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## A Generalized Shrinkage-type Estimator of Population Mean in Simple Random Sampling under Conventional and Non-Conventional Measures of Auxiliary Variables

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### ABSTRACT

In this study, a generalized shrinkage-type estimator of population mean in simple random sampling has been proposed. The proposed estimator is a combination of some of the known estimators in literature with the aim of obtaining estimators with higher efficiency. Its bias and mean squared error (MSE) have been derived using Taylor series up to the first order of approximation. The optimal MSE's of the proposed class of estimators have been obtained. Theoretical comparison of the proposed shrinkage-type estimator has been also made with other existing related ratio estimators of the population mean using auxiliary information. The conditions under which the proposed shrinkage-type estimators perform better than the other existing estimators of population mean are given. Validation of results from both simulation and real data sets application reveals that the proposed shrinkage-type estimators performed better than some existing related ratio estimators considered in this work as they are having lower mean squared errors and higher percent relative efficiencies (PREs).

### 1. Introduction

In sample surveys, Auxiliary information from sampling theory is employed to improve parameter estimation and boost the estimators' efficiency. The auxiliary information is obtained from auxiliary variable which is highly positively or negatively correlated with the main variable under study, (Gupta and Yadav [1]). In

literature, the issue of estimating the population mean when an auxiliary variable is present has been extensively addressed. Some of estimation like the ratio, regression and product in literature. When there is a strong positive correlation between the study and auxiliary variables, the ratio technique of estimation performs quite well. On the other hand, if there is a high and negative correlation, the product

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technique of estimation can be successfully adopted. Regression-type estimators are preferred if the straight line does not pass through the origin (has an intercept). In sampling theory, estimation of the population parameters is of key importance and researchers have been on the search for a more efficient estimator. Thus, the sample mean, being an unbiased estimator is the most suitable estimator for estimating population mean, but it has a reasonably large sampling variance, [1]. To reduce the problem of large sampling variance, [2] proposed the ratio estimator of the population mean which ensures better efficiency than the sample mean estimator due to the incorporation of auxiliary variables. Also the product estimator introduced by [3] is more efficient than the sample mean estimator, under a negative correlation and other conditions. For detailed study of the modified ratio type estimators, latest references can be made to [2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]. However, the performance of ratio estimation could not really improve in some populations. At this point, many authors proposed estimators by using the exponential function and modified class of ratio estimation. Bahl and Tuteja [14] is the first to propose an estimator using the exponential function for the estimation of the population mean. Other authors include [10], [15], [16], [17], [18], [19], [20], [21], [22], and [23]. Their efficiencies over the regression estimator in

some cases are not statistically significant, while in some cases are significant under certain conditions and data type. The continuous search for an improved estimator of population mean in terms of accuracy, efficiency and flexibility becomes imperative.

Hence, this work seeks to propose with justifications a generalized shrinkage-type estimator of population mean under simple random sampling with one auxiliary variable, which would always be more efficient than some existing estimators or compare favourably with the best of the existing estimators to be considered in this work.

## 2. Sampling Procedure and Notations

Let  $U = \{U_1, \dots, U_N\}$  be a finite population of size  $N$  and let  $(y_i, x_i)$  be the value of the study variable  $Y$  and the auxiliary variable  $X$  on  $i^{\text{th}}$  unit  $U_i, i = 1, \dots, N$ . Let  $\bar{Y}$  and  $\bar{X}$  be population means of the study variable  $Y$  and the auxiliary variable  $X$  respectively. Let a sample of size  $(n)$  be drawn by simple random sampling without replacement (SRSWOR) based on which we obtain the means  $(\bar{x})$  and  $(\bar{y})$  for the auxiliary variable  $(X)$  and the study variable  $(Y)$ . We assume that the population mean  $\bar{X}$  and the population variance  $S_x^2$  of the auxiliary variable are known. The following notations are defined:

$C_x = S_x / \bar{X}$ , Coefficient of variation of the auxiliary variable

$C_y = S_y / \bar{Y}$ , Coefficient of variation of the study variable

$\rho = S_{xy} / S_y S_x$ , Correlation coefficient between the auxiliary and study variables

$K = \rho(C_y / C_x)$ , population constant,  $f = n/N$ , the sampling fraction

$S_x^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2 / N - 1$ , population variance of the auxiliary variable

$S_y^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2 / N - 1$ , population variance of the study variable

$S_{xy} = \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y}) / N - 1$ , population covariance between the auxiliary and study variables

$\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i / N$ , population mean of the auxiliary variable

$\bar{Y} = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i / N$ , population mean of the study variable

$\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i / n$ , sample mean of the auxiliary variable

$\bar{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i / n$ , sample mean of the study variable

$\beta_{1(X)} = \mu_3 / S^2$ , coefficient of skewness of the auxiliary variable

$\beta_{2(X)} = \mu_4 / (S_x^2)^2$ , coefficient of kurtosis of the auxiliary variable

$M_R = (X_{(1)} + X_{(N)}) / 2$ , midrange of the auxiliary variable

$T_M = (q_1 + 2q_2 + q_3) / 4$ , Trim mean of the auxiliary variable

$Q_D = (q_1 - q_3) / 2$ , Quartile deviation of the auxiliary variable

$H_L$  = the median of the auxiliary variable

$$\theta = \frac{C\bar{X}}{C\bar{X} + r}$$

$$\psi = (1-f) / n$$

### 3. Some related existing estimators with their mean squared errors

(i) The classical regression estimator is given as

$$t_6 = \bar{y} + b_{yx} (\bar{X} - \bar{x}) \quad (1)$$

Its mean squared error was obtained as

$$MSE(t_6) = \psi \bar{Y}^2 C_y^2 (1 - \rho_{yx}^2) \quad (2)$$

(ii) Yunusa *et al.* [15] suggested an estimator which is given by

$$t_7 = 2^{-1} \bar{y} \left[ \left( \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{X}} \right)^\alpha + \exp \left[ \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right] \right] \quad (3)$$

