



# A New Exponential Ratio-Type Estimator for Population Variance with Linear Combination of Two Auxiliary Attributes

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## ABSTRACT

This paper suggests a new exponential ratio-type estimator for estimating the population variance using information of two auxiliary attributes in SRSWOR based on the adaption of the estimator presented by Lu et al. (2014). Problem is extended to the case of two phase sampling. The expressions for the mean square error of the proposed estimator have been derived. The proposed estimator has been compared theoretically with the usual unbiased estimator, usual ratio type estimator, estimator proposed by Chauhan et al. (2009) and the estimator proposed by Singh et al. (2009) and the conditions under which the proposed estimator are better than some existing estimators have also been given. An empirical study has also been carried out using two population data sets to demonstrate the efficiencies of the proposed estimator.

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## Introduction

In the theory of sample surveys, the utilization of auxiliary information is frequently acknowledged to the higher accuracy of the estimation of population characteristics. Ratio, regression and product methods of estimation are good example of it. There exists many situations when the information is available in the form of attribute which is highly correlated with  $y$ . In literature of sampling survey many authors have suggested estimator based on auxiliary information. However in many situations of practical importance, instead of an auxiliary variable  $x$  there exists an attribute (say  $\phi$ ) which is highly correlated with study variable  $y$ . In these situations by taking the advantage of point bi-serial correlation between the study variable  $y$  and the auxiliary attribute  $\phi$ , the efficient estimator of population parameters of interest can be constructed.

Sometimes it may possible that information of two auxiliary attributes are available instead of one auxiliary attribute. In such situations it is applicable to use two auxiliary attributes for estimation of population parameter of interest. While estimating the population variance  $S_y^2$  of the study variable  $y$ , we can use the information of the two auxiliary attributes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ .

Singh and kumar (2011), Singh and Malik (2014), Adichwal et al. (2015) proposed some estimators of population variance using an auxiliary attribute under different situation. This paper suggests a new exponential ratio-type estimator for estimating the population variance using information of two auxiliary attributes in SRSWOR.

Let us consider a sample of size  $n$  is drawn by SRSWOR from a population of size  $N$ . Further let a study variate  $y$  and auxiliary attributes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  taking the values  $y_i$  and  $x_{1i}$  and  $x_{2i}$  respectively, on the unit  $U_i$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,N$ ). It is assume that attributes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  takes only two values viz, 0 and 1 according as  $x_{1i}$  and  $x_{2i}=1$ , if  $i$ th unit of the population possesses and attribute  $X_{1i}$  and  $x_{2i}=0$ , if otherwise.

To estimate  $S_y^2 = \frac{1}{(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{Y})^2$ , it is assumed that  $S_{x_1}^2 = \frac{1}{(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_{1i} - \bar{X}_1)^2$  and  $S_{x_2}^2 = \frac{1}{(N-1)} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_{2i} - \bar{X}_2)^2$  are known. Assume that population of size  $N$  is large so that the finite population correlation terms are ignored.

Following notations are used for deriving the properties of the estimators:

$$E(s'_{x_1}{}^2 - S_{x_1}^2) = \frac{S_{x_1}^4}{n'} (\partial_{040} - 1), \quad V(s'_{x_1}{}^2) = \frac{S_{x_1}^4}{n} (\partial_{040} - 1), \quad V(s_y^2) = \frac{S_y^4}{n} (\partial_{400} - 1), \quad V(s_{x_2}^2) = \frac{S_{x_2}^4}{n} (\partial_{004} - 1),$$

$$s'_{x_1}{}^2 = \frac{1}{n' - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{n'} (x_{1i} - \bar{x}'_1)$$

$$\text{Cov}(S_{x_1}^2, S_y^2) = \frac{S_{x_1}^2 S_y^2}{n} (\partial_{220} - 1), \text{Cov}(S_{x_2}^2, S_y^2) = \frac{S_{x_2}^2 S_y^2}{n} (\partial_{202} - 1), \text{Cov}(S_{x_1}^2, S_{x_2}^2) = \frac{S_{x_1}^2 S_{x_2}^2}{n} (\partial_{022} - 1)$$

where,

$$\partial_{pqr} = \frac{\mu_{pqr}}{(\mu_{200}^{p/2} \mu_{020}^{q/2} \mu_{002}^{r/2})},$$

$$\mu_{pqr} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{Y})^p (x_i - \bar{X})^q (z_i - \bar{Z})^r; p, q, r \text{ being the non-negative integers.}$$

