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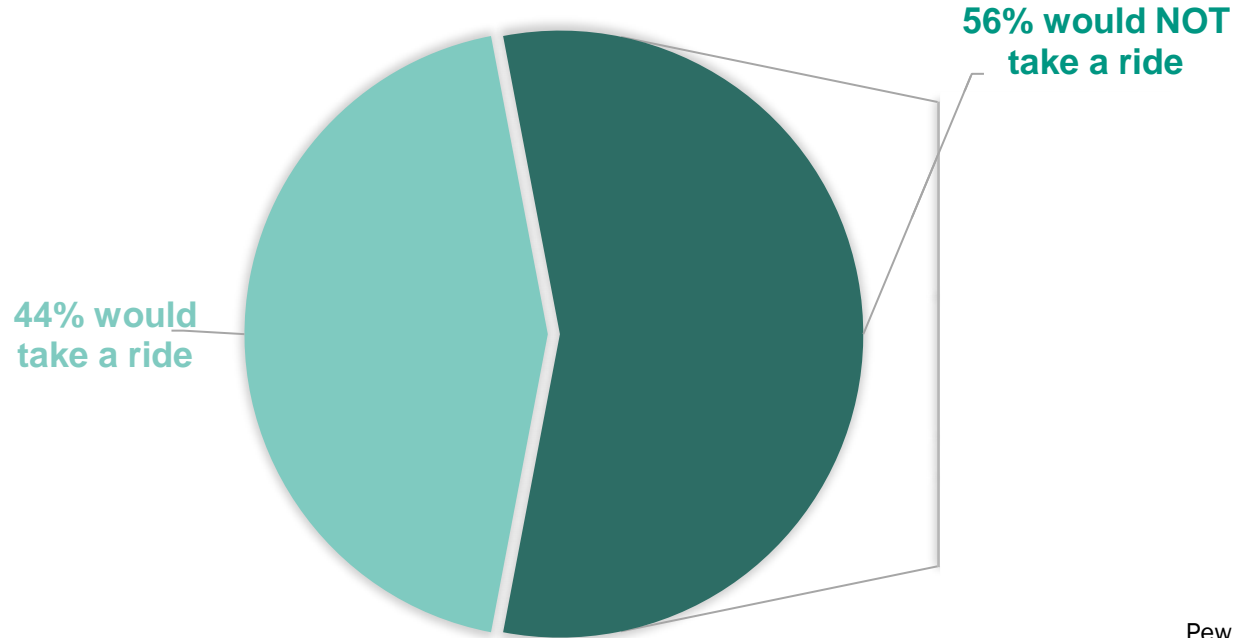
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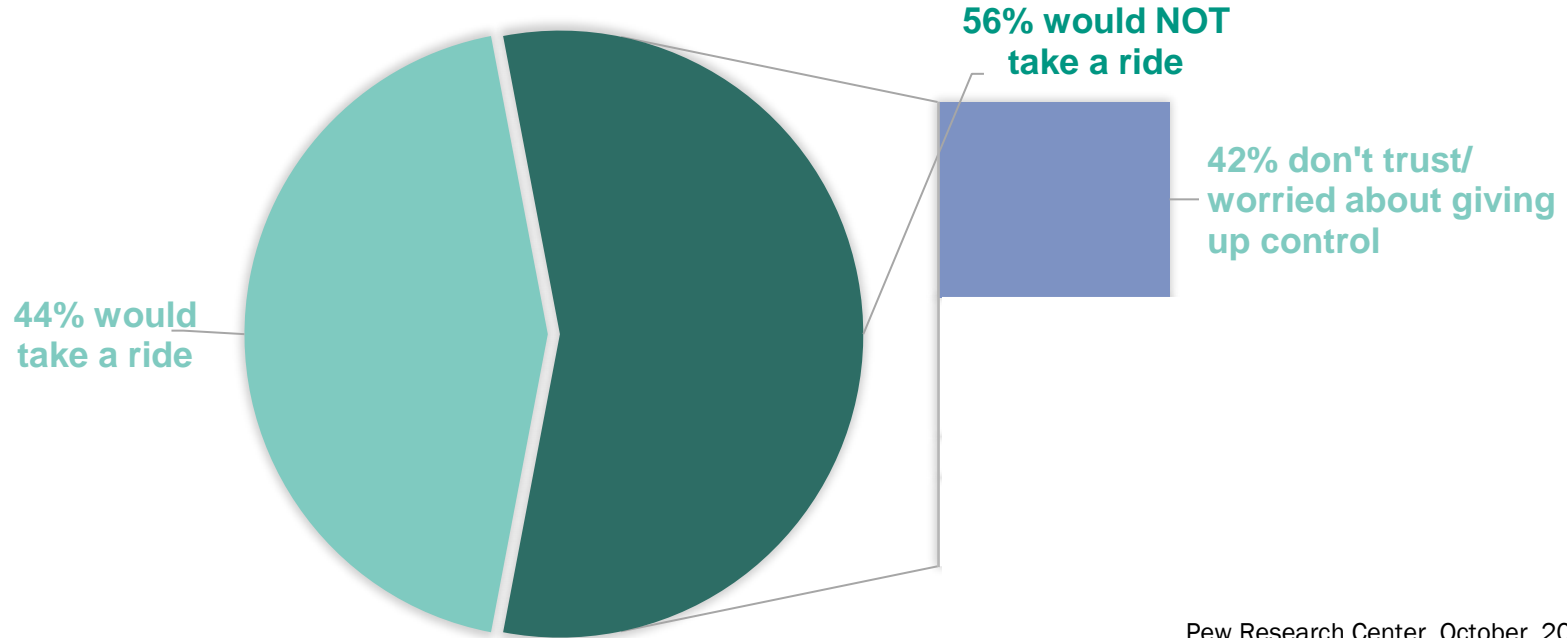
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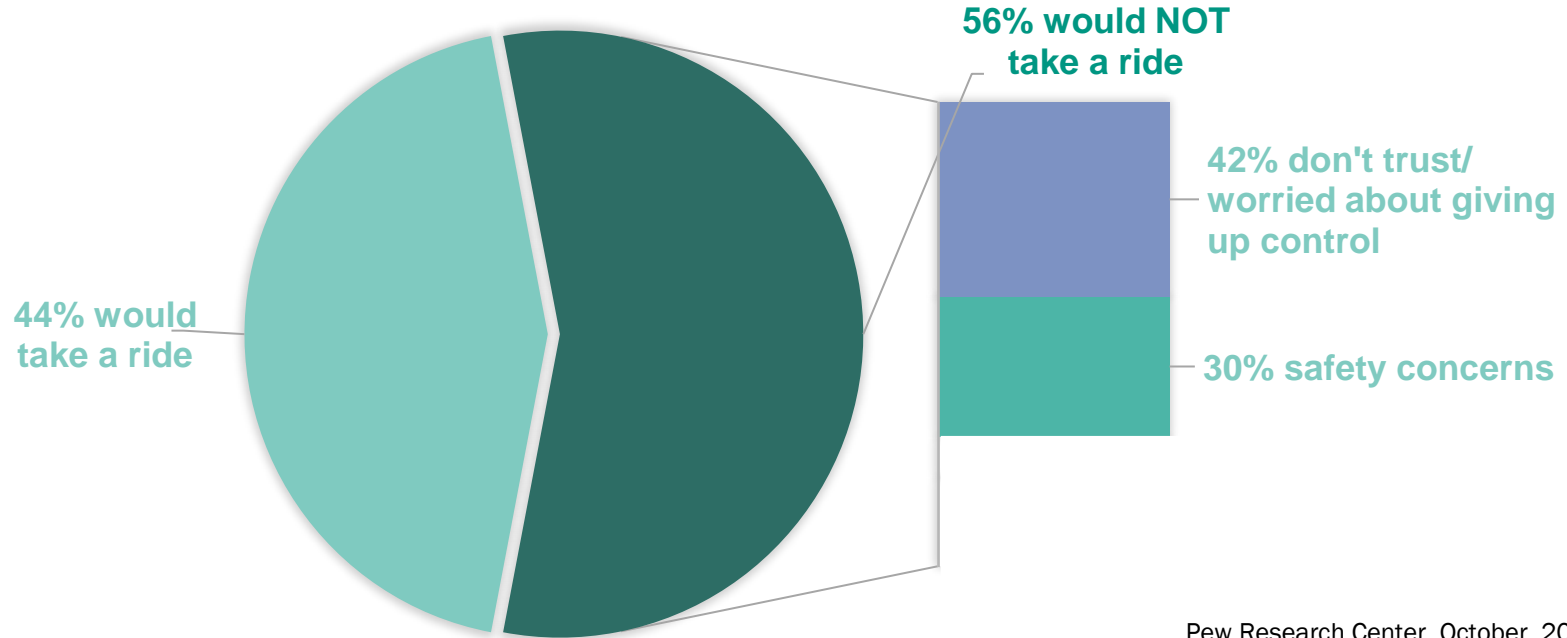
