

# ACTSC446: Mathematics of Financial Markets

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# 1. Introduction to Derivatives Market

## 1.1 Financial Markets

Basic components of a financial market:

- Money
- Assets (such as stock)
- Time
- People/organizations
- Uncertainty

Why is there a financial market?

⇒ People have different financial needs

- preferences on timing
- perspectives on risks and uncertainty
- sets of information
- means of economic activities

⇒ So they trade

### 1.1.1 Assets

In this course, an asset:

- has a current price
- its future price may be uncertain
- is tradeable

We use  $S_t$  or  $S(t)$  to represent the price of an asset (stock)  $S$  at time  $t$

- $\{S_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  (or  $S$  for short) is a **stochastic process**
- Typically  $S_0$  represents the current ( $t = 0$ ) price, which is **not random**
- $t \in [0, T]$  for some terminal time  $T$

In this course, we aim to study this stochastic process  $S$  and some related quantities.

### 1.1.2 Review: Present Value of Future Payments

**Note 1.1 — time-value of money.**

A dollar today is worth more than a dollar tomorrow, because you can invest it and earn (non-negative) interest on it

The value at time  $t < T$  of an amount  $\$K$  in the future is  $PV_t(K)$ , the present value of  $K$

Here, we assume that the (continuously compounded or annually effective) interest rate is non-negative, implying that  $PV_t(K) \leq K$ , for any  $K \geq 0$  and  $t < T$

Suppose the interest rate is  $r$  annually,

**Definition 1.1 — Present value of future payment.**

If an asset (e.g. **zero-coupon bond**) pays  $K$  dollars in time  $T$ , then the time  $t$  ( $T > t$ ) value of the future payment is

$$PV_t(k) = \begin{cases} e^{-r(T-t)K} & \text{if continuously compounded} \\ \frac{K}{(1+r)^{T-t}} & \text{if annually effective} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1.2 — Risk-free asset.**

If the future payoff(s) of an asset is non-random, we call it **risk free**.

**1.2 Derivative Securities****Definition 1.3 — Derivative.**

In finance, a **derivative** is a contract that derives its value from the performance of an **underlying entity**

- This underlying entity can be an asset, an index, interest rate, a basket of assets, or even another derivative
- The underlying entity is called "**the underlying asset**" or simply "the underlying"

**Definition 1.4 — derivative security.**

A financial contract  $F$  is a **derivative security** or a **contingent claim**, whose value  $F_T$  at expiration date (maturity)  $T$  is "derived" exactly from the market price of more basic underlying primitive instruments up to and including time  $T$ .

**Primitive Instruments (underlying)**

- Stocks
- Currencies
- Interest rates
- Indices
- Commodities
- Bonds

**Derivatives**

- Futures & Forwards
- Options (Call, Puts, Caps, Floors, Bond Options, Swaptions...)
- Credit derivatives
- Swaps

**Definition 1.5 — OTC and ETD.**

Based on where they are traded, derivatives can be classified as **OTC (Over the Counter)** or **ETD (Exchange-traded derivatives)**

- OTC derivatives are private, tailored contracts between counterparties
  - ETD's are more structured and standardized contracts where the underlying assets, the quantities and the mode of settlement are defined by an exchange house
- Being private contracts between two counterparties, OTC derivatives can be tailored and customized to suit exact risk and return needs
    - On the flip side, lack of a clearing house or exchange results in increased credit or default risk associated with each OTC contract
  - Being transacted on an organized exchange, ETD transactions are governed by a set of specific terms. They are standardized and more transparent than OTC derivatives
    - Each party of an ETD contract is required to hold a margin at the clearing house to cover its unsettled positions and the clearing house will monitor this margin level to make sure that it covers outstanding trades
    - A margin is the amount of cash an investor must put up to open an account to start trading
    - Therefore, ETD's carry less credit risk than OTC derivatives in general

**Some Terminology**

- **Long Position:** When you buy something ...
- **Short Position:** When you sell something what you don't yet own ...
- **Model-Free:** Independent of specific assumptions (e.g. about stock price distribution, etc.) ...

**Usage**

Derivatives are used:

- to **manage risk** (risk-management/insurance tool)
  - e.g. a pension fund invested in a broad market index can use derivatives to obtain downside protection
  - e.g. an airline company can use derivatives to put a ceiling on the future price of jet fuel
- for **speculation**
  - e.g. for a given investment, the use of derivatives magnifies the financial consequences, i.e. we can obtain large exposures with relatively little capital
- as an important part of **compensation**
  - executive stock options

**1.2.1 Assumptions on a Financial Market**

- (1) No transaction fee.
- (2) No bid-ask spread.
- (3) One can buy any amount/share of any security.
- (4) One can trade at any time instantly.
- (5) Buying or selling a security does not change its price.
- (6) No default/credit risk.
- (7) Allow naked short selling.
- (8) No information difference between investors.

