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# An Improved Exponential Method of Estimation for Current Population Mean in Two-Occasion Successive Sampling

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**Abstract:** The present article proposes an improved exponential method of estimation for current population mean in two-occasion successive sampling when the information on an auxiliary variable is readily available on both the occasions. The behavior of the proposed estimator has been examined and its optimal replacement strategy is formulated. Empirical studies are carried out to show the dominance of the proposed estimation procedure. Results are interpreted and suitable recommendations are made to the survey practitioners.

Keywords: Successive sampling, auxiliary variables, bias, mean square error, optimum replacement strategy.

## **1** Introduction

There are many real life problems of practical interest in various fields of applied sciences, where the study characters of a finite population is subject to change over time and a survey carried out on a single occasion will provide information about the characteristics of the surveyed population only for the given occasion and cannot give information related to the nature or rate of change over different occasions or the estimates of the population parameters over all occasions or on the most recent occasion. For such cases, the use of successive (rotation) sampling as advocated by [1] is the most appropriate sampling procedure to generate the reliable (in terms of cost and precision) estimates of population parameters on various desired occasions. The theory of successive sampling was further extended by [2],[3],[4],[5], and [6] among others. [7],[8] applied this theory to design the estimators of the population parameters on the current occasion by using information on two or more auxiliary variables which were readily available on the previous occasion.

In many practical situations, information on an auxiliary variable may be readily available on both occasions in two-occasion successive sampling. In follow up of this argument, [9], [10], [11], [12], [13], [14], [15], [16] among others have proposed several estimators of population mean on current (second) occasion in two occasion successive sampling. Motivated with the above cited works, in this paper we have proposed an improved exponential type estimator of current population mean in two-occasion successive sampling by utilizing the information on an auxiliary variable which is readily available on both occasions. Theoretical properties of the proposed estimator have been discussed and empirical studies are carried out to show the dominance over other estimators. Results have been interpreted and suitable recommendations are made to the survey practitioners.

# 2 Formulation of the estimator

Let  $U = (U_1, U_2, \dots, U_N)$  be the finite population of N units, which has been sampled over two occasions. The character under study is denoted by x(y) on the first (second) occasion respectively. It is assumed that information on an auxiliary variable  $z_h$  (h = 1, 2) is readily available on hth occasion whose population mean is known and has positive

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correlation with x and y on the first and the second occasions respectively. A simple random sample of n units is drawn on the first occasion using without replacement scheme. A random sub sample of  $m(=n\lambda)$  units is matched (retained) from the sample on the first occasion for its use on the second occasion, while afresh random sample  $u = (n - m) = n\mu$ of units is drawn without replacement on the second occasion so that the sample size on the second occasion is also n. Here  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  ( $\lambda + \mu = 1$ ) are the fractions of matched and fresh samples respectively on the current occasion. The values of  $\lambda$  or  $\mu$  would be chosen optimally.

The following notations have been considered for further use.

 $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}$ : Population means of the study variables x and y respectively.

 $\overline{Z}_1(\overline{Z}_2)$ : Population mean of the auxiliary variable  $z_h$  on the hth (h = 1, 2) occasion.

 $\bar{x}_n, \bar{x}_m, \bar{y}_u, \bar{y}_m, \bar{z}_{ju}, \bar{z}_{jn}, \bar{z}_{jm}$  (j = 1,2): Sample means of the respective variables based on the sample sizes shown in suffices.  $\rho_{yx}, \rho_{xz_1}, \rho_{xz_2}, \rho_{yz_1}, \rho_{yz_2}, \rho_{z_{1z_2}}$ : Population correlation coefficients between the variables shown in suffices.

 $S_x^2, S_y^2, S_{z_1}^2, S_{z_2}^2$ : Population variances of the variables  $x, y, z_1, z_2$  respectively.  $C_y, C_x, C_{z_1}, C_{z_2}$ : Population coefficients of variation of the variables  $y, x, z_1, z_2$  respectively.

