36-303: Sampling, Surveys and Society

Stratified Samples and Sample Size Calculations

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Handouts

- These Lecture Notes
- Handout on Stratified Sampling
- Handout on Sampling Details
  - Selecting an SRS from C-Book
  - Contacting respondents
  - Nonresponse followup on surveymonkey.com
- Reading:
  - Stratified Sampling: Groves Sect 4.5,
  - Nonresponse: Groves Ch 6

Outline

- Team Projects This Week
- Midterm
- Stratification
  - What is it; Notation
  - Weights and Proportionate Sampling
  - Variances and Design Effect
  - Examples

Team Projects This Week

- II.5 Due Thursday (Blackboard)
  - Include a paragraph or so on your research question
  - Pretest a version of your questionnaire (or observation protocol) on a group of possible respondents/units.
  - Write 2-4 paragraphs: how many respondents/units you used in the pretest; how similar they were to units in the population; and the changes you made in the survey based on this pretest.
  - Include both old and revised questionnaire/protocol
- IRB Form Due Thursday (Blackboard)
  - If you are surveying people, and you have not turned one in to me yet, you need to do this by Thursday.
  - Form at http:/www.stat.cmu.edu/~brian/303. You don't need to include any attachments
- Peer Evaluations Due Thursday (email to me)
  - Each person should email me forms for all other members of their team, in one email with subject "36303 Peer Evaluations"
  - Form at http:/www.stat.cmu.edu/~brian/303

Team Projects After Spring Break

- II.6 Project Plan (Tue Mar 20, Blackboard)
  - Final, full project proposal (items A-M on the "designing a sample survey" handout, except don't include the IRB form [item I]).
  - This should be easy: copy and update the latest thing you have done for each of the items A-M up to now into a single electronic file to submit on blackboard. for each team.
  - From this proposal, anyone outside our class should be able to read and understand completely what you are proposing to do
- Get started Collecting Data!

Midterm Exam …

- Seemed to go well…

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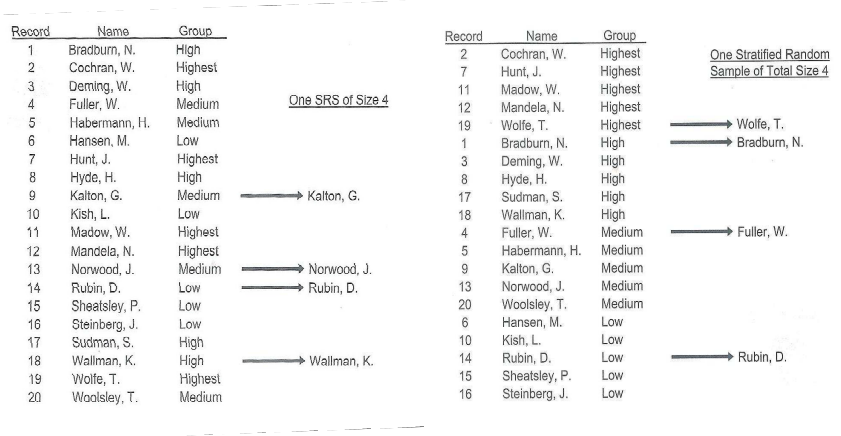
Stratified Sampling

- Strata are just subgroups of the target population that have some feature in common (gender, major, region, income, …)
- Why stratify?
  - We need to make a separate inference for each stratum (e.g. we want to estimate men's and women's incomes separately)
  - Different sampling schemes would be used in each stratum (PA voters in PA, vs PA voters in Afganistan)
  - Population is geographically diverse (Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania)
  - Reduce variance of estimates (and reduce *sample size*) by exploiting similarity among members of the same stratum

What is Stratification?



Unstratified Sample Stratified Sample

Some Basic Notation

- H strata
  - N_h = population size in each stratum $N = \sum_{h=1}^{H} N_h$
  - n_h = sample size in each stratum $n = \sum_{h=1}^{H} n_h$
  - $f_h = n_h/N_h$ = sampling fraction, each stratum
- The population average

$$\bar{y}_{pop} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{h=1}^{H}\sum_{i=1}^{N_h} y_{hi} = \sum_{h=1}^{H}\frac{N_h}{N}\frac{1}{N_h}\sum_{i=1}^{N_h} y_{hi} = \sum_{h=1}^{H}\frac{N_h}{N}\bar{y}_{h,pop}$$

- In stratified sampling we mimic this

$$\bar{y}_{st} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i = \sum_{h=1}^{H}\frac{N_h}{N}\bar{y}_h \text{ where } \bar{y}_h = \frac{1}{n_h}\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} y_{hi}$$

Weights, and Proportionate Sampling

- Let $W_h = N_h/N$. Then

$$\bar{y}_{pop} = \sum_{h=1}^{H} W_h \bar{y}_{h,pop} \text{ and } \bar{y}_{st} = \sum_{h=1}^{H} W_h \bar{y}_h$$

- In proportionate sampling we let $f_h = n_h/N_h = f$ for all strata h. Then $n_h/n = N_h/N$ (why??)
  - The sample is called "self-weighting"
  - Sample mean is "simple" for self-weighting

$$\bar{y}_{st} = \sum_{h=1}^{N} W_h \bar{y}_h = \sum_{h=1}^{H}\frac{N_h}{N}\bar{y}_h = \sum_{h=1}^{H}\frac{n_h}{n}\bar{y}_h =$$

$$\sum_{h=1}^{H}\frac{n_h}{n}\frac{1}{n_h}\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} y_{hi} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{h=1}^{H}\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} y_{hi} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \bar{y}_{srs}$$

Sampling Variances (SRS w/o replacement in each stratum)

- Within each stratum it's the same old answer

$$Var(\bar{y}_h) = (1-f_h)\frac{s_h^2}{n_h} \text{ where } s_h^2 = \frac{1}{n_h - 1}\sum_{i=1}^{n_h}(y_{hi} - \bar{y}_h)^2$$

- Then we combine across strata using weights $(W_h)^2$:

$$\begin{aligned} Var(\bar{y}_{st}) &= Var\left(\sum_{h=1}^{H} W_h \bar{y}_h\right) \\ &= \sum_{h=1}^{H} Var(W_h \bar{y}_h) = \sum_{h=1}^{H} W_h^2 Var(\bar{y}_h) \\ &= \sum_{h=1}^{H} W_h^2 (1-f_h)\frac{s_h^2}{n_h} \end{aligned}$$

Design Effect

- The ***design effect*** is a measure of how much better or worse ***Stratified*** is than ***one SRS:***

$$d^2 = \frac{Var(\bar{y}_{st})}{Var(\bar{y}_{srs})} = \frac{\sum_{h=1}^{H} W_h^2 (1-f_h)\frac{s_h^2}{n_h}}{(1-f)\frac{s^2}{n}}$$

- Usually, $d^2 < 1$, i.e. stratified does better than one big SRS!
  - Usually best if:
    - Elements are more similar to each other within strata than between (e.g., substantively meaningful strata)
    - Proportionate sampling
  - Cochran (1961) suggests 2-6 strata usually give the best results; greater than 6 OK, but there are diminishing returns

Handout on Stratified Sampling

(Briefly) Handout on Sampling Details

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