

1. If  $\phi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous in its domain and twice differentiable in  $(0, +\infty)$  and such that  $\phi(0) = 0$ , is increasing, concave and eventually constant then

$$E(\phi(|X + Y|)) \geq E(\phi(|X - Y|))$$

**Solution:**

First we are going to prove that in the case where  $X, Y$  are compactly supported  $X, Y \in [-M, M]$  and  $X$  is absolutely continuous with p.d.f.  $p(x)$

$$\int \int \phi(|x + y|)p(x)p(y)dx dy \geq \int \int \phi(|x - y|)p(x)p(y)dx dy$$

Using transformations  $s = x + y$  on LHS and  $s = y - x$  on RHS, we now need to prove

$$\int_0^\infty \phi(s) \int p(x)(p(s - x) + p(-s - x) - p(s + x) - p(-s + x))dx ds \geq 0$$

Let  $X$  have cumulative distribution function  $F$  we know that  $F' = p$  almost everywhere. Now integrating by parts we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & [\phi(s) \left( \int p(x)(F(s - x) - F(-s - x) - F(s + x) + F(-s + x)) \right)]_{s=0}^\infty \\ & - \int_0^\infty \phi'(s) \left( \int p(x)(F(s - x) - F(-s - x) - F(s + x) + F(-s + x))dx \right) ds \end{aligned}$$

The first term above is 0 because when  $s > 2M$  we have either  $p(x) = 0$  or  $F(s - x) - F(s + x) - F(-s - x) + F(-s + x) = 0$  in the second term, so by some variable transformations, we get

$$- \int_0^\infty \phi'(s) \left( \int F(x)(p(s - x) - p(-s - x) + p(s + x) - p(-s + x))dx \right) ds$$

Again Integrating by parts, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & [-\phi'(s) \left( \int F(x)(F(s - x) + F(-s - x) + F(s + x) + F(-s + x) - 2F(x) - 2F(-x))dx \right)]_{s=0}^\infty \\ & + \int_0^\infty \phi''(s) \left( \int F(x)(F(s - x) + F(-s - x) + F(s + x) + F(-s + x) - 2F(x) - 2F(-x))dx \right) ds \end{aligned}$$

$F(x)(F(s-x)-F(-x)+F(-s-x)-F(-x)+F(s+x)-F(x)+F(-s+x)-F(x))$   
is zero when  $|x| > M + s$  and since  $\phi'(s) = 0$  eventually the first term is zero,  
hence

$$E(\phi(|X+Y|)) - E(\phi(|X-Y|)) \\
= \int_0^\infty \phi''(s) \left( \int F(x)(F(s-x)+F(-s-x)+F(s+x)+F(-s+x)-2F(x)-2F(-x))dx \right) ds$$

Noting  $\phi'' \leq 0$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} & F(x)(F(s-x) + F(-s-x) + F(s+x) + F(-s+x) - 2F(x) - 2F(-x))dx \\ &= \int F(x)(F(s-x) - F(-x)) + F(x)(F(-s-x) - F(-x)) \\ &\quad + F(x)(F(s+x) - F(x)) + F(x)(F(-s+x) - F(x))dx \\ &= \int F(-x)(F(s+x) - F(x)) + F(-s-x)(F(x) - F(s+x)) \\ &\quad + F(x)(F(s+x) - F(x)) + F(s+x)(F(x) - F(s+x))dx \\ &= - \int (F(x) - F(s+x))(F(-x) - F(-s-x) + F(x) - F(s+x))dx = (x \rightarrow -x-s) \\ &= - \int (F(-x) - F(-s-x))(F(-x) - F(-s-x) + F(x) - F(s+x))dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int (F(-x) - F(-x-s) + F(x) - F(s+x))^2 dx \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, sending  $M \rightarrow \infty$  and using the Dominated Convergence Theorem.  $\sqrt{x}$  is not eventually constant but you can assume that  $|X| \leq 1$  due to homogeneity and then make the square root constant after some point.

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