Where  $\alpha$  is a suitably chosen constant

Its mean squared error is given as

$$MSE(t_7) = \bar{Y}^2 \psi \left[ C_y^2 + \left( \frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 C_x^2 + 2 \left( \frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \rho C_y C_x \right] \quad (4)$$

(iii) Yahaya *et al.* [12] suggested an estimator which is given by

$$t_8 = \bar{y} \left[ k \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} + (1-k) \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{X}} \right] \exp \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right) \quad (5)$$

With a mean squared error of

$$MSE(t_8) = \psi \bar{Y}^2 \left[ C_y^2 + \frac{(1-4k)^2}{2} C_x^2 + (1-4k) \rho_{(y,x)} C_y C_x \right] \quad (6)$$

Where,  $K = \rho(C_y/C_x)$

(iv) Muhammad *et al.* [7] proposed an estimator which is given by

$$t_9 = \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X} + n}{\bar{x} + n} \right)^\gamma \quad (7)$$

Where  $\gamma$  is a constant

Its mean squared error is given by

$$MSE(t_9) = \psi \bar{Y}^2 \left[ C_y^2 + \gamma^2 \delta^2 C_x^2 - 2\gamma \delta \rho C_y C_x \right] \quad (8)$$

For optimal MSE,  $\gamma^{opt} = \frac{\rho C_y}{\delta C_x}$  and

$$MSE(\hat{\bar{Y}}_m)_{\min} = \bar{Y}^2 \psi C_y^2 (1 - \rho^2) \quad (9)$$

Where  $\delta = \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{X} + n}$

(v) Javid *et al.* [16] proposed an exponential ratio estimator which is given by

$$t_0 = [T_1 \bar{y} + T_2] \exp \left[ \frac{C(\bar{X} - \bar{x})}{C(\bar{X} + \bar{x}) + 2r} \right] \quad (10)$$

where,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are constants and  $C$  and  $r$  are the known conventional and nonconventional measures of the auxiliary variable. Its minimum

mean squared error is given by with optimal values of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  that is,

$$T_1^{opt} = \frac{B_i C_i - D_i E_i + B_i}{A_i B_i + B_i - E_i^2} \quad T_2^{opt} = \frac{\bar{Y} (A_i D_i - C_i E_i + D_i - E_i)}{A_i B_i + B_i - E_i^2}$$

$$MSE(t_0)_{\min} = \bar{Y}^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{(A_i D_i^2 + B_i C_i^2 - 2C_i D_i E_i + 2B_i C_i + D_i^2 - 2D_i E_i + B_i)}{(A_i B_i + B_i - E_i^2)} \right] \quad (11)$$

where,  $A_i = \psi(C_y^2 + \theta^2 C_x^2 - 2\theta C_{yx})$ ,  $B_i = 1 + \psi \theta^2 C_x^2$ ,  $C_i = \psi \left( \left( \frac{3}{8} \right) \theta^2 C_x^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \theta C_{yx} \right)$ ,

$D_i = 1 + \left( \frac{3}{8} \right) \psi \theta^2 C_x^2$ ,  $E_i = 1 + \psi (\theta^2 C_x^2 - \theta C_{yx})$

$\theta = \frac{C\bar{X}}{C\bar{X} + r}$

#### 4. The proposed generalized estimator

Following [16], a generalized shrinkage-type estimator with some modifications is proposed as

$$t_{LE} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{\alpha_1} + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{\alpha_2} \right] \exp \left\{ V \left[ \frac{C(\bar{X} - \bar{x})}{C(\bar{X} + \bar{x}) + 2r} \right] \right\} \quad (12)$$

where,  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are the minimizing constants, the values of which are to be obtained so that the resulting MSE is minimum,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  and  $V$  are the generalizing constants which are suitably chosen and 'C' and 'r' are conventional or non-conventional measures of auxiliary variables. The proposed estimator provides flexibility in producing members of the class which are

themselves estimators with desirable characteristics.

To obtain the approximate expression for the bias and mean squared error for the proposed class of estimators, we express (11) in terms of  $\ell'_x$  to the first order of approximation, assuming that,

$$\bar{x} = \bar{X} [1 + \ell_x], \text{ where, } \ell_x = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{X}}{\bar{X}}$$

$$\text{and } \bar{y} = \bar{Y} [1 + \ell_y], \text{ where, } \ell_y = \frac{\bar{y} - \bar{Y}}{\bar{Y}}$$

$$E(\ell_x) = E(\ell_y) = 0, E(\ell_x^2) = \frac{1-f}{n} C_x^2, E(\ell_y^2) = \frac{1-f}{n} C_y^2, E(\ell_y \ell_x) = \frac{1-f}{n} \rho C_y C_x = \frac{1-f}{n} K C_x^2, K = \rho(C_y/C_x)$$

Therefore, (11) is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} t_{LE} &= \gamma_1 \bar{Y} [1 + \ell_y] [1 + \ell_x]^{-\alpha_1} + \gamma_2 [1 + \ell_x]^{-\alpha_2} \exp \left\{ V \left[ \frac{C(\bar{X} - \bar{X} [1 + \ell_x])}{C(\bar{X} + \bar{X} [1 + \ell_x]) + 2r} \right] \right\} \\ t_{LE} &= \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{Y} [1 + \ell_y] \left[ 1 - \alpha_1 \ell_x + \frac{\alpha_1(\alpha_1 + 1) \ell_x^2}{2} + \dots \right] + \gamma_2 \left[ 1 - \alpha_2 \ell_x + \frac{\alpha_2(\alpha_2 + 1) \ell_x^2}{2} + \dots \right] \right] \\ &\quad \left[ 1 - \frac{V\theta \ell_x}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\theta \ell_x}{2} + \frac{\theta^2 \ell_x^2}{8} + \dots \right] + \frac{V^2 \theta^2 \ell_x^2}{8} \left[ 1 - \frac{2\theta \ell_x^2}{2} + \dots \right] + \dots \right] \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

