

Proofs for
“Income Insecurity and Youth Emancipation:
A Theoretical Approach”*

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1 Proofs of the results in Section 2

Proof of Lemma 1

We first note that:

$$\Delta_2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow c_{i2} > c_{p2}^n.$$

In words, the child prefers to move out if and only if her consumption while independent exceeds the consumption she would enjoy if she stayed. When parental income is such that $\tilde{y}_{c2} > \gamma_c$ (that is, the parent would provide positive transfers to a child who moved out), the difference in the child's consumption across residential states is:

$$c_{i2} - c_{p2}^n = \frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p - \gamma_c}{(\Gamma(n-1) + 1)} - \frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p}{n},$$

which is negative, since $\Gamma(n-1) + 1 > n$. This shows that $\Delta_2(y_{c2}) < 0$ for $y_{c2} \in [\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2}]$. For $y_{c2} \in (\tilde{y}_{c2}, \bar{y}_{c2}]$, the child would not receive any transfers if she moved out. In this case,

$$c_{i2} - c_{p2}^n = y_{c2} - \gamma_c - \frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p}{n}.$$

It is straightforward to show that this difference is negative for income values y_{c2} such that $y_{c2} < \bar{y}_{c2}$, and positive for $y_{c2} > \bar{y}_{c2}$. This proves that $\Delta_2(y_{c2}) < 0$ for $y_{c2} \in (\tilde{y}_{c2}, \bar{y}_{c2})$ and $\Delta_2(y_{c2}) > 0$ for $y_{c2} > \bar{y}_{c2}$.

The derivative of Δ_2 with respect to y_{c2} is:

$$\frac{\partial u(c_{i2})}{\partial c_{i2}} \frac{\partial c_{i2}}{\partial y_{c2}} - \frac{\partial u(c_{p2}^n)}{\partial c_{p2}^n} \frac{\partial c_{p2}^n}{\partial y_{c2}}.$$

For $y_{c2} \in (\tilde{y}_{c2}, \bar{y}_{c2})$, $\partial c_{i2}/\partial y_{c2} = 1$, and $\partial c_{p2}^n/\partial y_{c2} = 1/n$. Also, since $\Delta_2 < 0$ in this range, $\partial u(c_{i2})/\partial c_{i2}$ exceeds $\partial u(c_{p2}^n)/\partial c_{p2}^n$. This implies that $\partial \Delta_2/\partial y_{c2} > 0$ in this interval.

The expression for $\partial \Delta_2/\partial y_{c2}$, for $y_{c2} \in (\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2})$ is given by:

$$\frac{\partial \Delta_2}{\partial y_{c2}} = (c_{i2})^{-\alpha} \frac{1}{(\Gamma(n-1) + 1)} - (c_{p2}^n)^{-\alpha} \frac{1}{n},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Delta_2}{\partial y_{c2}} > 0 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{c_{p2}^n}{c_{i2}} \right)^\alpha > \frac{\Gamma(n-1) + 1}{n} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \left(\underbrace{\frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p}{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p - \gamma_c}}_{>1} \right)^\alpha > \left(\underbrace{\frac{(\Gamma(n-1) + 1)}{n}}_{>1} \right)^{1-\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\Gamma > 1$, the term in braces on the right-hand side exceeds unity. When $\alpha > 1$, the right-hand side will be smaller than 1 and, since the left-hand side of the inequality is greater than 1, the inequality will be satisfied for all values of y_{p2} and y_{c2} . This proves that $\Delta(y_{c2})$ is strictly increasing for $y_{c2} \in (\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2})$ when $\alpha > 1$.

The expression for $\partial\Delta_2/\partial y_{c2}$, for $y_{c2} > \bar{y}_{c2}$ is given by:

$$\frac{\partial\Delta_2}{\partial y_{c2}} = (c_{i2})^{-\alpha} - (c_{p2}^n)^{-\alpha} \frac{1}{n},$$

and

$$\frac{\partial\Delta_2}{\partial y_{c2}} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{c_{p2}^n}{c_{i2}}\right)^\alpha > \frac{1}{n} \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\left(\frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p}{y_{c2} - \gamma_c}\right)^\alpha}_{>1} > \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1-\alpha}}_{<1}.$$