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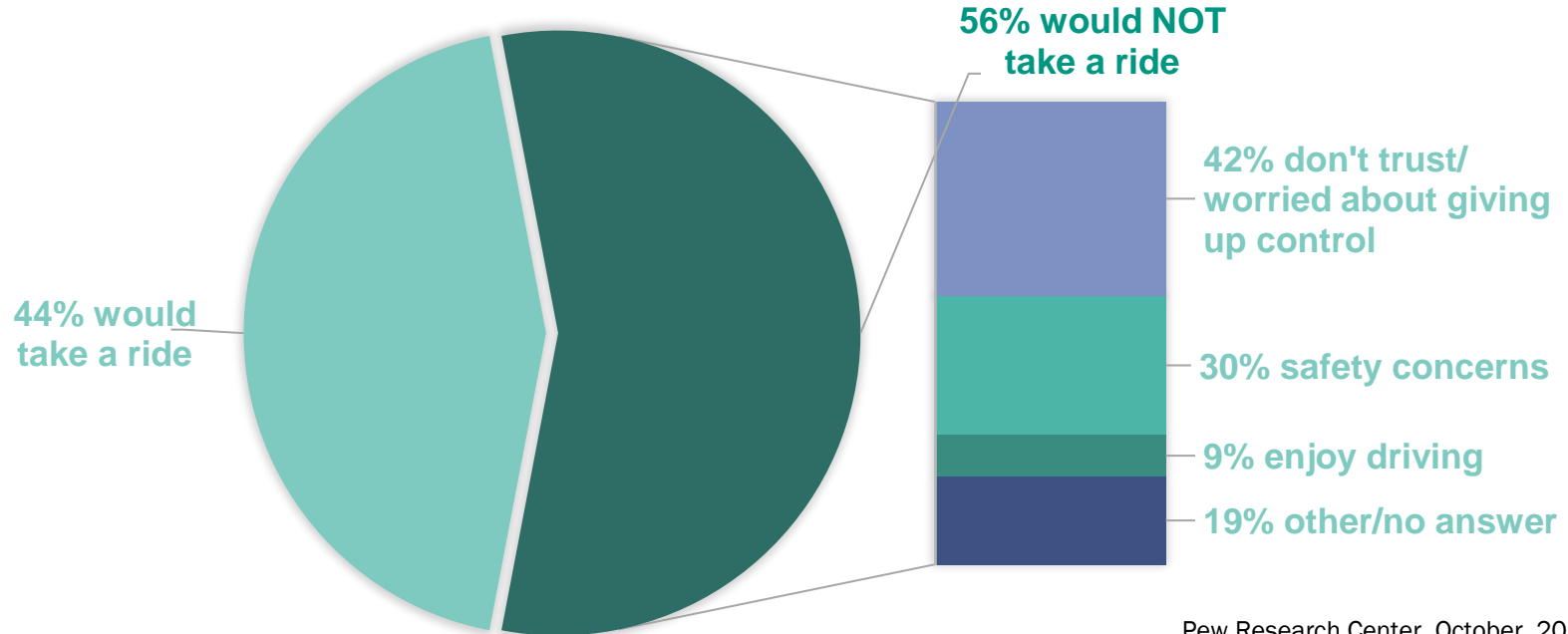
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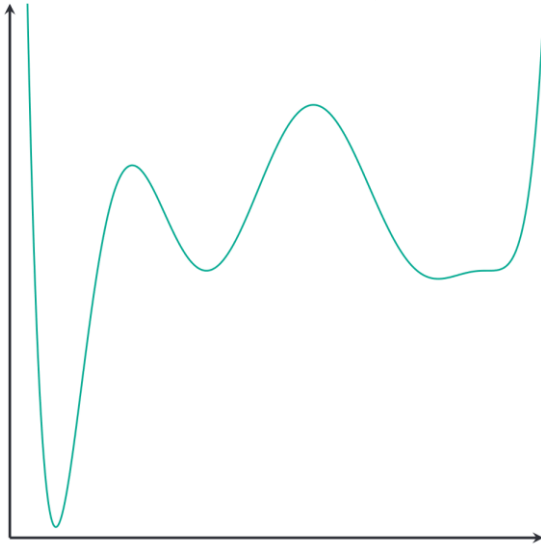
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✗ stochastic  $\mathbf{x}$ ?

