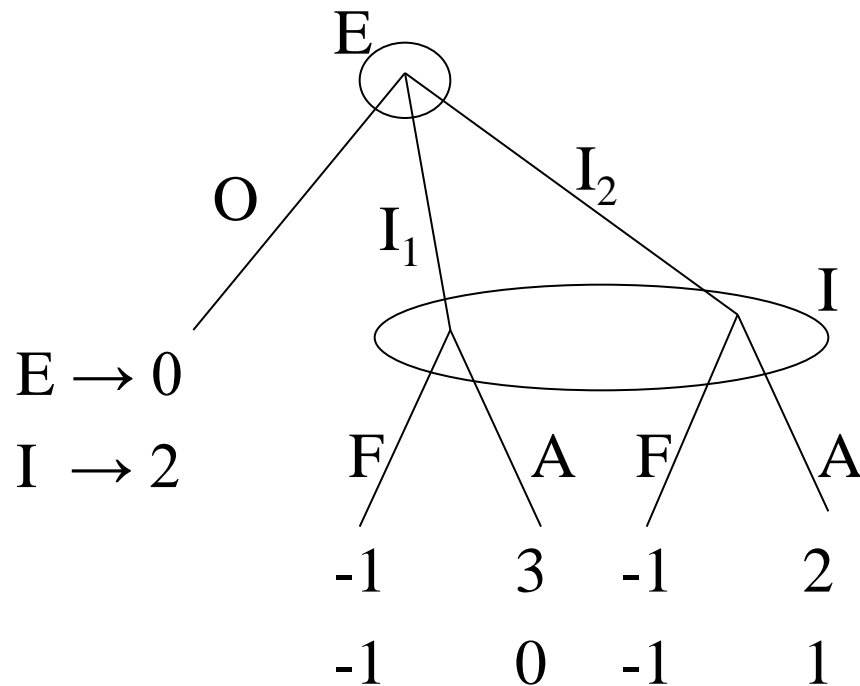


# Weak Perfect Bayesian Nash Equilibrium (motivation)



		I	
		F	A
E	O	<u>0</u> , <u>2</u>	0, <u>2</u>
	$I_1$	-1, -1	<u>3</u> , <u>0</u>
	$I_2$	-1, -1	2, <u>1</u>

Nash eq (SPNE)

$\rightarrow (O, F), (I_1, A)$

For I : in either decision point,  $A > F$  ( $-1 < 0$ ,  $-1 < 1$ )

$\rightarrow$  I should play “A”.

$\rightarrow$  introduce “belief”

## Weak Perfect Bayesian Nash Eq (definition)

Def. 9.C.1:  $\mu = (\mu(x))_{x \in X}$  is a system of beliefs ( $X$ : set of all nodes)

if  $\sum_{x \in H} \mu(x) = 1 \quad \forall \text{ information set } H$

Def. 9.C.2:  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_I)$  is sequentially rational at H given  $\mu$

if  $E(u_{i(H)} \mid H, \mu, \sigma_{i(H)}, \sigma_{-i(H)}) \geq E(u_{i(H)} \mid H, \mu, \sigma^{\wedge}_{i(H)}, \sigma_{-i(H)})$

$\forall \sigma^{\wedge}_{i(H)} \in \Delta(S_{i(H)}) \quad (i(H) : \text{the player who moves at } H)$

$E(u_{i(H)} \mid H, \mu, \sigma_{i(H)}, \sigma_{-i(H)})$  : expected payoff to  $i(H)$  from  $H$

if he/she is in  $H$  according to the prob. given by  $\mu$

and he/she plays  $\sigma_{i(H)}$ , and rivals play  $\sigma_{-i(H)}$ .

$\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_I)$  is sequentially rational given  $\mu$

if  $\forall H, \sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_I)$  is sequential rational at  $H$  given  $\mu$

## Weak Perfect Bayesian Nash Eq (definition)

Def. 9.C.3.:  $(\sigma, \mu)$  is a weak perfect Bayesian Eq (WPBE) if

- (i)  $\sigma$  is sequential rational given  $\mu$
- (ii)  $\mu$  is derived from  $\sigma$  by Bayes' rule if possible, i.e.,

$$\forall H \text{ such that } \text{Prob}(H \mid \sigma) > 0$$

$$\mu(x) = \text{Prob}(x \mid \sigma) / \text{Prob}(H \mid \sigma) \quad \forall x \in H$$

## WPBE and Nash Equilibrium

Prop. 9.C.1:  $\sigma$  is a Nash Equilibrium

$\Leftrightarrow \exists \mu$  such that

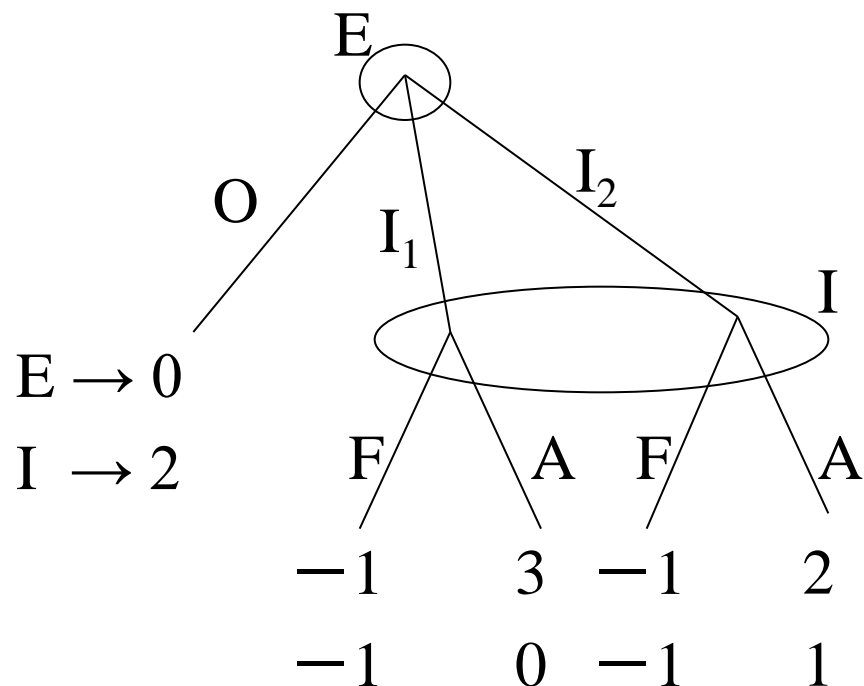
(i)  $\sigma$  is sequentially rational given  $\mu$

at  $H$  with  $\text{Prob}(H \mid \sigma) > 0$ .

(ii)  $\mu$  is derived from  $\sigma$  by Bayes' rule whenever possible.

