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Notes

1. This is not a survey of learning, or heterogeneous agent models finance. This is well beyond the scope of this short paper. On heterogeneous agent models many excellent surveys exist including, [Chiarella et al. \[2009\]](#), [Hommes \[2006\]](#), [LeBaron \[2006\]](#), and [Lux \[2009\]](#). On learning models finance in general a recent survey of this large literature can be found in [Pastor and Veronesi \[2009\]](#).

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selection generally have no passive learning component. Two very different examples of this are [Brock and Hommes \[1998\]](#) and [Arthur et al. \[1997\]](#). Price formation depends on the fraction of traders in a given strategy, and not on their wealth.

6. The best-known case would be log utility.
7. See [Pastor and Stambaugh \[2009\]](#) for a more complete treatment of systems of this form in finance.
8. See [LeBaron \[2007\]](#) or [Campbell and Viceira \[2002\]](#) for derivations and connections to intertemporal preferences. The variance term in the numerator can be thought of as an adjustment for the fact that these are log returns.

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13. This is where [Sims's \[1980\]](#) critique of deviations from rationality is in full force.
14. Important current work has moved in the direction of estimating the intensity of choice as in [Goldbaum and Mizrach \[2008\]](#) or [Boswijk et al. \[2007\]](#).
15. It reminds one of Fisher Black's discussions in [Black \[1986\]](#).

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