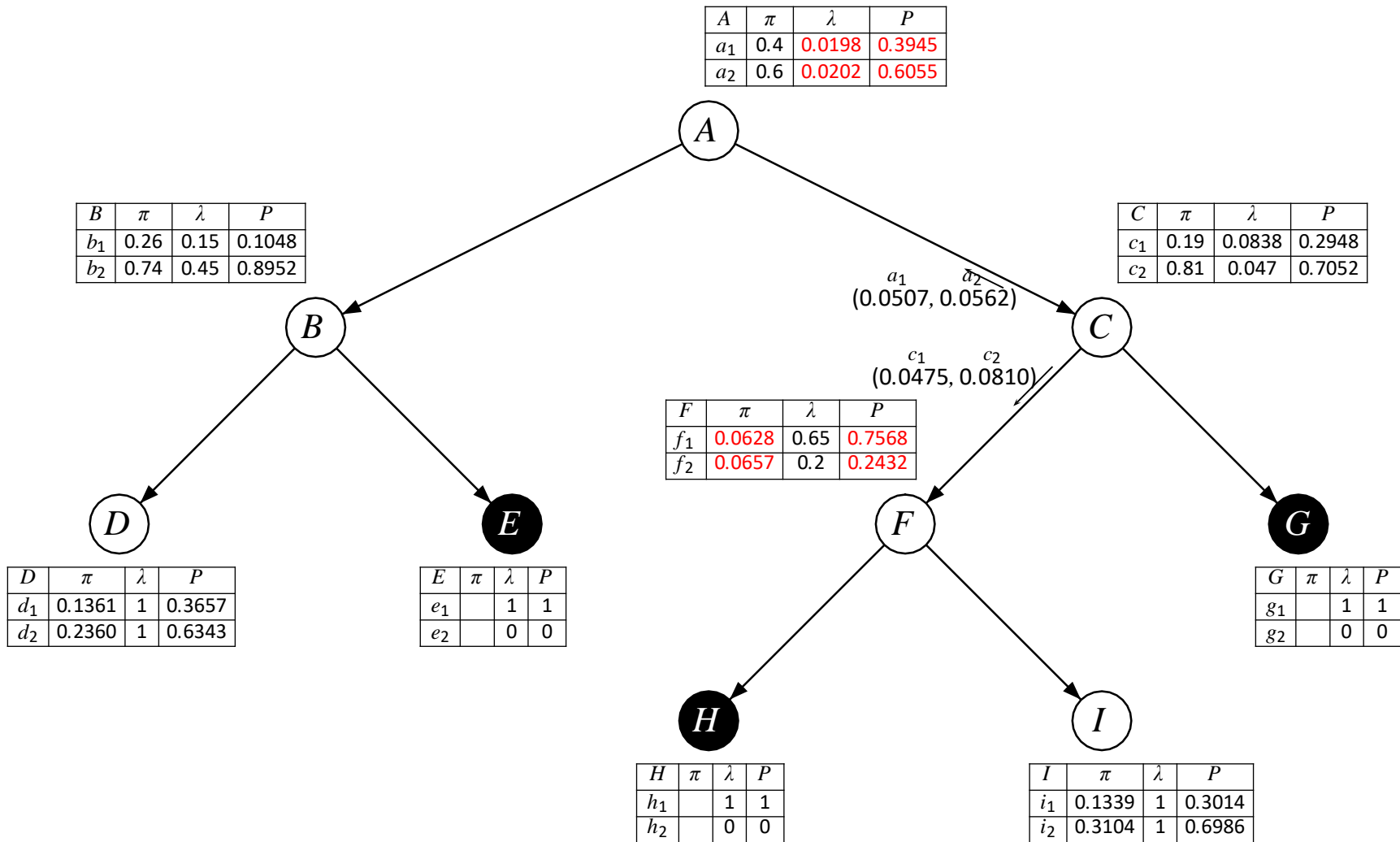
Larger Tree (7): Propagate Evidence, cont.



Larger Tree (8): Propagate Evidence, cont.

