#### SOME RATIO-TYPE ESTIMATORS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the main objectives of a sample survey is the estimation of the population mean or total of a characteristic 'y' attached to the units in the population. Ratio estimators are among the most commonly used estimators of the population mean or total of 'y' utilizing an auxiliary characteristic 'x' that is positively correlated with 'y'. The precision of the regression estimator is usually higher than that of the ratio estimator but in large-scale sample surveys, the ratio estimator is frequently employed because of its simplicity. In this paper, we develop some ratio-type estimators which will be more efficient than the customary ratio estimator and/or the unbiased estimator and yet computationally comparable to the customary ratio estimator.

We shall, without loss of generality, confine ourselves to the estimation of  $\overline{Y}$ , the population mean of 'y'. Further, to simplify the discussion, we shall confine ourselves to simple random sampling and assume the population size is infinite. From a simple random sample of n pairs  $(y_i, x_i)$  we

have the unbiased estimator of Y, as

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{y}_i / n. \tag{1.1}$$

The customary ratio estimator of Y is

 $\bar{\mathbf{y}}_{\mathbf{n}} = (\bar{\mathbf{y}}/\bar{\mathbf{x}})\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{r}\bar{\mathbf{X}}$ (1.2)

where  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  is the sample mean and X is the known population mean of x, and

(1.3)

 $\mathbf{r} = \bar{\mathbf{y}}/\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ 

is the ratio estimator of the ratio  $R = \bar{Y}/\bar{X}$ . It is well known that the ratio estimator  $\bar{y}_r$ is more efficient than the unbiased estimator  $\bar{y}$ in large samples if  $\rho > C_x/(2C_y)$  where  $\rho$  is the

coefficient of correlation between y and x and C and C<sub>x</sub> are coefficients of variation of y and x <sup>y</sup> respectively. The question of choice between  $\bar{y}$ and  $\bar{y}_r$  arises when it is suspected that  $\rho(\geq 0)$  is not high and/or  $C_x \geq C_y$ . The customary procedure in such situations is to use  $\bar{y}_r$  when  $\rho \geq C_x/(2C_y)$ otherwise use  $\bar{y}$ . It is, however, desirable to develop alternative ratio-type estimators which are more efficient than  $\bar{y}_r$  as well as  $\bar{y}$  and yet computationally comparable to  $\bar{y}_r$ . The two ratiotype estimators we propose are

$$t_1 = (1-W)\bar{y} + W\bar{y}_r; W \ge 0$$
 (1.4)  
and  
 $t_2 = (1-W)\bar{y} + W r^*\bar{x}; W \ge 0$  (1.5)

where W is a constant weight to be determined and  $n^* = 2n = \frac{1}{2}(n + n)$ 

$$\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{r} - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2)$$
 (1.6)

is obtained by splitting the sample at random into two groups, each of size n/2 and  $r_j = \bar{y}_j / \bar{x}_j$ , (j=1,2),  $\bar{y}_j$  and  $\bar{x}_j$  are means of y and x respectively obtained from jth half-sample. The estimator  $t_1$  reduces to  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$  when W=0 and 1 respectively. The estimator  $t_2$  reduces to  $\bar{y}$  when W=0 and when W=1 it reduces to  $r^*\bar{X}$  which is the 'Jack-knife' ratio estimator of  $\bar{Y}$ . It may be mentioned here that by dividing the sample at random into  $g(\leq n)$ groups, each of size n/g, a more general form of the estimator  $t_2$  could be obtained as

$$t_{2g} = (1-W)\bar{y} + W[gr - \frac{g-1}{g} \sum_{j=1}^{g} r_j]\bar{x}$$

where r<sub>i</sub> is the customary ratio estimator calcu-

lated from the sample after omitting the jth group. However, in this paper we shall consider the special case of  $t_2$  given in (1.5), Srivastava (1967) proposed the estimator

$$\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{y}}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}/\bar{\mathbf{x}})^{\mathsf{m}} \tag{1.7}$$

where W is a constant weight and obtained its asymptotic variance. The estimator  $t_2$  was suggested earlier by Chakrabarty (1968). In this paper these estimators will be compared regarding the properties of bias and efficiency. In section 2, we discuss the asymptotic theory and in section 3 we give the <u>exact</u> biases and variances of these estimators under a regression model.

