

Claim.

Write $P(p) \equiv \bar{p}(p)$ so I can type fast.

Suppose $P(p)$ is increasing from $P(0) = k \in (0, 1)$ to $P(1) = 1$. Then on $(0, 1)$:

$$LHS(p) \equiv \frac{P(p) - p}{1 - p} \text{ is decreasing in } p \text{ if } P(p) \text{ is strictly convex.}$$

Proof.

$P(p)$ is convex on $(0, 1)$ if and only if for all $0 < p_1 < p_2 < 1$ and $a \in (0, 1)$,

$$P(ap_1 + (1 - a)p_2) < aP(p_1) + (1 - a)P(p_2).$$

For arbitrary p_1 and $a \in (0, 1)$, take $p_2 = 1$ and write $p_3 = ap_1 + (1 - a)$.

Now write $q = aP(p_1) + (1 - a)$, i.e., q is the point on the line segment between $P(p_1)$ and 1. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{q - p_3}{1 - p_3} \\ &= \frac{aP(p_1) + (1 - a) - [ap_1 + (1 - a)]}{1 - [ap_1 + (1 - a)]} \\ &= \frac{aP(p_1) - ap_1}{a(1 - p_1)} \\ &= \frac{P(p_1) - p_1}{1 - p_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Last, observe that by convexity of P ,

$$\begin{aligned} P(p_3) &< aP(p_1) + (1 - a)P(p_2) \\ &= aP(p_1) + (1 - a)P(1) \\ &= aP(p_1) + (1 - a) \\ &= q. \end{aligned}$$

Putting these together

$$\frac{P(p_3) - p_3}{1 - p_3} < \frac{P(p_1) - p_1}{1 - p_1}$$

and because p_1 and $p_3 > p_1$ were arbitrary we have proved that $LHS(p)$ is decreasing.