These assumptions are not very realistic but they help us to understand the fundamental issues of a financial market.

## 1.2.2 The Concept of (No) Arbitrage

### Definition 1.6 — Arbitrage.

An **arbitrage opportunity** is a portfolio value process  $\{V_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  such that

- (1)  $V_0 \leq 0$
- (2)  $P(V_T \geq 0) = 1$  and  $P(V_T > 0) > 0$ , for some time  $T > 0$

In other words, an arbitrage opportunity is a portfolio that:

- costs nothing to hold, or you are paid to hold it
- generates non-negative payoff with probability 1, and positive payoffs with strictly positive probability

### The Principle of No-Arbitrage

- There ain't no such thing as a free lunch
- An immediate consequence of no-arbitrage is the Law of One Price

### Proposition 1.1 — Law of One Price.

In an arbitrage-free market, if two securities have exactly the same payoffs they must have the same price

### Proposition 1.2

In a market, if there exists a portfolio value process  $\{V_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  satisfying

- (1)  $V_0 \leq 0$
- (2)  $V_T \geq 0$  for some time  $T > 0$

then there is an arbitrage opportunity in the market.

From now on, assume **a market with no arbitrage** in this chapter.

## 1.3 Forwards and Futures

### Definition 1.7 — Forward.

A **forward contract** is a non-standardized agreement to buy or sell an asset at a certain future time  $T$  for a certain price  $K$ , known as the **delivery price** (or **forward price**)

- The delivery price is determined so that the value of the contract at initiation is zero

### Terminology

- **Underlying asset:** The asset on which the forward contract is based
- **Expiration date:** The time at which the asset is delivered
- **Forward price:** The price the buyer will pay at the expiration date
  - This is not the price one party needs to pay the other at the initial time; there is no initial price associated with a forward contract!
- \* It is normally traded Over-the-Counter (OTC)
- \* The party that **agrees to buy the underlying** asset is said to have a **long position** in the forwards
- \* The party that **agrees to sell the underlying** asset is said to have a **short position** in the forwards
- \* At the time the contract is entered into, no exchange of money takes place
- \* A forward contract can be contrasted with a spot contract:
  - A *spot contract* is an agreement to buy or sell an asset today, **with immediate** cash exchange

– A *forward contract* is an agreement **with no immediate** cash exchange

### 1.3.1 Forward Contract

#### Forward Contract - Payoff

- $S_t$ : The spot price of the underlying asset at time  $t \geq 0$
- $T$ : The expiration date
- $K$ : The forward price (delivery price)
- Long position: the position of the buyer
- Short position: the position of the seller

Pay off to long forward =  $S_T - K$

Pay off to short forward =  $K - S_T$

#### Forward Contract - Pricing

Pricing a forward contract is model-free, using simple no-arbitrage arguments

- Suppose that a stock pays no dividend, the current stock price is  $S_0$ , and the risk-free rate is  $r$  per year continuously compounded
- Consider the following trading strategy:
  - (1) Borrow  $S_0$  at the risk-free rate for the period of  $T$  years, and buy one share
  - (2) Short one forward contract on the stock with delivery price  $K$  expiring at  $T$

The cash flows are:

	Cash flow at $t = 0$	Cash flow at $t = T$
Borrowing $S_0$	$+S_0$	$-S_0e^{rT}$
1 long share	$-S_0$	$+S_T$
1 short forward	0	$K - S_T$
Total	0	$K - S_0e^{rT}$

The principle of No-Arbitrage ("No free lunch") then implies that the cash flow at time  $T$  should be 0. Thus the forward price is:

$$K = S_0e^{rT}$$

#### Proposition 1.3

Let  $S$  denote the price process of a non-dividend-paying stock. For a forward contract  $F$  on  $S$ , issued at time  $t$  and having maturity  $T$ , the forward price  $K$  determined at  $t$  is given by

$$K = S_0e^{rT}$$

*Proof.* (Equivalent to the previous cash flow table)

- At time  $t$ , but  $F$ , sell  $S$ , and deposit  $S_t$  money
- At  $t$  you value is 0
- At  $T$  you have  $S_T - K - S_T + S_te^{r(T-t)} = S_te^{r(T-t)} - K$
- This value is not random, and if it is not zero there is an arbitrage

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#### Forward Contract - Pricing with Dividends

**Dividends** are the payments made by a security (e.g. stock of a corporation) to its shareholders. They can be discrete (paid at discrete time intervals) or continuous (paid continuously).

**Discrete Dividends**

Consider a forward on a stock  $S_t$ , which will pay a dividend of  $\$c$  at time  $t_1 \in [0, T]$ , where  $T$  is the expiration date of the forward contract.

