

# Sequential Sampling Estimation for True Population on the Stratified Sampling

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## 1. Introduction

While designing a sampling survey a list of the past population is sometimes used as a frame of random sampling. But the sampling in the case is conducted on the basis of the past data. As the results, units that did not exist at the time of sample taking may be included while new units are excluded from the list of population. Accordingly, when it is attempted to estimate a certain character of the true population under this situation, it is expected that a much more accurate estimation may be obtained by paying a close attention to the lost units as well as new units.

In this paper, an attempt is made to introduce a new method of figuring out the lost units as well as new units and then, on the basis of this new method, to deduce estimation of variance, optimum allocation, etc, of one-stage, two-stage and three-stage stratified samplings.

## 2. The Case When the New Added Units are Known in the $q$ -th Sampling

Let  $\pi_0$  be an initial list of a population. In the  $q$ -th sampling, let the list of true population be  $\pi_q$  (unknown),  $D_{q-1} = \pi_0 \cup \pi_1 \cup \dots \cup \pi_{q-1}$  be the sum of the previous list of a population (known), and  $A_q$  be the list of newly added units in  $q$ -th sampling (known), then,  $C_q$  is a set of all absent in the  $q$ -th sampling, when it is defined in the following manner:

$$B_q = \pi_q \cap D_{q-1}, \quad C_q = D_{q-1} - B_q \quad (\text{unknown}).$$

Obviously  $\pi_q = A_q \cup B_q$  and

$D_{q-1} = B_q \cup C_q$ . Let  $A_q = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_M\}$ ,  $B_q = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_K\}$ , and  $C_q = \{w_{K+1}, \dots, w_N\}$ , where  $M$ ,  $N$ ,  $A_q$  and  $D_{q-1}$  are known, but  $K$  is unknown. We consider the following

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random variables  $x_i$  and  $y_j$  defined on  $A_q$  and  $D_{q-1}$ , respectively. If  $\theta_i \in A_q$  then  $x(\theta_i)$  is a value of character  $\alpha$  under the consideration and if  $w \in D_{q-1}$ , then  $y(w)$  has a non-zero value except  $y(w)=0$  for  $w \in C_q$ .

### 3. One Stage Stratified Sampling in Sequential Procedures.

We divided population into  $L$  nonoverlapping subpopulations and called them strata. In the the  $q$ -th sampling of sequential procedures  $N$  elements in  $D_{q-1}$  and  $M$  elements in  $A_q$  can be divided into above  $L$  strata, respectively. Let elements of  $D_{q-1}$  in the  $i$ -th stratum be  $w_{i1}, w_{i2}, \dots, w_{iK_i}, w_{iK_i+1}, \dots, w_{iN_i}$ , where  $w_{i1}, \dots, w_{iK_i} \in B_q$ ,  $w_{iK_i+1}, \dots, w_{iN_i} \in C_q$ , and let elements of  $A_q$  in  $i$ -th stratum be  $\theta_{i1}, \theta_{i2}, \dots, \theta_{iM_i}$ . Let the value of a character  $\alpha$  of these again be  $y_{ij}=y(w_{ij})$  for  $j=1, \dots, K_i$ ,  $y_{ij}=y(w_{ij})=0$  for  $j=K_i+1, \dots, N_i$ , and  $x_{ij}=x(\theta_{ij})$  for  $j=1, \dots, M_i$ . Obviously  $N=\sum_{i=1}^L N_i$ ,  $M=\sum_{i=1}^L M_i$ .

In the  $i$ -th stratum, let total value of a character  $\alpha$  in  $B_q$ ,  $A_q$  and  $D_{q-1}$  be  $Y_i=\sum_{j=1}^{K_i} y_{ij}$ ,  $X_i=\sum_{j=1}^{M_i} x_{ij}$ ,  $Z_i=\sum_{j=1}^{N_i} y_{ij}=\sum_{j=1}^{K_i} y_{ij}=Y_i$ , their means be  $\bar{Y}_i=\frac{Y_i}{K_i}$ ,  $\bar{X}_i=\frac{X_i}{M_i}$ ,  $\bar{Z}_i=\frac{Y_i}{N_i}$ , respectively, and total value of a character in the  $i$ -th stratum of true population  $\pi_q$  be  $T_i=\sum_{j=1}^{K_i} y_{ij}+\sum_{j=1}^{M_i} x_{ij}=Y_i+X_i$ . In addition, the total value of true population  $\pi_q$  is defined to be  $T=\sum_{i=1}^L (X_i+Y_i)=\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} x_{ij}+\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^{K_i} y_{ij}$ . Now, we draw a sample from each stratum independently with equal probability. Let the sample size in the  $i$ -th stratum for  $D_{q-1}$  and  $A_q$  be  $n_i$  and  $m_i$ , respectively, and let  $n_i$  samples be  $y_{i1}', y_{i2}', \dots, y_{in_i}'$  (belong to  $B_q$ ),  $y_{in_i+1}'=y_{in_i+2}'=\dots=y_{in_i}'=0$  (belong to  $C_q$ ), and  $m_i$  samples be  $x_{i1}', x_{i2}', \dots, x_{im_i}'$  (belong to  $A_q$ ).

