

W: January 27th, 2020.

Binomial pricing of currency options.

- underlying : the foreign currency (FC)

w/ r_F ... continuously compounded,
risk-free i.r. for FC

... as opposed to our domestic currency (DC)

w/ r_D ... ccrfir for DC
 $x(t), t \geq 0$... exchange rate from FC to DC

Recall:

- $F_{0,T}^P(x) = e^{-r_F \cdot T} \cdot x(0)$

- $F_{0,T}(x) = e^{(r_D - r_F) \cdot T} \cdot x(0)$

- Put-Call Parity:

$$\begin{aligned} V_C(0) - V_P(0) &= F_{0,T}^P(x) - K e^{-r_D \cdot T} \\ &= x(0) e^{-r_F \cdot T} - K e^{-r_D \cdot T} \end{aligned}$$

Analogy:

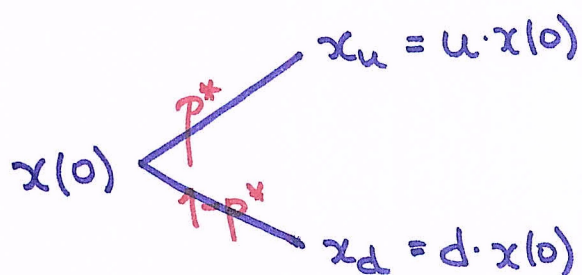
Foreign currency $\leftrightarrow$ continuous dividend stocks

$$x(t), t \geq 0 \leftrightarrow S(t), t \geq 0$$

r_F ... ccrfir for FC $\leftrightarrow$ δ ... dividend yield

Q: How can we adapt this analogy to binomial option pricing?

ONE PERIOD



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$$V_u = v(x_u)$$

REPLICATING PORT.

$$\Delta e^{r_f \cdot T} \cdot x_u + B e^{r_b \cdot T}$$

$$V_d = v(x_d) = \Delta e^{r_f \cdot T} \cdot x_d + B e^{r_b \cdot T}$$

$h=T$

Complete analogy!

The replicating portfolio:

- Δ ... # of units of FC bought @ time 0 and deposited to earn r_f for the duration of the period
- B ... the risk-free investment in the DC

In particular:

$$p^* = \frac{e^{(r_D - r_f) \cdot h} - d}{u - d}$$

... DEF'N

4. For a two-period binomial model, you are given:

- (i) Each period is one year.
- (ii) The current price for a nondividend-paying stock is 20.
- (iii) $u = 1.2840$, where u is one plus the rate of capital gain on the stock per period if the stock price goes up.
- (iv) $d = 0.8607$, where d is one plus the rate of capital loss on the stock per period if the stock price goes down.
- (v) The continuously compounded risk-free interest rate is 5%.

Calculate the price of an American call option on the stock with a strike price of 22.

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) 2
- (D) 3
- (E) 4

* 5. Consider a 9-month dollar-denominated American put option on British pounds.
You are given that:

- (i) The current exchange rate is 1.43 US dollars per pound. $x(0) = 1.43$
- (ii) The strike price of the put is 1.56 US dollars per pound. $K = 1.56$
- (iii) The volatility of the exchange rate is $\sigma = 0.3$.
- (iv) The US dollar continuously compounded risk-free interest rate is 8%. $r_B = r_D = 0.08$
- (v) The British pound continuously compounded risk-free interest rate is 9%. $r_{\pounds} = r_{\pounds} = 0.09$

$n = 3$

Using a three-period binomial model, calculate the price of the put.

