Options Markets

Review of Option Types

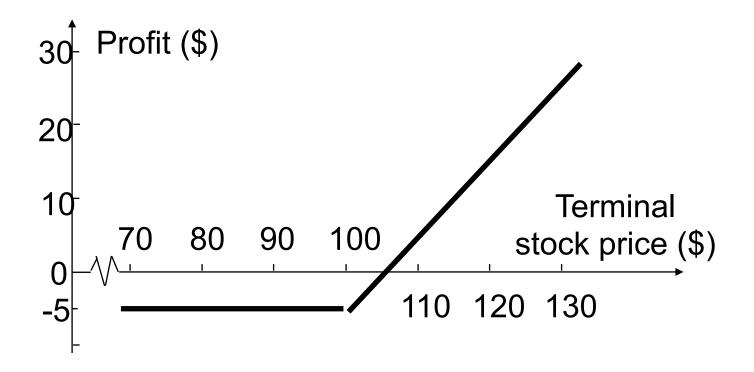
- A call is an option to buy
- A put is an option to sell
- A European option can be exercised only at the end of its life
- An American option can be exercised at any time

Option Positions

- Long call
- Long put
- Short call
- Short put

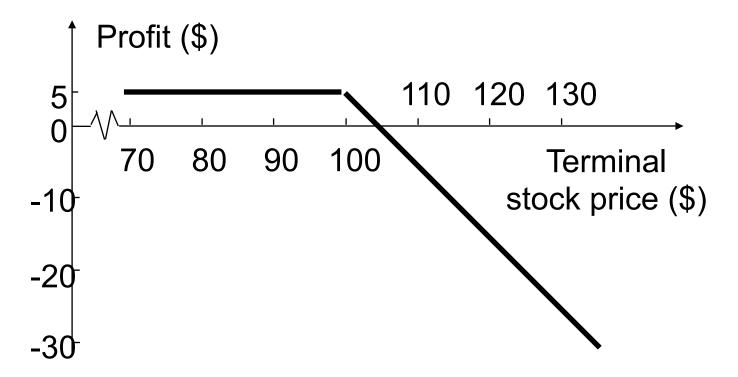
Long Call

Profit from buying one European call option: option price = \$5, strike price = \$100, option life = 2 months



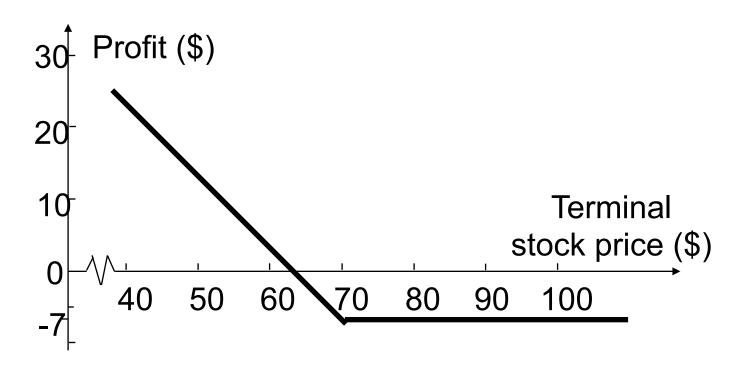
Short Call

Profit from writing one European call option: option price = \$5, strike price = \$100



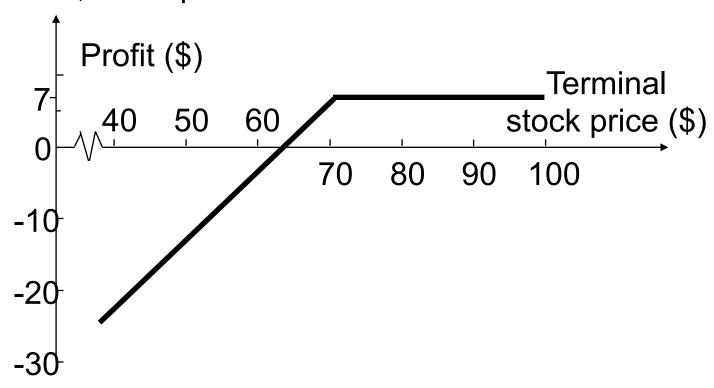
Long Put

Profit from buying a European put option: option price = \$7, strike price = \$70



