

MTH 432M: Introduction to Sampling Theory
Assignment No. 2: Horvitz-Thompson Estimator, SRSWR(n)
and SRSWOR(n)

1. Let $\mathcal{Y} = ((X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_N, Y_N))$, $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$, $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i$ and $C_{\underline{X}, \underline{Y}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})$. Under the $SRSWR(n)$ design, find

(i) the correlation coefficient between $\hat{X}_{HT}$ and $\hat{Y}_{HT}$, the Horvitz-Thompson estimators of $X = N\bar{X}$ and $Y = N\bar{Y}$.

(ii) an unbiased estimator of $C_{\underline{X}, \underline{Y}}$.

2. Let $\mathcal{U} = (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_6)$ and $\mathcal{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_6) = (10, 21, 16, 6, 7, 11)$, where, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$, B_i is the i^{th} bank in a country and Y_i is the number non-performing loans given by i^{th} bank. Consider the sampling design defined by $\mathcal{S}' = \{\underline{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_{n(\underline{s})}) : s_i \in \{B_1, \dots, B_6\}, i = 1, \dots, n(\underline{s}), s_1 \neq s_2 \neq \dots \neq s_{n(\underline{s})}\}$ and

$$P(\underline{s}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{60}, & \text{if } n(\underline{s}) = 2 \\ \frac{1}{240}, & \text{if } n(\underline{s}) = 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Under the above design, suppose that the selected sample is (B_2, B_5, B_6) . Using Horvitz-Thompson estimator and the observed sample, estimate the total number of non-performing accounts in the population. Compute an unbiased estimate of the population variance.

3. Do the Problem 2, under the design $\mathcal{S}' = \{\underline{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_{n(\underline{s})}) : s_i \in \{B_1, \dots, B_6\}, i = 1, \dots, n(\underline{s})\}$,

$$P(\underline{s}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{72}, & \text{if } n(\underline{s}) = 2 \\ \frac{1}{432}, & \text{if } n(\underline{s}) = 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

and if the observed sample is (B_2, B_3, B_2) .

4. Let $\mathcal{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_N)$ and $\mathcal{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_N)$. A SRSWOR sample of size n is drawn from $\mathcal{U}$ and subsequently a SRSWOR subsample of size n^* is drawn from this sample. Let $\hat{\bar{Y}}^{(2)}$ denote the sample mean based on the combined sample of size $n + n^*$ and $\hat{\bar{Y}}$ is the sample mean based on all n units in original sample. Show that

(i) Show that $\hat{\bar{Y}}^{(2)}$ is an unbiased estimator of the population mean.

(ii) Let V_1 and V_2 , respectively, be the variances of $\hat{\bar{Y}}$ and $\hat{\bar{Y}}^{(2)}$. Show that

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} \approx \frac{1 + 3\frac{n^*}{n}}{(1 + \frac{n^*}{n})^2}.$$

5. Let $\mathcal{Y} = ((X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_N, Y_N))$, $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$, $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i$ and $C_{\underline{X}, \underline{Y}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})$. Under the $SRSWR(n)$ design, let $\hat{\bar{X}}^*$ and $\hat{\bar{Y}}^*$ denote the sample means of X and Y variables, respectively, based on whole sample. Let $\hat{C}_{\underline{X}, \underline{Y}} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{(i)} - \hat{\bar{X}}^*)(Y_{(i)} - \hat{\bar{Y}}^*)$, where $(X_{(i)}, Y_{(i)})$ is the i^{th} sample unit. Find

(i) the correlation coefficient between $\hat{\bar{X}}^*$ and $\hat{\bar{Y}}^*$.

(ii) $E(\hat{C}_{\underline{X}, \underline{Y}})$.

6. Let $\mathcal{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_N)$ and $\mathcal{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_N)$. Under $SRSWR(n)$, suppose that the coefficient of variance $C = \frac{S}{\bar{Y}}$ is known. Find an estimator of the type $\hat{\bar{Y}}_k = k\hat{\bar{Y}}^*$ for the population mean that has the smaller mean squared error than $\hat{\bar{Y}}^*$; here $\hat{\bar{Y}}^*$ denotes the sample mean based on full sample. Find the relative efficiency (ratio of mean squared errors) of this estimator relative to $\hat{\bar{Y}}^*$.

7. Let $\mathcal{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$ and $\mathcal{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_N)$. Suppose that we want to estimate the population proportion P of units having a given attribute.

(i) Find unbiased estimators of P under the $SRSWR(n)$ and $SRSWOR(n)$.

(ii) Compute variances of estimators derived in (i).

(iii) Construct a 95% confidence interval for P under $SRSWOR(n)$ and $SRSWOR(n)$.

8. Let $\mathcal{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$ and $\mathcal{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_N)$. Suppose that it is desired to estimate the population proportion P of units having a rare attribute. Consider a $SRSWOR$ scheme that is continued until m units possessing the rare attribute have been found. Let M be the total sample size of the sample. If fpc is ignored, show that

$$\Pr(M = n) = \binom{n-1}{m-1} P^m (1-P)^{n-m}, \quad n = m, m+1, \dots$$

Find $E[M]$ and show that $\frac{m-1}{M-1}$ is an unbiased estimator of P .

9. Under $SRSWR(n)$ note that sample mean based on the whole sample is given by

$$\hat{\bar{Y}}^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N A_i Y_i,$$

where A_i = number of times i th unit appears in the sample. Using the above representation. Find the mean and the variance of $\hat{\bar{Y}}^*$.

10. Consider $\mathcal{U} = (U_1, U_2, U_3, U_4)$ and $\mathcal{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) = (1, 6, 6, 11)$.
- (i) Find the probability distribution of the sample mean under $SRSWR(2)$. Find its mean and variance.
 - (ii) Repeat (i) under $SRSWOR(2)$.
 - (iii) Find the probability distribution of Horvitz-Thompson Estimator under $SRSWR(2)$. Find its mean and variance.
 - (iv) Compare performances of different estimators described above.
11. Under $SRSWR(n)$, let D denote the number of distinct unit in the sample. Let $\hat{\bar{Y}}^*$ denote the sample mean based on the whole sample and $\hat{\bar{Y}}^{**}$ be the sample mean based on distinct units.
- (i) Find the probability mass function of D .
 - (ii) Find $E(D)$ and $Var(D)$.
 - (iii) Show that $E\left(\frac{1}{D}\right) \geq \frac{1}{N\left(1-\left(1-\frac{1}{N}\right)^n\right)}$.
 - (iv) Show that $\hat{\bar{Y}}^*$ and $\hat{\bar{Y}}^{**}$ are unbiased estimator of $\bar{Y}$. Compare their precisions.