

**A SIMPLE PROCEDURE FOR UNEQUAL PROBABILITY  
SAMPLING WITHOUT REPLACEMENT SAMPLE SIZE 2.**

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**ABSTRACT**

A new selection procedure has been developed for use with the Hurvitz – Thompson estimator and a sample of size 2. Some important results have been verified for the first order and second order inclusion probabilities. Empirical study has also been carried out to see the performance of the new selection procedure in comparison with some of the famous selection procedures available in the literature.

**KEY WORDS**

Unequal Probability Sampling, Hurvitz – Thompson estimator, Brewer and Durbin Selection procedures, Variance estimators.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The concept of sampling with unequal probabilities with replacement was given by Hansen and Horwitz (1943) and unequal probability sampling without replacement was first introduced by Madow (1949) and subsequently by Narian (1951) but no theoretical framework was given. Hurvitz and Thompson (1952) were the first to give theoretical framework of unequal probability sampling without replacement. The estimator proposed by Hurvitz and Thompson (1952) was:

$$y'_{HT} = \sum_{i \in s} \frac{Y_i}{\pi_i}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\pi_i$  is probability of inclusion of i-th unit to be in the sample.

The variance of (1.1) was:

$$V(y'_{HT}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(1-\pi_i)}{\pi_i} Y_i^2 + \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \sum \frac{(\pi_{ij} - \pi_i \pi_j)}{\pi_i \pi_j} Y_i Y_j \quad (1.2)$$

with an unbiased variance estimator

$$var_{HT}(y'_{HT}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\pi_i}{\pi_i^2} y_i^2 + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \sum \frac{\pi_{ij} - \pi_i \pi_j}{\pi_i \pi_j \pi_{ij}} y_i y_j \quad (1.3)$$

An alternative expression, for fixed n, given by Sen (1953) and independently by Yates and Grundy (1953) was:

$$V(y'_{HT}) = \sum_{j>i}^N \sum (\pi_i \pi_j - \pi_{ij}) \left( \frac{Y_i}{\pi_i} - \frac{Y_j}{\pi_j} \right)^2 \quad (1.4)$$

with an unbiased variance estimator:

$$var_{SYG}(y'_{HT}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \sum \frac{\pi_i \pi_j - \pi_{ij}}{\pi_{ij}} \left( \frac{y_i}{\pi_i} - \frac{y_j}{\pi_j} \right)^2 \quad (1.5)$$

Since the time of introduction of Horvitz and Thompson estimator a number of selection procedures have been developed which can be used with this estimator. A comprehensive bibliography of these can be found in Hanif and Brewer (1980) and Brewer and Hanif (1983). In the following section new selection procedure has been developed.

**2. NEW SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR n = 2**

In this section we have given a new selection procedure for use with the Hurvitz – Thompson (1952) estimator with sample size 2.

- Select first unit with probability proportional to  $\frac{p_i}{1-2 p_i}$  and without replacement
- Select second unit with probability proportional to size,  $p_i$  of the remaining units

The probability of inclusion  $\pi_i$  for the i-th unit to be in sample:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i &= \frac{\frac{p_i}{1-2 p_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i}{1-2 p_i}} + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \frac{\frac{p_j}{1-2 p_j}}{\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p_j}{1-2 p_j}} \cdot \frac{p_i}{1-p_j} \\ &= \frac{p_i}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{1-2 p_i} + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p_j}{(1-p_j)(1-2 p_j)} - \frac{p_i}{(1-p_i)(1-2 p_i)} \right] \\ &= \frac{p_i}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{1-p_i} + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p_j}{(1-p_j)(1-2 p_j)} \right], \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $d = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i}{1-2 p_i}$  (2.2)

The joint probability of inclusion for i-th and j-th units in the sample for this selection procedure is given as:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{ij} &= p_i p_{j|i} + p_j p_{i|j} \\ &= \frac{\frac{p_i}{1-2 p_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i}{1-2 p_i}} \cdot \frac{p_j}{1-p_i} + \frac{\frac{p_j}{1-2 p_j}}{\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p_j}{1-2 p_j}} \cdot \frac{p_i}{1-p_j} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{p_i p_j}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-2p_i)} + \frac{1}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right] \quad (2.3)$$

### a. SOME RESULTS FOR NEW SELECTION PROCEDURE

**Result-1:** The values of  $p_i$  and  $p_j$  reduces to the standard results of simple random sampling for  $p_i = p_j = \frac{1}{N}$ .