**Theorem 3-1** In the  $q$ -th sampling of sequential procedures

(1)  $\hat{T}=\sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} x_{ij}' + \frac{N_i}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} y_{ij}' \right)$  is unbiased estimate of total  $T=\sum_{i=1}^L T_i$  of the true population  $\pi_q$ .

(2) The variance of  $\hat{T}$  is

$$V(\hat{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2}{m_i} + N_i^2 \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2i}^2}{n_i} \right]$$

(3) Unbiased estimate of  $V(\hat{T})$  is

$$\hat{V}(\hat{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \frac{S_{1i}^2}{m_i} + N_i^2 \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i - 1} \right) \frac{S_{2i}^2}{n_i} \right]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{1i}^2 &= \frac{1}{M_i} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)^2 \\ \sigma_{2i}^2 &= \frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} (y_{ij} - \bar{y}_i)^2 = \frac{1}{N_i} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} \left( y_{ij} - \frac{Y_i}{N_i} \right)^2 + \frac{(N_i - k_i)}{N_i^2} x_i^2 \right] \\ S_{1i}^2 &= \frac{1}{m_i - 1} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} (x_{ij}' - \bar{x}_i')^2 \\ S_{2i}^2 &= \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} \left( y_{ij}' - \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} y_{ij}' \right)^2 + \left( \frac{n_i - k_i}{n_i^2} \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} x_{ij}' \right)^2 \right]\end{aligned}$$

⟨Proof⟩ Since  $\hat{T} = \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} x_{ij}' + \frac{N_i}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} y_{ij}' \right)$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}E(\hat{T}) &= \sum_{i=1}^L M_i E\left(\frac{1}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} x_{ij}'\right) + \sum_{i=1}^L N_i E\left(\frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} y_{ij}'\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L M_i \bar{X}_i + \sum_{i=1}^L N_i \bar{Y}_i = \sum_{i=1}^L X_i + \sum_{i=1}^L Y_i = T.\end{aligned}$$

This proves (1).

Since  $(x_{i1}', x_{i2}', \dots, x_{im_i}')$  and  $(y_{i1}', y_{i2}', \dots, y_{in_i}')$  are mutually independent, so that

$$\begin{aligned}V(\hat{T}) &= V\left[\sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} x_{ij}' + \frac{N_i}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} y_{ij}' \right)\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L M_i^2 V\left(\frac{1}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} x_{ij}'\right) + \sum_{i=1}^L N_i^2 V\left(\frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} y_{ij}'\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2}{m_i} + \sum_{i=1}^L N_i^2 \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2i}^2}{n_i}\end{aligned}$$

This proves (2).

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{n_i - 1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij}' - \bar{y}_i')^2 &= \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} (y_{ij}' - \bar{y}_i')^2 + \sum_{j=k_i+1}^{n_i} (y_{ij}' - \bar{y}_i')^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} (y_{ij}' - \bar{y}_i')^2 + \left( \frac{n_i - k_i}{n_i^2} \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} y_{ij}' \right)^2 \right] \\ &= S_{2i}^2,\end{aligned}$$

so that  $E(S_{1i}^2) = \sigma_{1i}^2$ ,  $E(S_{2i}^2) = \sigma_{2i}^2$ , so that

$$E(\hat{V}(\hat{T})) = \sum_{i=1}^L M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2}{m_i} + \sum_{i=1}^L N_i^2 \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2i}^2}{n_i}$$

**Theorem 3-2** In the  $q$ -th sampling of sequential procedures, the variance of the estimated total  $\hat{T}$  in theorem 3-1, is the minimum when  $m_i$  and  $n_i$  are proportional to

$\frac{M_i \sigma_{1i}}{\sqrt{C_{1i}}}$  and  $\frac{N_i \sigma_{2i}}{\sqrt{C_{2i}}}$  respectively, where  $C_{1i}$  and  $C_{2i}$  are the cost per unit sampling from

$A_i$  and  $D_{q-1}$  in the  $i$ -th stratum.

