demo iv surface

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0.1 Implied Volatility Surface — Financial Background

0.1.1 1. Why do we use IV (instead of raw prices)?

- Standardized language: Raw option prices vary wildly across strike K and maturity T and are not comparable. Quoting **implied volatility** puts everything on a common, annualized scale, so traders can compare across strikes, maturities, and even assets (e.g., "1M ATM IV = 18%").
- What you pay: Markets quote in IV but settle in price via Black–Scholes (or your pricer): price = $BS(S_0, K, T, r, q, \sigma_{ouoted})$. Bid/ask in IV \Rightarrow bid/ask in price.
- Only the market consensus discount factor e^{-rT} and forward F (both observable from bond/futures curves) are needed, thus avoiding the need to estimate r and q separately, also r, q are not arbitrary assumptions, but come from market curves (bonds, futures, forwards). There is a general consensus on these curves.
- No "true IV": IV is implied from prices under a model; it's not a physical parameter. A mid-market IV surface (from mid prices) reflects the market consensus; quotes carry a spread.
- Economic intuition (time value): $C = \max(S_0 K, 0) + \text{time value}$. (Out-of-Money) OTM calls/puts are all time value and are most sensitive to tail probabilities; hence they reveal non-Gaussian features most clearly.
- Practical uses: Risk (Greeks like Vega/Vanna/Volga), scenario analysis, model calibration (local vol, Heston, SABR), and volatility/relative-value trading (e.g., skew trades). IV level/shape also acts as a sentiment/tail-risk barometer (e.g., VIX).

0.1.2 2. How IV surface maps to skewness & kurtosis

- Skewness IV slope (in K or log-moneyness k): Left-skewed (crash-prone) equity indices ⇒ downward skew (low K IV high). Right-skewed commodities ⇒ upward skew (high K IV high).
- Kurtosis IV curvature ("smile"):
 Fat tails make both wings (deep ITM/OTM) relatively expensive ⇒ IV higher at wings, lower near ATM (a smile).
- Intuition without parity:
 Right tail thicker ⇒ OTM calls' time value ↑; left tail thicker ⇒ ITM calls are less "certain" than BS assumes, their residual time value ↑; together this yields the smile.

Compact mapping:

Skewness
$$\iff \frac{\partial \sigma_{\text{imp}}}{\partial k}$$
, Kurtosis $\iff \frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{\text{imp}}}{\partial k^2}$ (or curvature of $w = \sigma^2 T$). (1)

0.1.3 3. Mathematical background (key formulas)

• Black-Scholes call:

$$C_{\rm BS}(S_0, K, T, r, q, \sigma) = S_0 e^{-qT} \Phi(d_1) - K e^{-rT} \Phi(d_2), \tag{2}$$

$$d_{1,2} = \frac{\ln(S_0/K) + (r - q \pm \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}.$$
 (3)

- Implied volatility (per (K,T)):

$$C_{\rm BS}(\sigma_{\rm imp}) = C_{\rm mkt}. \tag{4}$$

- Vega (price sensitivity to σ):

$$Vega = \frac{\partial C_{BS}}{\partial \sigma} = S_0 e^{-qT} \phi(d_1) \sqrt{T}, \qquad \Delta \sigma \approx \frac{\Delta C}{Vega}.$$
 (5)

- Forward & total variance (numerical stability):

$$F = S_0 e^{(r-q)T}, \quad k = \ln(K/F), \quad w(k,T) = \sigma_{\text{imp}}(k,T)^2 T.$$
 (6)

- Put-call parity (consistency across strikes):

$$C - P = S_0 e^{-qT} - K e^{-rT}. (7)$$

- Risk-neutral density (Breeden-Litzenberger):

$$\frac{\partial^2 C(K,T)}{\partial K^2} = e^{-rT} \, f_{S_T}(K), \tag{8} \label{eq:8}$$

which links option prices (hence the IV surface) to the risk-neutral distribution's shape (skewness/kurtosis).

