



Fig. 4. Sample  $TN$

TABLE VIII  
RFT AND HFT OF DESTINATION NODE  $D$

Time	$TI_{ID}$		$RFT_{t\omega_P^{ID}}$			$HFT_{t\omega_P^{ID}}$		
	LDB	UDB	$b$	$d$	$u$	$b$	$d$	$u$
$t_1$	0.3803	0.5489	0.4511	0.4646	0.0843	0.4511	0.4646	0.0843
$t_2$	0.4467	0.6492	0.3508	0.5480	0.1013	0.4010	0.5063	0.0928
$t_3$	0.4487	0.5880	0.4120	0.5184	0.0697	0.4065	0.5123	0.0812
$t_4$	0.3626	0.5670	0.4330	0.4648	0.1022	0.4197	0.4886	0.0917
$t_5$	0.4310	0.5393	0.4607	0.4852	0.0542	0.4402	0.4869	0.0729

#### E. Sample Trust Computations

We demonstrate trust computations using our toy example and a sample trust network. Fig 4 shows the sample network. We introduced notation for trust network earlier in Section II-B. As an example,  $b$  is an opinion triplet, which represents the opinion of node  $S$  on the trustworthiness of node 1 providing recommendations. All  $P_i$ s are for representing FT, i.e. opinions of nodes on trustworthiness of the measurement they collect. As explained earlier, we compute propagated trust on each path ( $tc$ ) from node  $S$  to  $D$  and then aggregate those values to find  $OTV_D$ . In our sample  $TN$ , we have the following paths:

$S - 1 - 3 - 5 - D - P_D$ ,  $S - 1 - 3 - 4 - 5 - D - P_D$ ,  
 $S - 2 - 4 - 5 - D - P_D$

We assume that Algorithm 1 is used to query the trust of water level measurement collected by the destination node  $D$  ( $OTV_D$ ). Table VIII shows  $LDB$  and  $UDB$ , associated real-time and historical opinion triplets of node  $D$  ( $RFT_{t\omega_P^{ID}}$  and  $HFT_{t\omega_P^{ID}}$ ) at different times.  $LDB$  and  $UDB$  on the first row come from our earlier MADM formulation. We generate  $LDB$  and  $UDB$  for the following rows randomly from interval  $[0.30, 0.45]$  and  $[0.50, 0.65]$ , respectively.  $RFT_{t\omega_P^{ID}}$  and  $HFT_{t\omega_P^{ID}}$  are computed respectively using (7) and (8) (We set  $\alpha = 0.5$ ). Note that the historical value on the last row is used as FT component of the  $TN$ , i.e. it is the label of the edge  $p$  in sample  $TN$ .

For other edges in the sample  $TN$ , we randomly generate trust intervals and obtain  $HRT_{t\omega_B^A}$ . These opinion triplets of links are used to compute RT. Table IX shows the  $HRT_{t\omega_B^A}$  values we use. It also displays the propagated trust value for each  $tc$ , computed by visiting each link in the given

TABLE IX  
OTV COMPUTATION FOR THE SAMPLE  $TN$

Path	Link	Historical Opinion			$TV_{tc}$		
		$b$	$d$	$u$	$b$	$d$	$u$
1	b	0.4916	0.4456	0.0628	0.4916	0.4456	0.0628
1	f	0.0269	0.9529	0.0203	0.1503	0.1362	0.7135
1	k	0.4498	0.4934	0.0568	0.0802	0.0727	0.8470
1	n	0.4674	0.4666	0.0661	0.0408	0.0370	0.9222
<b>OTV_D:</b>					0.0408	0.0370	0.9222
2	b	0.4916	0.4456	0.0628	0.4916	0.4456	0.0628
2	f	0.0269	0.9529	0.0203	0.1503	0.1362	0.7135
2	h	0.1787	0.4149	0.4065	0.0351	0.0318	0.9331
2	l	0.0961	0.7470	0.1570	0.0036	0.0033	0.9932
2	n	0.4674	0.4666	0.0661	0.0017	0.0015	0.9968
<b>OTV_D:</b>					0.0423	0.0383	0.9194
3	c	0.1817	0.6065	0.2118	0.1817	0.6065	0.2118
3	g	0.0067	0.9854	0.0079	0.0056	0.0187	0.9757
3	l	0.0961	0.7470	0.1570	0.0006	0.0018	0.9976
3	n	0.4674	0.4666	0.0661	0.0003	0.0009	0.9989
<b>OTV_D:</b>					0.0425	0.0391	0.9185
<b>HFT<math>_{t\omega_P^{ID}}</math></b>					0.4402	0.4869	0.0729
<b>OTV_D:</b>					<b>0.4407</b>	<b>0.4868</b>	<b>0.0725</b>

order and by using (9). For demonstration purposes, we select  $g(x) = x_b$  in  $\boxtimes$  operation. For example,  $TV_{tc}$  on the second row of path 2 is obtained by:  $b \boxtimes f = {}^{HRT_t} \omega_1^S \boxtimes {}^{HRT_t} \omega_3^1$ . At the end of the section for each path,  $OTV_D$  is updated with final  $TV_{tc}$  using (10). Finally, the table shows the  $OTV_D = (0.4407, 0.4868, 0.0725)$  as an aggregation of all  $TV_{tc}$ s and  $HFT_{t\omega_P^{ID}}$ , highlighted as bold in the table. As seen from the table, when trust values are propagated through a  $tc$ , uncertainty increases. On the other hand, when we aggregate trust values from different  $tc$ s, uncertainty decreases, which means that more evidence is gathered by aggregation from alternative sources.