#### 2. ASYMPTOTIC THEORY

2.1 Biases of the estimators.

It is obvious that the estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ , and

t<sub>3</sub> are consistent but in general biased, like the ratio estimator  $\bar{y}_r$ . Now, as it is customary in

the asymptotic theory of ratio method of estimation, we shall assume that the sample size n is sufficiently large so that

$$\left|\delta_{\overline{\mathbf{X}}}\right| = \left|\frac{\overline{\mathbf{X}} - \overline{\mathbf{X}}}{\overline{\mathbf{X}}}\right| << 1$$
(2.1)

Under the above assumption, the expected value of r is given by

$$E(\mathbf{r}) = R + \frac{R}{n} (C_{\mathbf{x}}^2 - \rho C_{\mathbf{y}} C_{\mathbf{x}}) + 0(n^{-2})$$

Now, since  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are independent

$$E(r^*) = R + 0(n^-)$$

Consequently, the biases of  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are

Bias(t<sub>1</sub>) = W Bias 
$$(\bar{y}_r)$$
  
=  $\frac{W \bar{Y}}{n} (C_x^2 - \rho C_y C_x) + 0(n^{-2})$  (2.2)  
and

Bias(t<sub>2</sub>) = 0 + 0(n<sup>-2</sup>)

respectively. From Srivastava (1967), the bias  ${\tt t}_{\tt z}$  is given by

Bias(t<sub>3</sub>) = 
$$\frac{\bar{W} \bar{Y}}{n} [\frac{(W+1)}{2} C_x^2 - \rho C_y C_x] + 0(n^{-2})$$
 (2.4)

Thus, the asymptotic bias of  $t_2$  is of order  $n^{-2}$ and hence smaller than that of  $\bar{y}_r$ ,  $t_1$  and  $t_3$ 

whose biases are order  $n^{-1}$ . The bias of t, is smaller than that of  $\bar{y}_r$  for 0<W<1. We note that  $C_x^2 - \rho C_y C_x = 0$  when the regression of y on x passes through the origin. Consequently, for the important case of regression through the origin the estimators  $\bar{y}_r$  and  $t_1$  are unbiased to terms of order  $n^{-1}$  but the bias of  $t_3$  is still of order n<sup>-1</sup>. Further, substituting the formula for exact bias of  $\bar{y}_{r}$  from Hartley and Ross (1954) we get the exact bias of t<sub>1</sub> as

$$\frac{\text{Bias}(t_1) = -W \text{ Cov}(r, \bar{x})}{\frac{|\text{Bias}(t_1)|}{\sigma_t} \leq \frac{WC_x}{\sqrt{n}}}$$
(2.5)

Thus if  $\frac{WC_x}{\sqrt{\pi}} \le 0.1$ , the bias of  $t_1$  is negligible

in relation to its standard error. No such upper bound to the bias of  $t_3$  relative to its standard could be obtained.

2.2 Variances of the estimators. In deriving the variances of estimators t<sub>1</sub>,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  we consider up to terms of  $n^{-1}$  only and biases which are of order  $n^{-1}$  are neglected. Expanding r and r, by Tylor's series in terms of  ${}^{\delta}\bar{x}, {}^{\delta}\bar{y} \xrightarrow{\text{and } \delta}\bar{x}_{j}, {}^{\delta}\bar{y}_{j} (j=1,2)$  it can be shown that to terms of order  $n^{-1}$  the variances of  $t_{1}, t_{2}$  and  $t_{3}$ are identical and are given by

$$V(t_1) = V(t_2) = V(t_3) = \frac{S_2^2}{n} [1 + WK(WK - 2^{\rho})]$$
 (2.6)

where  $K = C_x/C_y$ . (2.7)

