

# Call & Put Option Profits and Payoffs

- $c_0, c_t$  = price of the call option at time 0 and  $T$
- $p_0, p_t$  = price of the put option at time 0 and  $T$
- $X$  = exercise price or strike price
- $S_0, S_t$  = price of the stock at time 0 and  $T$
- $pl$  = profit or loss from the transaction

## Long Call

- Value at expiration  $\{c_T = \max(0, S_T - X)\}$ 
  - $C_T = 0$  if  $S_T \leq X$
  - $C_T = S_T - X$  if  $S_T > X$
- Profit at expiration
  - $pl = -c_0$  if  $S_T \leq X$
  - $pl = S_T - X - c_0$  if  $S_T > X$
- Breakeven {value of  $S_T$  denoted as  $S_{T^*}$  where  $pl = 0$ }
  - $S_{T^*} = X + c_0$
- Maximum profit =  $\infty$
- Maximum loss =  $c_0$

## Short Call

- Value at expiration  $\{p_T = \max(0, X - S_T)\}$ 
  - $C_T = 0$  if  $S_T \leq X$
  - $C_T = X - S_T + c_0$  if  $S_T > X$
- Profit at expiration
  - $pl = c_0$  if  $S_T \leq X$
  - $pl = X - S_T + c_0$  if  $S_T > X$
- Breakeven {value of  $S_T$  denoted as  $S_{T^*}$  where  $pl = 0$ }
  - $S_{T^*} = X + c_0$
- Maximum profit =  $c_0$
- Maximum loss =  $\infty$

## Long Put

- Value at expiration  $\{c_T = \max(0, S_T - X)\}$ 
  - $P_T = X - S_T$  if  $S_T < X$
  - $P_T = 0$  if  $S_T \geq X$
- Profit at expiration
  - $pl = X - S_T - p_0$  if  $S_T < X$
  - $pl = -p_0$  if  $S_T \geq X$
- Breakeven {value of  $S_T$  denoted as  $S_{T^*}$  where  $pl = 0$ }
  - $S_{T^*} = X - p_0$
- Maximum profit =  $X - p_0$
- Maximum loss =  $p_0$

## Short Put

- Value at expiration  $\{p_T = \max(0, X - S_T)\}$ 
  - $P_T = S_T - X$  if  $S_T < X$
  - $P_T = 0$  if  $S_T \geq X$
- Profit at expiration
  - $pl = X - S_T + p_0$  if  $S_T < X$
  - $pl = p_0$  if  $S_T \geq X$
- Breakeven {value of  $S_T$  denoted as  $S_{T^*}$  where  $pl = 0$ }
  - $S_{T^*} = X - p_0$
- Maximum profit =  $p_0$
- Maximum profit =  $X - p_0$