

A1Q2 (5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 c) &= S_t^2 \left((1 + \sigma\sqrt{\Delta t} + (2r - \sigma^2/2)\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\Delta t + o(\Delta t)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (1 - \sigma\sqrt{\Delta t} + (2r - \sigma^2/2)\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\Delta t + o(\Delta t)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 2(1 + r\Delta t + o(\Delta t)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - (1 + (2r - \sigma^2)\Delta t + o(\Delta t)) + 1 \right) \\
 &= S_t^2 \left(\cancel{2} + (4r - \sigma^2)\Delta t + \sigma^2\Delta t \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \cancel{2} - 2r\Delta t - \cancel{1} - (2r - \sigma^2)\Delta t + \cancel{1} + o(\Delta t) \right) \\
 &= S_t^2 \left(\cancel{4r\Delta t} - \sigma^2\Delta t + \sigma^2\Delta t - \cancel{2r\Delta t} - \cancel{2r\Delta t} + \sigma^2\Delta t + o(\Delta t) \right) \\
 &= S_t^2 \left(\sigma^2\Delta t + o(\Delta t) \right) = S_t^2 \sigma^2\Delta t + o(\Delta t)
 \end{aligned}$$

As $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$, $o(\Delta t)$ converges to 0 faster than Δt .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then } \text{Var}(dS_t) &= \text{Var}\left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \Delta S_t\right) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \text{Var}(\Delta S_t) \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left(S_t^2 (\sigma^2\Delta t) + o(\Delta t) \right) = S_t^2 \sigma^2 dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } \text{Var}(dS_t) = \beta^2 dt = S_t^2 \sigma^2 dt = (\sigma S_t)^2 dt,$$

$$\beta = \sigma S_t \quad (\because \sigma > 0, S_t > 0)$$

As we now have $\alpha = rS_t$ and $\beta = \sigma S_t$, we have that

$$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dZ_t$$