To the first order of approximations, (13) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} t_{LE} &\approx \gamma_1 \bar{Y} - \gamma_1 \left[ \left( \frac{\bar{Y}V\theta}{2} + \bar{Y}\alpha_1 \right) \ell_x - \bar{Y}\ell_y - \left( \frac{\bar{Y}V\theta^2}{4} + \frac{\bar{Y}V^2\theta^2}{8} + \frac{\bar{Y}\alpha_1 V\theta}{2} + \frac{\bar{Y}\alpha_1(\alpha_1 + 1)}{2} \right) \ell_x^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{\bar{Y}V\theta}{2} + \bar{Y}\alpha_1 \right) \ell_y \ell_x \right] + \gamma_2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{V\theta}{2} + \alpha_2 \right) \ell_x + \left( \frac{V\theta^2}{4} + \frac{V^2\theta^2}{8} + \frac{\alpha_2 V\theta}{2} + \frac{\alpha_2(\alpha_2 + 1)}{2} \right) \ell_x^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\text{Where } \theta = \frac{C\bar{X}}{C\bar{X} + r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{LE} - \bar{Y} &= \bar{Y}(\gamma_1 - 1) - \gamma_1 \left[ \left( \frac{\bar{Y}V\theta}{2} + \bar{Y}\alpha_1 \right) \ell_x - \bar{Y}\ell_y - \left( \frac{\bar{Y}V\theta^2}{4} + \frac{\bar{Y}V^2\theta^2}{8} + \frac{\bar{Y}\alpha_1 V\theta}{2} + \frac{\bar{Y}\alpha_1(\alpha_1 + 1)}{2} \right) \ell_x^2 + \left( \frac{\bar{Y}V\theta}{2} + \bar{Y}\alpha_1 \right) \ell_y \ell_x \right] \\ &\quad + \gamma_2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{V\theta}{2} + \alpha_2 \right) \ell_x + \left( \frac{V\theta^2}{4} + \frac{V^2\theta^2}{8} + \frac{\alpha_2 V\theta}{2} + \frac{\alpha_2(\alpha_2 + 1)}{2} \right) \ell_x^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$E[t_{LE} - \bar{Y}] = \bar{Y}(\gamma_1 - 1) + \gamma_1 \bar{Y} \psi \left[ \left( \frac{V\theta^2}{4} + \frac{V^2\theta^2}{8} + \frac{\alpha_1 V\theta}{2} + \frac{\alpha_1(\alpha_1 + 1)}{2} \right) C_x^2 - \left( \frac{V\theta}{2} + \alpha_1 \right) \rho C_y C_x \right] + \gamma_2 \left[ 1 + \psi C_x^2 \left( \frac{V\theta^2}{4} + \frac{V^2\theta^2}{8} + \frac{\alpha_2 V\theta}{2} + \frac{\alpha_2(\alpha_2 + 1)}{2} \right) \right] \quad (16)$$

$$Bias(t_{LE}) = E[t_{LE} - \bar{Y}] = \bar{Y}(\gamma_1 - 1) + \gamma_1 \bar{Y} Q_3 + \gamma_2 Q_4 \quad (17)$$

Squaring both sides of (15) and taking expectation, we derive the MSE of  $t_{LE}$  as

$$MSE(t_{LE}) = E[t_{LE} - \bar{Y}]^2 = \bar{Y}^2 [\gamma_1 - 1]^2 + \gamma_1^2 \bar{Y}^2 Q_1 + \gamma_2^2 Q_2 - 2\gamma_1 \bar{Y}^2 Q_3 - 2\gamma_2 \bar{Y} Q_4 + 2\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \bar{Y} Q_5 \quad (18)$$

where,

$$Q_1 = \psi \left[ C_y^2 + \left( \frac{V\theta^2}{2} + \frac{V^2\theta^2}{2} + 2\alpha_1 V\theta + \alpha_1(2\alpha_1 + 1) \right) C_x^2 - 2(V\theta + 2\alpha_1) \rho C_y C_x \right]$$

$$Q_2 = 1 + \psi 2 \left[ \frac{V^2\theta^2}{4} + \frac{V\theta^2}{4} + \alpha_2 V\theta + \alpha_2 \left( \alpha_2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] C_x^2$$

$$Q_3 = \psi \left[ \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{2V\theta^2}{3} + \frac{V^2\theta^2}{3} + \frac{4\alpha_1 V\theta}{3} + \frac{4\alpha_1(\alpha_1 + 1)}{3} \right) C_x^2 - \frac{1}{2} (V\theta + 2\alpha_1) \rho C_y C_x \right]$$

$$Q_4 = 1 + \psi \left( \frac{V\theta^2}{4} + \frac{V^2\theta^2}{8} + \frac{\alpha_2 V\theta}{2} + \frac{\alpha_2(\alpha_2 + 1)}{2} \right) C_x^2$$

$$Q_5 = 1 + \psi \left[ \left( \frac{V\theta^2}{2} + \frac{V^2\theta^2}{2} + \alpha_1 V\theta + \alpha_2 V\theta + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 + \frac{\alpha_1(\alpha_1 + 1)}{2} + \frac{\alpha_2(\alpha_2 + 1)}{2} \right) C_x^2 - (V\theta + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \rho C_y C_x \right]$$

To obtain values of  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  that optimizes the  $MSE(t_{LE})$ , (18) is differentiated partially with respect to  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$ , and the resulting expressions equated to zero. Then, the equations are solved

simultaneously to give the optimal values of  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  as

$$\gamma_1^{opt} = \frac{Q_2 Q_3 - Q_4 Q_5 + Q_2}{Q_1 Q_2 + Q_2 - Q_5^2} \quad (19)$$

$$\gamma_2^{opt} = \frac{\bar{Y}(Q_1 Q_4 - Q_3 Q_5 + Q_4 - Q_5)}{Q_1 Q_2 + Q_2 - Q_5^2} \quad (20)$$

Substituting the optimum values of  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  into (18), we derive the minimum mean squared error of  $t_{LE}$  as

$$MSE(t_{LE})_{\min} \square \bar{Y}^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{(Q_1 Q_4^2 + Q_2 Q_3^2 - 2Q_3 Q_4 Q_5 + 2Q_2 Q_3 + Q_4^2 - 2Q_4 Q_5 + Q_2)}{Q_1 Q_2 - Q_5^2 + Q_2} \right] \quad (21)$$