0.2 Implied Volatility Surface: Link to Skewness and Kurtosis – Mathematical Proof

We summarize the mathematical reasoning for why the slope and curvature of the IV surface encode the higher moments of the risk-neutral distribution.

0.2.1 1. Set-up

Forward price and log-moneyness:

$$F = S_0 e^{(r-q)T}, \quad k = \ln\left(\frac{K}{F}\right). \tag{9}$$

Total implied variance:

$$w(k,T) = \sigma_{\rm imp}(k,T)^2 T. \tag{10}$$

Definition of implied volatility:

$$c_{\rm BS}(k, w(k, T)) = c_{\rm mkt}(k, T), \tag{11}$$

where c is the forward call price.

0.2.2 2. Implicit differentiation

Differentiate w.r.t. k:

$$c_k^{\rm BS} + c_w^{\rm BS} \, w_k = c_k^{\rm mkt}, \quad \Rightarrow \quad w_k = \frac{c_k^{\rm mkt} - c_k^{\rm BS}}{c_w^{\rm BS}}. \tag{12}$$

Differentiate again:

$$c_{kk}^{\text{BS}} + 2c_{kw}^{\text{BS}} w_k + c_{ww}^{\text{BS}} w_k^2 + c_w^{\text{BS}} w_{kk} = c_{kk}^{\text{mkt}}, \tag{13}$$

$$w_{kk} = \frac{c_{kk}^{\text{mkt}} - c_{kk}^{\text{BS}} - 2c_{kw}^{\text{BS}} w_k - c_{ww}^{\text{BS}} w_k^2}{c_{w}^{\text{BS}}}.$$
 (14)

Thus IV slope and curvature are proportional to the difference between **true distribution** and **Gaussian BS** benchmarks.

0.2.3 3. Cumulant expansion

Let $X = \ln(S_T/F)$. Standardized cumulants:

$$\gamma_1 = \mathbb{E}[Z^3], \quad \gamma_2 = \mathbb{E}[Z^4] - 3, \quad Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma_X}. \tag{15}$$

Edgeworth expansion:

$$f_X(x) \approx \frac{1}{\sigma_X} \phi(z) \left[1 + \frac{\gamma_1}{6} H_3(z) + \frac{\gamma_2}{24} H_4(z) + \frac{\gamma_1^2}{72} H_6(z) \right].$$
 (16)

Substitution into price derivatives gives, to leading order:

$$w_k \propto \gamma_1 + \mathcal{O}(\gamma_2), \qquad w_{kk} \propto \gamma_2 + \mathcal{O}(\gamma_1^2).$$
 (17)

0.2.4 4. ATM short-maturity asymptotics

At k = 0, small T:

$$\left. \frac{\partial \sigma_{\text{imp}}}{\partial k} \right|_{k=0} \approx -\frac{\gamma_1}{6} \frac{\sigma_{\text{imp}}}{\sqrt{T}},$$
(18)

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{\rm imp}}{\partial k^2} \right|_{k=0} \approx \left. \frac{\gamma_2}{24} \frac{\sigma_{\rm imp}}{T} + \frac{\gamma_1^2}{72} \frac{\sigma_{\rm imp}}{T} \right. \tag{19}$$

0.2.5 5. Conclusion

Skewness
$$\iff \frac{\partial \sigma_{\text{imp}}}{\partial k}$$
, Kurtosis $\iff \frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{\text{imp}}}{\partial k^2}$. (20)

- The **slope** of the IV smile reflects **skewness** (left/right tail asymmetry).
- The **curvature** of the IV smile reflects **kurtosis** (fat tails), plus a smaller skewness-squared term.

1 Option Mini-Lab — Implied Volatility Surface Demo

Goals 1. Generate a small grid of model-consistent option quotes. 2. Recover implied vols and build an IV surface. 3. Interpolate IV at arbitrary (K, T). 4. Visualize smiles, term structures, and the surface. 5. Stress-test solver stability (deep ITM/OTM, tiny T). 6. (Optional) Quick no-arbitrage sanity checks (butterfly/calendar, heuristic).