Cor.:  $(\sigma, \mu)$  is a WPBE  $\rightarrow \sigma$  is a Nash Equilibrium

## WPBE in Ex.9.C.1

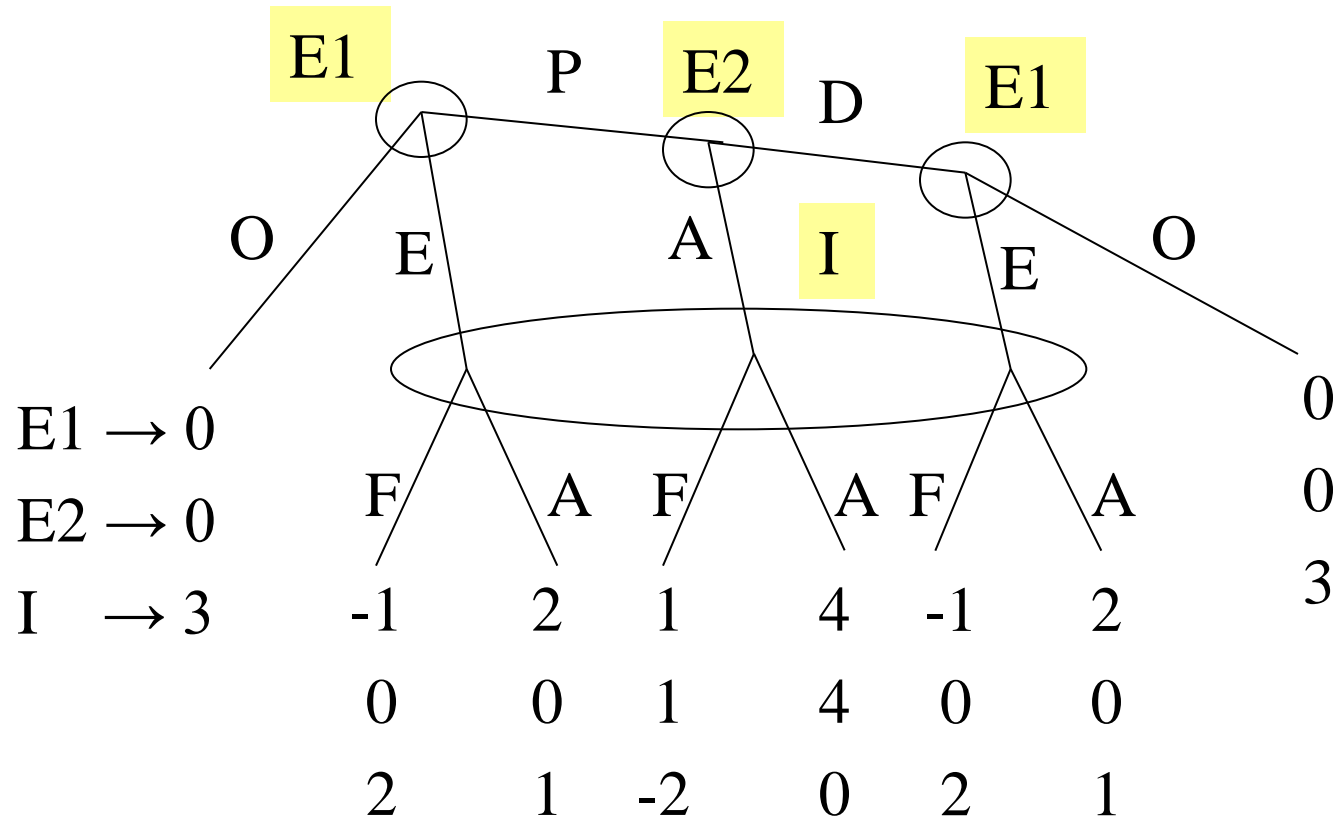


Nash eq (SPNE)  
 $\rightarrow (O, F), (I_1, A)$

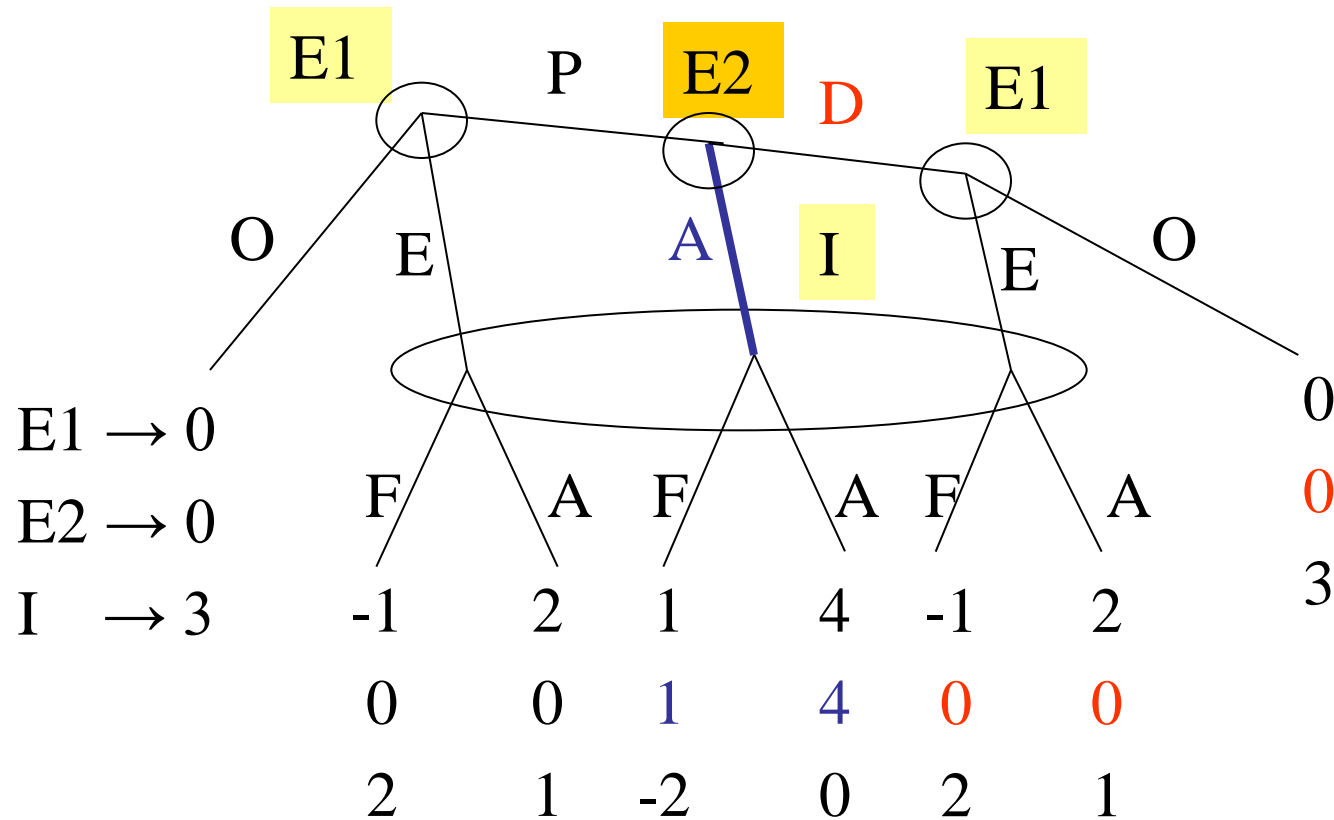
“F” is not sequentially rational  
 for any belief  
 $-1 < 0, -1 < 1$