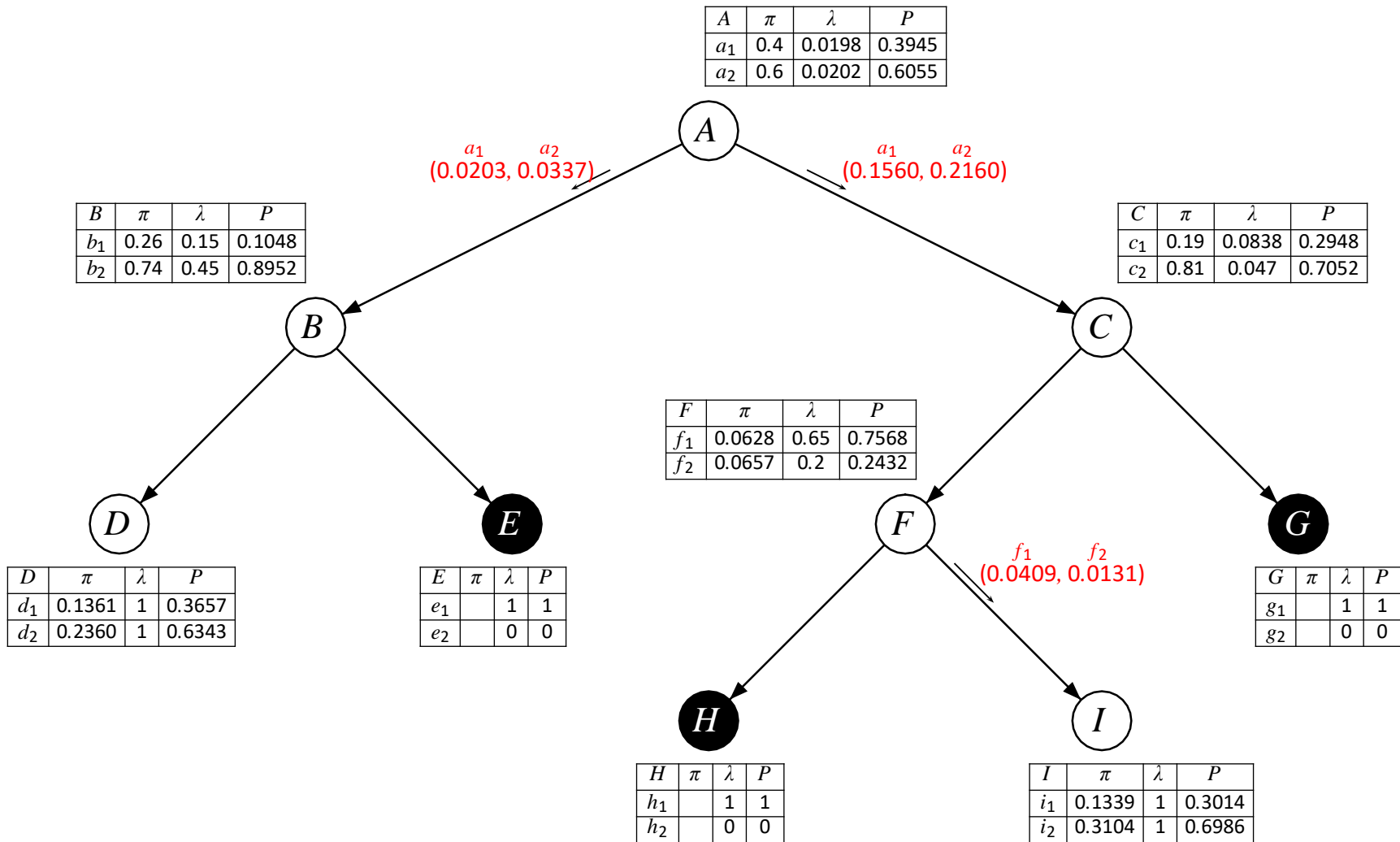


Larger Tree (9): Propagate Evidence, cont.