Varying the values of  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2$ ,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $V$ ,  $C$  and  $r$  produces different members of the proposed class of estimators with desirable features. Some of these members are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1** Existing family of  $t_{LE}$  for distinct values of  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, V, C$  and  $r$ 

| t   | Value of parameters |            |            |            |     |     |     | Estimators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S/N | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | $\alpha_1$ | $\alpha_2$ | $V$ | $C$ | $r$ |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1   | 1                   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0   | 0   | 0   | $t_y = \bar{y}$ (the sample mean estimator)<br>$MSE(t_y) = \psi \bar{Y}^2 C_y^2$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | 0          | 0          | 1   | $C$ | $r$ | $t_0 = [\gamma_1 \bar{y} + \gamma_2] \exp \left[ \frac{C(\bar{X} - \bar{x})}{C(\bar{X} + \bar{x}) + 2r} \right]$ [Javid et al., 2021]<br>$Bias(t_0) = (T_1 - 1)\bar{Y} + T_1 \bar{Y} C_i + T_2 D_i$<br>$MSE(t_0) = (T_1 - 1)^2 \bar{Y}^2 + T_1^2 \bar{Y}^2 A_i + T_2^2 B_i - 2T_1 \bar{Y}^2 C_i - T_2 \bar{Y} D_i + 2T_1 T_2 \bar{Y} E_i$ |
| 3   | 1                   | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0   | 0   | 0   | $t_1 = \bar{y} \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}}$ [Cochran, 1940]<br>$Bias(t_1) = \psi \bar{Y} [C_x^2 - \rho C_y C_x]$<br>$MSE(t_1) = \psi \bar{Y}^2 [C_y^2 + C_x^2 - 2\rho C_y C_x]$                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4   | 1                   | 0          | -1         | 0          | 0   | 0   | 0   | $t_2 = \bar{y} \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{X}}$ [Murthy, 1964]<br>$Bias(t_2) = \psi \bar{Y} \rho C_y C_x$<br>$MSE(t_2) = \psi \bar{Y}^2 (C_y^2 + C_x^2 + 2\rho C_y C_x)$                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5   | 1                   | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1   | 1   | 0   | $t_3 = \bar{y} \exp \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right)$ [Bahl and Tuteja, 1991]<br>$Bias(t_3) = \bar{Y} \psi \left[ \frac{3C_x^2}{8} - \frac{\rho C_y C_x}{2} \right]$<br>$MSE(t_3) = \bar{Y}^2 \psi \left[ C_y^2 + \frac{C_x^2}{4} - \rho C_y C_x \right]$                                                       |
| 6   | 1                   | 0          | $-\alpha$  | 0          | 1   | 1   | 0   | $t_4 = \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{X}} \right)^\alpha \exp \left[ \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right]$ [Kadilar, 2016]<br>$MSE(t_4) = \psi \bar{Y}^2 \left( C_y^2 + \frac{C_x^2}{4} + 2\alpha \rho C_y C_x + \rho C_y C_x + \alpha^2 C_x^2 + \alpha C_x^2 \right)$                                                 |
| 7   | 1                   | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0   | 0   | 0   | $t_5 = \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^2$ [Kadilar and Cingi, 2003]<br>$Bias(t_5) = \psi \bar{Y} C_x^2 (1 - 2k)$                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

$$MSE(t_5) = \psi \bar{Y}^2 \left[ C_y^2 + 4C_x^2 (1-k) \right]$$

Table 1 indicates some members of the proposed class of estimators that already exist. That is, some existing estimators of population mean are members of the proposed generalized class of estimators

**Table 2. New members of  $t_{LE}$  for distinct values of  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, V, C$  and  $r$**

| S/N | Value of parameters |            |            |            |     |          |             | Estimators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----|----------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | $\alpha_1$ | $\alpha_2$ | $V$ | $C$      | $r$         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | -2         | 2          | 1   | 1        | 0           | $t_{LE_1} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{-2} + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^2 \right] \exp \left[ \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right]$                                 |
| 2   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | -2         | -1         | 1   | 1        | 0           | $t_{LE_2} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{-2} + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{-1} \right] \exp \left[ \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right]$                              |
| 3   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | -2         | 0          | 1   | 1        | 0           | $t_{LE_3} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{-2} + \gamma_2 \right] \exp \left[ \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right]$                                                                          |
| 4   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | 2          | 0          | 1   | 1        | 0           | $t_{LE_4} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^2 + \gamma_2 \right] \exp \left[ \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right]$                                                                             |
| 5   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | 2          | -1         | 1   | 1        | 0           | $t_{LE_5} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^2 + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{-1} \right] \exp \left[ \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right]$                                 |
| 6   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | -1         | 1          | 0   | 1        | 0           | $t_{LE_6} = \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{-1} + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)$                                                                                                                  |
| 7   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | 0          | 2          | -2  | 1        | 0           | $t_{LE_7} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^2 \right] \exp \left[ -2 \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{x}}{\bar{X} + \bar{x}} \right) \right]$                                                           |
| 8   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | -2         | 1          | 1   | $B_1(x)$ | 1           | $t_{LE_8} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{-2} + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right) \right] \exp \left[ \frac{\beta_1(x)(\bar{X} - \bar{x})}{\beta_1(x)(\bar{X} + \bar{x}) + 2} \right]$       |
| 9   | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | -2         | 2          | 1   | $T_m$    | $\rho_{yx}$ | $t_{LE_9} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{-2} + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^2 \right] \exp \left[ \frac{T_m(\bar{X} - \bar{x})}{T_m(\bar{X} + \bar{x}) + 2\rho_{yx}} \right]$          |
| 10  | $\gamma_1$          | $\gamma_2$ | -2         | 1          | 1   | $B_2(x)$ | $C_y$       | $t_{LE_{10}} = \left[ \gamma_1 \bar{y} \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right)^{-2} + \gamma_2 \left( \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{x}} \right) \right] \exp \left[ \frac{\beta_2(x)(\bar{X} - \bar{x})}{\beta_2(x)(\bar{X} + \bar{x}) + 2C_y} \right]$ |

Table 2 shows some new members derived from the proposed class of estimators. Continuous variation of the parameters produced more members of the family of the proposed generalized class of estimators of population mean under simple random sampling strategy.

