Introduction to the Analysis of Sample Surveys with R: Exercise 1

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1. Download the ESS dataset for Sweden (Survey Data and Sampling Design Data File (SDDF)) of the 5th round
2. Setup your workspace and load the R-packages foreign and survey
3. Load the ESS dataset and the SDDF
4. Merge both data frames by their ID-variable, using the `merge()` command

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5. Determine the sampling strategy (Inspect the variables `PSU`,`STRATFY` and `PROB`)
6. Add the variable `N` for the population size to your data frame. `N` can be calulated by

$$N = dweight * pweight * 10000 * n,$$

   where n refers to the sample size
7. Create a `svydesign` object from the dataset for Sweden using the `survey` package
8. Estimate the total and mean of the variable `tvtot`

The survey package

- The survey package provides a large range of applications for complex survey samples
- Typically, the first step is to define a survey object with the `svydesign()` command

Simple Survey Object (Simple Random Sample)

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data(api)

surv.obj <- svydesign(id=~1,fpc = ~fpc, data = apisrs)
```

- `id` specifies the identifier of PSU and SSU;`id` $= \sim 0$ or $= \sim 1$ stipulates a single stage sampling
- For multi-stage samples the `id` argument should always specify a formula with the (cluster-) identifier at each stage
- `fpc` should be used for the finite population correction

  $\Rightarrow$ Either as the total population size of each stratum or as a fraction of the total population that has been sampled

- `data` reflects the data set for which the design object should be defined

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** **	**Important Commands**
`svytotal`	returns the estimated total of a variable and its standard error ($+deff$)
`svymean`	returns the estimated mean of a variable and its standard error ($+deff$)
`svyquantile`	Computes quantiles for data from complex surveys
`svyvar`	Computes variances for data from complex surveys
`weights`	Returns the (design) weights of a survey object
`calibrate`	Calibration of a data set (uses the GREG-Estimator by default)

```
svytotal(~api00,surv.obj)
```

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##         total    SE
## api00 4066888 57293
```