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## MEMBERSHIPS

- London Mathematical Society
- Institute of Mathematical Statistics
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
- Bachelier Finance Society
- Oxford-Man Institute of Quantitative Finance (Associate member)
- Oxford-Nie Financial Big Data Lab

## EDUCATION

### *The University of Adelaide*

- *Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)*, 2008-2010  
Principal Supervisor: RBC Professor Robert J. Elliott  
Secondary Supervisor: Elder Professor Charles E. M. Pearce  
*Research project considering issues surrounding dynamic risk measures, and the associated theory of Backward Stochastic Differential Equations, particularly with reference to situations driven by processes other than Brownian motion.*
- *Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences (Hons.)*, 2007,  
with First Class Honours in Statistics.  
Supervisor: Elder Professor Charles E. M. Pearce  
*Research project considering problems in the analysis of occupational health and safety data, particularly identifiability of estimates of underlying offence rates from regulatory enforcement data.*
- *Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Sciences*, 2006,  
with majors in Pure Mathematics and Statistics.
- *Bachelor of Finance*, 2006

*The Hamilton & Alexandra College, Class of 2002, School Dux.*

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Alan Turing Institute, Theme Lead for Machine Learning in Finance 2018–Present
- Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford: Associate Professor 2012–Present
- New College, University of Oxford: Non-stipendary Lecturer 2014–Present
- Exeter College, University of Oxford: Lump Sum Lecturer 2011–2014
- St John’s College, University of Oxford: Junior Research Fellow in Mathematics 2010–2012
- Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford: Module Lecturer 2010–2012
- University of Adelaide: Casual Tutor and Lecturer 2006–2010
- University of South Australia: Casual Lecturer and Course Coordinator 2009
- Bradford College, University of Adelaide: Tutor 2006–2008
- University of Adelaide: Administrative Assistant – Centre for International Economic Studies 2005–2007

## INVITED POSITIONS

- Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca (Milan) and Università degli Studi dell'Insubria (Varese) October 2019
- University of Technology, Sydney: Nicola Bruti-Liberati Fellow December 2014
- Université du Maine: Professeur Invité April 2014
- Université de Rennes I: Professeur Invité July 2011
- Shandong University: Visiting researcher May 2010

## PUBLICATIONS

### Papers Accepted/Published

- Cohen, S.N., Snow, D. and Szpruch, L., Black-box model risk in finance, to appear in *Machine Learning in Financial Markets: A Guide to Contemporary Practice*, Capponi, C. and Lehalle, C.-A. (Eds), Cambridge University Press, 2021
- Cohen, S.N., Reisinger, C., Wang, S. Detecting and repairing arbitrage in traded option prices, *Applied Mathematical Finance*, 27(5):345-373, 2021
- Cohen, S.N. Uncertainty and filtering of hidden Markov models in discrete time, *Probability, Uncertainty and Quantitative Risk*, 2020, Article 4
- Allan, A.L. and Cohen, S.N. Pathwise stochastic control with applications to robust filtering, *Annals of Applied Probability*, 30(5):2274-2310, 2020
- Cohen, S.N. and Tegner, M. European Option Pricing with Stochastic Volatility models under Parameter Uncertainty, pp123–167 in Cohen, S.N., Gyöngy, I., dos Reis, G., Siska, D., Szpruch, L. (Eds), *Frontiers in Stochastic Analysis–BSDEs, SPDEs and their Applications*, Springer, 2019
- Cohen, S.N. and Allan, A.L. Parameter Uncertainty in the Kalman-Bucy Filter, *SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization*, 57(3): 1646-1671, 2019
- Cohen, S.N., Henckel, T., Menzies, G.D., Muhle-Karbe, J. and Zizzo, D.J. Switching cost models as hypothesis tests, *Economics Letters*, 175:32-25, 2019
- Cohen, S.N. Data and Uncertainty in extreme risks – a nonlinear expectations approach, in *Innovations in Insurance, Risk and Asset Management*, Eds. K Glau, D Linders, A Min, M Scherer, L Schneider, R Zagst, World Scientific, 2018
- Cohen, S.N., Elliott, R.J. and Siu, T.K. Malliavin Calculus in a Binomial Framework, *Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*, 2018; 1-8.
- Cohen, S.N. and Fedyashov, V. Nash equilibria for nonzero-sum ergodic stochastic differential games, *Journal of Applied Probability* 54(4):977–994, 2017
- Cohen, S.N. Data-driven nonlinear expectations for statistical uncertainty in decisions, *Electronic Journal of Statistics* 11(1):1858–1889, 2017
- Allan, A.L. and Cohen, S.N. Ergodic Backward Stochastic Difference Equations, *Stochastics* 88(8):1207–1239, 2016
- Elliott, R.J., Siu, T.K. and Cohen, S.N. Backward stochastic difference equations for dynamic convex risk measures on a binomial tree, *Journal of Applied Probability* 52(3): 771–785, 2015.
- Cohen, S.N., Ji, S. and Yang, S., A generalized Girsanov transformation of finite state stochastic processes in discrete time, *Statistics and Probability Letters* 84: 33–39, 2014.
- Cohen, S.N. and Hu, Y., Ergodic BSDEs Driven by Markov Chains. *SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization* 51(5):4138–4168, 2013.
- Cohen, S.N. Undiscounted Markov chain BSDEs to stopping times, *Journal of Applied Probability* 51(1), 2014.
- Cohen, S.N., Quasi-sure analysis, aggregation and dual representations of sublinear

expectations in general spaces, *Electronic Journal of Probability* **17** Article 62, 2012.

