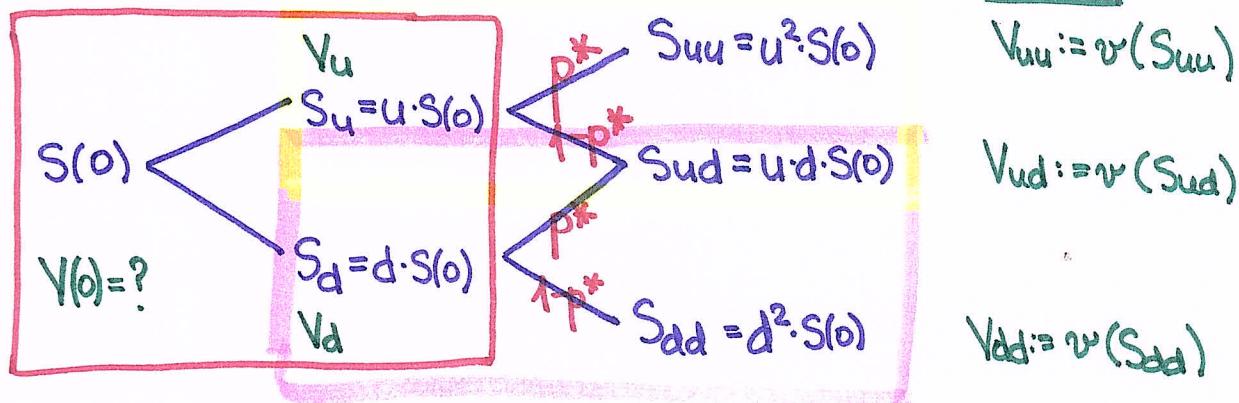


Two Binomial Periods.Stock price tree

populating the tree →
 ← pricing

up node: $\Delta_u = e^{-r \cdot h} \cdot \frac{V_{uu} - V_{ud}}{S_{uu} - S_{ud}}$

replicating portfolio @ up node $B_u = e^{-r \cdot h} \cdot \frac{u \cdot V_{ud} - d \cdot V_{uu}}{u - d}$

⇒ the option's value @ up node:

$$V_u = \Delta_u \cdot S_u + B_u = e^{-rh} [p^* \cdot V_{uu} + (1-p^*) \cdot V_{ud}]$$

wl $p^* = \frac{e^{(r-s) \cdot h} - d}{u - d}$

down node: $\Delta_d ; B_d$

$$\Rightarrow V_d = \Delta_d \cdot S_d + B_d = e^{-rh} [p^* \cdot V_{ud} + (1-p^*) \cdot V_{dd}]$$

wl $p^* = \frac{e^{(r-s) \cdot h} - d}{u - d}$

Root node:

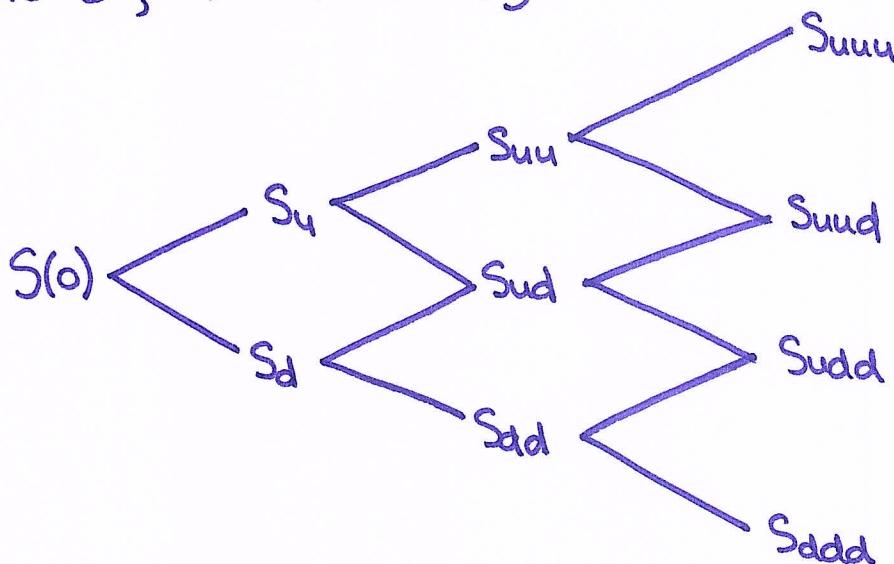
$$\begin{aligned}
 V(0) &= e^{-r \cdot h} \left[p^* \cdot V_u + (1-p^*) \cdot V_d \right] \quad \text{w/ } p^* \text{ as above} \\
 &= e^{-r \cdot h} \left[p^* \cdot e^{-rh} (p^* \cdot V_{uu} + (1-p^*) \cdot V_{ud}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (1-p^*) \cdot e^{-rh} \cdot (p^* \cdot V_{ud} + (1-p^*) \cdot V_{dd}) \right] \\
 &= e^{-r(2h)} \cdot \underbrace{\left[(p^*)^2 \cdot V_{uu} + 2 \cdot p^*(1-p^*)V_{ud} + (1-p^*)^2 \cdot V_{dd} \right]}_{\text{discounting}} \underbrace{\text{Risk-neutral Expected Payoff}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Generally (a w/out proof):

