

# Statistics 480: Survey Sampling Techniques

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# Outline

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## ratio estimation: motivation

- ▶ having a sample of measurements  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ ,
  - ▶ the ratio of the totals of two variables  $y$  and  $x$

$$R = \frac{\tau_y}{\tau_x}$$

may be of direct interest

- ▶ using  $y$  and one or more subsidiary variables can produce better estimates for  $\tau_y$  than  $\hat{\tau}_y$ , or better estimates for  $\mu_y$  than  $\bar{y}$
  - ▶ estimators for  $\tau_y$  and  $\mu_y$  can be improved if the subsidiary measures are strongly correlated with  $y$
- ▶ terminology
  - ▶ instead of “subsidiary” variable the term “auxiliary” variable is often used

## ratio estimation

- correlation, meaning the product moment correlation

coefficient:  $\rho = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x s_y}$$

$$s_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})$$

$$s_x^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

$$s_y^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

- see file `corr.R`

## ratio estimation

- ▶ simple motivating example: total sugar content of a load of oranges
  - ▶  $y_i$ : measured sugar content of orange  $i$
  - ▶  $x_i$ : measured weight of orange  $i$
  - ▶  $N$ : number of oranges in load (unknown)
  - ▶  $\tau_y, \mu_y$ : total sugar content of load and mean sugar content
  - ▶  $\tau_x, \mu_x$ : total weight of load and mean weight
- ▶  $\mu_y$  can be estimated by  $\bar{y}$  from a sample of  $n$  oranges, so if  $N$  were known, the total could be estimated by  $N\bar{y}$
- ▶ but  $N$  is unknown and expensive to count and to estimate
- ▶  $\tau_x$ , the total weight of the load is easy to measure, and  $\mu_x$  is easy to estimate using  $\bar{x}$

## ratio estimation

- ▶ simple motivating example: total sugar content of a load of oranges
- ▶ but  $N$  is unknown and expensive but  $\tau_x$  and  $\mu_x$  are easy to determine
- ▶ an estimator can be based on the relationship

$$\frac{\mu_y}{\mu_x} = \frac{N\mu_y}{N\mu_x} = \frac{\tau_y}{\tau_x}$$

solving for  $\tau_y$  gives

$$\tau_y = \tau_x \frac{\mu_y}{\mu_x}$$

- ▶ given a measure for  $\tau_x$  (say done by weighing the truck), the ratio estimator for  $\tau_y$  is the natural

$$\hat{\tau}_y = \tau_x \frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{x}}$$



## ratio estimation

- ▶ to estimate the ratio of the totals of two variables  $y$  and  $x$

$$R = \frac{\tau_y}{\tau_x}$$

- ▶ given a simple random sample of size  $n$ , an estimator for  $R$ :

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{x}}$$

- ▶ estimated variance of  $r$ :

$$\hat{V}(r) = \hat{V}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}\right) = \left(\frac{N-n}{N}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\mu_x^2}\right) \frac{s_r^2}{n}$$

$$s_r^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - rx_i)^2}{n-1}$$

$\bar{x}^2$  can be used for  $\mu_x^2$  in  $\hat{V}(r)$  if  $\mu_x^2$  is unknown (when  $\sqrt{V(\bar{x})}/\bar{x} < 0.10$ ).



## ratio estimation

- ▶ Example 6.1: from a survey of housing, samples that measure the costs of home ownership in 13 MSAa in two years (1994 and 2002); estimate the ratio of mean costs for 2002 compared to costs in 1994, and calculate an appropriate margin of error
- ▶ see file `example6.1.R`

## ratio estimation

- ▶ another way of writing the estimated variance of the ratio estimator for  $R$ : using  $f = n/N$  (the sampling fraction)

$$\hat{V}(r) = \frac{1-f}{n} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_x^2} \right) (s_y^2 + r^2 s_x^2 - 2r\hat{\rho}s_x s_y)$$

$$s_x^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

$$s_y^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

## ratio estimation

- ▶ yet another way of writing the estimated variance of the ratio estimator for  $R$ , based on

$$\hat{V}(r) = \frac{1-f}{n} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_x^2} \right) (s_y^2 + r^2 s_x^2 - 2r\hat{\rho}s_x s_y)$$

