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European versus American options

$$C_{\mathrm{Amer}}(S, K, T) \geq C_{\mathrm{Eur}}(S, K, T)$$

$$P_{\mathrm{Amer}}(S, K, T) \geq P_{\mathrm{Eur}}(S, K, T)$$

Maximum and minimum option prices

$$S \geq C_{\text{Amer}}(S, K, T) \geq C_{\text{Eur}}(S, K, T) \geq \max\left(0, \text{PV}_{0,T}(F_{0,T}) - \text{PV}_{0,T}(K)\right)$$

$$K \geq P_{\text{Amer}}(S, K, T) \geq P_{\text{Eur}}(S, K, T) \geq \max\left(0, \text{PV}(K) - \text{PV}_{0,T}(F_{0,T})\right)$$

Early exercise for American options

Calls on stocks with no dividend

$$C_{\text{Amer}} \geq C_{\text{Eur}} > S_t - K$$

No early exercise!

See p. 277 for the proof of the first set of inequalities.

Calls on stock with dividends

Interest beats dividends? $K - \text{PV}_{t,T}(K) > \text{PV}_{t,T}(\text{Div})$	Early exercise?
✓	✗
✗	possibly

When dividends do make early exercise rational, one should exercise at the last moment before the ex-dividend date.

Early exercise for puts (no dividend case)

In order to receive interest, one may exercise early (think about the case when $S_t = 0$)

No-exercise condition:

$$P\left(S_t, K, T-t\right) > K - S_t$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$C\left(S_t, K, T-t\right) > K - \mathrm{PV}_{t,T}(K)$$

	calls	puts
Receive	stock	cash
Motivation for early exercise	sufficient dividends	sufficient interest

One can view interest as the dividend on cash.

Dividends are the sole reason to early-exercise an option.

Time to expiration – the K fixed

The longer the more expensive

- American call/put options
- European call option on stock with no dividend

The longer, might be cheaper

- European call option on stock with dividend
- European put option

Time to expiration
– $K_t = ke^{rt}$

Theorem 9.3-1 When $K_t = e^{rt}K$, i.e., the strike grows at the interest rate, the premiums on European calls and puts on a non-dividend-paying stock increases with time to maturity.

Proof. We only prove the case for puts and leave the calls as exercise.
Let $T > t$. In order to show that

$$P_{\text{Euro}}(S_T, K_T, T) > P_{\text{Euro}}(S_t, K_t, t),$$

it suffices to find an arbitrage when

$$P_{\text{Euro}}(S_T, K_T, T) \leq P_{\text{Euro}}(S_t, K_t, t).$$

Proof (continued).

		Payoff at Time T			
		$S_T < K_T$		$S_T > K_T$	
		Payoff at Time t			
Transaction	**Time 0**	$S_t < K_t$	$S_t > K_t$	$S_t < K_t$	$S_t > K_t$
Sell $P(t)$	$P(t)$	$S_T - K_T$	0	$S_T - K_T$	0
Buy $P(T)$	$-P(T)$	$K_T - S_T$	$K_T - S_T$	0	0
Total	$P(t) - P(T)$	0	$K_T - S_T$	$S_T - K_T$	0

$\square$

Different strike prices

$$K_1 \leq K_2 \leq K_3$$

Relation	Ideas in proof, arbitrage in
$C(K_1) \geq C(K_2)$	a call bull spread
$P(K_1) \leq P(K_2)$	a put bear spread
$C(K_1) - C(K_2) \leq K_2 - K_1$	a call bear spread
$P(K_2) - P(K_1) \leq K_2 - K_1$	a put bull spread
$\frac{C(K_1) - C(K_2)}{K_2 - K_1} \leq \frac{C(K_2) - C(K_3)}{K_3 - K_2}$	an asymmetric butterfly spread
$\frac{P(K_2) - P(K_1)}{K_2 - K_1} \leq \frac{P(K_3) - P(K_2)}{K_3 - K_2}$	an asymmetric butterfly spread

Convexity revisited

$$\frac{C(K_1) - C(K_2)}{K_2 - K_1} \leq \frac{C(K_2) - C(K_3)}{K_3 - K_2}$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$C(K_2) \leq \lambda C(K_1) + (1 - \lambda) C(K_3).$$

with

$$\lambda = \frac{K_3 - K_2}{K_3 - K_1}$$

Example 9.3-1 Suppose that

Strike	50	55
Call Premium	18	12

1. What no-arbitrage property is violated?
2. What spread position would you use to effect arbitrage?
3. Demonstrate that the spread position is an arbitrage.

Solution. Check Example 9.4 on p. 283. □

Example 9.3-2 Suppose that

Strike	50	59	65
Call premium	14	8.9	5

1. What no-arbitrage property is violated?
2. What spread position would you use to effect arbitrage?
3. Demonstrate that the spread position is an arbitrage.

Solution. Check Example 9.5 on p. 284. □

Example 9.3-3 Suppose that

Strike	50	55	70
Put premium	4	8	16

1. What no-arbitrage property is violated?
2. What spread position would you use to effect arbitrage?
3. Demonstrate that the spread position is an arbitrage.

Solution. Check Example 9.6 on p. 284. □