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# An efficient ratio estimator of population means under double sampling technique using information on auxiliary attribute

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# Abstract

This paper provides the estimation of population mean under double sampling, using supplementary information in the form of an attribute (that is, a proportion of the population possessing an attribute highly correlated with the study variable). A generalized efficient family of ratio estimator of the population mean is suggested and expressions for the bias and the mean square error of the estimator, as well as the minimum value are obtained. The proposed estimator has an improvement over some existing estimators when compared numerically using a natural population data and therefore provides a better substitute for the purpose of estimation.

**Keyword**: Double sampling; Proportion; Efficiency; Estimator and population mean

# 1. Introduction

In the theory of sample survey, auxiliary information or variables plays a vital role for increasing the efficiency of estimators of population parameters when the study variable y is highly correlated with the auxiliary variable x. But in several cases, instead of the existence of auxiliary variables, there exist some auxiliary attributes which are highly correlated with the study variable y. For example, the amount of milk produced and a particular breed of cow, the yield of cassava and a particular variety of cassava etc. In such situations, taking advantage of the correlation between the study variable and the auxiliary attribute, the estimators of population parameters can be constructed by using prior knowledge of the parameter of the auxiliary attribute. Where this prior information is not feasible, doubling sampling becomes necessary.

Double sampling is useful for obtaining auxiliary variables for ratio and regression estimation and also for finding information for stratified sampling. In this scheme, a large preliminary sample is selected at the first instance from which the missing auxiliary information only is obtained. Thereafter, a second sample is selected in which the variable of interest is measured in addition to the auxiliary information. A number of authors have developed estimators based on auxiliary attributes. Naik and Gupta (1996), Singh et al (2007), Abd-Elfattah et al. (2010), Solanki and Singh (2012), Bahl and Tuteja (1991), Yadav et. al. (2013), Koyuncu (2012) etc.

Let  $Y_i X_i$  and  $\Theta_i$  be the observations on the i<sup>th</sup> unit of the population for the study variable y, the auxiliary variable x and the auxiliary attribute  $\Theta$  (i=1, 2, ...N). Consider the following notations

N = Population size

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n = Sample size

n

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^N \Theta_i^{}\,$$
 = The total number of units in the population possession attribute  $\,\Theta$ 

 $a = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Theta_i$  = The total number of units in the sample possession attribute  $\Theta$ .

 $P = \frac{A}{N}$  = The proportion of units in the population possessing attribute  $\Theta$ 

 $p = \frac{a}{n}$  = The proportion of units in the sample possessing attribute  $\Theta$ .

 $S_{y}^{2}$  = The population variance of the study variable

 $S_{\,\Theta}^{\,\,2}\,=\,$  The population variance of the auxiliary attribute

 $S_x^2$  = The population variance of the auxiliary variable

Suppose the information about the auxiliary attribute or variable is not known, then in double sampling, the auxiliary attribute or variable are replaced by the corresponding sample values from a large preliminary sample of size  $n^1$  drawn using simple random sampling without replacement from a population of size N in the first phase. Also, both the study variable y and the auxiliary attribute  $\Theta$  or variable X are observed on the second phase sample of size  $n^2$  drawn from the first phase sample by simple random sampling without replacement. Let

$$p^{1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n^{1}} \Theta_{i}}{n^{1}}$$
 = First phase sample mean of auxiliary attribute

$$\overline{y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i}{n}$$
 = Second phase sub-sample mean of study variable

$$\overline{x}^{1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}}{n^{1}}$$
 = First phase sample mean of auxiliary variable

 $p = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n^2} \Theta_i}{n}$  = Second phase sub-sample mean of auxiliary attribute

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n^2} x_i}{n^2}$$
 = Second phase sub-sample mean of auxiliary variable

$$C_x^2 = \frac{S_x^2}{\overline{X}^2}$$
 = Coefficient of variation of auxiliary variable

$$C_y^2 = \frac{S_y^2}{\overline{Y}^2}$$
 = Coefficient of variation of study variable

$$C_{\Theta}^2 = \frac{S_{\Theta}^2}{P^2}$$
 = Coefficient of variation of auxiliary attribute