(Proof) Let  $C_0$  represent an overhead cost.

Then the total cost is  $C = C_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L (C_{1i}m_i + C_{2i}n_i)$

Since

$$V(\hat{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2}{m_i} + N_i^2 \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2i}^2}{n_i} \right]$$

the problem is to minimize  $(V(\hat{T}))$  with the restriction of cost  $C$ . We use the method of Lagrangerian multipliers and select the  $m_i$  and  $n_i$  to be minimized:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(m_i, n_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2}{m_i} + N_i^2 \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2i}^2}{n_i} \right] \\ &\quad + \lambda \left[ c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L (c_{1i}m_i + c_{2i}n_i) \right] \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial m_i} &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ -\frac{M_i^3 \sigma_{1i}^2}{(M_i - 1)m_i^2} + \lambda c_{1i} \right] = 0 \quad \therefore m_i^2 = \frac{M_i^2 \sigma_{1i}^2}{\lambda c_{1i}} (M_i - 1 \doteq M_i) \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial n_i} &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ -\frac{N_i^3 \sigma_{2i}^2}{(N_i - 1)n_i^2} + \lambda c_{2i} \right] = 0 \quad \therefore n_i^2 = \frac{N_i^2 \sigma_{2i}^2}{\lambda c_{2i}} (N_i - 1 \doteq N_i) \end{aligned}$$

when  $M_i - 1 \doteq M_i$ ,  $N_i - 1 \doteq N_i$ ,  $m_i : n_i = \frac{M_i \sigma_{1i}}{\sqrt{c_{1i}}} : \frac{N_i \sigma_{2i}}{\sqrt{c_{2i}}}$

If total size of sampling for  $i$ -th stratum is given, say  $n'$ , then we can get

$$m_i = \frac{n' M_i \sigma_{1i}}{\sqrt{c_{1i}} \left( \frac{M_i \sigma_{1i}}{\sqrt{c_{1i}}} + \frac{N_i \sigma_{2i}}{\sqrt{c_{2i}}} \right)} \quad \text{and} \quad n_i = \frac{n' N_i \sigma_{2i}}{\sqrt{c_{2i}} \left( \frac{M_i \sigma_{1i}}{\sqrt{c_{1i}}} + \frac{N_i \sigma_{2i}}{\sqrt{c_{2i}}} \right)}$$

#### 4. Two-stage Stratified Sampling in Sequential Procedures

The population is divided into  $L$  nonoverlapping subpopulations called strata, and the  $i$ -th stratum has  $M_i$  primary sampling units (P. S. U.)  $E_{i1}, E_{i2}, \dots, E_{iM_i} (i=1, \dots, L)$ .  $E_{ij}$  is again divided into nonoverlapping stratum. In  $q$ -th sampling of sequential procedures,  $N$  elements in  $D_{q-1}$  and  $M$  elements in  $A_q$  can be divided into  $L$  strata as in the above, respectively, and  $i$ -th stratum has  $M_i$  P. S. U.  $E_{ij}$  is also again divided into nonoverlapping stratum  $w_{ij1}, \dots, w_{ijK_{ij}}$  (belong to  $B_q$ ),  $w_{ij(K_{ij}+1)}, \dots, w_{ijN_{ij}}$  (belong to  $C_q$ ) and  $\theta_{ij1}, \dots, \theta_{ijM_{ij}} \in A_q$ , respectively. Let the value of a character  $\alpha$  in clusters be  $y_{ijk} = y(w_{ijk})$  for  $k=1, \dots, K_{ij}$ ,  $y_{ijk} = y(w_{ijk}) = 0$  for  $k=K_{ij}+1, \dots, N_{ij}$  and  $x_{ijk} = x(\theta_{ijk})$  for  $k=1, \dots, M_{ij}$ . Now, at each stratum, primary sampling is made independently. At the  $i$ -th stratum, a sample of size  $M_i$  is drawn with equal probability and let  $E_{i1}, E_{i2}, \dots$

$E_{iM_i}$  denote the P. S. U. drawn.

