

on 1 March, the price of copper is \$9.80 per ton.
A speculator buys an American option on June copper (maturing - 15 June).
Strike price = \$9.80

15 May - 10.100 \$/ton
15 June - 9.700 \$/ton

As the option is an American one, A exercises it on 15 May, takes delivery of copper at strike price 9.800 and sells it in spot market at price (10.100 - 9.800) = 300 \$/ton.

→ In case of an European option - he had to exercise it on 15 June only.
He will earn only (-100) \$/ton or he incurs loss.

This is why American option premium > European option

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Relation b/w strike price and market price

* An option is said to be "at the money" ^{ATM}

if $\text{current market price} = \text{strike price}$

* An option is said to be "in-the-money" ^{ITM}

when strike price is less than the market price in such a way it is advantageous to exercise the option

(For a call option $\text{strike price} < \text{current price}$
" " " " $\text{strike price} > \text{current price}$)

* out of the money (OTM) is just reverse to ITM.

OTM { call option \rightarrow strike price $>$ current price
put option \rightarrow strike price $<$ current price

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Concept of "intrinsic value"

Premium for an option = intrinsic value + time value

An option is said to have any intrinsic value when it is 'ITM'.

Intrinsic value is zero for ATM or OTM.

Time value depends on time to maturity, higher the remaining time to maturity, higher is uncertainty about it, and higher is the time value.

So intrinsic value = premium - time value.

also intrinsic value = strike price - market price for an in-the-money option.

An example:
A company's share is trading at 100 and you are holding a call option with an intrinsic value of 10. The premium is 15.
Premium > intrinsic value

∴ Intrinsic value of any call option

= market price - discounted present value of the exercise price

Intrinsic value of American put

= exercise price - market price

Intrinsic value of European put option

= discounted value of strike price - market price

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Factors that affect option prices

① Intrinsic value

② Time value

③ Volatility.

Frequency and magnitude of change in price

Measure - (S.D. σ) or variance)coefficient of variation \rightarrow

$$\frac{S.D.}{\text{Mean}} \times 100$$

$$\Delta \delta = \frac{\% \text{ change in option price}}{\% \text{ change in price of underlying asset}}$$

$$\gamma (\delta) = \frac{\text{change in } \delta}{\text{change in underlying price}}$$

$$\rho (\beta) = \frac{\text{Expected change in price of option}}{\% \text{ change in risk free interest rate}}$$

$$\rho_{\gamma} (\beta) = \frac{\text{change in price of option}}{\text{change in volatility}}$$