Short Put

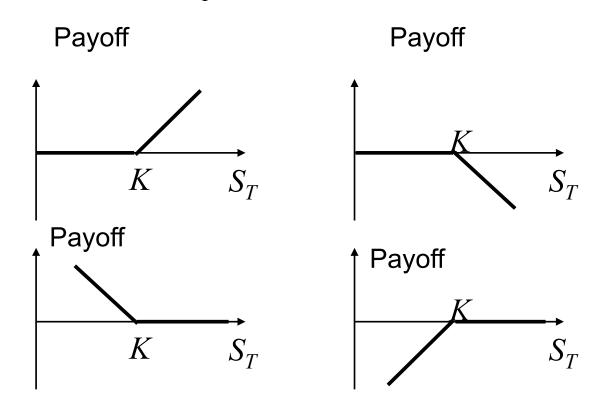
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Payoffs from Options

What is the Option Position in Each Case?

K =Strike price, $S_T =$ Price of asset at maturity



Assets Underlying Exchange-Traded Options

- Stocks
- Foreign Currency
- Stock Indices
- Futures

Specification of Exchange-Traded Options

- Expiration date
- Strike price
- European or American
- Call or Put (option class)

Terminology

Moneyness:

- At-the-money option
- In-the-money option
- Out-of-the-money option

Terminology

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- Intrinsic value
- Time value

Market Makers

- Most exchanges use market makers to facilitate options trading
- A market maker quotes both bid and ask prices when requested
- The market maker does not know whether the individual requesting the quotes wants to buy or sell

Margins

- Margins are required when options are sold
- When a naked option is written the margin is the greater of:
 - A total of 100% of the proceeds of the sale plus 20% of the underlying share price less the amount (if any) by which the option is out of the money
 - A total of 100% of the proceeds of the sale plus 10% of the underlying share price (call) or exercise price (put)
- For other trading strategies there are special rules

Warrants

- Warrants are options that are issued by a corporation or a financial institution
- The number of warrants outstanding is determined by the size of the original issue and changes only when they are exercised or when they expire

Warrants

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- The issuer settles up with the holder when a warrant is exercised
- When call warrants are issued by a corporation on its own stock, exercise will usually lead to new treasury stock being issued

Employee Stock Options

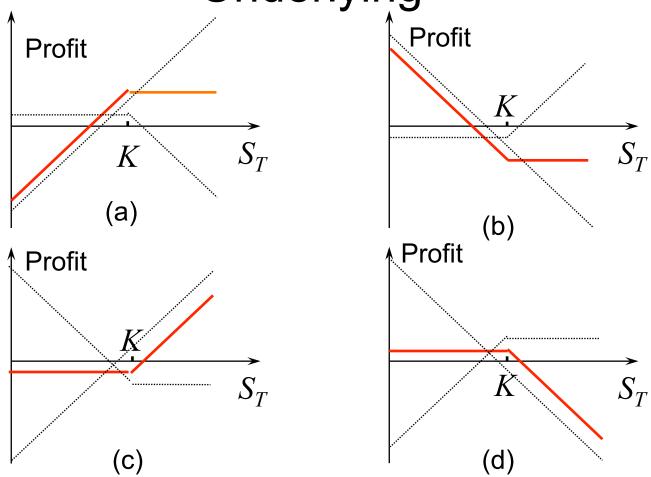
- Employee stock options are a form of remuneration issued by a company to its executives
- They are usually at the money when issued
- When options are exercised the company issues more stock and sells it to the option holder for the strike price
- Expensed on the income statement

Convertible Bonds

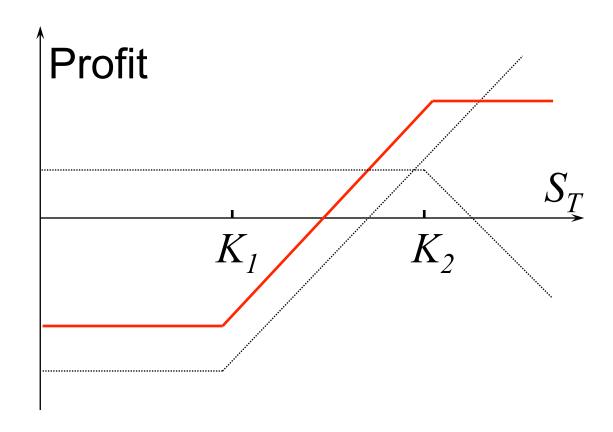
- Convertible bonds are regular bonds that can be exchanged for equity at certain times in the future according to a predetermined exchange ratio
- Usually a convertible is callable
- The call provision is a way in which the issuer can force conversion at a time earlier than the holder might otherwise choose

