# Additional Details for Automated Experiments on Personalized Ad Settings

#### 1 Selecting Test Statistics

AdFisher has the ability to pick a prediction model from a variety of text-book algorithms and parameters. For each learning algorithm, we have also listed out the corresponding parameter spaces from which AdFisher selects a model. In course of our studies, we found that L2 penalized logistic regression generally had low cross-validation scores.

Classifier	—— Paramet	ers ——
Logistic Regression	$penalty = \{L_1, L_2\}$	$C = \{2^{-5}, 2^{-4}, \dots, 2^{15}\}$
k-Nearest-Neighbors Classifier	power parameter = $\{1, 2, 3\}$	$k = \{1, 3, \dots, 19\}$
SVM with polynomial kernel	degree = $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$	$C = \{2^{-5}, 2^{-4}, \dots, 2^{15}\}$
SVM with Gaussian rbf kernel	$\gamma = \{2^{-15}, 2^{-14}, \dots, 2^3\}$	$C = \{2^{-5}, 2^{-4}, \dots, 2^{15}\}$

### 2 Experiments

In each of our experiments, we compared the effects of two treatments, each being applied to a group of agents (browser instances) in the experiment. Agents are randomly assigned to a group, each group comprising of half of all the agents. During the treatment phase, an agent can perform several actions. In its current implementation, AdFisher can drive the agents to visit a list of websites one after the other, or modify demographics (gender, age-group, and interests) on Google Ad Settings. A user can add the functionality to perform other actions to AdFisher.

After the application of treatments, each agent makes measurements. AdFisher has the functionality to record advertisements served by Google on five different news websites (theguardian.com/us, timesofindia.indiatimes. com, bbc.com/news, reuters.com/news/us and bloomberg.com), or demographics (gender, age-group, and interests) on Google Ad Settings for each agent.

#### 2.1 Opacity

#### 2.1.1 Table of Results

We ran each experiment for a 100 blocks, each block having 10 agents. That results in a total of 1000 agents, 500 in the experimental group and 500 in the control group. For each experiment, we counted the total number of ads served to agents in the experimental and control groups. The table also contains the value of the regularization parameter selected from cross-validation, times required for the training and testing a classifier, the prediction accuracy on the testing data, and the p value from the permutation test.

Treatments	# ads ( $#$ unique ads)			- C	computation time		0.0011F0.01	p-value	
	experimental	control	total	. 0	training	testing	accuracy	p-value	
Substance Abuse	20,420 (427)	22,204 (530)	42,624 (673)	0.125	18s	3m19s	81%	$5.298 \times 10^{-6}$	
Disability	19,787(546)	23,349(684)	43,136 (954)	1.0	21s	3m18s	75%	$5.298 \times 10^{-6}$	
Mental Disorder	22,303 (407)	22,257 (465)	44,560 (600)	0.0625	31s	3m19s	59%	0.052965	
Infertility	22,438 (605)	22,544 (625)	44,982 (856)	0.125	39s	3m23s	57%	0.113977	
Adult Websites	17,670 (602)	17,760(580)	35,430 (850)	128.0	33s	3m28s	52%	0.416935	

## 2.1.2 Insight into the Substance Abuse Experiment

Here, we list the top five ads that appear on the control and experimental group. For each ad, we also record the number of appearances of each ad in the training and testing datasets. No interests were set in any agent in this experiment.

Top ads for identifying agents in the experimental gro	oup (visited we	ebsites ass	ociated with sub	ostance ab	ouse)	
Advertisement	Coefficient	appea	ars in agents	total appearances		
Advertisement	Coenicient	control	experimental	control	experimental	
		0	245	0	1990	
The Watershed Rehab ; www.thewatershed.com/Help; - Drug Alcohol Rehabilitation Call Today For Help Now!	-0.888	0	35	0	286	
riconol richabilitation Can Today For Help Now.		0	280	0	2276	
		0	43	0	298	
Watershed Rehab ; www.thewatershed.com/Rehab; - Get The Help You Deserve! Safe and Confidential. 24 hrs	-0.67	0	8	0	64	
theip fou Deserve: Sale and Confidential. 24 ms		0	51	0	362	
		0	228	0	684	
The Watershed Rehab ; Ads by Google ; Drug Alcohol Rehabilitation Call Today For Help Now!	-0.463	0	30	0	87	
Tenabilitation Can roday for help flow.		0	258	0	771	
Veteran Home Loans ; www.vamortgagecenter.com;		10	14	18	32	
Qualifications Made Easier with VA Home Loan. Up To \$417K	-0.414	3	1	4	1	
w/ \$0 Down.		13	15	22	33	
		0	4	0	21	
CAD Paper Rolls ; paper-roll.net/Cad-Paper; CAD Paper Rolls online. Best Price 18yrs of Quality	-0.405	0	0	0	0	
Tons online. Dest I file roy is of Quality		0	4	0	21	

