## Appendix

## A.1 Proof of Theorem 1

**Theorem 1** (Backward consistency of U-SGD with sample average). If the feature representation is tabular, the vectors **u** and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  are initially set to zero, and  $0 \leq \eta < 1$ , then U-SGD defined by (5)-(7) degenerates to the recency-weighted average estimator defined by (3) and (4), in the sense that each component of the parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}$  of U-SGD becomes the recency-weighted average estimator of the corresponding input.

*Proof.* Consider that t samples have been observed and among them  $t_x$  samples correspond to input x. Hence,  $\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} t_x = t$ . Let  $Y_{x,k}$  denote the kth output corresponding to input x. Then the recency-weighted average estimator of v(x) given overall data up to t can be equivalently redefined in the following way:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{V}_{t_x+1} &\doteq \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{t_x} (1-\eta)^{t_x-k} Y_{x,k}}{\sum_{k=1}^{t_x} (1-\eta)^{t_x-k}} \\ &= \tilde{V}_{t_x} + \frac{1}{\tilde{U}_{t_x+1}} \left( Y_{x,t_x} - \tilde{V}_{t_x} \right); \quad \tilde{V}_1 = 0, \\ \tilde{U}_{t_x+1} &\doteq (1-\eta) \tilde{U}_{t_x} + 1; \qquad \tilde{U}_1 = 0. \end{split}$$

Consider that the *i*th feature corresponds to input *x*. Then it is equivalent to prove that  $[\theta_{t+1}]_i = V_{t_x+1}$ , where  $[\cdot]_i$  denotes the *i*th component of a vector.

We prove by induction. First we show that  $[\mathbf{u}_{t+1}]_i = \tilde{U}_{t_x+1}$ . By assumption,  $[\mathbf{u}_1]_i = \tilde{U}_1 = 0$ . Now, consider that  $[\mathbf{u}_t]_i = \tilde{U}_{(t-1)_x+1}$ . Then the *i*th component of  $\mathbf{u}_{t+1}$  can be written as

$$[\mathbf{u}_{t+1}]_i = (1 - \eta [\phi_t]_i^2) [\mathbf{u}_t]_i + [\phi_t]_i^2.$$

If the *t*th input is not *x*, then  $t_x = (t-1)_x$  and  $[\phi_t]_i = 0$ . Hence

$$[\mathbf{u}_{t+1}]_i = (1-0)\tilde{U}_{(t-1)_x+1} + 0 = \tilde{U}_{(t-1)_x+1} = \tilde{U}_{t_x+1}.$$

On the other hand, if the *t*th input is x, then  $t_x = (t-1)_x + 1$  and  $[\phi_t]_i = 1$ . Hence,

$$[\mathbf{u}_{t+1}]_i = (1-\eta)\tilde{U}_{(t-1)_x+1} + 1 = (1-\eta)\tilde{U}_{t_x} + 1 = \tilde{U}_{t_x+1}.$$

Hence,  $[\alpha_{t+1}]_i = \frac{1}{\tilde{U}_{t_x+1}}$ , if  $t_x > 0$ , or  $[\alpha_{t+1}]_i = 0$ , otherwise.

Now, by assumption,  $[\theta_1]_i = \tilde{V}_1 = 0$ . Consider  $[\theta_t]_i = \tilde{V}_{(t-1)_x+1}$  and  $t_x > 0$ . Then the *i*th component of  $\theta_{t+1}$  can be written as

$$\begin{split} [\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}]_i &= [\boldsymbol{\theta}_t]_i + [\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1}]_i \left(Y_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^{\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}_t\right) [\boldsymbol{\phi}_t]_i \\ &= \tilde{V}_{(t-1)_x+1} + \frac{1}{\tilde{U}_{t_x+1}} \left(Y_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^{\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}_t\right) [\boldsymbol{\phi}_t]_i \end{split}$$

If the *t*th input is not *x*, then  $[\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}]_i = \tilde{V}_{(t-1)_x+1} + 0 = \tilde{V}_{t_x+1}$ .

On the other hand, if the tth input is x, then  $Y_t = Y_{x,t_x}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} [\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}]_i &= \tilde{V}_{(t-1)_x+1} + \frac{1}{\tilde{U}_{t_x+1}} \left( Y_{x,t_x} - \tilde{V}_{(t-1)_x+1} \right) \\ &= \tilde{V}_{t_x} + \frac{1}{\tilde{U}_{t_x+1}} \left( Y_{x,t_x} - \tilde{V}_{t_x} \right) = \tilde{V}_{t_x+1}. \end{aligned}$$

The only case that is left is when  $t_x = 0$ . In this case, the *t*th input cannot be *x*, and  $\tilde{V}_{t_x+1} = \tilde{V}_{(t-1)_x+1} = \cdots = \tilde{V}_1 = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} [\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}]_i &= [\boldsymbol{\theta}_t]_i + [\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1}]_i \left( Y_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) [\boldsymbol{\phi}_t]_i \\ &= \tilde{V}_{(t-1)_x+1} + 0 \cdot \left( Y_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \cdot 0 \\ &= 0 = \tilde{V}_{t_x+1}. \quad \Box \end{aligned}$$

#### A.2 Proof of Theorem 2

**Theorem 2** (Backward consistency of WIS-SGD-1 with WIS). If the feature representation is tabular, the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  are initially set to zero, and  $0 \le \eta < 1$ , then WIS-SGD-1 defined by (10)-(12) degenerates to recency-weighted WIS defined by (8) and (9) with  $Y_k \doteq G_k^{t+1}$  and  $W_k \doteq \rho_k^{t+1}$ , in the sense that each component of the parameter vector of WIS-SGD-1  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}^{t+1}$  becomes the recency-weighted WIS estimator of the corresponding input.