$$V(0) = e^{-r \cdot T} \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{E}^*[V(T)]}_{\text{expectation under the risk neutral measure}}$$

Three Periods

$$n=3; T \Rightarrow h=\frac{T}{3}$$



PAYOFF: Risk-neutral prob:

$$V_{uuu} \times (p^*)^3$$

$$V_{uud} \times 3(p^*)^2(1-p^*)$$

$$V_{udd} \times 3p^*(1-p^*)^2$$

$$V_{ddd} \times (1-p^*)^3$$

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Problem Set #3

Multiple binomial periods (European).

Problem 3.1. The current price of a continuous-dividend-paying stock is \$100 per share. Its volatility is given to be 0.2 and its dividend yield is 0.03.

The continuously compounded, risk-free interest rate equals 0.06.

Consider a \$95-strike European put option on the above stock with nine months to expiration. Using a three-period forward binomial tree, find the price of this put option.

 $n=3$

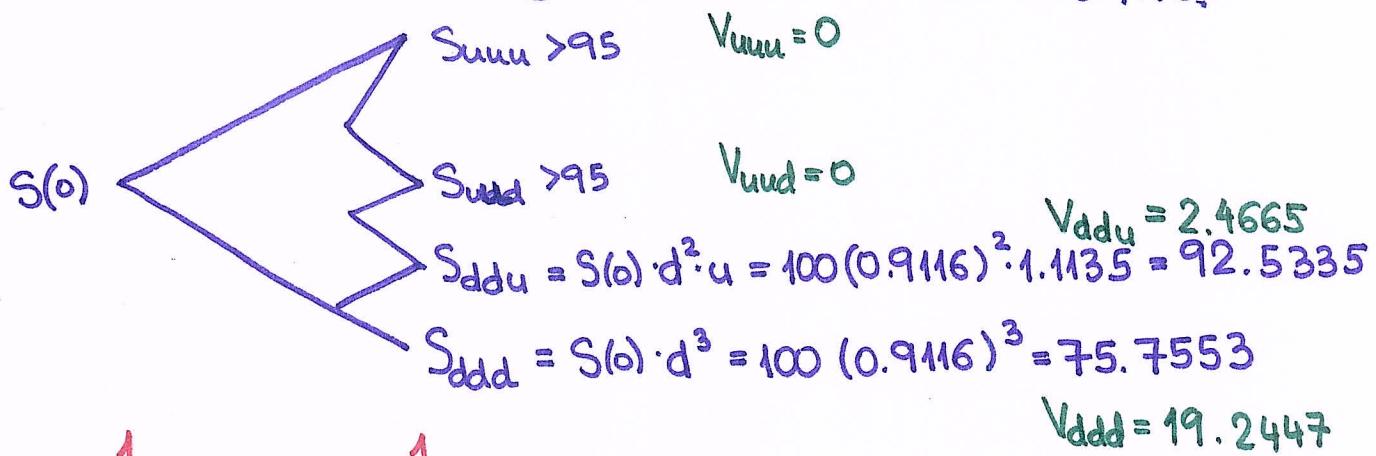
- (a) \$2.97
- (b) \$3.06
- (c) \$3.59
- (d) \$3.70
- (e) None of the above.