At the second stage, from each of P. S. U's  $E_{ij}(i=1, \dots, L, j=1, \dots, M_i)$  is drawn independently, in which  $D_{q-1}$  and  $A_q$  are included, respectively. From  $E_{ij}(i=1, \dots, L, j=1, \dots, M_i)$  in  $D_{q-1}$  we draw sample size  $n_{ij}$  with equal probability and observe the number of elements and let it be  $y_{ij1}' \dots y_{ijk_{ij}}'$  (belong to  $B_q$ ),  $y_{ijk_{ij},1}' = y_{ijk_{ij},2}' = \dots = y_{ijk_{ij},n_{ij}}' = 0$  (belong to  $C_q$ ). Similarly from  $E_{ij}(i=1, \dots, L, j=1, \dots, M_i)$  in  $A_q$  we draw samples of size  $m_{ij}$  with equal probability and let  $m_{ij}$  samples be  $x_{ij1}', x_{ij2}' \dots x_{ijm_{ij}}'$ .

**Theorem 4-1:** At the  $q$ -th sampling of sequential procedures,

$$(1) \hat{T} = \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} x_{ijk}' + \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{N_{ij}}{n_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} y_{ijk}'$$

is an unbiased estimate of the total

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^L (X_i + Y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} x_{ijk} + \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} y_{ijk} \right)$$

(2) The variance of  $\hat{T}$  is

$$V(\hat{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2 + \sigma_{2i}^2}{m_i} \right) + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} M_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ij} - m_{ij}}{M_{ij} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1ij}^2}{m_{ij}} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} N_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{N_{ij} - n_{ij}}{N_{ij} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2ij}^2}{n_{ij}} \right]$$

where

$$\sigma_{1ij}^2 = \frac{1}{M_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} (x_{ijk} - \bar{x}_{ij})^2, \quad \bar{x}_{ij} = \frac{1}{M_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} x_{ijk}, \\ \sigma_{2ij}^2 = \frac{1}{N_{ij}} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{K_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk} - \frac{Y_{ij}}{N_{ij}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{N_{ij} - K_{ij}}{N_{ij}^2} \right) Y_{ij}^2 \right] \\ Y_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{ij}} y_{ijk} = \sum_{k=1}^{K_{ij}} y_{ijk}$$

(3) Unbiased estimate of  $V(\hat{T})$  is

$$\hat{V}(\hat{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \left( \frac{S_{1i}^2 + S_{2i}^2}{m_i} \right) + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} M_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ij} - m_{ij}}{M_{ij} - 1} \right) \frac{S_{1ij}^2}{m_{ij}} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} N_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{N_{ij} - n_{ij}}{N_{ij} - 1} \right) \frac{S_{2ij}^2}{n_{ij}} \right]$$

where

$$S_{1ij}^2 = \frac{1}{m_{ij} - 1} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} (x_{ijk}' - \bar{x}_{ij}')^2 \\ S_{2ij}^2 = \frac{1}{n_{ij} - 1} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk}' - \frac{y_{ij}'}{n_{ij}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{n_{ij} - k_{ij}}{n_{ij}^2} \right) y_{ij}^2 \right] \\ \bar{x}_{ij}' = \frac{1}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} x_{ijk}', \quad \bar{y}_{ij}' = \frac{1}{n_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} y_{ijk}'$$

$$y_{ij}' = \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} y_{ijk}'$$

〈Proof (1)〉 Let  $E$  denote expectation of the first stage sampling and  $E_j^{(c)}$  denote expectation of the second stage sampling when the first stage sampling is fixed.