Since $y_{p2} \geq \gamma_p$, the fraction on the left-hand side of this inequality exceeds unity and, since families have at least two persons, the fraction on the right-hand side is smaller than 1. For $\alpha < 1$, therefore, the inequality above is satisfied for all values of y_{c2} and y_{p2} . This proves that $\Delta_2(y_{c2})$ is strictly increasing for $y_{c2} > \bar{y}_{c2}$ when $\alpha < 1$. ■

Proof of Lemma 2

The proof is identical to the previous one. ■

Proof of Proposition 3

If $F(R) > 0$, the right-hand side of (6) is strictly positive. The moving-out income threshold \bar{y}_{c1} , such that $\Delta_1(\bar{y}_{c1}) = 0$, solves:

$$\begin{aligned} u(c_{i1}(\bar{y}_{c1})) - u(c_{p1}^n(\bar{y}_{c1})) &= \int_R (u(c_{p2}^n) - u(c_{i2})) dF(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) > 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}) &= \int_R (u(c_{p2}^n) - u(c_{i2})) dF(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 1 to Δ_2 , we know that it is strictly negative for $y_{c1} < \bar{y}_{c2}$, and strictly positive for $y_{c1} > \bar{y}_{c2}$. Further, from the properties of the utility function $u(\cdot)$, Δ_2 is continuous. Since $\Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c2}) = 0$, it follows that, for identical values of parental income across periods, $y_{p1} = y_{p2}$, the value of $\bar{y}_{c1}(y_{p1})$ that solves the previous equation must strictly exceed $\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p1})$. If $\Delta_2(y_{c2})$ has a decreasing range for $y_{c1} > \bar{y}_{c2}$, there could be multiple solutions

to the previous equation. If, however, $\alpha < 1$, $\Delta_2(y_{c1})$ has a strictly positive slope for $y_{c1} > \bar{y}_{c2}$ as shown in Lemma 1. In this case, the value of \bar{y}_{c1} that solves the previous equation is unique. ■

Proof of Lemma 4

First, we show that the derivative of $\Delta_2(\cdot)$ with respect to y_{c2} in the range $y_{c2} \in [\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2})$ is identical to the derivative of $\Delta_2(\cdot)$ with respect to y_{p2} in the range $y_{p2} > \tilde{y}_{p2}$. Notice that in both income intervals, an independent child is receiving transfers. We have that:

$$\frac{\partial \Delta_2}{\partial y_{c2}} \Big|_{y_{c2} \in [\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2})} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{c2}} \left[\frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \left(\frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p - \gamma_c}{\Gamma(n-1) + 1} \right)^{1-\alpha} - \frac{(y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p)^{1-\alpha}}{1 - \alpha} \right],$$

whereas

$$\frac{\partial \Delta_2}{\partial y_{p2}} \Big|_{y_{p2} > \tilde{y}_{p2}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{p2}} \left[\frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \left(\frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p - \gamma_c}{\Gamma(n-1) + 1} \right)^{1-\alpha} - \frac{(y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p)^{1-\alpha}}{1 - \alpha} \right],$$

the same as above. From Lemma 1, we have that $\Delta_2(\cdot, y_{p2})$ is strictly increasing for $y_{c2} \in (\tilde{y}_{c2}, \bar{y}_{c2})$, whereas Lemma 2 shows that $\Delta_2(y_{c2}, \cdot)$ is strictly decreasing for $y_{p2} \in (\bar{y}_{p2}, \tilde{y}_{p2})$. Say that $\partial \Delta_2 / \partial y_{c2}$ in the range $y_{c2} \in [\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2})$ is positive. Then, $\Delta_2(\cdot, y_{p2})$ will be monotonically increasing for $y_{c2} \leq \bar{y}_{c2}$. However, this implies that $\Delta_2(y_{c2}, \cdot)$ will be decreasing for $y_{p2} \in (\bar{y}_{p2}, \tilde{y}_{p2})$ and increasing for values of y_{p2} that exceed \tilde{y}_{p2} . Conversely, if $\partial \Delta_2 / \partial y_{c2}$ in the range $y_{c2} \in [\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2})$ were to be negative, then monotonicity of $\Delta_2(\cdot, y_{p2})$ would fail, whereas $\Delta_2(y_{c2}, \cdot)$ would be strictly decreasing for $y_{p2} \geq \bar{y}_{p2}$.