Consider the following two trading strategies:

- (1) Borrow  $S_0$  at the risk-free rate for the period of  $T$  years, and buy one share
- (2) Short one forward contract on the stock with delivery price  $K$  expiring at  $T$

The cash flows are:

	Cash flow at $t = 0$	Cash flow at $t = T$
Borrowing $S_0$	$+S_0$	$-S_0e^{rT}$
1 long share	$-S_0$	$+S_T + ce^{r(T-t_1)}$
1 short forward	0	$K - S_T$
Total	0	$K - S_0e^{rT} + ce^{r(T-t_1)}$

The principle of No-Arbitrage ("No free lunch") then implies that the cash flow at time  $T$  should be 0. Thus the forward price is:


$$K = S_0e^{rT} - ce^{r(T-t_1)}$$

**Proposition 1.4**

Let  $S$  denote the price process of a stock earning discrete dividends between time  $t$  and time  $T$ . For a forward contract  $F$  on  $S$ , issued at time  $t$  and having maturity  $T$ , the forward price  $K$  determined at  $t$  is given by

$$K = S_0e^{rT} - \text{Accumulated value at time } T \text{ of all dividends}$$

**Continuous Dividends**

-  When there is a continuous dividend paid by stock  $S$  in a constant rate  $\delta$ , an investment of  $S_te^{-\delta(T-t)}$  in the stock at time  $t$  will yield 1 share of stock at time  $T$  (with price  $S_T$ )

**Proposition 1.5**

Let  $S$  denote the price of a stock earning a continuous dividend rate  $\delta$ . For a forward contract  $F$  on  $S$ , issued at time  $t$  and having maturity  $T$ , the forward price  $K$  determined at  $t$  is given by

$$K = S_te^{(r-\delta)(T-t)}$$

*Proof.* Consider a forward on a stock  $S_t$ , paying dividends continuously at a dividend yield of  $\delta$  per annum. Consider the following two trading portfolios:

- Portfolio A:
  - At time  $t$ , enter into a forward contract to buy one share of the stock, with forward price  $\$K$ , maturing at time  $T$
  - Simultaneously invest an amount  $\$Ke^{-r(T-t)}$  in the risk-free asset
  - At time  $T$ , the risk-free investment will accumulate to  $\$K$ ; use this  $\$K$  to buy a share of stock via the forward contract.
- Portfolio B:
  - Buy  $e^{-\delta(T-t)}$  shares of the stock, at the current price  $S_t$ . Reinvest dividend incomes in the stock  $S$  immediately when they are received.

The cash flows are:



Portfolio	Cash flow at $t$	Cash flow at $T$
A	$\$K e^{-r(T-t)}$	$S_T$
B	$\$S_t e^{-\delta(T-t)}$	$S_T$

Thus by the no-arbitrage principle,  $\$K e^{-r(T-t)} = \$S_t e^{-\delta(T-t)}$ , i.e.  $\$K = S_t e^{(r-\delta)(T-t)}$ , when the underlying pays dividends continuously at a yield of  $\delta$  per annum. ■

Continuous dividends are unusual but easy to calculate.

### Prepaid Forward Contracts

#### Definition 1.8 — prepaid forward.

A **prepaid forward** is a forward contract which calls for payment today and delivery of the underlying asset at a future date.

In a similar fashion, an application of the no-arbitrage principle and the replication strategy yields the prepaid forward price  $K_0$  as follows:

- No dividend:  $K_0 = S_0$
- A discrete dividend of  $\$c$  at time  $t$ :  $K_0 = S_0 - ce^{-et}$
- Continuous dividend at a yield rate of  $\delta$ :  $K_0 = S_0 e^{-\delta T}$

### 1.3.2 Futures Contract

#### Definition 1.9 — futures contract.

Like a forward contract, a futures contract is a costless-to-enter agreement between two parties to exchange an asset at a certain future time for a certain delivery price

However, contrary to forwards that are mainly OTC contracts, futures are ETD, hence there are various structural differences.

#### Futures vs. Forwards

Forward	Futures
OTC (private between 2 parties)	Exchange-traded Contract
Not Standardised	Standardised to the Exchange Rules
Settled at maturity $T$	Daily Settlements/Margins (“marked-to-market”)
Counterparty/Credit/Default Risk	No Risk (except for the risk to meet a margin call)

Since futures contracts are marked-to-market, every day any profits or losses on the contract are calculated and traders have to cover up any losses or receive any profits in their **margin account**.