## 5. Efficiency Comparison

The efficiencies of the proposed estimators can be compared with other existing estimators by establishing some conditions under which they will be more efficient than the existing ones.



Let,

$$\Delta_1 = Q_1 Q_4^2 + Q_2 Q_3^2 - 2Q_3 Q_4 Q_5 + 2Q_2 Q_3 + Q_4^2 - 2Q_4 Q_5 + Q_2$$

$$\Delta_2 = Q_1 Q_2 - Q_5^2 + Q_2$$

$$\text{then } MSE(t_{LE})_{\min} \leq \bar{Y}^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_2} \right] \quad (22)$$

**(a) Comparison with the sample mean estimator**

The proposed estimator  $t_{LE}$  is more efficient than the estimator of the sample mean if the following condition holds;

$$MSE(t_y) - MSE(t_{LE})_{\min} > 0$$

$$\left[ \psi C_y^2 - 1 + \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_2} \right] > 0 \quad (23)$$

When (23) holds, the estimator  $t_{LE}$  will be more efficient than the sample mean,  $\bar{y}$ .

**(b) Comparison with the classical ratio estimator**

The condition for the proposed estimator to be more efficient than the classical ratio estimator is defined by

$$MSE(t_1) - MSE(t_{LE})_{\min} > 0$$

$$\left[ \psi \left[ C_y^2 + C_x^2 - 2\rho C_y C_x \right] - 1 + \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_2} \right] > 0 \quad (24)$$

**(c) Comparison with the Bahl and Tuteja [14] Ratio type Exponential estimator**

$$MSE(t_3) - MSE(t_{LE})_{\min} > 0$$

The proposed estimator  $t_{LE}$  is more efficient than the Bahl and Tuteja [14] Ratio type Exponential estimator if the following condition holds;

$$\left[ \psi \left[ C_y^2 + \frac{C_x^2}{4} - \rho C_y C_x \right] - 1 + \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_2} \right] > 0 \quad (25)$$

**(d) Comparison with [10] Exponential type estimator**

$$MSE(t_4) - MSE(t_{LE})_{\min} > 0$$

The proposed estimator  $t_{LE}$  is more efficient than the Kadilar [10] Exponential type estimator if the following condition holds;

$$\left[ \psi \left[ C_y^2 + \frac{C_x^2}{4} + 2\alpha\rho C_x C_y + \rho C_x C_y + \alpha^2 C_x^2 + \alpha C_x^2 \right] - 1 + \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_2} \right] > 0 \quad (26)$$

**(e) Comparison with the [16] Exponential ratio estimator**

The proposed estimator  $t_{LE}$  is more efficient than the Javid *et al.* [16] exponential ratio estimator if the following condition holds;

$$MSE(t_0)_{\min} - MSE(t_{LE})_{\min} > 0$$

$$\left[ \frac{\Delta_{J1}}{\Delta_{J2}} - \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_2} \right] > 0 \quad (27)$$

where,

$$\Delta_{J1} = A_i D_i^2 + B_i C_i^2 - 2C_i D_i E_i + 2B_i C_i + D_i^2 - 2D_i E_i + B_i$$

$$\Delta_{J2} = A_i B_i + B_i - E_i^2$$

**(f) Comparison with [7] estimator**

$$MSE(t_9) - MSE(t_{LE})_{\min} > 0$$

The proposed estimator  $t_{LE}$  is more efficient than [7] estimator if the following condition holds;

$$\left[ \bar{Y}^2 \psi \left[ C_y^2 + \gamma^2 \delta^2 C_x^2 - 2\gamma \delta \rho C_y C_x \right] - 1 + \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_2} \right] > 0 \quad (28)$$

**(g) Comparison among members of the proposed class of Exponential ratio estimator**

The proposed class of Exponential ratio estimator  $t_{LE(i)}$  is more efficient than the proposed estimator  $t_{LE(j)}$  if the following conditions holds;

$$MSE(t_{LE(i)}) \leq MSE(t_{LE(j)})$$

$$\bar{Y}^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{\Delta_{1(i)}}{\Delta_{2(i)}} \right] \leq \bar{Y}^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{\Delta_{1(j)}}{\Delta_{2(j)}} \right] = \frac{\Delta_{1(j)}}{\Delta_{2(j)}} - \frac{\Delta_{1(i)}}{\Delta_{2(i)}} \leq 0 = d_j - d_i \leq 0 \quad (29)$$

where,

$$d_j = \frac{\Delta_{1(j)}}{\Delta_{2(j)}}, \quad d_i = \frac{\Delta_{1(i)}}{\Delta_{2(i)}}$$

Thus, for any two members of the proposed class of estimator,  $t_{LE(i)}$  and  $t_{LE(j)}$ ;  $t_{LE(i)}$  will be more efficient than  $t_{LE(j)}$  if the condition given above holds.

The empirical efficiency comparison was done by obtaining the percent relative efficiency (PRE) which is evaluated as

$$PRE = \frac{Var(t_y)}{MSE(t)} \times 100 \quad (30)$$

where,  $t = t_y, t_0, t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6, t_7, t_8, t_9, t_{LE1}, t_{LE2}, t_{LE3}, t_{LE4}, t_{LE5}, t_{LE6}, t_{LE7}, t_{LE8}, t_{LE9}, t_{LE10}$

A PRE that is greater than 100 shows an increase in efficiency of the proposed estimator, while the PRE that is less than 100 shows a decrease in efficiency of the proposed estimator.