Proof of Proposition 5

$\bar{y}_{c1}(F_p^1)$ is the solution to the first line of the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}(F_p^1), y_{p1}) &= \int_{\gamma_c} \int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} [-\Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2})] dF_{p2}^1 dF_{c2} \\
&= - \int_{\gamma_c} \left[\begin{aligned} &\Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) F_p^1(y_{p2}) \Big|_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} \\ &- \int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} F_p^1(y_{p2}) (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}) dy_{p2} \end{aligned} \right] dF_{c2} \\
&= - \int_{\gamma_c} \left[\begin{aligned} &\Delta_2(y_{c2}, \tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})) F_p^1(\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})) \\ &- \int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} F_p^1(y_{p2}) (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}) dy_{p2} \end{aligned} \right] dF_{c2} \\
&= - \int_{\gamma_c} \left[\Delta_2(y_{c2}, \tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})) - \int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} F_p^1(y_{p2}) (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}) dy_{p2} \right] dF_{c2} \\
&\geq - \int_{\gamma_c} \left[\Delta_2(y_{c2}, \tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})) - \int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} F_p^2(y_{p2}) (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}) dy_{p2} \right] dF_{c2} \\
&= \Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}(F_p^2), y_{p1})
\end{aligned}$$

where we are using $F_p^1(\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})) = F_p^2(\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})) = 1$, $\Delta_2(y_{c2}, \bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})) = 0$, with the inequality following from the first-order stochastic dominance of F_p^1 over F_p^2 and the fact that Δ_2 is a decreasing function of y_{c2} in the range $[\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2}), \tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})]$, as shown in Lemma 2. Given $\alpha < 1$ and the corresponding strict monotonicity of $\Delta_2(\cdot, y_{p1})$ for $y_{c1} \geq \bar{y}_{c2}$, it follows that:

$$\Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}(F_p^1), y_{p1}) \geq \Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}(F_p^2), y_{p1}) \Leftrightarrow \bar{y}_{c1}(F_p^1) \geq \bar{y}_{c1}(F_p^2). \blacksquare$$

Proof of Proposition 6

$\bar{y}_{c1}(F_c^1)$ is the solution to the first line of the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}(F_c^1), y_{p1}) &= \int_{\gamma_p} \left[\int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} (u(c_{pn2}) - u(c_{i2})) dF_c^1(y_{c2}) \right] dF_p(y_{p2}) \\
&= - \int_{\gamma_p} \left[\int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) dF_c^1(y_{c2}) \right] dF_p(y_{p2}) \\
&= - \int_{\gamma_p} \left(\int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} F_c^1(y_{c2}) (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{c2}) dy_{c2} \right) dF_p(y_{p2}) \\
&= \int_{\gamma_p} \int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} F_c^1(y_{c2}) (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{c2}) dy_{c2} dF_p(y_{p2}) \\
&\leq \int_{\gamma_p} \int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} F_c^2(y_{c2}) (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{c2}) dy_{c2} dF_p(y_{p2}) \\
&= \Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}(F_c^2), y_{p1})
\end{aligned}$$

where we are using $F_c^1(\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_p)) = F_c^2(\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_p)) = 0$, $\Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2}), y_{p2}) = 0$, $\Delta_2(\cdot, y_{p2})$ is an increasing function of the child's income in the range $(\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2}), \bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2}))$, as shown in Lemma 1; the inequality follows finally from the assumed first-order stochastic dominance of F_1^c over F_c^2 .

When $\alpha < 1$, it follows that:

$$\Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}(F_c^1), y_{p1}) \leq \Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}(F_c^2), y_{p1}) \Leftrightarrow \bar{y}_{c1}(F_c^1) \leq \bar{y}_{c1}(F_c^2). \blacksquare$$

Proof of Proposition 7

Recall that expected regret is computed according to:

$$\bar{R} = \int_{\gamma_p} \left[\int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} -\Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) dF_c \right] dF_p.$$