1.1 Conclusion

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- Plot helpers generated smiles, term structures, and a 3D surface.
- The solver is numerically stable in edge cases (deep ITM/OTM, very short maturities).

Next steps (good first issues): - Add no-arbitrage smoothing / Hagan—West strike interpolation. - Calibrate a SABR slice per maturity and compare to raw IV. - Add unit tests: round-trip pricing, interpolation edges, stress cases.

```
[1]: import math
  import numpy as np
  import pandas as pd
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import sys, os
  project_root = os.path.abspath(os.path.join(os.getcwd(), '..'))
  sys.path.append(project_root)
```

[2]: %cd \$project_root

/Users/zhaoyub/Documents/Tradings/option-mini-lab

/Users/zhaoyub/Library/Python/3.12/lib/python/site-packages/IPython/core/magics/osm.py:417: UserWarning: This is now an optional IPython functionality, setting dhist requires you to install the `pickleshare` library.

self.shell.db['dhist'] = compress_dhist(dhist)[-100:]

[3]: %load_ext autoreload

```
[4]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from src.iv_surface import (
    bs_price,
    implied_vol,
    Quote,
    IVSurface,
    build_surface,
    price_from_iv_grid,
    butterfly_violations,
    calendar_violations,
    implied_vol_trace
)
```

```
[5]: np.set_printoptions(precision=6, suppress=True)
rng = np.random.default_rng()
```

1.2 Market Setup

We create a synthetic market: - Spot S=100, rates r=1%, dividend/borrow q=0%. - Two maturities: $T\{0.5, 1.0\}$ years. - Strikes $K\{80, 90, 100, 110, 120\}$. - Ground-truth volatility =20%.

We'll price European calls under Black–Scholes, then recover implied vols and build a rectangular surface.

1.2.1 Generating Synthetic Quotes:

```
[7]: S, r, q = 100.0, 0.01, 0.00
    Ts = np.array([0.25, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0])
    Ks = np.array([70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 140])
    TT, KK = np.meshgrid(Ts, Ks, indexing="ij")
    TT = TT.ravel()
    KK = KK.ravel()
    def iv_true(K, T, S=S):
         # Toy smile + skew + mild term structure (smooth and positive)
        m = np.log(K / S)
                                          # log-moneyness
        base = 0.18 + 0.04*np.sqrt(T)
                                         # upward-sloping term structure
        wings = 0.12*(m**2)
                                         # symmetric smile (convex in
      ⇔log-moneyness)
         skew = -0.06*m
                                            # add a left skew (equity-style)
        sig = base + wings + skew
        return float(np.clip(sig, 0.05, 0.90))
    sigma_true = np.array([iv_true(K, T) for K, T in zip(KK, TT)])
```

1.2.2 Build IV Surface

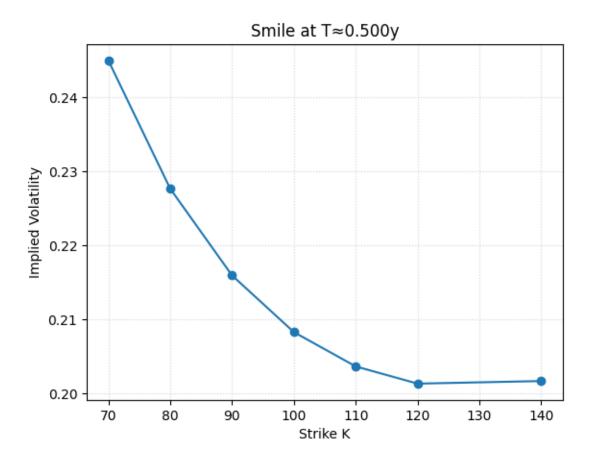
Mean |recovered IV - true IV|: 1.5283065120980893e-09