## 6. Numerical validation

### Simulation study

To validate the theoretical results of this work, simulated data were generated. In this section, a finite population of (X, Y) with size N = 1000 was generated from a bivariate normal distribution with theoretical means of  $\mu = (5, 5)$

and covariance matrix given as  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1.4 \\ 1.4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

The steps adopted in the simulation are:

1. Select a simple random sample of sizes  $n = 50, 100, 200$  from the population of size  $N = 1000$  without replacement.
2. From step 1, compute the following;  $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{X}, \bar{Y}, S_x^2, S_y^2, S_{xy}, C_x, C_y, \rho, \beta_1(x), \beta_2(x), Q_D, T_M, M_R, H_L$ .
3. Compute the values of  $t$ .
4. Repeat the process from (3) above 10,000 times.

$$5. \text{ Find } t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10,000} t_i}{10,000}, \text{ Bias}(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10,000} (t_i - \bar{Y})}{10,000} \text{ and } MSE(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10,000} (t_i - \bar{Y})^2}{10,000}$$

Table 3: Bias, MSE and PRE values under simulation study

| Estimators    | Population N=1000 |               |                 |                |               |                 |                |               |                     |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
|               | n = 50            |               |                 | n = 100        |               |                 | n = 200        |               |                     |
|               | Bias              | MSE           | PRE             | Bias           | MSE           | PRE             | Bias           | MSE           | PRE                 |
| $t_y$         | 0                 | 0.1727        | 100             | 0              | 0.0784        | 100             | 0              | 0.0331        | 100                 |
| $t_0$         | -0.1458           | 0.1491        | 115.8283        | -0.0230        | 0.0674        | 116.3205        | 0.0007         | 0.0287        | 115.3310            |
| $t_1$         | -0.0109           | 0.1879        | 91.9110         | 0.0052         | 0.0734        | 106.7711        | -0.0081        | 0.0371        | 89.1609             |
| $t_2$         | 0.0157            | 0.3267        | 52.8563         | 0.0093         | 0.1538        | 50.9956         | -0.0071        | 0.0627        | 52.7890             |
| $t_3$         | -0.0104           | 0.1592        | 108.4646        | 0.0036         | 0.0671        | 116.8306        | -0.0091        | 0.0309        | 107.1094            |
| $t_4$         | 0.0125            | 0.5385        | 32.0710         | 0.0203         | 0.2006        | 39.0957         | -0.0001        | 0.1069        | 30.9659             |
| $t_5$         | 0.0538            | 0.6590        | 26.2038         | 0.0217         | 0.3005        | 26.0939         | -0.0016        | 0.1261        | 26.2409             |
| $t_6$         | -0.0127           | 0.1600        | 107.9042        | 0.0001         | 0.0674        | 116.3336        | -0.0098        | 0.0308        | 107.5441            |
| $t_7$         | 0.0027            | 0.1958        | 88.1902         | 0.0065         | 0.0907        | 86.4039         | -0.0081        | 0.0373        | 88.6185             |
| $t_8$         | -2.6673           | 4.3206        | 3.9969          | -2.6325        | 6.9408        | 1.1297          | -1.9471        | 3.8041        | 0.8700              |
| $t_9$         | -0.0079           | 0.1595        | 108.2817        | 0.0031         | 0.0730        | 107.4162        | -0.0098        | 0.0307        | 107.9412            |
| $t_{LE_1}$    | -0.0123           | 0.1072        | 161.1395        | -0.0004        | 0.0280        | 279.6343        | -0.0054        | 0.0202        | 163.7324            |
| $t_{LE_2}$    | -0.0306           | 0.0988        | 174.8682        | -0.0155        | 0.0547        | 143.2379        | -0.0135        | 0.0199        | 166.2996            |
| $t_{LE_3}$    | -0.0346           | 0.0289        | 596.8681        | -0.0186        | 0.0204        | 384.5054        | -0.0130        | 0.0056        | 586.9739            |
| $t_{LE_4}$    | -0.0423           | 0.1113        | 155.1854        | -0.0164        | 0.0508        | 154.4441        | -0.0113        | 0.0228        | 145.1416            |
| $t_{LE_5}$    | -0.0383           | 0.0335        | 515.2114        | -0.0175        | 0.0187        | 418.9882        | -0.0118        | 0.0067        | 495.3013            |
| $t_{LE_6}$    | <b>-0.0393</b>    | <b>0.0228</b> | <b>756.502</b>  | <b>-0.0186</b> | <b>0.0094</b> | <b>836.2972</b> | <b>-0.0127</b> | <b>0.0044</b> | <b>757.5895 ***</b> |
| $t_{LE_7}$    | <b>-0.0393</b>    | <b>0.0229</b> | <b>755.6094</b> | <b>-0.0186</b> | <b>0.0094</b> | <b>836.1604</b> | <b>-0.0127</b> | <b>0.0044</b> | <b>757.4161 **</b>  |
| $t_{LE_8}$    | <b>-0.0289</b>    | <b>0.0285</b> | <b>606.8992</b> | <b>-0.0092</b> | <b>0.0112</b> | <b>702.4782</b> | <b>-0.0104</b> | <b>0.0056</b> | <b>592.3896 *</b>   |
| $t_{LE_9}$    | -0.0124           | 0.0833        | 207.1739        | 0.0003         | 0.0272        | 287.8873        | -0.0054        | 0.0200        | 165.2757            |
| $t_{LE_{10}}$ | -0.0287           | 0.0286        | 603.1337        | -0.0091        | 0.0112        | 700.9574        | -0.0103        | 0.0056        | 586.6178            |

Table 3 shows the results of the simulation study for  $n = 50, 100$  and  $200$ . From the display of the results, it can be clearly seen that the proposed estimator  $t_{LE_6}$  performed with the greatest efficiency with PREs of 756.502, 836.2972 and 757.5895 followed by the proposed estimator  $t_{LE_7}$  which performed almost equally as  $t_{LE_6}$  with PREs of 755.6094, 836.1604 and 757.4161 and then the proposed estimator  $t_{LE_8}$  with PREs of

606.8992, 702.4782 and 592.3896 respectively in the three samples used for the simulation.

### Real data set

To examine the performance of the proposed family of ratio estimators with some of the existing estimators discussed in literature, four (4) populations from literature have been considered as given below.