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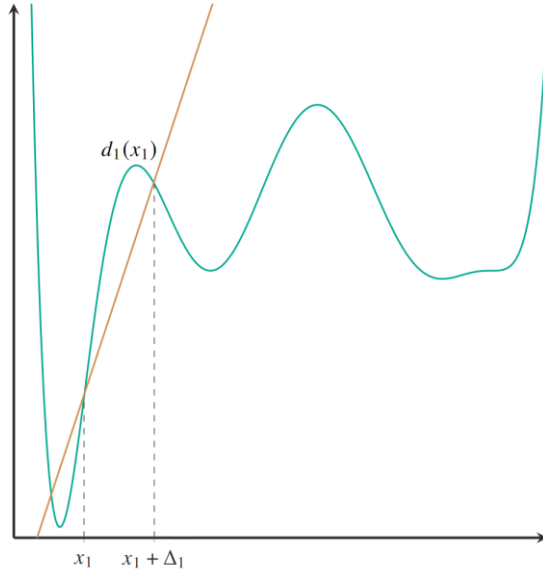


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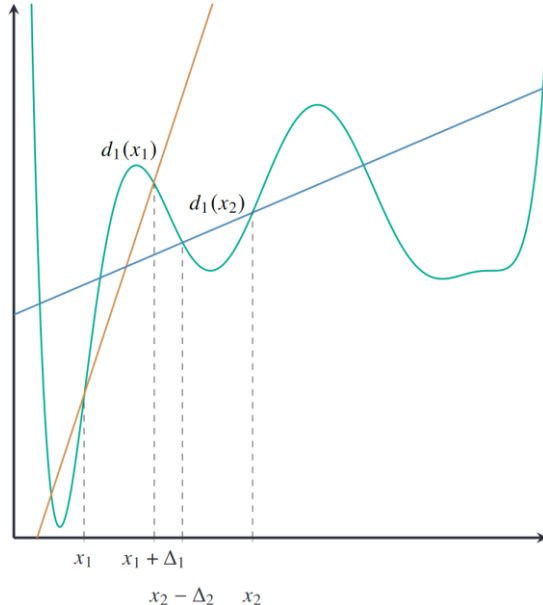


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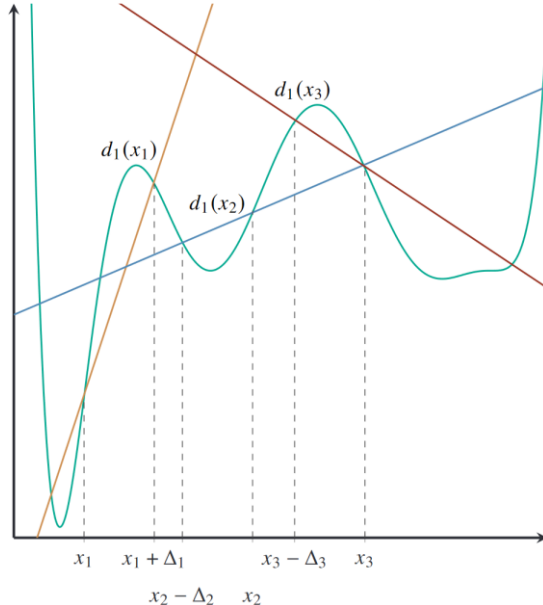


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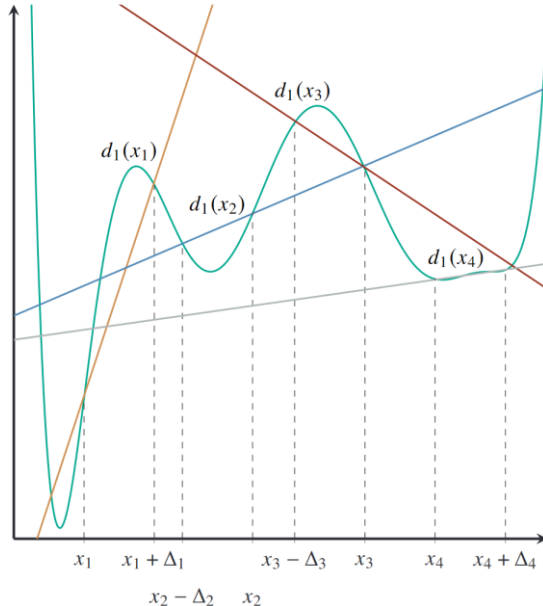


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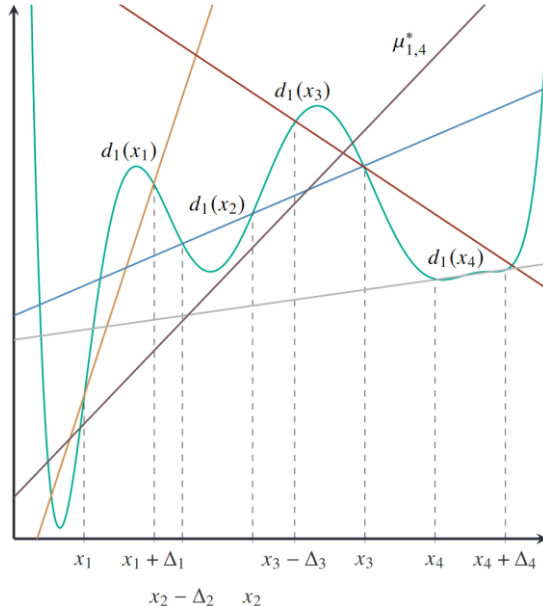


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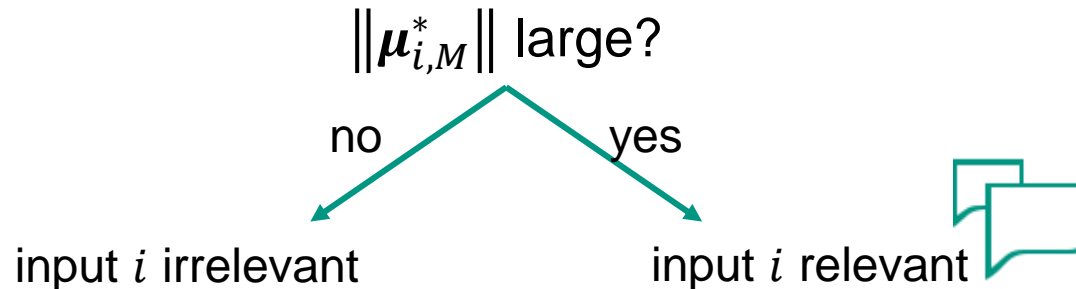
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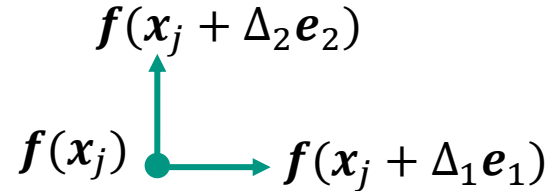
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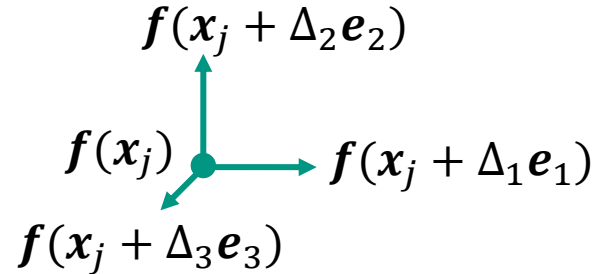
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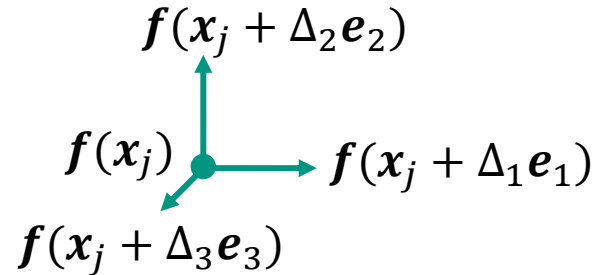
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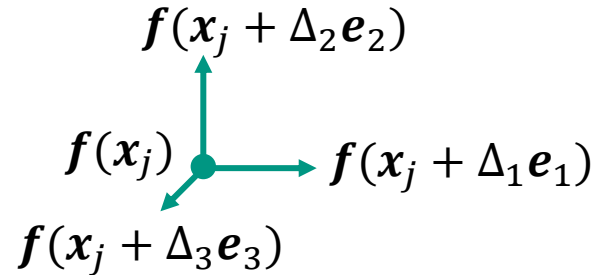
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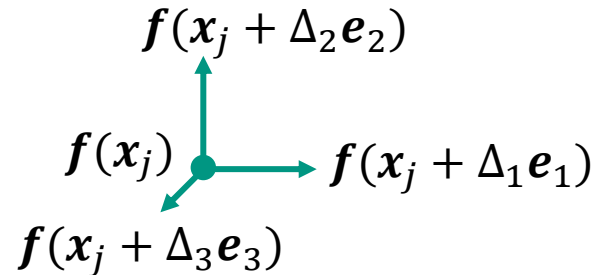
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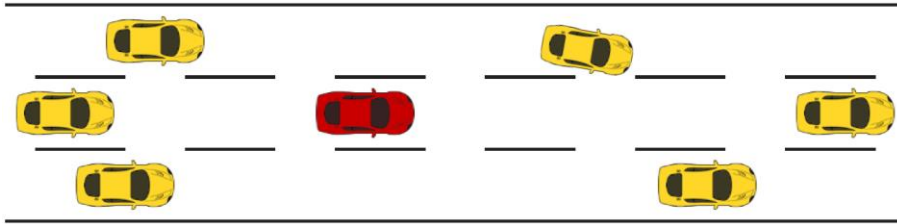
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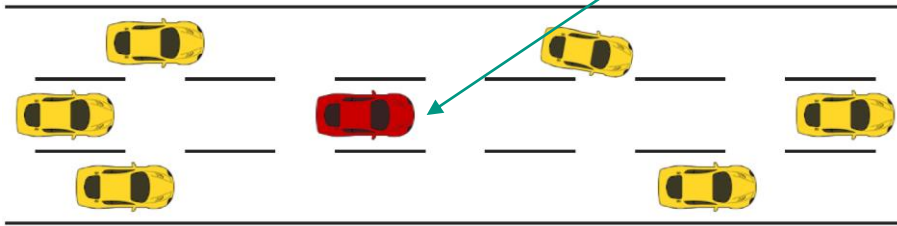
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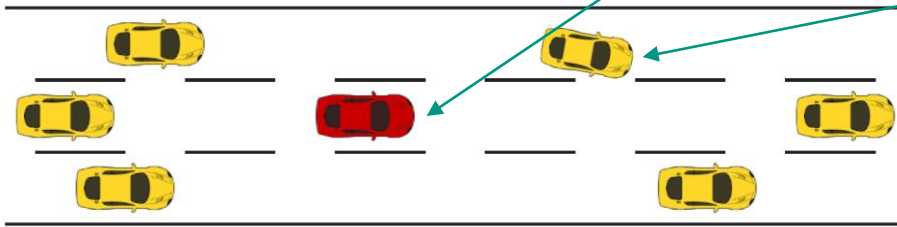