1.2.3 Interpolation Sanity Checks

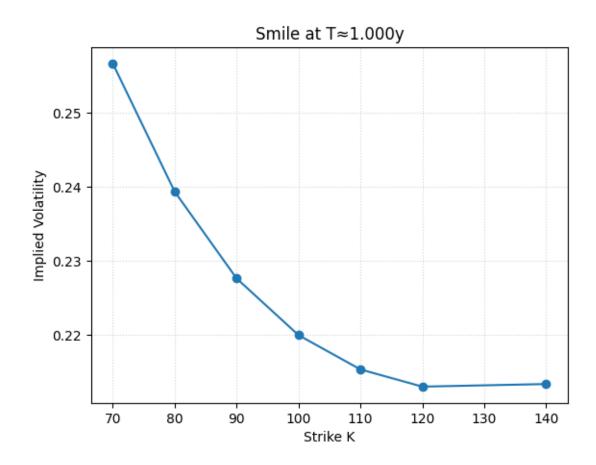
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ax = surf.plot_smile(T=1.0)

plt.show()

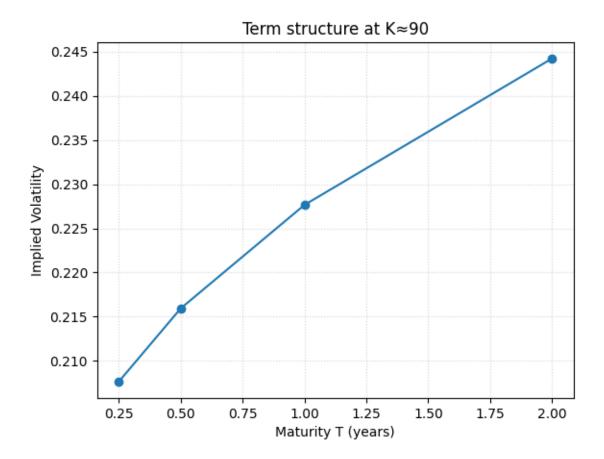


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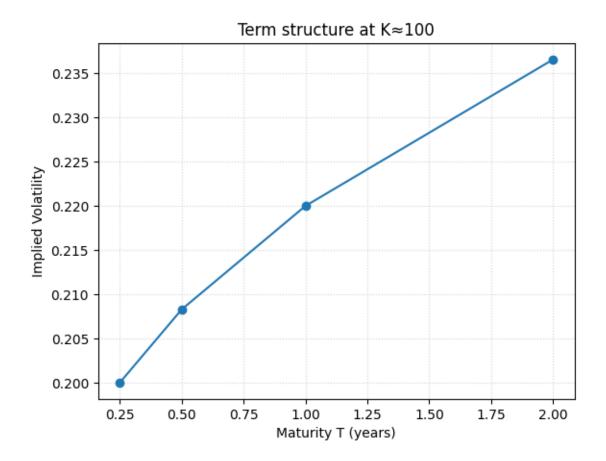


```
[11]: for KO in [90, 100, 110]:
    plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
    ax = surf.plot_term_structure(K=KO)
    plt.show()
```

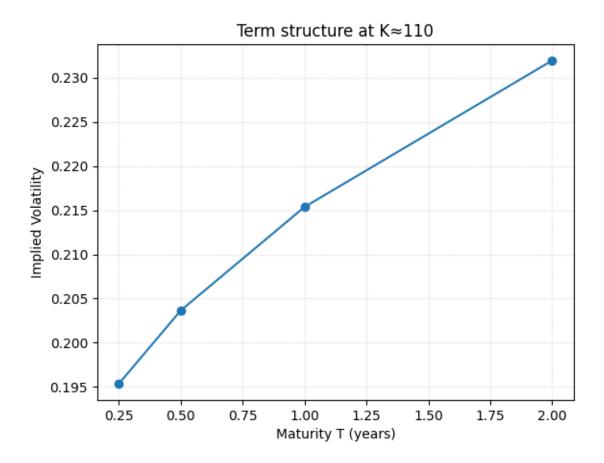
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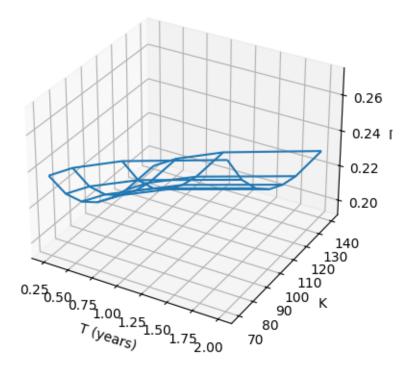