Top ads for identifying	agents in cont	rol group				
Advertisement	Coefficient	appea	ars in agents	total appearances		
	Coefficient	$\operatorname{control}$	experimental	$\operatorname{control}$	experimental	
		2	0	9	0	
Alluria Alert ; www.bestbeautybrand.com; Do Not Try Alluria Until You Read The Facts About Alluria Now	0.489	0	0	0	0	
Until Tou nead The Pacts About Anuna Now		2	0	9	0	
Best Dividend Stocks ; dividends.wyattresearch.com; 5		19	9	53	23	
Stocks That are Cash Machines for Retirement. New Free	0.431	1	1	1	1	
Stock Report.		20	10	54	24	
	0.428	51	44	118	76	
10 Stocks to Hold Forever ; www.streetauthority.com; Buy them, forget about them, and never sell them.		0	0	0	0	
them, lorget about them, and never sen them.		51	44	118	76	
		21	6	50	14	
Delivery Drivers Wanted ; get.lyft.com/drive; - Drive While Looking For Your Job Join Lyft and Make Up to \$20/Hour!	0.362	1	0	4	0	
Howing for four 500 50m Lytt and Make op to \$20/110m.		22	6	54	14	
VA Home Loans Start Here ; www.vamortgagecenter.com; -		20	6	36	9	
Have You Served? See if you Qualify For a \$0 Down VA Home	0.354	3	0	5	0	
Loan.		23	6	41	9	

### 2.1.3 Insight into the Disablities Experiment

Here, we list the top five ads that appear on the control and experimental group. For each ad, we also record the number of appearances of each ad in the training and testing datasets.

Top ads for identifying the experimental group (the	ose that visite	d websites	s assocated with	disabilitie	es	
Advertisement	Coefficient	appea	ars in agents	total appearances		
Advertisement	Coenicient	control	experimental	control	experimental	
		0	74	0	513	
Mobility Lifter ; www.abilitiesexpo.com; Takes the Climb out of the Stairs. Learn more at Abilities Expo.	-1.543	0	10	0	55	
or the bound. Lowin more as from the Lapo.		0	84	0	568	
		0	79	0	466	
Standing Wheelchairs ; www.abilitiesexpo.com; Learn about standing wheelchairs at the Abilities Expo Community.	-1.424	0	9	0	42	
standing wheelchans at the rometes Expo community.		0	88	0	508	
	-1.415	0	23	0	59	
Smoking MN Healthcare ; www.stillaproblem.com; - Smoking cost MN nearly \$3 Billion in excess healthcare a year!		0	1	0	1	
cost mit nearly 55 binon in excess nearlicare a year.		0	24	0	60	
		0	22	0	75	
Bike Prices ; www.bikesdirect.com; Choose From Our Wide Range Of Bikes Now. Free Shipping On All Orders!	-1.299	0	2	0	4	
trange of black from free simpping on fill orders.		0	24	0	79	
		0	5	0	8	
<ul><li>\$19 Car Insurance - New ; auto-insurance.quotelab.com/MN;</li><li>Get a Free Quote Save 55-75%! (Minnesota Residents Only)</li></ul>	-1.276	0	1	0	1	
cet a rice quote save of 1070. (ministera residents Only)		0	6	0	9	

Top ads	for	identifying	agents	in	the	control	group	

Advertisement	Coefficient	appea	ars in agents	total appearances		
Advertisement	COEfficient	control	experimental	control	experimental	
Desetified Warners in Kings and the site later same Illering		171	30	480	73	
Beautiful Women in Kiev ; anastasiadate.com; Ukraine Women are Perfect Wives Marry One have Borsch Every Day!	1.304	19	16	53	43	
		190	46	533	116	
		4	2	10	6	
Melucci DDS ; AdsbyGoogle; State of the Art Dentistry New Patients Welcome	1.255	0	0	0	0	
i atients welcome		4	2	10	6	
17.2% 2013 Annuity Return ;		29	5	45	6	
advisorworld.com/CompareAnnuities; True Investor Returns	1.189	1	0	1	0	
with no Risk. Find out how with our Free Report.		30	5	46	6	
		1	1	3	1	
3 Exercises To Never Do ; homeworkoutrevolution.net; These three exercises age you Learn a 4-minute replacement here	1.16	0	0	0	0	
since excrement age you hearn a r minute replacement here		1	1	3	1	
Find CNA Schools Near You ;		22	0	49	0	
<pre>cna-degrees.courseadvisor.com; - Train for a Career in</pre>	1.05	0	0	0	0	
Nursing. Earn a CNA Degree Online or on Campus!		22	0	49	0	

