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## Binomial Option Pricing [cont'd].

$$\begin{aligned} S_u &= u \cdot S(0) \\ S_d &= d \cdot S(0) \\ h &= T \\ \text{population} &\rightarrow \\ \text{pricing} &\leftarrow \end{aligned}$$

PAYOUT  $\boxed{V_u = v(S_u)} = \Delta e^{sh} \cdot S_u + B e^{rh}$

PAYOUT  $\boxed{V_d = v(S_d)} = \Delta e^{dh} \cdot S_d + B e^{rh}$

European-style derivative security w/ the payoff function  $v(\cdot)$

In this simple model, we can replicate our derivative security w/ a portfolio w/ the following structure:

- ✓ •  $\Delta$  shares of stock
- ✓ •  $B$  invested @ the risk-free interest rate

We get a system of two eq'ns w/ two unknowns:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \Delta e^{sh} \cdot S_u + B e^{rh} &= V_u \\ - \Delta e^{dh} \cdot S_d + B e^{rh} &= V_d \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} -$$

$$\Delta e^{sh} (S_u - S_d) = V_u - V_d$$

$$\Delta = e^{-rh} \frac{V_u - V_d}{S_u - S_d} \quad \underline{\text{unitless}}$$

$$\frac{V_u - V_d}{S_u - S_d} \cdot S_u + B e^{rh} = V_u$$

$$B e^{rh} = V_u - \frac{V_u - V_d}{S(0)(u-d)} \cdot u \cdot S(0) = \frac{u \cdot V_u - d \cdot V_u - u \cdot V_d + u \cdot V_d}{u-d}$$

$$B = e^{-r_u} \cdot \frac{u \cdot V_d - d \cdot V_u}{u - d}$$

(domestic) currency

By the Law of the Unique Price:

$$V(0) = \Delta \cdot S(0) + B$$

Pricing by Replication

$\Delta = ?$ 

**Problem 9.3.** Let the continuously compounded risk-free interest rate be equal to 0.04. Consider a one-period binomial tree with every period of length one year used to model the stock price of a stock whose current price is \$80 per share. The stock pays dividends continuously with a dividend yield of 0.02. In the model, it is assumed that the stock price can either go up by \$5 or down by \$4.

You use the binomial tree to construct a replicating portfolio for a (78, 82)-strangle on the above stock. What is the stock investment in the replicating portfolio?

- (a) Long 0.1089 shares.
- (b) Long 0.33 shares.
- (c) Short 0.1089 shares.
- (d) Short 0.33 shares.
- (e) None of the above.

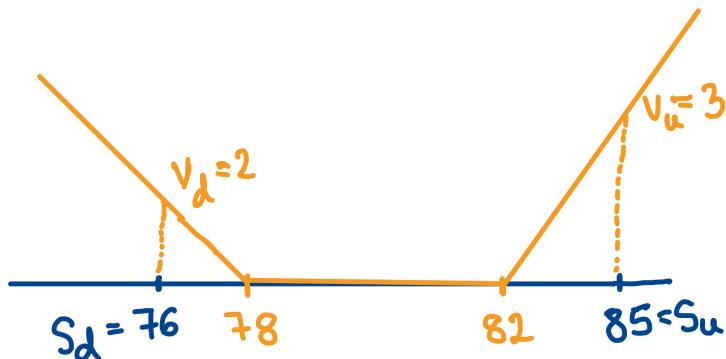
$$\Delta = ?$$

$$\Delta = e^{-0.04 \cdot 1} \cdot \frac{V_u - V_d}{S_u - S_d} = e^{-0.02(1)} \cdot \frac{3 - 2}{9} = 0.1089$$

$$S(0) = 80$$

$S_u = \underline{85}$ 
 $V_u = \cancel{7} 3$

$S_d = \underline{76}$ 
 $V_d = \cancel{7} 2$



$t=1$  $r=0.04$ 

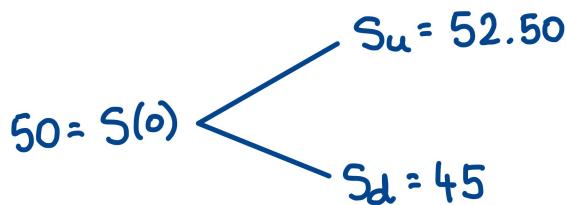
**Problem 9.4.** Let the continuously compounded risk-free interest rate be equal to 0.04. Consider a one-period binomial tree with every period of length one year used to model the stock price of a non-dividend-paying stock whose current price is \$50 per share. In the model, it is assumed that the stock price can either go up by 5% or down by 10%.

You use the binomial tree to construct a replicating portfolio for a (45, 55)-call bull spread on the above stock. What is the risk-free investment in the replicating portfolio?

- (a) Borrow \$45
- (b) Borrow \$43.24**
- (c) Lend \$45
- (d) Lend \$43.24
- (e) None of the above.

$$u = 1.05$$

$$d = 0.9$$

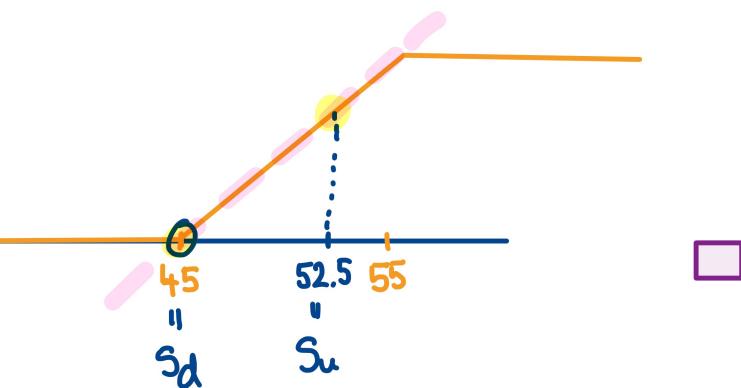


$$B = ?$$

$$B = e^{-rh} \cdot \frac{u \cdot V_d - d \cdot V_u}{u - d} = e^{-0.04} \cdot \frac{(1.05)(0) - 0.9(7.5)}{1.05 - 0.9} = -43.24$$

$V_u = 7.5$        $V_d = 0$

**borrowing**



For laughs:

$$\Delta = e^{-r \cdot h} \cdot \frac{V_u - V_d}{S_u - S_d} = \frac{7.5 - 0}{52.50 - 45} = 1$$

The initial spread price:

$$V(0) = 1 \cdot 50 - 43.24 = 6.76$$

Start w/ :

$$V(0) = \Delta \cdot S(0) + B$$

; algebra

$$V(0) = e^{-rh} \left[ V_u \cdot \frac{e^{(r-\delta)h} - d}{u-d} + V_d \cdot \frac{u - e^{(r-\delta)h}}{u-d} \right]$$

Add up to 1!  
Both positive!

No arbitrage condition:  
 $d < e^{(r-\delta)h} < u$

We choose to interpret these two quantities as **probabilities!**

We define the **risk-neutral probability of the stock price going up in a single period** as:

$$p^* := \frac{e^{(r-\delta)h} - d}{u-d}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The Risk-Neutral Pricing Formula:

$$V(0) = e^{-rT} [V_u \cdot p^* + V_d (1-p^*)]$$

We will generalize this principle:

$$V(0) = e^{-rT} \mathbb{E}^* [V(T)]$$