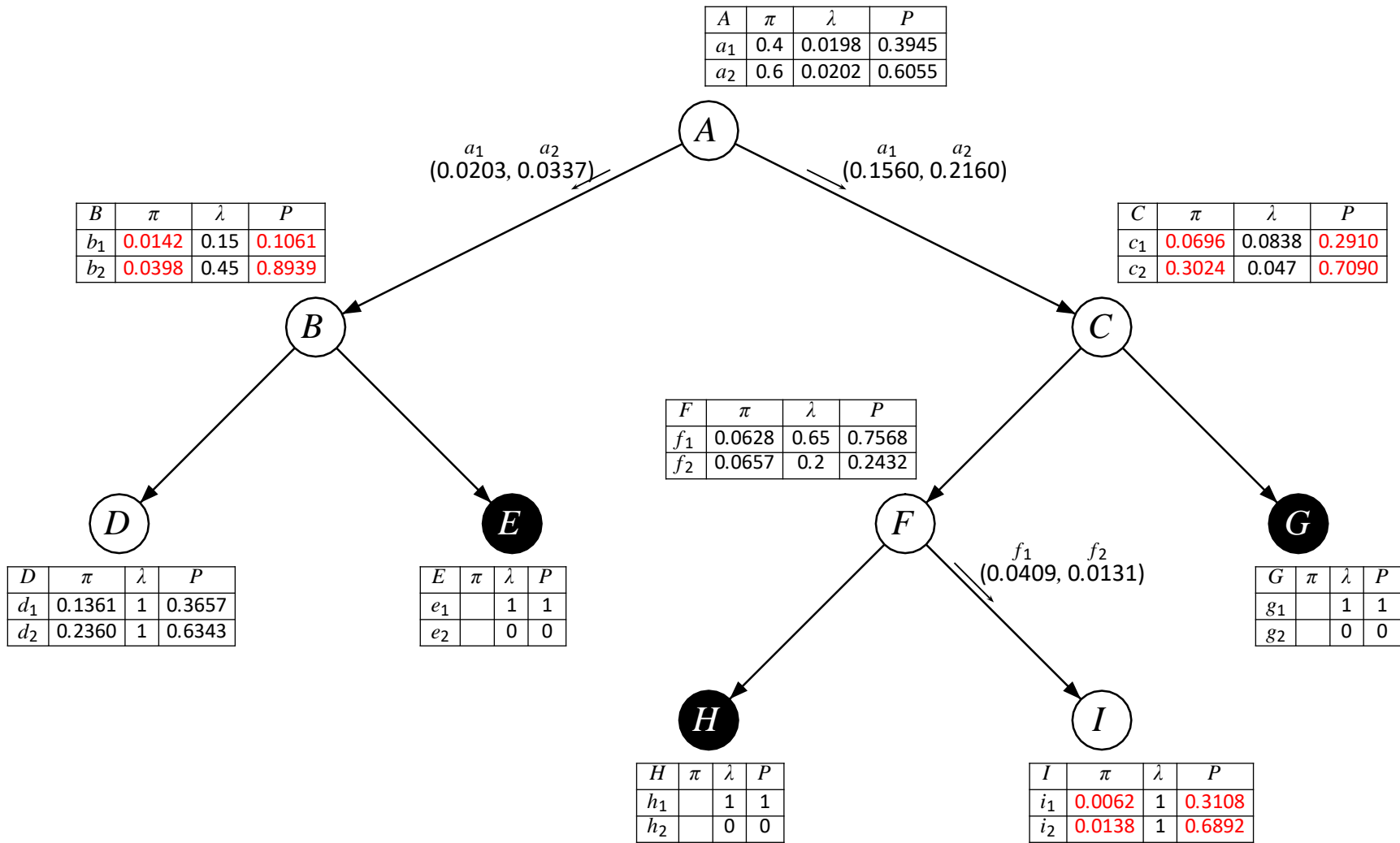


Larger Tree (10):

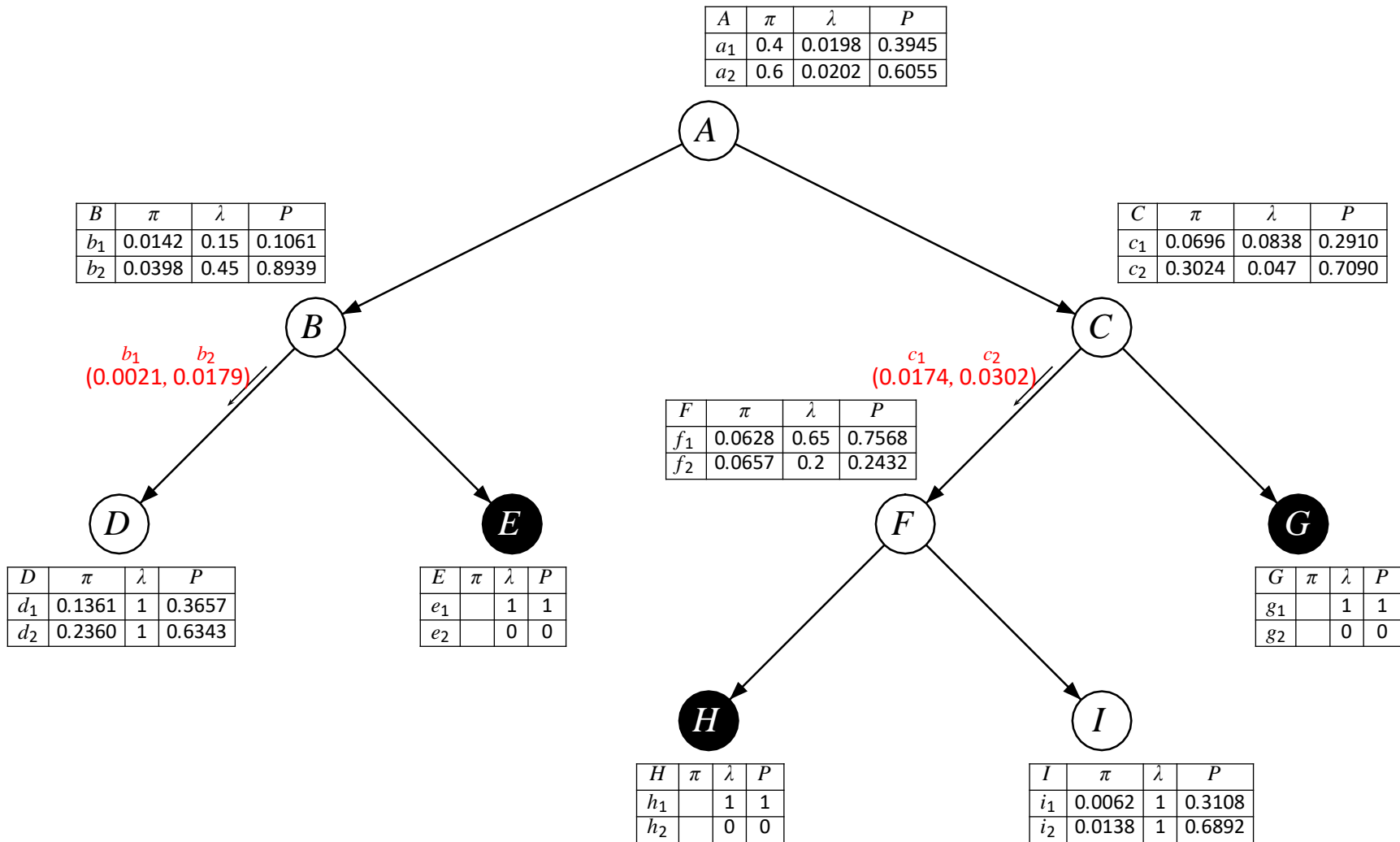
Propagate Evidence, cont.