We begin by showing that $\Delta_2(\cdot, y_{p2})$ is an increasing and concave function in the range $y_{c2} \in (\tilde{y}_{c2}, \bar{y}_{c2})$. Lemma 1 establishes that Δ_2 is increasing in this range. As for concavity,

$$\frac{\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2})}{\partial y_{c2}} = (y_{c2} - \gamma_c)^{-\alpha} - \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{y_{c2} + y_{p2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{-\alpha}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_2(y_{c2})}{\partial y_{c2}^2} = -\alpha (y_{c2} - \gamma_c)^{-\alpha-1} + \frac{\alpha}{n^2} \left(\frac{y_{c2} + y_{p2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{-\alpha-1} < 0,$$

where the inequality follows from the fact that, in this range,

$$y_{c2} - \gamma_c < \frac{y_{c2} + y_{p2} - \gamma_p}{n}.$$

Define:

$$G(x) \equiv \int_{\tilde{y}_c}^x [F_c^1 - F_c^2] dy_{c2},$$

with $G(x) \leq 0$ from second-order stochastic dominance, and $G(\tilde{y}_{c2}) = 0$. Further,

$$dG(x) = F_c^1(x) - F_c^2(x).$$

We have then:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(F_c^1) - \bar{R}(F_c^2) &= - \int_{\gamma_p} \left[\int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) d(F_c^1 - F_c^2) \right] dF_p \\ &= - \int_{\gamma_p} \left(\begin{aligned} &\Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) [F_c^1 - F_c^2] \Big|_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} \\ &- \int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{c2}) (F_c^1 - F_c^2) dy_{c2} \end{aligned} \right) dF_p \\ &= \int_{\gamma_p} \int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{c2}) dG(y_{c2}) dy_{c2} dF_p \\ &= \int_{\gamma_p} \left(\begin{aligned} &\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{c2} G(y_{c2}) \Big|_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} - \int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} \partial^2 \Delta_2 / \partial y_{c2}^2 G(y_{c2}) \\ &- \int_{\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})}^{\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{p2})} (\partial^2 \Delta_2 / \partial y_{c2}^2) G(y_{c2}) \end{aligned} \right) dF_p \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we are using $\Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c2}, y_{p2}) = 0$ and $F_c^1(\tilde{y}_{c2}) = F_c^2(\tilde{y}_{c2}) = 0$.

Then, under $\alpha < 1$, $\bar{y}_{c1}(F_c^1)$ which solves:

$$\Delta_1(\bar{y}_{c1}) = \bar{R}(F_c^1),$$

must be smaller than $\bar{y}_{c1}(F_c^2)$, the solution to

$$\Delta_1(\bar{y}_{c1}) = \bar{R}(F_c^2). \blacksquare$$

Proof of Proposition 8

We begin by showing that $\Delta_2(y_{p2})$ is convex in the range $y_{p2} \in (\bar{y}_{p2}, \tilde{y}_{c2})$. We have:

$$\frac{\partial \Delta_2(y_{p2})}{\partial y_{p2}} = -\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{y_{c2} + y_{p2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{-\alpha} < 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_2(y_{p2})}{\partial y_{p2}^2} = \frac{\alpha}{n^2} \left(\frac{y_{c2} + y_{p2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{-\alpha-1} > 0.$$

Then, $-\Delta_2(y_{p2})$ is increasing and concave.

Define:

$$G(x) \equiv \int_{\bar{y}_{p2}}^x (F_p^1 - F_p^2) dy_{p2},$$

with $G(\bar{y}_{p2}) = 0$, by assumption, $G(x) \leq 0$, from second-order stochastic dominance, and $dG(x) = F_p^1(x) - F_p^2(x)$.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(F_p^1) - \bar{R}(F_p^2) &= - \int_{\gamma_c} \left[\int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} [\Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2})] d(F_p^1 - F_p^2) \right] dF_c \\ &= - \int_{\gamma_c} \left[\begin{aligned} &\Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) (F_p^1 - F_p^2) \Big|_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} \\ &- \int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}) (F_p^1 - F_p^2) dy_{p2} \end{aligned} \right] dF_c \\ &= \int_{\gamma_c} \left(\int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} (\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}) (F_p^1 - F_p^2) dy_{p2} \right) dF_c \\ &= \int_{\gamma_c} \left(\begin{aligned} &(\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}) G(y_{p2}) \Big|_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} \\ &- \int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} (\partial^2 \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}^2) G(y_{p2}) dy_{p2} \end{aligned} \right) dF_c \\ &= \int_{\gamma_c} \left(\begin{aligned} &(\partial \Delta_2(y_{c2}, \tilde{y}_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}) G(\tilde{y}_{p2}) \\ &- \int_{\bar{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})}^{\tilde{y}_{p2}(y_{c2})} (\partial^2 \Delta_2(y_{c2}, y_{p2}) / \partial y_{p2}^2) G(y_{p2}) dy_{p2} \end{aligned} \right) dF_c \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, when $\alpha < 1$, $\bar{y}_{c1}(F_p^1) \geq \bar{y}_{c1}(F_p^2)$. ■