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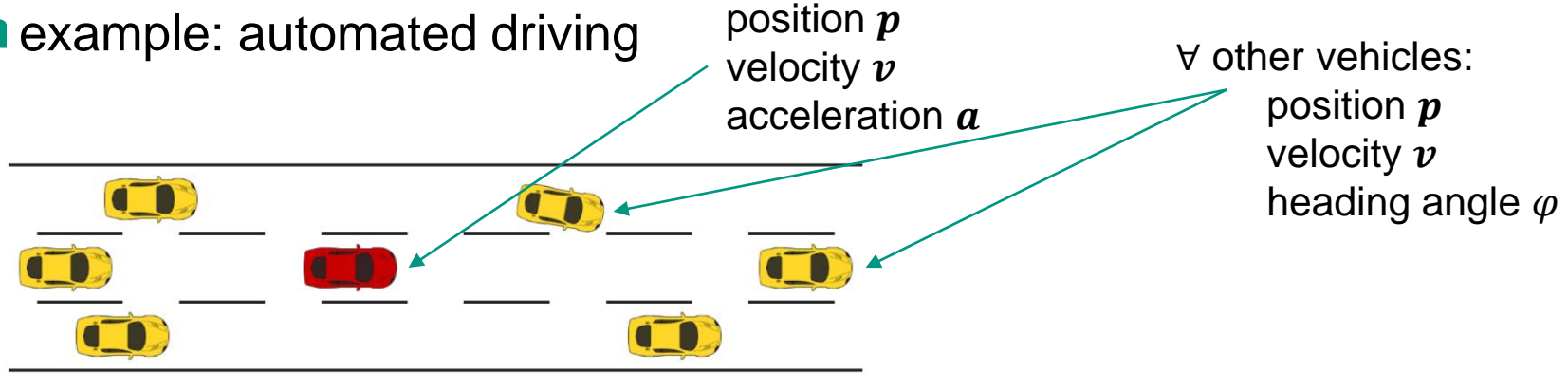
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$\forall$  other vehicles:  
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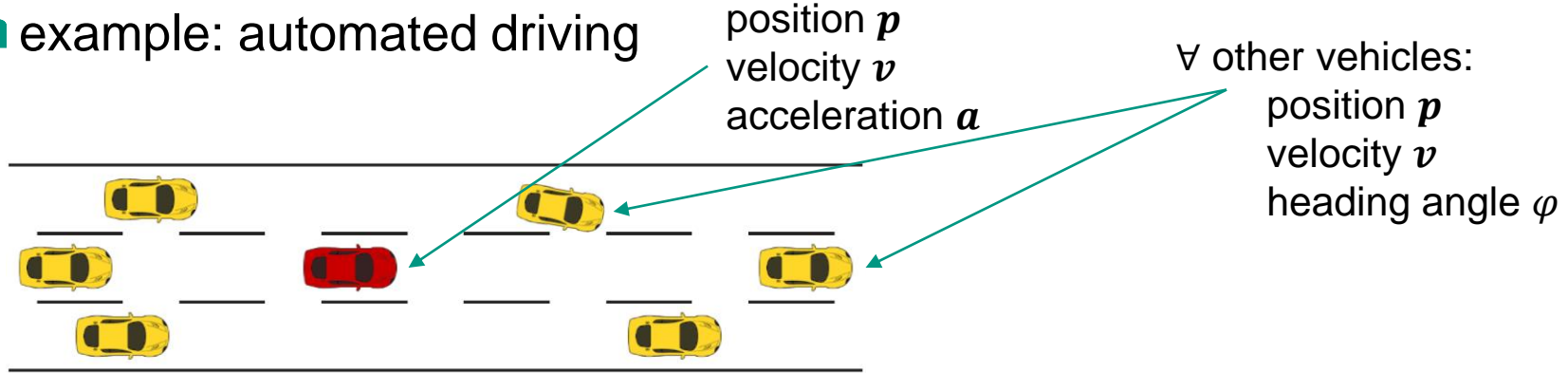


