

## Design and Analysis of Observational and Sampling Studies

### MINI-PROJECT

11/6/14

This mini-project is worth 15% of the course, and you must primarily use materials you learnt from the course or you have read from the two text books. You are required to form teams of three to four students; not less than three or not more than four. You would need to use a computer (e.g., R or SAS) to do this project and distribute the work to your team members.

This is a project on dollar unit sampling. See Section 6.5 Example 6.14 in Sharon's text book for a description of an auditing problem in which dollar unit sampling is implementing to reduce auditing cost.

A sample of 20 companies is taken with probability proportional size (PPS) *without replacement*; the book value of each company is the measure of size. The company states how much (in dollars) it is worth (the book value) and auditor gives a fair value of the worth (the audit value) of each company; each company may overstate its value. Interest is in the total overstatement of the population of all 81 companies.

The book values (BV) for all 81 companies and the audit values (AV) of the 20 sampled companies are shown in the table below.

The project report is due December 11, 2014. This report must address the steps below.

### Project Activities

Use the following steps.

1. Calculate  $\pi_i$  and  $\pi_{ij}$  for all sampled companies.
2. Obtain the Horvitz-Thompson (HT) estimate of the total audit value and its standard error. Then, obtain the estimate of the total overstatement and its standard error.
3. Compare your answers in (2) with the ones based on random grouping (use four random groups), bootstrap and jackknife.
4. Compare your answers in (2) and (3) with the ones given in Sharon's text book.

Steps (1) and (3) would need significant computing.

	BV	AV
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1	2459	
2	2343	
3	6842	6842
4	4179	
5	750	
6	2708	
7	3073	
8	4742	
9	16350	16350
10	5424	
11	9539	
12	3108	
13	3935	3935
14	900	
15	7835	
16	1091	
17	2798	
18	5432	
19	2325	
20	1298	
21	5594	
22	2351	
23	7304	
24	7090	7050
25	4711	
26	4031	
27	1907	
28	3341	
29	5533	5533
30	8251	
31	4389	
32	5697	
33	7554	
34	2163	2163
35	8413	
36	2399	2149
37	4261	
38	7862	
39	3153	
40	4690	
41	6541	
42	9074	

43	8941	8941
44	3716	3716
45	8663	8663
46	69540	69000
47	8746	
48	7141	
49	6881	6881
50	2278	
51	3916	
52	2192	
53	5999	
54	5856	
55	70100	70100
56	6467	6467
57	7642	
58	8846	
59	2486	
60	2074	
61	21000	21000
62	3081	
63	7123	
64	5496	
65	7461	
66	6333	
67	13597	
68	1317	
69	5437	
70	3847	3847
71	4030	
72	2620	
73	2416	
74	2422	2422
75	2291	2191
76	5882	
77	6596	
78	2626	
79	4667	4667
80	7571	
81	31257	31257
82	1331	
83	5924	
84	4356	
85	6618	
86	5658	
87	6943	