The value of W which minimizes this variance is

$$W_{ont} = \rho/K \tag{2.8}$$

The minimum variance is given by

$$V_{\min} = \frac{s_y^2}{n} (1 - \rho^2)$$
 (2.9)

which is equal to the variance of the linear regression estimator up to terms of order  $n^{-1}$ . Substituting W=1 in (2.6) we get the variance of  $\bar{y}_r$ as 2ى

$$V(\bar{y}_{r}) = \frac{y}{n} [1+K(K-2\rho)]$$
 (2.10)

The asymptotic efficiencies of  $t_1(t_2 \text{ and } t_3)$  over  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$  are given by

$$E_{1} = \frac{V(\bar{y})}{V(t_{1})} = \frac{1}{[1+WK(WK-2\rho)]}$$
(2.11)

and

$$E_{2} = \frac{V(\bar{y}_{r})}{V(t_{1})} = \frac{[1+K(K-2\rho)]}{[1+WK(WK-2\rho)]}$$
(2.12)

respectively. From (2.11) and (2.12) we get

 $E_1 \ge 1$  if  $W \le 2\rho/K$ 

and

$$E_2 \ge 1$$
 if  $(2\rho - K)/K \le W \le 1$ 

Thus the estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  are better than  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$  for a wide range of W-values. For example, if  $\rho \texttt{=.6},\; \texttt{K=1}$  and W is between 0.2 and 1 estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  are asymptotically more efficient than  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$ . The efficiencies  $E_1 \notin E_2$ of the estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  over  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$  will depend on  $\rho$ , K and the weight W. The numerical values of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  for different values of  $\rho$ , K and for W=1/4 and W=1/2 are given as percentages in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. Comparing the results in the two tables we may conclude that if a good guess of  $\rho/K$  is not available from a pilot sample survey, past data or experience (1) W=1/4 appears to be a good overall choice for  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ and  $t_3$  for low correlation (.2< $\rho$ <.4) and/or K>1.

(2.13)

(2) W=1/2 appears to be a good choice for moderate to high correlation ( $\rho$ >.4) and K>1. (3) In cases where  $\rho$ >.8 and K<1 it is preferable to use  $\bar{y}_{r}$ .

The asymptotic variance given in (2.9) of the estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  with optimum value of W=p/K is equal to the asymptotic variance of the linear regression estimator

$$\bar{y}_{lr} = \bar{y} + b(\bar{X} - \bar{x})$$
 (2.14)

where b is the sample regression coefficient. Thus these estimators with constant weights (W=1/4 or 1/2) are asymptotically no more efficient than  $\bar{y}_{lr}$ . However, if the regression of y on x is not linear, Cochran (1963) has shown that the bias in  $\bar{y}_{gr}$  is of order  $n^{-1}$  and hence it is more biased than t<sub>2</sub> whose bias is of order  $n^{-2}$ . Thus t<sub>2</sub> may be preferable to  $\bar{y}_{lr}$  in situations where freedom from bias is important. Moreover, computationally  $t_2$  is simpler than  $\bar{y}_{lr}$ .

# 3. THE EXACT THEORY

We assume the following model for the comparison of estimators:

$$y_{i} = \alpha + \beta x_{i} + u_{i}; \beta > 0$$

$$E(u_{i}|x_{i}) = 0, E[u_{i}, u_{j}|x_{i}, x_{j}) = 0$$

$$V(u_{i}|x_{i}) = n\delta \quad (\delta \text{ is a constant of order } n^{-1})(I)$$

where the variates x,/n have the gamma distribution with parameter h so that  $\bar{x}=\Sigma x_i/n$  has the gamma distribution with the parameter m=nh. This model was used by Durbin (1959), and Rao and Webster (1966) to investigate the bias in estimation of ratios, and Chakrabarty and Rao (1967) to investigate the stability of the 'Jack-Knife' variance estimor in ratio estimation. Chakrabarty (1973) has used this model to investigate the exact efficiency of the ratio estimator  $\bar{y}_r$  and

stability of the variance estimator of  $\bar{y}_r$  relative

to that of  $\bar{y}$ . He has shown that for  $\rho \ge .4$  and K<  $2\rho$  the ratio estimator is generally more efficient than the unbiased estimator  $\bar{y}$  even in small samples, and that the variance estimator of the ratio estimator is generally more stable than the variance estimator of  $\bar{y}$ . It may be noted that all our results under this model are exact for any sample size, n.