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```
[12]: ax = surf.plot_surface()
plt.show()
```

Implied Vol Surface



1.2.4 Pointwise IV Recovery vs Direct Solver

120 0.193050 0.193050

140 0.193397 0.193397

5 0.25

6 0.25

```
[14]: import pandas as pd
     df = pd.DataFrame({
         "T": TT,
         "K": KK,
         "IV_true": sigma_true,
         "IV_rec": [surf.iv_at(K, T) for K, T in zip(KK, TT)]
     }).sort_values(["T","K"])
     df.head(10), float(np.nanmean(np.abs(df.IV_true - df.IV_rec)))
[14]: (
            T
                 K
                     IV_true
                                IV_rec
       0
         0.25
                70 0.236667 0.236667
       1
         0.25
                80 0.219364 0.219364
         0.25
                90 0.207654 0.207654
      3 0.25
               100 0.200000 0.200000
      4 0.25
               110 0.195371 0.195371
```

```
7 0.50 70 0.244951 0.244951
8 0.50 80 0.227648 0.227648
9 0.50 90 0.215938 0.215938,
1.5283065120980893e-09)
```

1.3 Stress Test

We stress the solver with: - Deep ITM (K=60) and deep OTM (K=140) options. - Very small maturity T=1/365 1 day.

We expect the solver to return a stable IV near the ground truth (here we price from =0.20 then invert).

1.3.1 Stress Test: Deep ITM/OTM & Small T

```
K
              Τ
                     Price
                              IV_rec
0
  40
       0.002740 60.001096 0.000001 -2.499990e-01
  40
       0.019178 60.007670 0.000001 -2.499990e-01
1
2
       0.100000 60.039980 0.000001 -2.499990e-01
  40
       0.500000 60.199501 0.250011 1.074797e-05
3
  40
4
  40
       1.000000 60.398403 0.250000 9.560407e-10
5
  40
       3.000000 61.317048 0.250000 8.326673e-15
6
  40
      10.000000 65.922693 0.250000 2.070566e-12
       0.002740 40.001644 0.000001 -2.499990e-01
7
  60
8
  60
       0.019178 40.011506 0.000001 -2.499990e-01
9
  60
       0.100000 40.059970 0.200000 -5.000000e-02
```

Max |error|: 0.249999

1.3.2 Near-intrinsic & near-zero prices (hard cases)

