

# Modified class of estimators for estimating population variance in simple random sampling using auxiliary information

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, an improved class of estimators for estimating population variance, using auxiliary information has been proposed. The expression for mean square error (MSE) up to the first order of approximation has been derived. From the proposed class, various estimators are derived by allocating suitable values of unknown parameters as particular members of the suggested class. The empirical study is carried out to illustrate the theoretical results.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Consider a finite population of size  $N$  of different units  $U = \{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_N\}$ . Let  $y$  and  $x$  be the study and the auxiliary variable with corresponding values  $y_i$  and  $x_i$  respectively for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  unit  $i = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\}$  and

$\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i$  and  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$  be the mean of the study as well as auxiliary variable respectively.

Also,  $S_y^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{Y})^2$  and  $S_x^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{X})^2$  be the population variances of the study and the auxiliary variable respectively. Let  $C_y$  and  $C_x$  be the coefficient of variation of the study as well as

auxiliary variable respectively, and  $\rho_{yx}$  be the correlation coefficient between  $x$  and  $y$ . Let  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$  and

$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  be the unbiased sample means of  $y$  and  $x$  respectively. Also let  $\hat{s}_y^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$  and

$\hat{s}_x^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$  be the corresponding sample variances of the study as well as auxiliary variable

respectively. Let  $S_{yx} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{Y})(x_i - \bar{X})}{N-1}$ , be the covariance between the respective subscripts.

Let  $\lambda_{22} = \frac{\mu_{11}}{\sqrt{\mu_{02}\mu_{20}}}$  be the covariance between  $S_y^2$  and  $S_x^2$ . Let  $\beta_2(y) = \frac{\mu_{40}}{\mu_{20}^2}$  is the kurtosis for

population of the study variable and  $\beta_2(x) = \frac{\mu_{04}}{\mu_{02}^2}$  be the kurtosis for population of the auxiliary variable,

where  $\mu_{rs} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{Y})^r (x_i - \bar{X})^s$  and  $\gamma = \frac{1}{n}$ . Also  $\beta_2(y)^* = (\beta_2(y) - 1)$ ,

$\beta_2(x)^* = (\beta_2(x) - 1)$  and  $\lambda_{22}^* = (\lambda_{22} - 1)$ . We ignored finite population correction (fpc) term because of ease of computation.

## II. EXISTING ESTIMATORS IN LITERATURE

The usual unbiased estimator of  $s_y^2$  is

$$t_0 = s_y^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \text{ and}$$

$$V(t_0) = n^{-1} S_y^4 \beta_2(y)$$

[1] proposed the ratio estimator for population variance as

$$t_1 = s_y^2 \frac{S_x^2}{s_x^2}$$

The mean square error (MSE) up to the first degree of approximation is given as

$$MSE(t_1) = \gamma \cdot S_y^4 [\beta_2(y)^* + \beta_2(x)^* - 2\lambda_{22}^*]$$

[1] also presented the regression estimator for population variance using auxiliary variable as

$$T_{reg} = s_y^2 + b(S_x^2 - s_x^2)$$

The mean square error (MSE) expression of the above estimator is given by

$$MSE(T_{reg}) = \gamma \cdot S_y^4 \beta_2(y)^* [1 - \rho^2(s_y^2, s_x^2)]$$

Where,  $\rho^2(s_y^2, s_x^2) = \frac{(\lambda_{22}^2)^*}{\beta_2(y)^* \beta_2(x)^*}$

Assuming knowledge on  $\beta_2(x)$ , the population coefficient of kurtosis of the auxiliary variable  $x$ , [2] suggested the following ratio-type estimator for  $S_y^2$  as

$$t_2 = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 + \beta_2(x)}{s_x^2 + \beta_2(x)} \right]$$

Motivated by [3], [4], [5] and using the knowledge on  $C_x, \beta_2(x)$  associated with auxiliary variable  $x$ , [6] envisaged the following ratio-type estimators for population variance  $S_y^2$  as

$$t_3 = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 - C_x}{s_x^2 - C_x} \right]$$

$$t_4 = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 - \beta_2(x)}{s_x^2 - \beta_2(x)} \right]$$

$$t_5 = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 \beta_2(x) - C_x}{s_x^2 \beta_2(x) - C_x} \right]$$

$$t_6 = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 C_x - \beta_2(x)}{s_x^2 C_x - \beta_2(x)} \right]$$

