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Q1. *Vega*. The partial derivative of an option price w.r.t. the volatility σ is called its *vega*, v .

For calls and puts in the Black-Scholes model, show that vega is positive. Interpretation: *options like volatility*. This makes good intuitive sense: an option is an insurance policy against adverse price movements. The worse these might be, the more we will be prepared to pay for it.

Q2. *Delta*. The partial derivative of an option price w.r.t. the stock price S is called its *Delta*.

- (i) For calls, show that $\Delta \in (0, 1)$.
- (ii) For puts, show that $\Delta \in (-1, 0)$.

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