Putting  $p_i = p_j = \frac{1}{N}$  in (2.1), we get:

$$\pi_i = \frac{1/N}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{1-1/N} + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1/N}{(1-1/N)(1-2/N)} \right] = \frac{2}{d(N-2)} \quad (3.1)$$

$$d = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i}{1-2p_i} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1/N}{1-2/N} = \frac{N}{N-2} \quad (3.2)$$

From (3.2) and (3.1) we get:  $\pi_i = \frac{2}{N}$ . This is for simple random sampling without replacement.

For  $\pi_{ij}$ , substituting  $p_i = p_j = \frac{1}{N}$  and the value of  $d$ , we get:

$$\pi_{ij} = \frac{1/N^2}{N/(N-2)} \left[ \frac{1}{(1-1/N)(1-2/N)} + \frac{1}{(1-1/N)(1-2/N)} \right] \quad (3.3)$$

which is the joint probability of inclusion for  $i$ th and  $j$ th units to be in the sample for a sample of size two in case of simple random sampling without replacement.

**Result - 2:**  $\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = n$

Summing both sides of (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{p}_i &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{p_i}{d} \left\{ \frac{1}{1-p_i} + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p_j}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right\} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{d} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i}{1-p_i} + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p_j}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right] = 2 \\
 &= \frac{2}{d} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i}{1-2p_i} = 2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.4}$$

**Result – 3:** The quantity  $\pi_{ij}$ , satisfies the relation  $\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \mathbf{p}_{ij} = (n-1)\mathbf{p}_i$ .

For this summing  $\mathbf{p}_{ij}$  given in (2.3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \mathbf{p}_{ij} &= \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \left[ \frac{p_i p_j}{d} \left\{ \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-2p_i)} + \frac{1}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right\} \right] \\
 &= \frac{p_i}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-2p_i)} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N p_j + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \frac{p_j}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{p_i}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{(1-p_i)} + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{p_j}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right]
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.5}$$

Comparing (3.5) with (2.1), it can be seen that  $\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \mathbf{p}_{ij} = \mathbf{p}_i$ . Since  $n$  is 2, it

can be easily verified that  $\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \mathbf{p}_{ij} = (n-1)\mathbf{p}_i$ .

**Result – 4:** The quantity  $\pi_{ij}$ , also satisfies the relation  $\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \mathbf{P}_{ij} = n(n-1)$ ,

where  $n$  is the sample size.

Applying double summation on both sides of (2.3):

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \pi_{ij} &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \left[ \frac{p_i p_j}{d} \left\{ \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-2p_i)} + \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-2p_i)} \right\} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \left\{ \frac{p_i p_j}{d} \left( \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-2p_i)} + \frac{1}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right) \right\} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Also

$$\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \mathbf{P}_{ij} = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \left[ \frac{p_i p_j}{d} \left\{ \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-2p_i)} + \frac{1}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right\} \right] = \mathbf{P}_i \quad (3.7)$$

Substituting (3.6) in (3.7)

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \mathbf{P}_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{P}_i = 2 \quad (3.8)$$

Since  $n = 2$ , therefore equation (3.8) can be written as  $\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N \mathbf{P}_{ij} = n(n-1)$ .

**Result 5:** The Sen – Yates – Grundy variance estimator is always positive under this selection procedure: i.e.  $\pi_i \pi_j - \pi_{ij} > 0$

or

$$\frac{p_i}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{1-p_i} + \sum_{h=1}^N \frac{p_h}{(1-p_h)(1-2p_h)} \right] \cdot \frac{p_j}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{1-p_j} + \sum_{h=1}^N \frac{p_h}{(1-p_h)(1-2p_h)} \right] - \frac{p_i p_j}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-2p_i)} + \frac{1}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right] > 0$$