- (A) 0.23
- (B) 0.25
- (C) 0.27
- (D) 0.29
- (E) 0.31

$\Rightarrow h = 1/4$... length of each period

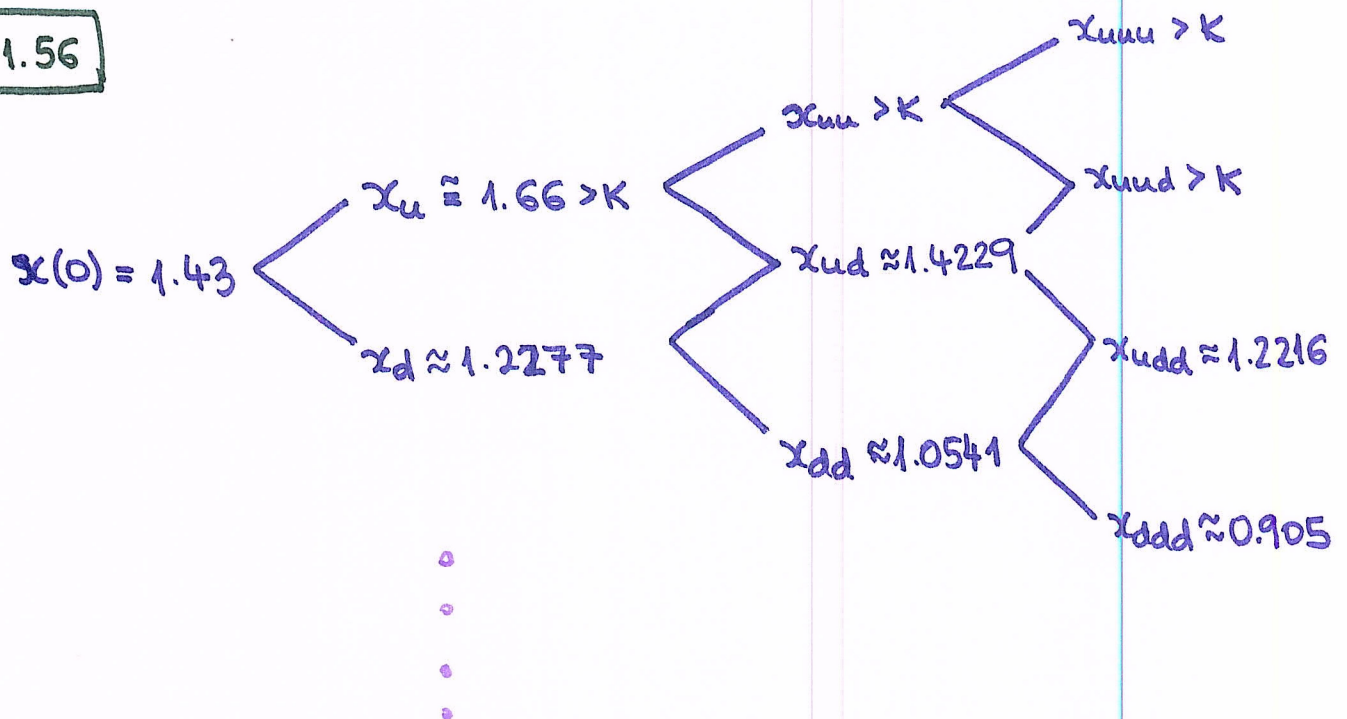
The forward tree is the default tree!

$$p^* = \frac{1}{1 + e^{0.05h}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{0.15}} \approx 0.46257$$

$$u = e^{(r_D - r_F) \cdot h + \sigma \sqrt{h}} = e^{(0.08 - 0.09)(0.25) + 0.15} \approx 1.1589$$

$$d = e^{(r_D - r_F) \cdot h - \sigma \sqrt{h}} = e^{(-0.01)(0.25) - 0.15} \approx 0.8585$$

PUT $K = 1.56$



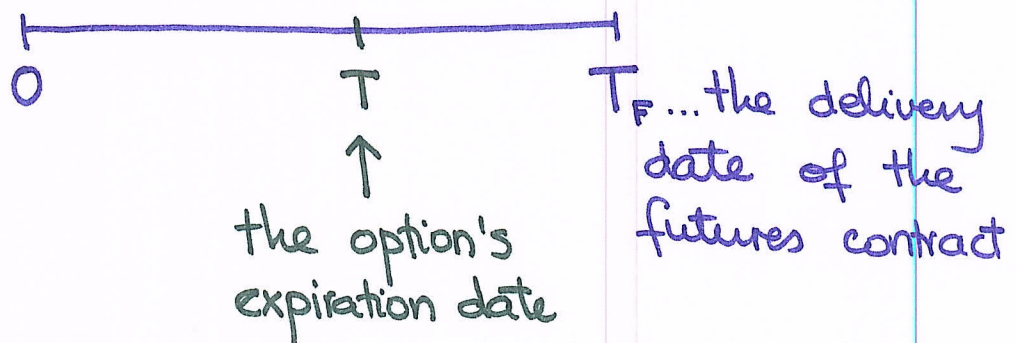
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Binomial option pricing: Futures options.

Futures contracts: tradable versions of forward contracts

- liquid counterparts of forward contracts w/ observable prices

$\Rightarrow$ we can define calls/puts w/ futures contracts as the underlying



Analogy:

Futures

$\longleftrightarrow$ continuous dividend stocks

r ... continuously compounded risk-free interest rate

$\longleftrightarrow$ δ ... dividend yield