

# A SIMPLE INEQUALITY OF MOMENTS IN SOME CLASSES OF BIVARIATE AGEING DISTRIBUTIONS

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## Abstract

We derive an inequality in terms of moments of Bivariate IFR distributions. We then show that this inequality holds good in a larger class of bivariate ageing distributions such as *NBU*, *NBUE* and *DMRL*.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we consider the “very strong” versions of bivariate Ageing distributions defined by Buchanan and Singpurwalla (1977). The following classes are considered :

1. *BIFR* : A bivariate distribution  $F(x, y)$  with  $\bar{F}(0, 0) = 1$  is said to have Bivariate Increasing Failure Rate (*BIFR*) distribution if

$$\bar{F}(x + u, y + v) / \bar{F}(x, y) \text{ is non-increasing in } x, y \geq 0 \quad \forall u, v \geq 0.$$

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2. *BNBU* : A bivariate distribution  $F(x, y)$  with  $\bar{F}(0, 0) = 1$  is said to have Bivariate New Better than Used (*BNBU*) distribution if

$$\bar{F}(x + u, y + v) \leq \bar{F}(x, y)\bar{F}(u, v) \quad \forall x, y, u, v \geq 0.$$

3. *BNBUE* : A bivariate distribution  $F(x, y)$  with  $\bar{F}(0, 0) = 1$  is said to have a Bivariate New Better Used in Expectation (*BNBUE*) distribution if

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x+u, y+v) dx dy \leq \bar{F}(u, v) \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x, y) dx dy \quad \forall u, v \geq 0.$$

4. *BDMRL* : A bivariate distribution  $F(x, y)$  with  $\bar{F}(0, 0) = 1$  is said to have a Bivariate Decreasing Mean Residual Life (*BDMRL*) distribution if

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x+u, y+v) dx dy / \bar{F}(u, v) \text{ is non-increasing in } u, v \geq 0.$$

Here  $\bar{F}(x, y) = 1 - F_X(x) - F_Y(y) + F(x, y)$  where  $F_X(x), F_Y(y)$  are the marginal distributions of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. The dual classes of bivariate negative ageing distribution viz. *BDFR, BNWU,*

*BNWUE, BIMRL* may be obtained by replacing “non-increasing” by “non-decreasing” and the inequality “ $\leq$ ” by the inequality “ $\geq$ ”. It can be easily seen that the following chain of implications hold good among the above classes of distributions :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F \text{ is } BIFR & \implies & F \text{ is } BNBU & \implies & F \text{ is } BNBUE \\ & & \searrow & & \swarrow \\ & & F \text{ is } BDMRL & & \end{array}$$

In this paper, we denote  $\theta_i = E(X^i Y^i), i \geq 1$ , to represent the product moments of  $(X, Y)$ . In Section 2 of this paper, we derive an inequality in terms of moments for *BIFR* distributions, and in Section 3, we show that the same inequality holds good in the class of *BNBU, BNBUE* and *BDMRL* distributions also.

## 2 Inequality in the Class of *BIFR* Distributions

Here, we derive a simple inequality in terms of the first two moments of the product  $XY$  for *BIFR* distributions. First we state a useful lemma (see Kotz, Balakrishnan and Johnson (2000) p. 399-400 for a proof of the Lemma).

**Lemma 2.1** : Let  $F$  be a bivariate distribution with  $\bar{F}(0, 0) = 1$ , which is continuous with respect to both the arguments. Then

$$\bar{F}(x + u, y + v) = \bar{F}(x, y) \bar{F}(u, v) \quad \forall x, y, u, v \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

if and only if  $\bar{F}(x, y) = e^{-\lambda x} e^{-\mu y} \quad \forall x, y \geq 0$  for some  $\lambda, \mu > 0$ .

**Theorem 2.1** : Let  $F$  be a *BIFR* distribution. Then  $\theta_2 \leq 4\theta_1^2$  with strict equality if and only if  $F$  is of the form  $\bar{F}(x, y) = \exp(-\lambda x - \mu y)$  for all  $x, y \geq 0$  and for some  $\lambda, \mu > 0$ .