## 2.2 Control I: Removing interests

#### 2.2.1 Table of Results

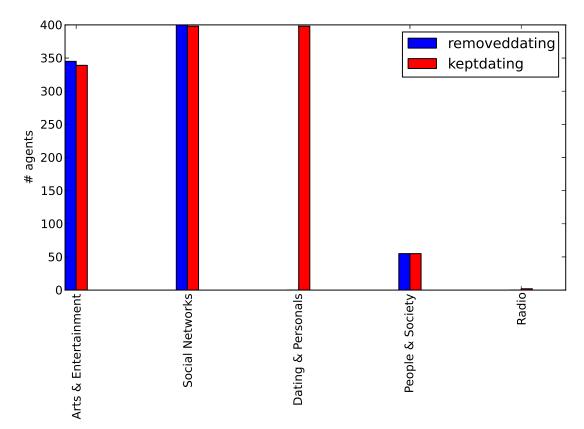
We ran each experiment for several blocks, each block having 10 agents. For each experiment, we counted the total number of ads served to agents in the experimental and control groups. The table also contains the value of the regularization parameter selected from cross-validation, times required for the training and testing a classifier, the prediction accuracy on the testing data, and the p value from the permutation test.

The website visited to induce an interest in dating was midsummerseve.com, while that for an interest in weight loss was dietingsucks.blogspot.com. Just a single visit to both these websites was enough to induce interests in Google Ad Settings.

Experiment	blocks	# 8	# ads ( $#$ unique ads)			computation time		accuracy	p-value	
Experiment	DIOCKS	removed	kept	total	- 0	train	test	accuracy	p-value	
Dating	100	17,975(518)	17,762 (457)	35,737 (669)	0.5	13s	3m27s	74%	$5.298 \times 10^{-6}$	
Weight Loss	83	15,826 (367)	15,449 (427)	31,275 (548)	4.0	16s	3m4s	60%	0.040948	

#### 2.2.2 Interests in the Dating Experiment

The following figure shows the interests on the agents in each group in the Dating Experiment. None of the agents in the *removeddating* group had any interest with the keyword *dating*. No other interest was removed in the treatment phase.



## 2.2.3 Insight into the Dating Experiment

Here, we list the top five ads that appear on the agents that kept the interest and the ones that removed. For each ad, we also record the number of appearances of each ad in the training and testing datasets.

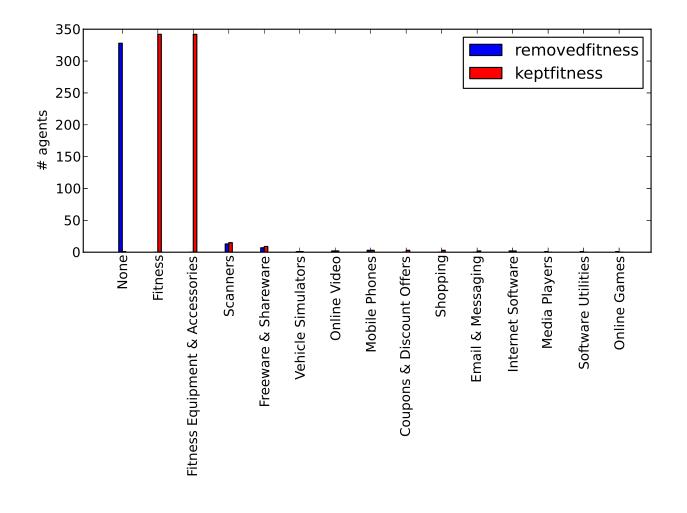
Top ads for identifying the group	hat kept dati	ng inter	ests			
Advertisement	Coefficient	appea	rs in agents	total appearances		
Advertisement	Coefficient	kept	removed	kept	removed	
		341	30	2287	70	
Are You Single? ; www.zoosk.com/Dating; Meet a Real Date For Free on Zoosk Fastest Growing Site. Join Now!	1.583	26	3	146	8	
Tor free on Zoosk rastest Growing Site. Join Now.		367	33	2433	78	
Top 5 Online Dating Sites ;		112	9	394	12	
www.consumer-rankings.com/Dating; - Our Top 5 Online	1.109	4	1	14	1	
Dating Picks. Read Our Reviews Sign Up Free!		116	10	408	13	
		18	3	51	5	
Why can't I find a date? ; www.gk2gk.com; Maybe because you're looking in the wrong places. Try Geek 2 Geek	0.935	0	0	0	0	
you're looking in the wrong places. Try Otek 2 Otek		18	3	51	5	
		2	1	6	1	
Latest Breaking News ; www.onlineinsider.com; Get Breaking News, Headlines Top Stories With The Free News Toolbar	0.624	0	0	0	0	
readines top stories with the free reads tooldar		2	1	6	1	
		10	0	19	0	
Gorgeous Russian Ladies ; anastasiadate.com; - 24,000 Single Russian Ladies Register free, free hello notes!	0.62	1	0	2	0	
Rubbian Ladies Register nee, nee neno notes.		11	0	21	0	