WPBE  $\rightarrow ((I_1, A), \mu = (1, 0))$

# WPBE in Ex.9.C.2

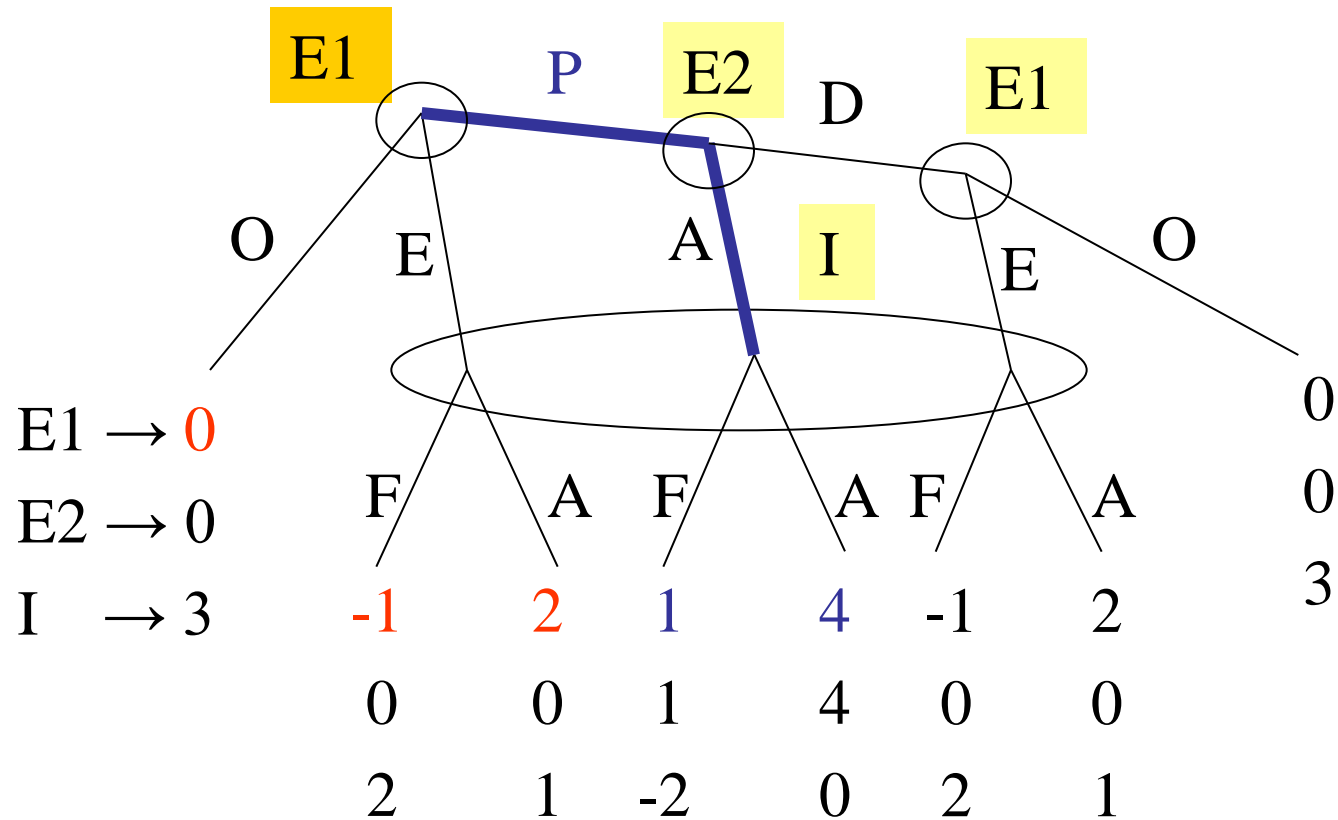


# WPBE in Ex.9.C.2



E2 plays “A” since  $1, 4 > 0$

# WPBE in Ex.9.C.2

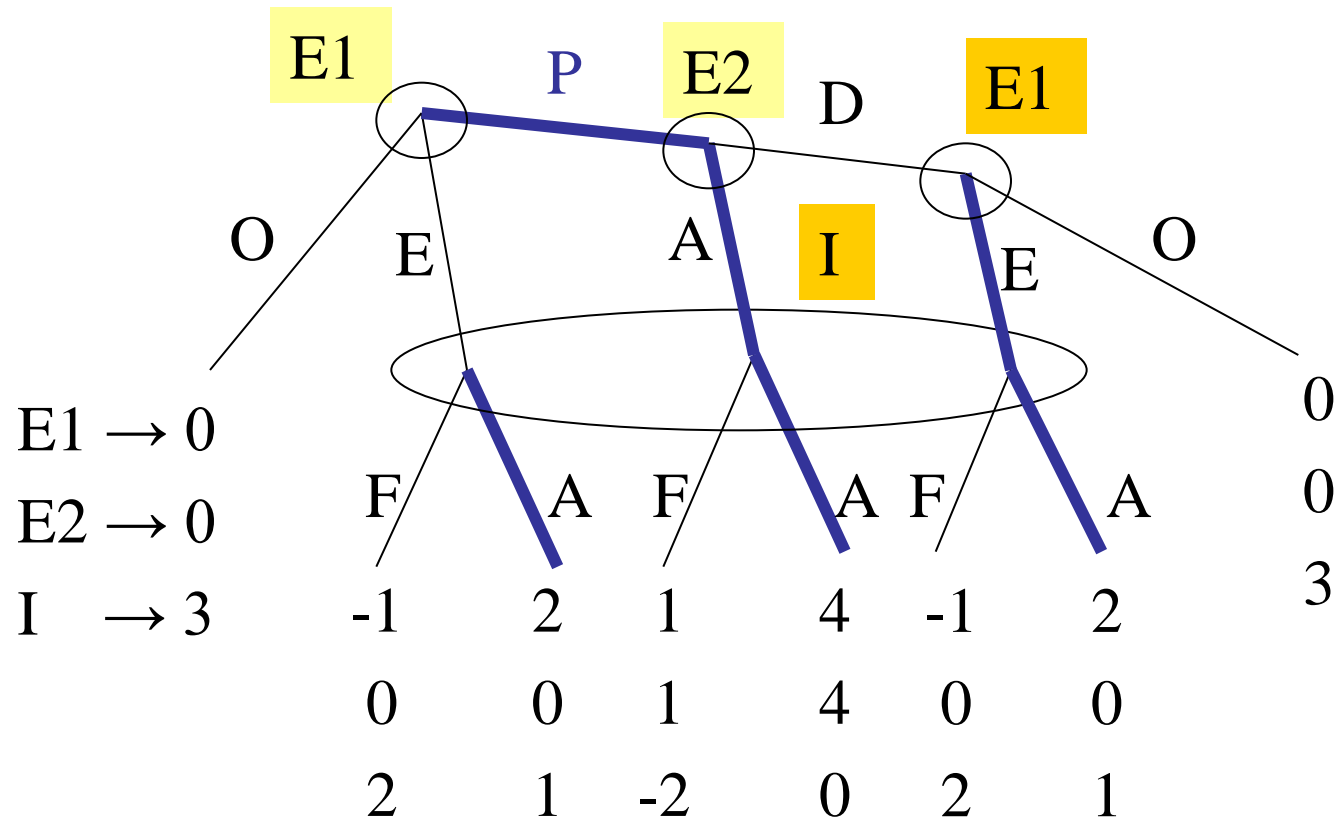


E1 plays "P" since  $4 > 2$ ,  $1 > -1 \rightarrow P > E$

$4, 1 > 0 \rightarrow P > O$



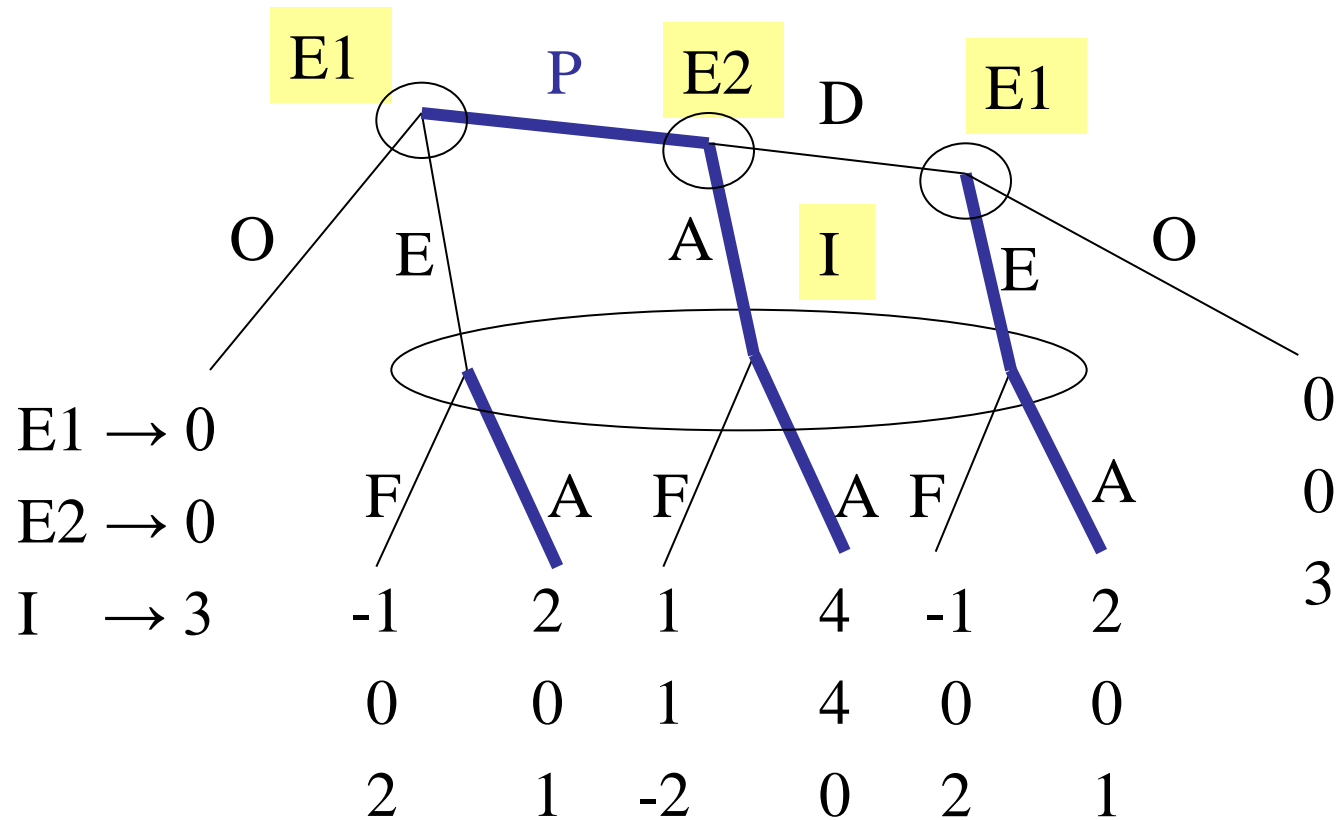
# WPBE in Ex.9.C.2



I's belief  $(0, 1, 0) \rightarrow$  I plays "A" since  $0 > -2$

Then E1 plays "E" since  $2 > 0$ .

