

Problem 5.4. The current price of stock a certain type of stock is $\$80$. The premium for a 6-month, at-the-money call option is $\$5.84$. Let the continuously compounded, risk-free interest rate be 0.04 . What is the break-even point of this call option?

- (a) $\$80$
- (b) $\$85.72$
- (c) $\$85.84$
- (d) $\$85.96$
- (e) None of the above.

$$\begin{aligned} S^* &= K + FV_{0,T}(V_C(0)) \\ &= 80 + 5.84e^{0.04(0.5)} = \underline{85.96} \end{aligned}$$

$$S(0) = K$$

Problem 5.5. The price of gold in half a year is modeled to be equally likely to equal any of the following prices

\$1000, \$1100, and \$1240.

Consider a half-year, \$1050-strike European call option on gold. What is the expected payoff of this option according to the above model?

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$(S(T) - K)_+$	0	50	190
w/ probab.	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

answer: $50 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 190 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 80$



Problem 5.6. (5 points) The “Very tasty goat cheese Co” sells artisan goat cheese at \$10 per oz. They need to buy 200 gallons of goat milk in six months to make 200 oz of their specialty fall-equinox cheese. Non-goat milk aggregate costs total \$500. They decide to buy six-month, \$5-strike call options on gallons of goat milk for 0.50 per call option.

The continuously compounded risk-free interest rate equals 0.04.

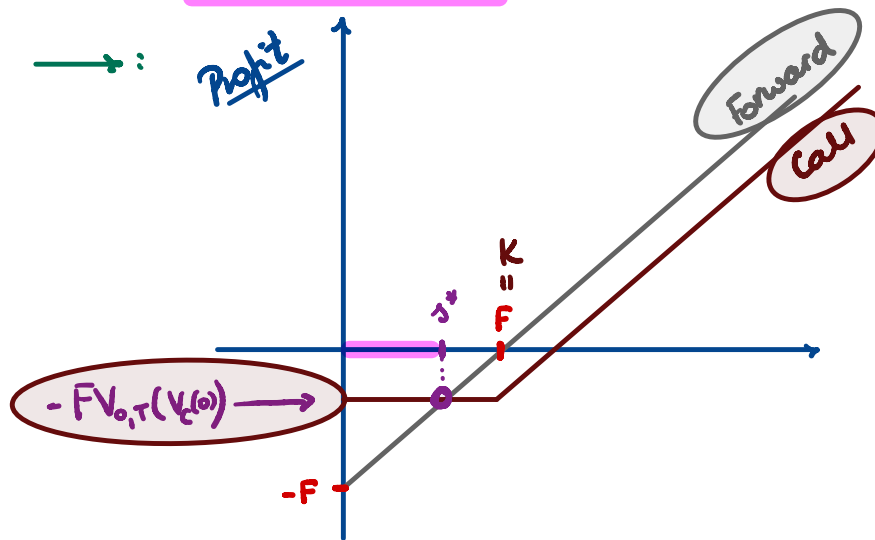
In six months, the price of goat milk equals \$6 per gallon. What is the profit of the company’s hedged position?

- (a) 395.92
- (b) 397.98
- (c) 400
- (d) 897.98
- (e) None of the above.

$$200(10) - 500 - 200(.50e^{.04(.5)}) - 5(200) = 397.98$$

Problem 5.7. For what values of the final asset price is the profit of a long forward contract with the forward price $F = 100$ and delivery date T in one year smaller than the profit of a long call on the same underlying asset with the strike price $K = 100$ and the exercise date T . Assume that the call's premium equals \$10 and that the annual effective interest rate equals 10%.

Express your answer as an interval.



answer: $[0, 89)$

$$S^* = ?$$

Solve for S :

$$S - 100 = -10(1 + 0.10)$$

$$= -11$$

$$\boxed{S^* = 89}$$

Problem 5.8. Source: Sample IFM (Derivatives - Intro), Problem #11

The current stock price is \$40, and the effective annual interest rate is 8%.

You observe the following option prices:

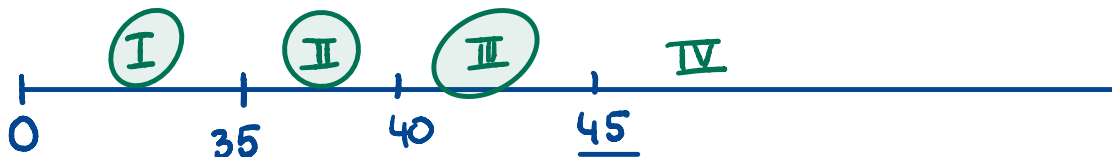
- (1) The premium for a \$35-strike, 1-year European call option is \$9.12.
- (2) The premium for a \$40-strike, 1-year European call option is \$6.22.
- (3) The premium for a \$45-strike, 1-year European call option is \$4.08.

Assuming that all call positions being compared are **long**, at what 1-year stock price range does the \$45-strike call produce a higher profit than the \$40-strike call, but a lower profit than the \$35-strike call?

Express your answer as an interval.

$$(S-40)_+ - 6.22(1.08) < (S-45)_+ - 4.08(1.08) < (S-35)_+ - 9.12(1.08)$$

$$(S-40)_+ - 6.72 < (S-45)_+ - 4.41 < (S-35)_+ - 9.85$$



I $-6.72 < -4.41 < -9.85$ No sol'ns here.

II. $0 - 6.72 < 0 - 4.41 < S - 35 - 9.85$

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$$-4.41 < S - 44.85$$

$$40.44 < S \quad \text{Doesn't work (yet?)}$$

III. $S - 40 - 6.72 < 0 - 4.41 < S - 35 - 9.85$

$$S - 46.72 < -4.41$$

$$S < 42.31$$

$$40.44 < S \quad \text{!}$$

$$40.44 < S < 42.31$$

$$(40.44, 42.31)$$

IV.

$$\cancel{S-40-6.72} < \cancel{S-45-4.41} < \cancel{S-35-9.85}$$

$$\underline{-46.72 < -49.41 \quad \checkmark \quad -44.85}$$

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