Utilizing the information on auxiliary variables  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  on first and second occasions respectively, we formulate two estimators of current population mean which are based on fresh and matched samples. The estimator based on fresh sample of size u is of exponential structure and formulated as

$$T_{u} = \bar{y}_{u} \left(\frac{\bar{Z}_{2}}{\bar{z}_{2u}}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\bar{Z}_{2} - \bar{z}_{2u}}{\bar{Z}_{2} + \bar{z}_{2u}}\right)$$
(1)

The second estimator based on matched sample of size m is also have an exponential structure and formulated as

$$T_m = \bar{y}_m \left(\frac{\bar{x}_n}{\bar{x}_m}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\bar{Z}_1 - \bar{z}_{1n}}{\bar{Z}_1 + \bar{z}_{1n}}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\bar{Z}_2 - \bar{z}_{2m}}{\bar{Z}_2 + \bar{z}_{2m}}\right)$$
(2)

To estimate the current population mean  $\bar{Y}$ , the estimator  $T_u$  is most appropriate and for estimating change over both occasions the estimator  $T_m$  is suitable while to deal with both the problems simultaneously the contribution of  $T_u$  and  $T_m$ are highly desirable. Motivated with these arguments, the final estimator of current population mean  $\bar{Y}$  is proposed as

$$T = \varphi T_u + (1 - \varphi) T_m \tag{3}$$

where  $\varphi(0 \le \varphi \le 1)$  is an unknown constant (scalar) to be determined under certain criterion such that the mean square error (MSE) of the estimator T attains its minimum.

#### **3** Properties of the proposed estimator T

Since the estimators  $T_u$  and  $T_m$  have the exponential structures, therefore, they are biased estimators of the current population mean  $\bar{Y}$ , the final estimator T is a convex linear combination of the estimators  $T_u$  and  $T_m$ , hence it is also a biased estimator. The bias B(.) and mean square error M(.) of the estimator T is derived up to first-order of approximations under large sample assumption using the following transformations:

 $\bar{y}_{u} = \bar{Y}(1+e_{1}), \\ \bar{y}_{m} = \bar{Y}(1+e_{2}), \\ \bar{x}_{m} = \bar{X}(1+e_{3}), \\ \bar{x}_{n} = \bar{X}(1+e_{4}), \\ \bar{z}_{2u} = \bar{Z}(1+e_{5}) \\ \bar{z}_{1n} = \bar{Z}(1+e_{6}), \\ \bar{z}_{2m} = \bar{Z}(1+e_{7}) \\$ Such that  $E(e_i) = 0$  and  $|e_i| \le 1, \forall i = 1, 2, ..., 7$ 

Under the above transformations, the estimators  $T_u$  and  $T_m$  take the following forms:

$$T_{u} = \left[\bar{Y}\left(1+e_{1}\right)\left(1+e_{5}\right)^{-1}\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}e_{5}\left(1+\frac{1}{2}e_{5}\right)^{-1}\right\}\right]$$
(4)

$$T_m = \left[\bar{Y}\left(1+e_2\right)\left(1+e_4\right)\left(1+e_3\right)^{-1}\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}e_6\left(1+\frac{1}{2}e_6\right)^{-1}\right\}\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}e_7\left(1+\frac{1}{2}e_7\right)^{-1}\right\}\right]$$
(5)

Thus, we have the following theorems.

Theorem 1: The bias of the estimator up to the first order approximations is derived as:

$$B(T) = \varphi B(T_u) + (1 - \varphi) B(T_m)$$
(6)

where

$$B(T_u) = \bar{Y}\left(\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{N}\right) \left[\frac{15}{8}C_{0002} - \frac{3}{2}C_{0101}\right]$$
(7)

$$B(T_{2m}) = \bar{Y} \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{N}\right) C_{2000} + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}\right) C_{1100} \\ + \left\{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n}\right) C_{1001} - \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{N}\right) C_{0101} - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{N}\right) C_{0110} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{N}\right) C_{0011} \right\} \\ + \frac{3}{8} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{N}\right) C_{0002} + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{N}\right) C_{0020} \right\}$$
(8)

where

 $C_{pqrs} = E\left[(x_i - \bar{X})^p (y_i - \bar{Y})^q (z_{i1} - \bar{Z})^r (z_{i2} - \bar{Z})^s\right]; (p, q, r, s) \ge 0 \text{ are integers.}$ 

Proof: The bias of the estimator T is given by

$$B(T) = E(T - \overline{Y}) = \varphi E(T_u - \overline{Y}) + (1 - \varphi) E(T_m - \overline{Y})$$
$$= \varphi B(T_u) + (1 - \varphi) B(T_m)$$
(9)

where

 $B(T_u) = E(T_u - \bar{Y})$  and  $B(T_m) = E(T_m - \bar{Y})$ From equations (4) and (5), substituting the exp

From equations (4) and (5), substituting the expressions of  $T_u$  and  $T_m$  into equation (9), expanding exponentially and binomially, taking expectations and retaining the term up to first order of approximations, we have the expression of the bias of the estimator T as given in equation (6).