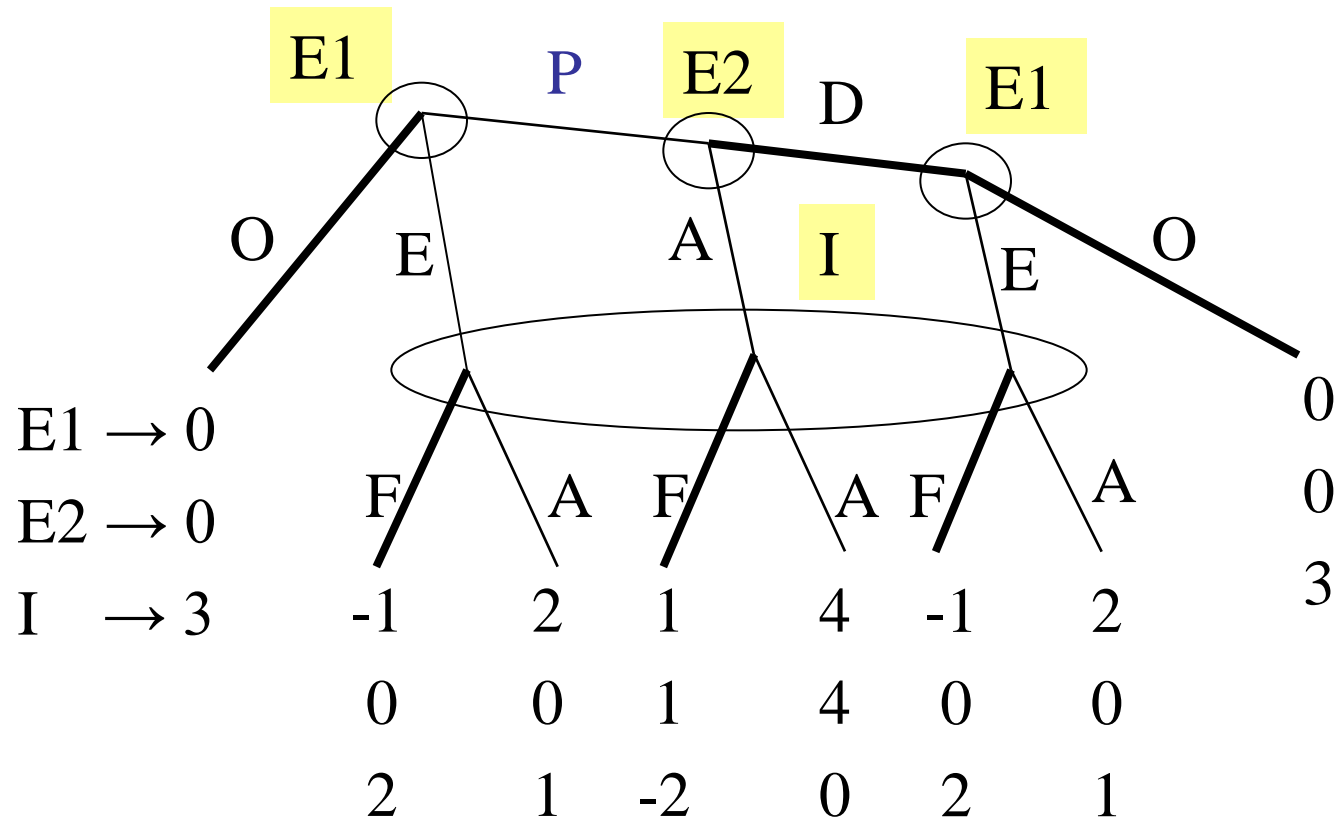
# WPBE in Ex.9.C.2



WPBE : ((P, E), (A), (A), (0, 1, 0))

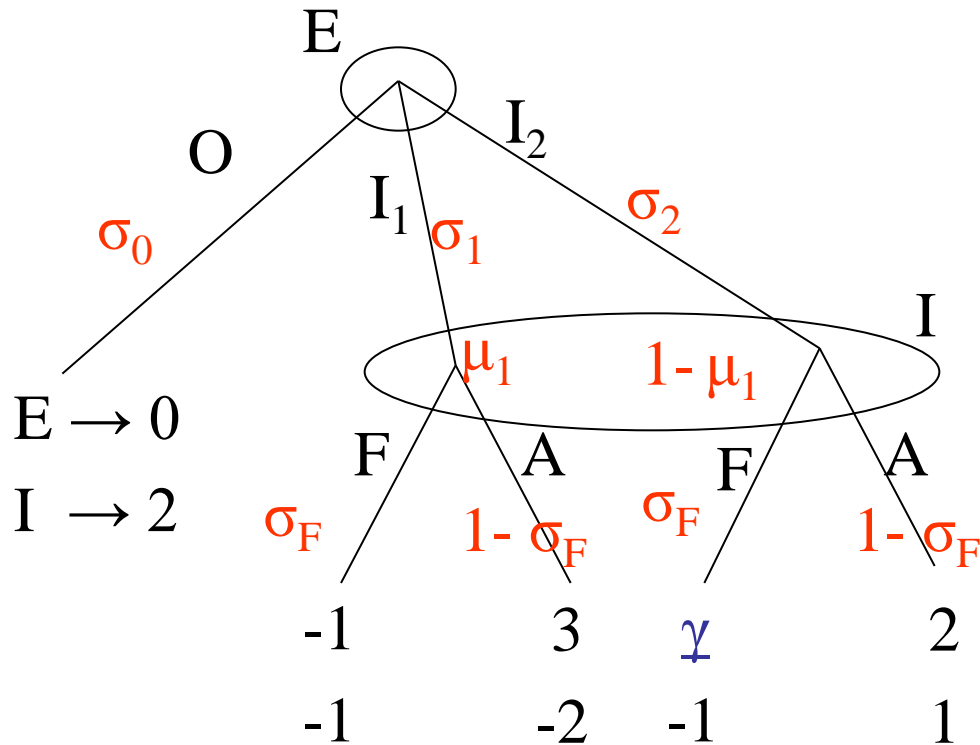
Note: ((O, O), (D), (F)) Nash eq. (SPNE)

# WPBE in Ex.9.C.2



((O, O), (D), (F)) Nash eq. (SPNE)

# WPBE in Ex.9.C.3



$$\underline{\gamma} \geq 0$$

$$(-1 < \gamma < 0 \rightarrow \text{Ex.9.C.2})$$

E's strategy:  $(\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$

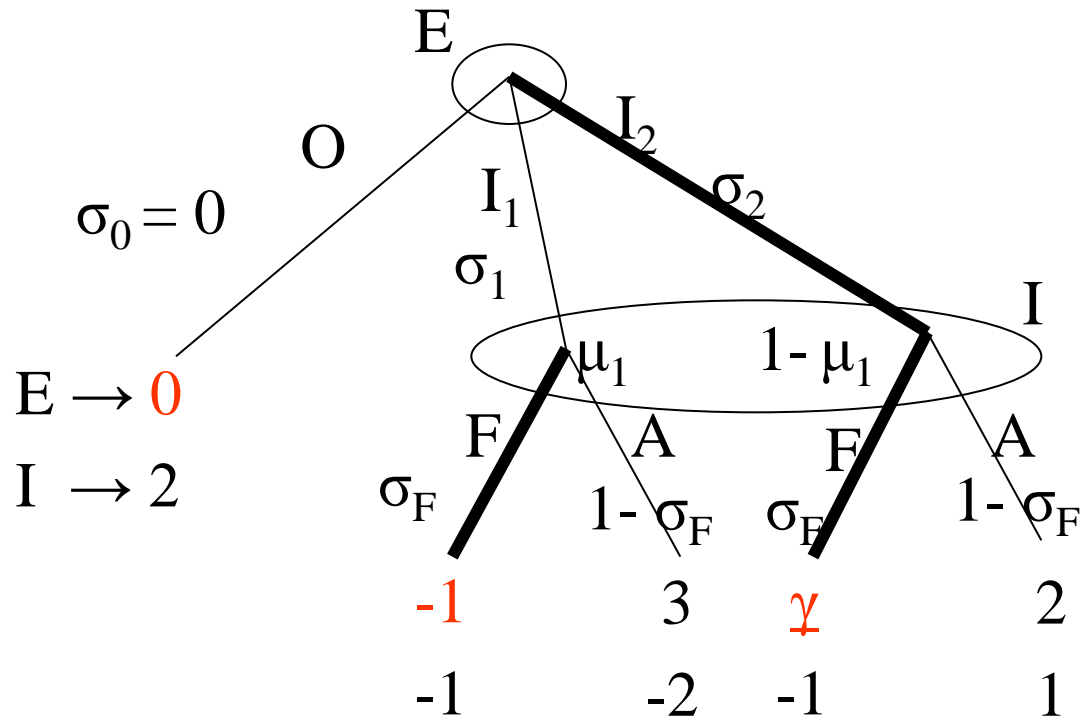
I's strategy:  $(\sigma_F, 1 - \sigma_F)$