Top ads for identifying agents in the group that removed dating interests

Advertisement	Coefficient	appea	rs in agents	total appearances		
Advertisement	Coefficient	kept	removed	kept	removed	
Car Loans w/ Bad Credit ;		5	13	8	37	
www.car.com/Bad-Credit-Car-Loan; - 100% Acceptance!	-1.113	0	0	0	0	
\$1500/Month Income Pre-Qualifies \$7K-\$25K Apply Here		5	13	8	37	
Individual Health Plans ; www.individualhealthquotes.com; -		7	9	21	46	
Get Free Health Insurance Quotes! Compare Your Options	-0.831	0	0	0	0	
Now.		7	9	21	46	
		19	28	22	44	
Crazy New Obama Tax ; www.endofamerica.com; Obama's new currency law goes into effect in less than 90 days.	-0.722	0	3	0	7	
new currency raw goes into enect in ress than 50 days.		19	31	22	51	
Atrial Fibrillation Guide ;		0	6	0	25	
www.johnshopkinshealthalerts.com; New Information You	-0.641	0	0	0	0	
Need To Know From One Of America's Top Hospitals		0	6	0	25	
		3	11	4	32	
Free \$5 - \$25 Gift Cards ; swagbucks.com; Free Gift Cards for Taking Surveys, Watching Videos, Games More!	-0.614	1	0	1	0	
raking burveys, watching videos, Games More.		4	11	5	32	

#### 2.2.4 Interests in the Weight Loss Experiment

The following figure shows the interests on the agents in each group in the Weight Loss Experiment. None of the agents in the *removedfitness* group had any interest with the keyword *fitness*. No other interest was removed in the treatment phase. Notice that more that 300 agents in the group *removedfitness* did not have any interests set. This implies that these agents only had interests which had the keyword *fitness* after visiting websites related to weight loss.



## 2.2.5 Insight into the Weight Loss Experiment

Here, we list the top five ads that appear on the agents that kept the interest and ones that removed. For each ad, we also record the number of appearances of each ad in the training and testing datasets.

Top ads for identifying the group	that kept fitne	ess inter	ests			
Advertisement	Coefficient	appea	rs in agents	total appearances		
Advertisement	Coefficient	kept	removed	kept	removed	
		11	0	11	0	
2 Weight Loss Ingredients ; www.slimscience.com; Do-it-yourself weight loss with these 2 shocking ingredients	3.437	6	0	6	0	
DO-it-yoursen weight loss with these 2 shocking ingredients		17	0	17	0	
Boost Your Metabolism ;		4	0	7	0	
buynutridiet.com/Dietary-Supplement; Try Our Natural	2.78	1	1	2	1	
Diet Supplements. Get Your Free NutriDiet Coupon Now!		5	1	9	1	
		8	0	8	0	
Weight Loss for Ages 45+?; www.slimscience.com; Do-it-yourself weight loss with these 2 shocking ingredients	2.463	2	0	2	0	
Do-it-yoursen weight loss with these 2 shocking ingrequents		10	0	10	0	
SHRM LS Online Course ; campusce.net/SHRM-LS-Online;		2	0	3	0	
CSU's PHR/SPHR Cert. Online Course Covers All You Need	2.223	0	0	0	0	
For Exam Prep.		2	0	3	0	
Weight Loss Pittsburgh ;		5	1	13	1	
idealwellnesspittsburgh.com/LoseFat; Lose Weight Keep it	1.945	0	0	0	0	
Off. Pittsburgh's #1 Choice for Fat Loss		5	1	13	1	

Top ads for identifying agents in the group that removed fitness interests

Advertisement	Coefficient	appea	rs in agents	total appearances	
Advertisement	Coefficient	kept	removed	kept	removed
I II. d II. d Die d Dueseure and a sector of the New 242		1	4	1	11
I Had High Blood Pressure ; www.resperate.com; Now it's down to 120/75. Find out how I did it With Breathing. Try It	-3.218	1	0	1	0
advir to 120/10. That out now I ald it with Dicatining. If It		2	4	2	11
Deserve Construction and the second states and the second states		0	1	0	1
Reverse Gray Hair ; www.nograyhairs.com; - Learn How Catalase Can Make You Look Years Younger In Weeks	-1.954	0	0	0	0
		0	1	0	1
		2	8	3	12
Badminton Racket ; www.badmintonavenue.com; - Badminton Mega Superstore Free Shipping on Orders over \$100	-1.866	0	0	0	0
hiega supersione free simpping on orders over \$100		2	8	3	12
		0	1	0	1
Old Newspaper Archives ; www.archives.com; Extensive Database of Images, Vital Records, Newspapers More!	-1.718	0	0	0	0
		0	1	0	1
		0	1	0	2
Sell Your Luxury Watches ; www.bullock.com; Bullock Buys Pre-Owned Watches. See How Much Your Watch Is Worth.	-1.607	0	0	0	0
The Owned Watches. See now Much Toll Watch is Wolth.		0	1	0	2