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{T}) &= E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} x_{ijk}' + \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{N_{ij}}{n_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} y_{ijk}' \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L E \left[ \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} E_j^{(c)} \left( \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} x_{ijk}' \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^L E \left[ \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} E_j^{(c)} \left( \frac{N_{ij}}{n_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} y_{ijk}' \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L E \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} X_{ij} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^L E \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} Y_{ij} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L X_i + \sum_{i=1}^L Y_i \\ &= X + Y \\ &= T \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{Proof (2)} \rangle \quad \frac{1}{N_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk} - \frac{Y_{ij}}{N_{ij}} \right)^2 &= \frac{1}{N_{ij}} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{K_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk} - \frac{Y_{ij}}{N_{ij}} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=K_{ij}+1}^{N_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk} - \frac{Y_{ij}}{N_{ij}} \right)^2 \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{N_{ij}} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{K_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk} - \frac{Y_{ij}}{N_{ij}} \right)^2 + (N_{ij} - K_{ij}) \left( \frac{Y_{ij}}{N_{ij}} \right)^2 \right\} \\ &= \sigma_{2ij}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $V(\hat{T}) = V_j[E_j^{(c)}(\hat{T})] + E_j[V_j^{(c)}(\hat{T})]$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} E_j^{(c)}(\hat{T}) &= E_j^{(c)} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} x_{ijk}' + \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{N_{ij}}{n_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} y_{ijk}' \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \left[ E_j^{(c)} \left( \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} x_{ijk}' + \frac{N_{ij}}{n_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} y_{ijk}' \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} (X_{ij} + Y_{ij}) \\ V_i[E_j^{(c)}(\hat{T})] &= V_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} (X_{ij} + Y_{ij}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L V_i \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} (X_{ij} + Y_{ij}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2 + \sigma_{2i}^2}{m_i} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_j^{(c)}(\hat{T}) &= \sum_{i=1}^L V_j^{(c)} \left[ \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} x_{ijk}' + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{N_{ij}}{n_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} y_{ijk}' \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \right)^2 \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \left[ M_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ij} - m_{ij}}{M_{ij} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1ij}^2}{m_{ij}} + N_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{N_{ij} - n_{ij}}{N_{ij} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2ij}^2}{n_{ij}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E\left(V^{(3)}(\hat{T})\right) &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^L \left(\frac{M_i}{m_i}\right)^2 \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} \left\{ M_{ij}^2 \left(\frac{M_{ij}-m_{ij}}{M_{ij}-1}\right) \frac{\sigma_{1ij}^2}{m_{ij}} + N_{ij}^2 \left(\frac{N_{ij}-n_{ij}}{N_{ij}-1}\right) \frac{\sigma_{2ij}^2}{n_{ij}} \right\}\right] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\frac{M_i}{m_i}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_i}{M_i}\right) \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} M_{ij}^2 \left(\frac{M_{ij}-m_{ij}}{M_{ij}-1}\right) \frac{\sigma_{1ij}^2}{m_{ij}} + \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} N_{ij}^2 \left(\frac{N_{ij}-n_{ij}}{N_{ij}-1}\right) \frac{\sigma_{2ij}^2}{n_{ij}} \right] \\
V(\hat{T}) &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ M_i^2 \left(\frac{M_i-m_i}{M_i-1}\right) \left(\frac{\sigma_{1i}^2 + \sigma_{2i}^2}{m_i}\right) + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} M_{ij}^2 \left(\frac{M_{ij}-m_{ij}}{M_{ij}-1}\right) \frac{\sigma_{1ij}^2}{m_{ij}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} N_{ij}^2 \left(\frac{N_{ij}-n_{ij}}{N_{ij}-1}\right) \frac{\sigma_{2ij}^2}{n_{ij}} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \text{Proof (3)} \rangle \quad & \frac{1}{n_{ij}-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk}' - \frac{y_{ij}'}{n_{ij}} \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{n_{ij}-1} \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk}' - \frac{y_{ij}'}{n_{ij}} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=k_{ij}+1}^{n_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk}' - \frac{y_{ij}'}{n_{ij}} \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{n_{ij}-1} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{k_{ij}} \left( y_{ijk}' - \frac{y_{ij}'}{n_{ij}} \right)^2 + (n_{ij}-k_{ij}) \frac{(y_{ij}')^2}{(n_{ij})^2} \right] \\
&= S_{2ij}^2 \\
E(S_{1i}^2) &= \sigma_{1i}^2, \quad E(S_{2i}^2) = \sigma_{2i}^2, \quad E(S_{1ij}^2) = \sigma_{1ij}^2, \\
E(S_{2ij}^2) &= \sigma_{2ij}^2, \quad \text{so that,} \\
E[\hat{V}(\hat{T})] &= V(\hat{T}).
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4-2:** In the  $q$ -th sampling in the sequential procedures, the variance of the estimated total  $\hat{T}$  in Theorem 4-1, is a minimum if  $m_{ij}$  and  $n_{ij}$  are proportional to  $\frac{\sqrt{M_i} M_{ij} \sigma_{1ij}}{\sqrt{C_{1ij} m_i}}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{M_i} N_{ij} \sigma_{2ij}}{\sqrt{C_{2ij} m_i}}$ , respectively, where  $C_{1ij}$  and  $C_{2ij}$  are cost per unit sampling from  $A_q$  and  $D_{q-1}$  in  $ij$ -th cluster.

$\langle \text{Proof} \rangle$  Let  $C_0$  represents an overhead cost.