**Table 4: Statistics for four natural populations**

| Parameter    | Popln. 1 | Popln. 2 | Popln. 3 | Popln. 4 |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| N            | 34       | 34       | 34       | 250      |
| n            | 20       | 10       | 20       | 89       |
| $\bar{Y}$    | 856.4117 | 856.4117 | 856.4117 | 5073.171 |
| $\bar{X}$    | 208.8823 | 199.4412 | 199.4412 | 29561.09 |
| $C_y$        | 0.8561   | 0.8561   | 0.8561   | 1.747251 |
| $C_x$        | 0.7205   | 0.7531   | 0.7531   | 2.112318 |
| $\rho_{yx}$  | 0.4491   | 0.4453   | 0.4453   | 0.807536 |
| $\beta_1(x)$ | 0.9782   | 1.1823   | 1.1823   | 4.894861 |
| $\beta_2(x)$ | 0.0978   | 1.0445   | 1.0445   | 31.8449  |
| $Q_D$        | 80.25    | 89.375   | 89.375   | 12.0     |
| $T_M$        | 162.25   | 165.562  | 165.562  | 101.0    |
| $M_R$        | 284.5    | 320.0    | 320.0    | 105.0    |
| $H_L$        | 190.0    | 184.0    | 184.0    | 98.0     |

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Population 1 | (Source: Singh and Chaudhary [24], adapted from [16]<br>Y = Area under wheat crop in acres during 1974 in 34 villages.<br>X = Area under wheat crop in acres during 1971 in 34 villages. |
| Population 2 | (Source: Singh and Chaudhary [24], adapted from [16]<br>Y = Area under wheat crop in acres during 1974 in 34 villages.<br>X = Area under wheat crop in acres during 1973 in 34 villages. |
| Population 3 | (Source: Singh and Chaudhary [24], adapted from [16]<br>Y = Area under wheat crop in acres during 1974 in 34 villages.<br>X = Area under wheat crop in acres during 1973 in 34 villages. |
| Population 4 | (Source: Ozge and Didem [25]<br>Y = Amount of oil olive produced (ton).<br>X = Number of fruits trees.                                                                                   |

**Table 5: Bias, MSE and PREs of various estimators for populations 1 and 2**

| Estimators    | Population 1  |                |                     | Population 2    |                 |                       |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|               | MSE           | Bias           | PRE                 | MSE             | Bias            | PRE                   |
| $t_y$         | 11067.09      | 0.0000         | 100                 | 37944.3         | 0.0000          | 100                   |
| $t_0$         | 910.041       | -1.0626        | 1216.1080           | 3666.981        | -4.2818         | 1034.7558             |
| $t_1$         | 5342.89       | 1.2346         | 207.1370            | 21199.04        | 7.3667          | 178.9907              |
| $t_2$         | 32468.98      | 7.9185         | 34.0851             | 113415.9        | 26.9195         | 33.4559               |
| $t_3$         | 6245.27       | -0.5268        | 177.2074            | 22230.88        | -0.6024         | 170.6828              |
| $t_4$         | 49049.07      | 1.2922         | 22.5633             | 173174          | 5.3425          | 21.9111               |
| $t_5$         | 15296.38      | -6.6839        | 72.3510             | 63180.11        | -19.5528        | 60.0574               |
| $t_6$         | 8834.96       | 0.0000         | 125.2647            | 30420.24        | 0.0000          | 124.7337              |
| $t_7$         | 1342.93       | -0.4750        | 824.1001            | 7412.827        | -0.5554         | 511.8735              |
| $t_8$         | 10581.52      | 3.588552       | 104.5888            | 34832.14        | 14.05395        | 108.9347              |
| $t_9$         | 6556.94       | -173.683       | 168.7842            | 23234.7         | -173.69         | 163.3087              |
| $t_{LE_1}$    | 531.56        | -0.6207        | 2082.0153           | 4059.44         | 4.7401          | 934.7176              |
| $t_{LE_2}$    | 293.39        | -0.3426        | 3772.2033*          | 1006.835        | -1.17564        | 3768.6711             |
| $t_{LE_3}$    | <b>116.37</b> | <b>-0.1359</b> | <b>9510.4729***</b> | <b>195.3856</b> | <b>-0.22814</b> | <b>19420.2132 ***</b> |
| $t_{LE_4}$    | 665.77        | -0.7774        | 1662.3083           | 2286.487        | -2.66985        | 1659.5021             |
| $t_{LE_5}$    | 236.57        | -0.2762        | 4678.1816**         | 689.5654        | -0.80518        | 5502.6398*            |
| $t_{LE_6}$    | 498.88        | -0.5825        | 2218.3681           | 1241.895        | -1.45011        | 3055.3549             |
| $t_{LE_7}$    | 498.88        | -0.58253       | 2218.3681           | 1241.895        | -1.45011        | 3055.3549             |
| $t_{LE_8}$    | 789.134       | -0.9214        | 1402.435            | 2174.632        | -2.5392         | 1744.86               |
| $t_{LE_9}$    | 690.924       | -0.8068        | 1601.78             | 542.105         | -0.633          | 6999.431**            |
| $t_{LE_{10}}$ | 743.436       | -0.8681        | 1488.641            | 1895.71         | -2.2136         | 2001.587              |