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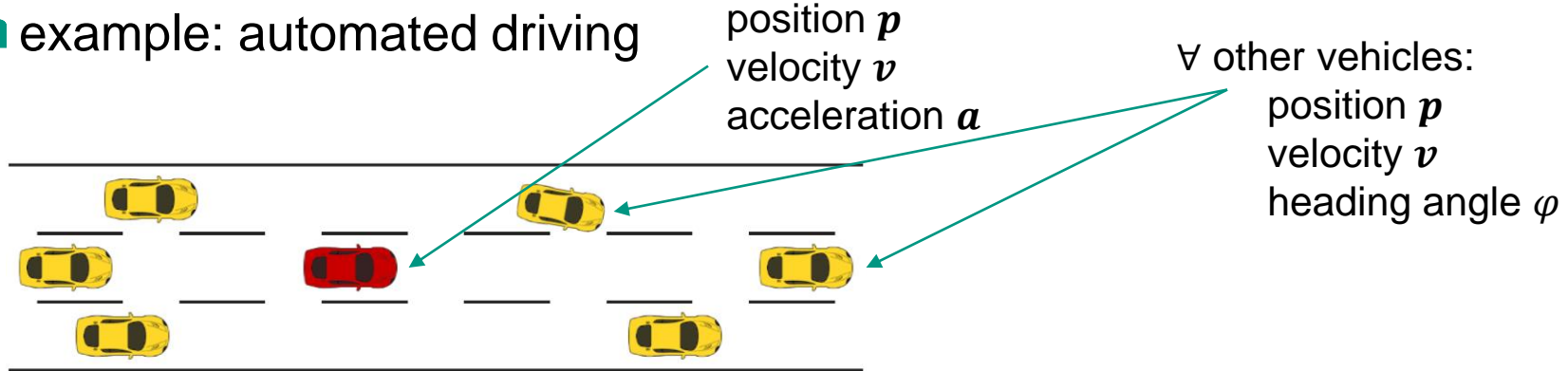


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- instead: choose number of samples  $M_i$  for each input  $i$  separately

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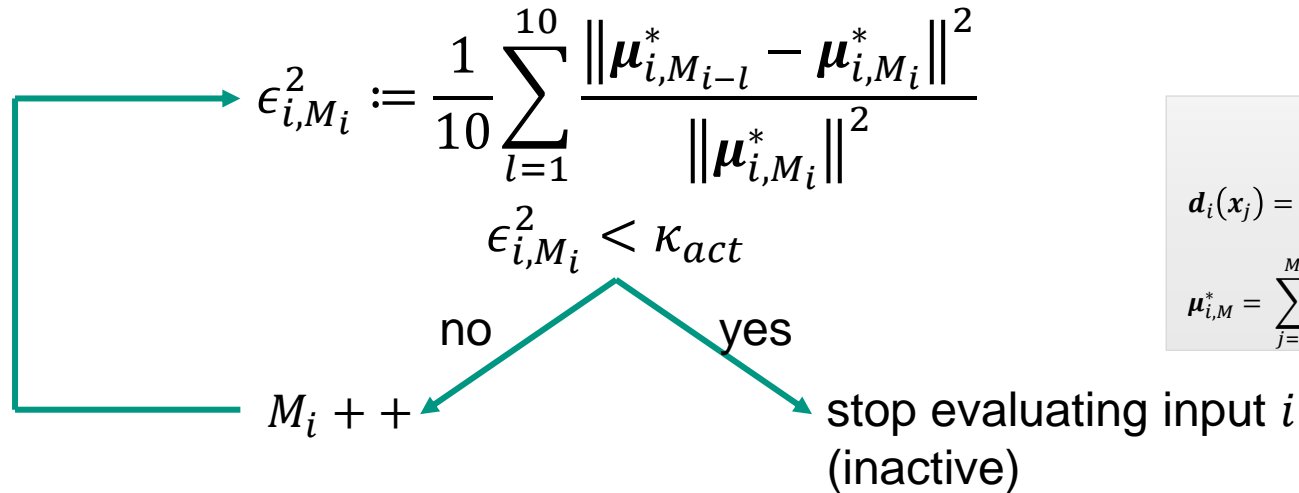
stop evaluating input  $i$   
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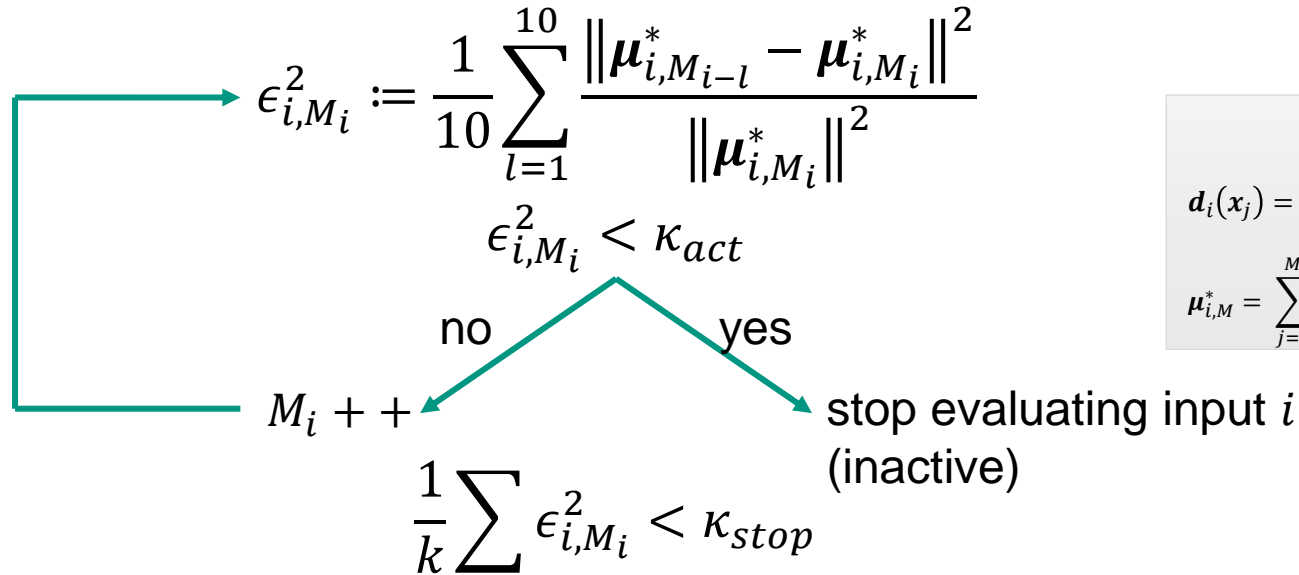