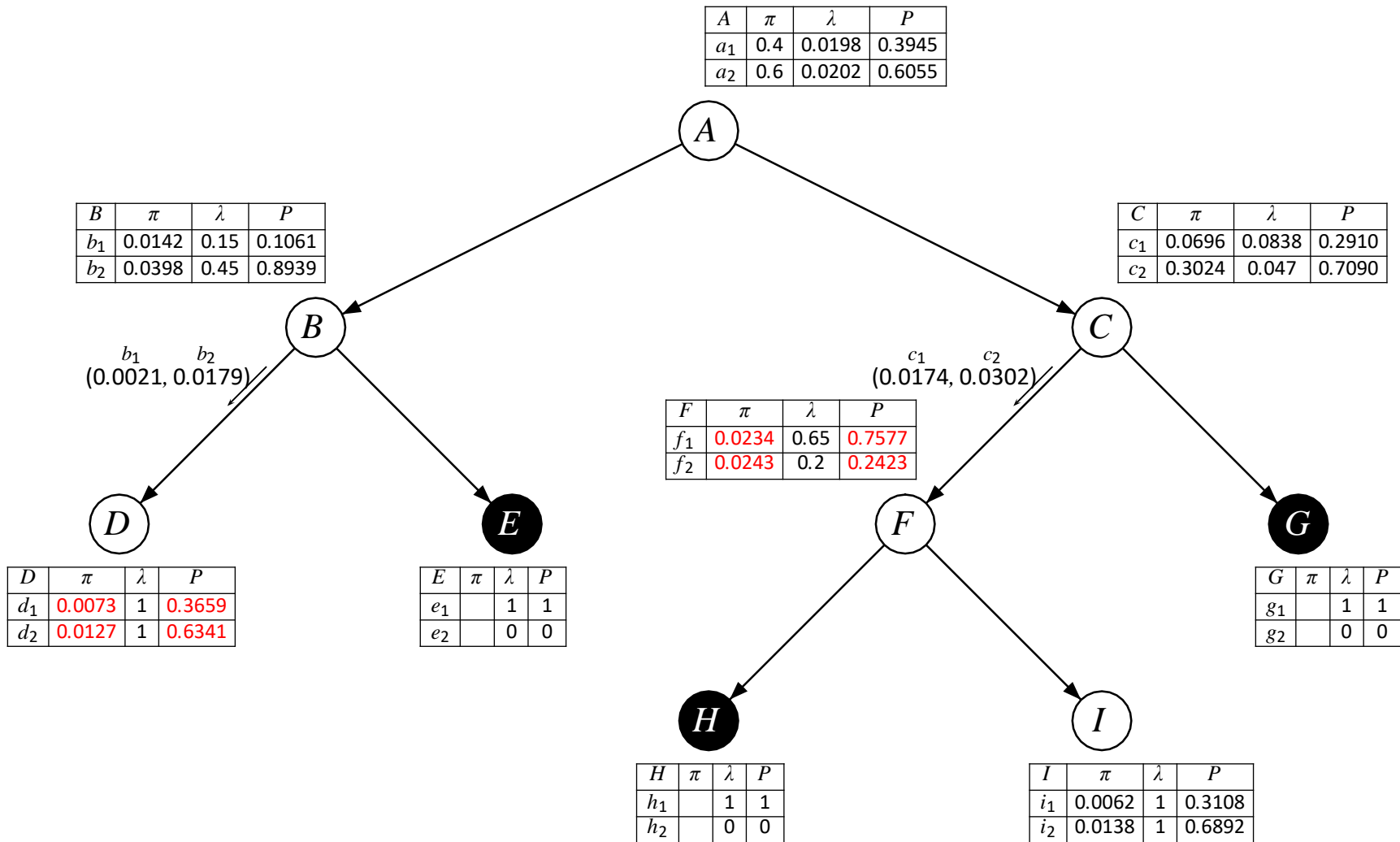
Larger Tree (11): Propagate Evidence, cont.



