



AGENERALIZED CLASS OF DIFFERENCE AND REGRESSION TYPE ESTIMATORS IN DOUBLE SAMPLING FOR THE ESTIMATION OF FINITE POPULATION VARIANCE

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Abstract: A generalized estimator representing a class of difference and regression type estimators in double sampling for the estimation of finite population variance is proposed, its bias and mean square error are found, and its comparison with the usual estimator of finite population variance is made to establish the existence of some superior estimators in the proposed class in the sense of having lesser mean square error. A subclass of estimators depending upon optimum values for which the subclass attains the minimum mean square error is investigated and further a subclass of estimators depending upon estimated optimum values, attaining the same minimum mean square error of the estimator of optimum value is also searched. An empirical study too is included in support of the theoretical findings.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Auxiliary information is widely used in sampling theory at both the stages of selection as well as estimation. Various sampling schemes are designed at the selection stage by using auxiliary information while at the estimation stage it is used by formulating a variety of estimators of different population parameters in order to get increased efficiency. Various estimation procedures for the estimation of parameters such as ratio, mean, square of mean, total, variance etc., are studied and their properties are analyzed by several authors. To improve the estimation procedures over the existing ones in the sense of having lesser risk, prior information is utilized in some form or the other. In sampling theory, prior information in the form of some known parameters like mean, variance, coefficient of variation etc. of one or several auxiliary variables is extensively used in estimation procedures to develop ratio type, product type, difference type or regression type estimators.

In real life examples, difference and regression type estimators are widely used in areas like engineering sciences, biological sciences, medical sciences, geosciences, agriculture sciences, weather forecasting, sex predictions etc. as in any system in which variable quantities change, it is of interest to examine the effects that some variable exert (or appear to exert) on others. There may in fact be a simple functional relationship between variables. In case, we wish to approximate to this functional relationship by some simple mathematical function, such as a polynomial, which contains the appropriate variable and which graduates to the true function over some limited ranges of the variables involved. In this way we may be able to learn more about the underlying true relationship and to appreciate the separate and joint effects produced by changes in certain important variables.

In many surveys, information on an auxiliary variable which is highly correlated with variable under study is readily available and can be used for improving sampling design. Stratified sampling and PPS scheme are two such examples in which information on auxiliary variable is used. In situation when data on auxiliary variable for individual sampling units are not available but only the aggregate value for all the units of auxiliary variable is available, the above two schemes cannot be used. Two such methods of estimation when the aggregated data on auxiliary variable can still be used at the time of estimation of the parameters under study provided the information on auxiliary variable for the sampled units can easily be obtained are known as Ratio method of estimation and Regression method of estimation.

Though a lot of work has been done on improving upon different type of estimators of population parameters with increased efficiency using auxiliary information, some of them are ratio or product type estimators which are widely used in practice for their simplicity and easy computability, in contrast difference or regression type estimators, being laborious to compute have not been used so extensively. Hence, still there remains enough work to be done in this direction of investigating new estimators with increased efficiency in the sense of having lesser mean square error and extending them to classes and analyzing their properties.

For a first simple random sample of size n' be drawn from a population of size N without replacement and a second phase simple random sample of size n be drawn from the first phase sample of size n' without replacement. At first phase sample of size n' only the auxiliary character X is observed and at the second phase sub-sample of size n , both the study variable Y and the auxiliary character X are observed.

Let (\bar{y}, \bar{x}) be the sample means of (y, x) based on second phase sample of size n . \bar{x}' be the sample mean of the first phase n' sample values on the auxiliary character X and ρ be the population correlation coefficient between (Y, X) . Further, let

$$S_y^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2,$$

$$S_x^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

Where (Y_i, X_i) be the values on the variables (Y, X) for the i^{th} ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$) unit of a finite population of size N and $s_y^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$ based on the second phase sample observations (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) , be the conventional estimator of the population variance σ_y^2 .