Other differences between forwards and futures:

- Futures:
  - Standard ETD
  - Ignorable default risk
  - Usually closed before maturity so delivery usually never happens
- Forwards
  - OTC derivatives
  - Substantially high default probability
  - Delivery usually happens

## 1.4 Options

**Definition 1.10 — option.**

An **option** is a contract which gives the buyer **the right, but not the obligation**, to buy or sell an underlying asset at a specified strike price, on or before expiration

**Terminology**

- **Underlying asset**: the asset on which the option is based
- **Expiration date**: the date by which the option must either be exercised or it becomes worthless
- **Exercise**: the action of carrying out the transaction specified by the option
- **Strike price**: the price for the asset at which exercise can occur

There are three common exercise styles for options:

- **European-style**: The option can only be exercised at maturity
- **American-style**: The option can be exercised at any time at or before maturity
- **Bermudan-style**: The option can only be exercised on a set of specified dates at or before maturity

**1.4.1 Put and Call Options****Definition 1.11 — call option.**

A **call option** gives its owner the right, but not the obligation, to **buy** the underlying asset at a specified exercise or strike price  $K$  on or before a specified exercise date  $T$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The payoff at time  $T$  is  $\max(S_T - K, 0)$

**Definition 1.12 — put option.**

A **put option** gives its owner the right, but not the obligation, to **sell** the underlying asset at a specified exercise or strike price  $K$  on or before a specified exercise date  $T$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The payoff at time  $T$  is  $\max(K - S_T, 0)$

**Definition 1.13 — European & American Feature.**

An option that can be exercised **only on** one particular day  $T$  is conventionally known as a European option.

If the option can be exercised **on or at any time before** day  $T$ , then it is known as an American option

Which is more expensive and why?

**American options have a higher price than European options with the same characteristics** (see later)

**1.4.2 Moneyness****Definition 1.14 — Moneyness.**

- **In-The-Money (ITM)**: an option is in the money if exercising the option immediately leads to a positive cash flow to the holder
- **At-The-Money (ATM)**: an option is at the money if exercising the option immediately leads to zero cash flow to the holder: “priced at-the-money”
- **Out-of-The-Money (OTM)**: an option is out of the money if exercising the option immediately leads to a negative cash flow to the holder

For call and put options, moneyness is related to the difference between  $K$  and  $S$ :

	$S < K$	$S = K$	$S > K$
Call	OTM	ATM	ITM
Put	ITM	ATM	OTM

### 1.4.3 Payoff Diagrams

#### Payoff Diagrams - Long Side

■ **Example 1.1** Consider a long European call and a long European put with:

- Same underlying  $S$
- Same strike  $K = \$80$
- Same maturity  $T$

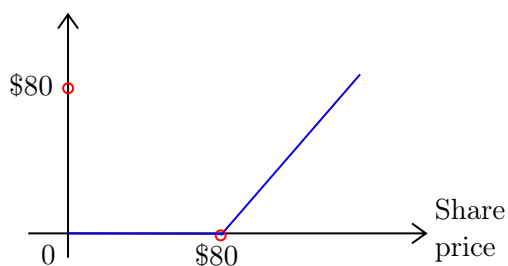
The payoffs for the holders are:

$$\text{Call payoff} = \max(S_T - K, 0) = \max(S_T - 80, 0)$$

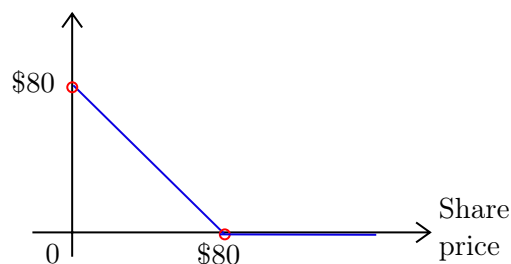
$$\text{Put payoff} = \max(K - S_T, 0) = \max(80 - S_T, 0)$$

Graphically, these payoffs are as follows:

Payoff of call



Payoff of put

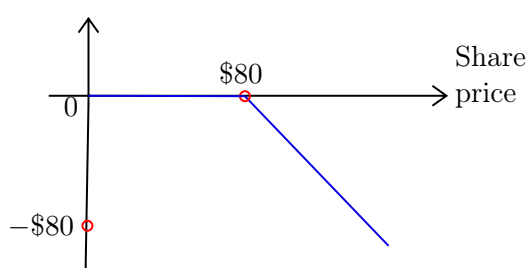


- A long call has infinite potential gain
- A long put has insurance-type features: it pays off when the firm goes bankrupt

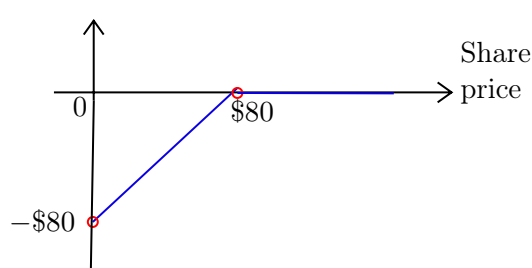
#### Payoff Diagrams - Short Side

■ **Example 1.2** Consider the previous example but suppose that we are now short both options:

