

Q3.

$$a) \frac{dS}{S} = (\hat{\mu} - \delta) dt + \sigma dW^P$$

$$\frac{dB}{B} = r dt$$

Therefore, the corresponding PDE should be:

$$(r - \delta) S C_S + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 C_{SS} - rC = 0$$

$$C(t, S^*) = S^* - K \quad \text{for } \forall \text{ first hitting time } \tau.$$

Which equals to $C(S^*) = S^* - K$

Here, since the option has no maturity date and the option payoff depends only on S^* , hence no explicit relationship with time.

b) Right now it's a simple ODE function =

$$\begin{cases} (r - \delta) S C_S + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 C_{SS} - rC = 0 \\ C(S^*) = S^* - K \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } C = S^\alpha \quad \therefore (r - \delta) \alpha S^\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \alpha(\alpha - 1) S^\alpha - r S^\alpha = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \alpha^2 + (r - \delta - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}) \alpha - r = 0 \quad (*)$$

If x_1 and x_2 are the roots for (*), then $C = A S^{x_1} + B S^{x_2}$

$$\text{Here } x_1 = \frac{\delta + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} - r + \sqrt{(r - \delta - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})^2 + 2\sigma^2 r}}{\sigma^2} > 0$$

$$\begin{cases} x_2 = \frac{\delta + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} - r - \sqrt{(r - \delta - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})^2 + 2\sigma^2 r}}{\sigma^2} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} C(S^*) = S^* - K \\ C(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore B = 0 \quad A = \frac{S^* - K}{S^{x_1}}$$

$$\therefore C(S) = \frac{S^* - K}{S^{x_1}} S^{x_1} = (S^* - K) \left(\frac{S}{S^*} \right)^{x_1} \quad x_1 = \frac{\delta + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} - r + \sqrt{(r - \delta - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})^2 + 2\sigma^2 r}}{\sigma^2}$$

c) We need to choose S^* s.t. $(S^* - k) \left(\frac{S}{S^*}\right)^{X_1}$ is maximized.

$$f(S^*) = \frac{S^* - k}{S^{X_1}}$$

$$\text{Here } f'(S) = \frac{S^{X_1} - (S - k) X_1 S^{X_1 - 1}}{S^{2X_1}} = (1 - X_1) S^{-X_1} + k X_1 S^{-X_1 - 1}$$

$$\text{Let } f'(S) = 0 \quad (1 - X_1) + k X_1 S^{-1} = 0$$

$$\therefore S^* = \frac{k X_1}{X_1 - 1} > k \quad \text{is the optimal } S^*.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } S \rightarrow 0 \quad X_1 &= \frac{\delta + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} - r + \sqrt{(r - \delta - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})^2 + 2\sigma^2 r}}{\sigma^2} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{\frac{\sigma^2}{2} - \delta + r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}}{\sigma^2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore X_1 \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } S \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{Then optimal } S^* = k \frac{X_1}{X_1 - 1} \rightarrow \infty$$

This means, if no dividends, then investor won't set barrier to maximize the value, hence it equals to holding a share of stock with no expiration, since right now $C(S) = S$.