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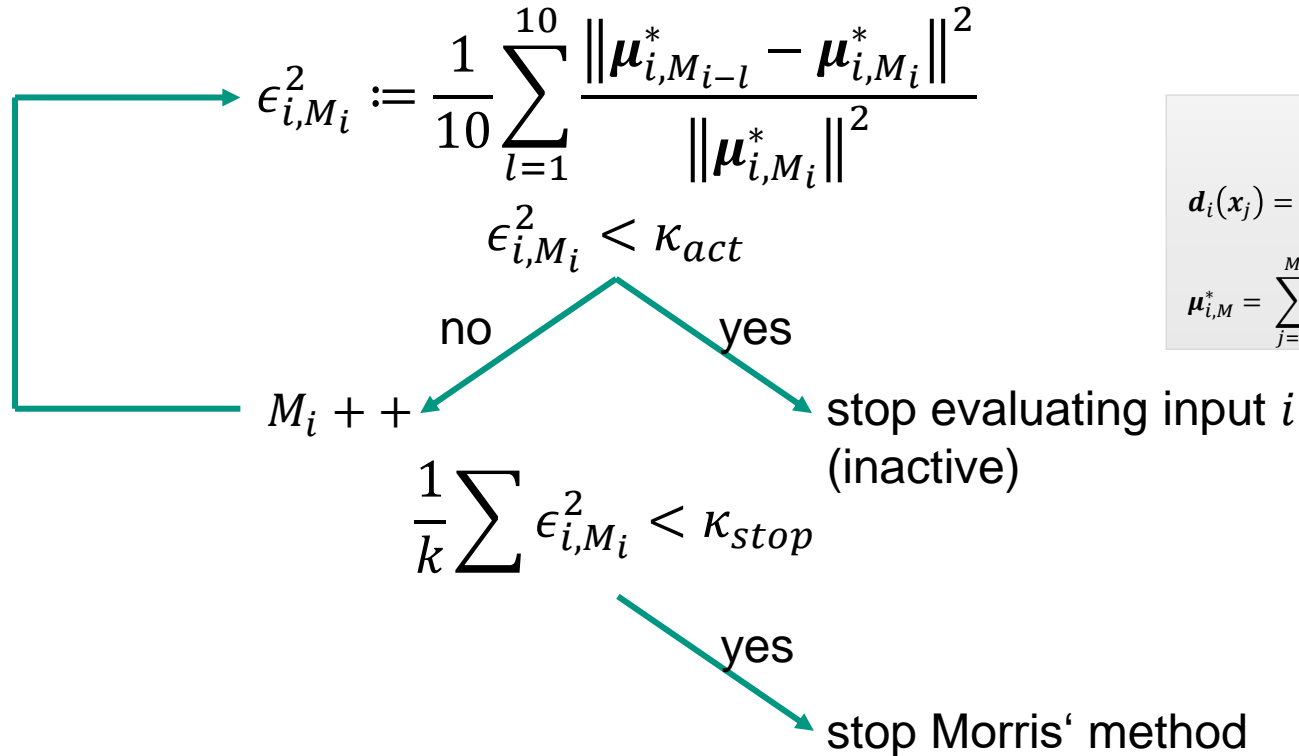


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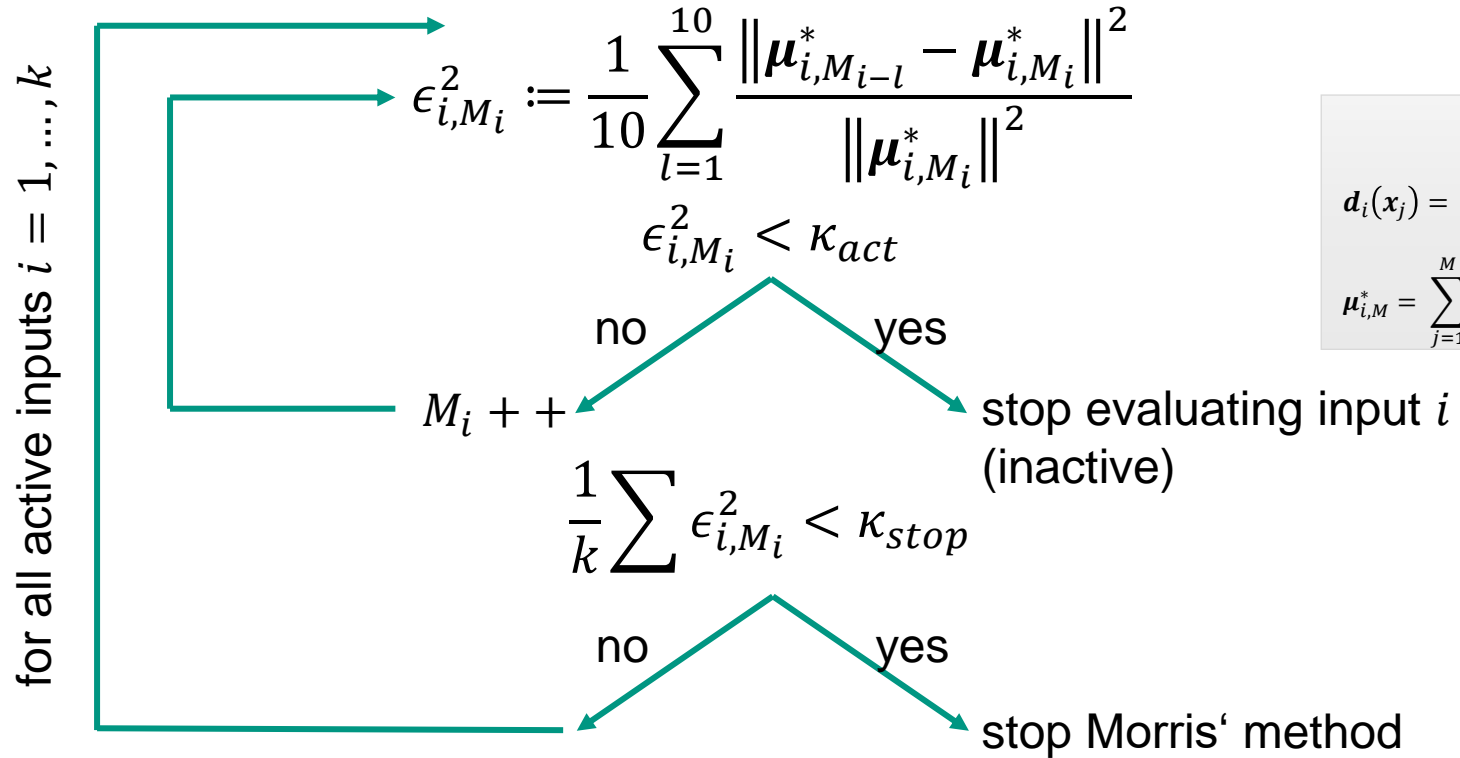
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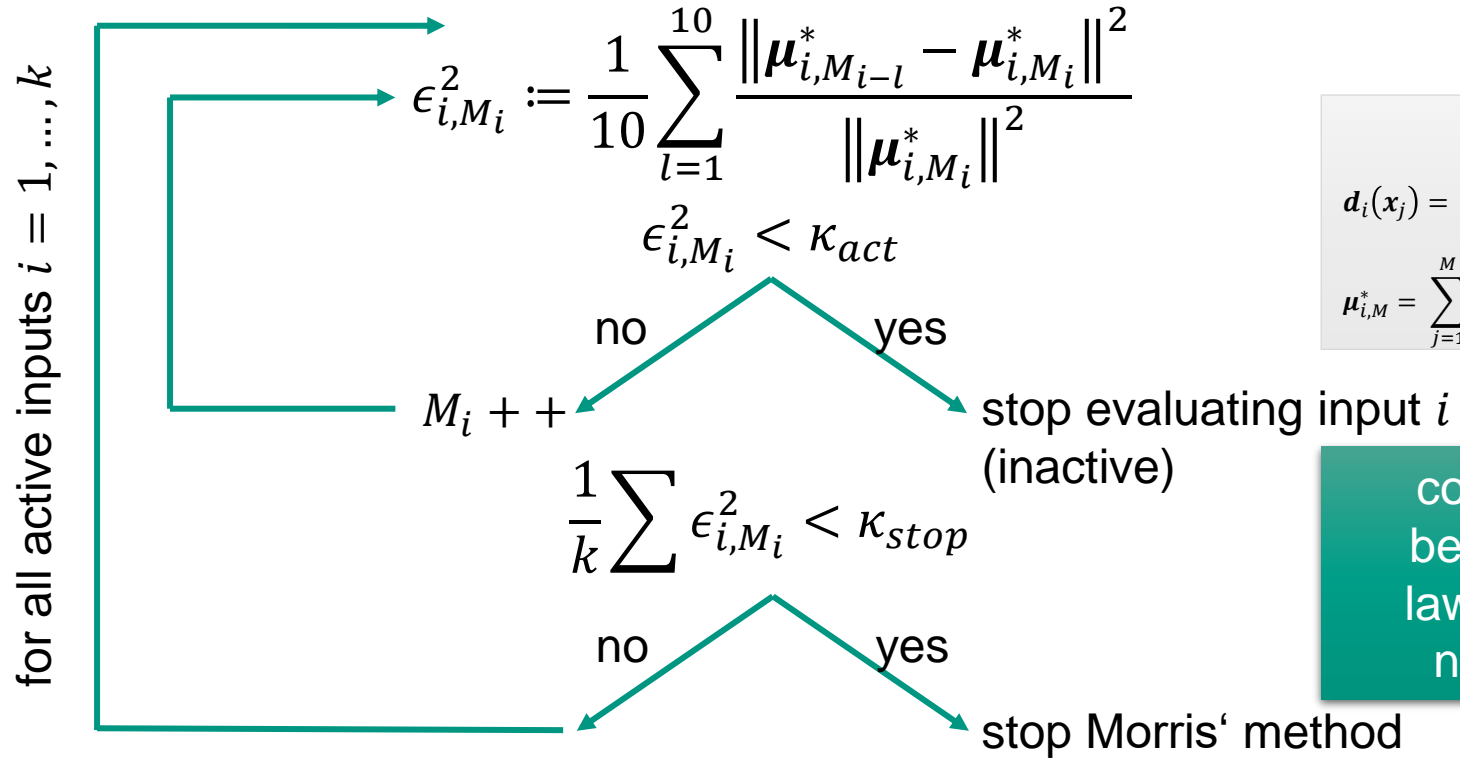