Theorem 2: The mean square error of the estimator T up to the first degree of approximations is obtained as

$$M(T) = \varphi^2 M(T_u) + (1 - \varphi)^2 M(T_m) + 2\varphi(1 - \varphi) C(T_u, T_m)$$
(10)

where

$$M(T_u) = \left(\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{N}\right) \left[\frac{13}{4} - 3\rho_{yz_2}\right] S_y^2.$$
 (11)

$$M(T_m) = S_y^2 \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{9}{4m} - \frac{3}{4\eta} - \frac{6}{4N}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}\right)\rho_{yx} + \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n}\right)\rho_{xz_2} \\ + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{N}\right)\left(\rho_{z_1 z_2} - \rho_{yz_1}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{N}\right)\rho_{yz_2} \end{bmatrix}$$
(12)

$$C(T_u, T_m) = -\frac{1}{N} \left[ \frac{7}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho_{yz_2} + \rho_{yz_1} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \left( \rho_{z_1 z_2} - \rho_{yz_2} \right) \right] S_y^2$$
(13)

Proof: The mean square error of the estimator T is given by

$$M(T) = E[T - \bar{Y}]^{2} = E[\varphi(T_{u} - \bar{Y}) + (1 - \varphi)(T_{m} - \bar{Y})]^{2}$$
$$= \varphi^{2}M(T_{u}) + (1 - \varphi)^{2}M(T_{m}) + 2\varphi(1 - \varphi)C(T_{u}, T_{m})$$
(14)

where

$$M(T_u) = E[T_u - \bar{Y}]^2$$
,  $M(T_m) = E[T_m - \bar{Y}]^2$  and  $C(T_u, T_m) = E[(T_u - \bar{Y})(T_m - \bar{Y})]$ 

From equations (4) and (5), substituting the expressions of  $T_u$  and  $T_m$  into equation (14), expanding exponentially and binomially, taking expectations and retaining the term up to first order of approximations, we have the expression of the mean square error of the estimator T as given in equation (10).

Remark: The bias and mean square error of the estimator T shown in equations (6) and (10) respectively are derived under the assumption that the coefficients of variation of the variables x, y, $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are approximately equal, which is an intuitive assumption and also considered by [9].



### 3.1 Minimum mean square error of the estimator T

Since the mean square error of the estimator T in equation (10) is a function of the unknown constant  $\varphi$ , therefore, it is minimized with respect to  $\varphi$  and subsequently the optimum value of  $\varphi$  is obtained as

$$\varphi_{opt} = \frac{M(T_m) - C(T_u, T_m)}{M(T_u) + M(T_m) - 2C(T_u, T_m)}$$
(15)

From equation (15), substituting the value of  $\varphi_{opt}$  in equation (10) we get the optimum mean square error of the estimator *T* as

$$M(T)_{opt} = \frac{M(T_u)M(T_m) - [C(T_u, T_m)]^2}{M(T_u) + M(T_m) - 2C(T_u, T_m)}$$
(16)

Now substituting the values from equations (11) - (13) in equations (15) and (16), the simplified values of  $\varphi_{opt}$  and  $M(T)_{opt}$  is obtained as

$$\varphi_{opt} = \frac{\mu \left[\mu A_6 + f A_7 + A_8\right]}{\left[\mu^2 A_9 + \mu A_6 + A_{11}\right]} \tag{17}$$

$$M(T)_{opt} = \frac{\left[A_{13}\mu^2 + A_{14}\mu + A_{15}\right]}{\left[A_9\mu^2 + A_1\mu + A_{11}\right]}\frac{S_y^2}{n}$$
(18)

where

$$A_{1} = 2\rho_{yx} - \rho_{xz_{2}}, A_{2} = \rho_{z_{1}z_{2}} - \rho_{yz_{1}}, A_{3} = \rho_{yz_{2}}, A_{4} = \rho_{z_{1}z_{2}} - 2\rho_{yz_{2}}, A_{5} = \rho_{yz_{2}} + \rho_{yz_{1}}$$

$$A_{6} = \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4}f - A_{1} - A_{2} + fA_{2} - fA_{3} - \frac{3}{4}fA_{4} + \frac{1}{2}fA_{5}\right), A_{7} = \left(\frac{1}{4} - A_{2} + A_{3} + \frac{3}{4}A_{4} - \frac{1}{2}A_{5}\right)$$

