

## Some New Improved Classes of Estimators Using Multiple Auxiliary Information

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### Abstract

In this article, three classes of estimators are suggested to estimate the population mean for the study variable using two auxiliary variables. Some theoretical comparisons are made with commonly used estimators. The extensions of the proposed classes of estimators are proposed if more information like coefficient of variation, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis, etc. about the two auxiliary variables is available. These classes are also extended to multiple auxiliary variable case. Finally, an empirical study is included as an illustration.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

It is a common practice to use supplementary information provided by the auxiliary variables in survey sampling. This information can be used to improve the precision of the estimators. The literature describes a variety of techniques for using auxiliary information (for eg. Cochran 1977, Murthy 1967, Singh 1986, 2003, Bhushan 2013, etc.). The use of auxiliary information can increase the precision of an estimator when study variable  $y$  is highly correlated with the auxiliary variable  $x$ . It is a well-known fact that by suitably incorporating the auxiliary information, the related inferences became more and more precise and hence provide better estimation of the parameter under investigation. In large scale sample surveys, we often collect data on more than one auxiliary character and some of these may be correlated with the study variable. Olkin (1958) has used a linear combinations of estimators based on several auxiliary characters. The coefficients of the linear combination were so obtained, as to minimize the variance of the estimator. However, some authors including Rao and

Mudholkar (1967), Raj (1965), Shukla (1966), Singh (1967), Srivastava (1965) had made the use of linear combinations of several estimators based on each auxiliary character separately.

In this paper, three classes of estimators using two auxiliary variables are considered in section 2. Section 3 consists of the extension of these estimators to the case of multiple auxiliary variables. Section 4 provides a comparative study and the section 5 proposes the extensions of such estimators. Finally, section 6 gives an empirical study to show the superiority of the proposed estimators.

## 2. ESTIMATORS BASED ON TWO AUXILIARY VARIABLES

Consider a finite population of size  $N$  from which a sample of size  $n$  is drawn with the help of simple random sampling without replacement. Let  $y$  denotes the variable under study whose mean is to be estimated making the use of two auxiliary variables. It is to be assumed that the population mean is known. In this paper, we propose the following classes of estimators of population mean given by

$$T_1 = \alpha_1 \bar{y} + \beta_1 (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{X}_1) + \gamma_1 (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{X}_2) \quad (2.1)$$

$$T_2 = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_1}{\bar{X}_1} \right)^{\beta_2} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_2}{\bar{X}_2} \right)^{\gamma_2} \quad (2.2)$$

$$T_3 = \alpha_3 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}_1}{\bar{X}_1 + \beta_3 (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{X}_1)} \right) \left( \frac{\bar{X}_2}{\bar{X}_2 + \gamma_3 (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{X}_2)} \right) \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$  are the characterising scalars,  $\bar{y}$  denotes the sample mean of the study variable and  $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2$  denotes the sample means for the auxiliary variables  $x_i$  respectively. ( $i=1,2$ ). Further, it is noteworthy that these classes not only extend the work of Olkin (1958), Srivastava (1965), etc but also provides the improvement by using Searle's approach.

### Theorem 2.1

The bias and the mean square error of the estimator is considered up to the terms of order  $n^{-1}$

$$Bias(T_1) = \bar{Y} (\alpha_1 - 1) \quad (2.4)$$

$$MSE(T_1) = \left\{ \bar{Y}^2 (\alpha_1^2 \lambda C_y^2 + \alpha_1^2 + 1 - 2\alpha_1) + \beta_1^2 \bar{X}_1^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_1^2 \bar{X}_2^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 + 2\beta_1 \bar{X}_1 \bar{Y} \alpha_1 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} + 2\gamma_1 \bar{X}_2 \bar{Y} \alpha_1 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} + 2\beta_1 \gamma_1 \bar{X}_1 \bar{X}_2 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} \right\} \quad (2.5)$$