Profit of call seller



Profit of put seller

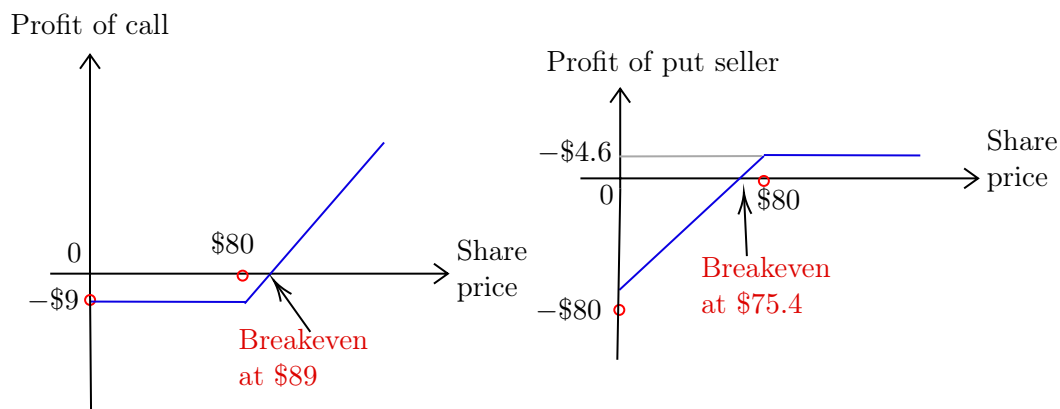


- A short call faces a potentially **infinite loss** (like a short position of a stock)

### 1.4.4 Profit Diagrams

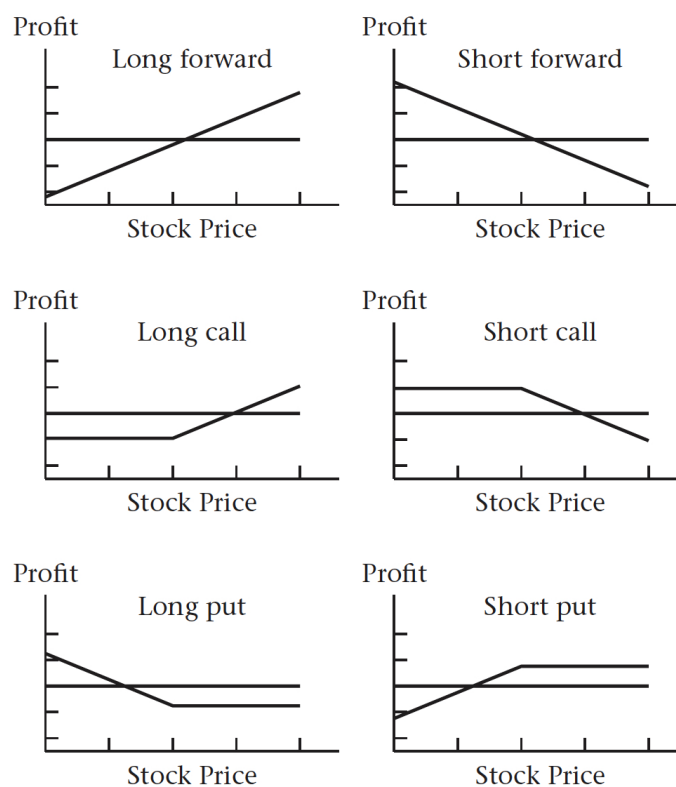
Profit diagrams incorporate the costs of buying an option or the proceeds from selling one.

■ **Example 1.3** The investor purchased a call with strike price of \$80 at \$9 (assuming the interest rate is 0), while in the right panel, the investor sold a put option with strike of \$80 for \$4.60



The break-even price is always in the ITM region of the option

### Summary



### 1.4.5 Forwards (Futures) and Options

#### Similarities

- Both are derivative
- Both have an expiration date and a strike price

#### Differences

	Forward	Option
Payoff Type	Only one	Various
Exercise	Obligation	Right but not obligation
Price	Usually zero	Positive

### 1.4.6 Intrinsic and Time Value of an Option

**Definition 1.15 — Intrinsic Value.**

The **intrinsic value** of an (American) option is defined as the payoff that could be obtained by immediate exercise of the option at time  $t < T$

■ **Example 1.4** An American call option has intrinsic value at any time  $t$  equal to  $\max(S_t - K, 0)$