3.1 The exact biases of the estimators. In terms of the model (I) we have

$$\begin{split} \bar{y} &= \alpha + \beta \bar{x} + \bar{u} \\ E(\bar{y}) &= \alpha + \beta m = \bar{Y} \\ t_1 &= \alpha (1 - W + \frac{Wm}{\bar{x}}) + \beta [(1 - W)\bar{x} + Wm] \\ &+ \bar{u} \{(1 - W) + \frac{Wm}{\bar{x}}\} \end{split}$$
(3.1)

Consequently, the bias of  $t_1$  is

Bias(t<sub>1</sub>) = E(t<sub>1</sub>) - (
$$\alpha$$
 +  $\beta$ m)  
=  $\alpha W/(m-1)$  (3.2)  
t<sub>2</sub> =  $\alpha [(1-W)+Wm(\frac{2}{\bar{x}}-\frac{1}{2\bar{x}_1}-\frac{1}{2\bar{x}_2})]$   
+ $\beta [(1-W)\bar{x}+Wm] - \frac{Wm}{2}(\frac{\bar{u}_1}{\bar{x}_1}+\frac{\bar{u}_2}{\bar{x}_2})+\bar{u}[(1-W)+\frac{2Wm}{\bar{x}}]$   
E(t\_)= $\beta m + \alpha [1-2W/(m-1)(m-2)]$ 

$$E(t_2) = Bm + \alpha [1 - 2W/(m-1)(m-2)]$$

Thus the bias of  $t_2$  is

Bias(t<sub>2</sub>)=-2Wa/(m-1)(m-2) (3.3) t<sub>3</sub> = ( $\alpha$ + $\beta \bar{x}$ + $\bar{u}$ )m<sup>W</sup> $\bar{x}$ <sup>-W</sup> E(t<sub>3</sub>) =  $\frac{m^{W}}{\Gamma(m)}$  [ $\alpha \Gamma(m-W)$ + $\beta \Gamma(m-W+1)$ ]

Consequently, the bias of  $t_3$  is

Bias(t<sub>3</sub>)=
$$\alpha[\frac{m^{W}\Gamma(m-W)}{\Gamma(m)} - 1] + \beta[\frac{m^{W}\Gamma(m-W+1)}{\Gamma(m)} - m]$$
 (3.4)

Now, putting W=1 in either (3.2) or (3.4) we get the bias of  $\bar{y}_{\rm r}$  as

$$Bias(y_r) = \alpha/(m-1)$$
(3.5)

From (3.2) through (3.5) it can be seen that the bias of  $t_2$  is of order  $n^{-2}$  while those of  $\bar{y}_r$ ,  $t_1$  and  $t_3$  are of order  $n^{-1}$  since m=nh in our model. Also, the bias of  $t_1$  is less than the bias of  $\bar{y}_r$  if W<1. Further, for the special case of the linear regression through the origin (i.e.  $\alpha=0$  in model I.) the estimators  $\bar{y}_r$ ,  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are unbiased but  $t_3$  is still biased. A numerical evaluation of the biases of these estimators is given

in the next section.

3.2 The exact variances of the estimators. The method of obtaining exact expressions for the variances of these estimators under model I is similar to that of Rao and Webster (1966). The details of evaluating these variances, which involve some algebra, are omitted and only the final results are given here. The variance of  ${\rm t}_1$  can be shown to be

$$V(t_{1}) = \frac{W^{2}m^{2}}{(m-1)^{2}(m-2)} \alpha^{2} + (1-W)^{2}m\beta^{2} + [\frac{W^{2}m^{2}}{(m-1)(m-2)} + \frac{W(1-W)(m+1)}{(m-1)} + (1-W)]\delta - \frac{2W(1-W)m}{(m-1)} \alpha\beta \qquad (3.6)$$