$$A_{8} = A_{2} - A_{3}, A_{9} = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{4}f - 3fA_{3} - A_{1} - A_{2} + fA_{2} - fA_{3} - \frac{3}{2}fA_{4} + fA_{5}$$

$$A_{10} = \left[-\frac{7}{4} - f\left(\frac{5}{4} - 6A_{3} - \frac{3}{2}A_{4} + A_{5}\right)\right], A_{11} = \left(\frac{13}{4} - 3A_{3}\right)$$

$$A_{12} = \left[\frac{49}{16} + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{9}{4}A_{4}^{2} + A_{5}^{2} + \frac{21}{2}A_{4} - \frac{3}{4}A_{4}A_{5} - 7A_{5}\right)\right]$$

$$A_{13} = \left[f^{2}(A_{12} + A_{3}A_{11} - A_{2}A_{11}) + f\left(A_{1}A_{11} + A_{2}A_{11} - \frac{3}{4}A_{11}\right)\right]$$

$$A_{14} = f^{2}\left(\frac{6}{4}A_{11} + A_{2}A_{11} - A_{3}A_{11} - A_{12}\right) + \frac{9}{4}fA_{11} - \frac{3}{2}A_{11} - A_{1}A_{11} - A_{2}A_{11}$$

$$A_{15} = (1 - f)\left(\frac{6}{4}A_{11} + A_{2}A_{11} - A_{3}A_{11}\right)$$

 $\mu = \frac{u}{n}$  is the fraction of the fresh sample drawn on the current (second) occasion.

# 4 Optimum replacement strategy

To determine the optimum value of  $\mu$  (fraction of sample to be drawn afresh on the current occasion) so that  $\bar{Y}$  be estimated with maximum precision and minimum cost, we minimize  $M(T)_{opt}$  in equation (18) with respect to  $\mu$ , which results in a quadratic equation in  $\mu$ , which is given as

$$T_1\mu^2 + 2T_2\mu + T_3 = 0 \tag{19}$$

Solving the equation (19), the solutions of  $\mu$  (say  $\hat{\mu}$ ) are given as

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{-T_2 \pm \sqrt{T_2^2 - T_1 T_3}}{T_1} \tag{20}$$

where

$$T_1 = A_{10}A_{13} - A_9A_{14}, T_2 = A_{11}A_{13} - A_9A_{15}, T_3 = A_{11}A_{14} - A_{10}A_{15}$$

The real value of  $\hat{\mu}$  exists, if  $T_2^2 - T_1 T_3 \ge 0$  for any combination of  $\rho_{yx}$ ,  $\rho_{xz_1}$ ,  $\rho_{xz_2}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_1}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_2}$ ,  $\rho_{z_{1}z_2}$  which satisfy the condition of real solution, two real values of  $\hat{\mu}$  are possible. Hence while choosing the value of  $\hat{\mu}$ , it should be remembered that  $0 \le \hat{\mu} \le 1$ ; all other values of  $\hat{\mu}$  are inadmissible. If both the value of  $\hat{\mu}$  are admissible, the lowest one is the best choice as it reduces the cost of the survey. From equation (20), substituting the admissible value of  $\hat{\mu}$  (say  $\mu_0$ ) in equation (18), we have the optimum value of mean square error of the estimator T which is shown below

$$M(T)^{(0)}_{opt} = \frac{\left[A_{13}\mu_0^2 + A_{14}\mu_0 + A_{15}\right]}{\left[A_9\mu_0^2 + A_1\mu_0 + A_{11}\right]}\frac{S_y^2}{n}$$
(21)

#### **5** Efficiency comparison

For evaluating the efficiency of the proposed estimator T, we compare the proposed estimator with sample mean estimator  $\bar{y}_n$  (when there is no matching) and with natural successive sampling estimator  $\hat{Y} = \varphi \bar{y}_u + (1-\varphi) \bar{y}'_m$  (when no auxiliary information is used on any occasion), where  $\bar{y}'_m = \bar{y}_m + \beta_{yx}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{X}_m)$  and  $T_1$ , where  $T_1$  is the [16] estimator. The percent relative efficiencies of the estimator T have been obtained for different choices of  $\rho_{yx}$ ,  $\rho_{xz_1}$ ,  $\rho_{xz_2}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_1}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_2}$ ,  $\rho_{z_{1z_2}}$ . Since  $\bar{y}_n$  and  $\hat{Y}$  are unbiased estimator of  $\bar{Y}$ , following [17] the variance of  $\bar{y}_n$  and optimum variance of  $\hat{Y}$  and the optimum mean square error of [16] estimator are as follows