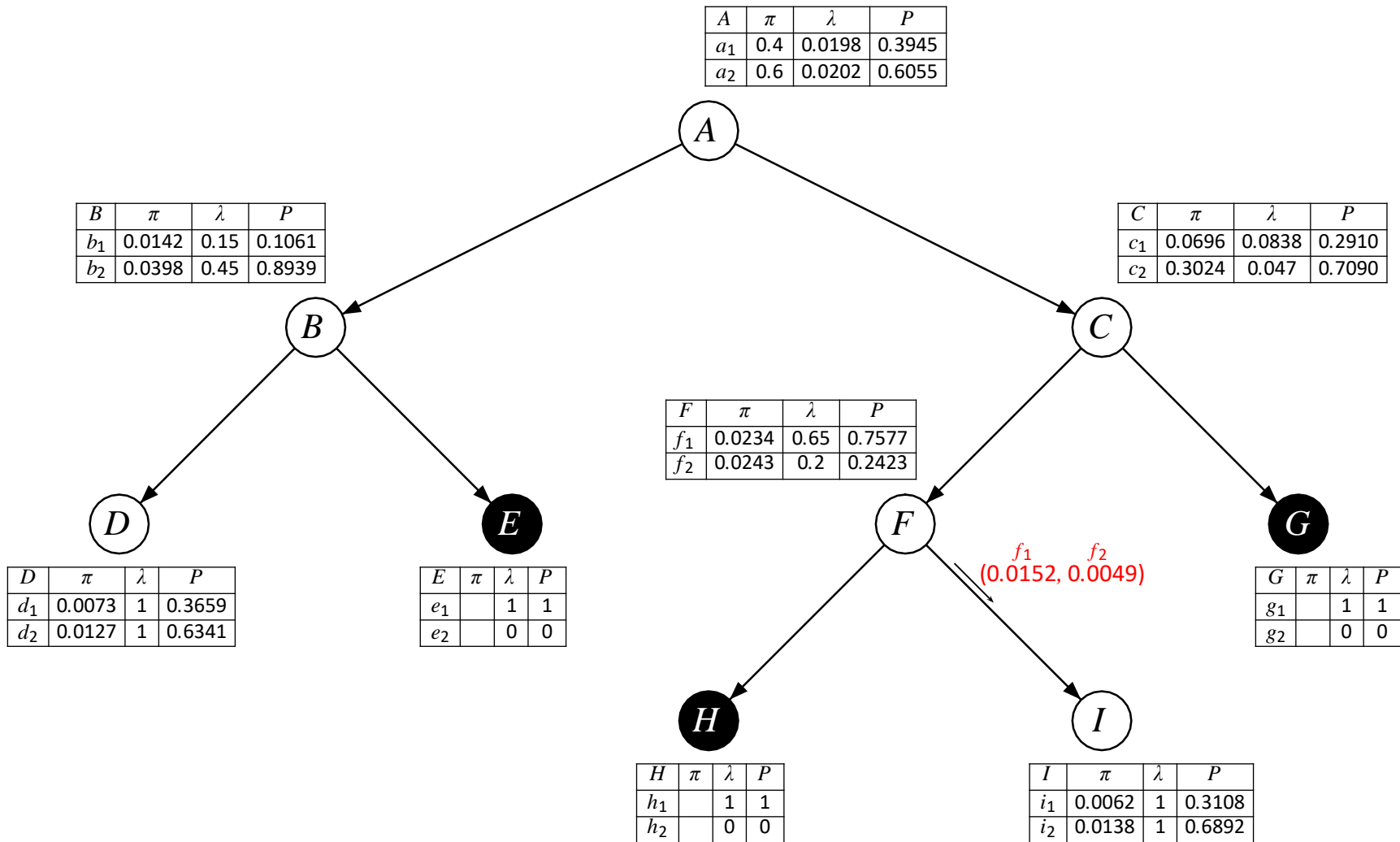
Larger Tree (12): Propagate Evidence, cont.



