

Seller side (strategies & campaign)	Auction platform	User simulation (behavioral?)	Recommender system (based on auction & user decide on what to show on elastic search)
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Seller controls what items to sell, how much bid to make ~~is~~ using different strategies (spending more but getting higher reach, mindful spending throughout, profitable, not profitable, risk seeking, aversing, etc.) deciding valuations and the change of methods after each time step.

Seller observes profits, <sup>estimated</sup> user likeliness, <sup>clicks, conversions, CTR, ROI</sup> auction platform <sup>outcomes & guess strategies</sup> ~~strategies~~ to be able to mindfully decide on things... updates estimated internal valuation based on circumstances

Success might mean diff. to diff. types of sellers to some higher reach, to some higher profits and to some other types risk aversion.

Seller  $\rightarrow$  state: current remaining budget  
active campaigns  
past performance metrics  
 $\rightarrow$  actions: bid up/down  
enable/disable campaigns  
budget allocation method change



→ strategies: aggressive spender

conservative spender

ROI driven

risk averse

exploratory

→ evaluation: profit

reach

ROI stability

budget smoothness

Assumptions: all sellers have finite budget

discrete time steps

only past outcomes can be observed

users / other sellers cannot be seen  
(no privacy breach)

Aggressive spender → visibility & reach priority  
→ allocate more budget to high-impression campaigns

Conservative spender → protect budget  
→ limit spend per time-step  
→ reduce bid after cost spikes

ROI driven seller → optimized efficiency  
→ budget as an investment  
→ bids based on ROI  
should be more +ve.



Risk-averse seller  $\rightarrow$  minimise risk

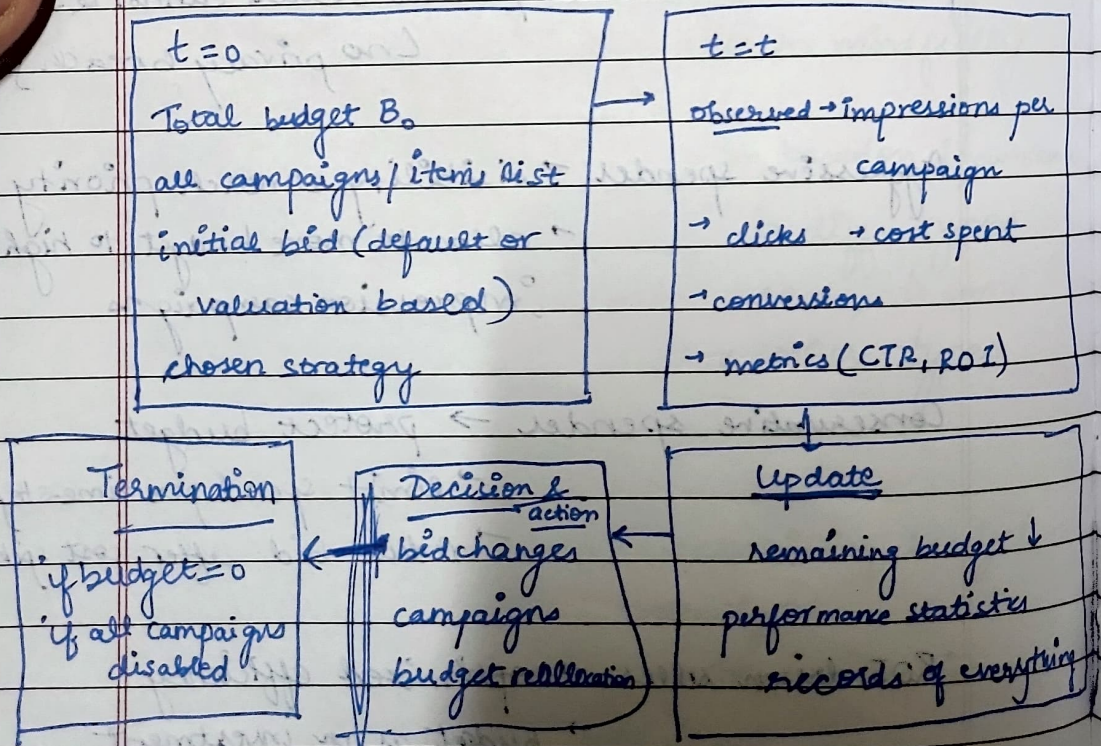
- $\rightarrow$  avoid campaigns with high variance in outcomes
- $\rightarrow$  unstable ROI penalise
- $\rightarrow$  budget spent across multiple low risk campaigns.

Exploratory  $\rightarrow$  testing, experimenting

- $\rightarrow$  compare results from past
- $\rightarrow$  short term loss  $\leq$  information

observe previous ( $t-1$ ) states

update current state, apply strategy rules  
finally act on time step  $t$ .



Metrics efficiency: total profit, avg. ROI  
exposure: reach, campaign longevity  
stability: ROI variance over time, budget smoothness