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European Put Options.

Usually, a right but NOT an obligation to SELL an underlying @ the STRIKE PRICE!

At time 0: The writer and the buyer of the put agree on:

- the underlying asset: $S(t), t \geq 0$;
- the exercise date T ;
- the strike/exercise price K .

The put premium $V_p(0)$ is paid by the put's buyer to the put's writer.

At time T:

- The put's owner has a right, but not an obligation to SELL one unit of the underlying asset for the strike price K .
- The put's writer is obligated to do what the put's owner decides.

The put's owner's optimal behavior is:

IF $K > S(T)$, then exercise. PAYOFF
 $K - S(T)$

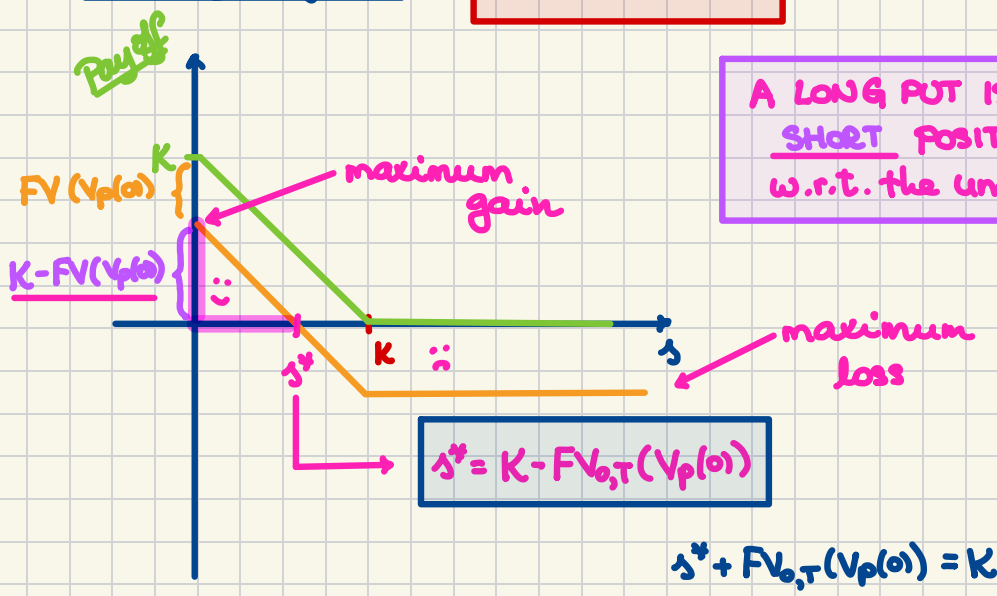
IF $K \leq S(T)$, then do not exercise. 0

The payoff:

$$V_p(T) = \max(K - S(T), 0) = (K - S(T))_+$$

The payoff f'n:

$$v_p(s) = (K - s)_+$$



A LONG PUT IS A
SHORT POSITION
w.r.t. the underlying.

Moneyness.

Consider an option written @ time 0
w/ an exercise date @ time T.



Imagine the cashflow
that would happen if
the option were
exercised @ time t.

e.g.:

call: $\frac{s(t) - K}{}$

put: $\frac{K - s(t)}{}$

If the cashflow is $\begin{cases} > 0, & \text{the option is in the money} \\ = 0, & \text{at the money} \\ < 0, & \text{out of the money} \end{cases}$

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Problem Set #6

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Problem 6.1. The initial price of the market index is \$900. After 3 months the market index is priced at \$915. The nominal rate of interest convertible monthly is 4.8%. The premium on the put, with a strike price of \$930, is \$8.00. What is the profit at expiration for a long put?

- (a) \$15.00 loss
 (b) \$6.90 loss
 (c) \$6.90 gain
 (d) \$15.00 gain
 (e) None of the above.

DISTRACTION!

 $j^{(12)}$

\Rightarrow effective monthly
 $j = \frac{j^{(12)}}{12} = 0.004$

 \rightarrow

$$FV_{0,T}(V_P(0)) = 8(1.004)^3$$

$$\text{Payoff} = (K - S(T))_+ = (930 - 915)_+ = 15$$

$$\text{Profit} = 15 - 8(1.004)^3 = \underline{6.90}$$



Problem 6.2. Sample FM(DM) #12

Consider a European put option on a stock index without dividends, with 6 months to expiration, and a strike price of 1,000. Suppose that the nominal annual risk-free rate is 4% convertible semiannually, and that the put costs 74.20 now. What price must the index be in 6 months so that being long the put would produce the same profit as being short the put?

- ir :: A. 922.83
 PAYOFF :: B. 924.32
 CALL :: C. 1,000.00
 CALL+ir. :: D. 1,075.68
 E. 1,077.17

→ ::

We're really looking for the break-even price.

effective
per half-year
 $j = \frac{0.04}{2} = 0.02$

$$S^* = K - FV_{0,T}(V_P(0))$$

$$S^* = 1000 - 74.20(1.02) = \underline{924.32}$$

Problem 6.3. Farmer Shaun is producing sweet potatoes. He intends to harvest 10,000 cartons' worth in six months. His total costs are \$12.00 per carton.

He wishes to hedge using European put options. There are two puts on sweet potatoes with the exercise date in six months available: one with the strike price of \$13 per carton and another with the strike price of \$15 per carton. Their premiums are \$0.15 and \$0.18, respectively.

Assume that the prevailing risk-free interest rate is 4% effective for the half-year period.

At harvest time, in six months, it turns out that the sweet-potato spot price equals \$14. What would Farmer Shaun's profit be if he had decided to hedge using the \$13-strike put versus his profit if he had decided to use the \$15-strike put to hedge?

Focus on the payoff (w/out production costs)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{unhedged: } S(T) \\ \text{hedge: } (K - S(T))_+ \end{array} \right\} +$$

total hedged:

$$S(T) + (K - S(T))_+ = \begin{cases} K & \text{if } K > S(T) \\ S(T) & \text{if } K \leq S(T) \end{cases} = \max(S(T), K)$$

FLOOR = long underlying + long put

\$13

$$\text{Payoff} = \max(13, 14) = 14$$

$$\text{answer: } 14 - 12 - 0.15 \cdot (1.04) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

\$15

$$\text{Payoff} = \max(15, 14) = 15$$

x
10,000