```
[18]: cases = []
      # Deep ITM small T ~ intrinsic
      for T in [1/365, 3/365, 5/365]:
         K = 60.0
         sig = 0.15
         p = bs_price(S, K, r, q, T, sig, True)
         # Push price slightly BELOW intrinsic to trigger lower bound behavior
         intrinsic = max(0.0, S*np.exp(-q*T) - K*np.exp(-r*T))
         p_{minus} = max(1e-12, intrinsic * 0.999999)
         p_plus = max(p, intrinsic + 1e-8)
         cases.append(("below_intrinsic", K, T, p_minus))
         cases.append(("at_model", K, T, p_plus))
      # Deep OTM tiny T ~ price near O
      for T in [1/365, 2/365, 5/365]:
         K = 200.0
         sig = 0.2
         p = bs_price(S, K, r, q, T, sig, True)
         cases.append(("near_zero_price", K, T, p))
      for name, K, T, p in cases:
          iv = implied_vol(p, S, K, r, q, T, True)
         print(f"{name:>18s} | K={K:6.1f} T={T:8.5f} price={p:.8g} IV={iv:.6f}")
        below_intrinsic | K= 60.0 T= 0.00274 price=40.001604 IV=0.000001
               at_model | K= 60.0 T= 0.00274 price=40.001644 IV=1.750110
        below_intrinsic | K= 60.0 T= 0.00822 price=40.004891 IV=0.000001
               at_model | K= 60.0 T= 0.00822 price=40.004931 IV=1.006934
        below intrinsic | K= 60.0 T= 0.01370 price=40.008179 IV=0.000001
               at_model | K= 60.0 T= 0.01370 price=40.008219 IV=0.782972
        near_zero_price | K= 200.0 T= 0.00274 price=0 IV=0.000001
        near_zero_price | K= 200.0 T= 0.00548 price=0 IV=0.000001
        near_zero_price | K= 200.0 T= 0.01370 price=0 IV=0.000001
```

1.3.3 Random grid w/ non-flat (K,T) + noise \rightarrow inversion error stats

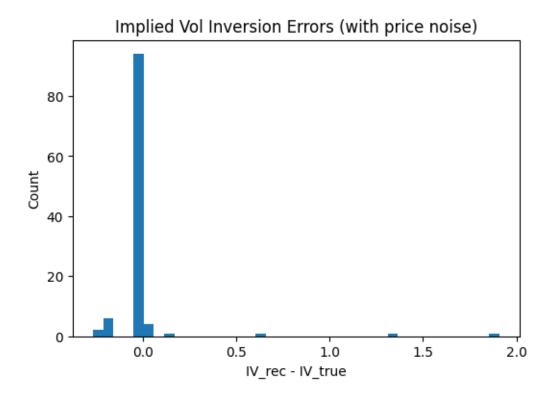
```
[19]: rng = np.random.default_rng(0)

def iv_true(K, T, S=100):
    m = np.log(K/S)
    base = 0.18 + 0.05*np.sqrt(T)
    wings = 0.10*(m**2)
    skew = -0.05*m
    return float(np.clip(base + wings + skew, 0.05, 0.9))
Ks = np.linspace(60, 160, 11)
```

```
Ts = np.linspace(1/365, 2.0, 10)
rows = []
for T in Ts:
   for K in Ks:
       sig = iv_true(K, T)
       p = bs_price(S, K, r, q, T, sig, True)
       # add small market micro-noise proportional to price level
       noise = (0.0005 + 0.0005*rng.random()) * p
       pmid = max(0.0, p + rng.normal(0.0, noise))
       iv = implied_vol(pmid, S, K, r, q, T, True)
       rows.append((K, T, sig, pmid, iv, iv - sig))
df_noise = pd.DataFrame(rows,__
 ⇔columns=["K","T","IV_true","Price_mid","IV_rec","Error"])

df_noise["Error"].abs().quantile(0.95))
# Error histogram
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
plt.hist(df_noise["Error"], bins=40)
plt.xlabel("IV_rec - IV_true")
plt.ylabel("Count")
plt.title("Implied Vol Inversion Errors (with price noise)")
plt.show()
```

MAE: 0.05170201495639091 95%|Error|: 0.18011583043418106

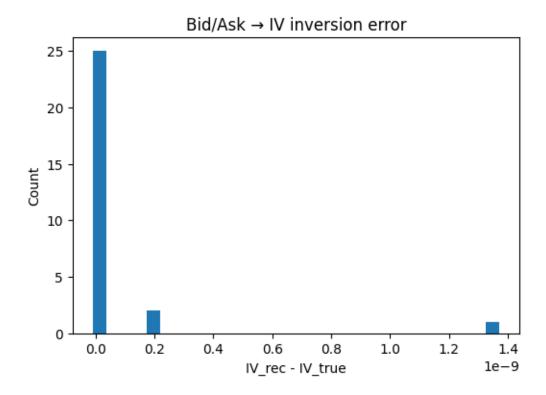


1.4 Using Bid/Ask to Build Surface

In practice we often have bid/ask instead of a clean mid. Below we perturb model prices to synthetic bid/ask, build Quote objects with bid & ask, and confirm recovered IVs remain close to the truth.