- ▶ replacing  $\mu_x$  with  $\bar{x}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{V}(r) &= \frac{1-f}{n} r^2 \left( \frac{s_y^2}{\bar{y}^2} + \frac{s_x^2}{\bar{x}^2} - 2\hat{\rho} \frac{s_x s_y}{\bar{y} \bar{x}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1-f}{n} r^2 [(\text{cv}(y))^2 + (\text{cv}(x))^2 - 2\hat{\rho} \text{cv}(y) \text{cv}(x)] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{cv}(x)$  denotes the coefficient of variation of  $x$ :

$$\text{cv}(x) = \frac{s_x}{\bar{x}}$$

## ratio estimation

- ▶ given a simple random sample of size  $n$ , an estimator for  $\tau_y$ :

$$\hat{\tau}_y = \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \right) \tau_x = r \tau_x$$

- ▶ estimated variance of  $\hat{\tau}_y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{V}(\hat{\tau}_y) &= \tau_x^2 \left( \frac{N-n}{N} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\mu_x^2} \right) \frac{s_r^2}{n} \\ &= N^2 \left( \frac{N-n}{N} \right) \frac{s_r^2}{n} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$s_r^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - r x_i)^2}{n-1}$$



## ratio estimation

- ▶ Example 6.2: total sugar content of a load of oranges; given a random sample of size  $n = 10$ , with measures of sugar content ( $y$ ) and weight ( $x$ ), estimate the total sugar content of the load, given the total weight of the load  $\tau_x = 1800$
- ▶ see file `example6.2.R`

## ratio estimation

- ▶ given a simple random sample of size  $n$ , an estimator for  $\mu_y$ :

$$\hat{\mu}_y = \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \right) \mu_x$$

- ▶ estimated variance of  $\hat{\mu}_y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_y) &= \mu_x^2 \left( \frac{N-n}{N} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\mu_x^2} \right) \frac{s_r^2}{n} \\ &= \left( \frac{N-n}{N} \right) \frac{s_r^2}{n} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$s_r^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - r x_i)^2}{n-1}$$

## ratio estimation

- ▶ Example 6.3: given complete sugercane data from 1997 for  $N = 32$  counties, and a sample of size  $n = 6$  for 1999, estimate the total in 1999; average acres in 1997, 27,752 acres; mean production in 1997, 987,839 tons; estimate mean acreage in 1999 and calculate an appropriate margin of error
- ▶ see file `example6.3.R`





## ratio estimation: sample size determination

- ▶ for the estimator for  $R$ , solve

$$2\sqrt{V(r)} = 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{N-n}{N}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\mu_x^2}\right) \frac{\sigma^2}{n}} = B$$

gives

$$n = \frac{N\sigma^2}{ND + \sigma^2}$$

where

$$D = \frac{B^2 \mu_x^2}{4}$$

## ratio estimation: sample size determination

- ▶ Example 6.4: estimate the ratio of last year's to this year's number of hours lost due to sickness; preliminary sample of  $n' = 10$  employee records is available; last year  $\tau_x = 16,300$  hours were lost for  $N = 1000$  employees; determine a sample size to estimate  $R$  with bound  $B = 0.01$
- ▶ see file `example6.4.R`

## ratio estimation: sample size determination

- ▶ for the estimator for  $\mu_y$ , the same procedure gives

$$n = \frac{N\sigma^2}{ND + \sigma^2}$$

where

$$D = \frac{B^2}{4}$$

## ratio estimation: sample size determination

- ▶ Example 6.5: estimate average number of trees  $\mu_y$  per acre on a plantation of  $N = 1000$  acres using a sample of  $n$  1-acre plots; the actual number of trees on each plot is  $y$ , which is estimated as  $x$  from an aerial survey; find the sample size needed to get a bound  $B = 1.0$
- ▶ see file `example6.5.R`

## ratio estimation: sample size determination

- ▶ for the estimator for  $\tau_y$ , the same procedure gives

$$n = \frac{N\sigma^2}{ND + \sigma^2}$$

where

$$D = \frac{B^2}{4N^2}$$

## ratio estimation: sample size determination

- ▶ Example 6.6: compare the actual dollar value of an inventory,  $\tau_y$ , to the recorded inventory,  $\tau_x$ ; from  $N = 2100$  item types and knowing  $\tau_x = 45000$ , determine the sample size  $n$  needed to estimate  $\tau_y$  with bound  $B = 500$
- ▶ see file `example6.6.R`

## ratio estimation in stratified random sampling

- ▶ separate ratio estimator: estimate  $r$  in each stratum then compute a weighted average of the separate estimates

$$\hat{\mu}_{yRS} = \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{N_i}{N} \right) r_i \mu_{xi}, \quad r_i = \frac{\bar{y}_i}{\bar{x}_i}$$

$$\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yRS}) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{N_i}{N} \right)^2 \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i} \right) \frac{s_{ri}^2}{n_i}, \quad s_{ri}^2 = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n_i} (y_k - r_i x_k)^2}{n_i - 1}$$

- combined ratio estimator: estimate  $\mu_y$  by  $\bar{y}_{st}$ ,  $\mu_x$  by  $\bar{x}_{st}$  and then estimate  $R = \mu_y/\mu_x$  by  $\bar{y}_{st}/\bar{x}_{st}$

$$\hat{\mu}_{yRC} = \left( \frac{\bar{y}_{st}}{\bar{x}_{st}} \right) \mu_x, \quad r_C = \frac{\bar{y}_{st}}{\bar{x}_{st}}$$

$$\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yRC}) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left( \frac{N_i}{N} \right)^2 \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i} \right) \frac{s_{ri}^2}{n_i}, \quad s_{ri}^2 = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n_i} (y_k - r_C x_k)^2}{n_i - 1}$$



## ratio estimation in stratified random sampling

- ▶ Example 6.7: estimate the ratio of last year's to this year's number of hours lost due to sickness; to the data from company A given in Example 6.4, a sample of  $n_A = 10$  employee records, add a sample of size  $n_B = 10$  from company B; last year  $\tau_{xA} = 16,300$  for  $N_A = 1000$  employees and  $\tau_{xB} = 12,800$  for  $N_B = 1500$  employees; find the separate ratio estimate of  $\mu_x$  and its estimated variance
- ▶ see file `example6.7.R`
- ▶ Example 6.8: same situation as Example 6.7; find the combined ratio estimate of  $\mu_x$  and its estimated variance
- ▶ see file `example6.8.R` (same as file `example6.7.R`)

## ratio estimation in stratified random sampling

- ▶ as in Examples 6.7 and 6.8, the combined ratio estimator usually has a larger variance than the separate ratio estimator does, and so this motivates the latter's more frequent use
- ▶ but the separate ratio estimator may have a bigger bias, because  $L$  different estimates  $r_i$  are being used instead of a single estimate  $r_C$ 
  - ▶ so if  $n_i \geq 20$  for all strata, in which case the bias in each  $r_i$  is not too bad, use the separate ratio estimator, otherwise use the combined ratio estimator
  - ▶ also use the combined ratio estimator if the within-stratum ratios are all approximately equal, because in that case we may have  $\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yRS}) > \hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yRC})$

## regression estimation

- ▶ regression estimation rather than ratio estimation may be appropriate when there is evidence that the linear relationship between  $y$  and  $x$  is best described as one that does not pass through the origin
  - ▶ the fact that the relationship does not go through the origin is additional information the use of which may improve the estimation of  $\mu_y$  (or  $\tau_y$ , etc.)
  - ▶  $\mu_x$  must be known before the regression estimator can be used, just as is the case with the ratio estimator
- ▶ a linear relationship between  $y$  and  $x$  may be represented as an equation for observations  $i$ :

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + u_i$$

where  $E(u_i|x_i) = 0$ ; “goes through the origin” means  $\beta_0 = 0$

## regression estimation

- ▶ for observations indexed by  $i$ , define predictions

$$\hat{y}_i = a + bx_i$$

and residuals (prediction errors)

$$e_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$$

such that  $a$  and  $b$  solve (least squares estimates)

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{a,b} \sum_i e_i^2$$

- ▶ using least squares in a sample of size  $n$ , the estimator for  $b$  is

$$b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})(x_i - \bar{x})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

## regression estimation

- ▶ starting with  $\hat{y}_i = a + bx_i$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are least squares estimates, the intercept  $a$  satisfies

$$a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x}$$

- ▶ substituting this value for  $a$  into the prediction equation gives

$$\hat{y}_i = \bar{y} + b(x_i - \bar{x})$$

this gives a prediction of  $\hat{y}_i$  for any value of  $x_i$

- ▶ the regression estimator  $\hat{\mu}_{yL}$  is given by substituting  $\mu_x$  for  $x_i$

## regression estimation

- ▶ regression estimator for  $\mu_y$ :

$$\hat{\mu}_{yL} = \bar{y} + b(\mu_x - \bar{x})$$

where

$$b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})(x_i - \bar{x})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

- ▶ estimated variance of  $\hat{\mu}_{yL}$ :

$$\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yL}) = \left( \frac{N-n}{Nn} \right) \left( \frac{1}{n-2} \right) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 - b^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right]$$

where

$$\left( \frac{1}{n-2} \right) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 - b^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right]$$

is the mean square error from the linear regression of  $y$  on  $x$

## regression estimation

- ▶ Example 6.9:  $N = 486$  students have math achievement scores  $x_i$ , and a simple random sample of  $n = 10$  have calculus grades  $y_i$ ; given  $\mu_x = 52$ , estimate  $\mu_y$  and put a bound on the error of estimation
- ▶ see file `example6.9.R`

## difference estimation

- ▶ difference estimation is regression estimation with the coefficient  $b$  set equal to 1.0
- ▶ works when
  1.  $x$  is highly correlated with  $y$
  2.  $x$  and  $y$  are measured on the same scale



## difference estimation

- ▶ difference estimator for  $\mu_y$ :

$$\hat{\mu}_{yD} = \bar{y} + \mu_x - \bar{x} = \mu_x + \bar{d}$$

where

$$\bar{d} = \bar{y} - \bar{x}$$

- ▶ estimated variance of  $\hat{\mu}_{yD}$ :

$$\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yD}) = \left( \frac{N-n}{Nn} \right) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - \bar{d})^2}{n-1}$$

where

$$d_i = y_i - x_i$$

## difference estimation

- ▶ Example 6.10:  $N = 180$  items with a total book value of  $\tau_x = \$13320$  are to be audited; there is a simple random sample of  $n = 10$  audit values  $y_i$ ; estimate  $\mu_y$  and put a bound on the error of estimation
- ▶ see file `example6.10.R`

## the design effect

- ▶ design effect: ratio of variance given some design to the variance given simple random sampling
- ▶ example: design effect of stratified random sampling (STSRs)

$$\text{deff}(\bar{y}_{\text{st}}) = \frac{V(\bar{y}_{\text{st}})}{V(\bar{y})}$$

the two variance terms are

$$V(\bar{y}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \left( \frac{N - n}{N - 1} \right)$$

$$V(\bar{y}_{\text{st}}) = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=1}^L N_i^2 \frac{\sigma_i^2}{n_i} \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i - 1} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{N_i^2}{N^2} \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_i^2}{n_i}$$

## the design effect

- ▶ example: design effect of STSRS

$$\begin{aligned} \text{deff}(\bar{y}_{\text{st}}) &= \frac{V(\bar{y}_{\text{st}})}{V(\bar{y})} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^L \frac{N_i^2}{N^2} \left( \frac{N_i - n_i}{N_i - 1} \right) \frac{\sigma_i^2}{n_i}}{\frac{\sigma^2}{n} \left( \frac{N - n}{N - 1} \right)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{N_i^2 (N_i - n_i) (N - 1) n \sigma_i^2}{N^2 (N - n) (N_i - 1) n_i \sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ for more details about  $\text{deff}(\bar{y}_{\text{st}})$  see [SRSvSTSRS.pdf](#)
- ▶ Chapter 6 introduces an analogous concept called “relative efficiency”

## relative efficiency

- ▶ let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two unbiased estimators for parameter  $\theta$ , based on the same sample size  $n_1 = n_2 = n$
- ▶ the relative efficiency of  $E_1$  with respect to  $E_2$  is the ratio of their variances

$$\text{RE} \left( \frac{E1}{E2} \right) = \frac{V(E2)}{V(E1)}$$

- ▶ in practice we use a similar ratio defined in terms of estimated variances

$$\widehat{\text{RE}}\left(\frac{E1}{E2}\right) = \frac{\hat{V}(E2)}{\hat{V}(E1)}$$

- ▶ a similar concept often used is the “design effect”:

$$\text{deff}(\hat{\mu}_{\text{E2}}) = V(\hat{\mu}_{\text{E2}})/V(\bar{y})$$

where  $\bar{y}$  is the simple random sampling estimator

## relative efficiency

- ▶ the requirement that estimators be unbiased is, in practice, “nearly unbiased”
- ▶ the ratio estimator  $\hat{\mu}_y$  is generally biased because  $r = \bar{y}/\bar{x}$  is biased for  $R = \mu_y/\mu_x$ 
  - ▶ if  $y_i = \beta_1 x_i + u_i$ ,  $E(u_i|x_i) = 0$ ,  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ , the bias is negligible
  - ▶ the relative bias is approximately

$$\frac{E(r) - R}{R} \approx \left( \frac{N - n}{Nn} \right) \left( \frac{s_x^2}{\bar{x}^2} - \hat{\rho} \frac{s_y s_x}{\bar{y} \bar{x}} \right) = \left( \frac{N - n}{Nn} \right) \left( \frac{s_x^2}{\bar{x}^2} - \frac{s_{xy}}{\bar{y} \bar{x}} \right)$$