Consider the following ratio and exponential ratio-type estimators of population mean developed in the past. General simple random sampling without replacement (SRSWOR) estimator of population mean

$$\frac{\hat{Y}}{Y_1} = \overline{y}$$
 (Sample mean)

$$MSE\left(\overline{Y}_{1}\right) = \lambda \overline{Y}^{2} C_{y}^{2}$$
(1)

(2) Double sampling ratio estimator using auxiliary variable

$$\hat{\overline{Y}}_2 = \overline{y} = \frac{x}{x}$$

$$MSE\left(\overline{Y}_{2}^{2}\right) = \overline{Y}^{2} \left[ \lambda C_{y}^{2} + (\lambda - \lambda^{1}) \left( C_{x}^{2} - 2\rho_{xy} C_{y} C_{x} \right) \right]$$

$$\tag{2}$$

(3) Naik and Gupta (1996) double sampling ratio estimator using auxiliary attribute

$$\frac{\hat{Y}_3}{Y_3} = \frac{-p^1}{p}$$

$$MSE((\stackrel{\wedge}{\overline{Y}}_{3}) = \overline{Y}^{2} \Big[ \lambda C_{y}^{2} + (\lambda - \lambda^{1}) \Big( C_{p}^{2} - 2\rho_{yp} C_{y} C_{p} \Big) \Big]$$
(3)

(4) Bahl and Tuteja (1991) double sampling exponential ratio estimator using auxiliary variable

$$\hat{\overline{Y}}_{4} = \overline{y} \exp\left(\frac{\overline{x}^{1} - \overline{x}}{\overline{x}^{1} + \overline{x}}\right)$$

$$MSE\left(\overline{\overline{Y}}_{4}^{\wedge}\right) = \overline{\overline{Y}}^{2}\left[\lambda C_{y}^{2} + (\lambda - \lambda^{1})\frac{1}{4}\left(C_{x}^{2} - \rho_{xy}C_{y}C_{x}\right)\right]$$
(4)

(5) Nirmala Sawan (2010) double sampling exponential ratio estimator using auxiliary attribute

$$\hat{\overline{Y}}_5 = \overline{y} \exp\left(\frac{p^1 - p}{p^1 + p}\right)$$

$$MSE(\widehat{\overline{Y}_{5}}) = \overline{\overline{Y}}^{2} \left[ \lambda C_{y}^{2} + (\lambda - \lambda^{1}) \frac{1}{4} \left( C_{p}^{2} - \rho_{py} C_{y} C_{p} \right) \right]$$
(5)

(6) Etorti et. al (2023), generalized family of ratio estimator using auxiliary variable

$$\hat{\overline{Y}}_{6} = \overline{y} \left( \frac{\overline{x}^{1} + a\overline{x}}{\overline{ax}^{-1} + \overline{x}} \right)^{\gamma}$$

**Case I** : when the second phase sample n<sup>2</sup> is drawn from a large preliminary first sample n<sup>1</sup>

$$MSE_{\min}(\stackrel{\wedge}{\overline{Y_6}}) = \overline{Y}^2 C_y^2 \Big[ \lambda - (\lambda - \lambda^1) \rho^2_{xy} \Big]$$
(6)

**Case II:** when the second phase sample n<sup>2</sup> is drawn independently from the population not the first phase sample  $n^1$  such that  $E(e_{x_1}e_{x_2}) = E(e_ye_{x_1}) = 0$ 

$$MSE\min(\hat{\overline{Y}_{6}}) = \overline{Y}^{2}C_{y}^{2} \left[ \lambda - w\rho^{2}_{xy} \right], \ w = \frac{\lambda^{2}}{\lambda + \lambda^{1}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n^{2}} - \frac{1}{N}, \ \lambda^{1} = \frac{1}{n^{1}} - \frac{1}{N}, \ (\lambda - \lambda^{1}) = \frac{1}{n^{2}} - \frac{1}{n^{1}}$$
(7)

P<sub>xy</sub> is the correlation coefficient between x and y

#### 2. Proposed Estimator

Motivated by Naik and Gupta (1996), Nirmala Sawan (2010) and Etorti et. al. (2023), we proposed the following new ratio-type estimator of population mean under double sampling using auxiliary attribute.

$$\hat{\overline{Y}}_7 = \overline{y} \left( \frac{p^1 + ap}{ap^1 + p} \right)^{\gamma}$$
(8)

where a and  $\gamma$  are suitably chosen constants. It may be noted that the estimators given in (1) and (3) are special cases of the proposed estimator when  $\gamma$ =0 and a=0.