**Estimators in Literature**

In order to have an estimate of population variance of study variable y, Isaki (1983) proposed the following estimator

$$t_0 = s_y^2 \frac{S_y^2}{S_y^2} \tag{2.1}$$

Assuming the knowledge of auxiliary variables x and z, Singh et al. (2009) proposed the following estimators for estimating  $S_y^2$ .

$$t_1 = s_y^2 \exp \left[ \frac{S_x^2 - S_x^2}{S_x^2 + S_x^2} \right] \tag{2.2}$$

$$t = s_y^2 \left[ \alpha \exp \left\{ \frac{S_x^2 - S_x^2}{S_x^2 + S_x^2} \right\} + (1 - \alpha) \exp \left\{ \frac{S_z^2 - S_z^2}{S_z^2 + S_z^2} \right\} \right] \tag{2.3}$$

Where  $\alpha$  is a constant to be determined by

$$\alpha = \frac{\{\partial_{004} + 2(\partial_{220} + \partial_{202}) + \partial_{022} - 6\}}{(\partial_{040} + \partial_{004} + 2\partial_{022} - 4)}$$

Here we consider, the case when study variable y is a simple variable and auxiliary variables x and z are available in the form of attributes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  respectively.

The MSE expressions of  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and t when auxiliary attribute is used, are respectively given by

$$\text{MSE}(t_1) = \frac{S_y^2}{n} \left[ \partial_{400} + \frac{\partial_{040}}{4} - \partial_{220} + \frac{1}{4} \right] \tag{2.4}$$

$$\text{MSE}(t) = \frac{S_y^4}{n} \left[ (\partial_{400} - 1) + \frac{\alpha^2}{4} (\partial_{040} - 1) + \frac{(1 - \alpha)^2}{4} (\partial_{004} - 1) - \alpha(\partial_{220} - 1) + (1 - \alpha)(\partial_{202} - 1) - \frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}{2} (\partial_{022} - 1) \right] \tag{2.5}$$

**Proposed Estimator**

Motivated by Lu et al. (2014), we have proposed a new exponential ratio-type estimator using linear combination of two auxiliary attributes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  for estimating population variance of study variable y. The proposed estimator is

$$t = s_y^2 \exp \left[ \frac{s_*^2 - S_*^2}{s_*^2 + S_*^2} \right] \tag{3.1}$$

where,  $s_*^2 = w_1 s_{x_1}^2 + w_2 s_{x_2}^2$ ,  $S_*^2 = w_1 S_{x_1}^2 + w_2 S_{x_2}^2$ ;  $w_1, w_2$  are weights that satisfy the condition:  $w_1 + w_2 = 1$ .

MSE of the estimator can be found using Taylor series method defined as

$$f(s_y^2, s_x^2, s_z^2) \cong f(S_y^2, S_x^2, S_z^2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial s_y^2} \bigg|_{(s_y^2, s_x^2, s_z^2)} (s_y^2 - S_y^2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial s_x^2} \bigg|_{(s_y^2, s_x^2, s_z^2)} (s_x^2 - S_x^2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial s_z^2} \bigg|_{(s_y^2, s_x^2, s_z^2)} (s_z^2 - S_z^2) \tag{3.2}$$

Where,  $f(s_y^2, s_x^2, s_z^2) = t$

$$t_N - S_y^2 = (s_y^2 - S_y^2) - \frac{1}{2} w_1 R_* (s_{x_1}^2 - S_{x_1}^2) - \frac{1}{2} w_2 R_* (s_{x_2}^2 - S_{x_2}^2) \tag{3.3}$$

Where, 
$$\frac{S_y^2}{w_1 S_{x1}^2 + w_2 S_{x2}^2} = R_*$$

The MSE expression of this exponential ratio-type estimator is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(t_N) &= V(s_y^2) + \frac{1}{4} w_1^2 R_*^2 V(s_{x1}^2) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^2 R_*^2 V(s_{x2}^2) - w_1 R_* \text{Cov}(s_{x1}^2, s_y^2) - w_2 R_* \text{Cov}(s_{x2}^2, s_y^2) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} w_1 w_2 R_*^2 \text{Cov}(s_{x1}^2, s_{x2}^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left\{ S_y^4 (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_1^2 R_*^2 S_{x1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^2 R_*^2 S_{x2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) - w_1 R_* S_{x1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - w_2 R_* S_y^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) + \frac{1}{2} w_1 w_2 R_*^2 S_{x1}^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