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 1.

Consider that data is available up to time t + 1, among which state s was visited on  $t_s$  steps. Let  $G_{s,k}^{t+1}$  denote the kth flat truncated return originated from state s and  $\rho_{s,k}^{t+1}$  its corresponding importance-sampling ratio. Then the recency-weighted WIS estimator of v(s) given overall data up to t + 1 can be equivalently redefined in the following way:

$$\begin{split} \bar{V}_{t_s+1}^{t+1} &\doteq \bar{V}_{t_s}^{t+1} + \frac{\rho_{s,t_s}^{t+1}}{\bar{U}_{t_s+1}^{t+1}} \left( G_{s,t_s}^{t+1} - \bar{V}_{t_s}^{t+1} \right); \quad \bar{V}_0^{t+1} = 0, \\ \bar{U}_{t_s+1}^{t+1} &\doteq (1-\eta)\bar{U}_{t_s}^{t+1} + \rho_{s,t_s}^{t+1}; \qquad \bar{U}_0^{t+1} = 0. \end{split}$$

Consider that the *i*th feature corresponds to input *s*. Then it is equivalent to prove that  $[\theta_{t+1}^{t+1}]_i = \bar{V}_{t_s+1}^{t+1}$ , where  $[\cdot]_i$  denotes the *i*th component of a vector. By abuse of notation, we drop all the t+1 from superscripts, as it is redundant in this proof.

We prove by induction. First we show that  $[\mathbf{u}_{t+1}]_i = \overline{U}_{t_s+1}$ . By assumption,  $[\mathbf{u}_0]_i = \overline{U}_0 = 0$ . Considering  $[\mathbf{u}_t]_i = \overline{U}_{(t-1)_s+1}$ . Then the *i*th component of  $\mathbf{u}_{t+1}$  can be written as

$$[\mathbf{u}_{t+1}]_i = (1 - \eta [\boldsymbol{\phi}_t]_i^2) [\mathbf{u}_t]_i + \rho_t [\boldsymbol{\phi}_t]_i^2.$$

If the state at time t is not s, then  $t_s = (t-1)_s$  and  $[\phi_t]_i = 0$ . Hence

$$[\mathbf{u}_{t+1}]_i = (1-0)\bar{U}_{(t-1)_s+1} + 0 = \bar{U}_{(t-1)_s+1} = \bar{U}_{t_s+1}.$$

On the other hand, if the state at time t is s, then  $t_s = (t-1)_s + 1$ ,  $[\phi_t]_i = 1$  and  $\rho_t = \rho_{s,t_s}^{t+1}$ . Hence,

$$\begin{split} [\mathbf{u}_{t+1}]_i &= (1-\eta)\bar{U}_{(t-1)_s+1} + \rho_{s,t_s}^{t+1} \\ &= (1-\eta)\bar{U}_{t_s} + \rho_{s,t_s}^{t+1} = \bar{U}_{t_s+1}. \end{split}$$

Hence,  $[\alpha_{t+1}]_i = \frac{1}{\overline{U}_{t_s+1}}$ , if  $t_s > 0$ , or  $[\alpha_{t+1}]_i = 0$ , otherwise.

Now, by assumption,  $[\theta_0]_i = \overline{V}_0 = 0$ . Considering  $[\theta_t]_i = \overline{V}_{(t-1)_s+1}$  and  $t_s > 0$ , the *i*th component of  $\theta_{t+1}$  can be written as

$$\begin{split} [\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}]_i &= [\boldsymbol{\theta}_t]_i + [\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1}]_i \rho_t \left( G_t - \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\theta}_t \right) [\boldsymbol{\phi}_t]_i \\ &= \bar{V}_{(t-1)_s+1} + \frac{\rho_t}{\bar{U}_{t_s+1}} \left( G_t - \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\theta}_t \right) [\boldsymbol{\phi}_t]_i. \end{split}$$

If the state at time t is not s, then  $[\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}]_i = \bar{V}_{(t-1)_s+1} + 0 = \bar{V}_{t_s+1}$ .

If the state at time t is not s, then  $\rho_t=\rho_{s,t_s}, G_t=G_{s,t_s}$  and

$$\begin{split} [\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}]_i &= \bar{V}_{(t-1)_s+1} + \frac{\rho_{s,t_s}}{\bar{U}_{t_s+1}} \left( G_{s,t_s} - \bar{V}_{(t-1)_s+1} \right) \\ &= \bar{V}_{t_s} + \frac{\rho_{s,t_s}}{\bar{U}_{t_s+1}} \left( G_{s,t_s} - \bar{V}_{t_s} \right) = \bar{V}_{t_s+1}. \end{split}$$

The only case that is left is when  $t_s = 0$ . In this case, the state at time t cannot be s, and  $\bar{V}_{t_s+1} = \bar{V}_{(t-1)_s+1} = \cdots = \bar{V}_0 = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} [\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}]_i &= [\boldsymbol{\theta}_t]_i + [\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1}]_i \rho_t \left( \boldsymbol{G}_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) [\boldsymbol{\phi}_t]_i \\ &= \bar{V}_{(t-1)_s+1} + 0 \cdot \rho_t \left( \boldsymbol{G}_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \cdot 0 \\ &= 0 = \bar{V}_{t_s+1}. \quad \Box \end{aligned}$$

## A.3 Proof of Theorem 3

**Theorem 3** (Online equivalence technique). Consider any forward view that updates toward an interim scalar target  $Y_k^t$  with