Putting W=1 and W=0 in (3.6) the variance of  $\bar{y}_r$  and  $\bar{y}$  are obtained as:

$$V(\bar{y}_{r}) = \frac{m^{2}\alpha^{2}}{(m-1)^{2}(m-2)} + \frac{m^{2}\delta}{(m-1)(m-2)}$$
(3.7)  
and

$$V(\bar{y}) = \delta + \beta^2 m \qquad (3.8)$$

respectively. The variance of  $t_2$  is obtained as

$$V(t_{2}) = \frac{W^{2}m^{2}(m^{2}-6m + 17)}{(m-1)^{2}(m-2)^{2}(m-4)} \alpha^{2}$$
  
-  $\frac{2W(1-W)m(m-3)}{(m-1)(m-2)}\alpha\beta + (1-W)^{2}m\beta^{2}$   
+  $[(1-W)^{2} + \frac{W^{2}(m^{2}-7m+18)m^{2}}{(m-1)(m-2)^{2}(m-4)}$   
+  $\frac{2W(1-W)m(m-3)}{(m-1)(m-2)} \delta$  (3.9)

Finally, the variance of  $t_3$  is given by

$$m^{-2W}\Gamma^{2}(m) ]V(t_{3}) = [\Gamma(m-2W)\Gamma(m) - \Gamma^{2}(m-W)]\alpha^{2}$$
+ [\Gamma(m+2-2W)\Gamma(m) - \Gamma^{2}(m+1-W)]\beta^{2}  
+ 2[\Gamma(m+1-2W)\Gamma(m) - \Gamma(m+1-W)\Gamma(m-W)]\alpha\beta
+ [\Gamma(m-2W)\Gamma(m)]\delta (3.10)

We note that in terms of the model I

$$\alpha = \overline{Y} [(K-\rho)/K]$$
  

$$\beta = \overline{Y} [\rho/(Km)]$$
  

$$\delta = \overline{Y}^{2}[(1-\rho^{2})/(K^{2}m)] \qquad (3.11)$$
  
and  $K = C_{x}/C_{y}$ 

The exact efficiencies of  $\bar{y}_r$  and  $t_i$  (i=1,2, and 3), relative to that of  $\bar{y}$  are given by

$$E'_{r} = V(\bar{y})/MSE(\bar{y}_{r})$$
  
 $E'_{i} = V(\bar{y})/MSE(t_{i})$  i=1,2 & 3 (3.12)

Now, using (3.2) through (3.10) and substituting the values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\delta$  given by (3.11) efficiencies  $E'_r$  and  $E'_i$  (i=1,2&3) can be expressed explicitly as functions of  $K=C_x/C_y$ , m=nh,  $\rho$  and weight W. However, it is difficult to investigate analytically the efficiencies of the estimators from the resulting expressions. Therefore, we have evaluated the values of  $E'_r$  and  $E'_i$  (percentages)

for selected values of  $\rho$ , K and m and for W=1/4 and 1/2. The results are given in Tables 3 and 4 respectively. The results of Table 3 may be summarized as follows: (1) The ratio estimator  $\bar{y}_r$ is less efficient than  $\bar{y}$  for low correlation  $(\rho \le .4)$  except when  $\rho = .4$ , K<1 and m>20. (2) The estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  &  $t_3$  with W=1/4 are more efficient than both  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$  for the following values of  $\rho$ , K and m, (a)  $.2 \le \rho \le .4$ , K<1, m>16. (b)  $.2 \le \rho \le .4$ , K>1, m>32. Noting that in our model  $C_x = h^{-1/2}$  $C_{\bar{x}} = m^{-1/2}$  and n<m if h>1 we may conclude that for low correlation  $(.2 \le \rho \le .4)$ , W=1/4 appears to be a good choice for estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ , &  $t_3$  even in small samples if K<1 and in large samples only when K>1. Further, the exact efficiencies of these estimators with W=1/4 are of the same order as judged by their mean square errors.