$$V(\bar{y}_n) = \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{N}\right) S_y^2$$
$$V(\hat{Y})_{opt} = \left[1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho_{yx}^2}\right] \frac{S_y^2}{2n} - \frac{S_y^2}{N}$$
$$M(T_1)_{opt}^* = \frac{\left[A_5 + \mu_1^{(0)}A_6 + \mu_1^{(0)2}A_7\right]}{\left[A_1 + \mu_1^{(0)2}A_3\right]} \frac{S_y^2}{n}$$

where  $A_i$  (i = 1, 2, ..., 17) are same as given by [16].

For N=5000, n=500 and different choices of correlations  $\rho_{yx}$ ,  $\rho_{xz_1}$ ,  $\rho_{xz_2}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_1}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_2}$ ,  $\rho_{z_{1}z_2}$ , Table 1 presents the optimum values of  $\mu$  and percent relative efficiencies  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  of the estimator T with respect to the estimators  $\bar{y}_n$  and  $\hat{Y}$  respectively and Table 2 presents the optimum values of  $\mu$  and percent relative efficiencies E of the estimator T with respect to  $T_1$  are as follows:

$$E_1 = \frac{V(\bar{y}_n)}{M(T)^{(0)}_{opt}} \times 100, E_2 = \frac{M(\bar{Y}_{opt})}{M(T)^{(0)}_{opt}} \times 100 \text{ and } E = \frac{M(T_1)^*_{opt}}{M(T)^{(0)}_{opt}} \times 100$$

Note: \* indicate  $\mu$  do not exist and \*\* indicate no gain.

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## 6 Interpretations of empirical results

1. The following interpretations may be read out from Table 1.

- (i)For fixed values of  $\rho_{yx}$ ,  $\rho_{xz2}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_1}$ ,  $\rho_{z_1z_2}$  the values of  $\mu_0$  decrease and the values of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  increase with the increasing values of  $\rho_{yz_2}$ .
- (ii)For fixed values of  $\rho_{yx}$ ,  $\rho_{xz_2}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_1}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_2}$ , the values of  $\mu_0$  and the values of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  decrease with the increasing values of  $\rho_{z_{1}z_2}$ .
- (iii)For fixed values of  $\rho_{yz_2}$ ,  $\rho_{yz_1}$ ,  $\rho_{z_1z_2}$ ,  $\rho_{xz_2}$ , the values of  $\mu_0$  and  $E_1$  increase but the values of  $E_2$  do not follow any pattern with the increasing values of  $\rho_{yx}$ .



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	$\rho_{yx}$	$ ho_{yz_1}$	$ ho_{yz_2}$	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
	0.7	0.8	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.6849 109.29 104.23	0.6471 108.64 103.6	0.5946 107.7 102.71	0.517 106.28 101.35	0.3903 103.93 **
0.4		0.9	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.5213 149.56 142.62	0.4592 146.43 139.64	0.3729 142.05 135.46	0.2452 135.53 129.25	0.0365 124.89 119.1
	0.9	0.8	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.7388 110.38 105.26	0.7166 110.03 104.93	0.6881 109.57 104.48	0.6502 108.93 103.87	0.5973 108 102.99
		0.9	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.6071 154.25 147.09	0.5703 152.47 145.4	0.5229 150.16 143.19	0.4599 147.03 140.21	0.3719 142.61 135.99
0.5	0.7	0.8	$ \begin{array}{c} \mu_0\\ E_1\\ E_2 \end{array} $	0.7784 113.98 105.49	0.7439 113.68 105.22	0.6884 113.16 104.74	0.5834 112.12 103.77	0.4111 109.32 101.18
		0.9	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.5785 159.1 147.26	0.5004 156.02 144.41	0.3746 151 139.76	0.1386 141.59 131.06	0.4665 125.16 109.36
	0.9	0.8	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.8233 114.46 105.94	0.8068 114.38 105.86	0.7839 114.21 105.72	0.75 113.95 105.47	0.6946 113.46 105.02
		0.9	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.6736 163.21 151.06	0.6348 161.79 149.75	0.5811 159.76 147.87	0.5017 156.69 145.03	0.3723 151.63 140.34
0.6	0.7	0.8	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.9567 117.54 104.48	0.9672 117.6 104.54	0.9936 117.65 104.57	0.9952 117.44 104.54	0.8172 118.07 104.95
		0.9	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.6772 170.74 151.77	0.5731 168.29 149.59	0.386 162.11 144.09	* ** **	* ** **
	0.9	0.8	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.9553 117.46 104.41	0.9607 117.53 104.47	0.9694 117.59 104.53	0.9861 117.64 104.57	* ** **
		0.9	$\begin{array}{c} \mu_0 \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \end{array}$	0.7743 173.28 154.02	0.7394 172.61 153.43	0.6832 171.42 152.37	0.5772 169.05 150.27	0.3832 162.76 144.67