Proof of Lemma 9

Since $\bar{R} > 0$, from Proposition 3 we know that $\bar{y}_{c1} > \bar{y}_{c2}$. From Lemma 1, we know that $\partial \Delta_2 / \partial y_{c1} > 0$ for $y_{c1} > \bar{y}_{c2}$, when $\alpha < 1$. Further, a pair (\bar{y}_{c1}, y_{p1}) that solves (7) implies that, when holding \bar{y}_{c1} constant, we are in the decreasing range of $\Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}, \cdot)$, and y_{p1} is smaller than \bar{y}_{p1} . From Lemma

2, we know that $\Delta_2(\bar{y}_{c1}, \cdot)$ is strictly decreasing in y_{p1} for $y_{p1} \in [\gamma_p, \tilde{y}_{p2})$. Therefore, fully differentiating (7), we get:

$$\frac{\partial \Delta_2}{\partial \bar{y}_{c1}} d\bar{y}_{c1} + \frac{\partial \Delta_2}{\partial y_{p1}} dy_{p1} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\bar{y}_{c1}}{dy_{p1}} = -\frac{\partial \Delta_2 / \partial y_{p1}}{\partial \Delta_2 / \partial \bar{y}_{c1}} > 0,$$

and the result follows. ■

The proof of Lemma 10 builds on auxiliary lemmas A.1 and A.2.

Lemma A.1 *For $n^+ > n$, the transfer and moving-out thresholds decrease with family of size: $\tilde{y}_{c2}^{n^+} < \tilde{y}_{c2}^n$ and $\bar{y}_{c2}^{n^+} < \bar{y}_{c2}^n$. Further, for $y_{c2} \geq \tilde{y}_{c2}^n$, the differential between the utility under independence and coresidence increases with family size: $\Delta^{n^+}(y_{c2}) > \Delta^n(y_{c2})$.*

Proof of Lemma A.1

Equation (5) directly implies:

$$\tilde{y}_{c2}^{n^+} < \tilde{y}_{c2}^n \text{ and } \bar{y}_{c2}^{n^+} < \bar{y}_{c2}^n,$$

and also that $\tilde{y}_{c2}^{n^+} < \bar{y}_{c2}^{n^+}$ continues to hold. For $y_{c2} \geq \tilde{y}_{c2}^n > \tilde{y}_{c2}^{n^+}$, since in this range no transfers are given by families with either n or n^+ members, consumption and utility in the state of independence are identical in both cases. Consumption at home, however, is strictly lower in the case of a larger family size: $c_{p2}^{n^+} < c_{p2}^n$, and:

$$\Delta_2^{n^+}(y_{c2}) = u(c_{i2}) - u(c_{p2}^{n^+}) > u(c_{i2}) - u(c_{p2}^n) = \Delta_2^n(y_{c2}). \blacksquare$$

For very altruistic parents and $\alpha < 1$, we can rank the magnitudes of $\Delta_2^{n^+}(y_{c2})$ and $\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})$ over their entire domain:

Lemma A.2 *When the parent is fully altruistic ($\lambda = 0.5$) and $\alpha < 1$, $\Delta^{n^+}(y_{c2}) > \Delta^n(y_{c2})$ everywhere.*

Proof of Lemma A.2

Given the previous lemma and the continuity of $\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})$ and $\Delta_2^{n^+}(y_{c2})$ with respect to y_{c2} , it suffices to prove that

$$\Delta_2^{n^+}(y_{c2}) > \Delta_2^n(y_{c2})$$

for $y_{c2} \in [\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2}^n)$.

We consider first the interval $y_{c2} \in [\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2}^{n+}]$. In this range, the excess utility from independence relative to staying home involves positive transfers for either family size. To show our result in this range, it suffices to show that $\partial \Delta_2^n(y_{c2}) / \partial n > 0$.

$$\Delta_2^n(t_2 > 0) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \left\{ \left(\frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p - \gamma_c}{(\Gamma(n-1) + 1)} \right)^{1-\alpha} - \left(\frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{1-\alpha} \right\}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Delta_2^n}{\partial n} &> 0 \\ \iff \left(\frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{1-\alpha} \frac{1}{n} - \left(\frac{y_{p2} + y_{c2} - \gamma_p - \gamma_c}{(\Gamma(n-1) + 1)} \right)^{1-\alpha} \frac{\Gamma}{(\Gamma(n-1) + 1)} &> 0 \\ \iff (1-\alpha) \left(u(c_{p2}^n) \frac{1}{n} - u(c_{i2}) \frac{\Gamma}{(\Gamma(n-1) + 1)} \right) &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