#### 2.3 Control II: Opt-out

We carried out four different experiments to study the effects of opting out on Google Ad Settings. Note that it is not possible to opt-out without first opting in to behavioral advertisements across the web. In each, we compared two treatments. Each treatment is a sequence of actions performed on the agent. 5 websites related to *vehicle shopping* were visited as part of the treatment: passwordjdm.com, automall.com, australianmusclecarsales.com. au, autosearcher.com, and prostreetonline.com.

Experiment	Treatment 1	Treatment 2
A	$[\text{Opt In} \to \text{Opt Out}]$	$[Opt In \rightarrow Visit Websites -> Opt Out]$
В	$[Opt In \rightarrow Visit Websites]$	$[\text{Opt In} \rightarrow \text{Visit Websites} \rightarrow \text{Opt Out}]$
С	$[Opt In \rightarrow Visit Websites]$	$[Opt In \rightarrow Opt Out -> Visit Websites]$
D	$[ {\rm Opt} \ {\rm In} \rightarrow {\rm Visit} \ {\rm Websites} \ -> \ {\rm Opt} \ {\rm Out} ]$	$[{\rm Opt}~{\rm In} \rightarrow {\rm Opt}~{\rm Out}~-> {\rm Visit}~{\rm Websites}]$

#### 2.3.1 Table of Results

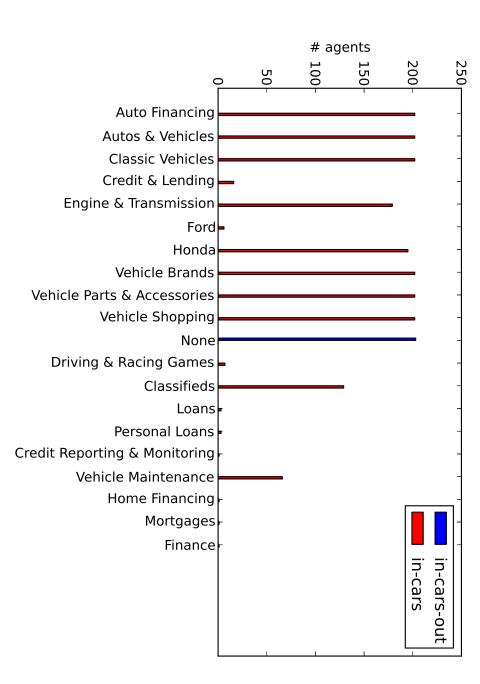
We present results from each of these four experiments in the following table For each experiment, we counted the total number of ads served to agents in the experimental and control groups. The table also contains the value of the regularization parameter selected from cross-validation, times required for the training and testing a classifier, the prediction accuracy on the testing data, and the p value from the permutation test.

In Experiments A and D, agents from both the treatments opted out of behavioral advertising. However, in Experiments B and C, agents from one of the treatments opted out, while the others did not. In the latter two experiments, the differences are significant. This shows that visiting the websites affects the ads when the agents did not opt out. However, if both the groups opted out, like in Experiments A and D, then this difference vanishes. This shows that Google is respecting opt-out preferences on Google Ad Settings.

Experiment	blocks -	# ads (# unique ads)		С	computation time		- accuracy	p-value		
Experiment	DIOCKS	removed	kept	total	U U	train	test	accuracy	p-value	
А	100	14,399(192)	14,392 (199)	28,791 (250)	0.0625	9s	3m28s	48%	0.753168	
В	54	$9,056\ (293)$	9,029~(139)	18,085 (366)	0.0625	4s	2m10s	83.3%	$5.298 \times 10^{-6}$	
С	100	4,399(234)	4,881 (138)	9,280(323)	0.0625	6s	3m30s	70%	$5.298 \times 10^{-6}$	
D	83	15,971 (241)	15,773 (238)	31,744 (303)	0.125	10s	3m6s	54.4%	0.259837	



The following figure shows the interests on the agents in each group in the experiment. that opted out have any induced interest: there are no blue bars other than on *None*. Note that none of the agents



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## 2.3.3 Insight into the Opt-Out Experiment B

Here, we list the top five ads that appear on the agents that opted out and ones that did not. For each ad, we also record the number of appearances of each ad in the training and testing datasets.