From table 4, it can be seen that the estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  with W=1/2 are more efficient than both  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$  for  $\rho \ge .5$ ,  $.25 \le K \le 1.50$  and m>16. However, the ratio estimator  $\bar{y}_r$  is most efficient when  $\rho = .9$  and  $.5 \le K \le 1$ . Thus, W=1/2 appears to be a good choice for estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ , and  $t_3$  for moderate to high correlation ( $\rho > .4$ ), except when  $\rho = .9$  and  $.5 \le K \le 1$ . The exact efficiencies of  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  with W=1/2 are again generally of the same order. It is interesting to note that under model I the exact efficiencies of the estimators

t<sub>1</sub>, t<sub>2</sub> and t<sub>3</sub> approach the asymptotic efficiency when m=nh>32. For example when  $\rho=.4$  & K=1.0, E<sub>1</sub>=116 (table 1) & E'\_1=114, E'\_2=E'\_3=115 for m=32 (table 3).

We note from tables 3 and 4 that it is difficult to choose among the estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  on the basis of their exact mean square errors. The absolute biases of estimators  $\bar{y}_r$  and  $t_i$  relative to their mean square errors are given by

 $B_{r} = |Bias(\bar{y}_{r})| / [MSE(\bar{y}_{r})]^{1/2}$ and  $B_{i} = |Bias(t_{i})| / [MSE(t_{i})]^{1/2}, i=1,2\xi3$ 

respectively. The numerical values of  $B_r$  and  $B_i$  $(i=1,2\xi_3)$  for W=1/4 and W=1/2 are given in tables 5 and 6 respectively for selected values of m, K  $\xi \rho$ . From table 5, it can be seen that  $B_2$  is generally less than 1%; B<sub>1</sub> is slightly greater than  $B_3$  but  $B_1$  is still less than 10% for m=nh>16. The ratio estimator  $\bar{y}_r$  is generally badly biased  $(B_r > 10\%$  for  $K \ge 1$ ). From table 6, we find that  $B_2$ <1% for K<1 and for K>1,  $B_2$ <2.5% when m>16. Turning to the relative biases of  $t_1$  and  $t_3$  we find that  $B_1 < B_3$  for K<1 and  $B_1 > B_3$  for K>1. It is also interesting to note that although  $MSE(y_r) < MSE(t_i)$ for  $\rho$ =.9 and .5<K<1 (table 4), B<sub>r</sub> in this case exceeds 10% and is considerably higher than B. Thus, for  $\rho=.9$  and  $.5 \le K \le 1$ , although MSE( $y_r$ ) <  $MSE(t_i)$ , the estimators  $t_i$ 's may be preferable in situations where the freedom from bias is desirable.

It may be noted that in surveys with many strata and small samples within strata the bias of the ratio estimator relative to its standard error may be considerable if it is appropriate to use 'separate' ratio estimators (see Cochran). In such situations it may be of great advantage to use the proposed estimators  $t_i$  (i=1,2 and 3).

These estimators not only reduce the bias but also increase the precision.

In light of the above results we conclude that the three ratio-type estimators  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$ are preferable to both  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$ . The efficiencies of these estimators are the same in large samples and are practically of the same order in small samples. Computationally  $t_1$  is simplest and the bias of  $t_2$  is least.

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Table 1: Efficiencies,  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , of  $t_1$ ,  $(t_2 \text{ and } t_3)$  over  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$  for selected values of  $\rho$  and K and W = 1/4.

	K=0	.5	K=1	.0	K=1	.5	K=2	.0
ρ	E1	E <sub>2</sub>	E1	E <sub>2</sub>	E1	E2	E1	E2
.1	101	116	99	178	94	277	89	400
.2	104	109	104	166	101	268	95	400
. 3	106	101	110	153	109	257	105	400
.4	109	93	116	139	119	244	118	400
.5	112	84	123	123	131	229	133	400
.6	116	75	131	105	145	210	154	400
.7	119	65	140	84	162	187	182	400
. 8	123	55	150	63	185	157	222	400
.9	126	44	163	33	215	118	285	400

Table 2: Efficiencies,  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , of  $t_1$ ,  $(t_2 \text{ and } t_3)$  over  $\bar{y}$  and  $\bar{y}_r$ for selected values of  $\rho$  and K and W = 1/2.