In order to obtain the bias and mean square error (MSE), let us denote

$$e_{y} = \frac{\overline{y} - \overline{Y}}{\overline{Y}} , e_{p^{1}} = \frac{p^{1} - P}{P} , e_{p} = \frac{p - P}{P} \text{ such that } p^{1} = P(1 + e_{p^{1}}), p = P(1 + e_{p}), \overline{y} = \overline{Y}(1 + e_{y})$$
$$E(e_{y}) = E(e_{p}) = E(e_{p^{1}}) = 0 \text{ and } E(e_{y}^{2}) = \lambda C_{y}^{2}, E(e_{p}^{2}) = \lambda C_{p}^{2}, E(e_{p^{1}}^{2}) = \lambda^{1} C_{p}^{2},$$
$$E(e_{y}e_{p}) = \lambda \rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p} E(e_{y}e_{p^{1}}) = \lambda^{1}\rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p}$$

#### Case I :

The proposed estimator can be expressed in terms of the e's as :

$$\hat{\overline{Y}}_{7} = \overline{Y} \Big( 1 + e_{y} \left( \frac{1 + e_{p^{1}} + a + ae_{p}}{a + ae_{p^{1}} + 1 + e_{p}} \right)^{\gamma} = \overline{Y} \Big( 1 + e_{y} \Big) (1 + u)^{\gamma} (1 + V)^{-\gamma}$$

 $u = g_1 e_{p_1} + g_2 e_p$ ,  $v = g_2 e_{p_1} + g_1 e_p$  and  $g_1 = \frac{1}{1+a}$ ,  $g_2 = \frac{a}{1+a}$ . Assuming |v| < 1,  $(1+u)^{\gamma}$  and  $(1+v)^{-\gamma}$  can be expanded using Taylor approximation as:

$$\hat{\overline{Y}}_{7} = \overline{Y} (1 + e_{y}) (1 + u)^{\gamma} (1 + V)^{-\gamma} =$$

$$\overline{Y} (1 + e_{y}) (1 + \gamma u + \gamma (\frac{\gamma - 1}{2}) u^{2} + ...) (1 - \gamma v + \gamma (\frac{\gamma + 1}{2}) v^{2} + ...)$$
(9)

Expanding (9) and retaining terms up to the second order, we get

$$\frac{\hat{\overline{Y}}}{\bar{Y}_{7}} = \overline{Y} \left\{ 1 + \gamma(u-v) + (\frac{\gamma^{2}+\gamma}{2})v^{2} + (\frac{\gamma^{2}-\gamma}{2})u^{2} - \gamma^{2}uv + e_{y} - \gamma e_{y}(v-u) \right\}$$

$$\left( \frac{\hat{\overline{Y}}}{\bar{Y}_{7}} - \overline{Y} \right) = \overline{Y} \left\{ e_{y} + (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{p} + \left[ g_{1}^{2}(\frac{\gamma^{2}-\gamma}{2}) + g_{2}^{2}(\frac{\gamma^{2}+\gamma}{2}) - \gamma^{2}g_{1}g_{2} \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ -\gamma 2g_{1}g_{2} + g_{1}^{2}(\frac{\gamma^{2}-\gamma}{2}) + g_{2}^{2}(\frac{\gamma^{2}+\gamma}{2}) \right] e_{p}^{2} + \left[ (2\gamma^{2}g_{1}g_{2} - \gamma^{2}(g_{1}^{2} + g_{2}^{2})] e_{p1}e_{p} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p} \right] \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ (2\gamma^{2}g_{1}g_{2} - \gamma^{2}(g_{1}^{2} + g_{2}^{2})] e_{p1}e_{p} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p} \right] \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} \right] e_{p1}^{2} + \left[ (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{p2} \right] e_{p1}^{2$$