**Proof** : Since  $F$  is *BIFR*, by taking  $x_1 = x > 0, x_2 = 0, y_1 = y > 0, y_2 = 0$ , we have

$$\bar{F}(x + u, y + v) \leq \bar{F}(x, y) \bar{F}(u, v) \quad \forall u, v \geq 0, x, y, \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

For a bivariate distribution with  $\bar{F}(0, 0) = 1$ , we have (see Barlow and Proschan (1975), p. 135),

$$E(X^m Y^n) = mn \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty x^{m-1} y^{n-1} \bar{F}(x, y) dx dy \quad (3)$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2 &= E(X^2 Y^2) = 4 \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty xy \bar{F}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= 4 \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x, y) dudv dx dy \\ &= 4 \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x + u, y + v) dudv dx dy. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Using (2.2) and (2.4), we get

$$\theta_2 \leq \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x, y) \bar{F}(u, v) \, dudvdxdy = 4E^2(XY) = 4\theta_1^2. \quad (5)$$

This proves the first part of the theorem.

Now, if  $\bar{F}(x, y) = e^{-\lambda x - \mu y}$  for some  $\lambda > 0, \mu > 0$ , it can be easily seen that  $\theta_2 = 4/\lambda^2\mu^2, \theta_1 = 1/\lambda\mu$  and hence  $\theta_2 = 4\theta_1^2$  is attained. On the contrary, suppose that  $\theta_2 = 4\theta_1^2$  for a BIFR distribution. This implies

$$4 \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty [\bar{F}(x+u, y+v) - \bar{F}(x, y)\bar{F}(u, v)] \, dudvdxdy = 0 \quad (6)$$

In view of (2.2), (2.6) will hold if and only if

$$\bar{F}(x+u, y+v) = \bar{F}(x, y)\bar{F}(u, v) \quad \forall x, y, u, v \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

Proof of the second part of the Theorem now follows from Lemma 2.1.

### 3 Inequality of BNBU, BNBUE and BDMRL Classes

**Theorem 3.1 :** Let  $F$  be a Bivariate *NBU* distribution. Then  $\theta_2 \leq 4\theta_1^2$  with the strict equality if  $\bar{F}(x, y) = e^{-\lambda x - \mu y}$  for all  $x, y \geq 0$  for some  $\lambda, \mu > 0$ .

**Proof :** Since  $F$  is *BNBU*, we have

$$\bar{F}(x+u, y+v) \leq \bar{F}(x, y)\bar{F}(u, v) \quad \forall x, y, u, v \geq 0. \quad (1)$$

Note that (3.1) is the same as (2.2) of Theorem 2.1, which leads to the inequality  $\theta_2 \leq 4\theta_1^2$  and the corresponding result concerning the strict equality.

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $F$  be a *BNBUE* distribution. Then  $\theta_2 \leq 4\theta_1^2$ .

**Proof:** Since  $F$  is *BNBUE*, we have

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x+u, y+v), dx dy \leq \bar{F}(u, v) \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x, y) dx dy. \quad (2)$$

Integrating both sides of (3.2), we get

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x+u, y+v) dudv dx dy \leq \theta_1^2. \quad (3)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \bar{F}(x+u, y+v) dudv dx dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^x \int_0^y \bar{F}(x, y) dudv dx dy \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty xy \bar{F}(x, y) dx dy = \theta_2/4 \quad (5)$$

Hence (3.3) becomes  $\theta_2 \leq 4\theta_1^2$  as desired in the theorem.

**Note 3.1 :** The inequality  $\theta_2 \leq 4\theta_1^2$  holds good in *BDMRL* class as it is a smaller class as compared to *BNBUE*.

**Note 3.2 :** It can be easily seen that the reverse inequality holds viz.  $\theta_2 \geq 4\theta_1^2$  in the dual classes *BDFR*, *BNWU*, *BNWUE* and *BIMRL* distributions.

**Note 3.3:** It is well known that in the class of univariate *IFR* distributions  $E(X^2) \leq 2(EX)^2$  and that equality holds if and only if  $F$  is exponential. This result has been used (see Doksum and Yandell (1984)) to derive a test for Exponentiality against *IFR* alternatives. Similarly using Theorem 2.1, in this paper, one may derive tests for  $\bar{F}(x, y) = e^{-\lambda x - \mu y}$  against Bivariate *IFR* alternatives.

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