The optimum value of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are given by

$$w_1^* = \frac{U}{U + V}, \quad w_2^* = 1 - w_1^*$$

Where  $U = 2\text{Cov}(s_y^2, s_{x2}^2) S_{x1}^4 - \text{Cov}(s_{x1}^2, s_{x2}^2) S_{x1}^2 S_y^2 - 2\text{Cov}(s_y^2, s_{x1}^2) S_{x1}^2 S_{x2}^2 + V(s_{x1}^2) S_{x2}^2 S_y^2$   
 $V = V(s_{x2}^2) S_{x1}^2 S_y^2 - 2\text{Cov}(s_y^2, s_{x2}^2) S_{x1}^2 S_{x2}^2 - \text{Cov}(s_{x1}^2, s_{x2}^2) S_{x2}^2 S_y^2 + 2\text{Cov}(s_y^2, s_{x1}^2) S_{x2}^4$

The expression for minimum MSE of estimator  $t_N$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(t_N)_{\min} &= \frac{1}{n} \left\{ S_y^4 (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_1^{*2} R_*'^2 S_{x1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^{*2} R_*'^2 S_{x2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) - w_1^* R_*' S_{x1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - w_2^* R_*' S_y^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) + \frac{1}{2} w_1^* w_2^* R_*'^2 S_{x1}^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

where 
$$\frac{S_y^2}{w_1^* S_{x1}^2 + w_2^* S_{x2}^2} = R_*'$$

**Efficiency Comparison**

In this section we are comparing the minimum MSE of the proposed estimator  $t_N$  with other existing estimators. It is known that the variance of the  $s_y^2$  under SRSWOR is given by

$$V(s_y^2) = \frac{S_y^4}{n} [\delta_{400} - 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(s_y^2) - \text{MSE}(t_N)_{\min} &= \frac{S_y^4}{n} (\delta_{400} - 1) - \frac{1}{n} \left\{ S_y^4 (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_1^{*2} R_*'^2 S_{x1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^{*2} R_*'^2 S_{x2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - w_1^* R_*' S_{x1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) - w_2^* R_*' S_y^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) + \frac{1}{2} w_1^* w_2^* R_*'^2 S_{x1}^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

or,

$$\begin{aligned} w_1^{*2} R_*'^2 S_{x1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + w_2^{*2} R_*'^2 S_{x2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) &\geq 2 \left\{ 2w_1^* S_{x1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) + 2w_2^* S_y^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2w_1^* w_2^* R_*'^2 S_{x1}^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(t_1) - \text{MSE}(t_N)_{\min} &= S_y^2 \left[ \frac{\delta_{040}}{4} - \delta_{220} + \frac{5}{4} \right] - \left\{ \frac{1}{4} w_1^{*2} R_*'^2 S_{x1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^{*2} R_*'^2 S_{x2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - w_1^* R_*' S_{x1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) - w_2^* R_*' S_y^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) + \frac{1}{2} w_1^* w_2^* R_*'^2 S_{x1}^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

$$\text{MSE}(t) - \text{MSE}(t_N)_{\min} = S_y^4 \left[ \frac{\alpha^2}{4} (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{(1-\alpha)^2}{4} (\delta_{004} - 1) - \alpha (\delta_{220} - 1) + (1-\alpha) (\delta_{202} - 1) \right]$$

$$-\frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{2}(\partial_{022}-1)\left]-\left\{\frac{1}{4}w_1^{*2}R'^2S_{x1}^4(\delta_{040}-1)+\frac{1}{4}w_2^{*2}R'^2S_{x2}^4(\delta_{004}-1)\right.\right. \\ \left.\left.-w_1^*R'_yS_{x1}^2S_y^2(\delta_{220}-1)-w_2^*R'_yS_{x2}^2S_y^2(\delta_{202}-1)+\frac{1}{2}w_1^*w_2^*R'^2S_{x1}^2S_{x2}^2(\delta_{022}-1)\right\}\geq 0 \quad (4.3)$$

When the condition (4.1) to (4.3) are satisfied, our suggested estimator  $t_N$  is more efficient as compared to  $t_1$  and  $t$  respectively.

**Empirical Study**

To illustrate the performance of various estimators of  $S_y^2$ , we consider the following data sets:

**Population I** [Source :Singh and Chaudhary (1986), p.177].

The population consists of 34 wheats farm in 34 villages in certain region of India. The variables are defined as:

- $Y$  :area under wheat crop (in acres) during 1974.
- $X_1$  : proportion of farms under wheat crop which have more than 1000 acres land during 1971 and
- $X_2$  : proportion of farms under wheat crop which have more than 400 acres land during 1973.