$$Bias = B_{1}\left(\frac{\hat{Y}}{Y}\right) = E\left(\frac{\hat{Y}}{Y}, -\overline{Y}\right) = \left[g_{2}^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma^{2} + \gamma}{2}\right) + g_{1}^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma^{2} - \gamma}{2}\right) - \gamma^{2}g_{1}g_{2}\right]\lambda^{1}C_{p}^{2} + (2\gamma^{2}g_{1}g_{2} - \gamma^{2}(g_{1}^{2} + g_{2}^{2}))\lambda^{1}C_{p}^{2} + \left[g_{1}^{2}(\frac{\gamma^{2} - \gamma}{2}) + g_{2}^{2}(\frac{\gamma^{2} + \gamma}{2}) - \gamma^{2}g_{1}g_{2}\right]\lambda^{2}C_{p}^{2} + (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma\lambda^{1}\rho_{py}C_{y}C_{p} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma\lambda\rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p}\right]$$
(11)

$$MSE_{1}(\hat{\overline{Y}}_{7}) = E\left(\hat{\overline{Y}}_{7} - \overline{Y}\right)^{2} = \overline{Y}^{2}E\left(e_{y}^{2} + 2(g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p1} - 2(g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma e_{y}e_{p} - 2(g_{1} - g_{2})^{2}\gamma^{2}e_{p1} + (g_{1} - g_{2})^{2}\gamma^{2}e_{p1}^{2} + (g_{1} - g_{2})^{2}\gamma^{2}e_{p1}^{2}\right)$$

$$(12)$$

$$=\overline{Y}^{2} \begin{cases} \lambda C_{y}^{2} + 2\left(\frac{1-a}{1+a}\right)\gamma \ \lambda^{1}\rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p} - 2\left(\frac{1-a}{a+1}\right)\gamma\lambda\rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p} - 2\left(\frac{1-a}{a+1}\right)^{2}\gamma^{2}\lambda^{1}C_{p}^{2} + \left(\frac{1-a}{1+a}\right)^{2}\gamma^{2}\lambda^{1}C_{p}^{2} + \left(\frac{1-a}{1+a}\right)^{2}\gamma^{2}\lambda C_{p}^{2} \end{cases}$$

$$MSE_{1}(\widehat{Y}_{7}) = \overline{Y}^{2} \left\{ \lambda C_{y}^{2} + 2\left(\frac{a-1}{1+a}\right)(\lambda - \lambda^{1})\gamma \rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p} + \left(\frac{a-1}{a+1}\right)^{2}\gamma^{2}(\lambda - \lambda^{1})C_{p}^{2} \right\}$$
(13)

To obtain the minimum mean square error, we differentiate (13) with respect to  $\gamma$  and set the resulting expression equal to zero. Thus,

$$MSE_{1\min}(\hat{Y}_{7}) = \frac{\partial MSE(\hat{Y}_{7})}{\partial \gamma} = 0 \Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{a-1}{1+a}\right)(\lambda - \lambda^{1})\rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p} + 2\left(\frac{a-1}{1+a}\right)^{2}\gamma(\lambda - \lambda^{1})C_{p}^{2} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \rho_{py}C_{y}C_{p} + \left(\frac{a-1}{1+a}\right)\gamma C_{p}^{2} = 0 \Rightarrow k + \left(\frac{a-1}{1+a}\right)\gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a-1}{1+a}\right)\gamma = -K \Rightarrow$$
$$(g_{2} - g_{1})\gamma = -K \Rightarrow \gamma = \left(\frac{K}{g_{1} - g_{2}}\right) \Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{K(1+a)}{(1-a)}$$
$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{K(1+a)}{(1-a)}$$
(14)

Where K= $\frac{\rho_{py}C_y}{C_p}$ 

Substituting (14) into (13), we have

$$MSE_{1\min}(\widehat{\overline{Y}}_{7}) = \overline{Y}^{2}C_{y}^{2}\left\{\lambda - \left(\lambda - \lambda^{1}\right)\rho_{yp}^{2}\right\}$$
(15)

Where  $\rho_{_{yp}}$  is the correlation coefficient between Y and P

#### **Case II**

Assuming the second phase sample size n<sup>2</sup> was drawn independently from the population, not the first phase sample n<sup>1</sup> then the suggested estimator would still be the same but the bias and MSE will be different in this case. The bias and MSE are obtained by taking  $E(e_{x_1}e_{x_2}) = E(e_ye_{x_1}) = 0$  (16)

