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Group Assignment 2 (Part 2) A/B Testing

Introduction: In this assignment we will use the Google Optimize in order to conduct an A/B experiment for our <http://londonchess.weebly.com/> webpage we have created.

Question

We wanted to decide if a new layout we had in mind for our home page would lead to a different performance of our website. As a result, we wanted to conduct an A/B experiment with the following setup:

- **A:** Our original homepage with an image of a chess board and a video regarding the history of chess

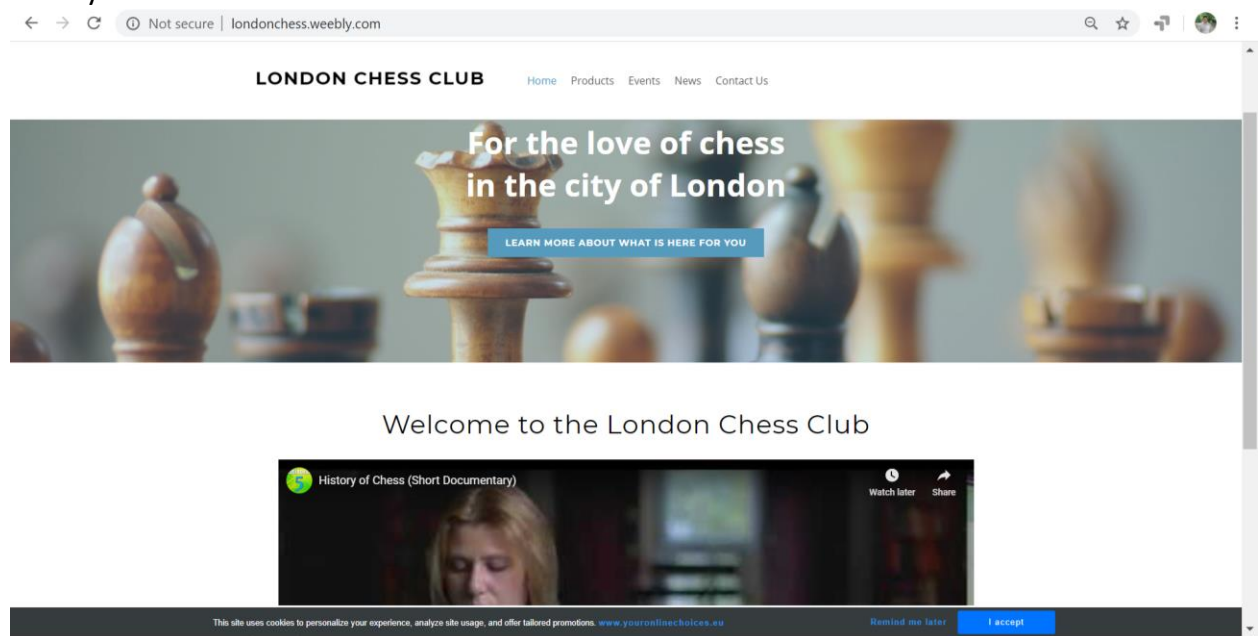


Figure1: Original homepage of our website

- **B:** A new style of our homepage, a little bit updated on the news of chess, with a photo featuring the current World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen and a video with Garry Kasparov launching a new chess class