I's belief:  $(\mu_1, 1 - \mu_1)$

$I_2$  dominates  $O \rightarrow \sigma_0 = 0$

	F	A
O	0, 2	0, 2
I <sub>1</sub>	-1, -1	3, -2
I <sub>2</sub>	$\gamma$ , 1	2, 1

# WPBE in Ex.9.C.3



$$\underline{\gamma} \geq 0$$

$$\mu_1 > 2/3 \rightarrow F$$

$$\mu_1 < 2/3 \rightarrow A$$

$$\mu_1 = 2/3 \rightarrow F \text{ or } A$$

$$F \rightarrow -1$$

$$A \rightarrow -2\mu_1 + (+1)(1 - \mu_1) = 1 - 3\mu_1$$

$$-1 > 1 - 3\mu_1 \Leftrightarrow \mu_1 > 2/3$$

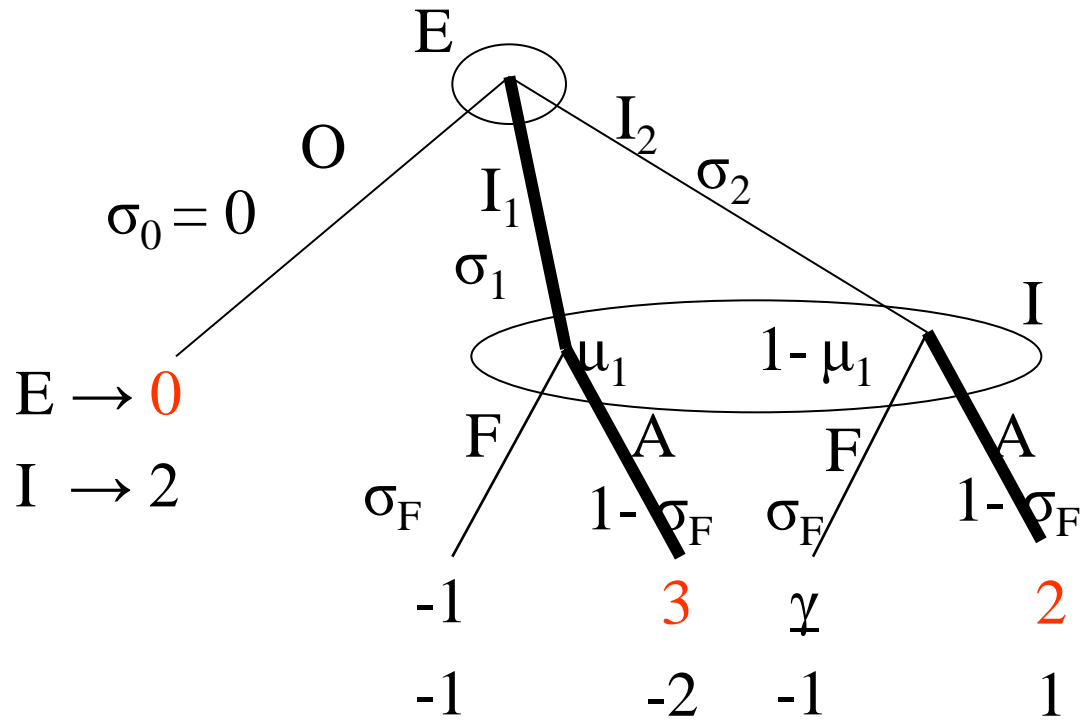
$$\underline{\mu_1} > 2/3$$

I plays F ( $\sigma_F = 1$ )

$\rightarrow$  E plays  $I_2$  since  $\gamma > 0 > -1$

$\rightarrow \mu = (0, 1)$  C! to  $\mu_1 > 2/3$

# WPBE in Ex.9.C.3



$$\underline{\gamma} \geq 0$$

$\mu_1 > 2/3 \rightarrow F$   
 $\mu_1 < 2/3 \rightarrow A$   
 $\mu_1 = 2/3 \rightarrow F \text{ or } A$

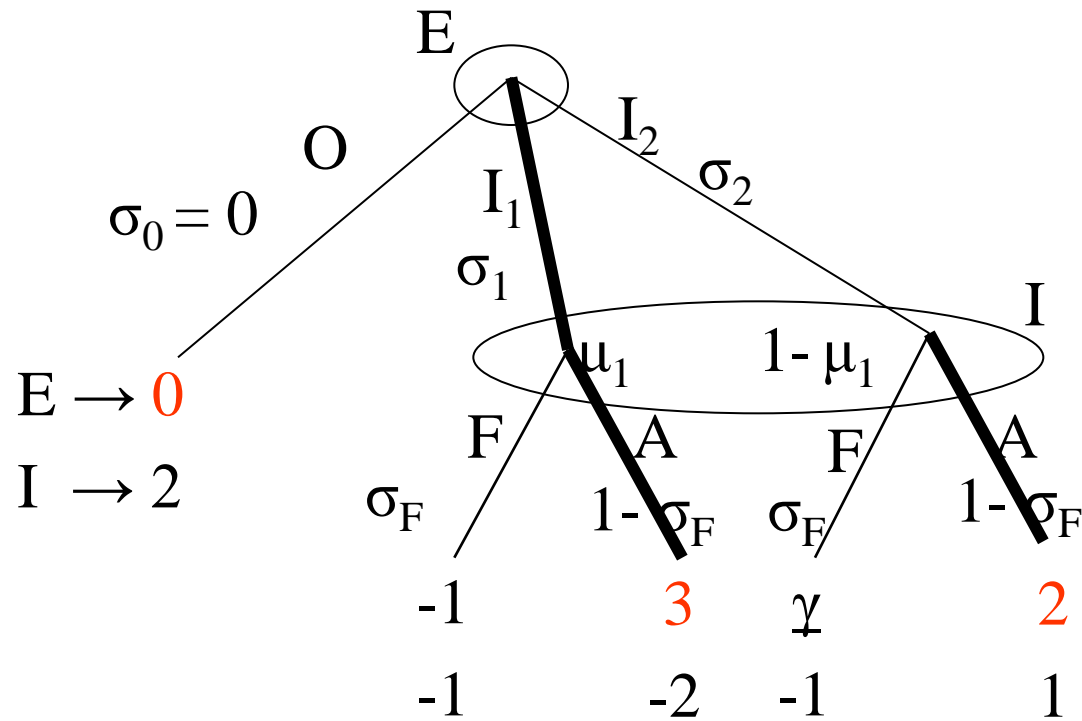
$$\underline{\mu_1} < 2/3$$

I plays A ( $\sigma_F = 0$ )

$\rightarrow$  E plays  $I_1$  since  $3 > 2 > 0$

$\rightarrow \mu = (1, 0)$  C! to  $\mu_1 < 2/3$

# WPBE in Ex.9.C.3



$$\underline{\gamma} \geq 0$$

$\mu_1 > 2/3 \rightarrow F$   
 $\mu_1 < 2/3 \rightarrow A$   
 $\mu_1 = 2/3 \rightarrow F \text{ or } A$

$$\underline{\mu_1 = 2/3}$$

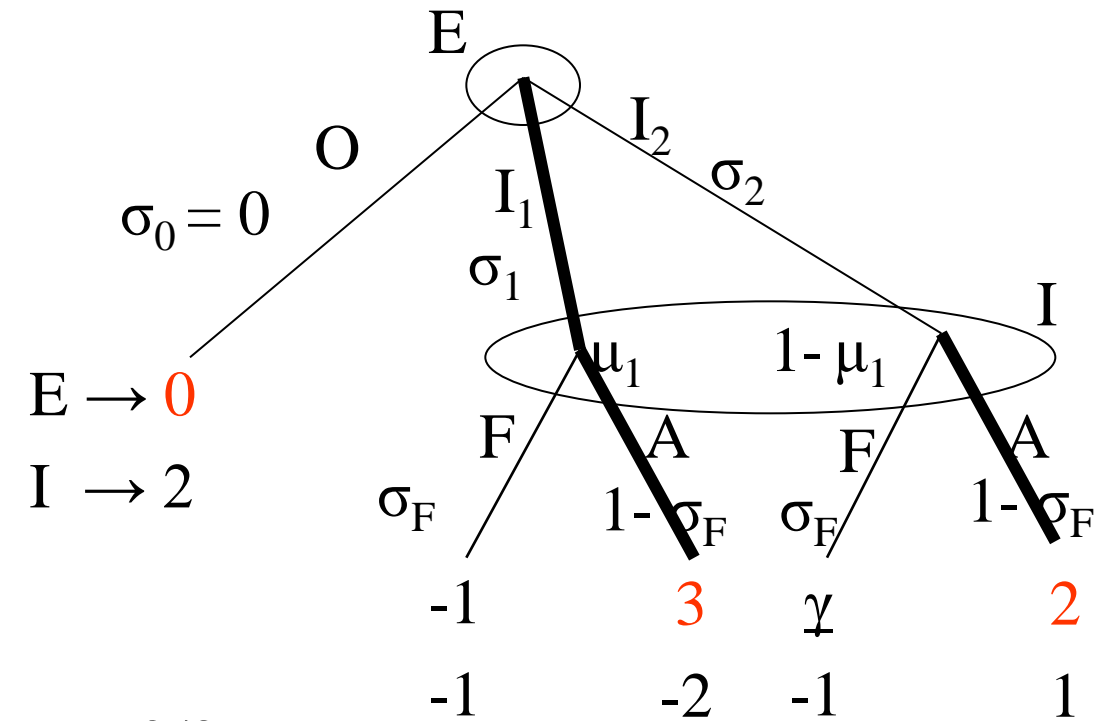
$$E : \sigma_1 = 2/3, \sigma_2 = 1/3$$

since  $\sigma_0 = 0$ ,  $\mu_1 = 2/3$  and  $\mu_2 = 1/3$

$\rightarrow E : I_1$  and  $I_2$  are indifferent under  $(\sigma_F, 1 - \sigma_F)$

since  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 > 0$

# WPBE in Ex.9.C.3



$$\underline{\gamma} \geq 0$$

$$\mu_1 > 2/3 \rightarrow F$$

$$\mu_1 < 2/3 \rightarrow A$$

$$\mu_1 = 2/3 \rightarrow F \text{ or } A$$

$$\underline{\mu_1 = 2/3}$$

E : I<sub>1</sub> and I<sub>2</sub> are indifferent under ( $\sigma_F$ ,  $1 - \sigma_F$ ) since  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2 > 0$ .