For case II of the proposed ratio-type estimator, the bias and mean square error are obtained by substituting (15) into (10) and (12). Thus, we have

$$Bias = B_{2}(\hat{\overline{Y}}_{7}) = E\left(\hat{\overline{Y}}_{7} - \overline{Y}\right) =$$

$$\overline{Y}\left\{\begin{bmatrix}g_{2}^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma^{2} + \gamma}{2}\right) + g_{1}^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma^{2} - \gamma}{2}\right) - \gamma^{2}g_{1}g_{2}\end{bmatrix}\lambda^{1}C_{p}^{2} + \left[g_{1}^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma^{2} - \gamma}{2}\right) + g_{2}^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma^{2} + \gamma}{2}\right) - \gamma^{2}g_{1}g_{2}\end{bmatrix}\lambda^{2}C_{p}^{2} - (g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma\lambda\rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p}\right]$$

$$(17)$$

And mean square error

$$MSE_{2}(\hat{\overline{Y}}_{7}) = \overline{Y}^{2} \left\{ \lambda C_{y}^{2} - 2(g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma\lambda\rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p} + (g_{1} - g_{2})^{2}\gamma^{2}\lambda^{1}C_{p}^{2} + (g_{1} - g_{2})^{2}\gamma^{2}\lambda C_{p}^{2} \right\}$$
$$= \overline{Y}^{2} \left\{ \lambda C_{y}^{2} - 2(g_{1} - g_{2})\gamma\lambda\rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p} + (g_{1} - g_{2})^{2}\gamma^{2}(\lambda^{1} + \lambda)C_{p}^{2} \right\}$$
$$MSE_{2}(\hat{\overline{Y}}_{7}) = \overline{Y}^{2} \left\{ \lambda C_{y}^{2} - 2\left(\frac{1 - a}{1 + a}\right)\gamma\lambda\rho_{yp}C_{y}C_{p} + \left(\frac{1 - a}{1 + a}\right)^{2}\gamma^{2}(\lambda^{1} + \lambda)C_{p}^{2} \right\}$$
(18)

The minimum mean square error is obtained by differentiating (18) with respect to  $\gamma$  and equating to zero. Thus, we have

$$\frac{\partial MSE_{2}(\hat{Y})}{\partial \gamma} = 0 \Longrightarrow -2\left(\frac{1-a}{1+a}\right)\lambda\rho_{py}C_{y}C_{p} + 2\left(\frac{1-a}{1+a}\right)^{2}\gamma(\lambda+\lambda^{1})C_{p}^{2} = 0$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\lambda k}{\left(\frac{1-a}{1+a}\right)(\lambda+\lambda^{1})}$$
(19)

Substituting (19) into (18) we have

$$MSE_{2\min}(\vec{Y}_7) = \vec{Y}^2 C_y^2 \left\{ \lambda - w \rho_{yp}^2 \right\}$$
(20)
Where  $w = \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda + \lambda^1}$ 

#### **3. Efficiency Comparisons:**

Bias, Relative bias, Mean Square Error, Relative Efficiency and Percentage Relative Efficiency

If  $\hat{Y}_7$  is the proposed estimator of the population mean, then the bias, relative bias, mean square error (MSE) and Relative Efficiency are given as:

(a) 
$$Bias = B(\overline{Y}_7) = \left[E(\overline{Y}_7) - \overline{Y}\right]$$
 (21)

(b) Relative bias = 
$$RB(\hat{\overline{Y}}_7) = \left[\frac{E(\hat{\overline{Y}}) - \overline{Y}}{\overline{Y}}\right]$$
 (22)

(c) Mean square error= 
$$MSE(\hat{\overline{Y}}_7) = E\left[(\hat{\overline{Y}}) - \overline{\overline{Y}}\right]^2$$
 (23)

(d) Relative Efficiency: Let  $MSE(\hat{\overline{Y}}_7)$  be the mean square error of the proposed estimator of the population mean and  $MSE(\hat{\overline{Y}}_i)$  be the mean square error of any other estimator, then  $MSE(\hat{\overline{Y}}_7)$  is said to be more efficient than  $MSE(\hat{\overline{Y}}_i)$ , if

(i) 
$$\frac{MSE(\overline{Y_{7}})}{MSE(\overline{Y_{i}})} < 1 \text{ or } \frac{1}{\frac{MSE(\overline{Y_{7}})}{MSE(\overline{Y_{i}})}} > 1$$
(24)  
$$\frac{MSE(\overline{Y_{i}})}{MSE(\overline{Y_{i}})}.$$