**Corollary 2.2**

The optimum values minimising the *MSE* are given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{1(opt)} &= \frac{1}{1 + \lambda C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12}^2)} \\ \beta_{1(opt)} &= \frac{-\bar{Y} C_y b_{y.1.2}}{[1 + \lambda C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12}^2)] \bar{X}_1 C_{x_1}} \\ \gamma_{1(opt)} &= \frac{-\bar{Y} C_y b_{y.2.1}}{[1 + \lambda C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12}^2)] \bar{X}_2 C_{x_2}} \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

and the minimum value of *MSE* is given by,

$$\min MSE(T_1) = \frac{\lambda \bar{Y}^2 C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12}^2)}{1 + \lambda C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12}^2)} = \bar{Y}^2 (1 - \alpha_{1(opt)}) \tag{2.7}$$

where  $b_{y.1.2}$  and  $b_{y.2.1}$  are the partial regression coefficients

and  $R_{y.12}^2$  is the multiple correlation coefficient of  $y$  on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

**Theorem 2.3**

Bias and *MSE* are given by

$$Bias(T_2) = \bar{Y} \cdot \left\{ \alpha_2 \left( \frac{1 + \beta_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} + \gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} + \beta_2 \gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2}}{+ \frac{\beta_2 (\beta_2 - 1)}{2} \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_2 (\gamma_2 - 1)}{2} \lambda C_{x_2}^2} \right) - 1 \right\} \tag{2.8}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} MSE(T_2) &= \bar{Y}^2 \cdot \left\{ \alpha_2^2 \left( \frac{1 + \lambda C_y^2 + \beta_2^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_2^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 + 4\beta_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} + 4\gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} + 4\beta_2 \gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2}}{+ \beta_2 (\beta_2 - 1) \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_2 (\gamma_2 - 1) \lambda C_{x_2}^2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2\alpha_2 \left( \frac{1 + \beta_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} + \gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} + \beta_2 \gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2}}{+ \frac{\beta_2 (\beta_2 - 1)}{2} \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_2 (\gamma_2 - 1)}{2} \lambda C_{x_2}^2} \right) + 1 \right\} \\ &= \bar{Y}^2 \cdot \{ \alpha_2^2 \cdot A_2 - 2\alpha_2 \cdot B_2 + 1 \} \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

where,

$$A_2 = \left( \frac{1 + \lambda C_y^2 + \beta_2^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_2^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 + 4\beta_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} + 4\gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2}}{+ 4\beta_2 \gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} + \beta_2 (\beta_2 - 1) \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_2 (\gamma_2 - 1) \lambda C_{x_2}^2} \right)$$

$$B_2 = \left( \begin{array}{l} 1 + \beta_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} + \gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} + \beta_2 \gamma_2 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} \\ + \frac{\beta_2 (\beta_2 - 1)}{2} \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_2 (\gamma_2 - 1)}{2} \lambda C_{x_2}^2 \end{array} \right) \quad (2.10)$$

**Corollary 2.4**

Minimum value of MSE is obtained by optimising  $\alpha_2$ . The optimum value of  $\alpha_2$  is obtained as

$$\alpha_{2(opt)} = \frac{B_2}{A_2} \quad (2.11)$$

and the minimum value of MSE is given by:

$$MSE_{\min}(T_2) = \bar{Y}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{B_2^2}{A_2} \right) \quad (2.12)$$

**Theorem 2.5**

Bias and MSE are given by

$$\begin{aligned} Bias(T_3) &= E(T_3) - \bar{Y} \\ &= \bar{Y} \left\{ \alpha_3 \cdot \left( 1 - \beta_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} - \gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} + \beta_3 \gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} + \beta_3^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_3^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 \right) - 1 \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} MSE(T_3) &= \bar{Y}^2 \cdot \left\{ \alpha_3^2 \left( \begin{array}{l} 1 + \lambda C_y^2 + \beta_3^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_3^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 - 4\beta_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} - 4\gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} \\ + 4\beta_3 \gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} + 2\beta_3^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + 2\gamma_3^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 \end{array} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2\alpha_3 \left( \begin{array}{l} 1 - \beta_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} - \gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} \\ + \beta_3 \gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} + \beta_3^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_3^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 \end{array} \right) + 1 \right\} \\ &= \bar{Y}^2 \cdot \{ \alpha_3^2 \cdot A_3 - 2\alpha_3 \cdot B_3 + 1 \} \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &= \left( \begin{array}{l} 1 + \lambda C_y^2 + \beta_3^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_3^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 - 4\beta_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} - 4\gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} \\ + 4\beta_3 \gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} + 2\beta_3^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + 2\gamma_3^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 \end{array} \right) \\ B_3 &= \left( 1 - \beta_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} - \gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} + \beta_3 \gamma_3 \lambda \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} + \beta_3^2 \lambda C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_3^2 \lambda C_{x_2}^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