**Definition 1.16 — Time Value.**

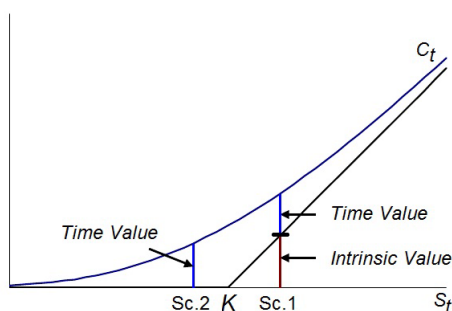
The **time value** of an option at any time  $t < T$  is defined as the difference between the actual option price at  $t$  and its intrinsic value at  $t$

■ **Example 1.5** An American call option  $C$  has intrinsic value at any time  $t$  equal to  $C_t - \max(S_t - K, 0)$

**Note 1.2**

- The intrinsic value and the time value of an option are key quantities to consider when deciding on whether or not to exercise an American option early
- If/when time value is 0, one may choose to exercise immediately

■ **Example 1.6** Let's look at a long position in an American call option



We notice that

- The intrinsic value is positive when the option is ITM
- When intrinsic value = 0, the option may be selling for a positive price, because there is (almost) always positive probability that it will end up ITM at  $T$

■ **Example 1.7** Suppose that a call is OTM:

- If you exercise, you get nothing. It can't get any worse than that!
- If the stock price rebounds, however, and exceeds the strike by expiration, we may end up with a positive payoff

## 1.5 Bounds on Option Prices

### 1.5.1 No-Arbitrage Bounds on Option Prices

- Computing option prices requires making assumptions about the evolution of the underlying asset (i.e., a model)
- However, no-arbitrage arguments can impose model-free price bounds
- Trivially, option payoffs are non-negative hence they must have non-negative prices as well. Can we derive sharper bounds?
- Assume for now non-dividend paying stocks as the underlying assets

- Since most stocks pay dividends only once a year and most exchange-traded options are written with less than one-year time to expiration, the assumption of no dividends will actually be true for many real-world options

### 1.5.2 Bounds on Non-Dividend Paying Stock

#### Lower Bound on American Options

##### Notation 1.1

- European options:
  - Call:  $c(S, K, t, T) = c_t$
  - Put:  $p(S, K, t, T) = p_t$
- American options:
  - Call:  $C(S, K, t, T) = C_t$
  - Put:  $P(S, K, t, T) = P_t$

#### Trading Strategy and Portfolio

- A **portfolio** is a collection of securities
  - Under our market assumptions, you can short any portfolio
- A **trading strategy** is the dynamic organization of a portfolio, including buying, selling securities or exercising derivatives. Holding a portfolio is a trading strategy.
  - You may not short a trading strategy

We use  $\pi$  for a trading strategy (or its corresponding portfolio) and  $\pi_t$  for its time  $t$  value (sometimes we use  $\pi(t)$ )

- As previously mentioned, since an American option can be exercised at any time, it must always be at least as valuable as an otherwise identical European option:

##### Proposition 1.6 — European vs. American options.

$$C(S, K, t, T) \geq c(S, K, t, T) \text{ and } P(S, K, t, T) \geq p(S, K, t, T)$$

#### Lower Bound on a European Call Option

Consider the following trading strategies at time  $t = 0$

- (1) Buy 1 European call option on a non-dividend paying stock with a strike price of  $K$ , expiring at time  $T$
- (2) Buy 1 share of the underlying stock and borrow at the risk-free rate the amount  $PV_0(K) = Ke^{-rT}$  or  $\frac{K}{(1+r)^T}$

The cash flows of these strategies are:

	Cash flow at $t = 0$	Cash flow at $t = T$	
		$S_T < K$	$S_T \geq K$
Strategy 1	$-c_0$	0	$S_T - K$
Strategy 2	$S_0 - PV_0(K)$	$S_T - K$	$S_T - K$

Thus, no matter what happens in the future, the cash flow of Strategy 1 is always greater than or equal to the cash flow of Strategy 2. Thus:

$$c_0 \geq S_0 - PV_0(K) \geq S_0 - K$$

More generally, we have the following result (assume continuously compounded interest rate; recall that  $r \geq 0$ ):

**Proposition 1.7**

At time  $t \geq 0$ , we have  $C_t \geq c_t \geq S_t - Ke^{-r(T-t)} = S_T - PV_t(K) \geq S_t - K$

**Early Exercise of an American Call**

**Assume no dividends**; does it make sense to exercise an American call early?

- At any time  $t < T$ , there are two scenarios
  - Exercise the American call early:

$$\text{Payoff}_1(t) = \text{Intrinsic Value}(t) = S_t - K$$

- Sell the call instead of exercising it:

$$\text{Payoff}_2(t) = C_t \geq c_t \geq S_t - PV_t(K) \geq S_t - K$$

$\Rightarrow$  Clearly, we are better off selling the option since  $S_t - PV_t(K) \geq S_t - K$

$\Rightarrow$  An **American call on a non-dividend paying stock should never be exercised early**.  
Hence, with no dividends:  $C_t = c_t$

**Proposition 1.8 — American call vs. European call.**

If  **$S$  does not pay dividends** in  $[t, T]$ , then  $c(S, K, t, T) = C(S, K, t, T)$



The above is NOT true if the underlying stock pays a dividend during the life of the option!