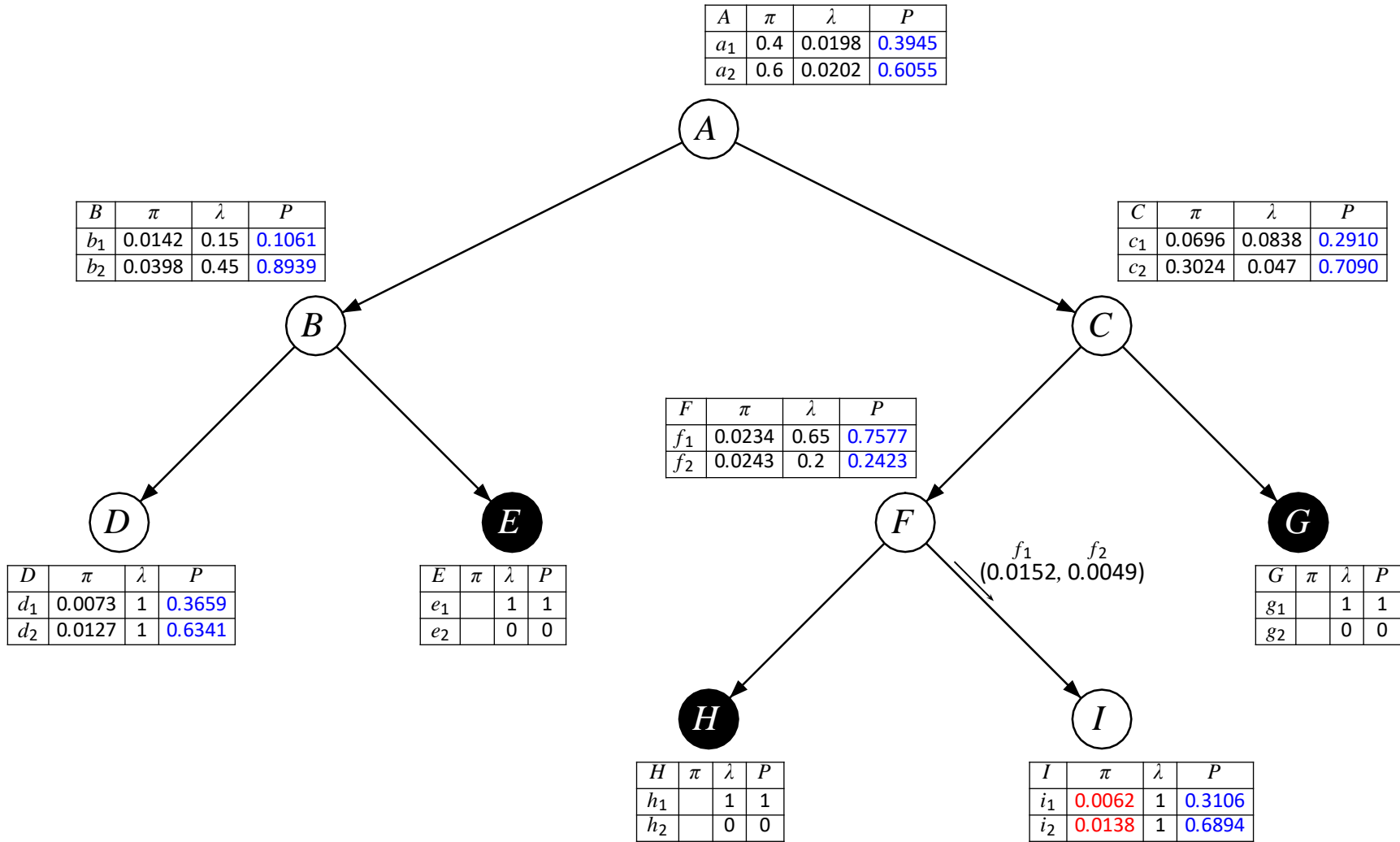
Larger Tree (13): Propagate Evidence, cont.



Larger Tree (14): Propagate Evidence, cont.



Larger Tree (15): Finished



Complexity of Belief Propagation in Trees

Properties of the updating scheme:

- efficient in storage and time
- m -ary tree with n states per node:
- every node stores $n^2 + mn + 2n$ real numbers and performs $2n^2 + mn + 2n$ multiplications per update
- The time complexity to obtain the posterior probability of all the variables in the tree is proportional to the diameter of the network (the number of arcs in the trajectory from the root to the most distant leaf).

Reasoning in a singly connected networks

The message passing mechanism can be directly extended to polytrees, as these are also singly connected networks. In this case, a node can have multiple parents, so the λ messages should be sent from a node to all its parents.