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converges because of law of large numbers ✓

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adapted from <https://xkcd.com/221/>

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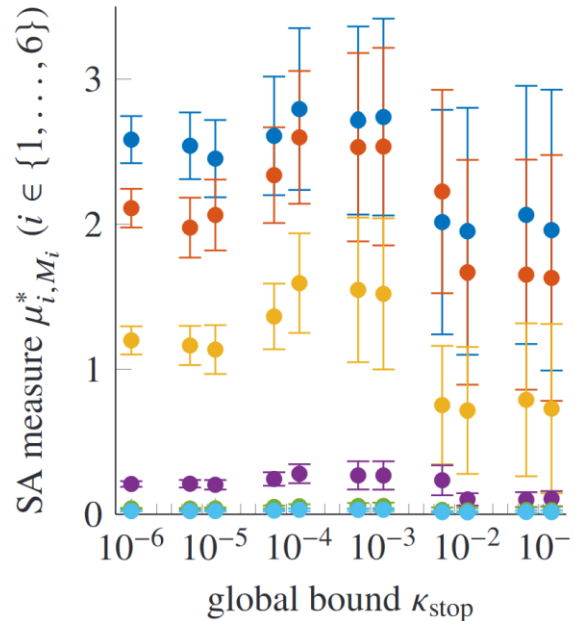
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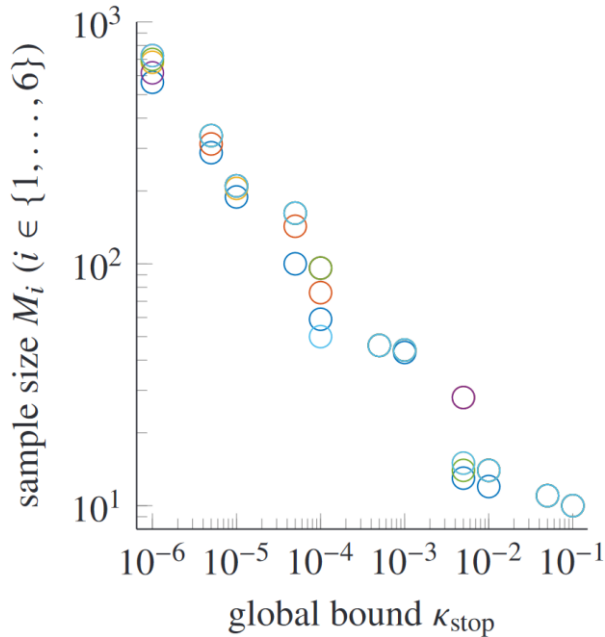
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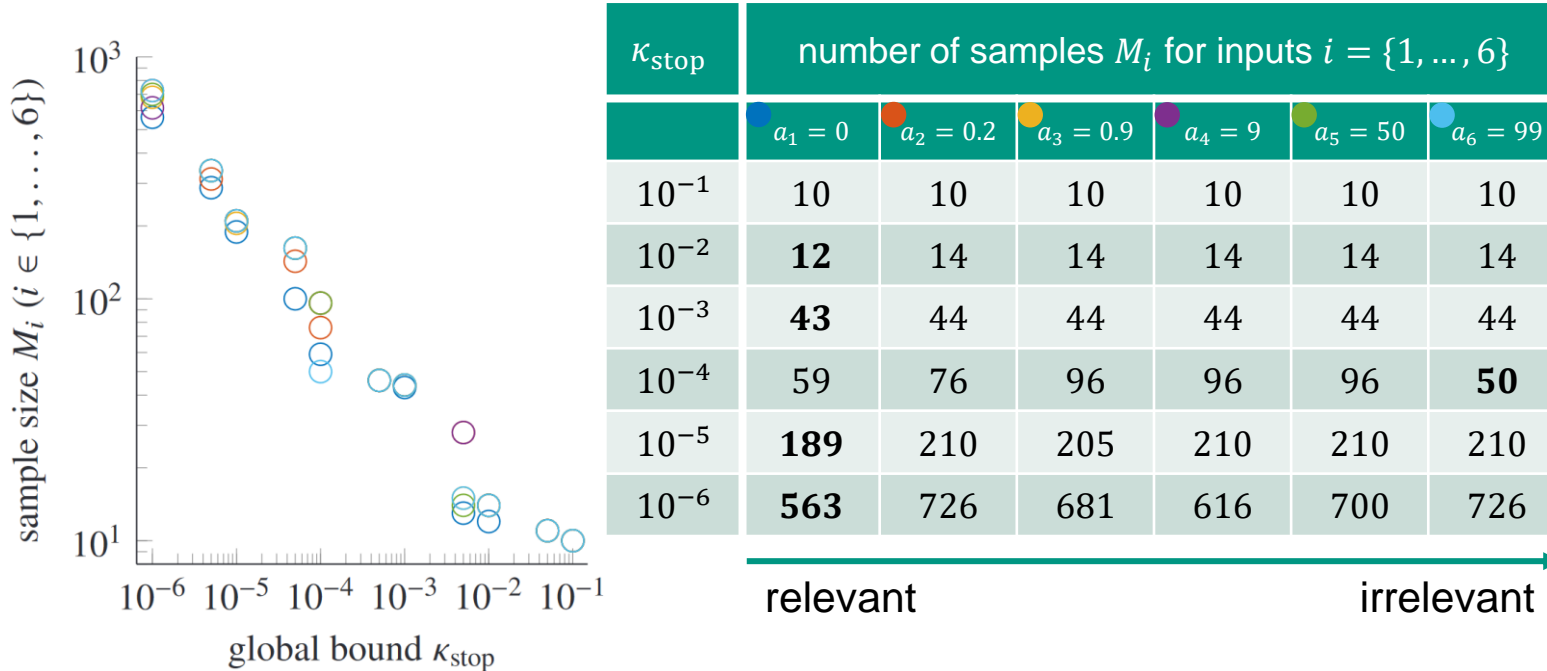
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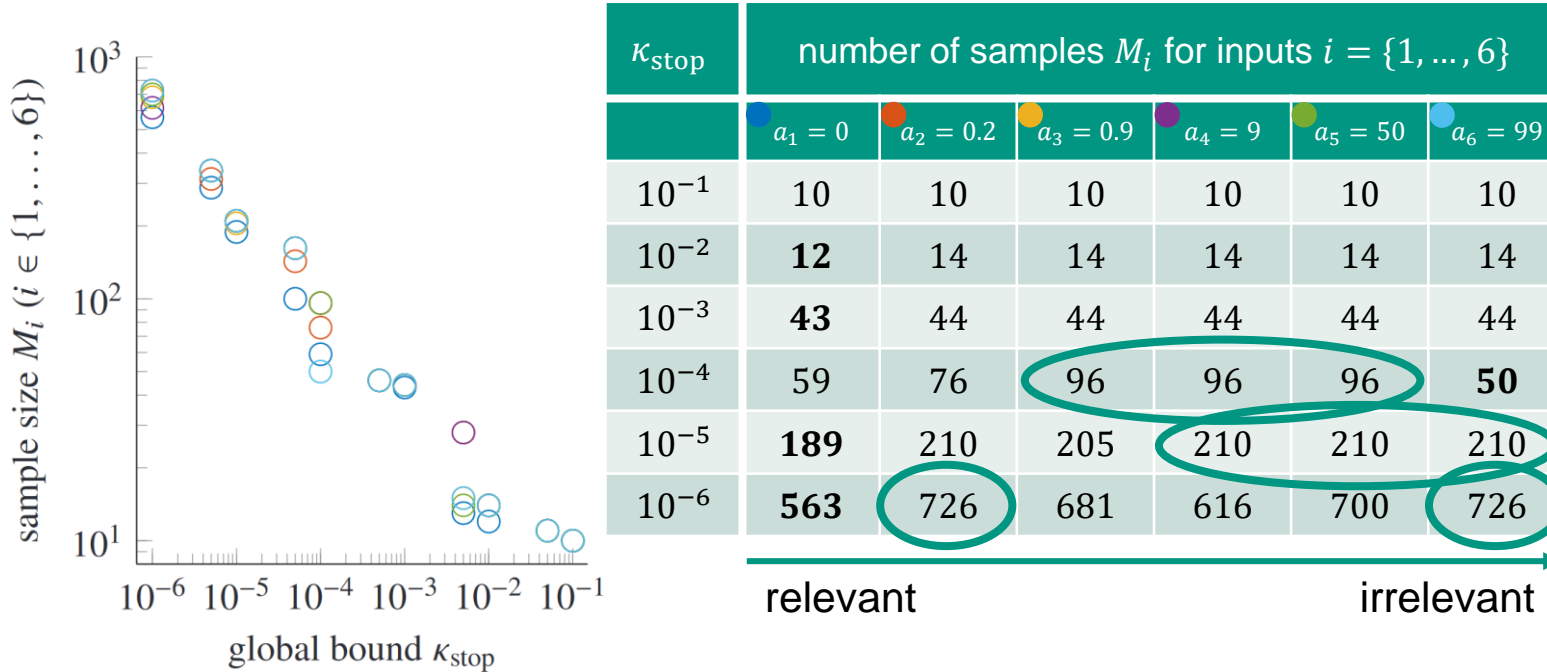
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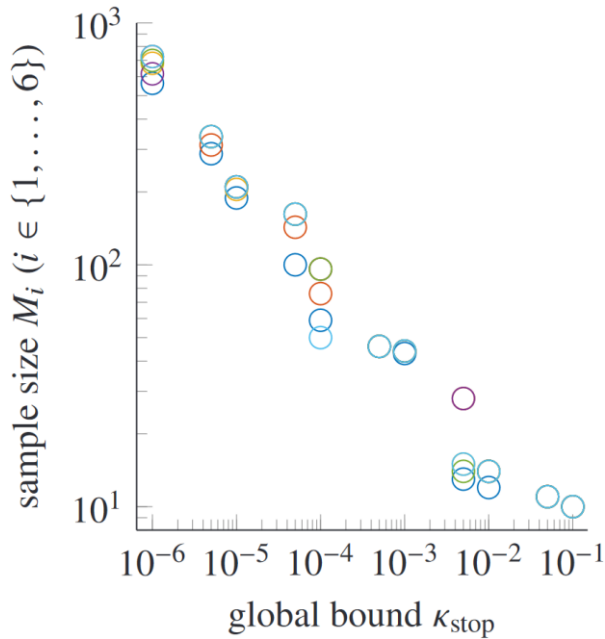