Writing  $A = \sum_{h=1}^N \frac{p_h}{(1-p_h)(1-2p_h)}$  above equation becomes

$$\frac{1}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{1-p_i} + A \right] \left[ \frac{1}{1-p_j} + A \right] - \left[ \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-2p_i)} + \frac{1}{(1-p_j)(1-2p_j)} \right] > 0$$

or

$$\frac{1}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{(1-p_i)(1-p_j)} + \frac{A(2-p_i-p_j)}{(1-p_i)(1-p_j)} + A^2 + \frac{d}{(1-p_i)} + \frac{d}{(1-p_j)} \right] - \left[ \frac{2}{(1-2p_i)} + \frac{2}{(1-2p_j)} \right] > 0$$

or

$$\frac{1}{d} \left[ A^2 + \frac{(A+d)(2-p_i-p_j)+1}{(1-p_i)(1-p_j)} \right] - \frac{4(1-p_i-p_j)}{(1-2p_i)(1-2p_j)} > 0 \quad (3.9)$$

Equation (3.9) is true for all values of  $p_i$  and  $p_j$ . Hence Sen – Yates – Grundy variance estimator is positive for all samples.

#### 4. EMPIRICAL STUDY

In this section we have given the results of the empirical studies to compare the new selection procedure with some of the well-known selection procedures. 15 natural populations and five selection procedure has been selected. These selection procedures are Sen – Midzuno procedure, [Midzuno (1952) and Sen (1953)], Yates – Grundy (1953)

draw-by-draw procedure, Yates – Grundy (1953) rejective procedure, Brewer (1963) draw-by-draw procedure and Durbin (1953) rejective procedure. The result of this empirical study is given in table – 4.1. It can be concluded that the new selection procedure perform better than the other selection procedures in 7 out of 15 populations. The Yates – Grundy (1953) rejective procedure perform better in 6 out of 15 populations. From the study of coefficient of variation and correlation coefficient of the populations in which the new selection procedure is performing well than the other we can see that these populations have relatively low coefficient of variation for the measure of size,  $X$ , and moderate correlation coefficient between the variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . Since in practice we do not have any idea about the correlation coefficient between variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , we therefore use only the information regarding the coefficient of variation for variable  $X$ . It may be concluded that the new selection procedure will perform better than the other selection procedures in populations that have relatively low coefficient of variation for variable  $X$ . The new selection procedure can therefore be used with the Hurvitz – Thompson (1952) estimator that have low coefficient of variation for measure of size variable.

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**TABLE – 4.1: VARIANCE OF VARIOUS SELECTION PROCEDURES**

<b>Pop. No.</b>	<b>CV (X)</b>	$\rho_{XY}$	<b>Sen – Mid</b>	<b>YG (dbd)</b>	<b>YG (Rej.)</b>	<b>Brewer</b>	<b>Dur. (Rej.)</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Best</b>
1.	0.1708	0.9736	1740.59	333.75	437.87	276.14	277.66	249.27	New
2.	0.1892	0.8020	195738.14	135870.34	132221.08	132359.27	132129.33	129430.63	New
3.	0.2636	0.8807	18249.91	8830.26	8777.41	8504.88	8481.25	8229.51	New
4.	0.7519	0.9714	1505043.13	181002.19	183594.23	177091.80	180367.11	180120.25	Brewer
5.	0.3829	0.8795	69.39	30.87	30.71	29.48	29.48	28.68	New
6.	0.4300	0.6726	362.19	388.89	347.40	402.02	415.00	414.75	YG (Rej)
7.	0.4085	0.7401	1654.17	1248.41	1224.65	1215.89	1208.62	1190.16	New
8.	0.3227	0.8080	646497.50	376569.28	364570.84	370586.00	372031.84	365347.06	YG (Rej)
9.	0.4892	0.7657	1326.13	1304.92	1201.04	1341.15	1366.61	1376.70	YG (Rej)
10.	0.4213	0.7342	28879.18	23854.06	22787.72	23755.04	24029.42	23710.00	YG (Rej)
11.	0.0595	0.4069	187.31	177.17	166.24	177.41	177.54	177.82	YG (Rej)
12.	1.1525	0.9888	2908.04	880.51	1256.86	621.98	743.99	536.93	New
13.	0.1225	0.9662	47.20	11.19	10.43	11.90	11.89	12.77	YG (Rej)
14.	0.0941	0.9809	76.35	11.20	12.53	11.79	11.86	12.99	YG (dbd)
15.	0.0074	0.9462	580.77	166.55	997.10	161.59	161.61	159.87	New

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