Example 6

answering probabilistic queries

$$P(\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{e}) \quad ?$$

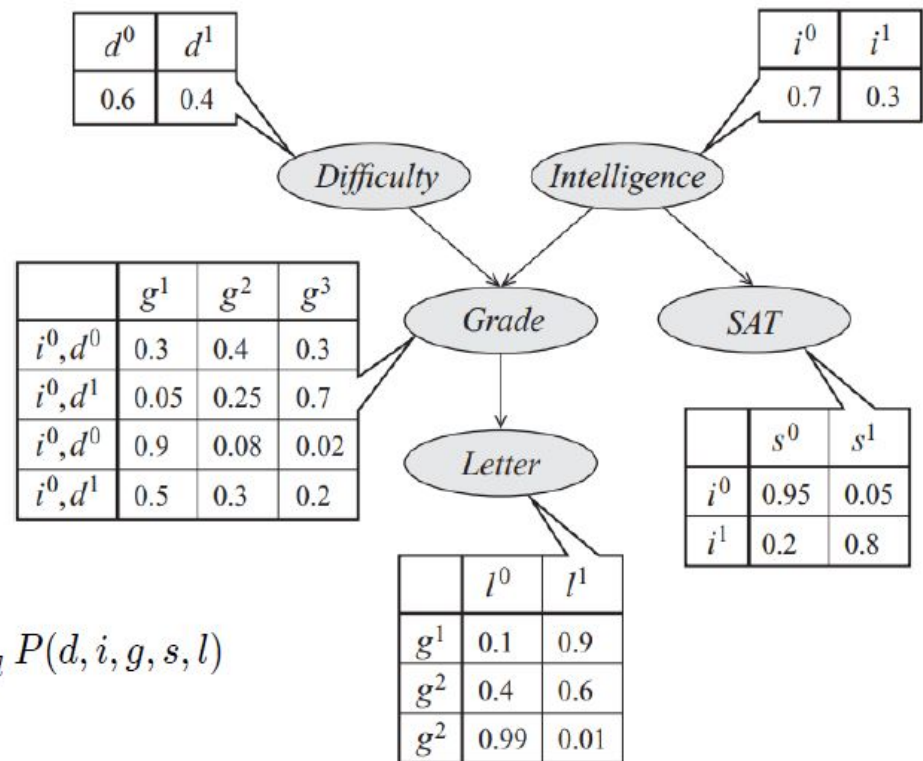
evidence

$$P(L = l^1 \mid S = s^1) = \frac{P(L=l^1, S=s^1)}{P(S=s^1)}$$

↓

$$P(S = s^1) = \sum_{d,i,g,l} P(d, i, g, s, l)$$

an **inference** problem



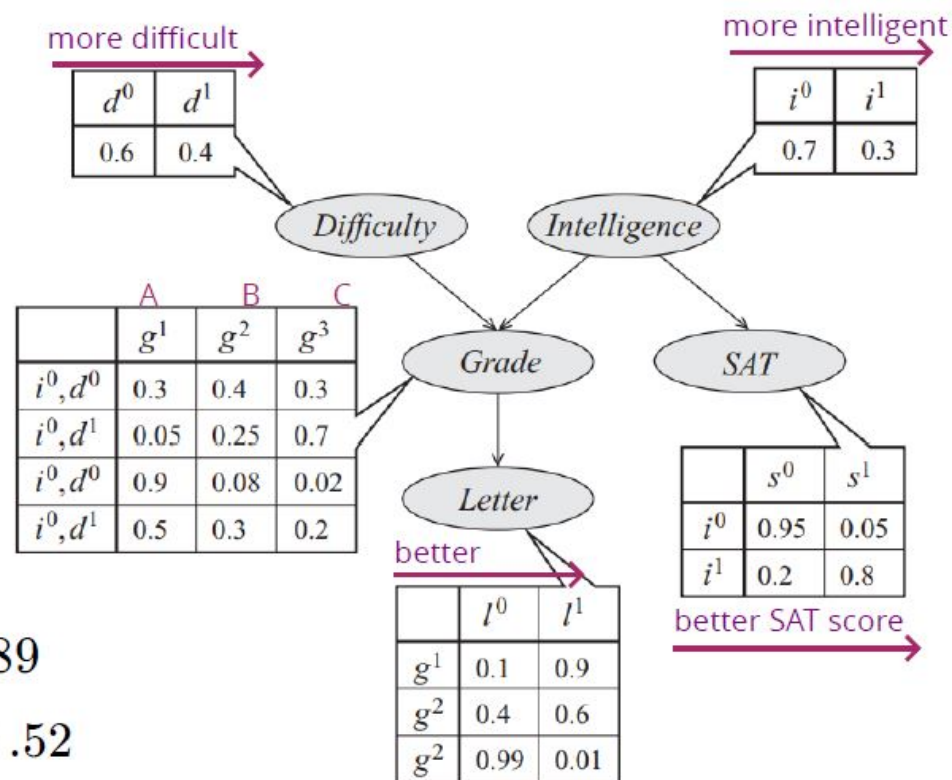
Reasoning in a singly connected networks

causal reasoning (top-down)

- marginal prior
 - of getting a good letter

$$P(l^1) \approx .50$$

- marginal posterior
 - given low intelligence $P(l^1 | i^0) \approx .389$
 - ... and an easy exam $P(l^1 | i^0, d^0) \approx .52$



