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The Gumbel and Clayton Copulas are not radial symmetric. Why?

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The proof is similar to the proof of the analogous theorem about the Gaussian copulas.

Hint:

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See McNeil et al. (2005) for a proof of the three last results.

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