- If the underlying **pays a dividend** between  $t$  and  $T$ , we have:  $C_t \geq c_t$
- Trivially,  $0 \leq c_t \leq C_t \leq S_t$ 
  - An option to buy an asset cannot cost more than the asset itself
- Combining all the above bounds, both American and European calls on a **non-dividend paying stock** must satisfy the following:

**Proposition 1.9**

At time  $t \geq 0$ ,  $S_t \geq C_t = c_t \geq \max(S_t - PV_t(K), 0) \geq \max(S_t - K, 0) \geq 0$

**Lower Bound on a European Put Option**

Consider the following trading strategies at time  $t = 0$ :

- Buy 1 European put option on a non-dividend paying stock with a strike price of  $K$ , expiring at time  $T$  and 1 share of the underlying stock
- Deposit the amount of  $PV_0(K) = Ke^{-rT}$  (or  $\frac{K}{(1+r)^T}$ ) into your risk-free savings account

The cash flows of these strategies are:

	Cash flow at $t = 0$	Cash flow at $t = T$	
		$S_T < K$	$S_T \geq K$
Strategy 1	$-p_0 - S_0$	$K$	$S_T$
Strategy 2	$PV_0(K)$	$K$	$K$

Thus, no matter what happens in the future, the cash flow of Strategy 1 is always greater than or equal to the cash flow of Strategy 2. Thus:

$$p_0 \geq PV_0(K) - S_0$$

More generally, we have the following result:

**Proposition 1.10**

At time  $t \geq 0$ ,  $P_t \geq p_t \geq Ke^{-r(T-t)} - S_t = PV_t(K) - S_t$

**Early Exercise of an American Put**

Unlike for call options (remember the effect of dividends), the optimality of early exercise of an American put option is always a possibility. Hence, for all  $t \in [0, T]$ :

$$P_t \geq p_t$$

**■ Example 1.8 — An extreme scenario.**

- Suppose you hold a put option on the stock of a company that goes bankrupt before expiration
- The value of the stock is zero and there is no possibility for it to rebound! The company is dead
- An American put allows immediate exercise, hence a payoff of  $K$ 
  - Putting  $K$  into a savings account for the period remaining to expiration results you will have  $Ke^{rT}$  at maturity, where  $\tau = T - t$  is the time to expiration
- A European put would only pay  $K$  at expiration (...cash delivery of course)
  - Clearly, you are better off having the American put. Therefore,  $P_t > p_t$

**Bounds of Put Option on Non-Dividend Paying Stock**

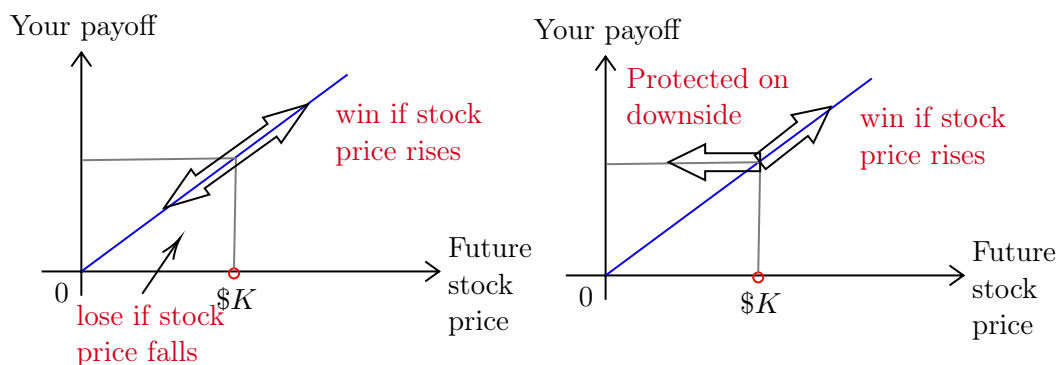
- The American put must satisfy  $0 \leq P_t \leq K$ 
  - An option to sell at **any time** an asset for  $K$  cannot cost more than  $K$
- Similarly, the European put must satisfy  $0 \leq p_t \leq PV_t(K)$ 
  - An option to sell at time  $T$  an asset for  $K$  cannot cost at time  $t$  more than  $PV_t(K)$