Reasoning in a singly connected networks

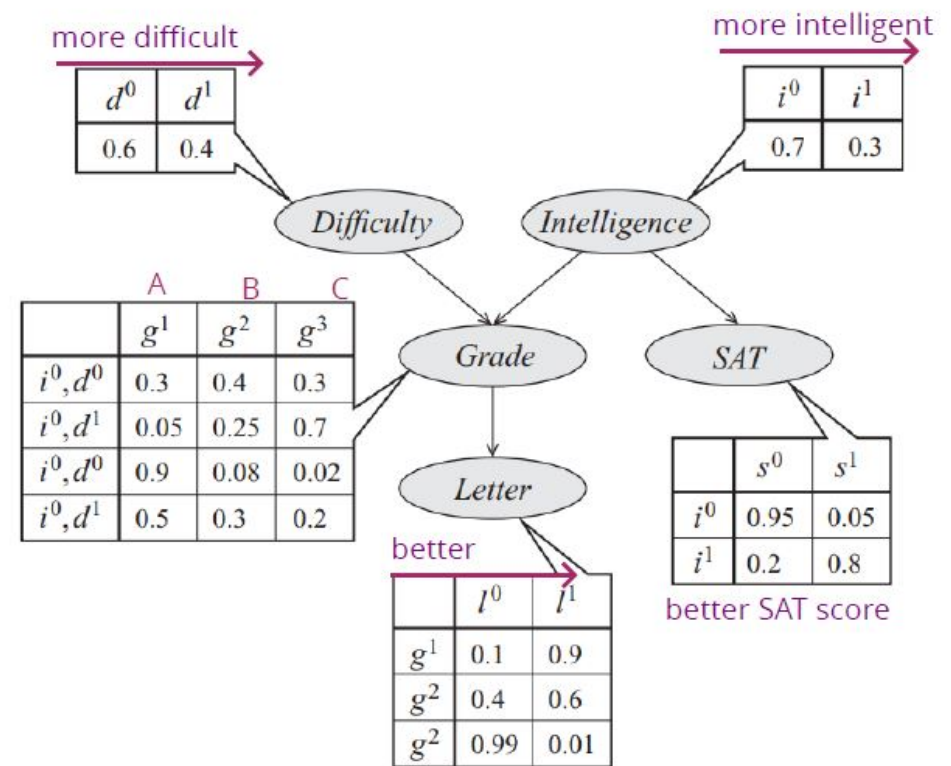
evidential reasoning (bottom-up)

- (marginal) prior

- of a high intelligence $P(i^1) \approx .30$

- (marginal) posterior

- given a bad letter $P(i^1 | l^0) \approx .14$
 - ... and a bad grade $P(i^1 | l^0, g^3) \approx .08$

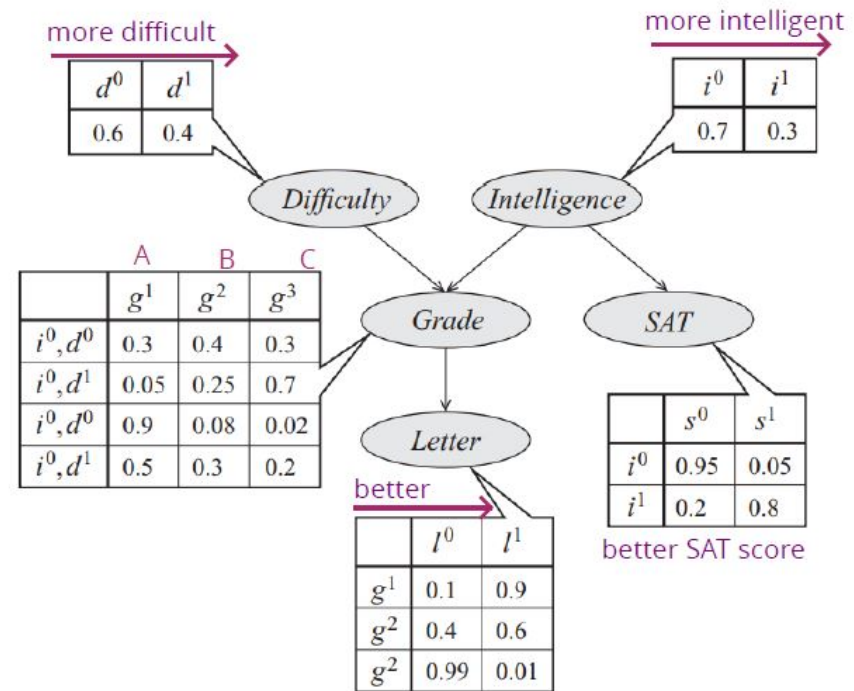


Reasoning in a singly connected

Explaining

- prior
 - of a high intelligence $P(i^1) \approx .30$
- posterior
 - given a bad letter $P(i^1 | l^0) \approx .14$
 - ... and a bad grade $P(i^1 | l^0, g^3) \approx .08$
 - a difficult exam **explains away** the grade

$$P(i^1 | l^0, g^3, d^1) \approx .11$$



Problem: How to do the propagation in a general Bayesian Network, i.e. in a directed acyclic graph?