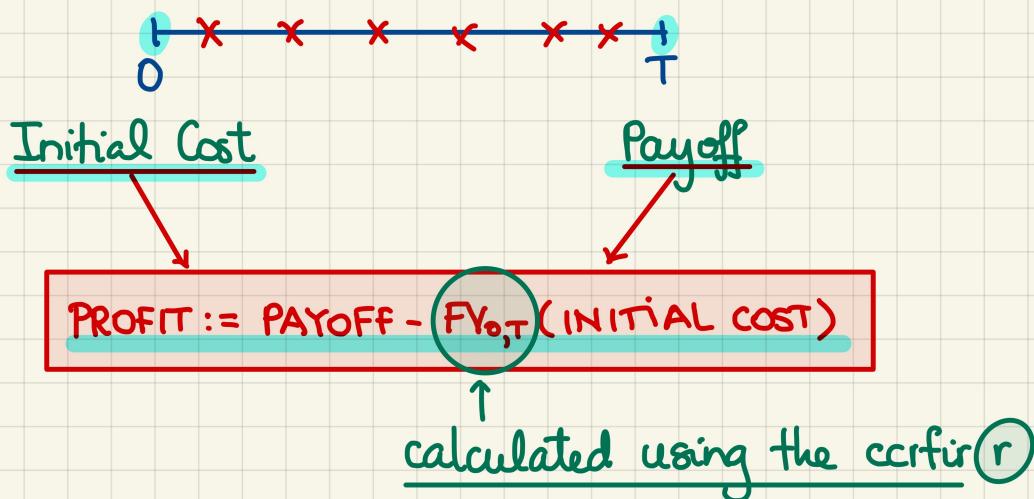


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Static Portfolios [cont'd].



For any portfolio whose payoff depends on the final asset price, we introduce:

↳ independent argument which denotes the final asset price
(we can understand it as a placeholder for $S(T)$)

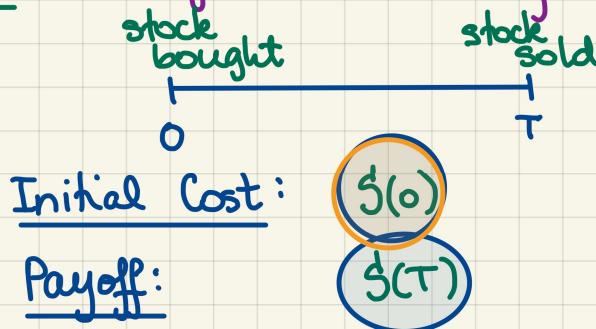
We define the payoff function which describes the dependence of the payoff on the final asset price ↳.

$$s \mapsto v(s)$$

When we draw the graph of the payoff function, we get the payoff curve.

Example. [Outright Purchase of a Non-Dividend-Paying Stock]

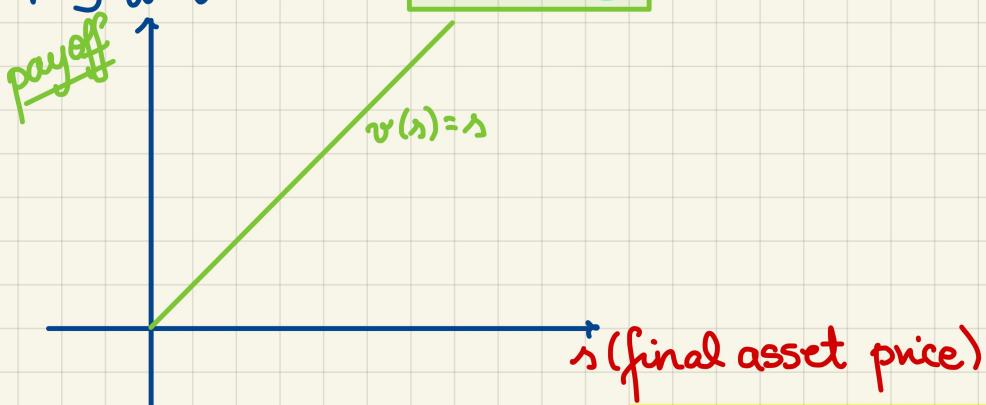
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$$\underline{\text{Profit}} = \text{Payoff} - FV_{0,T}(\text{Initial Cost})$$

$$= \underline{S(T) - S(0)e^{rT}}$$

The payoff function:



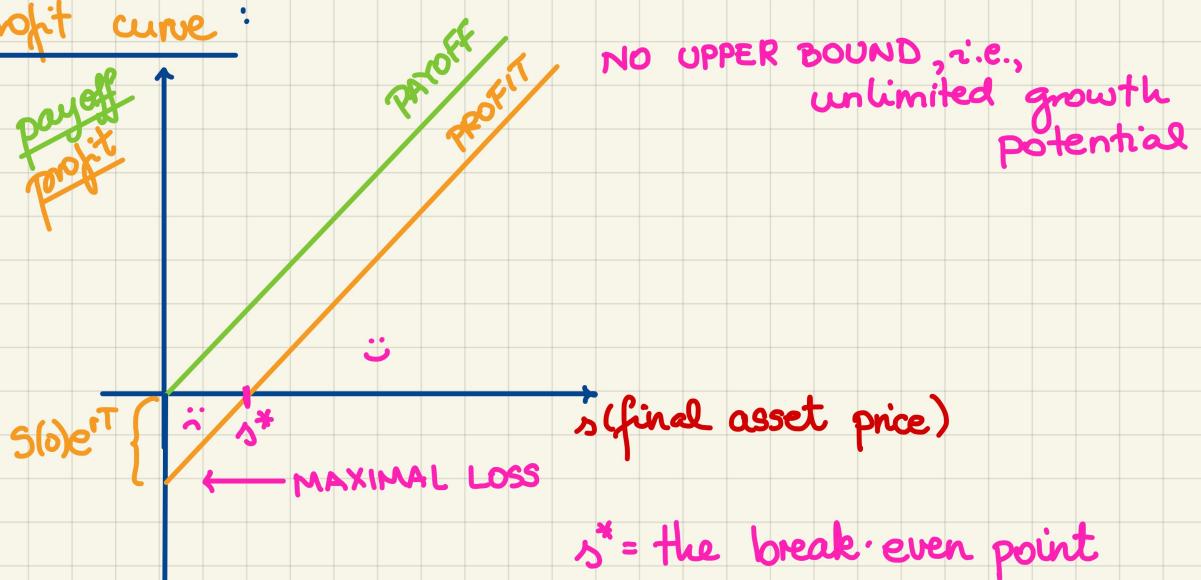
In general, the profit function is:

$$v(s) - FV_{0,T} (\text{Init. Cost})$$

In this example,

$$\Delta - S(0)e^{rT}$$

=> The profit curve:



The payoff and profit curves are increasing.

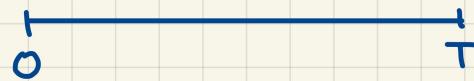
Here:

$$s^* = S(0)e^{rT}$$

Terminology: If the payoff/profit curve is increasing (not necessarily strictly) as a function of the final asset price s , we say that the portfolio is long with respect to the underlying asset.

Example. [Outright Purchase of a Continuous Dividend Paying Stock]

δ ... dividend yield



Bought 1 share.

Own $e^{\delta T}$ shares.

Initial Cost: $S(0)$

Payoff: $e^{\delta T} \cdot S(T)$

$$\text{Profit} = \text{Payoff} - FV_{0,T} \text{ (Initial Cost)}$$

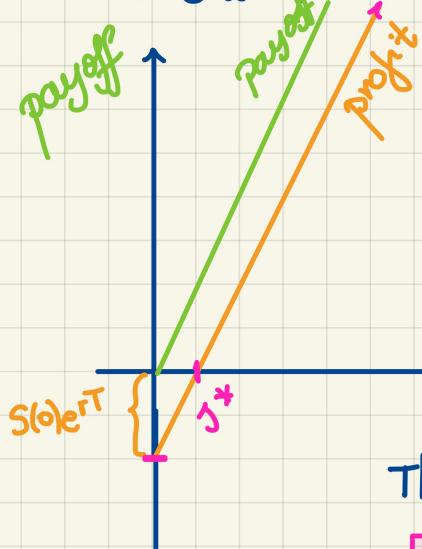
$$= e^{\delta T} \cdot S(T) - S(0)e^{rT}$$

The payoff function:

$$v(s) = e^{\delta T} s$$

Profit function:

$$s \cdot e^{\delta T} - S(0)e^{rT}$$



Long w.r.t the underlying

The break-even point:

$$s^* = S(0)e^{(r-\delta)T}$$

Try to remember this expression!

Solve for s in

$$s e^{\delta T} - S(0)e^{rT} = 0$$

$$s e^{\delta T} = S(0)e^{rT}$$

$$s = S(0)e^{(r-\delta)T}$$

Example. [A Short Sale of a Non-Dividend-Paying Asset]



At time $\cdot 0$: The short seller receives $S(0)$.

\Rightarrow Initial Cost: $-S(0)$

At time $\cdot T$: The short seller spends $S(T)$.

\Rightarrow Payoff: $-S(T)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Profit} &= \text{Payoff} - FV_{0,T}(\text{Initial Cost}) \\ &= -S(T) + e^{rT} \cdot (+S(0)) \\ &= -S(T) + S(0)e^{rT}\end{aligned}$$

- Payoff function
- Profit function:
 - bounds
 - monotonicity
 - break-even