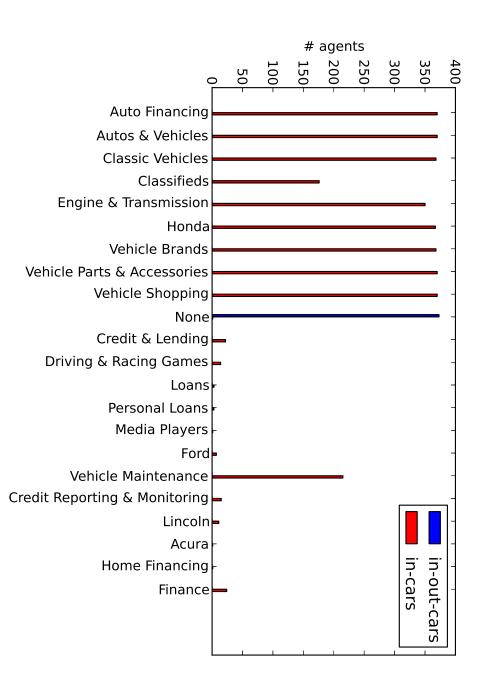
Top ads for identifying agents u	undergoing tre	atment 1			
Advertisement	Coefficient	appears	in agents	total appearances	
Auverusement	Coemcient	treat1	treat2	treat1	treat2
2013 Honda Car Clearance ;		119	0	850	0
honda-clearance-sale.autosite.com; Massive Honda Price	0.395	10	0	78	0
Cuts this Month See Our Honda Car Discounts Save		129	0	928	0
Car Loans w/ Bad Credit ;		110	0	437	0
www.car.com/Bad-Credit-Car-Loan; 100% Acceptance!	0.348	7	0	28	0
\$1500/Month Income Pre-Qualifies \$7K-\$25K Apply Here		117	0	465	0
	0.248	53	0	465	0
Honda Civic Clearance ; www.honda.car.com; Massive Discounts On '13 Honda! Get Your Honda Internet Pricing		4	0	36	0
Discounts On 15 Honda: Get Tour Honda Internet I Henig		57	0	501	0
Tower Auto / Used Autos ; www.towerautosales.com; -		72	0	289	0
Featuring upscale off lease imports 40 years same location,	0.226	0	0	0	0
JUST BUY IT		72	0	289	0
		108	0	241	0
Beautiful Women in Kiev ; anastasiadate.com; - Ukraine Women are Perfect Wives Marry One have Borsch Every Day!	0.21	15	0	31	0
women are reflect wives marry One have borsen Every Day:		123	0	272	0

Top ads for identifying agents undergoing treatment 2

Advertisement	Coefficient	appears	in agents	total appearances	
Auvertisement	Coefficient	treat1	treat2	treat1	treat2
10 Cto des to Held Economic and standard with a sure Dere		4	166	11	888
10 Stocks to Hold Forever ; www.streetauthority.com; Buy them, forget about them, and never sell them.	-0.271	0	0	0	0
them, to get about them, and never ben them.		4	166	11	888
		15	151	50	436
New Nissans From \$11,990 ; reply.com/Nissan; Dealers Are Slashing Prices! Everything Must Go.	-0.202	3	15	11	36
Stashing Thees. Everything Mast Go.		18	166	61	472
		13	161	38	519
Stream the web to your TV ; google.com/Chromecast; wirelessly with Google Chromecast! Get yours for only \$35.	-0.198	0	8	0	14
whereasily with doogle enfoncease. Get yours for only \$50.		13	169	38	533
0% APR Credit Card Offers ; www.creditcards.com; 0% APR		17	122	28	377
Credit Cards, No Annual Fee. Compare Offers Apply Online	-0.196	8	20	18	219
Now!		25	142	46	596
		146	173	1196	3328
Google Chromecast for \$35; google.com/Chromecast; Enjoy online video anything from the web on your TV. buy now!	-0.13	0	14	0	119
online video anything from the web on your 1 v. buy flow:		146	187	1196	3447



The following figure shows the interests on the agents in each group in the experiment. Note that none of the agents that opted out have any induced interest: there are no blue bars other than on *None*.



# 2.3.5 Insight into the Opt-Out Experiment C

Here, we list the top five ads that appear on the agents that opted out and ones that did not. For each ad, we also record the number of appearances of each ad in the training and testing datasets.

