

Lemma 6.15

Proof:

 $\forall \lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$V[\lambda p_1 + (1-\lambda)p_2] = \min_{\pi \in \Delta} V_{\pi}(\lambda p_1 + (1-\lambda)p_2)$$

Since policies in  $\Delta$  are independent of initial probability, it follows from the interpretation of the state as a probability that for  $\pi \in \Delta$

$$V_{\pi}[\lambda p_1 + (1-\lambda)p_2] = \lambda V_{\pi}(p_1) + (1-\lambda)V_{\pi}(p_2)$$

However,

$$\begin{aligned} V[\lambda p_1 + (1-\lambda)p_2] &= \min_{\pi \in \Delta} \{ \lambda V_{\pi}(p_1) + (1-\lambda)V_{\pi}(p_2) \} \\ &\geq \min_{\pi \in \Delta} \lambda V_{\pi}(p_1) + \min_{\pi \in \Delta} (1-\lambda)V_{\pi}(p_2) \\ &= \lambda V(p_1) + (1-\lambda)V(p_2). \end{aligned}$$

Then the lemma is proven.