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{3}{4} \\ \Rightarrow h &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

forward tree:

$$u = e^{(r-\delta)h + \sigma\sqrt{h}} = e^{(0.06-0.03) \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 0.2\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}} = 1.1135;$$

$$d = e^{(r-\delta)h - \sigma\sqrt{h}} = e^{0.03 \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 0.2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = 0.9116.$$



$$p^* = \frac{1}{1+e^{\sigma\sqrt{h}}} = \frac{1}{1+e^{0.1}} = 0.475$$

$$V_p(0) = e^{-0.06 \cdot \frac{3}{4}} \left[19.2447 (1-0.475)^3 + 2.4665 \cdot 3 \cdot 0.475 \cdot (1-0.475)^2 \right]$$

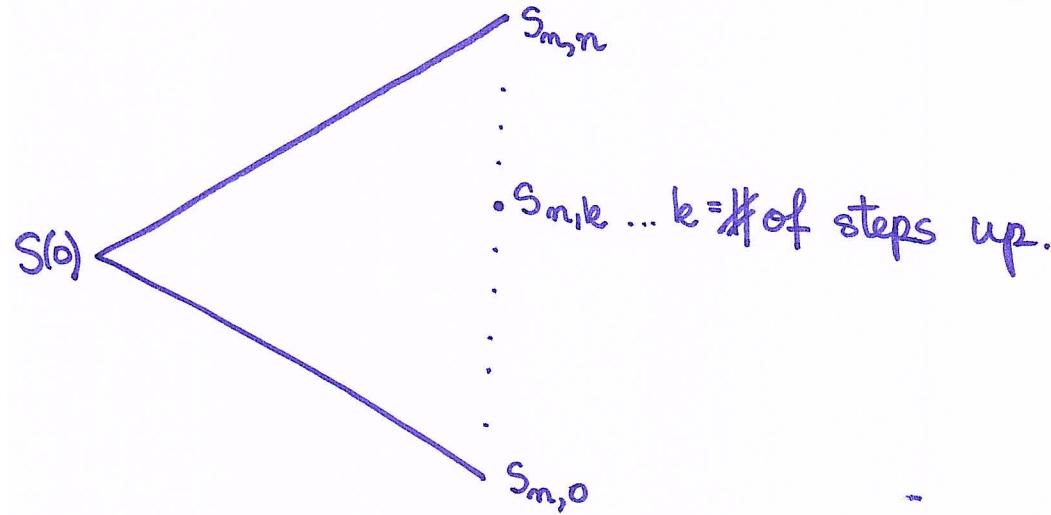
$$= 3.5884$$

Multiple Binomial Periods

$n \dots \# \text{ of periods}$

$T \dots \text{time horizon (say, the exercise date of an option)}$

$\Rightarrow \text{length of one period } h = \frac{T}{n}$



$S(T) \dots \text{a rnd variable w/ } (n+1) \text{ possible values}$
 $\Rightarrow \text{for every } k = 0, \dots, n :$

$$S_{m,k} = S(0) \cdot u^k \cdot d^{n-k}$$

\Rightarrow The possible payoffs of an option:

$$v_{m,k} = v(S_{m,k})$$

The risk-neutral probability of this payoff is:

$$\binom{n}{k} (p^*)^k (1-p^*)^{n-k}$$

\Rightarrow

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

$$= e^{-rT} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\binom{n}{k} (p^*)^k (1-p^*)^{n-k} \cdot v_{m,k} \right)$$

Problem 3.2. Let the continuously compounded interest rate be $r = 10\%$. Assume that the initial price of a non-dividend-paying stock is \$100 per share.

Consider a 5-period binomial model for the evolution of the stock price over the next year. Let $u = 1.04$ and $d = 0.96$.

- (i) What is the price of a one-year, 100-strike cash call on the above asset?

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$S_{u^5} = S(0)u^5 = 100(1.04)^5 = 121.67$$

$$S_{u^4d} = S(0) \cdot u^4 \cdot d = 100(1.04)^4 \cdot (0.96) = 112.31$$

$$S_{u^3d^2} = S(0) \cdot u^3 d^2 = 100(1.04)^3 (0.96)^2 = 103.67$$

$\uparrow \downarrow$ Out-of-money!

$$S(0) = 100$$