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1}^{t+1} \doteq \mathbf{F}_k \boldsymbol{\theta}_k^{t+1} + Y_k^{t+1} \mathbf{w}_k + \mathbf{x}_k, \quad 0 \le k < t+1,$$

where  $\theta_0^t \doteq \theta_0$  for some initial  $\theta_0$ , and both  $\mathbf{F}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{w}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be computed using data available at k. Assume that the temporal difference  $Y_k^{t+1} - Y_k^t$  at k is related to the temporal difference at k + 1 as follows:

$$Y_k^{t+1} - Y_k^t = d_{k+1} \left( Y_{k+1}^{t+1} - Y_{k+1}^t \right) + b_t g_k \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} c_j, 0 \le k < t,$$

where  $b_k$ ,  $c_k$ ,  $d_k$  and  $g_k$  are scalars that can be computed using data available at time k. Then the final weight  $\theta_{t+1} \doteq \theta_{t+1}^{t+1}$  can be computed through the following backward-view update, with  $\mathbf{e}_{-1} \doteq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{d}_0 \doteq \mathbf{0}$ , and  $t \ge 0$ :

$$\mathbf{e}_{t} \doteq \mathbf{w}_{t} + d_{t} \mathbf{F}_{t} \mathbf{e}_{t-1},$$
  
$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1} \doteq \mathbf{F}_{t} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t} + (Y_{t}^{t+1} - Y_{t}^{t}) \mathbf{e}_{t} + Y_{t}^{t} \mathbf{w}_{t} + b_{t} \mathbf{F}_{t} \mathbf{d}_{t} + \mathbf{x}_{t},$$
  
$$\mathbf{d}_{t+1} \doteq c_{t} \mathbf{F}_{t} \mathbf{d}_{t} + g_{t} \mathbf{e}_{t}.$$

Proof. We can write the difference between two consecutive estimates as

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}^{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{t} &= \mathbf{F}_{t} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{t} + Y_{t}^{t+1} \mathbf{w}_{k} + \mathbf{x}_{t} \\ &= \mathbf{F}_{t} \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{t} \right) + Y_{t}^{t+1} \mathbf{w}_{k} + (\mathbf{F}_{t} - \mathbf{I}) \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{t} + \mathbf{x}_{t}. \end{aligned}$$

Now let us expand  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_t^{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^t$ :

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{t} &= \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^{t+1} + \mathbf{y}_{t-1}^{t+1} \mathbf{w}_{t-1} + \mathbf{x}_{t-1} \\ &- \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^{t} - \mathbf{Y}_{t-1}^{t} \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \mathbf{x}_{t-1} \\ &= \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^{t} \right) + \left( \mathbf{Y}_{t-1}^{t+1} - \mathbf{Y}_{t-1}^{t} \right) \mathbf{w}_{t-1} \\ &= \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{0} (\boldsymbol{\theta}_{0}^{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{0}^{t}) + \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} (\mathbf{Y}_{k}^{t+1} - \mathbf{Y}_{k}^{t}) \mathbf{w}_{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} (\mathbf{Y}_{k}^{t+1} - \mathbf{Y}_{k}^{t}) \mathbf{w}_{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \left( d_{k+1} (\mathbf{Y}_{k+1}^{t+1} - \mathbf{Y}_{k+1}^{t}) + b_{t} g_{k} \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} c_{j} \right) \mathbf{w}_{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \left( d_{k+1} \left( d_{k+2} (\mathbf{Y}_{k+2}^{t+1} - \mathbf{Y}_{k+2}^{t}) \right) \\ &+ b_{t} g_{k+1} \prod_{j=k+2}^{t-1} c_{j} \right) + b_{t} g_{k} \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} c_{j} \right) \mathbf{w}_{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \left( d_{k+1} d_{k+2} (\mathbf{Y}_{k+2}^{t+1} - \mathbf{Y}_{k+2}^{t}) \\ &+ b_{t} g_{k+1} d_{k+1} \prod_{j=k+2}^{t-1} c_{j} + b_{t} g_{k} \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} c_{j} \right) \mathbf{w}_{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \left( d_{k+1} d_{k+2} (\mathbf{Y}_{k+2}^{t+1} - \mathbf{Y}_{k+2}^{t}) \\ &+ b_{t} g_{k+1} d_{k+1} \prod_{j=k+2}^{t-1} c_{j} + b_{t} g_{k} \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} c_{j} \right) \mathbf{w}_{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \left( \prod_{j=k+2}^{t} d_{j} (\mathbf{Y}_{t}^{t+1} - \mathbf{Y}_{t}^{t}) \right) \\ \end{aligned}$$

$$+ b_{t} \sum_{n=k}^{t-1} g_{n} \prod_{i=k+1}^{n} d_{i} \prod_{j=n+1}^{t-1} c_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k}$$

$$= d_{t} (Y_{t}^{t+1} - Y_{t}^{t}) \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ \mathbf{e}_{t-1}}}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} d_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k}$$

$$+ b_{t} \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ \mathbf{e}_{t-1}}}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \sum_{n=k}^{t-1} g_{n} \prod_{i=k+1}^{n} d_{i} \prod_{j=n+1}^{t-1} c_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k}$$

$$= (Y_{t}^{t+1} - Y_{t}^{t}) d_{t} \mathbf{e}_{t-1} + b_{t} \mathbf{d}_{t}.$$

The vectors  $\mathbf{e}_t$  and  $\mathbf{d}_t$  can be incrementally updated as follows:

$$\mathbf{e}_{t} = \sum_{k=0}^{t} \mathbf{F}_{t} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \prod_{j=k+1}^{t} d_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k}$$
$$= \mathbf{w}_{t} + d_{t} \mathbf{F}_{t} \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} d_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k}$$
$$= \mathbf{w}_{t} + d_{t} \mathbf{F}_{t} \mathbf{e}_{t-1},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}_{t} &= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \sum_{n=k}^{t-1} g_{n} \prod_{i=k+1}^{n} d_{i} \prod_{j=n+1}^{t-1} c_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \left( \sum_{n=k}^{t-2} g_{n} \prod_{i=k+1}^{n} d_{i} \prod_{j=n+1}^{t-1} c_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k} + g_{t-1} \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} d_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \sum_{n=k}^{t-2} g_{n} \prod_{i=k+1}^{n} d_{i} \prod_{j=n+1}^{t-1} c_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k} + g_{t-1} \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} d_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k} \\ &= c_{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \sum_{k=0}^{t-2} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \cdots \mathbf{F}_{k+1} \sum_{n=k}^{t-2} g_{n} \prod_{i=k+1}^{n} d_{i} \prod_{j=n+1}^{t-2} c_{j} \mathbf{w}_{k} + g_{t-1} \mathbf{e}_{t-1} \\ &= c_{t-1} \mathbf{F}_{t-1} \mathbf{d}_{t-1} + g_{t-1} \mathbf{e}_{t-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then plugging back in

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1}^{t+1} &= \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^t + \mathbf{F}_t \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^t \right) + Y_t^{t+1} \mathbf{w}_t + (\mathbf{F}_t - \mathbf{I}) \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^t + \mathbf{x}_t \\ &= \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^t + d_t \mathbf{F}_t \mathbf{e}_{t-1} (Y_t^{t+1} - Y_t^t) + b_t \mathbf{F}_t \mathbf{d}_t + Y_t^{t+1} \mathbf{w}_t + (\mathbf{F}_t - \mathbf{I}) \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^t + \mathbf{x}_t \\ &= \mathbf{F}_t \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^t + (\mathbf{e}_t - \mathbf{w}_t) (Y_t^{t+1} - Y_t^t) + Y_t^{t+1} \mathbf{w}_t + b_t \mathbf{F}_t \mathbf{d}_t + \mathbf{x}_t \\ &= \mathbf{F}_t \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^t + (Y_t^{t+1} - Y_t^t) \mathbf{e}_t + Y_t^t \mathbf{w}_t + b_t \mathbf{F}_t \mathbf{d}_t + \mathbf{x}_t. \quad \Box \end{aligned}$$

## A.4 Proof of Theorem 4

**Theorem 4** (Generality of the new equivalence technique). *The online equivalence technique by van Hasselt, Mahmood and Sutton (2014, Theorem 1) can be retrieved as a special case from the online equivalence technique given in Theorem 3.* 

*Proof.* We describe the online equivalence technique by van Hasselt et al. (2014) in the following.

Consider any forward view that updates toward an interim scalar target  $Y_k^t$  with

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1}^{t+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k^{t+1} + \mu_k \left( Y_k^{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_k^\top \boldsymbol{\theta}_k^{t+1} \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_k + \mathbf{x}_k, 0 \le k < t,$$

where  $\theta_0^t = \theta_0$  for some initial  $\theta_0$ . Assume that the temporal difference  $Y_k^{t+1} - Y_k^t$  at k is related to the temporal difference at k + 1 as follows:

$$Y_k^{t+1} - Y_k^t = d_{k+1}(Y_{k+1}^{t+1} - Y_{k+1}^t), 0 \le k < t,$$

where  $d_k$  is a scalar that can be computed using data available at time k. Then the final weight  $\theta_{t+1} \doteq \theta_{t+1}^{t+1}$  can be computed through the following backward-view update, with  $\mathbf{e}_{-1} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $t \ge 0$ :

$$\mathbf{e}_t = \mu_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t + d_t (\mathbf{I} - \mu_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^{\top}) \mathbf{e}_{t-1}, \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_t + (Y_t^{t+1} - Y_t^t) \mathbf{e}_t + \mu_t (Y_t^t - \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_t) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t + \mathbf{x}_t.$$

The above equivalence technique can be obtained from Theorem 3 as a special case by substituting  $\mathbf{F}_k = \mathbf{I} - \mu_k \phi_k \phi_k^{\top}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_k = \mu_k \phi_k$  and  $b_k = 0$ .

### A.5 Proof of Theorem 5

**Theorem 5** (Backward view update for  $\alpha_t$  of WIS-TD( $\lambda$ )). The step-size vector  $\alpha_t$  computed by the following backward-view update and the forward-view update defined by (18) – (20) are equal at each step t:

$$\mathbf{u}_{t+1} \doteq (\mathbf{1} - \eta \phi_t \circ \phi_t) \circ \mathbf{u}_t + \rho_t \phi_t \circ \phi_t + (\rho_t - 1) \gamma_t \lambda_t (\mathbf{1} - \eta \phi_t \circ \phi_t) \circ \mathbf{v}_t,$$
(22)

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \doteq \gamma_t \lambda_t \rho_t \left( \mathbf{1} - \eta \phi_t \circ \phi_t \right) \circ \mathbf{v}_t + \rho_t \phi_t \circ \phi_t, \tag{23}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \doteq \mathbf{1} \oslash \mathbf{u}_{t+1}. \tag{24}$$

*Proof.* First, note that the component-wise vector multiplication in (19) can be written equivalently as a matrix-vector multiplication in the following way:

$$(\mathbf{1} - \eta \boldsymbol{\phi}_k \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_k) \circ \mathbf{u}_k^{t+1} = (\mathbf{I} - \eta \text{Diag} (\boldsymbol{\phi}_k \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_k)) \mathbf{u}_k^{t+1},$$

where  $\text{Diag}(\mathbf{v}) \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbf{v}| \times |\mathbf{v}|}$  is a diagonal matrix with the components of  $\mathbf{v}$  in its diagonal.