Also let

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\text{and } \bar{x}' = \frac{1}{n'} \sum_{i=1}^{n'} x_i$$

We know that finite population variance of the study variable y is

$$\sigma_y^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

$$= \theta - \bar{Y}^2 \quad (1.1)$$

$$\text{where, } \theta = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i^2.$$

We can further write

$$\sigma_y^2 = \bar{Y}^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{\bar{Y}^2} - 1 \right) \quad (1.2)$$

$$\text{where, } \left(\frac{\theta}{\bar{Y}^2} - 1 \right) > 0.$$

Replacing θ and \bar{Y}^2 in (1.2) by their some consistent or unbiased estimators, we may get an alternative estimator of the population variance σ_y^2 . In particular, replacing θ by its unbiased estimator $\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$, \bar{Y}^2 by its consistent estimator \bar{y}^2 , the proposed generalized double sampling estimator for estimating population variance σ_y^2 is

$$\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 = g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}) \quad (1.3)$$

where $g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})$ satisfying the validity conditions of Taylor's series expansion and having first, second and third order partial derivatives bounded, is a bounded function of $(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})$ such that at the point $P = (\bar{Y}, \bar{X}, \bar{X}', \theta)$

$$(i) g(\bar{Y}, \bar{X}, \bar{X}', \theta) = \sigma_y^2 \quad (1.4)$$

(ii) first order partial derivative of $g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})$ with respect to \bar{y} at point P is

$$g_0 = \left. \frac{\partial g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{y}} \right|_P = -2\bar{Y} \quad (1.5)$$

$$(iii) g_1 = -g_2 \quad (1.6)$$

for first order partial derivatives

$$g_1 = \left. \frac{\partial g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{x}} \right|_P, \quad g_2 = \left. \frac{\partial g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{x}'} \right|_P \quad \text{and} \quad g_3 = \left. \frac{\partial g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \hat{\theta}} \right|_P = 1$$

$$(iv) \text{ for second order partial derivatives } g_{00} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{y}^2} \right|_P = -2 \quad (1.7)$$

$$g_{01} = -g_{02} \quad (1.8)$$

(v) for second order partial derivatives $g_{01} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{y} \partial \bar{x}} \right]_P$, $g_{02} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{y} \partial \bar{x}'} \right]_P$

$$(vi) g_{13} = -g_{23} \quad (1.9)$$

for second order partial derivatives

$$g_{13} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{x} \partial \hat{\theta}} \right]_P,$$

$$g_{23} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{x}' \partial \hat{\theta}} \right]_P,$$

$$g_{12} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{x} \partial \bar{x}'} \right]_P,$$

$$g_{22} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \bar{x}'^2} \right]_P,$$

$$g_{33} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})}{\partial \hat{\theta}^2} \right]_P$$

2. BIAS AND MEAN SQUARE ERROR (MSE) OF $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$

$$\text{Let } \mu_{rs} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^r (X_i - \bar{X})^s \quad (2.1)$$

where (Y_i, X_i) are the values on the variables (y, x) for the i^{th} ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$) unit of a finite population of size N where y and x are the study and auxiliary variables respectively. For simplicity, it is assumed that N is large enough as compared to n so that the finite population correction terms may be ignored

$$\text{Let } \bar{y} = \bar{Y} + e_0, \bar{x} = \bar{X} + e_1, \bar{x}' = \bar{X}' + e_1' \text{ and } \hat{\theta} = \theta + e_2$$

Such that,

$$E(e_0) = E(e_1) = E(e_1') = E(e_2) = 0 \quad (2.2)$$

$$E(e_0^2) = \frac{\mu_{20}}{n},$$

$$E(e_1^2) = \frac{\mu_{02}}{n},$$

$$E(e_1'^2) = \frac{\mu_{02}}{n'},$$

$$E(e_2^2) = \frac{1}{n} (\mu_{40} + 4\bar{Y}\mu_{30} + 4\bar{Y}^2\mu_{20} - \mu_{20}^2),$$

$$E(e_0 e_1) = \frac{\mu_{11}}{n},$$

$$E(e_0 e_1') = \frac{\mu_{11}}{n'},$$

$$E(e_1 e_1') = \frac{\mu_{02}}{n'},$$

$$E(e_0 e_2) = \frac{1}{n} (\mu_{30} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{20}),$$

$$E(e_1 e_2) = \frac{1}{n} (\mu_{21} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{11}),$$

$$E(e_1' e_2) = \frac{1}{n'} (\mu_{21} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{11}) \quad (2.3)$$