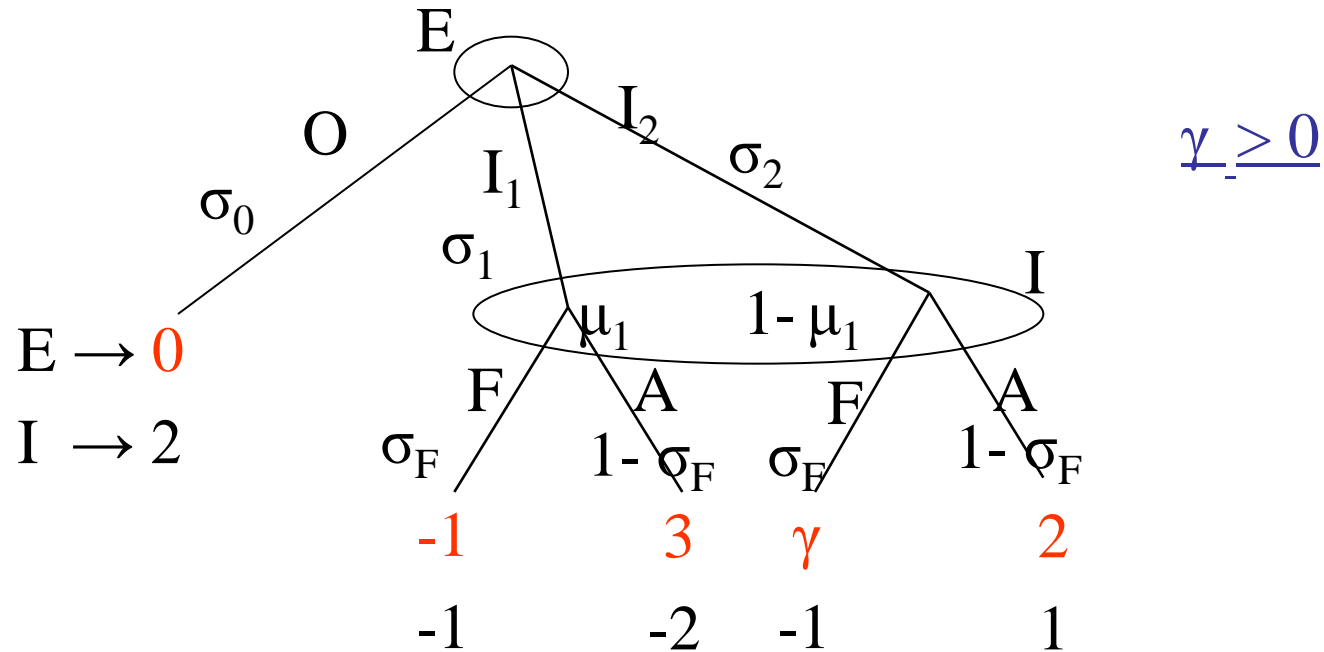
E's payoff : I<sub>1</sub>  $\rightarrow -\sigma_F + 3(1 - \sigma_F)$ , I<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow \gamma\sigma_F + 2(1 - \sigma_F)$

$$-\sigma_F + 3(1 - \sigma_F) = \gamma\sigma_F + 2(1 - \sigma_F) \rightarrow \sigma_F = 1/(\gamma + 2)$$

I's strategy : (  $1/(\gamma + 2)$ ,  $(\gamma + 1)/(\gamma + 2)$ )



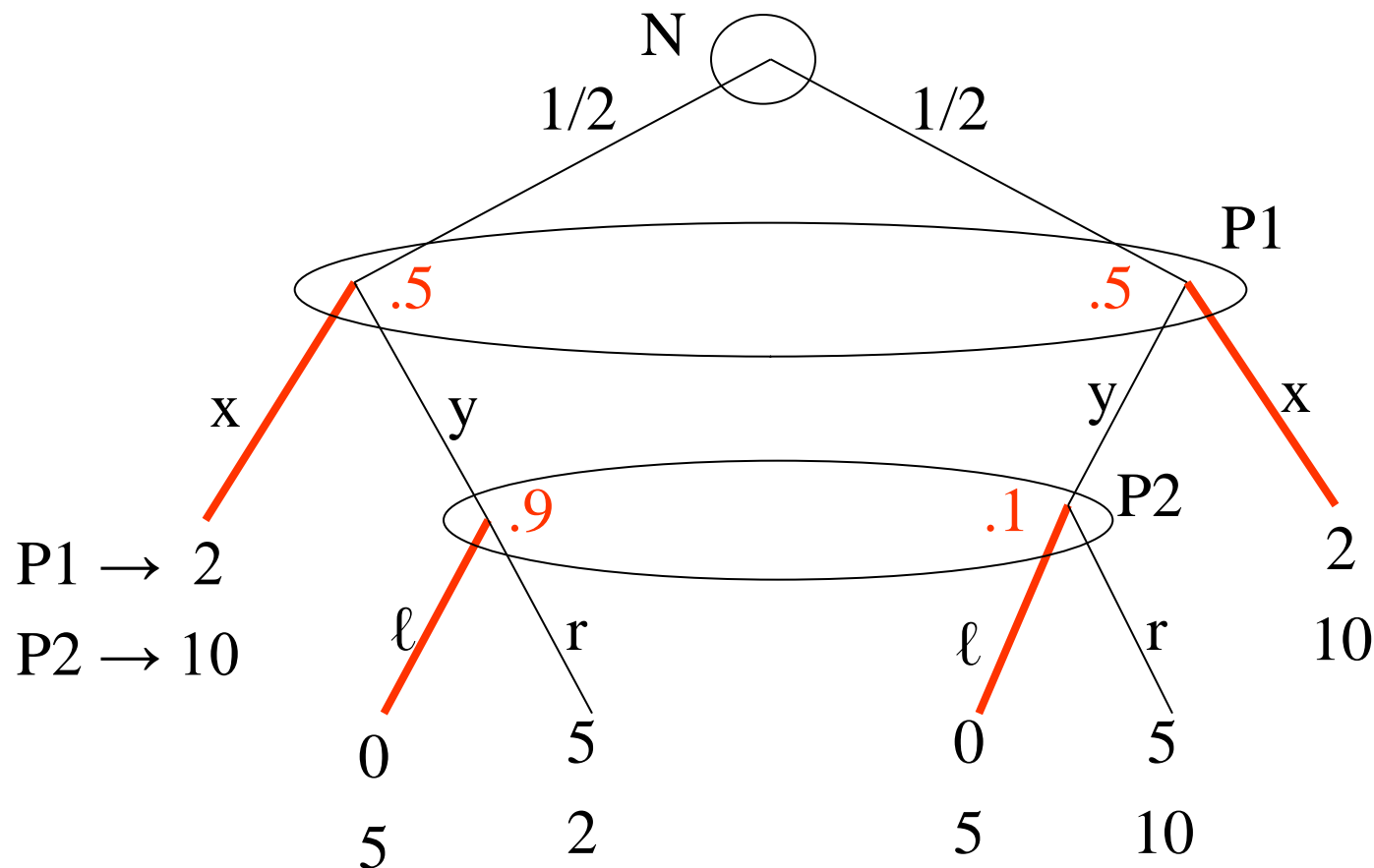
# WPBE in Ex.9.C.3



WPBE

$$((0, 2/3, 1/3), (1/(\gamma+2), (\gamma+1)/(\gamma+2)), \mu = (2/3, 1/3))$$

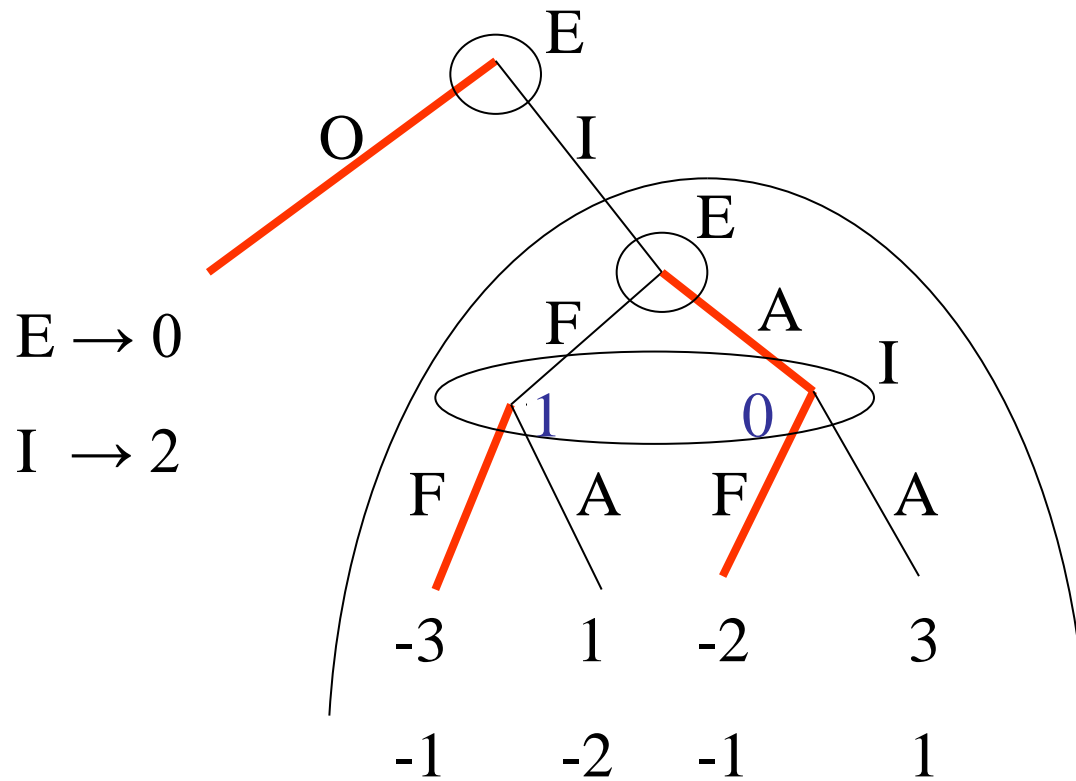
# Sequential Equilibrium (motivation, Ex.9.C.4)



$(x, \ell, (.5, .5), (.9, .1)) \rightarrow \text{WPBE}$

P2 has an arbitrary belief since his information set is not reached in equilibrium. ???