- Cohen, S.N. and Szpruch, L., A limit order book model for latency arbitrage, *Mathematics and Financial Economics* **6**(3):211–227, 2012.
- Cohen, S.N., Chaos representations for Marked Point Processes, *Communications on Stochastic Analysis* **6**(2), 263–279, 2012.
- Cohen, S.N. and Szpruch, L., On Markovian solutions to Markov chain BSDEs, *Numerical Algebra, Control and Optimization* **2**(2):257–269, 2012.
- Cohen, S.N. Representing filtration consistent nonlinear expectations as  $g$ -expectations in general probability spaces, *Stochastic Processes and their Applications* **122**(4), 1601–1626, 2012.
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. Existence, Uniqueness and Comparisons for BSDEs in General Spaces, *Annals of Probability*, **40**(5):2264–2297, 2012
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. Backward Stochastic Difference Equations and nearly-time-consistent nonlinear expectations, *SIAM Journal of Control and Optimization* **49**:125–139, 2011.
- Pearce, C.E.M., Cohen, S.N. and Tuke, S.J. New Zealand palaeodemography: Pitfalls and possibilities, in *BIOMAT 2009: International Symposium on Mathematical and Computational Biology (Brasilia 1–6 August 2009)* Ed. R.P. Mondaini, World Scientific 2010, 194–212
- Cohen, S.N., Elliott, R.J. and Pearce, C.E.M. A general comparison theorem for Backward Stochastic Differential Equations, *Advances in Applied Probability*, **42**(3):878–898, 2010.
- Cohen, S.N. Pricing and risk measurement with Backward Stochastic Differential Equations, invited contribution in *AustMS Gazette* **37**(3):168–169, 2010.
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. A General Theory of Finite State Backward Stochastic Difference Equations, *Stochastic Processes and their Applications*, **120**(4):442–466, 2010.
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. Comparisons for Backward Stochastic Differential Equations on Markov Chains and related no-arbitrage conditions, *The Annals of Applied Probability*, **20**(1):267–311, 2010.
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. Backward Stochastic Differential Equations on Markov Chains, *Communications on Stochastic Analysis*, **2**(2):251–262, 2010.
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. Comparison Theorems for Finite State Backward Stochastic Differential Equations, in *Contemporary Quantitative Finance, Essays in Honour of Eckhard Platen*, Eds. C. Chiarella, A. Novikov, Springer, 2010, 135–158.
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. Backward Stochastic Difference Equations with Finite States, in *Stochastic Analysis with Financial Applications, Hong Kong 2009*, Eds. A. Kohatsu-Higa, N. Privault and S.-J. Sheu, Birkhäuser, 2010, 33–43
- Cohen, S.N., Forbes, B. and Lee, P. First Steps Toward a New Optimised-Sampling Index Portfolio, presented at the 2nd Australian Business and Behavioural Sciences Association International Conference, Adelaide, (2006), . Included in electronic proceedings.

#### **Papers Submitted/Unpublished**

- Cohen, S.N., Reisinger, C. and Wang, S., Arbitrage-free neural-SDE market models
- Cohen, S.N. and Treetanthiploet, T., Correlated Bandits for Dynamic Pricing via the ARC algorithm
- Cohen, S.N. and Treetanthiploet, T., Asymptotic Randomised Control with applications to bandits
- Cohen, S.N., Tegnér, M.N.A. and Wiesel, J., Bounding quantiles of Wasserstein distance between true and empirical measure
- Cohen, S.N. and Treetanthiploet, T., Gittins’ theorem under uncertainty

- Cohen, S.N. and Fedyashov, V. Ergodic BSDEs with jumps and time dependence
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. Filters and smoothers for self-exciting Markov modulated counting processes
- Cohen, S.N., A martingale representation theorem for a class of jump processes
- An, L., Cohen, S.N. and Ji, S. Reflected Backward Stochastic Difference Equations and Optimal Stopping Problems under  $g$ -expectation
- Cohen, S.N., Ji, S. and Peng, S. Sublinear Expectations and Martingales in Discrete Time
- Cohen, S.N. What risk measures are time consistent for all filtrations?
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. Time consistency and moving horizons for risk measures.
- Cohen, S.N., Elliott, R.J. and Pearce, C.E.M. A ring isomorphism and corresponding pseudoinverses.