Expanding $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 = g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})$ about the point $P = (\bar{Y}, \bar{X}, \bar{X}', \theta)$ in third order Taylor's, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 &= g(\bar{Y}, \bar{X}, \bar{X}, \theta) + (\bar{y} - \bar{Y})g_0 + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})g_1 + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})g_2 + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_3 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2!}\{(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})^2g_{00} + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})^2g_{11} + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})^2g_{22} + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2g_{33} + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x} - \bar{X})g_{01} \\ &+ 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X})g_{02} \\ &+ 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{03} + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X})g_{12} + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{13} + 2(\bar{x}' - \bar{X})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{23}\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{3!}\{(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}} + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}} + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}'} + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\theta}}\}^3 g(\bar{y}^*, \bar{x}^*, \bar{x}'^*, \hat{\theta}^*)\end{aligned}$$

Here first, and second order partial derivatives are already defined in (1.3) to (1.10) and

$$\bar{y}^* = \bar{Y} + h(\bar{y} - \bar{Y}), \bar{x}^* = \bar{X} + h(\bar{x} - \bar{X}), \bar{x}'^* = \bar{X} + h(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}), \hat{\theta}^* = \theta + h(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \text{ for } 0 < h < 1.$$

Employing regularity conditions from (1.2) to (1.10) in (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 &= \sigma_y^2 - 2\bar{Y}(\bar{y} - \bar{Y}) + \{(\bar{x} - \bar{X}) - (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})\}g_1 + (\hat{\theta} - \theta) + \frac{1}{2!}\{-2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})^2 + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})^2g_{11} + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})^2g_{22} + \\ &(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2g_{33} + 2\{(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x} - \bar{X}) - (\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X})\}g_{01} + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{03} + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X})g_{12} + 2\{(\bar{x} - \\ &\bar{X})(\hat{\theta} - \theta) - (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)\}g_{13}\} + \frac{1}{3!}\{(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}} + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}} + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}'} + (\hat{\theta} - \\ &\theta)\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\theta}}\}^3 g(\bar{y}^*, \bar{x}^*, \bar{x}'^*, \hat{\theta}^*) \quad (2.5)\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 - \sigma_y^2) &= -2\bar{Y}(\bar{y} - \bar{Y}) + \{(\bar{x} - \bar{X}) - (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})\}g_1 + (\hat{\theta} - \theta) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2!}\{-2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})^2 + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})^2g_{11} + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})^2g_{22} + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2g_{33} \\ &+ 2\{(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x} - \bar{X}) - (\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X})\}g_{01} + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{03} + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X})g_{12} \\ &+ 2\{(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\hat{\theta} - \theta) - (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)\}g_{13}\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{3!}\{(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}} + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}} + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}'} + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\theta}}\}^3 g(\bar{y}^*, \bar{x}^*, \bar{x}'^*, \hat{\theta}^*)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 - \sigma_y^2) &= -2\bar{Y}e_0 + (e_1 - e_1')g_1 + e_2 + \frac{1}{2!}\{-2e_0^2 + e_1^2g_{11} + e_1'^2g_{22} + e_2^2g_{33} + 2(e_0e_1 - e_0e_1')g_{01} + e_0e_2g_{03} + \\ &2e_0e_1'g_{12} + 2(e_1e_2 - e_1'e_2)g_{13}\} + \frac{1}{3!}\{(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}} + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}} + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}'} + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\theta}}\}^3 g(\bar{y}^*, \bar{x}^*, \bar{x}'^*, \hat{\theta}^*) \\ &\quad (2.6)\end{aligned}$$

Taking expectation on both sides of (2.6), to the first degree of approximation and retaining terms up to order $O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}E(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 - \sigma_y^2) &= E\left\{-2\bar{Y}e_0 + (e_1 - e_1')g_1 + e_2 - e_0^2 + \frac{e_1^2g_{11}}{2} + \frac{e_1'^2g_{22}}{2} + \frac{e_2^2g_{33}}{2} + (e_0e_1 - e_0e_1')g_{01} + e_0e_2g_{03} + e_0e_1'g_{12} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (e_1e_2 - e_1'e_2)g_{13}\right\}\end{aligned}$$