Top ads for identifying agents undergoing treatment 1							
Advertisement	Coefficient	appears	in agents	total appearances			
Auvertisement	Coenicient	treat1	treat2	treat1	treat2		
2013 Honda Car Clearance ;		49	0	302	0		
honda-clearance-sale.autosite.com; Massive Honda Price	0.345	11	0	85	0		
Cuts this Month See Our Honda Car Discounts Save		60	0	387	0		
Car Loans w/ Bad Credit ;		35	0	127	0		
www.car.com/Bad-Credit-Car-Loan; 100% Acceptance!	0.302	7	0	21	0		
1500/Month Income Pre-Qualifies $7K-25K$ Apply Here		42	0	148	0		
	0.241	23	0	137	0		
Used Cars From \$1000 ; autolist.com/UsedCars; Search From 2.3 Million Cars. Compare and Get the Best Deal Now!		9	0	58	0		
2.5 Willion Cars. Compare and Get the Dest Dear Now.		32	0	195	0		
		36	0	97	0		
Beautiful Women in Kiev ; anastasiadate.com; - Ukraine Women are Perfect Wives Marry One have Borsch Every Day!	0.208	3	0	6	0		
women are reflect wives marry one have borsen Every Day.		39	0	103	0		
		23	0	205	0		
Honda Civic Clearance ; www.honda.car.com; Massive Discounts On '13 Honda! Get Your Honda Internet Pricing	0.199	9	0	89	0		
Discounts on 15 nonda. Get four fiolida internet i ficing		32	0	294	0		

Top ac	ls for	identifying	agents	undergoing	treatment	2
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Advertisement	Coefficient	appears	in agents	total appearances	
Advertisement	Coenicient	treat1	treat2	treat1	treat2
Ghanna the match to see TW and the second to the		4	83	8	255
Stream the web to your TV ; google.com/Chromecast; wirelessly with Google Chromecast! Get yours for only \$35.	-0.272	3	17	3	111
whereastly with doogle enformedably door yours for only woo.		7	100	11	366
		3	41	8	172
ITT Tech - Official Site ; www.itt-tech.edu; Associate, Bachelor Degree Programs Browse Programs Now Learn More.	-0.166	0	3	0	4
		3	44	8	176
		2	39	2	238
10 Stocks to Hold Forever ; www.streetauthority.com; Buy them, forget about them, and never sell them.	-0.164	0	0	0	0
them, forget about them, and never sen them.		2	39	2	238
		59	94	494	1699
Google Chromecast for \$35; google.com/Chromecast; Enjoy online video anything from the web on your TV. buy now!	-0.158	14	20	113	295
online video anything from the web on your 1 v. buy how.		73	114	607	1994
0% APR Credit Card Offers ; www.creditcards.com; 0% APR		4	55	10	137
Credit Cards, No Annual Fee. Compare Offers Apply Online	-0.145	0	4	0	4
Now!		4	59	10	141

## 2.4 Discrimination

We ran two sets of experiments to peer into the aspect of discrimination. For each experiment, we counted the total number of ads served to agents in the experimental and control groups. The table also contains the value of the regularization parameter selected from cross-validation, times required for the training and testing a classifier, the prediction accuracy on the testing data, and the p value from the permutation test.

First, we observed how gender affects advertisements when the agents simulate job seeking behavior. We found that gender by itself does not yield significant differences in advertisements, however, if the agents also visit websites for employment, then the difference becomes significant.

Experiment	blocks -	#ads ( $#$ unique ads)			С	computation times		- accuracy	p-value
		male group	female group	total	0 -	training	testing	- accuracy	p-vanue
Gender	100	20,263 (630)	20,137 (603)	40,400 (843)	8.0	25s	3m22s	48%	0.771420
GenderJobs	100	21,627 (533)	21,766(545)	43,393 (736)	0.03125	24s	3m15s	93%	$5.298 \times 10^{-6}$

Next, we observed how setting the age group affects advertisements when the agents simulate job seeking behavior. We found that age group by itself yields significant differences in advertisements, however, this goes away when the agents visit websites about jobs.

Experiment	blocks -	#8	$\pm$ ads (# unique ads)		С	computation times		• accuracv	p-value
Experiment		18-24	65+	total	- U	training	testing	- accuracy	p-value
Age	80	17,368(584)	16,849(524)	34,217 (787)	0.125	14s	2m51s	76.2%	$5.298 \times 10^{-6}$
AgeJobs	54	11,438 (381)	10,663 (392)	22,101 (551)	0.125	7s	2m9s	56.7%	0.177738

# 2.4.1 Insight into the GenderJobs Experiment

Here, we list the top five ads that appear on the male and female treatments. For each ad, we also record the number of appearances of each ad in the training and testing datasets.