In Theorem 3, we substitute  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}^{t+1} = \mathbf{u}_{k}^{t+1}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_{k} = (\mathbf{I} - \eta \text{Diag}(\phi_{k} \circ \phi_{k}))$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_{k} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_{k} = \phi_{k} \circ \phi_{k}$  and  $Y_{k}^{t+1} = \tilde{\rho}_{k}^{t+1}$ . Now,  $\tilde{\rho}_{k}^{t+1}$  can be recursively in t written as follows

$$\tilde{\rho}_{k}^{t+1} = \rho_{k} \sum_{i=k+1}^{t} C_{k}^{i-1} (1 - \gamma_{i}\lambda_{i}) + \rho_{k} C_{k}^{t}$$

$$= \rho_{k} \sum_{i=k+1}^{t-1} C_{k}^{i-1} (1 - \gamma_{i}\lambda_{i}) + \rho_{k} C_{k}^{t-1} (1 - \gamma_{t}\lambda_{t}) + \rho_{k} C_{k}^{t}$$

$$= \rho_{k} \sum_{i=k+1}^{t-1} C_{k}^{i-1} (1 - \gamma_{i}\lambda_{i}) + \rho_{k} C_{k}^{t-1} + \rho_{k} C_{k}^{t-1} \rho_{t}\gamma_{t}\lambda_{t} - \rho_{k} C_{k}^{t-1} \gamma_{t}\lambda_{t}$$

$$= \tilde{\rho}_{k}^{t} + (\rho_{t} - 1)\gamma_{t}\lambda_{t}\rho_{k} C_{k}^{t-1}.$$

Hence, it proves that

$$Y_k^{t+1} - Y_k^t = d_{k+1} \left( Y_{k+1}^{t+1} - Y_{k+1}^t \right) + b_t g_k \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} c_j, 0 \le k < t,$$

with  $d_i = 0$ ,  $b_i = (\rho_i - 1)\gamma_i\lambda_i$ ,  $g_i = \rho_i$  and  $c_i = \gamma_i\lambda_i\rho_i$ ,  $\forall i$ .

Inserting these substitutes in Theorem 3 yields us the backward-view defined by (22) - (24).

## A.6 Proof of Theorem 6

**Theorem 6** (Backward view update for  $\theta_t^t$  of WIS-TD( $\lambda$ )). The parameter vector  $\theta_t$  computed by the following backwardview update and the parameter vector  $\theta_t^t$  computed by the forward-view update defined by (17) and (21) are equal at every time step t:

$$\mathbf{e}_{t} \doteq \rho_{t} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t} + \gamma_{t} \lambda_{t} \rho_{t} \left( \mathbf{e}_{t-1} - \rho_{t} \left( \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t} \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{e}_{t-1} \right),$$

$$(25)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1} \doteq \boldsymbol{\theta}_t + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \rho_t \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t + \left( R_{t+1} + \gamma_{t+1} \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \mathbf{e}_t \\ + \left( \rho_t - 1 \right) \gamma_t \lambda_t \left( \mathbf{d}_t - \rho_t \left( \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^\top \mathbf{d}_t \right).$$
(26)

$$\mathbf{d}_{t+1} \doteq \gamma_t \lambda_t \rho_t \left( \mathbf{d}_t - \rho_t \left( \mathbf{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{d}_t \right) + \left( R_{t+1} + \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \mathbf{e}_t.$$
(27)

*Proof.* First, we redefine (21) for convenience:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1}^{t+1} \doteq \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}^{t+1} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{k+1} \circ \rho_{k} \left( \zeta_{k,t+1}^{\rho} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_{k}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}^{t+1} \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_{k},$$
(28)

where  $G_{k,t+1}^{\rho} = \rho_k \zeta_{k,t+1}^{\rho}$ . Hence,  $\zeta_{k,t+1}^{\rho}$  can be given by:

$$\begin{split} \zeta_{k,t+1}^{\rho} &\doteq C_{k}^{t} \Big( (1 - \gamma_{t+1}) G_{k}^{t+1} + \gamma_{t+1} \left( G_{k}^{t+1} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t} \right) \Big) + \sum_{i=k+1}^{t} C_{k}^{i-1} \Big( (1 - \gamma_{i}) G_{k}^{i} + \gamma_{i} (1 - \lambda_{i}) \left( G_{k}^{i} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i-1} \right) \Big) \\ &- \left( C_{k}^{t} + \sum_{i=k+1}^{t} C_{k}^{i-1} (1 - \gamma_{i} \lambda_{i}) - 1 \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_{k}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}. \end{split}$$

In Theorem 3, we substitute  $\mathbf{F}_k = \mathbf{I} - \rho_k (\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{k+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_k) \boldsymbol{\phi}_k^{\top}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_k = \rho_k \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{k+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_k$ ,  $Y_k^{t+1} = \zeta_{k,t+1}^{\rho}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_k = 0, \forall k$ , to get (28). Now, the next step is to establish a recursive relation for  $\zeta^{\rho}$  both in k and t. For that, we use the following identities:

$$G_k^{k+1} = R_{k+1},$$
  

$$G_k^{t+1} = \sum_{i=k}^{t} R_{i+1} = R_{k+1} + G_{k+1}^{t+1}.$$

First we establish the recurrence relation in k:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{k,t+1}^{\rho} &= C_{k}^{t} \Big( (1 - \gamma_{t+1}) G_{k}^{t+1} + \gamma_{t+1} \left( G_{k}^{t+1} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t} \right) \Big) + \sum_{i=k+1}^{t} C_{k}^{i-1} \Big( (1 - \gamma_{i}) G_{k}^{i} + \gamma_{i} (1 - \lambda_{i}) \left( G_{k}^{i} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i-1} \right) \Big) \\ &- \left( C_{k}^{t} + \sum_{i=k+1}^{t} C_{k}^{i-1} (1 - \gamma_{i} \lambda_{i}) - 1 \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_{k}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1} \\ &= C_{k}^{t} \Big( (1 - \gamma_{t+1}) \left( R_{k+1} + G_{k+1}^{t+1} \right) + \gamma_{t+1} \left( R_{k+1} + G_{k+1}^{t+1} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t} \right) \Big) \\ &+ \Big( (1 - \gamma_{k+1}) G_{k}^{k+1} + \gamma_{k+1} (1 - \lambda_{k+1}) \left( G_{k}^{k+1} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_{k+1}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k} \right) \Big) \\ &+ \sum_{i=k+2}^{t} C_{k}^{i-1} \Big( (1 - \gamma_{i}) \left( R_{k+1} + G_{k+1}^{i} \right) + \gamma_{i} (1 - \lambda_{i}) \left( R_{k+1} + G_{k+1}^{i} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i-1} \right) \Big) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} &-\left(C_{k}^{t}+\sum_{i=k+1}^{t}C_{k}^{i-1}(1-\gamma_{i}\lambda_{i})-1\right)\phi_{k}^{\top}\theta_{k-1}\\ &=\rho_{k+1}\gamma_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1}C_{k+1}^{t}\left((1-\gamma_{t+1})G_{k+1}^{t+1}+\gamma_{t+1}(G_{k+1}^{t+1}+\phi_{t+1}^{\top}\theta_{t})\right)\\ &+\rho_{k+1}\gamma_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1}\sum_{i=k+2}^{t}C_{k+1}^{i-1}\left((1-\gamma_{i})G_{k+1}^{i}+\gamma_{i}(1-\lambda_{i})\left(G_{k+1}^{i}+\phi_{t}^{\top}\theta_{i-1}\right)\right)\\ &-\rho_{k+1}\gamma_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1}\left(C_{k+1}^{t}+\sum_{i=k+2}^{t}C_{k+1}^{i-1}(1-\gamma_{i}\lambda_{i})-1\right)\phi_{k+1}^{\top}\theta_{k}\\ &+\left(C_{k}^{t}+\sum_{i=k+2}^{t}C_{k}^{i-1}(1-\gamma_{i}\lambda_{i})-\rho_{k+1}\gamma_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1}\right)\phi_{k+1}^{\top}\theta_{k}\\ &+C_{k}^{t}R_{k+1}+(1-\gamma_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1})R_{k+1}+\gamma_{k+1}(1-\lambda_{k+1})\phi_{k+1}^{\top}\theta_{k}\\ &+R_{k+1}\sum_{i=k+2}^{t}C_{k}^{i-1}(1-\gamma_{i}\lambda_{i})\\ &-\left(C_{k}^{t}+\sum_{i=k+1}^{t}C_{k}^{i-1}(1-\gamma_{i}\lambda_{i})-1\right)\phi_{k}^{\top}\theta_{k-1}\right)\\ &=\rho_{k+1}\gamma_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1,t+1}^{\rho}+\left(C_{k}^{t}+\sum_{i=k+1}^{t}C_{k}^{i-1}(1-\gamma_{i}\lambda_{i})-1\right)\left(R_{k+1}+\phi_{k+1}^{\top}\theta_{k}-\phi_{k}^{\top}\theta_{k-1}\right)\\ &+R_{k+1}+\phi_{k+1}^{\top}\theta_{k}-\rho_{k+1}\gamma_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1}\phi_{k+1}^{\dagger}\theta_{k}+\gamma_{k+1}(1-\lambda_{k+1})\phi_{k+1}^{\top}\theta_{k}-(1-\gamma_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1})\phi_{k+1}^{\top}\theta_{k}\\ &=\rho_{k+1}\gamma_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1}\zeta_{k+1,t+1}^{\rho}+\left(C_{k}^{t}+\sum_{i=k+1}^{t}C_{k}^{i-1}(1-\gamma_{i}\lambda_{i})-1\right)\left(R_{k+1}+\phi_{k+1}^{\top}\theta_{k}-\phi_{k}^{\top}\theta_{k-1}\right)\\ &+R_{k+1}+\gamma_{k+1}(1-\rho_{k+1}\lambda_{k+1})\phi_{k+1}^{\top}\theta_{k}.\end{split}$$

Then the recurrence in t can be established by subtracting  $\zeta_{k,t}^{\rho}$  from  $\zeta_{k,t+1}^{\rho}$ :