or,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bias}(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2) &= \frac{-\mu_{20}}{n} + \frac{\mu_{02}}{2n}g_{11} + \frac{\mu_{02}}{2n'}g_{22} + \frac{1}{2n}\{\mu_{40} + 4\bar{Y}\mu_{30} + 4\bar{Y}^2\mu_{20} - \mu_{20}^2\}g_{33} + \left(\frac{\mu_{11}}{n} - \frac{\mu_{11}}{n'}\right)g_{01} + \frac{1}{n}(\mu_{30} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{20})g_{03} + \\ &\frac{\mu_{02}}{n'}g_{12} + \left\{\frac{1}{n}(\mu_{21} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{11}) - \frac{1}{n'}(\mu_{21} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{11})\right\}g_{13} \quad (2.7)\end{aligned}$$

Now squaring (2.6) both sides and then taking expectation, the mean square error of $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ to the first degree of approximation and retaining terms up to order $O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ is given by,

$$E(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 - \sigma_y^2)^2 = E[-2\bar{Y}e_0 + (e_1 - e'_1)g_1 + e_2]^2$$

$$E(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 - \sigma_y^2)^2 = E[4\bar{Y}^2 e_0^2 + (e_1 - e'_1)^2 g_1^2 + e_2^2 - 4\bar{Y}(e_0 e_1 - e_0 e'_1)g_1 - 4\bar{Y}e_0 e_2 + 2(e_1 e_2 - e'_1 e_2)g_1]$$

$$E(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 - \sigma_y^2)^2 = E[4\bar{Y}^2 e_0^2 + \{e_1^2 + e_1'^2 - 2e_1 e_1'\} g_1^2 + e_2^2 - 4\bar{Y}(e_0 e_1 - e_0 e'_1)g_1 - 4\bar{Y}e_0 e_2 + 2(e_1 e_2 - e'_1 e_2)g_1]$$

Employing conditions (2.2) to (2.3), the Mean Square Error of $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ becomes,

$$MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2) = \frac{4\bar{Y}^2 \mu_{20}}{n} + \frac{1}{n}(\mu_{40} + 4\bar{Y}\mu_{30} + 4\bar{Y}^2 \mu_{20} - \mu_{20}^2) + \left(\frac{\mu_{02}}{n} - \frac{\mu_{02}}{n'} - \frac{2\mu_{02}}{n'}\right) g_1^2 - 4\bar{Y} \left(\frac{\mu_{11}}{n} - \frac{\mu_{11}}{n'}\right) g_1 - \frac{4\bar{Y}}{n}(\mu_{30} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{20}) + 2 \left\{ \frac{1}{n}(\mu_{21} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{11}) - \frac{1}{n'}(\mu_{21} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{11}) \right\} g_1$$

$$MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2) = \frac{\mu_{20}^2}{n} \{\beta_{2(y)} - 1\} + \mu_{02} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) g_1^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) \{2(\mu_{21} + 2\bar{Y}\mu_{11}) - 4\bar{Y}\mu_{11}\} g_1$$

$$MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2) = \frac{\mu_{20}^2}{n} \{\beta_{2(y)} - 1\} + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) \{\mu_{02} g_1^2 + 2\mu_{21} g_1\} \quad (2.9)$$

$$MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2) = MSE(s_y^2) + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) \{\mu_{02} g_1^2 + 2\mu_{21} g_1\} \quad (2.10)$$

where, $MSE(s_y^2) = \frac{\mu_{20}^2}{n} \{\beta_{2(y)} - 1\}$ is the mean square error of the conventional usual estimator

$s_y^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2$ of the population variance σ_y^2

3.OPTIMUM AND ESTIMATED OPTIMUM VALUE

From (2.10), we can see that the value of g_1 for which $MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2)$ is minimized is given by,

$$g_{1*} = -\frac{\mu_{21}}{\mu_{02}} \quad (3.1)$$

and the minimum mean square error is

$$MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2)_{min.} = MSE(s_y^2) - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) \left(\frac{\mu_{21}^2}{\mu_{02}}\right) \quad (3.2)$$

Practically, the optimum value g_{1*} in (3.1) may not be available always, hence the alternative is to replace the parameters involved therein by their unbiased or consistent estimators and thus get the estimated optimum value.