# Sequential Equilibrium (motivation, Ex.9.C.5)



$((O, A), F, (1, 0))$

$\rightarrow$  WPBE

	I	F	A
E			
F		-3, <u>-1</u>	1, -2
A		<u>-2</u> , -1	<u>3</u> , <u>1</u>

Nash eq  $\rightarrow$  (A, A)

$((O, A), F)$  is not SPNE



## Sequential Equilibrium (definition)

Def. 9.C.4:  $(\sigma, \mu)$  is a sequential equilibrium (SE) if

(i)  $\sigma$  is sequentially rational given  $\mu$  ;

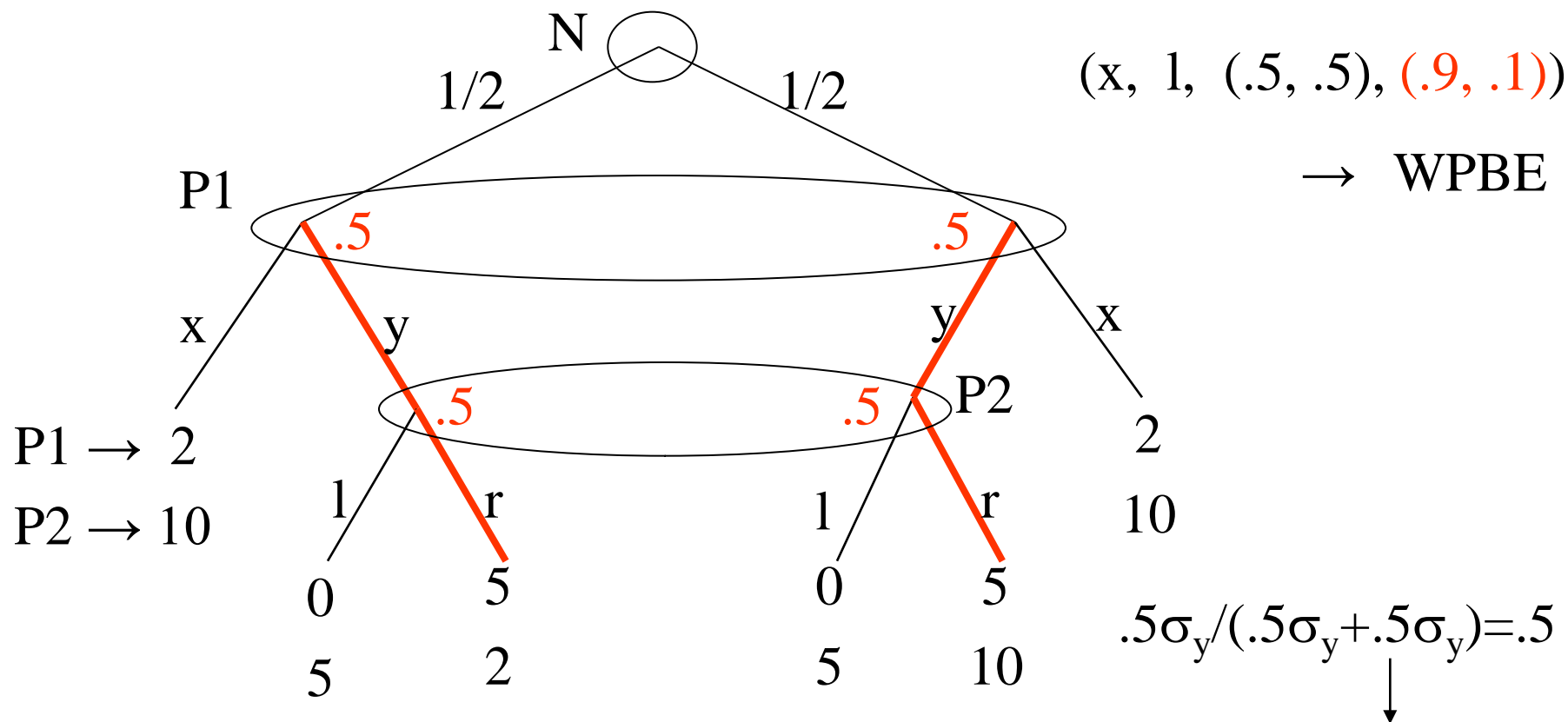
(ii)  $\exists$  a sequence of completely mixed strategies  $\{\sigma^k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$

with  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sigma^k = \sigma$  such that  $\mu = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu^k$

where  $\mu^k$  is the set of beliefs derived from  $\sigma^k$

using Bayes' rule.

# Sequential Equilibrium (Ex. 9.C.4)



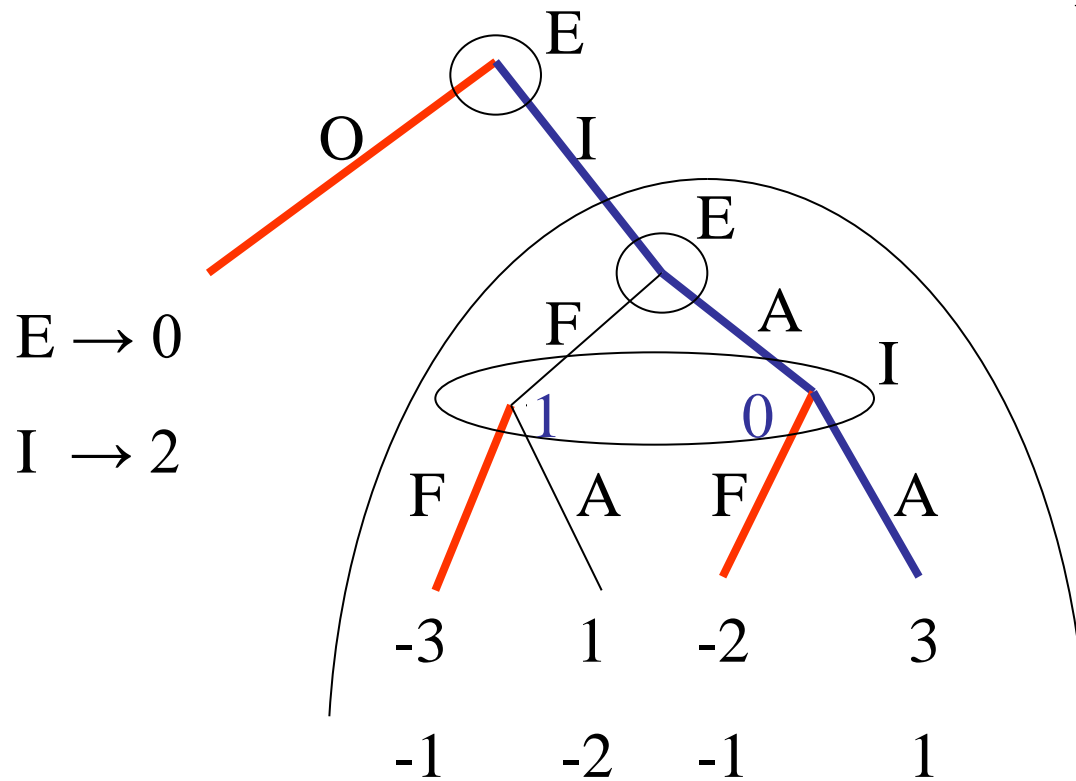
For any comp. mixed strategy  $(\sigma_x, \sigma_y)$ , P2's belief =  $(.5, .5)$