**Table 6: Bias, MSE and PREs of various estimators for populations 3 and 4**

| Estimators | Population 3 |         |           | Population 4 |          |          |
|------------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|
|            | MSE          | Bias    | PRE       | MSE          | Bias     | PRE      |
| $t_y$      | 11067.09     | 0.0000  | 100       | 568545.7     | 0.0000   | 100      |
| $t_0$      | 1104.853     | -1.2901 | 1001.6799 | 188388.4     | -37.1343 | 301.7944 |
| $t_1$      | 6183.054     | 2.1486  | 178.9907  | 1098714      | 134.1484 | 51.7465  |
| $t_2$      | 33079.63     | 7.8515  | 33.4559   | 1700271      | 29.6440  | 33.4385  |
| $t_3$      | 6484.006     | -0.1757 | 170.6829  | 625893.3     | 46.6002  | 90.8375  |
| $t_4$      | 50509.09     | 1.8235  | 21.9111   | 2889344      | 21.0642  | 19.6773  |

|               |                 |                |                     |                 |                |                     |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| $t_5$         | 18427.53        | -5.7029        | 60.0574             | 3290777         | 104.5044       | 17.2769             |
| $t_6$         | 8872.571        | 0.0000         | 124.7337            | 197789.2        | 0.0000         | 287.4504            |
| $t_7$         | 2162.074        | -0.1620        | 511.8735            | 708428.3        | 73.7545        | 80.2545             |
| $t_8$         | 10159.38        | 4.09907        | 108.9347            | 17595893        | 317.6436       | 3.231128            |
| $t_9$         | 6776.788        | -170.85        | 163.3087            | 867528.6        | -3320.82       | 65.53625            |
| $t_{LE_1}$    | 620.8999        | -0.725         | 1782.4274           | 43579.85        | -8.5903        | 1304.6068           |
| $t_{LE_2}$    | 352.1649        | -0.4112        | 3142.5875           | 64153.05        | -12.6456       | 886.2333            |
| $t_{LE_3}$    | <b>137.2272</b> | <b>-0.1602</b> | <b>8064.7933***</b> | 19506.48        | -3.8450        | 2914.6504**         |
| $t_{LE_4}$    | 670.9437        | -0.7834        | 1649.4812           | 29274.98        | -5.7706        | 1942.0874*          |
| $t_{LE_5}$    | 242.4661        | -0.2831        | 4564.3865**         | <b>7178.921</b> | <b>-1.4151</b> | <b>7919.6539***</b> |
| $t_{LE_6}$    | 586.7311        | -0.6851        | 1886.2286*          | 84036.75        | -16.5649       | 676.5441            |
| $t_{LE_7}$    | 586.7311        | -0.6851        | 1886.2286*          | 84036.75        | -16.5649       | 676.5441            |
| $t_{LE_8}$    | 919.955         | -1.0742        | 1203.003            | 96096.37        | -18.9421       | 591.6412            |
| $t_{LE_9}$    | 803.8727        | -0.9387        | 1376.721            | 74838.26        | -14.7518       | 759.6993            |
| $t_{LE_{10}}$ | 867.0045        | -1.0124        | 1276.474            | 103571.5        | -20.4155       | 548.940             |

## 6. Discussion of results

In this work, a generalized shrinkage-type estimator has been proposed. The proposed estimator contains some minimizing constants  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$ , and some unknown constants  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, V, C$  and  $r$  whose value has been chosen within the range of -2 to 2. The optimal values of the two constants  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  were obtained by partially differentiating the MSE and was used to obtain the minimal MSE of the proposed generalized estimator. The optimal mean squared error of this proposed generalized shrinkage-type estimator is shown in equation (21), and the optimality condition is observed to be a function of the parameters  $V, C$  and  $r$ . This generalized shrinkage-type estimator is proposed in equation (11) with appropriate choices of the unknown constants  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, V, C$ , and  $r$  to produce the members of the estimator. Table 1 shows some existing estimators proposed by [2, 14, 26, 10, 27 and 16], which are members of the proposed generalized estimator and some other new

estimators which were generated from the proposed class of estimator of population mean under simple random scheme.

Simulation study results presented in Table 3 was used for the empirical analysis. Three (3) different sample sizes of 50, 100 and 200 were selected from a population of size 1000, for the analysis. From the results, it was observed that all the proposed estimators had mean squared errors smaller than and Percent Relative Efficiencies (PREs) greater than the classical ratio estimator, the exponential ratio estimator, the classical regression estimator, Javid et al. (2021) estimator for  $n = 50, 100$  and  $200$ , with MSE(s) of 0.0228, 0.0094 and 0.0044 and PREs of 756.502%, 836.2972% and 757.5895% respectively. It is also observed from Table 3 that the proposed estimator  $t_{LE_7}$  performed almost equally as the estimator,  $t_{LE_6}$  with MSE(s) 0.0229, 0.0094 and 0.0044 and PREs 755.6094%, 836.1604% and 757.4161% respectively. On the other hand, the existing estimator  $t_8$  (Yahaya *et al.*, 2020) with MSE(s) of 4.3206, 6.9408 and 3.8041 has the

highest MSEs and lowest PREs of 3.9969%, 1.1297% and 0.8700% in the 3 samples used for the simulation and thus proves to be the least efficient in all the estimators considered in this work.

Four (4) real data sets as presented in Tables 4 were also used for empirical analysis. From the results as presented in Tables 5 and 6, all the proposed estimators were observed to have smaller mean squared errors than all other existing estimators considered in this work such as the classical ratio estimator, the classical regression estimator, the exponential ratio estimator, Javid *et al.* [16] and others, except the proposed estimator  $t_{LE_1}$  which has MSE larger than  $t_0$  [16] in population 2. The proposed estimators  $t_{LE_3}$  performed with the greatest efficiency in populations 1, 2 and 3 with MSEs of 116.3674, 195.3856 and 137.2272 and PREs of 9510.4729%, 19420.2132% and 8064.7933% respectively while the proposed estimator  $t_{LE_5}$  performed with greatest efficiency in population 4 with a mean squared error of 7178.921 and PRE of 7919.6539% among all the estimators (both existing and proposed) considered in this work. On the other hand, the existing estimator  $t_4$  has the least efficiency in population 1, 2 and 3 with mean squared errors of 49049.07, 173174 and 50509.09 and Percent Relative Efficiency (PREs) of 22.5633%, 21.9111% and 21.9111% respectively. The estimator  $t_8$  has the least efficiency in population 4 with a mean squared error of 17595893 and PRE of 3.231128%.

## 7. Conclusion

From the discussions above, it can be concluded that the proposed class of estimators is superior in terms of both theoretical and empirical efficiency compared to the other existing members of the proposed class of estimators and non-members considered in this work under the optimality condition mentioned above.

The proposed class of estimator with these desirable properties is highly recommended for use in practical applications where the use of auxiliary information on a single auxiliary

variable under simple random sampling without replacement and other relevant conditions are required.

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