Defining $m_{rs} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^r (x_i - \bar{X})^s$, replacing μ_{21} and μ_{02} by their estimates

$$\hat{\mu}_{21} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 (x_i - \bar{X}) \text{ and}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{20} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2, \text{ we get}$$

$$\hat{g}_{1*} = -\frac{\hat{\mu}_{21}}{\hat{\mu}_{02}} = \hat{G} \quad (3.3)$$

The generalized estimator $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ attains the minimum mean square error in (3.2) if the conditions from (1.4) to (1.10) and (3.1) are satisfied for the estimator $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$.

This means that the function $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2 = g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})$ as an estimator of σ_y^2 should not involve only $(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})$ but also g_{1*} for the condition (3.1) to be satisfied. Thus we get the resulting estimator as a function $g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, g_{1*})$ satisfying the condition (1.4) to (1.10) along with condition (3.1) to attain the minimum mean square error in (3.2). Replacing unknown g_{1*} in $g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, g_{1*})$, we get the estimator as a function $\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2 = g^*(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})$ depending upon estimated optimum value. Let $(\hat{G} - G) = e_3$, now expanding $g^*(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})$ about the point $P^* = (\bar{Y}, \bar{X}, \bar{X}', \theta, G)$ in Taylor's series, we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2 = g^*(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= g^*(P^*) + (\bar{y} - \bar{Y})g_0 + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})g_1 + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')g_2 + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_3 + (\hat{G} - G)g_4 + \frac{1}{2!}\{(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})^2g_{00} + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})^2g_{11} \\
&\quad + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')^2g_{22} + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2g_{33} + (\hat{G} - G)^2g_{44} + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x} - \bar{X})g_{01} + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')g_{02} \\
&\quad + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{03} + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\hat{G} - G)g_{04} + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')g_{12} + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{13} \\
&\quad + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\hat{G} - G)g_{14} + 2(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{23} + 2(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')(\hat{G} - G)g_{24} + 2(\hat{\theta} - \theta)(\hat{G} - G)g_{34}\} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{3!}\left\{(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}} + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}} + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}'} + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\theta}}\right. \\
&\quad \left. + (\hat{G} - G)\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{G}}\right\}^3 g^*(\bar{y}^*, \bar{x}^*, \bar{x}'^*, \hat{\theta}^*, \hat{G}^*) \tag{3.4}
\end{aligned}$$

Where $g^*(P^*) = \sigma_y^2$, $g_4 = \left. \frac{\partial g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})}{\partial \hat{G}} \right]_{P^*} = 0$, $g_{14} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})}{\partial \bar{x} \partial \hat{G}} \right]_{P^*}$, $g_{24} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})}{\partial \bar{x}' \partial \hat{G}} \right]_{P^*}$

$$g_{34} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})}{\partial \hat{\theta} \partial \hat{G}} \right]_{P^*}, g_{44} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})}{\partial \hat{G}^2} \right]_{P^*} \tag{3.5}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2 - \sigma_y^2 &= -2\bar{Y}(\bar{y} - \bar{Y}) + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})g_1 + (\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')g_2 + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_3 + (\hat{G} - G)g_4 + \frac{1}{2!}\{-2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})^2 + (\bar{x} - \bar{X})^2g_{11} + \\
&(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')^2g_{22} + (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2g_{33} + (\hat{G} - G)^2g_{44} + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x} - \bar{X})g_{01} + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')g_{02} + 2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{03} + \\
&2(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})(\hat{G} - G)g_{04} + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')g_{12} + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{13} + 2(\bar{x} - \bar{X})(\hat{G} - G)g_{14} + 2(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')(\hat{\theta} - \theta)g_{23} + \\
&2(\bar{x}' - \bar{X}')(\hat{G} - G)g_{24} + 2(\hat{\theta} - \theta)(\hat{G} - G)g_{34}\} + \dots \tag{3.6}
\end{aligned}$$

Squaring both sides of (3.6) and taking expectation, we see that the mean square error $E(\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2 - \sigma_y^2)^2 = MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2)$ to the first degree of approximation becomes equal to $MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2)_{min}$ given by (3.2) if $g_4 = \left. \frac{\partial g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})}{\partial \hat{G}} \right]_{P^*} = 0$ and thus the estimator taken as a function $\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2 = g^*(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta}, \hat{G})$ depending upon estimated optimum values attains the same minimum mean square error given by (3.2).