Combining the above bounds, we obtain:

- American put:  $K \geq P_t \geq \max(K - S_t, 0) \geq 0$
- European put:  $PV_t(K) \geq p_t \geq \max(PV_t(K) - S_t, 0) \geq 0$

**1.5.3 Put-Call Parity****Downside Protection**

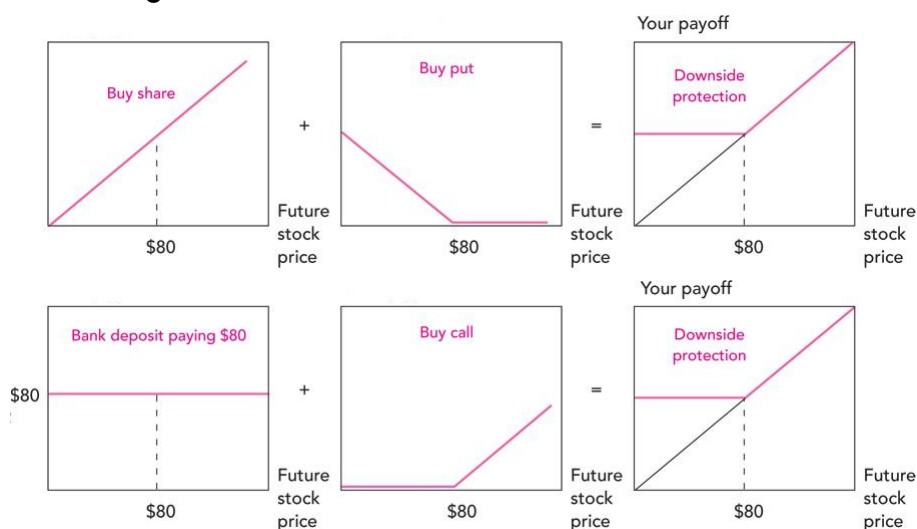
- Investing into a stock is risky because the stock price might fall
- Suppose we want to put a limit on the maximum possible loss
- Buy a **put option** on the stock, as it has insurance-type features
- No matter what happens in the future, the value of your investment cannot fall below the strike price of the put
- Such put options are called **protective puts** and are very popular risk management tools with institutional investors such as mutual and pension funds



But one could create the same payoff by lending and buying a call option



### Two ways of creating Downside Protection



**R** The two portfolios have the same payoff! Law of One Price must apply!

### Put-Call Parity for European Options

There are two ways to achieve downside protection:

- (1) Buy 1 share and 1 European put on a non-dividend paying stock with strike  $K$
- (2) Deposit the present value of  $K$  in a risk-free savings account and buy 1 European call on the same stock with the same strike  $K$

The cash flows of there strategies are:

	Cash flow at $t = 0$	Cash flow at $t = T$	
		$S_T < K$	$S_T \geq K$
Strategy 1	$-p_0 - S_0$	$K$	$S_T$
Strategy 2	${}_0(K) - c_0$	$K$	$K$

By the Law of One Price 1.1:

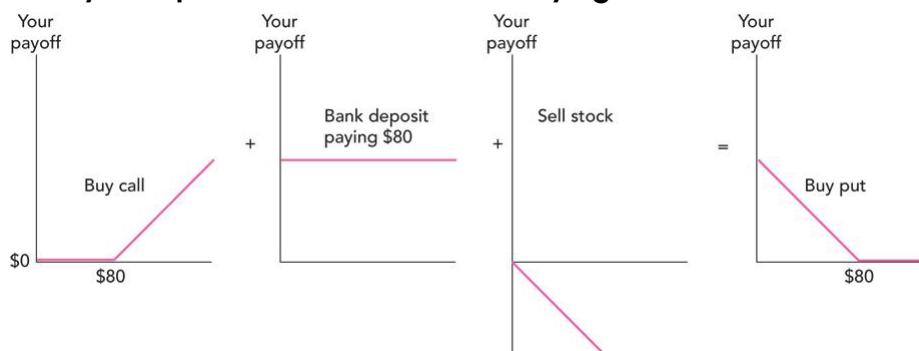
$$c_0 + PV_0(K) = S_0 + p_0$$

More generally, we have the following result:

#### Proposition 1.11 — Put-Call Parity.


At time  $t \leq T$ ,  $c_t + PV_t(K) = S_t + p_t$

### 1.5.4 Put-Call Parity for Options on Non-Dividend Paying Stock



Extending put-call parity to American options, we get:

- European:  $c_t + PV_t(K) = S_t + p_t$
- American:  $S_t - K \leq C_t - P_t \leq S_t - PV_t(K)$

 Put-Call Parity is a model-free result!