#### Theses

- Problems in Backward Stochastic Differential Equations; with applications to nonlinear expectations and risk measures, PhD thesis, University of Adelaide, 2011
- Gains, claims and pains: Mathematical and Statistical Problems in Occupational Health and Safety, Honours thesis (Statistics), University of Adelaide, 2007.

#### Books

- Cohen, S.N., Gyöngy, I., dos Reis, G., Siska, D., Szpruch, L. (Eds), *Frontiers in Stochastic Analysis–BSDEs, SPDEs and their Applications*, Springer, 2019
- Cohen, S.N. and Elliott, R.J. *Stochastic Calculus and Applications (2nd Ed.)*, Birkhäuser, 2015
- Cohen, S.N., Madan, D.B., Siu, T.K and Yang, H. (Eds) *Stochastic processes, filtering and control: A festschrift in honour of Robert J. Elliott*, World Scientific, 2012.

#### Semi-mathematical work

- Cohen, S.N. The Lehman Collapse: What went wrong?, *Areté*, Issue 57 Winter 2018
- Cohen, S.N., The dynamic programming principle in *Math in Seventeen Syllables: A Folder of Mathematical Haiku*, *Journal of Humanistic Mathematics*, 8(1), 2018

#### EDITING & REFEREEING

Associate editor for the journals *Stochastics*, *Journal of Stochastic Analysis and Applications*, and *Communications on Stochastic Analysis*.

Acted as a referee for various journals, including *Annals of Probability*, *Quantitative Finance*, *Finance and Stochastics*, *Electronic Journal of Probability*, *SIAM Control*, *SIAM Financial Mathematics*, *IEEE Automatic Control* and *Mathematical Finance*. I have also acted as a reviewer for grant applications through various national funding agencies.

#### RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Doctoral students:

- Deqing Jiang (joint with Justin Sirignano)
- Eliana Fausti
- Saad Labyad (joint with Álvaro Cartea)
- Victor Sheng Wang (joint with Christoph Reisinger)
- Lingyi Yang (joint with Jaroslav Fowkes)
- Tanut Treetanthiploet
- Andrew Allan, Thesis: *Parameter uncertainty in stochastic filtering* (defended 2019)

- Victor Fedyashov, Thesis: *Topics in ergodic control and backward stochastic differential equations* (defended 2017)

University of Oxford, MSc in Mathematical and Computational Finance (over 20 students from 2011 onwards)

University of Oxford, Part C (MMath) Dissertation:

- Andrew Allan (2015)
- Hannah Bavecic (2017)

University of Oxford, Part B Structured Project:

- Undergraduate projects in mathematical finance (2012-2015).

## PRIZES & AWARDS

- Nicola Bruti-Liberati Fellowship and Lecture (2014),
- Adelaide Doctoral Research Medal (2012),
- Adelaide Postgraduate Alumni University Medal (2011),
- B.H. Neumann Prize, Australian Mathematical Society (2009),
- T.M. Cherry Prize, ANZIAM (2009),
- Head of School's Award for Lecturing Excellence in
  - “Financial Modelling: Theory and Techniques” (2010),
  - “Financial Modelling III” (2008) and
  - “Statistical Practice I” (2008),
- Adelaide University Medal (2007),
- Adelaide Honours Priority Scholarship (2007),
- Applied Probability Trust Prize (2007),
- Sir Ronald Fisher Memorial Scholarship (Statistics) (2006),
- David Murray Memorial Scholarship in Mathematical Sciences (2006),
- J.R. Wilton Prize (2005),
- Dean's Certificate for Outstanding Achievement (Economics) (2005),
- E.A. Cornish Memorial Prize (2004),
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Scholarship (2003, 2004),
- Dean's Merit List for Economics (2003, 2004)
- Dean's Certificate of Merit (Mathematics) (2003),
- School Dux of 2002 (The Hamilton & Alexandra College, Hamilton, Victoria),
- Latrobe University Encouragement Award for Mathematics (2001),
- Jeremy King Memorial Prize for Service to the Community (2001),
- Sir Reginald Ansett Memorial Scholarship (1997).

## ADMINISTRATION

- External Examiner (2021–), MSc in Mathematical Finance, University College London
- Chair of Examiners (2015–17), Examiner (2012–2014) and supervisory committee, MSc in Mathematical Finance, University of Oxford.
- Examiner (2018–), Chair of Admissions (2015–18), Admissions Panel (2012-2014) MSc in Mathematical and Computational Finance and MSc in Mathematical Finance, University of Oxford.
- Co-organizer of *Fridays@4* (career and wellbeing seminar for graduate students and early career researchers), Mathematical Institute, Oxford, (2017–)

- Public Engagement with Research Champion for the Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford