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Non-Representative Surveys: Fast, Cheap, and Mostly Accurate*

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Probability Samples

$$P(u_i) = \frac{p_i}{(N-1)\cdots(N-n+1)} {N-1 \choose n-1} (n-1)! + \sum_{j\neq i}^{N} \frac{p_j}{(N-1)\cdots(N-n+1)} {N-1 \choose n-1} (n-1)! \frac{n-1}{N-1},$$

which upon simplification becomes

(19)
$$P(u_i) = \frac{N-n}{N-1} p_i + \frac{n-1}{N-1}, \qquad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N).$$

Similarly, it may be shown that for this case

(20)
$$P(u_i u_j) = \frac{n-1}{N-1} \left[\frac{N-n}{N-2} (p_i + p_j) + \frac{n-2}{N-2} \right],$$
$$(i \neq j: i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N).$$

Non-Probability Samples



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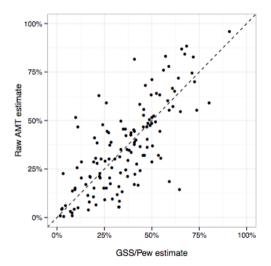
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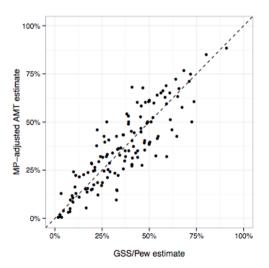
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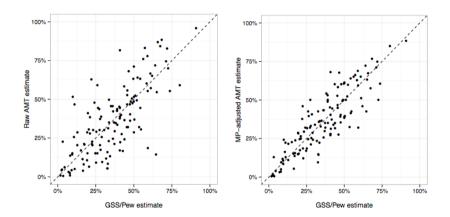
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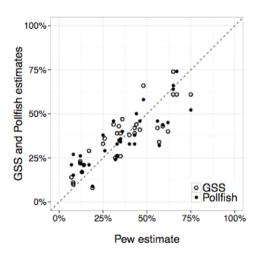
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What will happen if we try it again?