For this data we have

$N=34, n=10, n' = 20$

$$\partial_{400} = 3.72569, \partial_{040} = 1.81666, \partial_{004} = 4.97241, \partial_{220} = 1.64178, \partial_{202} = 3.42213, \partial_{022} = 2.15862, s_{x1}'^2 = 0.19737, \\ S_y^2 = 22564.55704, S_{x1}^2 = 0.21390, S_{x2}^2 = 0.12923.$$

**Population II** [Source :Murthy(1967), p.266].

$y$ : output,  $x$ : proportion of workers more than 400,  $z$ : proportion of fixed capital more than 2000,

$N=80, n=15, n' = 20$ .

$$\partial_{400} = 2.26665, \partial_{040} = 2.15301, \partial_{004} = 3.52303, \partial_{220} = 1.52506, \partial_{202} = 1.94997, \partial_{022} = 2.33036 \\ s_{x1}'^2 = 0.2, S_y^2 = 3369642.209, S_{x1}^2 = 0.20213, S_{x2}^2 = 0.15428.$$

**Table 5.1. PRE's of various estimators w.r.t.  $S_y^2$**

Estimator	PRE	
	Population I	Population II
$S_y^2$	100.00	100.00
$t_1$	97.76	82.80
$t$	162.10	124.03
$t_{N(\min)}$	219.77	137.91

Table 5.1 reveals that the PRE of the proposed estimator  $t_{N(\min)}$  along with the PRE's of the existing estimator with respect to  $S_y^2$  for two given population data sets. From table it is clear that the estimator  $t_{N(\min)}$  under optimum condition is more efficient than the ratio estimator and the other estimators discussed in this paper. Hence for observed choice of parameter the proposed estimator  $t_{N(\min)}$  is more precise as compared to all other estimators discussed here.

**Proposed Estimator in two phase sampling**

In some situations when  $S_{x1}^2$  is not known, the technique of two phase or double sampling is used. This scheme requires collection of information on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  the first phase sample  $s'$  of size  $n'$  ( $n' < N$ ) and on  $y$  for the second phase sample  $s$  of size  $n$  ( $n < n'$ ) from the first phase sample.

Jhaji and Walia (2011), Singh and Kumar (2015) proposed some estimators of population variance using two phase sampling. Chauhan et al. (2009) proposed the following estimator for estimating population variance.

$$t_{1d} = s_y^2 \exp\left\{\frac{s_{x1}'^2 - S_{x1}^2}{s_{x1}'^2 + S_{x1}^2}\right\} \quad (6.1)$$

$$t_{2d} = s_{x2}^2 \exp\left\{\frac{s_{x2}'^2 - S_{x2}^2}{s_{x2}'^2 + S_{x2}^2}\right\} \quad (6.2)$$

$$t_d = s_y^2 \left[ k \exp\left\{\frac{s_{x1}'^2 - S_{x1}^2}{s_{x1}'^2 + S_{x1}^2}\right\} + (1-k) \exp\left\{\frac{s_{x2}'^2 - S_{x2}^2}{s_{x2}'^2 + S_{x2}^2}\right\} \right] \quad (6.3)$$

The MSE expressions of  $t_{1d}$ ,  $t_{2d}$  and  $t_d$  are respectively given by

$$MSE(t_{1d}) = S_y^4 \left\{ \frac{1}{n} (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{040} - 1) + \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{220} - 1) \right\} \tag{6.4}$$

$$MSE(t_{2d}) = S_y^4 \left\{ \frac{1}{n} (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{004} - 1) - \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{202} - 1) \right\} \tag{6.5}$$

$$MSE(t_d)_{min} = S_y^4 \left\{ \frac{1}{n} (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{k_0^2}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{(k_0^2 - 1)}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{004} - 1) \right. \\ \left. + k_0 \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{220} - 1) + (k_0 - 1) \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{202} - 1) - \frac{k_0(k_0 - 1)}{2} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \tag{6.6}$$

where , 
$$k_0 = \frac{\{\delta_{004} + 2(\delta_{220} - 1) + \delta_{022} - 6\}}{\{\delta_{040} + \delta_{004} + 2\delta_{022} - 4\}}$$

Following Lu et al. (2014), we have proposed the following exponential cum ratio type estimator when two auxiliary attributes are available. It is assume that the population variance  $S_{x1}^2$  for the first auxiliary attribute  $X_1$  is unknown, while it is known for the second auxiliary attribute  $X_2$ . The proposed estimator  $t_N$  in case of two phase sampling will take the following form.