**Corollary 2.6**

Optimum value of  $\alpha_3$  is obtained by minimising MSE with respect to  $\alpha_3$  as

$$\alpha_{3(opt)} = \frac{B_3}{A_3} \quad (2.16)$$

And the minimum MSE is given by

$$MSE_{\min}(T_3) = \bar{Y}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{B_3^2}{A_3} \right) \tag{2.17}$$

### 3. MULTIVARIATE EXTENSIONS FOR MORE THAN TWO AUXILIARY VARIABLES

Let there are  $k$  auxiliary variables then we can use the variables by taking a linear combination of these  $k$  estimators of the form ( ), calculated for every auxiliary variable separately, for estimating the population mean. Then the estimators for population mean will be defined as,

$$T_1^* = \alpha_1 \bar{y} + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{1i} (\bar{x}_i - \bar{X}_i) \tag{3.1}$$

$$T_2^* = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \prod_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{\bar{x}_i}{\bar{X}_i} \right)^{\beta_{2i}} \tag{3.2}$$

$$T_3^* = \alpha_3 \bar{y} \prod_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{\bar{X}_i}{\bar{X}_i + \beta_{3i} (\bar{x}_i - \bar{X}_i)} \right) \tag{3.3}$$

where  $\alpha_j, \beta_{ji} (i=1,2,\dots,k ; j=1,2,3)$  are the characterising scalars.

#### Theorem 3.1

$$Bias(T_1^*) = \bar{Y} (\alpha_1 - 1) \tag{3.4}$$

$$MSE(T_1^*) = \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\bar{Y}^2 [\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_1^2 \lambda C_y^2 + 1 - 2\alpha_1] + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{1i}^2 \bar{X}_i^2 C_{x_i}^2 \\ &+ 2\lambda \alpha_1 \bar{Y} \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{1i} \bar{X}_i \rho_{yx_i} C_y C_{x_i} + 2\lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{1i} \beta_{1j} \bar{X}_i \bar{X}_j \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{3.5}$$

#### Corollary 3.2

Minimum value of  $MSE$  is obtained by optimising the characterising scalars. The optimum values are given by  $\alpha_{1(opt)} = \frac{1}{1 + \lambda C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12\dots k}^2)}$

$$\beta_{1i(opt)} = \frac{-\bar{Y} C_y b_{yi.12\dots(i-1)}}{\bar{X}_i C_{x_i} [1 + \lambda C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12\dots k}^2)]} \tag{3.6}$$

and min  $MSE$  is obtained as

$$MSE_{\min}(T_1^*) = \frac{\lambda \bar{Y}^2 C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12\dots k}^2)}{[1 + \lambda C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12\dots k}^2)]} = \bar{Y}^2 (1 - \alpha_{1(opt)}) \tag{3.7}$$

**Theorem 3.3**

Bias and MSE of the proposed estimator are given by

$$Bias(T_2^*) = \bar{Y} \left\{ \alpha_2 \left( 1 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{2i} \rho_{y x_i} C_y C_{x_i} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\beta_{2i} (\beta_{2i} - 1)}{2} C_{x_i}^2 + \lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{2i} \beta_{2j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right) - 1 \right\} \quad (3.8)$$

$$MSE(T_2^*) = \bar{Y}^2 \left\{ \alpha_2^2 \left( 1 + \lambda C_y^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{2i}^2 C_{x_i}^2 + 4\lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{2i} \rho_{y x_i} C_y C_{x_i} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{2i} (\beta_{2i} - 1) C_{x_i}^2 + 4\lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{2i} \beta_{2j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right) \right. \\ \left. - 2\alpha_2 \left( 1 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{2i} \rho_{y x_i} C_y C_{x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\beta_{2i} (\beta_{2i} - 1)}{2} C_{x_i}^2 + \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{2i} \beta_{2j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right) + 1 \right\} \\ = \bar{Y}^2 \{ \alpha_2^2 . A_2 - 2\alpha_2 . B_2 + 1 \} \quad (3.9)$$