Then the total cost is

$$C = C_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} (C_{1ij} m_{ij} + C_{2ij} n_{ij})$$

The problem is to minimize  $V(\hat{T})$  subject to the restriction of  $C$ . We use the method of Lagrangian multipliers and select the  $m_{ij}$  and  $n_{ij}$  to minimize

$$f(m_{ij}, n_{ij}) = V(\hat{T}) + \lambda \left[ C_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} (C_{1ij} m_{ij} + C_{2ij} n_{ij}) \right].$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial f}{\partial m_{ij}} &= \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} \left(\frac{M_i}{m_i}\right) \frac{M_{ij}^2 (-\sigma_{1ij}^2)}{m_{ij}^2} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} C_{1ij} = 0 \\
\frac{\partial f}{\partial n_{ij}} &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

As the results,

$$m_{ij} = \frac{\sqrt{M_i} M_{ij} \sigma_{1ij}}{\sqrt{\lambda C_{1ij} m_i}}, \quad n_{ij} = \frac{\sqrt{M_i} N_{ij} \sigma_{2ij}}{\sqrt{\lambda C_{2ij} m_i}}.$$

If the total size of sampling is given, say  $n'$ , then we get.

$$m_{ij} = \frac{n' M_i \sigma_{1ij}}{\sqrt{C_{1ij} \left( \frac{M_{ij} \sigma_{1ij}}{\sqrt{C_{1ij}}} + \frac{N_{ij} \sigma_{2ij}}{\sqrt{C_{2ij}}} \right)}}, \quad n_{ij} = \frac{n' N_{ij} \sigma_{2ij}}{\sqrt{C_{2ij} \left( \frac{M_{ij} \sigma_{1ij}}{\sqrt{C_{1ij}}} + \frac{N_{ij} \sigma_{2ij}}{\sqrt{C_{2ij}}} \right)}}$$

### 5. Three-stage Stratified Sampling in Sequential Procedures.

The population is divided into nonoverlapping subpopulations and  $i$ -th stratum has  $M_i$  primary sampling units (P. S. U.),  $E_{i1}, E_{i2}, \dots, E_{iM_i}$  ( $i=1, \dots, L$ ).

$E_{ij}$  is again divided into  $M_{ij}$  nonoverlapping which are secondary sampling units (S. S. U.),  $E_{ij1}, E_{ij2}, \dots, E_{ijM_{ij}}$  ( $i=1, \dots, L, j=1, \dots, M_i$ ).

$E_{ijk}$  ( $i=1, \dots, L, j=1, \dots, M_i, k=1, \dots, M_{ij}$ ) is also divided into nonoverlapping clusters which are consisted with  $A_q, B_q$  and  $C_q$ . Then  $\theta_{ijkl} \in A_q$  ( $l=1, \dots, M_{ijk}$ ),  $w_{ijkl} \in B_q$  ( $l=1, \dots, K_{ijk}$ ),  $w_{ijk} \in C_q$  ( $l=K_{ijk}+1, \dots, N_{ijk}$ ).

**Theorem 5-1:** Let the value of a character  $\alpha$  in the clusters be

$$x_{ijkl} = x(\theta_{ijkl}), \quad (l=1, \dots, M_{ijk})$$

$$y_{ijkl} = y(w_{ijkl}), \quad (l=1, \dots, K_{ijk})$$

$$y_{ijk} = y(w_{ijk}) = 0, \quad (l=K_{ijk}+1, \dots, N_{ijk}), \text{ then}$$

in the  $q$ -th sampling of sequential procedures,

$$(1) \hat{T} = \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} \frac{M_{ijk}}{m_{ijk}} \sum_{l=1}^{m_{ijk}} x_{ijkl}' \\ + \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} \frac{N_{ijk}}{n_{ijk}} \sum_{l=1}^{K_{ijk}} y_{ijkl}'$$

is unbiased estimate of the total  $T = \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} \left( \sum_{l=1}^{M_{ijk}} x_{ijkl} + \sum_{l=1}^{K_{ijk}} y_{ijkl} \right)$  of the true population  $\pi_q$ .

(2) The variance of  $\hat{T}$  is

$$V(\hat{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2 + \delta_{2i}^2}{m_i} \right) + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} M_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ij} - m_{ij}}{M_{ij} - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{1ij}^2 + \sigma_{2ij}^2}{m_{ij}} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \left\{ \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} M_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ijk} - m_{ijk}}{M_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1ijk}^2}{m_{ijk}} \right\} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \left\{ \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} N_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{N_{ijk} - n_{ijk}}{N_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2ijk}^2}{n_{ijk}} \right\} \right]$$

where



$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{1ijk}^2 &= \frac{1}{M_{ijk}} \sum_{l=1}^{M_{ijk}} (x_{ijkl} - \bar{x}_{ijk})^2, \quad \bar{x}_{ijk} = \frac{X_{ijk}}{M_{ijk}} \\ \sigma_{2ijk}^2 &= \frac{1}{N_{ijk}} \sum_{l=1}^{N_{ijk}} (y_{ijkl} - \bar{y}_{ijk})^2, \quad \bar{y}_{ijk} = \frac{Y_{ijk}}{N_{ijk}} \\ X_{ijk} &= \sum_{l=1}^{M_{ijk}} x_{ijkl}, \quad Y_{ijk} = \sum_{l=1}^{N_{ijk}} y_{ijkl}\end{aligned}$$

