

Improved Horvitz-Thompson estimator and related theory of model-assisted estimation

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摘要： The Horvitz-Thompson (HT) estimator is widely used in survey sampling. However, the variance of the HT estimator becomes large when the inclusion probabilities are highly heterogeneous. To overcome this shortcoming, in this paper, a hard-threshold method is used for the first-order inclusion probabilities, that is, we carefully choose a threshold value, then replace the small inclusion probabilities by the threshold. By this shrinkage strategy, we propose a novel estimator called improved Horvitz-Thompson (IHT) estimator to estimate the population total. The IHT estimator increases the estimation accuracy although it brings bias which is relatively small. We derive the IHT estimator's MSE and its unbiased estimator, and theoretically compare the IHT estimator with the HT estimator. We also apply our idea to construct the improved ratio and regression estimators. We numerically analyze simulated and real data sets to illustrate that the proposed estimators are more efficient and robust than the classical estimators.

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