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1.1 i) to prove  $E(u(w+z)) \leq u(w) \Rightarrow u$  is concave

let  $z$  is r.v., s.t.  $P(z+w=x) = \lambda$ ,  $P(z+w=y) = 1-\lambda$  ( $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ )  
and  $w = \lambda x + (1-\lambda)y$  to satisfy  $E(z) = 0$

$$\therefore E(u(w+z)) = \lambda u(x) + (1-\lambda)u(y) \leq u(w) = u(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)$$

$\therefore u$  is concave

ii) to prove  $E(u(w+z)) \leq u(w) \Leftarrow u$  is concave

according to Jensen inequality,  $E(u(w+z)) \leq u(E(w+z)) = u(w)$

according to A-P approximation

1.2  $u(w) = e^{-kw}$   $u'(w) = -k e^{-kw}$

$$\therefore A(w) = k \quad \therefore T_{AP} = \frac{1}{k\sigma^2}$$

$$u(w-\pi) = -\frac{1}{k} e^{-k(w-\pi)}$$

$$E u(w+z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -\frac{1}{k} e^{-k(w+x)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = -\frac{1}{k} e^{-kw} + \frac{1}{2} k^2 \sigma^2$$

$$\text{let } u(w-\pi) = E u(w+z)$$

$$\therefore \pi = \frac{1}{2} k \sigma^2$$

$$T_1 = T_{AP}$$

$\therefore$  A-P Approximation is exact

1.3. (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b)

$$(a) \Leftrightarrow \pm \sigma^2 A_v(w) \geq \pm \sigma^2 A_u(w) \Leftrightarrow A_v(w) \geq A_u(w) \Leftrightarrow (b)$$

(b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c)

$$A_v(w) \geq A_u(w) \Leftrightarrow -\frac{V''(w)}{V'(w)} \geq -\frac{u''(w)}{u'(w)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\phi''(u)u'(w) + \phi'(u)u''(w)}{\phi'(u)u'(w)} \leq \frac{u''(w)}{u'(w)}$$

$$\stackrel{u' > 0}{\stackrel{u' < 0}{\Rightarrow}} \phi' > 0, \phi'' < 0$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

$$\text{let } \phi(u) = v$$

$$A_v(w) \geq A_u(w) \Rightarrow \frac{\phi''(u)u'(w) + \phi'(u)u''(w)}{\phi'(u)} \leq \frac{u''(w)}{u'(w)}$$

should hold for any  $u$  where  $u' < 0$   $u' > 0$   
 $\therefore \phi' > 0$   $\phi'' < 0$

$$1.4 \quad \mathbb{E} u(w+z) = u(w+e)$$

$$\mathbb{E} v(w+z) = \mathbb{E} v(w+e') = a + b u(w+e')$$

$$a + b \mathbb{E} u(w+z) = a + b u(w+e)$$

$$\therefore u' > 0 \quad \therefore u(w+e) = u^*(w+e') \Rightarrow e = e'$$

$\therefore$  they have same certainty-equivalents