

(a) Initialization:

At $k=0$,

we have $N_0(s_t) = 0$, $G_0(s_t) = 0$, $V_0(s_t) = 0$, $W_0(s_t) = 0$

$$V_0(s_t) = W_0(s_t) = 0$$

At $k=1$:

we have $N_1(s_t) = 1$, $G_1 = g_t^{(1)}$, $V_1 = \frac{G_1}{N_1} = g_t^{(1)}$, $W_1 = \frac{g_t^{(1)}}{N_1} = g_t^{(1)} = V_1$

So $V_k = W_k$ holds for $k=0$, $k=1$, $V_k = \frac{G_k}{N_k}$ holds for $k=1$

Maintenance:

Suppose at $k=i$, we have $V_i(s_t) = W_i(s_t)$, $V_i(s_t) = \frac{G_i(s_t)}{N_i(s_t)}$

At $k=i+1$:

$$N_{i+1}(s_t) = N_i(s_t) + 1$$

$$G_{i+1}(s_t) = G_i(s_t) + g_t^{(i+1)}$$

$$V_{i+1}(s_t) = G_{i+1}(s_t) / N_{i+1}(s_t)$$

$$= (G_i + g_t^{(i+1)}) / (N_i + 1)$$

$$V_{i+1} N_i + V_{i+1} = G_i + g_t^{(i+1)}$$

$$V_{i+1} + V_{i+1} / N_i = V_i + g_t^{(i+1)} / N_i$$

$$V_{i+1} = \frac{N_i}{N_{i+1}} (V_i + \frac{1}{N_i} g_t^{(i+1)})$$

$$= \frac{N_i}{N_{i+1}} V_i + \frac{1}{N_{i+1}} g_t^{(i+1)}$$

$$W_{i+1}(s_t) = W_i(s_t) + \frac{1}{N_{i+1}(s_t)} (g_t^{(i+1)} - W_i(s_t))$$

$$= V_i + \frac{1}{N_{i+1}} (g_t^{(i+1)} - V_i)$$

$$= \frac{N_i}{N_{i+1}} V_i + \frac{1}{N_{i+1}} g_t^{(i+1)} = V_{i+1}(s_t)$$

Since the assumption holds for $k=1$, by induction,

$W_k(s_t) = V_k(s_t)$ holds for $k \geq 1$

In all, $W_k(s_t) = V_k(s_t)$ holds for $k \geq 0$