Further on the lines of [7], one may define the following ratio type estimators for  $S_y^2$  as

$$t_7 = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 + C_x}{s_x^2 + C_x} \right]$$

$$t_8 = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 \beta_2(x) + C_x}{s_x^2 \beta_2(x) + C_x} \right]$$

$$t_9 = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 C_x + \beta_2(x)}{s_x^2 C_x + \beta_2(x)} \right]$$

We note that the estimators  $t_i = (1, \dots, 9)$  are members of the class of estimators of  $S_y^2$  given by [8]

$$t_i = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{aS_x^2 + b}{as_x^2 + b} \right]$$

where  $(a, b)$  are either constants or function of known parameters such as  $X, C_x, \beta_1(x), \beta_2(x)$  and  $\rho_{yx}$  of the auxiliary variable  $x$ . The mean square error (MSE) up to the first order of approximation is given by

$$MSE(t_i) = \gamma \cdot S_y^4 [\beta_2(y)^* + \theta^2 \beta_2(x)^* - 2\theta \lambda_{22}^*], \text{ where, } \theta = \frac{aS_x^2}{(aS_x^2 + b)}$$

### III. PROPOSED ESTIMATORS

Following [1] and Singh and [8], we propose the generalised exponential ratio estimator for estimating population variance given as

$$t_i^* = S_y^2 \left[ \frac{aS_x^2 + b}{aS_x^2 + b} \right]^\alpha \tag{1}$$

To obtain the bias and mean square error (MSE) we write

$$s_y^2 = S_y^2(1 + e_0), \quad s_x^2 = S_x^2(1 + e_1)$$

Such that

$$E(e_0) = E(e_1) = 0$$

And

$$E(e_0^2) = \gamma \cdot \beta_2(y), \quad E(e_1^2) = \gamma \cdot \beta_2(x), \quad E(e_0 e_1) = \gamma \cdot \lambda_{22}$$

Expressing (1) in terms of  $e$ 's we have

$$t_i^* = S_y^2(1 + e_0) \left\{ (1 + \theta e_1)^{-1} \right\}^\alpha \tag{2}$$

Where

$$\theta = \frac{aS_x^2}{(aS_x^2 + b)}$$

Expanding the right-hand side of (2) and neglecting the terms of  $e$ 's with a power greater than two, we have

$$t_i^* = S_y^2(1 + e_0) \left\{ \left( 1 - \alpha \theta e_1 + \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1)}{2} \theta^2 e_1^2 - \dots \right) \right\} \tag{3}$$

Subtracting  $S_y^2$  from (3) and taking expectations from both sides we get,

$$E(t_i^* - S_y^2) = E[S_y^2(e_0 - \alpha \theta e_1)] \tag{4}$$

Squaring equation (4) from both sides, we get the MSE of the proposed estimator up to the first degree of approximation given as,

$$MSE(t_i^*) = \gamma \cdot S_y^4 [\beta_2(y)^* + \alpha \theta^2 \beta_2(x)^* - 2\alpha \theta \lambda_{22}^*] \tag{5}$$

To obtain the optimum value of  $\alpha$  we differentiate the  $MSE(t_i^*)$  with respect to  $\alpha$  and equating the derivative to zero,  $\alpha_{opt}$  thus obtained is given by,

$$\alpha_{opt} = \frac{\lambda_{22}^*}{\theta\beta_2(x)^*}$$

Using the value of  $\alpha_{opt}$ , we get the  $MSE_{min}(t_i^*)$  given as

$$MSE_{min}(t_i^*) = \gamma \cdot S_y^4 \beta_2(y)^* [1 - \rho^{*2}(s_y^2, s_x^2)]$$

The proposed estimator  $t_i^*$  at its optimum condition is equally efficient as the regression estimator for population variance. As mentioned above, various estimators are derived by allocating suitable values of unknown parameters as particular members of the proposed class of estimators. Some members of the proposed class of estimators for different values of a and b are given in table 1.