4. AN ILLUSTRATION

Using the data given in Cochran (1977) dealing with paralytic polio cases 'Placebo' (y) group, paralytic polio cases in 'not inoculated' (x) group, computations of required values of μ_{rs} have been done and comparison among different estimators of finite population variance is made for a simple random sample of size $n = 15$, we get,

$$\bar{Y} = 2.58, \bar{X} = 8370.6, \mu_{20} = 9.88, \mu_{02} = 7.18 * 10^7, \mu_{40} = 421.96, \mu_{21} = 93.46 * 10^3,$$

$$\mu_{11} = 19.435294 * 10^3$$

So that $MSE(s_y^2) = 21.61$ and $MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2) = MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2) = 13.422$ (4.1)

Whereas the percent relative efficiency (PRE) of the proposed estimators $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2$ over the conventional estimator s_y^2 comes out to be

$$PRE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2) = PRE(\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2) = 160.99753 \tag{4.2}$$

Which shows that the proposed estimators $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ are more efficient with high percent relative efficiency over the usual conventional estimator s_y^2 of the population variance σ_y^2 .

Comparison with other estimator

RenuChandel (1999) proposed the following estimator;

$$s_k^2 = s_y^2 + k \left[\bar{y} \frac{C_y}{s_y} - 1 \right]. \tag{4.3}$$

Considering the same data given in Cochran (1997) dealing with paralytic polio cases 'Placebo' (y) group, paralytic polio cases in 'not inoculated' (x) group, the percent relative efficiency (PRE) of the estimator s_k^2 given by (4.3) over the conventional estimator s_y^2 as calculated by Chandel comes out to be

$$PRE(s_k^2) = 130.67269. \tag{4.4}$$

which shows that the proposed estimators $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2$ are more efficient with high percent relative efficiency over the estimator s_k^2 of the population variance σ_y^2 given in (4.3).

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- (a) From (3.2), any estimator belonging to the class $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ of estimators cannot have its mean square error (to the first degree of approximation) less than

$$\frac{1}{n} [\mu_{20}^2 \{\beta_{2(y)} - 1\} - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) \frac{\mu_{21}^2}{\mu_{02}}] \quad (5.1)$$

- (b) The optimum estimator $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ in the sense of having minimum mean square error involves the function $g(\bar{y}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}', \hat{\theta})$ such that $g(\bar{Y}, \bar{X}, \bar{X}', \theta) = \sigma_y^2$ and $g_{1*} = -\frac{\mu_{21}}{\mu_{02}}$ (5.2)

- (c) The conventional estimator $s_y^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(n-1)} (y_i - \bar{y})^2$ of the population variance σ_y^2 has its mean square error

$$MSE(s_y^2) = \frac{1}{n} [\mu_{20}^2 \{\beta_{2(y)} - 1\}] \quad (5.3)$$

Further, the proposed estimators $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2$ have their mean square error

$$\frac{1}{n} [\mu_{20}^2 \{\beta_{2(y)} - 1\} - \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n'}\right) \frac{\mu_{21}^2}{\mu_{02}}] \quad (5.4)$$

From (5.3) and (5.4), it is clear that $MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2)$ and $MSE(\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2)$ is less than $MSE(s_y^2)$, showing that the proposed estimators $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2$ are more efficient than the conventional estimator s_y^2 .

- (d) An empirical study in support of theoretical findings as illustration shows that the $PRE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2) = PRE(\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2) = 160.99753$ given by (4.2) indicates that proposed generalized classes of estimators $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2$ are more efficient with high percent relative efficiency over the usual estimator s_y^2 of the population variance σ_y^2 .

- (e) A comparative study shows that the $PRE(\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2) = PRE(\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2) = 160.99753$ given by (4.2) of the proposed generalized classes of estimators $\hat{\sigma}_{gd}^2$ and $\hat{\sigma}_{gde}^2$ is greater than the $PRE(s_k^2) = 130.67269$ given by (4.4) of the estimator of population variance proposed by Chandel (1999) which implies that the proposed generalized classes of estimators are better in the sense of having lesser mean square error.

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