where

$$A_2 = \left( 1 + \lambda C_y^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{2i}^2 C_{x_i}^2 + 4\lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{2i} \rho_{y x_i} C_y C_{x_i} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{2i} (\beta_{2i} - 1) C_{x_i}^2 + 4\lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{2i} \beta_{2j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right) \\ B_2 = \left( 1 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{2i} \rho_{y x_i} C_y C_{x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\beta_{2i} (\beta_{2i} - 1)}{2} C_{x_i}^2 + \lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{2i} \beta_{2j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right) \quad (3.10)$$

**Corollary 3.4**

An optimising value of the scalar minimizing the MSE is

$$\alpha_{2(opt)} = \frac{B_2}{A_2} \quad (3.11)$$

and the minimum value of MSE is given by

$$MSE_{\min}(T_2^*) = \bar{Y}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{B_2^2}{A_2} \right) \quad (3.12)$$

**Theorem 3.5**

Bias and MSE of the proposed estimator are given by

$$Bias(T_3^*) = \bar{Y} \left\{ \alpha_3 \left( 1 - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{3i} \rho_{y x_i} C_y C_{x_i} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{3i}^2 C_{x_i}^2 + \lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{3i} \beta_{3j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right) - 1 \right\} \quad (3.13)$$

$$MSE(T_3^*) = \bar{Y}^2 \left\{ \alpha_3^2 \left( 1 + \lambda C_y^2 + 3\lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{3i}^2 C_{x_i}^2 - 4\lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{3i} \rho_{y x_i} C_y C_{x_i} + 4\lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{3i} \beta_{3j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right) \right. \\ \left. - 2\alpha_3 \left( 1 - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{3i} \rho_{y x_i} C_y C_{x_i} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{3i}^2 C_{x_i}^2 + \lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{3i} \beta_{3j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right) + 1 \right\} \\ = \bar{Y}^2 \{ \alpha_3^2 . A_3 - 2\alpha_3 . B_3 + 1 \} \quad (3.14)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_3 &= \left( 1 + \lambda C_y^2 + 3\lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{3i}^2 C_{x_i}^2 - 4\lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{3i} \rho_{yx_i} C_y C_{x_i} + 4\lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{3i} \beta_{3j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right) \\
 B_3 &= \left( 1 - \lambda \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_{3i} \rho_{yx_j} C_y C_{x_j} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{3i}^2 C_{x_i}^2 + \lambda \sum_{i \neq j=1}^k \beta_{3i} \beta_{3j} \rho_{x_i x_j} C_{x_i} C_{x_j} \right)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.15}$$

**Corollary 3.6**

MSE will be minimum for the optimum value of the characterising scalar

$$\alpha_{3(opt)} = \frac{B_3}{A_3}
 \tag{3.16}$$

and the minimum value of the MSE of the proposed estimator is given by

$$MSE_{min} (T_3^*) = \bar{Y}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{B_3^2}{A_3} \right)
 \tag{3.17}$$

**4. Efficiency comparison theorem:**

In this section a comparison of the proposed classes of estimators with some of the known estimators in terms of biases and mean square error up to order of is given. We consider the following estimators:

(a). Mean per unit estimator

It is an unbiased estimator of population mean and its variance is given by,

$$Var(\bar{y}) = \lambda \bar{Y}^2 C_y^2
 \tag{4.1}$$

(b). Ratio estimator

$$\bar{y}_R = \bar{y} \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}}$$

where  $x$  may be chosen as  $x_1$  or  $x_2$

$$Bias(\bar{y}_R) = \lambda \bar{Y} C_x (C_x - \rho_{yx} C_y)
 \tag{4.2}$$

$$MSE(\bar{y}_R) = \lambda \bar{Y}^2 (C_y^2 + C_x^2 - 2\rho_{yx} C_y C_x)
 \tag{4.3}$$

