

1) First note that $E(x) = \int x f(x) dx = \mu$ $\sigma^2 = \text{var}(x) = E(x^2) - E(x)^2 = \int x^2 f(x) dx - \mu^2 \Rightarrow E(x^2) = \mu^2 + \sigma^2$.

$$E(u(x)) = \int (x - \frac{\alpha}{2} x^2) f(x) dx = \int x f(x) dx - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int x^2 f(x) dx = E(x) - \frac{\alpha}{2} E(x^2) = \boxed{\mu - \frac{\alpha}{2} (\mu^2 + \sigma^2)}$$

$$U(x_{CE}) = E(u(x)) = \mu - \frac{\alpha}{2} (\mu^2 + \sigma^2) = x_{CE} - \frac{\alpha}{2} x_{CE}^2 \Rightarrow (x_{CE} - \frac{1}{\alpha})^2 = \mu^2 + \sigma^2 - \frac{2\mu}{\alpha} + (\frac{1}{\alpha})^2 = (\mu - \frac{1}{\alpha})^2 + \sigma^2$$

$$x_{CE} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \pm \sqrt{\sigma^2 + (\mu - \frac{1}{\alpha})^2}$$

$$\text{if } x_{CE} = \frac{1}{\alpha} + \sqrt{\sigma^2 + (\mu - \frac{1}{\alpha})^2} > (\mu - \frac{1}{\alpha}) + \frac{1}{\alpha} = \mu$$

$x_{CE} > \mu$ impossible.

$$\Rightarrow x_{CE} = \frac{1}{\alpha} - \sqrt{\sigma^2 + (\mu - \frac{1}{\alpha})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_A = \mu - x_{CE} = \mu - \frac{1}{\alpha} + \sqrt{\sigma^2 + (\mu - \frac{1}{\alpha})^2}$$

Instead of 1 million, let's do this for 1 dollar (we can multiply with 1 million at the end)

\Rightarrow At the end of the year $N(1+r+z(\mu-r), z^2\sigma^2) \Rightarrow$ expectation

$$\Rightarrow (1+r+z(\mu-r)) - \frac{\alpha}{2} ((1+r+z(\mu-r))^2 + z^2\sigma^2) =$$

$$1+r+z(\mu-r) - \frac{\alpha}{2} [(1+r)^2 + 2(1+r)z(\mu-r) + z^2(\mu-r)^2 + z^2\sigma^2] \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \Rightarrow$$

$$(\mu-r) - \frac{\alpha}{2} [2(1+r)(\mu-r) + 2z(\mu-r) + 2z\sigma^2] = 0 \Rightarrow (\mu-r) - \alpha z(\mu-r) - \alpha z\sigma^2 - \alpha(1+r)(\mu-r) = 0$$

$$z = \frac{(\mu-r)(1-\alpha(1+r))}{\alpha(\mu-r) + \alpha\sigma^2} = \frac{(\mu-r) \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} - (1+r) \right]}{\mu-r + \sigma^2}$$

So as $\mu > r \Rightarrow$ As α decreases

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha}$ increases $\Rightarrow z$ increases.

\Rightarrow As α increases $\Rightarrow z$ decreases.

Q3 | • with probability $p \Rightarrow (1+\alpha)fW_0 + (1-f)W_0$

with probability $1-p \Rightarrow (1-\beta)fW_0 + (1-f)W_0$

• wp (with probability) $p \quad U(W) = \log((1+\alpha)fW + (1-f)W)$

wp $1-p \Rightarrow U(W) = \log((1-\beta)fW + (1-f)W)$

• $E[\log(W)] = p \cdot \log((1+\alpha)fW + (1-f)W) + (1-p) \log((1-\beta)fW + (1-f)W)$

• $\frac{\partial E[\log(W)]}{\partial f} = p \cdot \frac{\alpha W}{\alpha f W + W} + (1-p) \cdot \frac{-\beta W}{W - \beta f W}$

$$= \frac{p\alpha}{\alpha f + 1} - \frac{(1-p)\beta}{1 - \beta f} \Rightarrow p\alpha(1 - \beta f) = \beta(1-p)(1 + \alpha f)$$

$$p\alpha - f[p\alpha\beta] = \beta(1-p) + f[\beta\alpha(1-p)]$$

$$\Rightarrow p\alpha - \beta(1-p) = f[\alpha\beta - \alpha\beta + \alpha\beta]$$

$$\boxed{f^* = \frac{\alpha p - \beta(1-p)}{\alpha\beta}} = \frac{p}{\beta} - \frac{1-p}{\alpha}$$

It is a maxima as $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial f^2} =$

$$\underbrace{p\alpha(1+\alpha f)^{-2}(-\alpha)}_{\text{negative}} - \underbrace{(1-p)\beta \frac{1}{(1-\beta f)^2}(-1)(-p)}_{\text{positive}} \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{concave} \Rightarrow f^* \text{ is a local max.}$$

• It makes sense for me because f^* goes up if α ^{and/or} p goes up.

Similarly it decreases if we increase $(1-p)$ and/or β increase.

