

Financial Mathematics

Risk-neutrality and delta-hedging

0056-1. **Suppose** our market analyst tells us that the annual drift and volatility of a certain asset are 0.05 and 0.22, respectively. **Suppose** we have decided to use a 65-35 model with 365 subperiods per year. **Calibrate** the (one-day) uptick and downtick factors, e^u and e^d .

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- c. Compute the price of an asset that pays \$2 on uptick and \$1 on downtick.
- d. Compute the Delta of an asset that pays \$2 on uptick and \$1 on downtick.

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NOTE: This is a risk-free asset!