**Table 1:** Optimum values of  $\mu$  and percent relative efficiencies of T with respect to  $\bar{y}_n$  and  $\hat{Y}$  (for  $\rho_{yz_2}=0.5$ )

(iv)For fixed values of  $\rho_{yx}$ ,  $\rho_{yz2}$ ,  $\rho_{z_1z_2}$ ,  $\rho_{xz_2}$ , the values of  $\mu_0$ ,  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  do not follow any pattern with the increasing values of  $\rho_{yz_1}$ .

(v)The minimum value of  $\mu_0$  is 0.0365 ( $\cong$  0.04), which shows that the fraction to be replaced on the current occasion is as low as about 4 percent of the total sample size leading to a reduction of the considerable amount of the cost of the survey.

2. The following interpretations may be observed from Table 2.

(i)For fixed values of  $\rho_{yx}$  and  $\rho_{yz}$ , the values of  $\mu_0$  increase but the values of E decrease with the increasing values of  $\rho_{z_1z_2}$ .

(ii)For fixed values of  $\rho_{yx}$  and  $\rho_{z_1z_2}$ , the values of E decrease and there is no change in the values of  $\mu_0$  with the increasing values of  $\rho_{yz}$ .

$\rho_{yx}$	$\rho_{yz}$	$ ho_{z_1z_2}$	0.8	0.85	0.9
	0.5		* **	0.0887 137.67	0.1994 131.33
0.7	0.55	$\mu_0 \\ E$	* **	0.0887 125.18	0.1994 119.41
	0.6	$\mu_0 \\ E$	* **	0.0887 110.61	0.1994 105.51
	0.5	$\mu_0 \\ E$	0.3693 153.04	0.4233 147.33	0.4683 142.54
0.8	0.55	$\mu_0 \\ E$	0.3693 139.64	0.4233 134.43	0.4683 130.06
	0.6	$\mu_0 \\ E$	0.3693 123.98	0.4233 119.35	0.4683 115.48
	0.5	$\mu_0 \\ E$	0.7172 187.26	0.7343 181.18	0.7494 175.83
0.9	0.55		0.7172 171.69	0.7343 166.11	0.7494 161.2
	0.6	$\mu_0 \\ E$	0.7172 153.69	0.7343 148.7	0.7494 144.31

**Table 2:** For fixed (g=0.6,  $\rho_{xz_2}=0.2$ ,  $\rho_{yz_1}=0.9$ ,  $\rho_{yz_2}=0.6$ ,  $\rho_{xz}=0.9$ ), the optimum values of  $\mu$  and percent relative efficiencies of T with respect to [16] estimator.

(iii)For fixed values of  $\rho_{yz}$  and  $\rho_{z_1z_2}$ , the values of  $\mu_0$  and E increase with the increasing values of  $\rho_{yx}$ .

(iv)The minimum value of  $\mu_0$  is 0.0887, which indicates that the fraction of fresh sample to be replaced on the current occasion is as low as about 9 percent of the total sample size, which is highly helpful in reducing the cost of the survey.

It is visible that from Table 1-2 almost all the values of  $E_1, E_2$  and E are more than 100 which indicate that the proposed estimator is uniformly dominating over  $\bar{y}_n$ ,  $\hat{Y}$  and [16] estimators.

## 7 Conclusions and Recommendations

From the above numerical study, it may be concluded that the proposed estimator T is significantly better than  $\bar{y}_n, \hat{Y}$  and [16] estimators. It may also be concluded that proposed estimator is highly rewarding in terms of precision as well as in reducing the cost of the survey to the considerable amount. Hence the proposed estimator represents the nice behavior and may be recommended to survey statisticians for their real life applications.

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