(c). Product estimator

$$\bar{y}_P = \bar{y} \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{X}}$$

$$\text{Bias}(\bar{y}_p) = \lambda \bar{Y} \rho_{yx} C_y C_x \quad (4.4)$$

$$\text{MSE}(\bar{y}_p) = \lambda \bar{Y}^2 (C_y^2 + C_x^2 + 2\rho_{yx} C_y C_x) \quad (4.5)$$

(d). If  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 1$  then the proposed classes of estimators become:

$$(i). \quad T_1^\# = \bar{y} + \beta_1 (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{X}_1) + \gamma_1 (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{X}_2)$$

$$(ii). \quad T_2^\# = \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_1}{\bar{X}_1} \right)^{\beta_2} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_2}{\bar{X}_2} \right)^{\gamma_2}$$

$$(iii). \quad T_3^\# = \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}_1}{\bar{X}_1 + \beta_3 (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{X}_1)} \right) \left( \frac{\bar{X}_2}{\bar{X}_2 + \gamma_3 (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{X}_2)} \right)$$

The biases and the mean square errors of the above estimators are given below:

$$(i). \quad \text{Bias}(T_1^\#) = 0 \quad (4.6)$$

$$\text{MSE}(T_1^\#) = \lambda \bar{Y}^2 C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12}^2) \quad (4.7)$$

$$(ii). \quad \text{Bias}(T_2^\#) = \lambda \bar{Y} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_2 \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} + \gamma_2 \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} + \beta_2 \gamma_2 \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} \\ + \frac{\beta_2 (\beta_2 - 1)}{2} C_{x_1}^2 + \frac{\gamma_2 (\gamma_2 - 1)}{2} C_{x_2}^2 \end{array} \right\} \quad (4.8)$$

$$\text{MSE}(T_2^\#) = \lambda \bar{Y}^2 C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12}^2) \quad (4.9)$$

$$(iii). \quad \text{Bias}(T_3^\#) = \lambda \bar{Y} \{ \beta_3^2 C_{x_1}^2 + \gamma_3^2 C_{x_2}^2 - \beta_3 \rho_{yx_1} C_y C_{x_1} - \gamma_3 \rho_{yx_2} C_y C_{x_2} + 2\beta_3 \gamma_3 \rho_{x_1 x_2} C_{x_1} C_{x_2} \} \quad (4.10)$$

$$\text{MSE}(T_3^\#) = \lambda \bar{Y}^2 C_y^2 (1 - R_{y.12}^2) \quad (4.11)$$

(e). The proposed classes of estimators are

$$(i). \quad T_1 = \alpha_1 \bar{y} + \beta_1 (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{X}_1) + \gamma_1 (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{X}_2)$$

$$(ii). \quad T_2 = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_1}{\bar{X}_1} \right)^{\beta_2} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_2}{\bar{X}_2} \right)^{\gamma_2}$$

$$(iii). \quad T_3 = \alpha_3 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}_1}{\bar{X}_1 + \beta_3 (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{X}_1)} \right) \left( \frac{\bar{X}_2}{\bar{X}_2 + \gamma_3 (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{X}_2)} \right)$$

Biases and MSEs can be seen from equations (2.4), (2.7), (2.8), (2.12), (2.13) and (2.17)



**5. MULTIVARIATE EXTENSIONS OF THE PROPOSED ESTIMATORS**

$$(i). T_1^{**} = \alpha_1 \bar{y} + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{1i} (\bar{x}_i^* - \bar{X}_i^*) \tag{5.1}$$

$$(ii). T_2^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \prod_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{\bar{x}_i^*}{\bar{X}_i^*} \right)^{\beta_{2i}} \tag{5.2}$$

$$(iii). T_3^{**} = \alpha_3 \bar{y} \prod_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{\bar{X}_i^*}{\bar{X}_i^* + \beta_{3i} (\bar{x}_i^* - \bar{X}_i^*)} \right) \tag{5.3}$$

where  $\bar{X}_i^* = a_i \bar{X}_i + b_i$  ;  $\bar{x}_i^* = a_i \bar{x}_i + b_i$

and  $v_i = \frac{a_i \bar{X}_i}{a_i \bar{X}_i + b_i}$  ; for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

such that  $a_i (\neq 0), b_i$  which are either known values or functions of the known parameters of the auxiliary variables  $x_i$  such as the standard deviations  $S_{x_i}$  , coefficient of variation  $C_{x_i}$  , coefficient of kurtosis  $\beta_2(x_i)$  and correlation coefficient  $\rho_{y x_i}$  of the population.  $\alpha_j, \beta_{ji} (i = 1, 2, \dots, k ; j = 1, 2, 3)$  are the characterising scalars.

