

Making the constant step size independent of initial bias :-

When just had the step size $\alpha_n = \alpha = \text{constant}$,
we have,

$$Q_{n+1} = Q_n + \alpha[R_n - Q_n]$$

which expanded to

$$\text{eq (1)} \quad Q_n = (1-\alpha)^n Q_1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha (1-\alpha)^{n-i} R_i$$

here Q_1 has a non-zero coefficient (∵ $0 \leq \alpha < 1$)
hence there is an initial bias.

but if we change the step size to β , where:-

$$\beta_n = \frac{\alpha}{\bar{\alpha}_n}, \quad n = \text{step no.}$$

$$\text{and } \bar{\alpha}_n = \bar{\alpha}_{n-1} + \alpha(1 - \bar{\alpha}_{n-1})$$

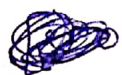
$$\forall n \geq 0$$

$$\text{with } \bar{\alpha}_0 = 0$$

will give us the benefits of
step size at the same time,
remove initial bias (Q_1)

$$\text{So, } Q_{n+1} = Q_n + \beta_n (R_n - Q_n) = Q_n + \frac{\alpha}{\bar{\alpha}_n} (R_n - Q_n)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{\bar{\alpha}_n} R_n + Q_n \frac{(1-\alpha)\bar{\alpha}_{n-1}}{\bar{\alpha}_n}$$



$$= \frac{\alpha}{\bar{\alpha}_n} R_n + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\bar{\alpha}_{n-1}} R_{n-1} + Q_{n-1} \frac{(1-\alpha)\bar{\alpha}_{n-2}}{\bar{\alpha}_{n-1}} \right) \frac{(1-\alpha)\bar{\alpha}_{n-1}}{\bar{\alpha}_n} \quad \left[\text{using telescopic and } \bar{\alpha}_n - \alpha = \bar{\alpha}_{n-1}(1-\alpha) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\alpha}{\bar{O}_n} R_n + \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha) R_{n-1}}{\bar{O}_n} + Q_{n-1} \frac{(1-\alpha)^2 \bar{O}_{n-2}}{\bar{O}_n} \\
&= \frac{\alpha}{\bar{O}_n} R_n + \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{\bar{O}_n} R_{n-1} + \left[\frac{\alpha}{\bar{O}_{n-2}} R_{n-2} + Q_{n-2} \frac{(1-\alpha) \bar{O}_{n-3}}{\bar{O}_{n-2}} \right] \frac{(1-\alpha)^2 \bar{O}_{n-2}}{\bar{O}_n} \\
&= \frac{\alpha R_n}{\bar{O}_n} + \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{\bar{O}_n} R_{n-1} + \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)^2 R_{n-2}}{\bar{O}_n} + Q_{n-2} \frac{(1-\alpha)^3 \bar{O}_{n-3}}{\bar{O}_n} \\
&= \frac{\alpha}{\bar{O}_n} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} R_{n-i} (1-\alpha)^i \right] + Q_1 \frac{\bar{O}_0 (1-\alpha)^n}{\bar{O}_n} \rightarrow \text{following the pattern.} \\
&\quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow = \text{zero, } \because \bar{O}_0 = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{\alpha}{\bar{O}_n} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} R_{n-i} (1-\alpha)^i \right] \right] = Q_{n+1} \quad \text{--- eq (2) ---} \rightarrow \text{no initial bias here}$$

So,

$$Q_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha}{\bar{O}_n} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} R_{n-i} (1-\alpha)^i \right]$$

Here there is no effect of $Q_1 \rightarrow$ initial value.

Now, we need to show that Q_{n+1} is indeed a weighted-average.

So, $\frac{\alpha}{\bar{O}_n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1-\alpha)^i = 1 \rightarrow$ To prove — eq(3)

we had $\bar{O}_n = \bar{O}_{n-1} (1-\alpha) + \alpha$

$$= (1-\alpha)^2 \bar{O}_{n-2} + (1-\alpha)\alpha + \alpha$$

$$= (1-\alpha)^3 \bar{O}_{n-3} + (1-\alpha)^2 \alpha + (1-\alpha)\alpha + \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{O}_n = (1-\alpha)^n \bar{O}_0 + \alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1-\alpha)^i$$

$\bar{O}_0 = 0$ (zero)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\bar{O}_n}{\alpha} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1-\alpha)^i \Rightarrow \bar{O}_n = \alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1-\alpha)^i = 1 - (1-\alpha)^n$$

∴ in eq(3) :-

$$\frac{\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1-\alpha)^i}{\alpha \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1-\alpha)^i} = 1 \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

and Q_{n+1} is indeed exponential recency weighted

∴ weight of R_i is $\frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)^{n-i}}{(1-(1-\alpha)^n)} \rightarrow$ this weight

is exponentially decreasing as 'n' increases

$$\therefore \underline{0 < (1-\alpha) < 1}$$

a) n increases, $n-i$ increases and ~~∴~~ ~~∴~~
∴ $(1-\alpha)^{n-i}$ decreases.

Now we need to prove convergence, so :-

$$I) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad II) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n^2 < \infty$$

for I) $\beta_n = \frac{\alpha}{Q_n} = \frac{\alpha}{1-(1-\alpha)^n}$ / now $0 \leq \alpha < 1$

so, $0 \leq 1-\alpha < 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq (1-\alpha)^n < 1 \quad \forall n \in \text{Int.}$

so, ~~∴~~ $0 \leq 1-(1-\alpha)^n < 1, \forall n \in \text{Int}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-(1-\alpha)^n} > 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\alpha}{1-(1-\alpha)^n} > \alpha} \quad \forall n \in \text{Int}$$

and we know $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha = \infty$, ∴ $\alpha = \text{a constant}$

$$\text{so, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha}{1-(1-\alpha)^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\geq \alpha) = \underline{\underline{\infty}}$$