```
[23]: IV_true = np.array([iv_true(K, T) for K, T in zip(KK, TT)])
      mid_prices = np.array([bs_price(S, K, r, q, T, sig, True)
                             for (K, T, sig) in zip(KK, TT, IV_true)])
      # --- build synthetic bid/ask around mid ---
      # Spread in bps, gently increasing with moneyness to mimic wider wings.
      bps = 50 + 50 * np.abs(np.log(KK / S)) / 0.5
                                                       # ~50-150 bps
      spreads = bps * 1e-4
      bids = np.maximum(0.0, mid_prices * (1.0 - spreads))
      asks = mid_prices * (1.0 + spreads)
      # Quotes with bid/ask (no direct `price`)
      quotes_ba = [
          Quote(S=S, K=float(K), T=float(T), r=r, q=q, is_call=True, bid=float(b), u
       ⇔ask=float(a))
          for K, T, b, a in zip(KK, TT, bids, asks)
      ]
```

```
# Build surface from bid/ask -> (module computes mid internally)
surf_ba = IVSurface.from_quotes(quotes_ba)
# --- accuracy: recovered IV vs ground truth at grid nodes ---
IV_rec_nodes = surf_ba.iv.ravel()
err = IV_rec_nodes - IV_true
mae = float(np.mean(np.abs(err)))
p95 = float(np.quantile(np.abs(err), 0.95))
print(f"MAE | IV_rec - IV_true| = {mae:.6f}, 95% = {p95:.6f}")
# Small table preview
df_chk = pd.DataFrame({
    "T": TT, "K": KK,
    "IV_true": IV_true,
    "IV_rec": IV_rec_nodes,
    "Error": err
}).sort_values(["T","K"])
display(df_chk.head(10))
# Error histogram
plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
plt.hist(err, bins=30)
plt.xlabel("IV_rec - IV_true")
plt.ylabel("Count")
plt.title("Bid/Ask → IV inversion error")
plt.show()
MAE |IV_rec - IV_true| = 0.000000, 95% = 0.000000
     Т
          K
             IV_true
                         IV rec
                                        Error
0 0.25
         70 0.235555 0.235555 3.154005e-12
1 0.25
         80 0.221136 0.221136 8.192585e-12
2 0.25
        90 0.211378 0.211378 2.570444e-13
3 0.25 100 0.205000 0.205000 1.942890e-16
4 0.25 110 0.201143 0.201143 1.646613e-11
5 0.25 120 0.199208 0.199208 2.096792e-10
6 0.25 140 0.199498 0.199498 1.370018e-09
7 0.50
        70 0.245911 0.245911 1.890647e-10
8 0.50
         80 0.231492 0.231492 4.246603e-14
9 0.50
         90 0.221733 0.221733 2.445544e-13
```



1.5 Heuristic No-Arbitrage Checks

This is **not** a full no-arb enforcement. Quick checks only:

- Butterfly (strike) convexity: For fixed T, call price should be convex in K.
- Calendar (term): For fixed K, undiscounted call price is non-decreasing in T (under non-negative rates/dividends).

We'll test these on the **model prices** implied by **surf.iv** (by re-pricing with BS at the recovered IVs).

```
if calendar_bad[:5]: print("Sample calendar viols:", calendar_bad[:5])
```

Butterfly violations: 1 Calendar violations: None

Sample butterfly viols: [('butterfly', 0, 2, -0.0038668067156919506)]

1.5.1 Convergence Trace

```
[21]: K_star, T_star = 200.0, 1/365 # very far OTM & tiny T

p_star = bs_price(S, K_star, r, q, T_star, 0.25, True)

print("Target price:", p_star)

sigma_est = implied_vol_trace(p_star, S, K_star, r, q, T_star, True, u)

sigma_init=0.05)

print("Recovered :", sigma_est)
```

Target price: 0.0

Price intrinsic, returning lo

Recovered : 1e-06

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[24]: ! jupyter nbconvert --to pdf notebooks/demo_iv_surface.ipynb
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