

Start with: $V_u = (1-\lambda)\delta V_u - \lambda \delta G(w^*)V_u + b + \lambda \delta \int_{w^*}^{\infty} V_e(w) dG(w)$

Consider the LHS and group V_u :

$$V_u [1 - (1-\lambda)\delta - \lambda \delta G(w^*)]$$

add/subtract $\lambda \delta \int_{w^*}^{\infty} dG(w)$ inside the square brackets,

and note that $\int_{w^*}^{\infty} dG(w) = 1 - G(w^*)$

(part above w^* of the CDF). So:

$$1 - (1-\lambda)\delta - \lambda \delta G(w^*) - \left[(1 - G(w^*)) - \int_{w^*}^{\infty} dG(w) \right] \lambda \delta$$

$$1 - \delta + \cancel{\lambda \delta} - \cancel{\lambda \delta G(w^*)} - \cancel{\lambda \delta} + \cancel{\lambda \delta G(w^*)} + \lambda \delta \int_{w^*}^{\infty} dG(w)$$

So the LHS becomes $V_u(1-\delta) + \lambda \delta \int_{w^*}^{\infty} V_u dG(w)$ And, moving the second item to the RHS we get:

$$V_u(1-\delta) = b + \lambda \delta \left[\int_{w^*}^{\infty} V_e(w) dG(w) - \int_{w^*}^{\infty} V_u dG(w) \right]$$

And recalling that $V_e(w) = \frac{w}{1-\delta}$ and $V_u = \frac{w^*}{1-\delta}$:

$$V_u(1-\delta) = b + \frac{\lambda \delta}{1-\delta} \int_{w^*}^{\infty} (w - w^*) dG(w)$$

MC of job search

Prob. job offer arrives

MB of continued search.