	K=0	.5	K=1	.0	K=1	.5	K=2	.0
ρ	E <sub>1</sub>	E2	E <sub>1</sub>	E2	<sup>E</sup> 1	E <sub>2</sub>	E1	E2
.1	99	114	87	157	71	209	56	256
.2	104	109	95	152	79	210	62	262
.3	110	104	105	147	90	211	71	271
.4	116	99	117	141	104	213	83	283
.5	123	92	133	133	123	215	100	300
.6	-131	85	153	123	151	219	125	325
.7	140	77	182	109	195	224	167	367
.8	150	68	222	89	276	234	250	450
.9	163	57	286	57	471	259	500	700

Table 3: The exact efficiencies,  $E'_r$  and  $E'_i$ , of  $\bar{y}_r$  and  $t_i$ 

	(i=1,2,&3)	with W =	1/4,	for	selected	values	of m,	K	£	ρ
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			ρ =	.2			ρ =	.3		ρ =.4			
m	K	Er	εi	E'2	E'3	E'r	E'i	E'2	E'3	E'r	Ei	E 1	E'3
8	.50	61	95	100	99	68	98	104	102	77	101	107	105
	1.00	37	93	96	98	43	99	102	104	51	106	109	111
	1.50	21	87	88	95	24	95	93	103	28	104	103	112
16	.50	77	100	103	101	86	103	105	104	96	106	108	107
	1.00	49	99	102	101	56	105	107	107	66	111	114	113
	1.50	29	94	96	98	32	102	104	106	37	112	114	116
20	.50	81	100	103	102	90	103	106	104	100	106	109	107
	1.00	51	100	102	102	59	106	108	107	69	112	114	114
	1.50	30	96	98	98	34	104	106	107	39	114	- 115	117
32	.50	86	102	103	102	95	104	106	105	107	107	109	108
	1.00	55	102	103	103	63	107	108	108	74	114	115	115
	1.50	39	98	99	99	37	106	107	108	43	116	117	117

Table 4: The exact efficiencies,  $E'_r$  and  $E'_i$ , of  $\bar{y}_r$  and  $t_i$ (i=1,2&3) with W = 1/2, for selected values of m, K &  $\rho$ .

			ρ =	.5			ρ =	.7		ρ =.9			
m	K	E'r	E'1	E'2	E'3	E'r	E'i	<sup>E</sup> 2	E'3	E'r	<sup>E</sup> i	E'2	E'3
8	.25 .50 1.00 1.50	79 87 62 33	94 104 106 87	99 109 105 78	99 109 116 102	86 117 105 50	99 120 152 139	103 126 152 122	105 126 162 163	91 168 324 103	103 140 260 340	105 146 262 264	113 149 269 415

Table 4: (continued)

			ρ:	=.5			ρ	=.7		ρ=.9				
m	К	E'r	Ei	<sup>E</sup> 2	E'3	E'r	Ei	E'2	E'	E'r	E¦	E'2	E'3	
16	.25	100	103	108	106	111	109	114	112	123	115	120	120	
	.50	109	114	119	116	147	130	136	113	222	152	157	156	
	1.00	80	120	124	124	134	168	173	172	408	274	279	278	
	1.50	44	105	107	112	67	167	168	179	139	409	391	444	
20	. 25	104	105	109	107	117	111	115	114	130	118	121	121	
	.50	114	116	120	117	154	133	137	135	234	15 5	159	158	
	1.00	83	123	127	126	140	171	175	174	425	277	280	279	
	1.50	46	108	111	114	70	173	175	182	146	422	410	450	
32	.25	111	108	110	109	125	114	117	116	142	121	124	123	
	.50	121	119	121	120	164	136	138	138	252	158	161	160	
	1.00	89	127	129	129	150	175	177	177	453	280	283	282	
	1.50	50	114	116	118	76	181	183	187	159	441	435	458	

Table 5: The absolute values of % Bias/(MSE)<sup>1/2</sup>,  $B_r$  and  $B_i$  of  $\bar{y}_r$  and  $t_i$ (i=1,2,&3) with W = 1/4, for selected values of m, K &  $\rho$ .