**Table 1**

| Some Members of Suggested estimator $t^*$ |              |   |
|---|--------------|---|
| Values of                                 |              | Estimators  |
| a   | b            |   |
| 1   | 1            | $t_1^* = \left( s_y^2 \frac{S_x^2}{s_x^2} \right)^\alpha$                           |
| 1   | $\beta_2(x)$ | $t_2^* = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 + \beta_2(x)}{s_x^2 + \beta_2(x)} \right]^\alpha$ |
| 1   | $-C_x$       | $t_3^* = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 - C_x}{s_x^2 - C_x} \right]^\alpha$               |

|              |               |   |
|--------------|---------------|---|
| 1            | $-\beta_2(x)$ | $t_4^* = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 - \beta_2(x)}{s_x^2 - \beta_2(x)} \right]^\alpha$         |
| $\beta_2(x)$ | $-C_x$        | $t_5^* = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 \beta_2(x) - C_x}{s_x^2 \beta_2(x) - C_x} \right]^\alpha$ |
| $C_x$        | $-\beta_2(x)$ | $t_6^* = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 C_x - \beta_2(x)}{s_x^2 C_x - \beta_2(x)} \right]^\alpha$ |
| 1            | $C_x$         | $t_7^* = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 + C_x}{s_x^2 + C_x} \right]^\alpha$                       |
| $\beta_2(x)$ | $C_x$         | $t_8^* = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 \beta_2(x) + C_x}{s_x^2 \beta_2(x) + C_x} \right]^\alpha$ |
| $C_x$        | $\beta_2(x)$  | $t_9^* = s_y^2 \left[ \frac{S_x^2 C_x + \beta_2(x)}{s_x^2 C_x + \beta_2(x)} \right]^\alpha$ |

In addition to the above estimators, a large number of estimators can be generated from the proposed estimator  $t_i^*$  by substituting the different values of  $a$  and  $b$ . The expression of MSE of the above said estimators is given by

$$MSE_{\min}(t_i^*) = \gamma \cdot S_y^4 \beta_2(y)^* [1 - \rho^{*2}(s_y^2, s_x^2)]$$

#### IV. EMPIRICAL STUDY

In this section, we consider the following data sets for numerical comparisons.

Population: {Source: [9]}. Let  $y$  = Level of apple production (1 unit=100 tones) and  $x$  = Number of apple trees (1 unit=100 trees).

**Table 2 Data statistics**

|                     |                       |                       |                       |                         |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| $N = 104$           | $n = 20$              | $\bar{Y} = 6.254$     | $\bar{X} = 13931.683$ | $S_y = 11.670$          |
| $S_x = 23026.133$   | $\beta_2(y) = 16.523$ | $\beta_2(x) = 17.516$ | $\rho = 0.837$        | $\lambda_{22} = 14.398$ |
| $\rho_{xy} = 0.865$ | $f = 0.192$           | $C_y = 1.866$         | $C_x = 1.653$         | $\gamma = 0.05$         |

Table 3 shows MSE and percent relative efficiency (PRE) of the proposed estimator with respect to the existing estimators.

**Table 3**

| <b>Estimator</b>   | <b>MSE</b>     | <b>PRE</b>    |  |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| $t_0$              | 14395.57       | 100           |  |
| $t_1$              | 4862.20        | 296.07        |  |
| $t_2$              | 4805.63        | 299.55        |  |
| $t_3$              | 4862.20        | 296.07        |  |
| $t_4$              | 4862.20        | 296.07        |  |
| $t_5$              | 4862.20        | 296.07        |  |
| $t_6$              | 4862.20        | 296.07        |  |
| $t_7$              | 4805.63        | 299.55        |  |
| $t_8$              | 4805.63        | 299.55        |  |
| $t_9$              | 4805.63        | 299.55        |  |
| $t_i^*$ (proposed) | <b>4310.48</b> | <b>333.96</b> |  |

## V. CONCLUSION

From the results of the empirical study and theoretical discussions, it is inferred that the proposed estimator  $t_i^*$ , for estimating the population variance of the study variable under the optimum condition performs better than the sample variance estimator,  $S_y^2$  and traditional ratio type variance estimator  $t_i$  given in literature, therefore it should be preferred for the estimation of population variance.

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