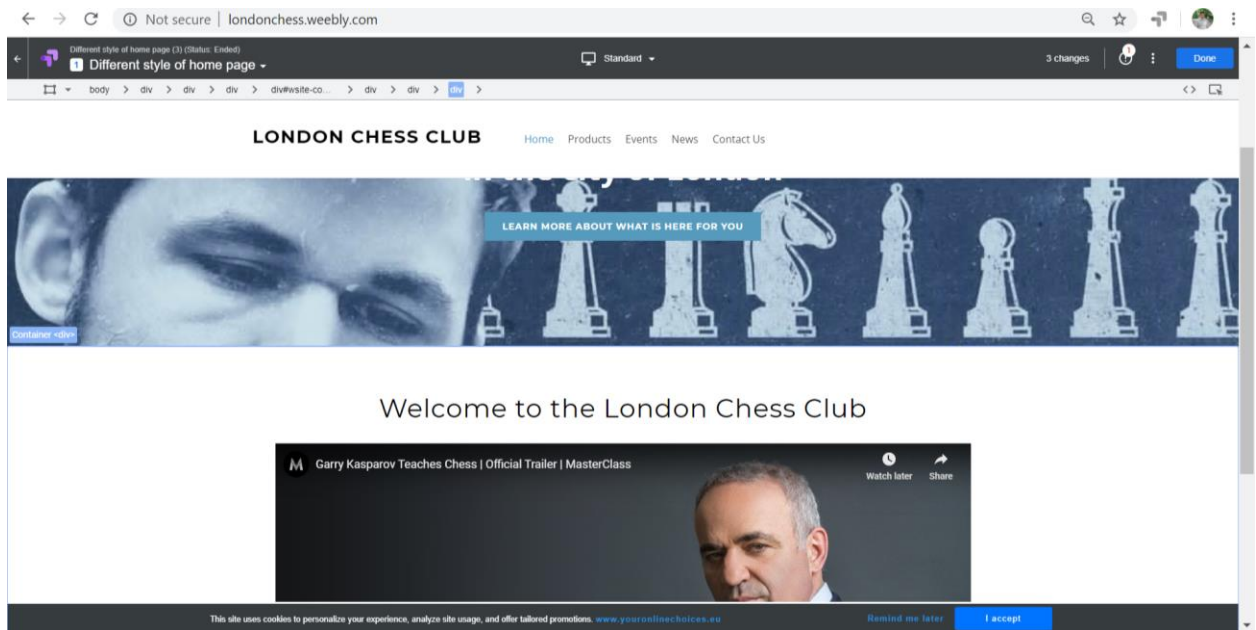
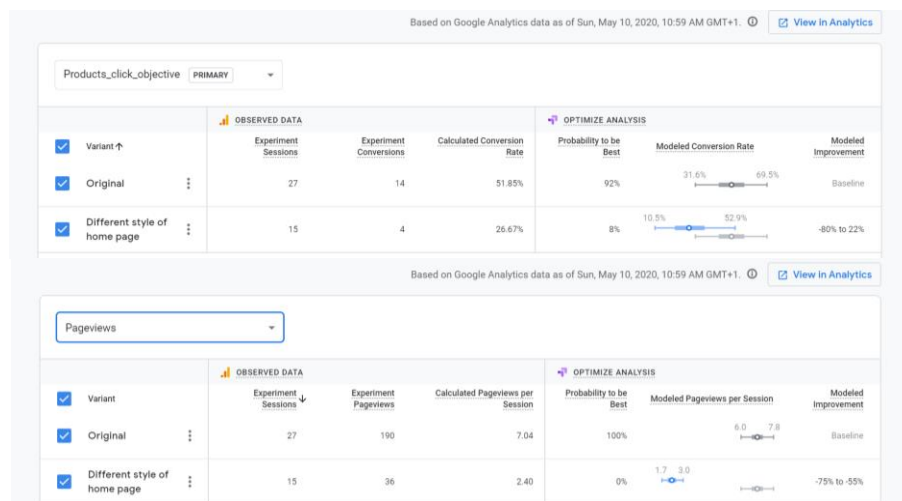


Figure2: Alternative homepage of our website

- **Objective:** Our objective is to evaluate if there is any difference between the two homepages on their effect on the performance of the page. Our metrics to evaluate this are:
 - *How many were interested in the content of the website by clicking on products (utilizing the tag event we had created for clicking on the text box products)*
 - *How many pages they visited on their visit to the website*
 - *What is the average session duration of their visit*

We run the experiment for 4 days and we received the following results from Google optimize:



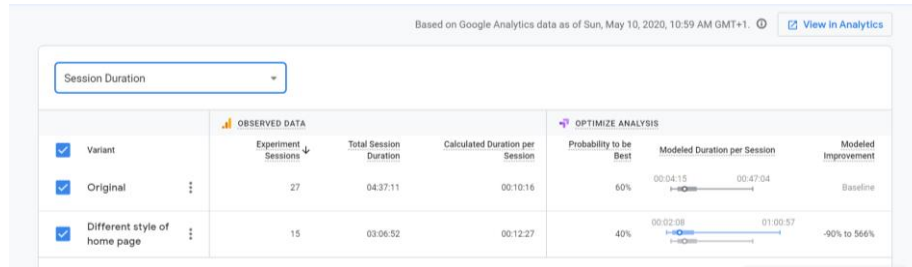


Figure3: Results from experiment in Google Optimize

In order to conduct our hypothesis for the product click, which was our primary objective, we can follow the methodology of “*Inferences about Two Population Proportions*”. More specifically, we have:

- A total of 42 experiments sessions
- 27 experiment sessions on the original homepage, $n1 = 27$
- 15 experiment sessions on the alternative homepage, $n2 = 15$
- 14 visitors clicked on products on the original homepage, $x1 = 14$
- 4 visitors clicked on products on the alternative homepage, $x2 = 4$

We want to test if the proportion of people who clicked products on the original homepage, $p1$, is equal to the proportion of people who clicked products on the alternative homepage, $p2$.

This means that it is a two-sided hypothesis testing where:

$H0: p1=p2$

$H1: p1 \neq p2$

The point estimates in our experiment are:

$$\hat{p1} = \frac{x1}{n1} = 0.52$$

$$\hat{p2} = \frac{x2}{n2} = 0.27$$

$$\text{pooled estimate of } \bar{p} = \frac{x1 + x2}{n1 + n2} = 0.49$$

$$z \text{ statistic} = \frac{(\hat{p1} - \hat{p2}) - (p1 - p2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}(1 - \bar{p})}{n1} + \frac{\bar{p}(1 - \bar{p})}{n2}}} = 1.58$$

Inferences about Two Population Proportions	
x1	14
n1	27
x2	4
n2	15
pooled estimate of p	0.428571429
p1_sampled	0.518518519
p2_sampled	0.266666667
z_statistic	1.580357828

Table 1: Two populations proportions calculations

This z statistic, looking at the z statistic table, lets us know that we can be sure with a 88.6 % confidence interval that we can reject the null hypothesis and understand that $p1 \neq p2$.