The respective biases and mean square errors of the above proposed class of estimators can be obtained on the similar lines as it have been obtained for the estimators proposed in section 3.

**5.1. Some Generalized members of the proposed class of estimators  $T_2^{**}$**

In this sub-section, some members of the suggested classes of estimators are given for the case of two auxiliary variables only. As an illustration the members belonging to the classes (5.1), (5.2) and (5.3), we describe the members of the class (5.2) only. The members of the remaining (5.1) and (5.3) can be written on similar lines.

**Table 1**

| estimators $T_2^{**}$   | $a_1$ | $b_1$     | $a_2$ | $b_2$     |
|---|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| $T_{2_1}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_1}{\bar{X}_1} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_2}{\bar{X}_2} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$   | 1     | 0         | 1     | 0         |
| $T_{2_2}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_1 + C_{x_1}}{\bar{X}_1 + C_{x_1}} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_2 + C_{x_2}}{\bar{X}_2 + C_{x_2}} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$ | 1     | $C_{x_1}$ | 1     | $C_{x_2}$ |

| estimators $T_2^{**}$   | $a_1$          | $b_1$          | $a_2$          | $b_2$          |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| $T_{2_3}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\beta_2(x_1)\bar{x}_1 + C_{x_1}}{\beta_2(x_1)\bar{X}_1 + C_{x_1}} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\beta_2(x_2)\bar{x}_2 + C_{x_2}}{\beta_2(x_2)\bar{X}_2 + C_{x_2}} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$ | $\beta_2(x_1)$ | $C_{x_1}$      | $\beta_2(x_2)$ | $C_{x_2}$      |
| $T_{2_4}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{C_{x_1}\bar{x}_1 + \beta_2(x_1)}{C_{x_1}\bar{X}_1 + \beta_2(x_1)} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{C_{x_2}\bar{x}_2 + \beta_2(x_2)}{C_{x_2}\bar{X}_2 + \beta_2(x_2)} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$ | $C_x$          | $\beta_2(x_1)$ | $C_{x_2}$      | $\beta_2(x_2)$ |
| $T_{2_5}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_1 + S_{x_1}}{\bar{X}_1 + S_{x_1}} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_2 + S_{x_2}}{\bar{X}_2 + S_{x_2}} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$   | 1              | $S_{x_1}$      | 1              | $S_{x_2}$      |
| $T_{2_6}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\beta_1(x_1)\bar{x}_1 + S_{x_1}}{\beta_1(x_1)\bar{X}_1 + S_{x_1}} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\beta_1(x_2)\bar{x}_2 + S_{x_2}}{\beta_1(x_2)\bar{X}_2 + S_{x_2}} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$ | $\beta_1(x)$   | $S_{x_1}$      | $\beta_1(x_2)$ | $S_{x_2}$      |
| $T_{2_7}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\beta_2(x_1)\bar{x}_1 + S_{x_1}}{\beta_2(x_1)\bar{X}_1 + S_{x_1}} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\beta_2(x_2)\bar{x}_2 + S_{x_2}}{\beta_2(x_2)\bar{X}_2 + S_{x_2}} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$ | $\beta_2(x_1)$ | $S_{x_1}$      | $\beta_2(x_2)$ | $S_{x_2}$      |
| $T_{2_8}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_1 + \rho}{\bar{X}_1 + \rho} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_2 + \rho}{\bar{X}_2 + \rho} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$   | 1              | $\rho$         | 1              | $\rho$         |
| $T_{2_9}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_1 + \beta_2(x_1)}{\bar{X}_1 + \beta_2(x_1)} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\bar{x}_2 + \beta_2(x_2)}{\bar{X}_2 + \beta_2(x_2)} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$                             | 1              | $\beta_2(x_1)$ | 1              | $\beta_2(x_2)$ |
| $T_{2_{10}}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{C_{x_1}\bar{x}_1 + \rho}{C_{x_1}\bar{X}_1 + \rho} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{C_{x_2}\bar{x}_2 + \rho}{C_{x_2}\bar{X}_2 + \rho} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$                              | $C_{x_1}$      | $\rho$         | $C_{x_2}$      | $\rho$         |
| $T_{2_{11}}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\rho\bar{x}_1 + C_{x_1}}{\rho\bar{X}_1 + C_{x_1}} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\rho\bar{x}_2 + C_{x_2}}{\rho\bar{X}_2 + C_{x_2}} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$                              | $\rho$         | $C_{x_1}$      | $\rho$         | $C_{x_2}$      |
| $T_{2_{12}}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\beta_2(x_1)\bar{x}_1 + \rho}{\beta_2(x_1)\bar{X}_1 + \rho} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\beta_2(x_2)\bar{x}_2 + \rho}{\beta_2(x_2)\bar{X}_2 + \rho} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$          | $\beta_2(x_1)$ | $\rho$         | $\beta_2(x_2)$ | $\rho$         |
| $T_{2_{13}}^{**} = \alpha_2 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\rho\bar{x}_1 + \beta_2(x_1)}{\rho\bar{X}_1 + \beta_2(x_1)} \right)^{\beta_{21}} \left( \frac{\rho\bar{x}_2 + \beta_2(x_2)}{\rho\bar{X}_2 + \beta_2(x_2)} \right)^{\beta_{22}}$          | $\rho$         | $\beta_2(x_1)$ | $\rho$         | $\beta_2(x_2)$ |