$$\begin{split} \zeta_{k,t+1}^{\rho} &- \zeta_{k,t}^{\rho} \doteq \rho_{k+1} \gamma_{k+1} \lambda_{k+1} \zeta_{k+1,t+1}^{\rho} + \left( C_{k}^{t} + \sum_{i=k+1}^{t} C_{k}^{i-1} (1 - \gamma_{i} \lambda_{i}) - 1 \right) \left( R_{k+1} + \phi_{k+1}^{\top} \theta_{k} - \phi_{k}^{\top} \theta_{k-1} \right) \\ &+ R_{k+1} + \gamma_{k+1} \left( 1 - \rho_{k+1} \lambda_{k+1} \right) \phi_{k+1}^{\top} \theta_{k} \\ &- \rho_{k+1} \gamma_{k+1} \lambda_{k+1} \zeta_{k+1,t}^{\rho} - \left( C_{k}^{t-1} + \sum_{i=k+1}^{t-1} C_{k}^{i-1} (1 - \gamma_{i} \lambda_{i}) - 1 \right) \left( R_{k+1} + \phi_{k+1}^{\top} \theta_{k} - \phi_{k}^{\top} \theta_{k-1} \right) \\ &- R_{k+1} + \gamma_{k+1} \left( 1 - \rho_{k+1} \lambda_{k+1} \right) \phi_{k+1}^{\top} \theta_{k} \\ &= \rho_{k+1} \gamma_{k+1} \lambda_{k+1} \left( \zeta_{k+1,t+1}^{\rho} - \zeta_{k+1,t}^{\rho} \right) \\ &+ \left( C_{k}^{t} - C_{k}^{t-1} + C_{k}^{t-1} (1 - \gamma_{t} \lambda_{t}) \right) \left( R_{k+1} + \phi_{k+1}^{\top} \theta_{k} - \phi_{k}^{\top} \theta_{k-1} \right) \\ &= \rho_{k+1} \gamma_{k+1} \lambda_{k+1} \left( \zeta_{k+1,t+1}^{\rho} - \zeta_{k+1,t}^{\rho} \right) + \left( \rho_{t} - 1 \right) \gamma_{t} \lambda_{t} C_{k}^{t-1} \left( R_{k+1} + \phi_{k+1}^{\top} \theta_{k} - \phi_{k}^{\top} \theta_{k-1} \right). \end{split}$$

The above recurrence relation establishes

$$Y_k^{t+1} - Y_k^t = d_{k+1} \left( Y_{k+1}^{t+1} - Y_{k+1}^t \right) + b_t g_k \prod_{j=k+1}^{t-1} c_j, 0 \le k < t,$$

with  $d_i = \rho_i \gamma_i \lambda_i$ ,  $b_i = (\rho_i - 1) \gamma_i \lambda_i$ ,  $g_i = R_{i+1} + \phi_{i+1}^\top \theta_i - \phi_i^\top \theta_{i-1}$  and  $c_i = \gamma_i \lambda_i \rho_i$ ,  $\forall i$ . Inserting these substitutes in Theorem 3 yields us the backward-view defined by (25) – (27).

#### A.7 Description of WIS-TD( $\lambda$ ), WIS-GTD( $\lambda$ ), WIS-TO-GTD( $\lambda$ ), U-TD( $\lambda$ ) and U-TO-TD( $\lambda$ )

#### **Algorithm 1** WIS-TD( $\lambda$ )

Initialization: Choose  $\theta_0, u_0 \geq 0, \eta \geq 0$ Set  $u_0 = u_0 \mathbf{1}, v_0 = \mathbf{0}, e_{-1} = \mathbf{0}, d_0 = \mathbf{0}$ for  $t = 0, 1, \cdots$  do receive  $\phi_t, \rho_t, \gamma_t, \lambda_t, R_{t+1}, \phi_{t+1}, \gamma_{t+1}, \lambda_{t+1}$  $\mathbf{u}_{t+1} = (\mathbf{1} - \eta \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) \circ \mathbf{u}_t + \rho_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$  $+(\rho_t-1)\gamma_t\lambda_t(\mathbf{1}-\eta\phi_t\circ\phi_t)\circ\mathbf{v}_t$  $\mathbf{v}_{t+1} = \gamma_t \lambda_t \rho_t \left( \mathbf{1} - \eta \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \circ \mathbf{v}_t + \rho_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$  $\alpha_{t+1} = \mathbf{1} \oslash \mathbf{u}_{t+1}$  $\mathbf{e}_t$  $= \rho_t \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$  $+\gamma_t \lambda_t \rho_t \left( \mathbf{e}_{t-1} - \rho_t \left( \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^{\top} \mathbf{e}_{t-1} \right)$  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_t + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \rho_t \left( \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$ + $(R_{t+1} + \gamma_{t+1}\boldsymbol{\theta}_t^{\top}\boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^{\top}\boldsymbol{\phi}_t)\mathbf{e}_t$ + $(\rho_t - 1)\gamma_t \lambda_t \left( \mathbf{d}_t - \rho_t \left( \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^\top \mathbf{d}_t \right)$  $\mathbf{d}_{t+1} = \gamma_t \lambda_t \rho_t \left( \mathbf{d}_t - \rho_t \left( \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^\top \mathbf{d}_t \right)$ +  $(R_{t+1} + \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^{\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) \mathbf{e}_t$ end for