(3) unbiased estimate of  $V(\hat{T})$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{V}(\hat{T}) &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left[ M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \left( \frac{S_{1i}^2 + S_{2i}^2}{m_i} \right) + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} M_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ij} - m_{ij}}{M_{ij} - 1} \right) \left( \frac{S_{1ij}^2 + S_{2ij}^2}{m_{ij}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \left\{ \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} M_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ijk} - m_{ijk}}{M_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{S_{1ijk}^2}{m_{ijk}} \right\} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \left\{ \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} N_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{N_{ijk} - n_{ijk}}{N_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{S_{2ijk}^2}{n_{ijk}} \right\} \right]\end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}S_{1ijk}^2 &= \frac{1}{m_{ijk} - 1} \sum_{l=1}^{m_{ijk}} (x_{ijkl}' - \bar{x}_{ijk}')^2 \\ S_{2ijk}^2 &= \frac{1}{n_{ijk} - 1} \left[ \sum_{l=1}^{n_{ijk}} (y_{ijkl}' - \bar{y}_{ijk}')^2 + (n_{ijk} - k_{ijk}) (\bar{y}_{ijk}')^2 \right] \\ \bar{x}_{ijk}' &= \frac{X_{ijk}'}{m_{ijk}}, \quad \bar{y}_{ijk}' = \frac{Y_{ijk}'}{n_{ijk}}, \quad x_{ijk}' = \sum_{l=1}^{m_{ijk}} x_{ijkl}', \\ y_{ijk}' &= \sum_{l=1}^{n_{ijk}} y_{ijkl}.\end{aligned}$$

⟨Proof (1)⟩ Since  $E(\hat{T}) = EE^{(i)} E^{(j)} E^{(k)}(\hat{T})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}EE^{(i)} E^{(j)} E^{(k)} &\left[ \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} \frac{M_{ijk}}{m_{ijk}} \sum_{l=1}^{m_{ijk}} x_{ijkl}' \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} \frac{N_{ijk}}{n_{ijk}} \sum_{l=1}^{n_{ijk}} y_{ijkl}' \right] \\ &= EE^{(i)} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} E^{(j)} \left\{ \frac{M_{ijk}}{m_{ijk}} \sum_{l=1}^{m_{ijk}} x_{ijkl}' + \frac{N_{ijk}}{n_{ijk}} \sum_{l=1}^{n_{ijk}} y_{ijkl}' \right\} \right] \\ &= EE^{(i)} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} (X_{ijk} + Y_{ijk}) \right] \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} E^{(j)} \left\{ \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{M_{ij}} (X_{ijk} + Y_{ijk}) \right\} \right] \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} (X_{ij} + Y_{ij}) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L (X_i + Y_i) \\ &= T\end{aligned}$$

