

# Ratio cum Median Based Modified Ratio Estimators with Known Kurtosis and Coefficient of Variation

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## Abstract

The present paper deals with some ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators for estimating the finite population mean with the linear combinations of known parameters of the auxiliary variable such as kurtosis, and Coefficient of variation. The efficiencies of the proposed estimators are assessed with that of simple random sampling without replacement (SRSWOR) sample mean and ratio estimator both by algebraically and numerically. From the numerical comparison it is observed that the proposed estimators perform better than the SRSWOR sample mean as well as the Ratio estimator.

**Keywords:** Auxiliary variable; Bias; Mean squared error; Natural population; Percentage relative efficiency; Simple random sampling.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Let the finite population with  $N$  distinct and identifiable units be represented by  $U = \{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_N\}$ . Let  $Y$  and  $X$  denote the study and auxiliary variables and are taking the values  $Y_i$  and  $X_i$  respectively measured on the population unit  $U_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . In general the purpose of any sample survey is to estimate the unknown population mean  $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i$  of the study variable by selecting a random sample of fixed size  $n$  from the population  $U$  with some desirable properties like unbiasedness, minimum variance etc. The widely used estimator is the simple random sampling without replacement (SRSWOR) sample mean which provides an unbiased estimator for the population mean in the absence of auxiliary variable. In the presence of an auxiliary variable one can always to improve the efficiency of SRSWOR sample mean by introducing Ratio estimator provided the auxiliary variable  $X$  is positively correlated with that of the study variable  $Y$ . For a more detailed discussion on ratio estimator and its related problems the readers are referred to Cochran (1977) and Murthy (1967). The efficiency of the ratio estimator can be improved further with the help of known parameters of the auxiliary variable such as, correlation coefficient, coefficient of variation, Skewness, Kurtosis, Quartiles etc. The resulting estimators are called in literature as modified ratio estimators. See for example Adepoju and Shittu (2013), Das and Tripathi (1978), Diana, Giordan and Perri (2011), Gupta and Shabbir (2008a,b), Kadilar and Cingi (2003a,b, 2004, 2005a,b, 2006a,b,c), Koyuncu (2012), Koyuncu and Kadilar (2009a,b), Shittu and Adepoju (2013), Singh and Agnihotri (2008), Singh and Tailor (2003), Sisodia and Dwivedi (1981), Subramani and Kumarapandiyam (2012a,b,c, 2013) and the references cited there in.

Recently Subramani (2013b) has introduced a new median based ratio estimator that uses the population median of the study variable  $Y$  and shown that the median based ratio estimator performs better than SRSWOR sample mean, ratio estimator and also the linear regression estimator. Later the median based ratio estimator of Subramani (2013b) has been extended and developed the median based modified ratio estimators by Subramani and Prabavathy (2014a,b,c, 2015). Recently Jayalakshmi et.al (2016) and Subramani et.al (2016) have introduced some ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators for estimation of finite population mean with known parameters of the auxiliary variable such as kurtosis, skewness, coefficient of variation and correlation coefficient and their linear combinations. In this paper an attempt is made to introduce some more ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators using some more linear combinations known parameters of the auxiliary variable such as Kurtosis, coefficient of variation.

## A. Notations

- $N$  – Population size

- $n$  – Sample size
- $f = n/N$ , Sampling fraction
- $\delta = \frac{1-f}{n}$ , finite population correction
- $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i$ , Population mean of the study variable
- $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ , SRSWOR Sample mean of the study variable (Unbiased)
- $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ , Population mean of the Auxiliary variable
- $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ , SRSWOR Sample mean of the Auxiliary variable (Unbiased)
- $S_y = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}$ , Population standard deviation of  $Y$
- $S_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$ , Population standard deviation of  $X$
- $S_{xy} = E(X - \bar{X})(Y - \bar{Y}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i Y_i - \bar{X}\bar{Y}$ , Covariance between  $X$  and  $Y$
- $C_x = \frac{S_x}{\bar{X}}$  &  $C_y = \frac{S_y}{\bar{Y}}$  – Co-efficient of variations
- $\rho = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_x S_y}$  – Co-efficient of correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$
- $\beta_{1(x)} = \frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2^2}$ , Skewness of the auxiliary variable
- $\beta_{2(x)} = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}$ , Kurtosis of the auxiliary variable, where  $\mu_r = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{X})^r$
- $Q_1$  – First (lower) quartile of the auxiliary variable
- $Q_3$  – Third (upper) quartile of the auxiliary variable
- $Q_r = Q_3 - Q_1$ , Inter-quartile range of the auxiliary variable
- $Q_d = \frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{2}$ , Semi-quartile range of the auxiliary variable
- $Q_a = \frac{Q_3 + Q_1}{2}$  – Semi-quartile average of the auxiliary variable
- $B(\cdot)$  – Bias of the estimator
- $MSE(\cdot)$  – Mean squared error of the estimator
- $V(\cdot)$  – Variance of the estimator
- $\bar{y}$  – SRSWOR Sample Mean (Unbiased)
- $\hat{Y}_R$  – Ratio Estimator (Biased)
- $\hat{Y}_i$  –  $i^{\text{th}}$  Existing modified ratio estimator of  $\bar{Y}$  (Biased)
- $\hat{Y}_{p_i}$  –  $i^{\text{th}}$  Proposed modified ratio estimator of  $\bar{Y}$  (Biased)