## 6. EMPIRICAL STUDY

The comparison among these estimators is given in this section using a real data set. The data for this study is taken from [1], District Handbook of Aligarh, India. The population contains 332 villages. a simple random sample 80 villages is taken for the study. We consider the variables  $Y$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  as the number of cultivators, area of the village and number of household in the village respectively. We compute the bias and the MSE for all estimators. The following values were obtained using the whole data sets:

$$\bar{Y} = 1093.1, \quad \bar{X}_1 = 181.57, \quad \bar{X}_2 = 143.31$$

$$C_y = 0.7626, \quad C_{x_1} = 0.7684, \quad C_{x_2} = 0.7616$$

$$\rho_{yx_1} = 0.973, \quad \rho_{yx_2} = 0.862, \quad \rho_{x_1x_2} = 0.842$$

Using the above results we have calculated the MSE and PRE for all the estimators in section 2. The PRE for each estimator with respect to the sample mean of a SRS is defined as follows:

$$e(y') = \left[ \frac{MSE(\bar{y})}{MSE(y')} \right] * 100$$

where  $MSE(y')$  is the mean square error for each estimator suggested in Section 2 and  $MSE(\bar{y}) = Var(\bar{y})$  for a sample of size 80.

| Estimators  | Auxiliary variables | MSE             | Percent Relative Efficiency (PRE) |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| $\bar{y}$   | None                | 6593.042276     | 100                               |
| $\bar{y}_R$ | $x_1$               | 359.1134        | 1835.922                          |
| $\bar{y}_R$ | $x_2$               | 1817.305        | 362.7923                          |
| $\bar{y}_P$ | $x_1$               | 26214.39        | 25.15047                          |
| $\bar{y}_P$ | $x_2$               | 24520.31        | 26.88809                          |
| $T_1$       | $x_1, x_2$          | <b>309.7676</b> | <b>2128.384</b>                   |
| $T_2$       | $x_1, x_2$          | <b>309.6608</b> | <b>2129.117</b>                   |
| $T_3$       | $x_1, x_2$          | <b>309.7253</b> | <b>2128.674</b>                   |
| $T_1^\#$    | $x_1, x_2$          | <b>309.8479</b> | <b>2127.832</b>                   |
| $T_2^\#$    | $x_1, x_2$          | <b>309.8479</b> | <b>2127.832</b>                   |
| $T_3^\#$    | $x_1, x_2$          | <b>309.8479</b> | <b>2127.832</b>                   |

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