Trading Strategies Involving Options

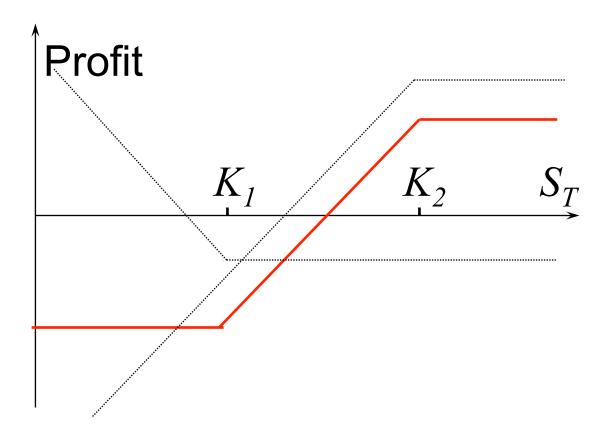
Positions in an Option & the Underlying



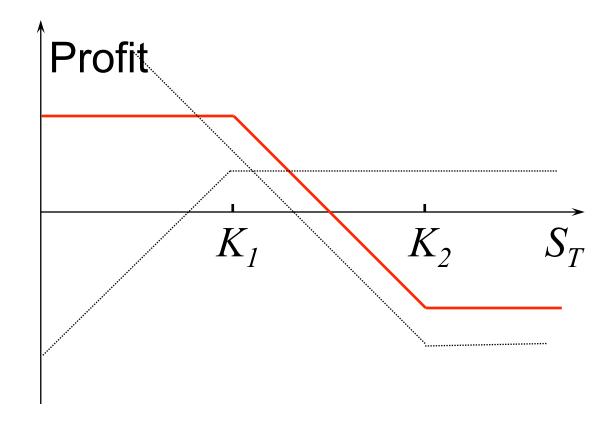
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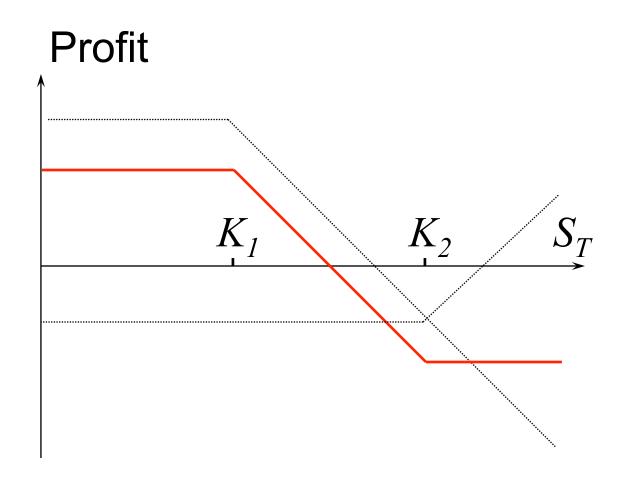
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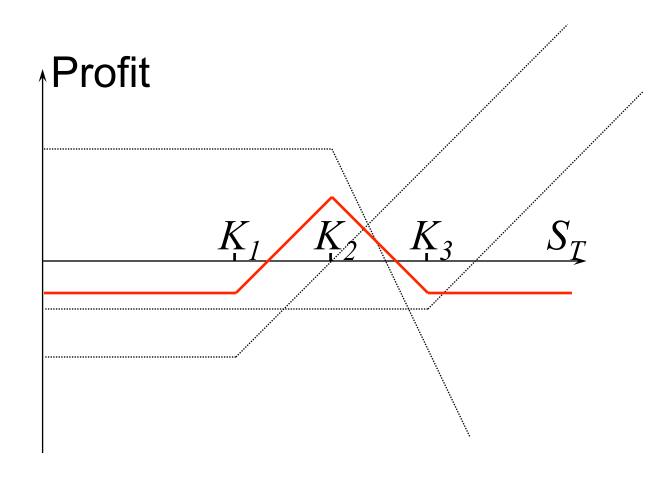
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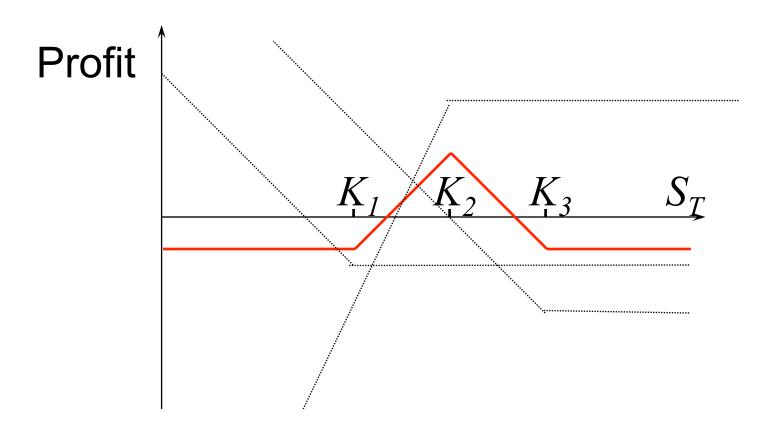
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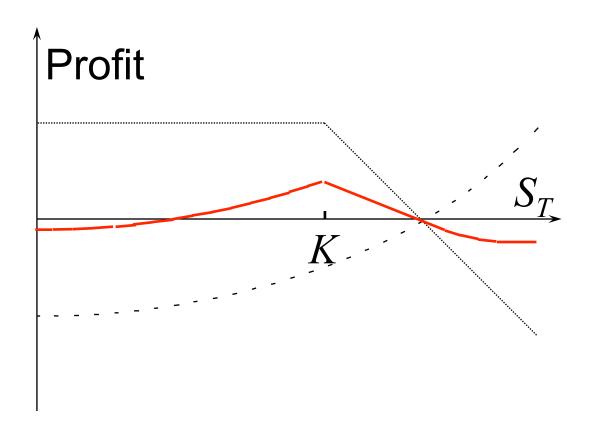
Butterfly Spread Using Calls



