

## METHODS FOR ESTIMATING HIDDEN POPULATIONS: TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES

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**Abstract:** Statistics, as the science of drawing meaningful conclusions about populations from representative samples, employs various sampling techniques, including simple, stratified, systematic, and cluster random sampling. The choice of sampling method hinges on research objectives, available population information, and budget constraints. From these samples, valuable insights into population parameters are derived, with a focus on mean ( $\mu$ ), proportion ( $p$ ), variance ( $\sigma^2$ ), and total ( $\tau$ ). Additionally, the population size ( $N$ ) serves as a crucial yet less common parameter.

In the context of finite populations, estimating these parameters and their variances relies on a known value for  $N$ . However, when  $N$  is unknown, it becomes necessary to estimate it beforehand to accurately assess population totals and estimator variances.

This paper delves into the intricacies of statistics, emphasizing the significance of appropriate sampling techniques and parameter estimation, particularly in scenarios where the population size remains uncertain.

**Keywords:** Statistics, sampling techniques, parameter estimation, population parameters, population size.

### 1. Introduction and Some Related Topics

Statistics is the science of making inference about a population using the information contained in a sample selected from it. The sample can be chosen by one of the techniques such as simple, stratified, systematic, cluster random sampling, etc. The choice of the technique depends on the objectives of the study, information available about the population of interest and the budget. The information obtained from the chosen sample is used to estimate the population parameters. For finite population, the main population parameters are the mean ( $\mu$ ), proportion ( $p$ ), variance ( $\sigma^2$ ), total ( $\tau$ ). Less common parameter is the population size ( $N$ ). Estimation of the parameters and their variances depend on  $N$ , which is usually known. If  $N$  is unknown, then it has to be estimated first so that the population total and the variances of the estimators can be estimated.

Assume that we have a population of size  $N$  (known). Let  $O_1, \dots, O_N$  be the population measurements. The population mean, total and variance are:

$$\bar{O} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N O_i, \quad \tau = \sum_{i=1}^N O_i, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (O_i - \bar{O})^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N$$

A simple random sample, SRS, of size  $n$  is a sample obtained from the population in such a way so that all possible samples of size  $n$  have equal chance of being the chosen sample, i.e.  $P(\text{a subset of size } n \text{ from a population of size } N \text{ is the chosen sample}) = 1/\binom{N}{n}$ . Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a SRS of size  $n$  from this population.

The usual estimators of the population mean & to talare, respectively:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad \hat{N} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\bar{X}}.$$

It is well known that  $\bar{X}$  &  $\hat{N}$  are unbiased estimators of  $\mu$  &  $N$ , respectively. Their variances are:

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \quad \& \quad \text{Var}(\hat{N}) = N^2 \frac{\text{Var}(\bar{X})}{\mu^2}.$$

The main concern in this work is the estimation of the population total  $T$  when  $N$  is unknown. If  $N$  is known, then some estimators of  $N$  can be used as a *guard* against unsuitable estimates of  $T$ . Capture-Recapture technique is the main method used to estimate  $N$ . There are two main procedures of this technique; Capture- Recapture with Direct Sampling and Capture- Recapture with Indirect (or Inverse) Sampling:

#### Direct Sampling

The direct Capture- Recapture sampling, known as *Petersen's method*, goes back to 1894. Assume that there is a closed population with equal chance of each member to be selected. A random sample of  $m$  elements is drawn, tagged (marked) and then released back into the population. Then, after some enough period of time necessary for the marked units to mix with the remaining elements of the population, a second random sample of size  $n$  is drawn. Let  $t$  be the number of recaptured elements in the second sample. Then, the Petersen estimator of the population size is:

$$\hat{N}_P = \frac{nm}{t}.$$

$N_P$

An approximate estimator of the variance of  $\hat{N}$  is (Sekar and Deming, 1949):

$$\text{Var}(\hat{N}_P) \approx \frac{mn(m-t)(n-t)}{t^3}; \quad t > 0.$$

$T$

Actually,  $N_P$  is the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) and also the method of moments estimator (MME) of  $N$ . A modified estimator of  $N$  was proposed by Chapman (1951):

$$\hat{N}_C = \frac{(m+1)(n+1)}{t+1},$$

with variance estimated by  $\text{Var}(\hat{N}_C) \approx (m-t)((tn-t-1)/(2m(t-t^2)))(n-t)$ .

(Scheaffer et al., 1995). This estimator has the advantage of being valid even when  $T \approx 0$ .

#### Inverse Sampling (Indirect Sampling)

Inverse sampling is another method for estimating  $N$ . In this method, a random sample of size  $m$  is chosen, marked and released. Later, elements are randomly selected from the population until  $k$  (fixed in advance) elements are being recaptured, then

$$\hat{N} = T \frac{m}{k},$$

Where,

$T$  is the total number of elements selected in the second random sample to obtain  $k$  previously captured elements. The variance of  $\hat{N}$  is estimated by

$$m^2 T (T - k)$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{N}) = k^2 (k - 1), \quad (\text{Scheaffer et al., 1995}).$$

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Capture-Recapture technique is an old method used to estimate the size of fish and wildlife population. Later on, the method was used for estimating other population sizes. Azevedo-Silva et al. (2009) analyzed the number of cases and incidence of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia by using two source capture-recapture procedures in three different cities in Brazil. Estimating of birth and death rates in India was considered by SeKar and Deming (1949). Estimating the population size of Injecting Drug Users (IDU) was discussed by Luan et al.

(2005). Estimating the number of people eligible for health service was studied by Smith et al. (2002). In their graduation project, Mohammad and Abdullah (2007) compared some Capture-Recapture techniques and cluster sampling for estimating the total number of times the word "Allah" "الله" appears in the Holy Quran. For more details about the estimation of population total and size, see also Gutierrez and Breidt (2009), Otieno et al. (2005), and Arnab (2004).

In many situations, the ratio estimator is used to estimate  $\mu$  of the variable of interest for a population of size  $N$  (unknown). One way to overcome the difficulty of not knowing  $N$  is to use a suitable auxiliary variable. Let  $O_1, \dots, O_N$  be the population measurements of the main variable of interest (O) and the corresponding values of an auxiliary variable (V) be  $V_1, \dots, V_N$ ; the population measurements are  $(O_1, V_1), \dots, (O_N, V_N)$ . Assume that there is a fair degree of association between O & V. Let  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  be the elements of a SRS, from this population. Now, using the relation

$$\mu_O = \mu_V r,$$

$$\mu_V = \frac{\sum V}{N}$$

we can estimate  $\mu_O$  by  $\hat{\mu}_O = \bar{Y} \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{Y}}$

Let  $r = \frac{\bar{Y}}{\bar{X}}$ , an estimate of the variance of  $\hat{\mu}_O$  is given by:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_O) = \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{\bar{Y}^2}{\bar{X}^2} S_r^2 + \frac{\bar{Y}}{\bar{X}} S_{rY}^2 \right), \quad \text{where } S_r^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - rX_i)^2, \quad (\text{Scheaffer et al., 1995}).$$

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The expected value and variance of the suggested estimator,  $N^s$ , of the population size  $N$  are given by

$$E(N^s) = \frac{n_1 N}{n_1 + n_2} + \frac{n_2 N}{n_1 + n_2} = N \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(N^s) = \frac{n_1 n_2}{(n_1 + n_2)^2} N^2$$

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Given  $n$ , let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be the values of the variable  $Y$  for the sample elements. The suggested estimators of the population total ( $C$ ) are: —

$$\hat{C} = N^s Y, \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$\hat{S} = N^s Y, \quad (2.12)$$

**We conjecture here that given  $n$ ,  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  is a SRS from the population. We have not been able to prove this conjecture yet.**

Now,

$$E(\hat{S}) = E(E(\hat{S} | n)) = E(E(N^s Y | n)) = E(N^s E(Y | n)) = E(N^s) = N$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{S}) = \text{Var}(N^s Y) = N^2 \text{Var}(Y) = N^2 \frac{n_1 n_2}{(n_1 + n_2)^2}$$

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$$\frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{N-1}{N} \right) \left( \frac{N-2}{N} \right) \min(t_1, n_2) + t_2 (n_1 - n_2) + N^2 \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{N-1}{N} \right) \left( \frac{N-2}{N} \right) \text{Var}(N^{\wedge} S).$$

(2.15)

Similarly for  $\hat{C}$ , we have

$$\text{Var}(\hat{C}) = N^2 \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{N-1}{N} \right) \left( \frac{N-2}{N} \right) \min(t_1, n_2) + t_2 (n_1 - n_2) + N^2 \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{N-1}{N} \right) \left( \frac{N-2}{N} \right) \text{Var}(N^{\wedge} C).$$

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The above results are given in the following lemma:

**Lemma (2.2)**

The expected value and the variance of the estimators of the population total are given by

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{S}) &= E(N^{\wedge} S), E(\hat{C}) = E(N^{\wedge} C) \\ \text{Var}(\hat{S}) &= N^2 \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{N-1}{N} \right) \left( \frac{N-2}{N} \right) \min(t_1, n_2) + t_2 (n_1 - n_2) + N^2 \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{N-1}{N} \right) \left( \frac{N-2}{N} \right) \text{Var}(N^{\wedge} S) \\ \text{Var}(\hat{C}) &= N^2 \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{N-1}{N} \right) \left( \frac{N-2}{N} \right) \min(t_1, n_2) + t_2 (n_1 - n_2) + N^2 \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{N-1}{N} \right) \left( \frac{N-2}{N} \right) \text{Var}(N^{\wedge} C) \end{aligned}$$

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Now, if  $N$  is known, then  $\hat{S}$  can be estimated based on SRS of size  $n = n_1 + n_2$  by  $\hat{S} = NY$ ,

$$\text{Var}(\hat{S}) = \text{Var}(NY) = E(\text{Var}(NY | n)) + \text{Var}(E(NY | n))$$

Thus,  $\hat{S}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $S$ .

$$\text{Var}(\hat{S}) = \text{Var}(NY) = E(\text{Var}(NY | n)) + \text{Var}(E(NY | n))$$



$$\frac{N^2 \min(n_1, n_2) t}{N^2 \min(n_1, n_2) t} = 1 \quad (2.18)$$

$$K = \frac{N^2 \min(n_1, n_2) t}{N^2 \min(n_1, n_2) t} = 1$$

The efficiency of  $\hat{S}$  with respect to  $\hat{\theta}$  is

$$Eff(\hat{S}; \hat{\theta}) = \frac{MSE(\hat{\theta})}{MSE(\hat{S})}$$

$$Var(\hat{\theta}) = L^2 Var(N^{\wedge} S)$$

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The efficiency can be rewritten in terms of the coefficient of variation (CV) given by  $CV = \frac{SD}{\text{Mean}}$ , ( $\text{SD}$  is standard deviation) as

$$Eff(\hat{S}; \hat{\theta}) = \frac{CV(\hat{\theta})^2}{CV(\hat{S})^2} \quad (2.19)$$

$$1 \leq CV(y) \leq MSE(N^s)$$

The efficiency of  $\hat{N}_s$  and  $\hat{N}_c$  w.r.t.  $\hat{N}$  are given in Tables (2.1) and (2.2) respectively. Also, the efficiency of  $\hat{N}_s$  w.r.t.  $\hat{N}_c$  is given in Table (2.3). Based on these tables, we can see that  $\hat{N}_s$  is more efficient than  $\hat{N}_c$  for small expected sample size.  $\hat{N}_s$  &  $\hat{N}_c$  are more efficient than  $\hat{N}$  when  $E(n)$  is small and for large  $CV$ .

### 3. Estimation of $N$ When $N$ is Unknown Using Capture-Recapture- Indirect Sampling

Indirect sampling is another Capture -Recapture method for estimating  $N$ . In this method, sampling continues until a fixed number ( $T$ ) of recaptured elements are obtained. So, a random sample of size  $n_1$  is chosen, marked and released. Later, we select elements randomly from the population until  $T$  elements are being recaptured. Let  $n_2$  be the total number of elements selected in the second random sample to obtain  $T$  previously captured elements, then from the first and the second sample we obtain a random sample of size  $n$  elements, where

$$n \leq n_1 \leq n_2 \leq T. \quad (3.1)$$

Here,  $n_2$  is a random variable (not fixed); it has the negative hypergeometric distribution with probability function given by:

$$f(n_2) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{(N-1) \dots (N-n_1+1)}{(N-n_1) \dots (N-n_2+1)} \frac{(n_1-1) \dots (n_1-T+1)}{(n_1-n_2) \dots (n_1-T+1)}, \quad n_2 \geq T$$

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$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{(N-1) \dots (N-n_1+1)}{(N-n_1) \dots (N-n_2+1)} \frac{(n_1-1) \dots (n_1-T+1)}{(n_1-n_2) \dots (n_1-T+1)}$$

$$\text{Also, } E(n_2) = T(N-1) \quad (\text{Balakrishnan 2003}) \quad n_1 \leq 1$$

$$\text{and } Var(n_2) = T(N-1)(N-1) \frac{2n_1(n_1-1)}{(n_1-1)^2} \frac{1}{T} \quad (\text{Khan, 1994}).$$

$$\text{Now, } E(n) = E(n_1 + n_2 - T) = n_1 + T - T(N-1) \frac{2n_1(n_1-1)}{(n_1-1)^2} \frac{1}{T} \quad (3.3)$$

$$\text{Also, } Var(n) = Var(n_2) = T(N-1)(N-1) \frac{2n_1(n_1-1)}{(n_1-1)^2} \frac{1}{T} \quad (3.4)$$

Table (3.1) contains the expected value of the sample size for different values of  $n_1, T, N$ . It can be seen that  $E(n)$  is increasing in  $T$  for fixed  $n_1$  and decreasing in  $n_1$  for fixed  $T$ .

The estimator of the population size  $N$  is  $N_I = \frac{n_1 T}{n_2 - T}$ ,  $1 \leq T \leq n_1, T$  is integer. (3.5)

$$\text{Now, } E(N_I) = E\left(\frac{n_1 T}{n_2 - T}\right) = \frac{n_1 T}{n_2 - T} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\frac{n_1 T}{n_2 - T} \quad n_1 \leq 1$$

Clearly,  $E(N_I)$  does not depend on  $T$  and increasing in  $n_1$ ,  $N_I$  is negatively biased. Now,  $Var(N_I) = Var\left(\frac{n_1 T}{n_2 - T}\right) = \frac{n_1^2 T^2}{(n_2 - T)^2} Var(n_2)$

$$\frac{n_1^2 (N-1)(N-n_1)(n_1-1-T)}{(n_1-1-2(n_1-2))} \quad (3.7)$$

Hence,

$$MSE(N^*_I) = (n_1-1-2(n_1-2))^{-1} n_1^2 (N-1)(N-n_1)(n_1-1-T) + n_1(N-1)^2 \quad (3.8)$$

It can be seen from (3.6) that this estimator of  $N$  can be corrected to be unbiased estimator of  $N$  as follows:

$$E(N^*_I) = n_1(N-1), \quad n_1 \geq 1$$

which gives

$$E(N^*_I n_1^{-1}) = N-1.$$

$n_1$

So, the estimator

$$N^*_I = n_1 n_1^{-1} + n_2(nT_1-1) \quad (3.9)$$

is an unbiased estimator of  $N$ . Let

$$N^*_I = n^2(n_1-1) \quad (3.9)$$

then

$$E(N^*_I) = N.$$

Therefore, the mean square error of  $N^*_I$  is

$$MSE(N^*_I) = Var(N^*_I) = n_1 T_1 - 2 + Var(n_2) = (N-1)(NT_1 - n_1 n_1)(2n_1 - 1 - T) \quad (3.10)$$

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Clearly,  $Var(N^*_I) = n_1 n_1 - 1 + Var(N^*_I)$ , thus, for any values of  $N, n_1$  and  $T$ ,  $Var(N^*_I) \geq Var(N^*_I)$ , however,

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the  $MSE(N^*_I)$  is not necessary less than  $MSE(N^*_I)$

The efficiency of  $N^*_I$  w.r.t.  $N^*_I$  is:

$$Eff(N^*_I, N^*_I) = \frac{MSE(N^*_I)}{MSE(N^*_I)}.$$

$$n_1 \square 1$$
$$2 \text{ } 2 \quad N \square n_1 \square T \quad \square n_2 2 (N \square (n_1 \square n_2 \square T)) \quad \underline{\square \square \square T \square 1 \square \square \square \square \square \square n_1 \square T \square \square \square \square \square}$$

$$2 \text{ } Var \square N^{\wedge} \square n_1 \square \square$$

$$\leq B \leq 2 \leq 2 \text{Var}(N^I), \quad (3.11)$$

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$$\square (N \square 1)(N \square n1)(n \ 1 \ \square 1 \square T) \square 2$$



The efficiency of  $\hat{\varphi}_I$  with respect to  $\hat{\varphi}$  (obtained for a sample size equal the expected sample size) is:  $Eff(\hat{\varphi}_I; \hat{\varphi}) = \frac{MSE(\hat{\varphi})}{MSE(\hat{\varphi}_I)}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{MSE}(\hat{\varphi}_I) \\ MSE(\hat{\varphi}_I) &= bias(\hat{\varphi}_I)^2 + Var(\hat{\varphi}_I) = bias(N^*_I)^2 + B^2 + Var(N^*_I)^2 \\ &= B^2 + MSE(N^*_I), \\ Eff(\hat{\varphi}_I; \hat{\varphi}) &= \frac{B^2}{MSEH^2(N^*_I)} \end{aligned}$$

The efficiency can be rewritten in terms of the coefficient of variation (CV), given by  $CV = \frac{SD}{\mu}$ , (assume

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{H}{MSE(N^*_I)} &= \frac{CV(y)}{MSE(N^*_I)} \\ Eff(\hat{\varphi}_I; \hat{\varphi}) &= \frac{B^2}{MSE(N^*_I)} \\ &= \frac{B^2}{MSE(N^*_I)} \end{aligned}$$

Some values of the efficiency of  $\hat{\varphi}_I$  w.r.t.  $\hat{\varphi}$  are given in Table (3.3). Similarly,  $Eff(\hat{\varphi}_I^*; \hat{\varphi}_I) = \frac{B^2 CV(y)^2}{MSE^2(N^*_I)}$ .

$$Z = CV(y) \sqrt{J}$$

The efficiency of  $\hat{\varphi}_I^*$  w.r.t.  $\hat{\varphi}_I$  is given in Table (3.4). Based on the tables, we have the following conclusions:

1. From Table (3.3), the efficiency of  $\hat{\varphi}_I$  w.r.t.  $\hat{\varphi}$  increases when the CV increases.
2. For small sample size, the efficiency of  $\hat{\varphi}_I$  w.r.t.  $\hat{\varphi}_s$  is greater than or close to one. Also, the efficiency of  $\hat{\varphi}_I$  w.r.t.  $\hat{\varphi}_c$  is greater than one for small sample size and small value of the CV.
3. For large sample size, the efficiency of  $\hat{\varphi}_I$  w.r.t.  $\hat{\varphi}_s$  is less than one.
4. For large value of the coefficient of variation, the efficiency of  $\hat{\varphi}_I$  w.r.t.  $\hat{\varphi}_c$  is less than one, and it decreases when the sample size increases.
5.  $\hat{\varphi}_I^*$  is more efficient than  $\hat{\varphi}_I$  for large value of the expected sample size and CV.

#### 4. Conclusions and Suggestions for Further Research

In this paper, four different estimators for the population total are discussed and from the results obtained we can conclude the following:

1. For large expected sample size, when we use Direct Sampling we found that the estimator of the population total  $\hat{\varphi}_c$  based on Chapman estimator  $N_c$  is better than the estimator  $\hat{\varphi}_s$  based on the suggested modified estimator  $N_s$ . On the other hand, if the expected sample size is small then  $\hat{\varphi}_s$  is more efficient than  $\hat{\varphi}_c$ .
2. For small expected sample size and CV, we found that it is better to use Indirect Sampling to estimate  $\varphi$  than using Direct Sampling.
3. The bias in  $N_I$  can be corrected to obtain an unbiased estimator of  $N$ ,  $N_I^*$ , and also an unbiased estimator of  $\varphi$ .

**Suggestions for Future Work**

- If  $N$  is known, then an estimator of  $N$  (pretending it is unknown) can be used as a guard against unsuitable or insufficient sample. So, we may suggest estimator of  $\hat{N}$  conditioning on  $N$  to be between  $N_{\min}$  and  $N_{\max}$  for some  $\hat{N}$ .
- Estimation of  $\hat{N}$  based on other sampling techniques when  $N$  is unknown can also be considered next.

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**Table(2.1):**  $Eff(N^{\wedge}S; N^{\wedge}C)$ 

| $N$  | $E(n)$ | $MSE(N^{\wedge}s)$ | $MSE(N^{\wedge}c)$ | $Eff(N^{\wedge}s; N^{\wedge}c)$ |
|------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1000 | 51.9   | 728205.9           | 732439.8804        | 1.005814                        |
| 1000 | 57.6   | 332593.5929        | 402913.9604        | 1.21143                         |
| 1000 | 61.4   | 177120.7456        | 289004.9081        | 1.631683                        |
| 1000 | 67.1   | 84362.2724         | 213053.84          | 2.525464                        |
| 1000 | 72.8   | 117772.4201        | 201699.6164        | 1.712622                        |
| 1000 | 73.8   | 132095.56          | 203386.25          | 1.53969                         |
| 1000 | 80.4   | 275199.96          | 229010.9225        | 0.832162                        |
| 1000 | 92.8   | 598569.24          | 286622.6784        | 0.478846                        |
| 1000 | 116.5  | 918583.24          | 311101.1376        | 0.338675                        |
| 5000 | 227.6  | 16746267.56        | 7491881            | 0.447376                        |
| 5000 | 237.3  | 19768303.04        | 7903480.49         | 0.399806                        |
| 5000 | 247.0  | 22055514.24        | 8134961            | 0.36884                         |
| 5000 | 252.82 | 23062512.25        | 8193942.25         | 0.355293                        |
| 5000 | 253.79 | 23204389.44        | 8198340.81         | 0.35331                         |
| 5000 | 266.4  | 24406592.01        | 8135765.61         | 0.333343                        |
| 5000 | 290.65 | 23995928.16        | 7566230.24         | 0.315313                        |
| 5000 | 314.9  | 21416904.64        | 6725680.81         | 0.314036                        |
| 5000 | 344.0  | 17364010.41        | 5689186.49         | 0.327642                        |

**Table (2.2):**  $Eff(\square^{\wedge}C; \square^{\wedge})$ 

| $N$  | $E(n)$ | $CV \square 0.5$ | $CV \square 1$ | $CV \square 5$ | $CV \square 10$ |
|------|--------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1000 | 51.9   | 0.006241         | 0.024954       | 0.615966       | 2.370284        |
| 1000 | 57.6   | 0.010147         | 0.040398       | 0.878713       | 2.499718        |
| 1000 | 61.4   | 0.01319          | 0.052189       | 0.968865       | 2.147734        |
| 1000 | 67.1   | 0.016208         | 0.063373       | 0.920717       | 1.595043        |
| 1000 | 72.8   | 0.015642         | 0.060687       | 0.773051       | 1.220907        |
| 1000 | 73.75  | 0.015294         | 0.059299       | 0.748042       | 1.17425         |
| 1000 | 80.4   | 0.012367         | 0.04792        | 0.598649       | 0.93414         |
| 1000 | 92.75  | 0.008463         | 0.032934       | 0.440701       | 0.718821        |
| 1000 | 116.5  | 0.006056         | 0.023686       | 0.346428       | 0.603322        |
| 5000 | 227.6  | 0.003486         | 0.01378        | 0.250864       | 0.542584        |
| 5000 | 237.3  | 0.003163         | 0.012512       | 0.230536       | 0.506165        |
| 5000 | 247.0  | 0.002947         | 0.011661       | 0.216907       | 0.482064        |
| 5000 | 252.82 | 0.002855         | 0.011299       | 0.211125       | 0.471948        |
| 5000 | 253.79 | 0.002842         | 0.011248       | 0.21031        | 0.470536        |
| 5000 | 266.4  | 0.002721         | 0.010773       | 0.202774       | 0.457653        |
| 5000 | 290.65 | 0.002668         | 0.010566       | 0.199714       | 0.453306        |
| 5000 | 314.9  | 0.002756         | 0.010912       | 0.205493       | 0.464102        |
| 5000 | 344.0  | 0.002964         | 0.011728       | 0.218439       | 0.486251        |

**Table (2.3):**  $Eff(\square^{\wedge}S; \square^{\wedge})$



| $N$  | $E(n)$ | $CV \square 0.5$ | $CV \square 1$ | $CV \square 5$ | $CV \square 10$ |
|------|--------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1000 | 51.9   | 0.006277         | 0.025099       | 0.619341       | 2.380999        |
| 1000 | 57.6   | 0.012284         | 0.0488         | 1.002176       | 2.573034        |
| 1000 | 61.4   | 0.021431         | 0.083741       | 1.20335        | 2.066933        |
| 1000 | 67.1   | 0.040074         | 0.147658       | 1.047878       | 1.294508        |
| 1000 | 72.8   | 0.026292         | 0.096826       | 0.684161       | 0.844183        |
| 1000 | 73.75  | 0.023162         | 0.08576        | 0.634498       | 0.793077        |
| 1000 | 80.4   | 0.010235         | 0.039044       | 0.393256       | 0.548862        |
| 1000 | 92.75  | 0.004054         | 0.015796       | 0.215683       | 0.356763        |
| 1000 | 116.5  | 0.002056         | 0.008094       | 0.134857       | 0.264126        |
| 5000 | 227.6  | 0.00156          | 0.006172       | 0.114769       | 0.254933        |
| 5000 | 237.3  | 0.001265         | 0.005014       | 0.096394       | 0.223911        |
| 5000 | 247.0  | 0.001088         | 0.004314       | 0.084914       | 0.204024        |
| 5000 | 252.82 | 0.001015         | 0.004028       | 0.080156       | 0.195766        |
| 5000 | 253.79 | 0.001005         | 0.003988       | 0.079481       | 0.194601        |
| 5000 | 266.4  | 0.000908         | 0.003606       | 0.073122       | 0.183947        |
| 5000 | 290.65 | 0.000842         | 0.003348       | 0.069215       | 0.179724        |
| 5000 | 314.9  | 0.000867         | 0.003445       | 0.071808       | 0.188995        |
| 5000 | 344.0  | 0.000973         | 0.003866       | 0.080548       | 0.211892        |

**Table (2.4):**  $Eff(\hat{s}; \hat{c})$ 

| $N$  | $E(n)$ | $CV \square 0.5$ | $CV \square 1$ | $CV \square 5$ | $CV \square 10$ |
|------|--------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1000 | 51.9   | 1.005811         | 1.005801       | 1.005478       | 1.004521        |
| 1000 | 57.6   | 1.210561         | 1.207977       | 1.140504       | 1.02933         |
| 1000 | 61.4   | 1.624743         | 1.604566       | 1.24202        | 0.962378        |
| 1000 | 67.1   | 2.472407         | 2.329969       | 1.138111       | 0.811582        |
| 1000 | 72.8   | 1.680817         | 1.595495       | 0.885014       | 0.69144         |
| 1000 | 73.75  | 1.514448         | 1.446229       | 0.848211       | 0.675391        |
| 1000 | 80.4   | 0.827601         | 0.814762       | 0.656905       | 0.587559        |
| 1000 | 92.75  | 0.479045         | 0.47962        | 0.489408       | 0.496317        |
| 1000 | 116.5  | 0.339446         | 0.341712       | 0.389279       | 0.437785        |
| 5000 | 227.6  | 0.447514         | 0.44792        | 0.457494       | 0.46985         |
| 5000 | 237.3  | 0.400046         | 0.400759       | 0.418129       | 0.442368        |
| 5000 | 247.0  | 0.36913          | 0.36999        | 0.391477       | 0.42323         |
| 5000 | 252.82 | 0.355601         | 0.356517       | 0.379659       | 0.414804        |
| 5000 | 253.79 | 0.353621         | 0.354545       | 0.377924       | 0.413574        |
| 5000 | 266.4  | 0.333682         | 0.334688       | 0.36061        | 0.401936        |
| 5000 | 290.65 | 0.315694         | 0.316825       | 0.34657        | 0.396475        |
| 5000 | 314.9  | 0.314463         | 0.315735       | 0.349444       | 0.407227        |
| 5000 | 344.0  | 0.328139         | 0.329615       | 0.368744       | 0.435766        |

**Table (3.1):** Expectation of  $n$

| $N$  | $T$ | $n_1$ | $E(n)$ |
|------|-----|-------|--------|
| 1000 | 1   | 50    | 68.627 |
| 1000 | 3   | 50    | 105.88 |
| 1000 | 4   | 50    | 124.51 |
| 1000 | 5   | 100   | 144.55 |
| 1000 | 10  | 100   | 189.11 |
| 1000 | 15  | 100   | 233.66 |
| 1000 | 25  | 250   | 324.7  |
| 1000 | 63  | 250   | 438.25 |
| 1000 | 75  | 250   | 474.1  |
| 5000 | 1   | 100   | 148.51 |
| 5000 | 2   | 100   | 197.03 |
| 5000 | 8   | 400   | 491.77 |
| 5000 | 32  | 400   | 767.08 |
| 5000 | 63  | 400   | 812.97 |
| 5000 | 50  | 500   | 949.1  |
| 5000 | 65  | 500   | 1083.8 |

**Table(3.2):**  $Eff(N^{\wedge}I; N^{\wedge} * I)$ 

| $N$ | $E(n)$ | $Eff(N^{\wedge}_I, N^{\wedge}_I^*)$ |
|-----|--------|-------------------------------------|
|-----|--------|-------------------------------------|

|      |        |          |
|------|--------|----------|
| 1000 | 68.627 | 0.96155  |
| 1000 | 105.88 | 0.962362 |
| 1000 | 124.51 | 0.962765 |
| 1000 | 144.55 | 0.980766 |
| 1000 | 189.11 | 0.981287 |
| 1000 | 233.66 | 0.981863 |
| 1000 | 324.7  | 0.992361 |
| 1000 | 438.25 | 0.993052 |
| 1000 | 474.1  | 0.993324 |
| 5000 | 148.51 | 0.980392 |
| 5000 | 197.03 | 0.980514 |
| 5000 | 491.77 | 0.995068 |
| 5000 | 767.08 | 0.995215 |
| 5000 | 812.97 | 0.995449 |
| 5000 | 949.1  | 0.99621  |
| 5000 | 1083.8 | 0.996266 |

**Table(3.3):**  $Eff(\hat{\square}_T; \hat{\square}^{\wedge})$ 

| $N$  | $E(n)$ | $CV \hat{\square} 0.5$ | $CV \hat{\square} 1$ | $CV \hat{\square} 5$ | $CV \hat{\square} 10$ |
|------|--------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1000 | 68.627 | 0.004084               | 0.016098             | 0.275107             | 0.553307              |
| 1000 | 105.88 | 0.008043               | 0.030201             | 0.254925             | 0.332162              |
| 1000 | 124.51 | 0.009028               | 0.032967             | 0.217609             | 0.263777              |
| 1000 | 144.55 | 0.0087                 | 0.030742             | 0.162453             | 0.187566              |
| 1000 | 189.11 | 0.012318               | 0.036371             | 0.096949             | 0.102273              |
| 1000 | 233.66 | 0.013651               | 0.034478             | 0.067367             | 0.069437              |
| 1000 | 324.7  | 0.013146               | 0.026527             | 0.039341             | 0.039944              |
| 1000 | 438.25 | 0.011182               | 0.014516             | 0.016046             | 0.016099              |
| 1000 | 474.1  | 0.01013                | 0.012492             | 0.013499             | 0.013533              |
| 5000 | 148.51 | 0.001876               | 0.007452             | 0.1538               | 0.398104              |
| 5000 | 197.03 | 0.002887               | 0.011358             | 0.186294             | 0.359178              |
| 5000 | 491.77 | 0.003979               | 0.014462             | 0.092053             | 0.110597              |
| 5000 | 767.08 | 0.007933               | 0.018096             | 0.030669             | 0.031349              |
| 5000 | 812.97 | 0.008032               | 0.0173               | 0.027427             | 0.027938              |
| 5000 | 949.1  | 0.007608               | 0.014631             | 0.019868             | 0.020093              |
| 5000 | 1083.8 | 0.008022               | 0.012369             | 0.015381             | 0.015499              |