P2's choice must be "r" since  $5 < 2 \times .5 + 10 \times .5 = 6$

P1's choice must be "y" since  $2 < 5$

SE  $\rightarrow (y, r, (.5, .5), (.5, .5))$

# Sequential Equilibrium (Ex. 9.C.5)



WPBE  $\rightarrow ((O,A), F, (1,0))$

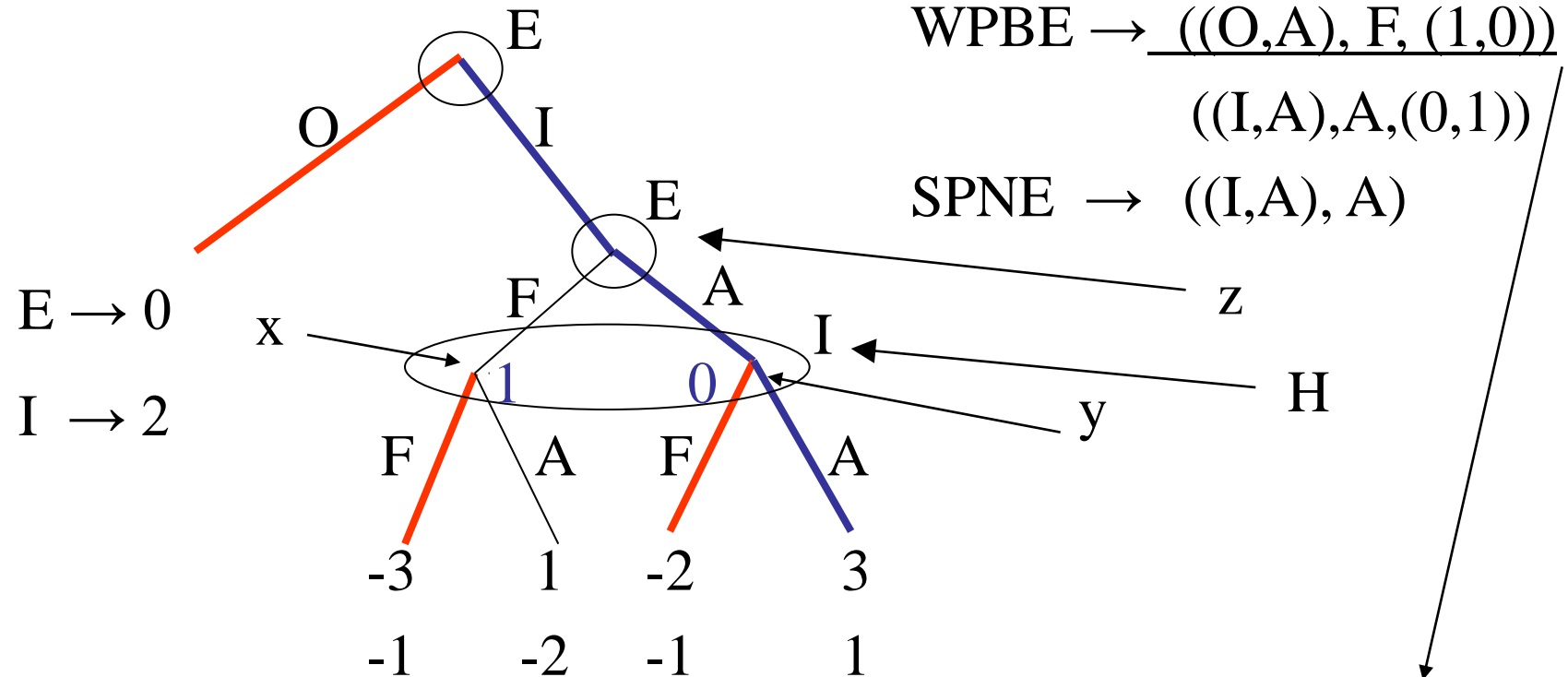
$((I, A), A, (0,1))$

SPNE  $\rightarrow ((I,A), A)$

	I	F	A
E			
F		-3, <u>-1</u>	1, -2
A		<u>-2</u> , -1	<u>3</u> , <u>1</u>

SE must contain (A, A). ( $\rightarrow$  next slide)

# Sequential Equilibrium (Ex. 9.C.5)

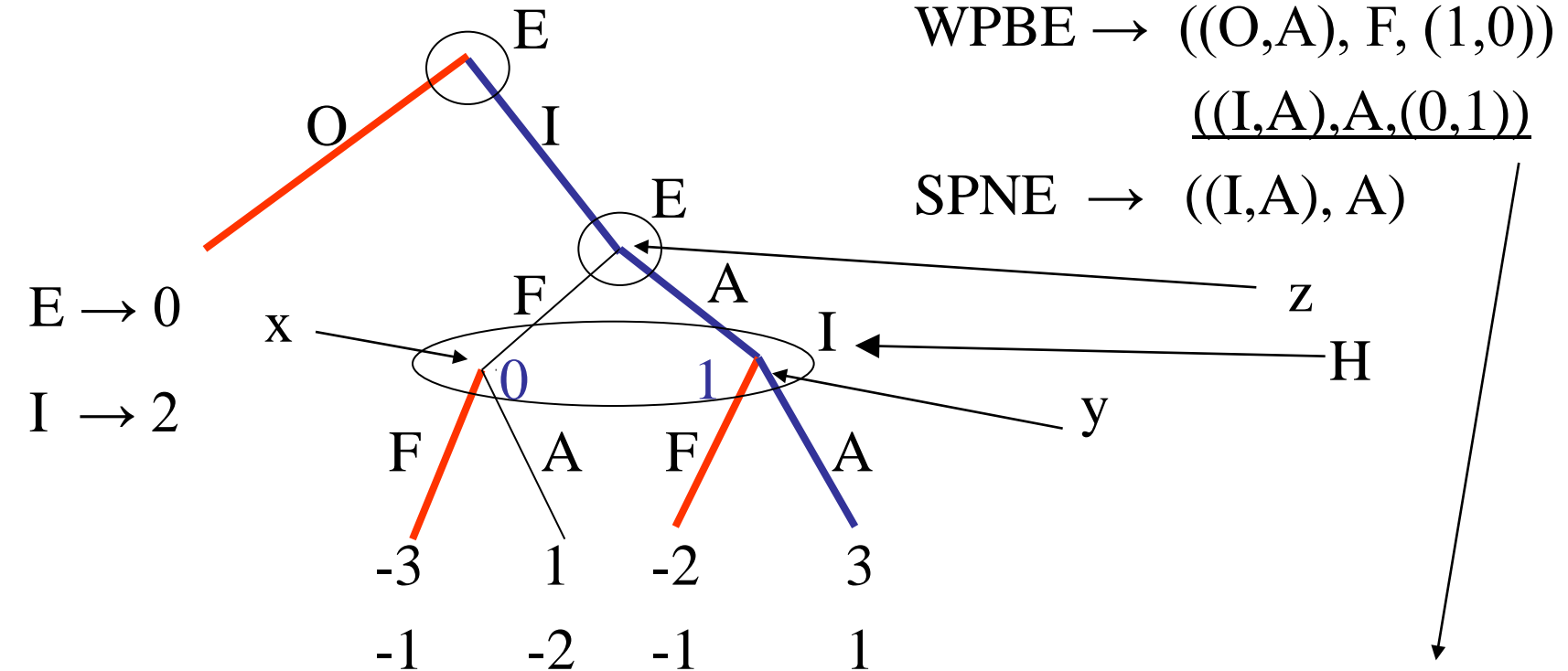


$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{\sigma_E}(O) = 1, \underline{\sigma_E}(I) = 0, \underline{\sigma_E}(F) = 0, \underline{\sigma_E}(A) = 1, \underline{\sigma_I}(F) = 1, \underline{\sigma_I}(A) = 0 \\ & \rightarrow \sigma_E^k(O) = 1 - \varepsilon, \sigma_E^k(I) = \varepsilon, \sigma_E^k(F) = \varepsilon', \sigma_E^k(A) = 1 - \varepsilon', \\ & \sigma_I^k(F) = 1 - \varepsilon'', \sigma_I^k(A) = \varepsilon'' \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Prob}(\text{H} \mid \sigma^k) = \sigma^k_{\text{E}}(\text{I}) = \varepsilon, \quad \text{Prob}(\text{x} \mid \sigma^k) = \sigma^k_{\text{E}}(\text{I}) \times \sigma^k_{\text{E}}(\text{F}) = \varepsilon \times \varepsilon'$$

$$\mu^k(\text{x}) = \varepsilon' \rightarrow \underline{\mu(\text{x}) = 0} \qquad \mu^k(\text{y}) = 1 - \varepsilon' \rightarrow \underline{\mu(\text{y}) = 1}$$

# Sequential Equilibrium (Ex. 9.C.5)



$$\underline{\sigma_E(O) = 0, \sigma_E(I) = 1, \sigma_E(F) = 0, \sigma_E(A) = 1, \sigma_I(F) = 0, \sigma_I(A) = 1}$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_E^k(O) = \varepsilon, \sigma_E^k(I) = 1 - \varepsilon, \sigma_E^k(F) = \varepsilon', \sigma_E^k(A) = 1 - \varepsilon',$$

$$\sigma_I^k(F) = \varepsilon'', \sigma_I^k(A) = 1 - \varepsilon''$$

$$\text{Prob}(H \mid \sigma^k) = \sigma_E^k(I) = 1 - \varepsilon, \text{Prob}(x \mid \sigma^k) = \sigma_E^k(I) \times \sigma_E^k(F) = (1 - \varepsilon) \varepsilon'$$

$$\mu^k(x) = \varepsilon' \rightarrow \underline{\mu(x) = 0} \quad \mu^k(y) = 1 - \varepsilon' \rightarrow \underline{\mu(y) = 1}$$



# Sequential Equilibrium and SPNE

Prop. 9.C.2: In every SE  $(\sigma, \mu)$ ,  $\sigma$  is an SPNE.

# Assignments

Problem Set 8 (due July 1)

Exercises (pp.301-305)

9.C.1, 9.C.2, 9.C.6 (only 9.C.3 part)

Reading Assignment:

Text, Chapter 9, pp.292-300