



Technical Specification: Control Group Holdout Planner

This document serves as the implementation guide for developers building or extending the Multi-Segment Control Group Holdout Planner.

1. Input Definitions & Default Values

Global Parameters

These settings apply to all segments to ensure statistical consistency.

Parameter	Type	Default Selected Options / Range
Holdout (Control) Ratio (\$R\$)	Slider	10% 1% to 50%
Confidence Level	Dropdown	95% 90%, 95%, 99%
Statistical Power	Dropdown	80% 80%, 90%

Segment-Specific Parameters (Per Segment)

The app should support up to 10 segments.

Parameter	Type	Default	Description
Segment Name	Text	"Segment 1"	User-defined label.
Daily Traffic (\$T\$)	Number	10,000	Unique visitors per day.
Baseline (\$p_1\$)	Number	4.5%	Current conversion rate.
Lift (\$L\$)	Number	8%	Expected relative improvement.
Value (\$V\$)	Number	\$120	Revenue generated per conversion.

2. Calculation Logic (The Math)

For each segment, the logic follows these steps:

Step 1: Prep Constants

- **Z-scores for Alpha (Confidence):**
 - 90% → 1.645
 - 95% → 1.96
 - 99% → 2.57
- **Z-scores for Beta (Power):**
 - 80% → 0.841
 - 90% → 1.28

Step 2: Define Target Rates

- **Control Rate (\$p_1\$):** Baseline / 100
- **Treatment Rate (\$p_2\$):** $p_1 * (1 + (\text{Lift} / 100))$

Step 3: Calculate Base Sample Size (\$n\$)

This calculates users needed *per group* as if the split was a standard 50/50: $n = ((Z_{\alpha} + Z_{\beta})^2 * (p_1 * (1 - p_1) + p_2 * (1 - p_2))) / (p_1 - p_2)^2$

Step 4: Adjust for Imbalanced Holdout Split

Since business holdouts are rarely 50/50, we adjust the **Total Required Users (\$N\$)** for the segment:

- $p = \text{HoldoutRatio} / 100$
- $q = 1 - p$
- $\text{ImbalanceFactor} = (1/p + 1/q) / 4$
- **Segment Total (\$N\$):** $(n * 2) * \text{ImbalanceFactor}$

Step 5: Segment Outputs

- **Duration (Days):** $N / \text{Traffic}$
- **Holdout Users:** $N * p$
- **Holdout Cost (\$):** $\text{HoldoutUsers} * (p_1 * (\text{Lift}/100)) * \text{Value}$ (*The revenue lost by keeping a portion of users in the lower-performing Control group.*)

3. Aggregation (Dashboard Results)

Once individual segment results are calculated, generate the aggregate Global Results:

1. **Total Users Required:** Sum of all Segment Total (N) values.
2. **Max Duration:** The Duration (Days) of the **slowest** segment (the parallel bottleneck).
3. **Total Holdout Cost:** Sum of all segment Holdout Cost (\$) values.

4. UI/UX & CTA

- **Warning Label:** If Holdout Users < n, flag the segment as "Under-powered" or display a "Small Control" warning.

- **Free Feature Badge:** Ensure the header includes a "Free Feature" badge to differentiate from paid agentic services.
- **CTA:** Include the following banner at the bottom:

"Want an agentic app like this without the \$50K price tag? Build one starting at \$2K. Use it internally, publish it on your site, or list it on Agensium to earn revenue." **Button:** [Build My App]