(ii) 
$$MSE(\overline{Y}_i) - MSE(\overline{Y}_7) > 0$$
 (25)

(e) Percentage Relative Efficiency (PRE):  $MSE(\hat{Y}_7)$  is said to be more efficient than  $MSE(\hat{Y}_i)$  in terms of PRE if

$$\frac{MSE(\stackrel{\wedge}{\overline{Y_{7}}})}{MSE(\stackrel{\wedge}{\overline{Y_{i}}})}X100 < 100 \text{ or } \frac{1}{\frac{MSE(\stackrel{\wedge}{\overline{Y_{7}}})}{\frac{MSE(\stackrel{\wedge}{\overline{Y_{i}}})}{MSE(\stackrel{\wedge}{\overline{Y_{i}}})}}.$$
(26)

Note : An estimator is said to be more efficient than its counterpart estimator if the estimator is one with a minimum mean square error. Also, an estimator is said to be percentage relative efficient in relation to another estimator, if it's one with the largest Percentage relative efficiency.

#### 4. Consider the following estimators

(i) Sample mean (SRSWOR). From (1) and (15) we have

$$MSE(\stackrel{\wedge}{\overline{Y}}_{1}) - MSE_{\min}(\stackrel{\wedge}{\overline{Y}}_{7}) \Longrightarrow \overline{Y}^{2}C_{y}^{2}(\lambda - \lambda^{1})\rho_{py}^{2} \ge 0$$

Whenever 
$$\rho_{yp}^2 \ge 0$$
 (since  $\overline{Y}^2 > 0, C_y^2 > 0$  and  $(\lambda - \lambda^1) = \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n^1}\right) > 0$ ) (27)

(ii) Double sampling ratio estimator using auxiliary attribute. From (3) and (15) we have

$$MSE(\overrightarrow{\overline{Y}}_{3}) - MSE_{\min}(\overrightarrow{\overline{Y}}_{7}) = \overline{Y}^{2} \left[ \lambda C_{y}^{2} + \left(\lambda - \lambda^{1}\right) \left(C_{p}^{2} - 2\rho_{py}C_{y}C_{p}\right) \right] - \overline{Y}^{2} C_{y}^{2} \left[ \lambda - (\lambda - \lambda^{1})\rho_{py}^{2} \right]$$
$$= \left(\lambda - \lambda^{1}\right) \overline{Y}^{2} \left(C_{p} - \rho_{py}C_{y}\right)^{2} \ge 0$$

Since  $(C_p - \rho_{py}C_y)^2 \ge 0$ ,  $(\lambda - \lambda^1) \ge 0$  and  $\overline{Y}^2 \ge 0$ . (28)

(iii) Double sampling exponential ratio estimator using auxiliary attribute. From (5) and (15), we have

$$MSE(\widehat{\overline{Y}}_{5}) - MSE(\widehat{\overline{Y}}_{7}) = \overline{Y}^{2} \left[ \lambda C_{y}^{2} + (\lambda - \lambda^{1}) \left( \frac{1}{4} C_{p}^{2} - \rho_{py} C_{y} C_{p} \right) \right] - \overline{Y}^{2} C_{y}^{2} \left[ \lambda - (\lambda - \lambda^{1}) \rho_{py}^{2} \right]$$
$$= \overline{Y}^{2} (\lambda - \lambda^{1}) \left[ \rho_{py} C_{y} - \frac{C_{p}}{2} \right]^{2} \ge 0$$

Since  $\overline{Y}^2 \ge 0$ ,  $(\lambda - \lambda^1) \ge 0$  and  $\left(\rho_{py}C_y - \frac{C_p}{2}\right)^2 \ge 0$  (29)

(iv) Double sampling generalized family of ratio estimator using auxiliary variable. From (6) and (15) we have

$$MSE(\widehat{\overline{Y}}_{6}) - MSE(\widehat{\overline{Y}}_{7}) = \overline{Y}^{2}C_{y}^{2}\left(\lambda - (\lambda - \lambda^{1})\rho_{px}^{2}\right) - \overline{Y}^{2}C_{y}^{2}\left(\lambda - (\lambda - \lambda^{1})\rho_{py}^{2}\right)$$
$$= \overline{Y}^{2}C_{y}^{2}\left(\lambda - \lambda^{1}\right)\left(\rho_{py}^{2} - \rho_{yx}^{2}\right) \ge 0$$
  