For $y_{c2} \in [\gamma_c, \tilde{y}_{c2}^{n+}]$, we know that $u(c_{p2}^n) > u(c_{i2})$. When $\lambda = 0.5$, $\Gamma = 1$, and the result immediately follows. Finally, to show the result for $y_{c2} \in (\tilde{y}_{c2}^{n+}, \tilde{y}_{c2}^n)$, it suffices to show that the slope of $\Delta(y_{c2})$ computed under zero transfers increases with n . Since we have shown that $\Delta_2^{n+}(y_{c2})$ is above $\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})$, at $y_{c2} = \tilde{y}_{c2}^{n+}$, if the slope of $\Delta_2^{n+}(y_{c2})$, which we know is positive, exceeds that of $\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})$ for every $y_{c2} \in (\tilde{y}_{c2}^{n+}, \tilde{y}_{c2}^n)$, then $\Delta_2^{n+}(y_{c2})$ must remain above $\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})$ for these income values.

We have:

$$\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \left\{ (y_{c2} - \gamma_c)^{1-\alpha} - \left(\frac{y_{c2} + y_{p2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{1-\alpha} \right\},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{c2}} [\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})|_{t=0}] &= (y_{c2} - \gamma_c)^{-\alpha} - \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{y_{c2} + y_{p2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{-\alpha}, \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_{c2} \partial n} [\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})|_{t=0}] &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left(\frac{y_{c2} + y_{p2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{-\alpha} - \alpha \frac{1}{n^2} \left(\frac{y_{c2} + y_{p2} - \gamma_p}{n} \right)^{-\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

and the derivative will be positive iff $\alpha < 1$. Since

$$\frac{\partial \Delta_2^{n+}(y_{c2})|_{t=0}}{\partial y_{c2}} > \frac{\partial \Delta_2^n(y_{c2})|_{t=0}}{\partial y_{c2}} > \frac{\partial \Delta_2^n(y_{c2})|_{t>0}}{\partial y_{c2}},$$

it follows that $\Delta_2^{n+}(y_{c2})$ is steeper than $\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})$ for $y_{c2} \in (\tilde{y}_{c2}^{n+}, \tilde{y}_{c2}^n)$. ■

In (y_{c2}, y_{p2}) space, a larger family size makes the schedules $\tilde{y}_{c2}(y_p)$ and $\bar{y}_{c2}(y_{c2})$ steeper. Further, the schedule $\bar{y}_{c2}^{n+}(y_{p2})$ lies to the left of $\bar{y}_{c2}^n(y_{p2})$. Therefore, given parental income, the child will require a lower income in order to move out if she has a larger family.

Proof of Lemma 10

From lemma A.2, we know that the function $\Delta_2^{n+}(y_{c2})$ is everywhere above $\Delta_2^n(y_{c2})$. We need to establish how \bar{R} changes with family size. Since $\Delta_2^{n+}(y_{c2}) > \Delta_2^n(y_{c2})$,

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{R}^{n+} &= \int_{\gamma_p} \int_{\gamma_c}^{\bar{y}_{c2}^{n+}(y_{p2})} [-\Delta_2^{n+}(y_{c2}, y_{p2})] dF_{p2}^1 dF_{c2} \\ &< \int_{\gamma_p} \int_{\gamma_c}^{\bar{y}_{c2}^n(y_{p2})} [-\Delta_2^n(y_{c2}, y_{p2})] dF_{p2}^1 dF_{c2} = \bar{R}^n,\end{aligned}$$

where the inequality follows since we are integrating only over the range where Δ_2 takes negative values and since $\tilde{y}_2^{n+}(y_p) < \tilde{y}_2^n(y_p)$. Since $R^{n+} < R^n$, the root of the equation:

$$\Delta_2^{n+}(y_{c2}) = \bar{R}^{n+},$$

which is the value of \bar{y}_1^{n+} has to be smaller than the root of

$$\Delta_2^n(y_{c2}) = \bar{R}^n,$$

which is \bar{y}_1^n . ■