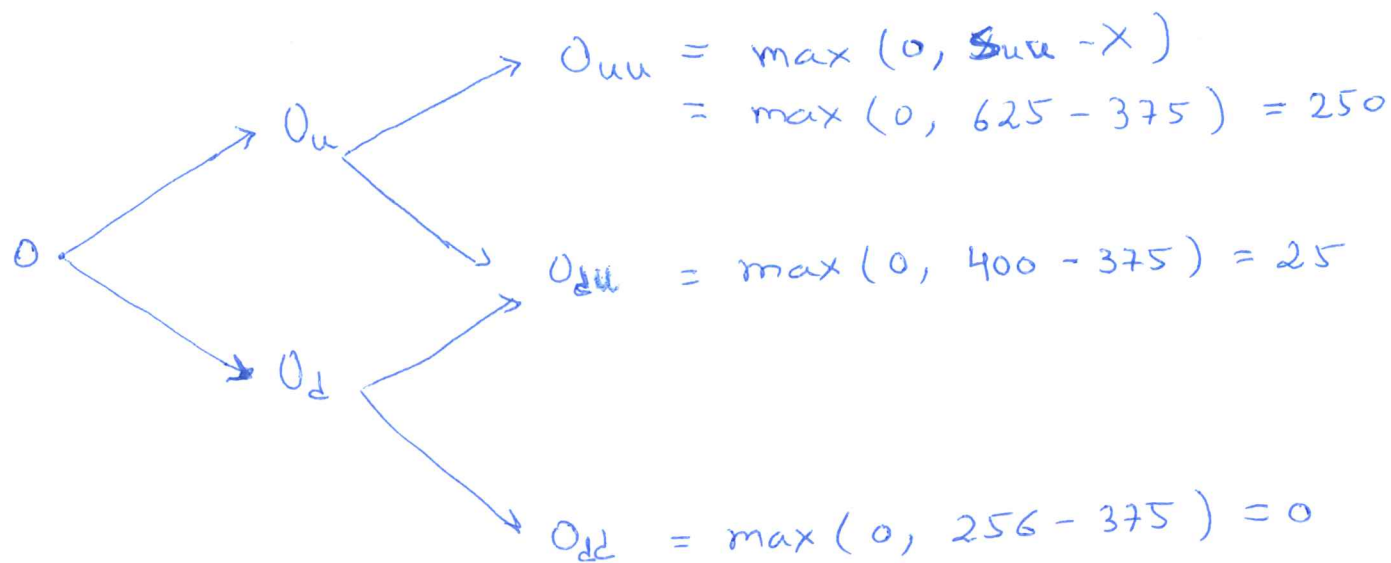


An American call option should not be exercised before the maturity if the stock does not pay dividends



We saw that :  $O_C^A \geq O_C^E \geq \max(0, S - PV(X))$   
 $\geq \max(0, S - X)$

Then we conclude that is always better to sell the option then exercise it (if we are not on the maturity)  
 In the maturity the option <sup>will</sup> expire

We can also see this in the tree

$$O_u = \max(\text{dead}, \text{alive}) = \max(125, 149.53) = 149.53$$

$$\text{dead} = S_u - X = 500 - 375 = 125$$

$$\text{alive} = 149.53$$

This values are calculate as we saw

$$O_d = \max(320 - 375, 14.02) = 14.02$$

$$O = \max(400 - 375, 89.09) = 89.09$$