## B. Existing Estimators

### Simple Random Sampling without Replacement (SRSWOR)

In case of simple random sampling without replacement (SRSWOR), the sample mean  $\bar{y}_r$  is used to estimate population mean  $\bar{Y}$  which is an unbiased estimator and its variance is given below:

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

$$V(\bar{y}) = \frac{(1-f)}{n} S_y^2 \quad (2)$$

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

### Ratio Estimator for Estimation of Population Mean

In the presence of an auxiliary variable  $X$  and is positively correlated with the study variable  $Y$  the ratio estimator

$$\hat{Y}_R = \frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{x}} \bar{X} = \bar{R}\bar{X} \quad (3)$$

The mean squared error of  $\hat{Y}_R$  is given below:

$$MSE(\hat{Y}_R) = \bar{Y}^2 \{C'_{yy} + C'_{xx} - 2C'_{yx}\} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{where } C'_{yy} = \frac{V(\bar{y})}{\bar{Y}^2}, C'_{xx} = \frac{V(\bar{x})}{\bar{X}^2}, C'_{yx} = \frac{\text{Cov}(\bar{y}, \bar{x})}{\bar{X}\bar{Y}}$$

## II. PROPOSED ESTIMATORS

In this section, some more ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators with known linear combinations of the known parameters of the auxiliary variable like Kurtosis and coefficient of Variation, in line with the ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators by Srijaet. al (2018). The proposed estimators together with their mean squared errors are given below:

**Case i:** The proposed estimator with known Kurtosis  $\beta_2$  and the coefficient of variation  $C_x$  is

$$\widehat{Y}_{P_1} = \bar{y} \left\{ \alpha_1 \left( \frac{C_x M + \beta_2}{C_x m + \beta_2} \right) + \alpha_2 \left( \frac{C_x \bar{X} + \beta_2}{C_x \bar{x} + \beta_2} \right) \right\}$$

**Case ii:** The proposed estimator with known coefficient of variation  $C_x$  and the Kurtosis  $\beta_2$  is

$$\widehat{Y}_{P_2} = \bar{y} \left\{ \alpha_1 \left( \frac{\beta_2 M + C_x}{\beta_2 m + C_x} \right) + \alpha_2 \left( \frac{\beta_2 \bar{X} + C_x}{\beta_2 \bar{x} + C_x} \right) \right\}$$

**Theorem 1: In SRSWOR, ratio cum median based modified ratio estimator**

$\widehat{Y}_{P_5} = \bar{y} \left\{ \alpha_1 \left( \frac{C_x M + \beta_2}{C_x m + \beta_2} \right) + \alpha_2 \left( \frac{C_x \bar{X} + \beta_2}{C_x \bar{x} + \beta_2} \right) \right\}$  where  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$  for the known parameter  $\beta_2$  and  $C_x$  is not an unbiased estimator for its population mean  $\bar{Y}$  and its bias and MSE are respectively given as:

$$B(\widehat{Y}_{P_5}) = \bar{Y} \left\{ \alpha_1 \left( \theta_i^2 C'_{mm} - \theta_i C'_{ym} - \theta_i \frac{B(m)}{M} \right) + \alpha_2 (\varphi_i^2 C'_{xx} - \varphi_i C'_{yx}) \right\}$$

$$MSE(\widehat{Y}_{P_5}) = \bar{Y}^2 \{ C'_{yy} + \alpha_1^2 \theta_i^2 C'_{mm} + \alpha_2^2 \varphi_i^2 C'_{xx} - 2\alpha_1 \theta_i C'_{ym} - 2\alpha_2 \varphi_i C'_{yx} + 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \theta_i \varphi_i C'_{xm} \},$$

where  $\theta_i = \frac{C_x M}{C_x M + \beta_2}$ ,  $\varphi_i = \frac{C_x \bar{X}}{C_x \bar{x} + \beta_2}$

