

**American call option with dividends** can be calculated by finding the payoff a little differently, rather than using the immediate value of  $c_U, c_N, c_D, c_A$  and  $c_B$  we compare it with the respective value of exercising the option at that point of time. That is, we have a new payoff tree as,

$$\begin{array}{rcc}
 & & 35 \\
 & & \max(S_{cum} - K, c_U) \\
 & \max(S - K, c_A) & 0 \\
 & & 0 \\
 \max(S - K, c) & & \max(S_{cum} - K, c_N) \\
 & \max(S - K, c_B) & 0 \\
 & & 0 \\
 & & \max(S_{cum} - K, c_D) \\
 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Here we use the  $S_{cum}$  because it is a call option, but if it is a put option, we use the  $S_{ex}$ , and instead of  $\max S_{cum} - K, c$  we use  $\max K - S_{ex}, p$ .

$$\begin{array}{rcc}
 & & 35 \\
 & & \max(20, 19.17) \\
 & \max(S - K, c_A) & 0 \\
 & & 0 \\
 \max(S - K, c) & & \max(0, 0) \\
 & \max(S - K, c_B) & 0 \\
 & & 0 \\
 & & \max(0, 0) \\
 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Which means that,

$$\begin{array}{rcc}
 & & 35 \\
 & & 20 \\
 & \max(S - K, c_A) & 0 \\
 & & 0 \\
 \max(S - K, c) & & 0 \\
 & \max(S - K, c_B) & 0 \\
 & & 0 \\
 & & 0 \\
 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

**Calculate  $c_A$**  we use the one-period binomial model again, which we get,

$$c_A = c_U \cdot \theta_U + c_N \cdot \theta_D$$

$$c_A = 10.95$$

**Calculate  $c_B$**  we use the one-period binomial model again, which we get,

$$c_B = c_N \cdot \theta_U + c_D \cdot \theta_D$$

$$c_B = 0$$

	35
	20
$\max(5, 10.95)$	0
	0
$\max(S - K, c)$	0
	0
$\max(0, 0)$	0
	0
	0
	0

**Calculate  $c$**  we use the one-period binomial model again, which we get,

$$c = c_A \cdot \theta_U + c_B \cdot \theta_D$$

$$c = 6$$

$$\max(S - K, c) = \max(0, 6) = 6$$

**Conclusion** As American call option can be exercised at any time, therefore, we have the maximum payoff when exercising the option at time 2 (before the dividend is paid) and when the stock price goes up twice. This method can be checked by comparing the value of the European (5.75) and American (6), where American call option has a higher price!