⟨Proof (2)⟩

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{ijk}(\hat{T}) &= V_i \left[ E_j^{(i)} (E_k^{(j)} (\hat{T})) \right] + E_i \left[ V_j^{(i)} (E_k^{(j)} (\hat{T})) \right] + E_i \left[ E_j^{(i)} (V_k^{(j)} (\hat{T})) \right] \\
E_k^{(j)} (\hat{T}) &= \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} (X_{ijk} + Y_{ijk}) \\
E_j^{(i)} \left[ E_k^{(j)} (\hat{T}) \right] &= \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} (X_{ij} + Y_{ij}) \\
V_i \left[ E_j^{(i)} (E_k^{(j)} (\hat{T})) \right] &= \sum_{i=1}^L M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2 + \sigma_{2i}^2}{m_i} \right) \\
V_j^{(i)} (E_k^{(j)} (\hat{T})) &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \right)^2 \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} M_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ij} - m_{ij}}{M_{ij} - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{1ij}^2 + \sigma_{2ij}^2}{m_{ij}} \right) \\
E_i \left[ V_j^{(i)} (E_k^{(j)} (\hat{T})) \right] &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} M_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ij} - m_{ij}}{M_{ij} - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{1ij}^2 + \sigma_{2ij}^2}{m_{ij}} \right) \\
V_k^{(j)} (\hat{T}) &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \right)^2 \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \left( \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \right)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} \left[ M_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ijk} - m_{ijk}}{M_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1ijk}^2}{m_{ijk}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + N_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{N_{ijk} - n_{ijk}}{N_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2ijk}^2}{n_{ijk}} \right] \\
E_j^{(i)} \left[ V_k^{(j)} (\hat{T}) \right] &= \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} \left\{ M_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ijk} - m_{ijk}}{M_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1ijk}^2}{m_{ijk}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + N_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{N_{ijk} - n_{ijk}}{N_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2ijk}^2}{n_{ijk}} \right\} \\
E_i \left[ E_j^{(i)} V_k^{(j)} (\hat{T}) \right] &= \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{M_i}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} \left[ M_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ijk} - m_{ijk}}{M_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1ijk}^2}{m_{ijk}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + N_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{N_{ijk} - n_{ijk}}{N_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2ijk}^2}{n_{ijk}} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
V(\hat{T}) &= \sum_{i=1}^L M_i^2 \left( \frac{M_i - m_i}{M_i - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{1i}^2 + \sigma_{2i}^2}{m_i} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} M_{ij}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ij} - m_{ij}}{M_{ij} - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{1ij}^2 + \sigma_{2ij}^2}{m_{ij}} \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{M_i}{m_i} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \left( \frac{M_{ij}}{m_{ij}} \right) \sum_{k=1}^{m_{ij}} \left[ M_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{M_{ijk} - m_{ijk}}{M_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{1ijk}^2}{m_{ijk}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + N_{ijk}^2 \left( \frac{N_{ijk} - n_{ijk}}{N_{ijk} - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_{2ijk}^2}{n_{ijk}} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

<Proof (3)>

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{2ijk}^2 &= \frac{1}{n_{ijk} - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{ijk}} (y_{ijk}' - \bar{y}_{ijk}')^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{n_{ijk} - 1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{k_{ijk}} \left( y_{ijk}' - \frac{y_{ijk}'}{n_{ijk}} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=k_{ijk}+1}^{n_{ijk}} \left( y_{ijk}' - \frac{y_{ijk}'}{n_{ijk}} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n_{ijk} - 1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{k_{ijk}} \left( y_{ijk}' - \frac{y_{ijk}'}{n_{ijk}} \right)^2 + (n_{ijk} - k_{ijk}) \left( \frac{y_{ijk}'}{n_{ijk}} \right)^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

and  $E(S_{1i}^2) = \sigma_{1i}^2$ ,  $E(S_{2i}^2) = \sigma_{2i}^2$ ,  $E(S_{1ij}^2) = \sigma_{1ij}^2$ ,  $E(S_{2ij}^2) = \sigma_{2ij}^2$ ,  $E(S_{1ijk}^2) = \sigma_{1ijk}^2$ ,  $E(S_{2ijk}^2)$

$$= \sigma_{2ijk}^2$$

so that

$$E\hat{V}(\hat{T}) = V(\hat{T})$$

**Theorem 5-2:** In the  $q$ -th sampling of sequential procedures, the variance of the estimated total  $\hat{T}$  in Theorem 5-1 is the minimum when  $m_{ijk}$  and  $n_{ijk}$  are proportional to

$$\frac{\sqrt{M_i M_{ij}} M_{ijk} \sigma_{1ijk}}{\sqrt{C_{1ijk} m_{ij}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\sqrt{M_i M_{ij}} N_{ijk} \sigma_{2ijk}}{\sqrt{C_{2ijk} m_{ij}}},$$

respectively, where  $C_{1ijk}$  and  $C_{2ijk}$  are the cost per unit sampling from  $A_q$  and  $D_{q-1}$  in  $E_{ijk}$  clusters.

<Proof> Similar to Theorem 4-2, we can prove Theorem 5-2, and if total size of sampling is given, say  $n' = m_{ijk} + n_{ijk}$  then we can get

$$m_{ijk} = \frac{n' M_{ijk} \sigma_{1ijk}}{\sqrt{C_{1ijk}} \left( \frac{M_{ijk} \sigma_{1ijk}}{\sqrt{C_{1ijk}}} + \frac{N_{ijk} \sigma_{2ijk}}{\sqrt{C_{2ijk}}} \right)},$$

$$n_{ijk} = \frac{n' N_{ijk} \sigma_{2ijk}}{\sqrt{C_{2ijk}} \left( \frac{M_{ijk} \sigma_{1ijk}}{\sqrt{C_{1ijk}}} + \frac{N_{ijk} \sigma_{2ijk}}{\sqrt{C_{2ijk}}} \right)}$$

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