**Proof:** By replacing  $T_i = \beta_2 / C_x$  in Theorem A the proof follows.

**Theorem 2: In SRSWOR, ratio cum median based modified ratio estimator**

$\widehat{Y}_{P_6} = \bar{y} \left\{ \alpha_1 \left( \frac{\beta_1 M + C_x}{\beta_1 m + C_x} \right) + \alpha_2 \left( \frac{\beta_1 \bar{X} + C_x}{\beta_1 \bar{x} + C_x} \right) \right\}$  where  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$  for the known parameter  $C_x$  and  $\beta_2$  is not an unbiased estimator for its population mean  $\bar{Y}$  and its bias and MSE are respectively given as:

$$B(\widehat{Y}_{P_6}) = \bar{Y} \left\{ \alpha_1 \left( \theta_i^2 C'_{mm} - \theta_i C'_{ym} - \theta_i \frac{B(m)}{M} \right) + \alpha_2 (\varphi_i^2 C'_{xx} - \varphi_i C'_{yx}) \right\}$$

$$MSE(\widehat{Y}_{P_6}) = \bar{Y}^2 \{ C'_{yy} + \alpha_1^2 \theta_i^2 C'_{mm} + \alpha_2^2 \varphi_i^2 C'_{xx} - 2\alpha_1 \theta_i C'_{ym} - 2\alpha_2 \varphi_i C'_{yx} + 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \theta_i \varphi_i C'_{xm} \},$$

where  $\theta_i = \frac{\beta_2 M}{\beta_2 M + C_x}$ ,  $\varphi_i = \frac{\beta_2 \bar{X}}{\beta_2 \bar{x} + C_x}$

**Proof:** By replacing  $T_i = C_x / \beta_2$  Theorem A the proof follows.

The above proposed estimators are represented as a more generalized form as given below:

$$\widehat{Y}_{P_i} = \bar{y} \left\{ \alpha_1 \left( \frac{M + T_i}{m + T_i} \right) + \alpha_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X} + T_i}{\bar{x} + T_i} \right) \right\} \tag{5}$$

where  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2$

The MSE of proposed estimator  $\widehat{Y}_{P_i}$  is given as

$$MSE(\widehat{Y}_{P_i}) = \bar{Y}^2 \{ C'_{yy} + \alpha_1^2 \theta_i^2 C'_{mm} + \alpha_2^2 \varphi_i^2 C'_{xx} - 2\alpha_1 \theta_i C'_{ym} - 2\alpha_2 \varphi_i C'_{yx} + 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \theta_i \varphi_i C'_{xm} \} \tag{6}$$

where  $\theta_i = \frac{M}{M + T_i}$ ,  $\varphi_i = \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x} + T_i}$ ,  $C'_{xm} = \frac{Cov(\bar{x}, m)}{M\bar{X}}$ ,  $T_1 = \beta_2 / C_x$ ,  $T_2 = C_x / \beta_2$

The detailed derivation of the above expression of the mean squared error is given in Srija et.al.(2018)

## III. EFFICIENCY COMPARISON

The efficiencies of the proposed estimators are assessed with that of SRSWOR sample mean and ratio estimator in terms of variance/mean squared error. The results are as follows:

**A. Comparison with that of SRSWOR sample mean**

Comparing (6) and (2), it is noticed that the proposed estimators perform better than the SRSWOR sample mean

That is

$$MSE(\widehat{Y}_{P_i}) \leq V(\bar{y}) \text{ if } \alpha_1^2 \theta_i^2 C'_{mm} + \alpha_2^2 \varphi_i^2 C'_{xx} + 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \theta_i \varphi_i C'_{xm} \leq 2(\alpha_1 \theta_i C'_{ym} + \alpha_2 \varphi_i C'_{yx}) \tag{7}$$

**B. Comparison with that of Ratio Estimator**

Comparing (4.6) and (1.6), it is noticed that the proposed estimators perform better than the ratio estimator

