

2. Part A

a) $S_0 = 100$, strike $K = 105$, 10 days

$$S_T \text{ Terminal price } = 100 + 2K - 10$$

K = number of up moves

Solve $100 + 2K - 10 > 105$

$$K > 7.5 \Rightarrow K \geq 8$$

Probability

$$P(K \geq 8) = \sum_{k=8}^{10} \frac{10C_k (0.5)^k}{(0.5)^{10}} [10C_8 + 10C_9 + 10C_{10}]$$

$$= 0.05468$$

b) Expected payoff

$$\text{Payoff} = \max(S_T - 105, 0)$$

$$\text{Expected payoff} = \sum_{k=0}^{10} \max(100 + 2K - 10 - 105, 0) \cdot \frac{10C_k (0.5)^{10}}{1}$$

$$= 0.078125$$

c) Fair value (no discounting)

$$= \text{Expected payoff} = 0.078125$$

Part B:

a)

$$E[|x|] = \sigma \sqrt{2/\pi} = 1$$

$$\sigma_{\text{daily}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2/\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \approx 1.2533$$

scaled to 10 days

$$\sigma_{10} = \sigma_{\text{daily}} \sqrt{10} \approx 3.9633$$

b)

$$E[\max(S_T - K, 0)] = \int_K^{\infty} (S - K) f_{S_T}(S) dS$$

$$f_{S_T}(S) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{10} \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(S-100)^2}{2\sigma_{10}^2}\right)$$

Probability
density function

$$\sigma_{10} \approx 3.2633$$

Part C

$$a) E[|x|] = \int_a^b |x| f(x) dx = \int_{-b}^b |x| \cdot \frac{1}{2b} dx$$

$$a = -b$$

$$\cancel{b-a=2b}$$

$$= \frac{b}{2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$$

$$E[|x|] = 1$$

$$b = 2$$

$$X \sim \text{Uniform}[-2, 2]$$

b) Binomial: Discrete, symmetric, variance

$$= 10 \times 1 \times 10$$

Normal: Continuous, symmetric, variance ≈ 15.71

Uniform sum:

$$\text{Daily variance} = \frac{(2 - (-2))^2}{12} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$10\text{-day variance} = 10 \times \frac{4}{3} \approx 13.32$$

c) Simulate daily moves:

for each day $i=1$ to 10 , Sample $X_i \sim \text{Uniform}[-2, 2]$

$$\text{Compute terminal price: } S_T = 100 + \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i$$

$$\text{Compute payoff: } \max(S_T - 105, 0)$$

Average over trials:

Run $N = 10,000$ iterations

Fair value \approx mean of payoffs