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$10^{-3}$	<b>43</b>	44	44	44	44	44	263	0.996
$10^{-4}$	59	76	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>50</b>	473	0.821
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# Appendix

## Algorithm 1.1 Dynamic Stop Criterion

**Require:** minimum sample size  $M_{\min}$ , component-wise and global constants  $\kappa_{\text{act}}, \kappa_{\text{stop}}$

**Ensure:** relative residuum  $\epsilon_M^2 \leq \kappa_{\text{stop}}$

calculate elementary effects for samples  $\{x_j\}_{j=1}^{M_{\min}}, M \leftarrow M_{\min}$

calculate sample means  $\mu_{i,M_{\min}}^*$  for all inputs  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$

calculate residua  $\epsilon_{i,M_{\min}}^2, \epsilon_M^2$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$

$\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \{i | i \in \{1, \dots, k\} \wedge \epsilon_{i,M_{\min}}^2 > \kappa_{\text{act}}\}$

$M_i \leftarrow M_{\min}$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\} \setminus \mathcal{A}$

**while**  $\epsilon_M^2 > \kappa_{\text{stop}}$  **do**

  get new admissible sample  $x_{M+1}$

**for**  $i \in \mathcal{A}$  **do**

    calculate additional elementary effect  $d_i$  for sample  $x_{M+1}$

    update sample mean  $\mu_{i,M+1}^*$  and residua  $\epsilon_{i,M+1}^2, \epsilon_M^2$

**if**  $\epsilon_{i,M+1}^2 \leq \kappa_{\text{act}}$  **then**

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# On the minimum sample number $M_{\min}$ and the constants $\kappa_{\text{act}}, \kappa_{\text{stop}}$

- minimum number of samples  $M_{\min}$ 
  - is influence detected?
  - if too small, influential inputs are easily overseen
  - for Central Limit Theorem:  $M_{\min} \geq 30$
- global stopping constant  $\kappa_{\text{stop}}$ 
  - stabilizes characteristic quantities  $\mu^*, \mu, \sigma$
  - the smaller  $\kappa_{\text{stop}}$ , the smaller is the change of the quantities over the last 10 iterations
- component-wise constant  $\kappa_{\text{act}}$ 
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