That is  $MSE(\widehat{Y}_{P_i}) \leq MSE(\widehat{Y}_R)$

$$\text{if } \alpha_1^2 \theta_i^2 C'_{mm} + (\alpha_2^2 \varphi_i^2 - 1) C'_{xx} + 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \theta_i \varphi_i C'_{xm} \leq 2[\alpha_1 \theta_i C'_{ym} + (\alpha_2 \varphi_i - 1) C'_{yx}] \tag{8}$$

**C. Numerical comparison**

The efficiencies of proposed ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators with that of existing estimators SRSWOR sample mean and ratio estimator are derived algebraically in the sections 3.1 and 3.2. To support it by means of numerical comparison, data of a natural population from Singh and Chaudhary (1986, page.177) has been considered.

**D. Population Description**

X= Area under Wheat in 1971 and Y= Area under Wheat in 1974

The population parameters computed for the above population is given below:

N= 34	n= 3	$\bar{Y}= 856.4118$
$\rho = 0.4491$	M= 767.5	$\bar{X}= 208.8824$
$C_x= 0.7205$	$\beta_2=2.9123$	$\beta_1 = 0.8732$

The variance/mean squared error of the existing and proposed estimators at different values of  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are given in the following table

**Table 1: Mean Squared Errors for different values of  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$**

Existing Estimators			
SRSWOR Sample mean		$\bar{y}$	163356.41
Ratio Estimator		$\widehat{Y}_R$	155579.71
Proposed Estimators			
$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\widehat{Y}_{P_1}$	$\widehat{Y}_{P_2}$
0.1	0.9	140290.13	141921.18
0.2	0.8	129342.33	130022.10
0.3	0.7	119008.05	119626.12
0.4	0.6	110122.00	110699.32
0.5	0.5	101038.34	103206.19
0.6	0.4	97022.92	97298.00
0.7	0.3	92699.5	92734.40
0.8	0.2	89598.12	89672.14
0.9	0.1	88165.04	88300.76

From Table 1, it is observed that the proposed estimators have less mean squared errors than the SRSWOR

sample mean and ratio estimator and hence one can easily conclude that the proposed ratio cum median based

modified ratio estimators are performing better than the SRSWOR sample mean and ratio estimator for

estimating the finite population mean of the study variable. For the more clarity of assessing the performance, the

percentage relative efficiencies (PRE) of the proposed estimators with respect to the existing estimators are

obtained by using the formula  $PRE(e, p) = \frac{MSE(e)}{MSE(p)} * 100$  and are given in the following tables:

**Table 2: PRE of proposed estimators with respect to SRSWOR sample mean**

$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\hat{V}_{P_1}$	$\hat{V}_{P_2}$
0.1	0.9	116.44	115.10
0.2	0.8	126.30	125.64
0.3	0.7	137.27	136.56
0.4	0.6	148.34	147.57
0.5	0.5	161.68	158.28
0.6	0.4	168.37	167.89
0.7	0.3	176.22	176.15
0.8	0.2	182.32	182.17
0.9	0.1	185.28	185.00

**Table 3: PRE of proposed estimators with respect to Ratio Estimator**

$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\hat{V}_{P_1}$	$\hat{V}_{P_2}$
0.1	0.9	110.90	109.62
0.2	0.8	120.29	119.6
0.3	0.7	130.73	130.05
0.4	0.6	141.28	140.54
0.5	0.5	153.98	150.75
0.6	0.4	160.35	159.90
0.7	0.3	167.83	167.95
0.8	0.2	173.64	173.49
0.9	0.1	176.65	176.19

From Tables 2 and 3 it is observed that the PRE values of the proposed estimators With respect to SRSWOR sample mean and ratio estimator are greater than 100 and hence we conclude that the proposed estimators have greater efficiency.

**In fact the PREs are ranging from**

- **115.10 to 185.28 for the case of SRSWOR sample mean**
- **109.62 to 176.65for the case of ratio estimator**

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The present paper deals with some more ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators with the linear combinations of the known parameters such as Kurtosis and coefficient of variation of the auxiliary variable. The efficiencies of the proposed ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators are assessed algebraically as well as numerically with that of SRSWOR sample mean, and ratio estimator. Further it is shown from the numerical comparison that the PREs of proposed ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators with respect to the existing estimators are more than 100. Hence the proposed ratio cum median based modified ratio estimators may be recommended for the use of practical applications.

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