$$t_M = s_y^2 \exp \left[ \frac{s_p^2 - S_p^2}{s_p^2 + S_p^2} \right] \tag{6.7}$$

where,

$$s_p^2 = w_1 s_{x1}^2 + w_2 s_{x2}^2, S_p^2 = w_1 S_{x1}^2 + w_2 S_{x2}^2; w_1, w_2 \text{ are weights that satisfy the condition: } w_1 + w_2 = 1.$$

MSE of the estimator can be found using Taylor series method defined as

$$f(s_y^2, s_{x1}^2, s_{x2}^2) \cong f(S_y^2, S_{x1}^2, S_{x2}^2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial s_y^2} \Big|_{(S_y^2, S_{x1}^2, S_{x2}^2)} (s_y^2 - S_y^2) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial s_{x1}^2} \Big|_{(S_y^2, S_{x1}^2, S_{x2}^2)} (s_{x1}^2 - S_{x1}^2) \\ + \frac{\partial f}{\partial s_{x2}^2} \Big|_{(S_y^2, S_{x1}^2, S_{x2}^2)} (s_{x2}^2 - S_{x2}^2)$$

Where  $f(s_y^2, s_{x1}^2, s_{x2}^2) = t_M$

$$t_M - S_y^2 = (s_y^2 - S_y^2) - \frac{1}{2} w_1 T (s_{x1}^2 - S_{x1}^2) - \frac{1}{2} w_2 T (s_{x2}^2 - S_{x2}^2) \tag{6.8}$$

Where 
$$\frac{S_y^2}{w_1 S_{x1}^2 + w_2 S_{x2}^2} = T$$

The MSE expression of this exponential ratio-type estimator is given by

$$MSE(t_M) = E(s_y^2 - S_y^2) + \frac{1}{4} w_1^2 T^2 E(s_{x1}^2 - S_{x1}^2) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^2 T^2 E(s_{x2}^2 - S_{x2}^2) - w_1 T E(s_{x1}^2 - S_{x1}^2) (s_y^2 - S_y^2) \\ - w_2 T E(s_{x2}^2 - S_{x2}^2) (s_y^2 - S_y^2) + \frac{1}{2} w_1 w_2 T^2 E(s_{x1}^2 - S_{x1}^2) (s_{x2}^2 - S_{x2}^2) \\ = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} S_y^4 (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) w_1^2 T^2 S_{x1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{1}{4n} w_2^2 T^2 S_{x2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) \right. \\ \left. - \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) w_1 T S_{x1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) - \frac{1}{n} w_2 T S_y^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) w_1 w_2 T^2 S_{x1}^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \tag{6.9}$$

The optimum value of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are given by

$$w_1^* = \frac{U}{U + V}, w_2^* = 1 - w_1^*$$

Where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= \frac{2}{n} S_y^2 S_{x_2}^2 s_{x_1}'^4 (\delta_{202} - 1) - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{022} - 1) s_{x_1}'^2 S_y^2 S_{x_1}^2 S_{x_2}^2 - 2 \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{220} - 1) s_{x_1}'^2 S_{x_2}^2 S_{x_1}^2 S_y^2 \\
 &+ \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{040} - 1) S_{x_1}^4 S_{x_2}^2 S_y^2 \\
 V &= \frac{1}{n} (\delta_{004} - 1) s_{x_1}'^2 S_{x_2}^4 S_y^2 - \frac{2}{n} (\delta_{202} - 1) s_{x_1}'^2 S_{x_2}^4 S_y^2 - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{022} - 1) S_{x_1}^2 S_{x_2}^4 S_y^2 \\
 &+ 2 \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) S_{x_1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) S_{x_2}^4
 \end{aligned}$$

The expression for minimum MSE of estimator  $t_M$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{MSE}(t_M)_{\min} &= \left\{ \frac{1}{n} S_y^4 (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1^2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^2 T_*^2 S_{x_2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) \right. \\
 &\left. - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1 T_* S_{x_1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) - w_2 T_* S_y^2 S_{x_2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) + \frac{1}{2} w_1 w_2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^2 S_{x_2}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \quad (6.10)
 \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\frac{S_y^2}{w_1 s_{x_1}'^2 + w_2 S_{x_2}^2} = T_*$$