			ρ	=.2			ρ	=.3			ρ	=.4	
m	K	Br	<sup>B</sup> 1	<sup>B</sup> 2	<sup>B</sup> 3	Br	<sup>B</sup> 1	<sup>B</sup> 2	<sup>B</sup> 3	Br	<sup>B</sup> 1	<sup>B</sup> 2	<sup>B</sup> <sub>3</sub>
8	.50	9.48	2.96	1.01	1.07	6.68	2.00	.69	.18	3,55	1,02	.35	.74
	1.00	19.74	7.80	2.64	3,92	18,57	7.05	2.38	3,12	17.29	6.24	2,11	2.26
	1.50	25.02	12.31	4.06	6.65	24.57	11.88	3.91	6,01	24.15	11,42	3.78	5,33
16	.50	7.03	2.00	.29	.74	4.94	1,35	.20	.10	2.62	,68	.10	.55
	1.00	14.90	5.31	.77	2.74	13,99	4.78	.69	2.16	12.99	4,22	,61	1.56
	1.50	18.56	8.42	1.22	4.67	18.22	8.10	1.17	4.21	17.91	7,77	1,12	3.72
20	.50	6.34	1.77	.20	.65	4.46	1.20	.13	.09	2.40	.61	,07	.50
	1.00	13.50	4.71	.53	2.45	12.66	4.42	.48	1.93	11.77	3.74	.42	1.39
	1.50	16.85	7.48	.84	4.17	16.54	7.12	.81	3.76	16.25	6,90	.77	3.32
32	.50	5.08	1.38	.09	.51	3,56	.93	.06	.06	1.88	.47	.03	.40
	1.00	10.86	3.68	.25	1.93	10.18	3,31	.22	1.52	9.43	2,92	.20	1.90
	1.50	13.62	5.86	.39	3.29	13.36	5.64	.38	2.96	13.12	5.40	.36	2.61

Table 6:	The absolute values of % Bias/(MSE) <sup>1/2</sup> , $B_r$ and $B_i$ of $\bar{y}_r$ and $t_i$
	(i=1,2,&3) with W = 1/2, for selected values of m, K and $\rho$ .

			ρ	=.5			ρ	=.7			ρ	=,9	
m	К	Br	<sup>B</sup> 1	<sup>B</sup> 2	<sup>B</sup> 3	Br	<sup>B</sup> 1	<sup>B</sup> 2	<sup>B</sup> 3	Br	<sup>B</sup> 1	<sup>B</sup> 2	<sup>B</sup> 3
8	. 25	8.99	4.89	1.67	5.71	16.86	9.04	3.09	9.71	25.11	13,36	4.49	13.98
	.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.29	8.75	4.42	1.51	6.62	20.97	9.57	3.25	11.73
	1.00	15.89	10.42	3.46	5.27	12.45	7.47	2.49	1.51	7.27	3,26	1.09	4.14
	1.50	23.15	18.80	5.95	12.10	22.88	19.04	5.94	10.58	24.55	22.36	6,56	9,29
16	.25	6.67	3.39	.50	4.09	12.65	6.27	.91	6,92	19.25	9,31	1.36	9,96
	.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.68	6.48	3.05	.44	4.75	15.88	6.58	,96	8.34
	1.00	11.89	7.31	1.06	3.67	9.26	5.18	.75	.96	5.38	2.21	.32	3,05
	1.50	17.64	13.65	1.96	8.62	17.42	13.79	1.98	7.46	18,79	16.17	2,26	6.35
20	.25	6.01	3.02	.34	3.67	11.44	5,59	.63	6.21	17.48	8.30	.94	8.92
	.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.51	5.85	2.71	.31	4.26	14.39	5,85	,66	7.47
	1.00	10.75	6.52	.74	3.27	8.37	4.61	.52	.83	4.85	1.96	.22	2.75
	1.50	16.00	12.25	1.38	7.71	15.80	12.38	1.38	6,67	17.06	14,50	1.59	5,64
32	.25	4.81	2.37	.16	2.91	9.19	4.39	.30	4.92	14.14	6,53	,44	7.06
	.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.21	4.68	2.12	.14	3.38	11.59	4.59	.31	5.92
	1.00	8.63	5.14	.35	2.57	6.70	3.62	.24	.64	3.88	1.53	.10	2.20
	1.50	12.92	9.74	.65	6.11	12.75	9.83	.66	5.26	13,79	11.49	.76	4,40