# Algorithm 3 WIS-TO-GTD( $\lambda$ )

#### Initialization: Choose $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \mathbf{w}_0, u_0 \geq 0, \eta \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$ Set $\mathbf{u}_0 = u_0 \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{e}_{-1} = \mathbf{e}_{-1}^{\nabla} = \mathbf{e}_{-1}^{\mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{0}, \rho' = 0$ for $t = 0, 1, \cdots$ do receive $\phi_t, \rho_t, \gamma_t, \lambda_t, R_{t+1}, \phi_{t+1}, \gamma_{t+1}, \lambda_{t+1}$ $\mathbf{u}_{t+1} = (\mathbf{1} - \eta \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) \circ \mathbf{u}_t + \rho_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$ $+(\rho_t-1)\gamma_t\lambda_t(\mathbf{1}-\eta\phi_t\circ\phi_t)\circ\mathbf{v}_t$ $\mathbf{v}_{t+1} = \gamma_t \lambda_t \rho_t \left( \mathbf{1} - \eta \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \circ \mathbf{v}_t + \rho_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$ $\alpha_{t+1} = \mathbf{1} \oslash \mathbf{u}_{t+1}$ $\mathbf{e}_t$ $= \rho_t \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$ $+\gamma_t \lambda_t \rho_t \left( \mathbf{e}_{t-1} - \rho_t \left( \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^{\top} \mathbf{e}_{t-1} \right)$ $\mathbf{e}_t^{\nabla}$ $= \rho_t \left( \gamma_t \lambda_t \mathbf{e}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right)$ $\mathbf{e}_t^{\mathbf{w}}$ $= \gamma_t \lambda_t \rho' \mathbf{e}_{t-1}^{\mathbf{w}} + \beta \left( 1 - \gamma_t \lambda_t \rho' \boldsymbol{\phi}_t^\top \mathbf{e}_{t-1}^{\mathbf{w}} \right) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$ $\delta_t = R_{t+1} + \gamma_{t+1} \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$ $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_t + \delta_t \mathbf{e}_t + (\mathbf{e}_t - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \rho_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) (\boldsymbol{\theta}_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1})^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$ $-\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \gamma_{t+1} (1 - \lambda_{t+1}) (\mathbf{w}_t^\top \mathbf{e}_t^\nabla) \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1}$ $\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t + \rho_t \delta_t \mathbf{e}_t^{\mathbf{w}} - \beta(\mathbf{w}_t^{\top} \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t$ $\rho'$ $= \rho_t$ end for

#### Algorithm 4 U-TD( $\lambda$ )

Initialization: Choose  $\theta_0, u_0 \ge 0, \eta \ge 0$ Set  $\mathbf{u}_0 = u_0 \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{e}_{-1} = \mathbf{0}$ for  $t = 0, 1, \cdots$  do receive  $\phi_t, \gamma_t, \lambda_t, R_{t+1}, \phi_{t+1}, \gamma_{t+1}, \lambda_{t+1}$   $\mathbf{u}_{t+1} = (\mathbf{1} - \eta \phi_t \circ \phi_t) \circ \mathbf{u}_t + \phi_t \circ \phi_t$   $\alpha_{t+1} = \mathbf{1} \oslash \mathbf{u}_{t+1}$   $\mathbf{e}_t = \gamma_t \lambda_t \mathbf{e}_{t-1} + \phi_t$   $\delta_t = R_{t+1} + \gamma_{t+1} \theta_t^\top \phi_{t+1} - \theta_t^\top \phi_t$   $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \alpha_{t+1} \circ \delta_t \mathbf{e}_t$ end for

#### Algorithm 5 U-TO-TD( $\lambda$ )

Initialization: Choose  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, u_0 \geq 0, \eta \geq 0$ Set  $\mathbf{u}_0 = u_0 \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{e}_{-1} = \mathbf{0}$ for  $t = 0, 1, \cdots$  do receive  $\phi_t, \gamma_t, \lambda_t, R_{t+1}, \phi_{t+1}, \gamma_{t+1}, \lambda_{t+1}$   $\mathbf{u}_{t+1} = (\mathbf{1} - \eta \phi_t \circ \phi_t) \circ \mathbf{u}_t + \phi_t \circ \phi_t$   $\alpha_{t+1} = \mathbf{1} \oslash \mathbf{u}_{t+1}$   $\mathbf{e}_t = \alpha_{t+1} \circ \phi_t + \gamma_t \lambda_t \left(\mathbf{e}_{t-1} - (\alpha_{t+1} \circ \phi_t) \phi_t^\top \mathbf{e}_{t-1}\right)$   $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \alpha_{t+1} \circ \left(\theta_{t-1}^\top \phi_t - \theta_t^\top \phi_t\right) \phi_t$   $+ (R_{t+1} + \gamma_{t+1} \theta_t^\top \phi_{t+1} - \theta_{t-1}^\top \phi_t) \mathbf{e}_t$ end for

#### **Algorithm 2** WIS-GTD( $\lambda$ )

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Initialization:} \\ \textbf{Choose } \boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \mathbf{w}_0, u_0 \geq 0, \eta \geq 0, \beta \geq 0 \\ \textbf{Set } \mathbf{u}_0 = u_0 \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{e}_{-1} = \mathbf{0} \\ \textbf{for } t = 0, 1, \cdots \textbf{do} \\ \textbf{receive } \boldsymbol{\phi}_t, \rho_t, \gamma_t, \lambda_t, R_{t+1}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1}, \gamma_{t+1}, \lambda_{t+1} \\ \mathbf{u}_{t+1} = (\mathbf{1} - \eta \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) \circ \mathbf{u}_t + \rho_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \\ + (\rho_t - 1) \gamma_t \lambda_t (\mathbf{1} - \eta \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) \circ \mathbf{v}_t \\ \mathbf{v}_{t+1} = \gamma_t \lambda_t \rho_t (\mathbf{1} - \eta \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) \circ \mathbf{v}_t + \rho_t \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \circ \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} = \mathbf{1} \oslash \mathbf{u}_{t+1} \\ \mathbf{e}_t = \rho_t (\gamma_t \lambda_t \mathbf{e}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) \\ \delta_t = R_{t+1} + \gamma_{t+1} \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_t + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \delta_t \mathbf{e}_t \\ - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{t+1} \circ \gamma_{t+1} (\mathbf{1} - \lambda_{t+1}) (\mathbf{e}_t^\top \mathbf{w}_t) \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t+1} \\ \mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t + \beta \left[ \delta_t \mathbf{e}_t - (\mathbf{w}_t^\top \boldsymbol{\phi}_t) \boldsymbol{\phi}_t \right] \\ \textbf{end for} \end{array}$