Top ads for identifying the s	simulated male	e group				
Advertisement	Coefficient	appears i	n agents	total appearances		
Advertisement	Coefficient	in female	in male	in female	in male	
Popole   I. I. France Order and the France Street		55	356	281	1578	
\$200k+ Jobs - Execs Only ; careerchange.com; Fee-Based Career Coaching. Take the Next Step - Submit Resume!	-0.704	5	46	30	238	
curcer counting. Take the read step Subint resulte.		60	402	311	1816	
		2	11	7	36	
Find Next \$200k+ Job ; careerchange.com; Professional Career Coaching. Take the Next Step - Submit Resume!	-0.262	0	0	0	0	
		2	11	7	36	
Become a Youth Counselor ;	-0.253	0	36	0	234	
www.youthcounseling.degreeleap.com; Become a Youth		0	9	0	76	
Counselor. Compare Youth Counseling Programs Now.		0	45	0	310	
CDL-A OTR Trucking Jobs ; www.tadrivers.com/OTRJobs; -		0	1	0	8	
Great Miles, Excellent Equip., Pay For Performance. Apply	-0.149	0	0	0	0	
Online Now!		0	1	0	8	
Free Resume Templates ; resume-templates.resume-now.com;		2	1	5	10	
- America's #1 Resume Templates. Build A Perfect Resume.	-0.149	1	0	3	0	
Free!		3	1	8	10	

Advertisement	Coefficient	appears is	n agents	total appearances	
Auverusement	Coemcient	in female	in male	in female	in male
		6	3	45	8
Jobs (Hiring Now) ; www.jobsinyourarea.co; 892 Jobs Available In Your Area. Earn \$8 - \$65 per Hour. Hiring Now!	0.34	0	0	0	0
Tranable in Tour Tieu. Lain 60° 600 per from. Thing frow.		6	3	45	8
		6	2	36	5
4Runner Parts Service ; www.westernpatoyotaservice.com; - Your Local Toyota Dealer has Great Dealers for You!	0.281	0	0	0	0
		6	2	36	5
Criminal Justice Program ; www3.mc3.edu/Criminal+Justice;		5	1	29	1
- Learn from Experienced Individuals. Get a Free Brochure for	0.247	0	0	0	0
More Info!		5	1	29	1
Goodwill - Hiring; goodwill.careerboutique.com; Now		38	11	92	26
Hiring - Submit an Application. Browse Full Part Time	0.22	7	4	29	13
Positions.		45	15	121	39
UMUC Cyber Training ;		19	17	38	30
www.umuc.edu/cybersecuritytraining; Earn a cyber degree	0.199	0	0	0	0
from UMUC. Programs offered entirely online.		19	17	38	30

## 2.4.2 Insight into the Age Experiment

Here, we list the top five ads that appear on the agents with different age groups. For each ad, we also record the number of appearances of each ad in the training and testing datasets. No interests were set in any agent in this experiment.

Top ads for identifying the simulated 18-24 group							
Advertisement	Coefficient	appears in agents		total appearances			
		in 18-24	in $65+$	in 18-24	in $65+$		
Apply for Any Credit Card ; www.cardhub.com; All Credit Types, 0% Offers, VISA, MasterCard, etc. Compare Apply!	0.71	49	0	86	0		
		4	0	10	0		
		53	0	96	0		
Badminton Warehouse ; www.badmintonwarehouse.com; Badminton Racquet Warehouse Victor, Yonex, Carlton, Pro-Tech.	0.613	113	16	263	30		
		11	1	35	1		
		124	17	298	31		
Win 50 Silver Eagle Coins ; independentlivingbullion.com; Enter Now to Win 50 1-oz Coins Worth Over \$1,250 in Pure	0.384	14	8	42	11		
		2	3	3	9		
Silver!		16	11	45	20		
ITT Tech - Official Site ; www.itt-tech.edu; Tech-Oriented Degree Programs. Education for the Future.	0.375	15	0	70	0		
		5	0	31	0		
		20	0	101	0		
2014 brings India- Change ; kotak.com/NRI-Account; Time to change your Bank A/c too. Highest Returns Bank A/c for NRIs.	0.372	52	25	166	48		
		0	0	0	0		
		52	25	166	48		

Advertisement	Coefficient	appears in agents		total appearances	
		in 18-24	in $65+$	in 18-24	in $65+$
10 Stocks to Hold Forever ; www.streetauthority.com; Buy them, forget about them, and never sell them.	-1.24	0	92	0	249
		0	0	0	0
		0	92	0	249
Only for NRI's - Gurgaon ; dlfpropertygurgaon.co.uk/investment; - Buy Prime Location Property India Direct Contract, Brokers Excuse	-0.944	0	62	0	108
		0	0	0	0
		0	62	0	108
Heart Attack Signs? ; www.simplehearttest.com; Know the 4 Bodily Signs. Take The Simple Heart Test Now		9	75	11	103
	-0.817	2	9	2	18
Bouny Signs. Take The Simple Heart Test Now		11	84	· _	121
Ellen Degeneres Lied? ; skincareadvisors.org/ellen-secret; Ellen's Secret Exposed. Fans around the world stunned.	-0.639	0	53	0	103
		0	3	0	11
		0	56	0	114
Best Canadian Dividends ; wealthyretirement.com/Canada; - 5 Canadian dividend stocks to give your portfolio an income boost.	-0.446	5	23	7	40
		3	5	5	8
		8	28	12	48

Top ads for identifying the simulated 65+ group