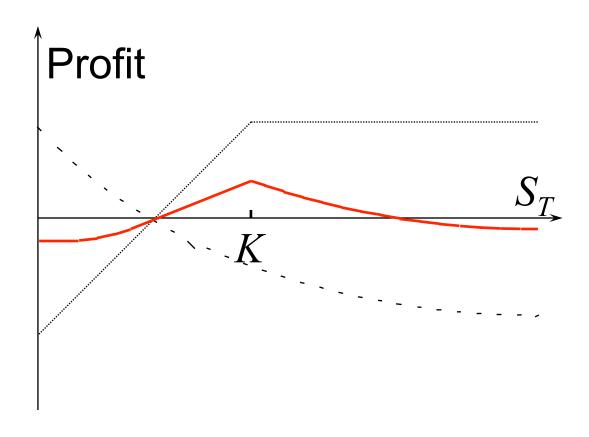
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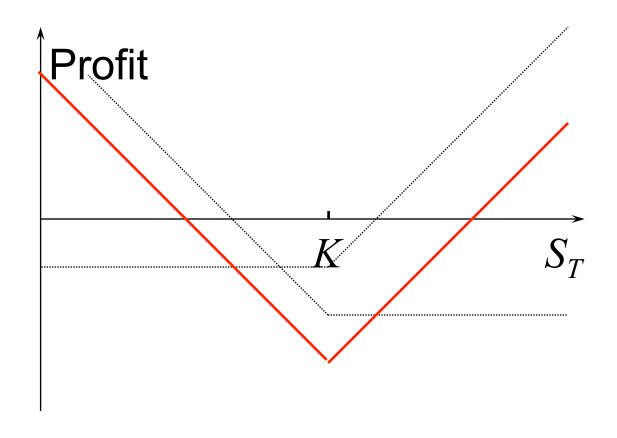
Calendar Spread Using Calls



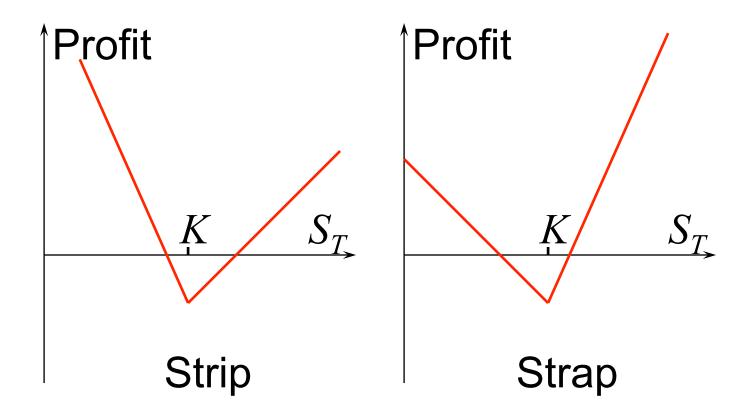
Calendar Spread Using Puts



A Straddle Combination



Strip & Strap



A Strangle Combination

