

Define

$$S_{1\lambda}(y) = \arg \min_{\theta \geq 0} \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 - (y - \lambda)\theta$$

$$S_{2\lambda}(y) = \arg \min_{\theta \leq 0} \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 - (y + \lambda)\theta$$

Then  $S_\lambda(y)$  is one of  $S_{1\lambda}(y)$  and  $S_{2\lambda}(y)$  which gives the smaller target function. Assuming  $\lambda > 0$ . When  $y > \lambda$ ,

$$S_{1\lambda}(y) = y - \lambda$$

$$S_{2\lambda}(y) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}S_{1\lambda}(y)^2 - (y - \lambda)S_{1\lambda}(y) - \frac{1}{2}S_{2\lambda}(y)^2 + (y + \lambda)S_{2\lambda}(y) = -\frac{1}{2}(y - \lambda)^2 < 0$$

So  $S_\lambda(y) = y - \lambda$   
If  $-\lambda < y < \lambda$

$$S_{1\lambda}(y) = 0$$

$$S_{2\lambda}(y) = 0$$

So  $S_\lambda(y) = 0$   
If  $y < -\lambda$

$$S_{1\lambda}(y) = 0$$

$$S_{2\lambda}(y) = y + \lambda$$

$$\frac{1}{2}S_{1\lambda}(y)^2 - (y - \lambda)S_{1\lambda}(y) - \frac{1}{2}S_{2\lambda}(y)^2 + (y + \lambda)S_{2\lambda}(y) = \frac{1}{2}(y + \lambda)^2 > 0$$

So  $S_\lambda(y) = y + \lambda$