**Efficiency Comparison**

In this section we are comparing the minimum MSE of the proposed estimator  $t_M$  with other existing estimators. It is known that the variance of the  $s_y^2$  under SRSWOR is given by

$$V(s_y^2) = \frac{S_y^4}{n} [\delta_{400} - 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(s_y^2) - \text{MSE}(t_M)_{\min} &= \frac{S_y^4}{n} (\delta_{400} - 1) - \left\{ \frac{1}{n} S_y^4 (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1^2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^2 T_*^2 S_{x_2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) \right. \\
 &\left. - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1 T_* S_{x_1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) - w_2 T_* S_y^2 S_{x_2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) + \frac{1}{2} w_1 w_2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^2 S_{x_2}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

or,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1^2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^2 T_*^2 S_{x_2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) \geq \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1 T_* S_{x_1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) \\
 &+ w_2 T_* S_y^2 S_{x_2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) - \frac{1}{2} w_1 w_2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^2 S_{x_2}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{022} - 1) \geq 0 \quad (7.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{MSE}(t_{1d}) - \text{MSE}(t_M)_{\min} &= S_y^4 \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{040} - 1) + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{220} - 1) \right\} - \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1^2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) \right. \\
 &+ \frac{1}{4} w_2^2 T_*^2 S_{x_2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1 T_* S_{x_1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) - w_2 T_* S_y^2 S_{x_2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) \\
 &\left. + \frac{1}{2} w_1 w_2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^2 S_{x_2}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \geq 0 \quad (7.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{MSE}(t_{2d}) - \text{MSE}(t_M)_{\min} &= S_y^4 \left\{ \frac{1}{n} (\delta_{400} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{004} - 1) - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{202} - 1) \right\} \\
 &- \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1^2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{1}{4} w_2^2 T_*^2 S_{x_2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) w_1 T_* S_{x_1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta_{220} - 1) \right. \\
 &\left. - w_2 T_* S_y^2 S_{x_2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) + \frac{1}{2} w_1 w_2 T_*^2 S_{x_1}^2 S_{x_2}^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \geq 0 \quad (7.3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{MSE}(t_{d(\min)}) - \text{MSE}(t_{M(\min)}) = & S_y^4 \left\{ \frac{k_0^2}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{040} - 1) + \frac{(k_0^2 - 1)}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{004} - 1) + k_0 \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{220} - 1) \right. \\
 & + (k_0 - 1) \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{202} - 1) - \frac{k_0(k_0 - 1)}{2} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{022} - 1) \left. \right\} - \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) w_1^2 T_*^2 S_{x1}^4 (\delta_{040} - 1) \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{4} w_2^2 T_*^2 S_{x2}^4 (\delta_{004} - 1) - \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) w_1 T_* S_{x1}^2 S_y^2 (\delta - 1) - w_2 T_* S_y^2 S_{x2}^2 (\delta_{202} - 1) \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2} w_1 w_2 T_*^2 S_{x1}^2 S_{x2}^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'} \right) (\delta_{022} - 1) \right\} \geq 0 \tag{7.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

When the condition (7.1) to (7.4) are satisfied, our suggested estimator  $t_M$  is more efficient as compared to  $t_{d1}$ ,  $t_{d2}$  and  $t_d$  respectively.

**Empirical Study**

To illustrate the performance of various estimators of  $S_y^2$ , we perform our empirical study based on two given live data sets discussed above.

**Table 8.1. PRE's of various estimators w.r.t.  $S_y^2$**

Estimator	PRE	
	Population I	Population II
$S_y^2$	100.00	100.00
$t_{1d}$	86.57	86.17
$t_{2d}$	135.53	106.72
$t_{d(\min)}$	162.95	133.47
$t_{M(\min)}$	218.74	138.90

From Table 8.1, it is clear that the estimator  $t_{M(\min)}$  under optimum condition is more efficient than the other estimators discussed here. Hence for observed choice of parameter the proposed estimator  $t_{M(\min)}$  is more precise as compared to all other estimators discussed in this paper.

**Conclusion**

In this article we have proposed an estimator for population variance of study variable when information is available on two auxiliary attributes in simple random sampling without replacement (SRSWOR) and the problem was extended to the case of two phase sampling. The expression for MSE was obtained and compared with some known estimators of population variance such as usual unbiased estimator, ratio and exponential ratio cum dual to ratio usual unbiased estimator and the other existing estimators were derived. The performance of the proposed estimator was assessed using two population data sets. From table 5.1 and 8.1 it is clear that the proposed estimator  $t_N$  and  $t_M$  performs better than conventional estimator  $S_y^2$  and other estimators discussed here and it is recommended for use in practice.

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