- ▶ see files `example6.3bias.R`, `exercise6.5bias.R`
- ▶ judgment is still needed: see file `exercise6.7bias.R`

## relative efficiency

- ▶ the regression estimator is biased in finite populations
  - ▶ bias is small if  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + u_i$ ,  $E(u_i|x_i) = 0$ ,  $\beta_1 \neq 0$
  - ▶ bias is bigger if  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + f(x) + u_i$ ,  $E(u_i|x_i) = 0$ , for some nonlinear function  $f(x)$
- ▶ consider the simulation exercise in file `sim6.8.R`

## relative efficiency

$$\widehat{\text{RE}} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_y}{\bar{y}} \right) = \frac{\hat{V}(\bar{y})}{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_y)} = \frac{s_y^2}{s_y^2 + r^2 s_x^2 - 2rs_{xy}} > 1 ,$$

$$\text{if } \hat{\rho} > \frac{1}{2} \frac{rs_x}{s_y} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\text{cv}(x)}{\text{cv}(y)}$$

recall

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x s_y}$$



relative efficiency: simple random sampling, ratio and regression estimators

$$\widehat{\text{RE}}\left(\frac{\hat{\mu}_{yL}}{\bar{y}}\right) = \frac{\hat{V}(\bar{y})}{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yL})} = \frac{s_y^2}{s_y^2(1 - \hat{\rho}^2)} > 1, \text{ if } \hat{\rho} \neq 0$$

$$\widehat{\text{RE}}\left(\frac{\hat{\mu}_{yL}}{\hat{\mu}_y}\right) = \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_y)}{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yL})} = \frac{s_y^2 + r(rs_x^2 - 2s_{xy})}{s_y^2(1 - \hat{\rho}^2)} > 1, \text{ if } (b - r)^2 > 0$$

relative efficiency: simple random sampling, ratio,  
regression and difference estimators

$$\widehat{\text{RE}} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{yD}}{\bar{y}} \right) = \frac{\hat{V}(\bar{y})}{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yD})} = \frac{s_y^2}{s_y^2 + s_x^2 - 2s_{xy}} > 1, \text{ if } \hat{\rho} > \frac{s_x}{2s_y}$$

$$\widehat{\text{RE}} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{yL}}{\hat{\mu}_{yD}} \right) = \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yD})}{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yL})} = \frac{s_y^2 + s_x^2 - 2s_{xy}}{s_y^2(1 - \hat{\rho}^2)} > 1, \text{ if } \left( s_x - \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x} \right)^2 > 0$$

$$\widehat{\text{RE}} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{yD}}{\hat{\mu}_y} \right) = \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_y)}{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yD})} = \frac{s_y^2 + r(rs_x^2 - 2s_{xy})}{s_y^2 + s_x^2 - 2s_{xy}} > 1, \\ \text{if } (1 - r) [2s_{xy} - (1 + r)s_x^2] > 0$$

## relative efficiency: simple random sampling, ratio and regression estimators

- precise (for small  $n$ ) values used for some solutions in the book

$$\widehat{\text{RE}} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{yL}}{\bar{y}} \right) = \frac{\hat{V}(\bar{y})}{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yL})} = \frac{s_y^2}{s_y^2(1 - \hat{\rho}^2) \frac{n-1}{n-2}} > 1, \text{ if } \hat{\rho} \neq 0$$

$$\widehat{\text{RE}} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{yL}}{\hat{\mu}_y} \right) = \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_y)}{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yL})} = \frac{s_y^2 + r(rs_x^2 - 2s_{xy})}{s_y^2(1 - \hat{\rho}^2) \frac{n-1}{n-2}} > 1, \text{ if } (b - r)^2 > 0$$

$$\widehat{\text{RE}} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{yL}}{\hat{\mu}_{yD}} \right) = \frac{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yD})}{\hat{V}(\hat{\mu}_{yL})} = \frac{s_y^2 + s_x^2 - 2s_{xy}}{s_y^2(1 - \hat{\rho}^2) \frac{n-1}{n-2}} > 1, \text{ if } \left( s_x - \frac{s_{xy}}{s_x} \right)^2 > 0$$