

- (1) Show that for a one period binomial model for an asset paying dividends continuously at rate q to be arbitrage-free, the following condition must be satisfied:

$$d < e^{(r-q)\delta t} < u.$$

Hint: Recall that having a long position between time 0 and time δt in one unit of an asset paying dividends continuously at rate q is equivalent to having a long position between time 0 and time δt in $e^{-q\delta t}$ units of a non-dividend-paying asset with the same drift and volatility.

$$\hat{S}_t = e^{-qt} S_t, \quad \hat{S}_0 = S_0, \quad \hat{S}_{\delta t} = e^{-q\delta t} S_{\delta t} = \begin{cases} u\hat{S}_0 \\ d\hat{S}_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{S}_0 = e^{-r\delta t} [\hat{p}^* u \hat{S}_0 + (1 - \hat{p}^*) d \hat{S}_0], \quad \hat{p}^* = \frac{e^{r\delta t} - d}{u - d}, \quad \hat{p}^* \in (0, 1), \quad d = e^{r\delta t} < u$$

$$E^Q[S_{\delta t} | S_0] = S_0 e^{(r-q)\delta t} \Rightarrow d < e^{(r-q)\delta t} < u \quad \square$$