If  $\rho_{py}^{2} \ge \rho_{yx}^{2}$ 
(30)

#### 5. Empirical Studies

In this section, various results obtained in the previous sections are now examined with the help of the following data:

Population I: (Source: William G. Cochran (1977), page 34)

- Y= Food Cost
- X= Family Income
- $\Theta =$  Family of size more than 3

N=33	n <sup>2</sup> =16	n <sup>1</sup> =22	$\overline{Y} = 1.102$	C <sub>x</sub> =0.146
C <sub>y</sub> =0.369	C <sub>p</sub> =2.7005	P=0.124	$ \rho_{py} = 0.49987 $	$ \rho_{yx} = 0.2521 $

Population II: (Source: Advance Data from vital and Health statistics, number 347, October, 2004(CDC))

Y= Height of the people

X= Weight of the people

 $\Theta$  = Sex of the people

N=36	n <sup>2</sup> =12	n <sup>1</sup> =22	$\overline{Y} = 140.18$	$C_x = 0.482337$
$C_x = 0.191654$	$C_{p} = 1.014$	P=0.50	$ \rho_{py} = 0.963 $	$ \rho_{yx} = 0.973 $

Table 1 MSE of various estimators

ESTIMATOR	MSE		
	POPULATION		
	Ι	II	
$\hat{\overline{Y}}_1$	3.7172	40.0992	
$\overline{Y}_{2}^{^{\wedge}}$	3.6002	79.36818	
$\overline{Y}_{3}^{\wedge}$	17.4947	526.8215	
$\overline{Y}_{4}^{\wedge}$	3.5520	16.4415	
$\overline{Y}_{5}$	5.7500	92.1299	
$\overline{Y}_{6}^{\circ}$ (case I)	3.5440	14.2153	
$\overline{Y}_{6}^{^{}}$ (case II)	3.5307	11.2996	
$\overline{Y}_{7}^{^{}}$ (case I)	3.3069	14.7446	
$\overline{Y}_{7}^{^{}}$ (case II)	3.2754	11.8885	

Table 2 Pre of the Various Estimators with Respect to the Sample Mean

ESTIMATORS	PRE	
	POPULATION	
	Ι	II
$\overrightarrow{\overline{Y}}_{1}$	100	100
$\overline{Y}_{2}$	103.25	50.52
$\overline{Y}_{3}$	21.25	7.61
$\overline{Y}_{4}^{}$	104.65	243.89
$\overline{Y}_{5}$	64.65	43.52
$\overline{\overline{Y}}_{6}^{\circ}$ (case I)	104.89	282.08
$\overline{\overline{Y}}_{6}$ (case II)	105.28	354.87

$\overline{Y}_{7}$ (case I)	112.41	271.96
$\overline{Y}_{7}$ (case II)	113.49	337.29

# 6. Conclusion

From table 1 and 2, we can see that under population I, the proposed estimator  $(\overline{Y}_7)$  under double sampling using auxiliary attribute is more efficient in terms of MSE and PRE than the existing sample mean  $\hat{\overline{Y}}_1$ , the double sampling ratio estimator using auxiliary variable  $\hat{\overline{Y}}_2$ , the double sampling ratio estimator using auxiliary attribute  $\hat{\overline{Y}}_3$ , the double sampling exponential ratio estimator using auxiliary variable  $\hat{\overline{Y}}_4$ , the double sampling exponential ratio estimator using auxiliary attribute  $\hat{\overline{Y}}_5$  and the generalized family of ratio estimator  $\hat{\overline{Y}}_6$  with auxiliary variable. Also, from population II, we can see that the generalized family of ratio estimator using auxiliary variable is more efficient than the proposed estimator as a result of the correlation between the study variable y and the auxiliary attribute  $\Theta$ .

i.e  $\rho_{yx} > \rho_{py} \Rightarrow 0.973 > 0.963$ , which is contrary to the condition for its efficient performance as stated in (30). For both the existing generalized family of ratio estimator and the proposed estimator, we can see that case II is more efficient than case I for both populations

Thus, we can conclude that using auxiliary attribute with high correlation with the study variable can boost variable estimation. Also, using double sampling scheme with the second phase sample size selected independently from the population instead of the first phase sample is more efficient.

## **Compliance with ethical standards**

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