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CORRECT FOR BIAS IN RATINGS DATA HAVING
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STATISTICS”
Art Unit : 3683
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REQUEST FOR RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT

Dear Commissioner for Patents:

This paper is being submitted with a document that acts as an assignment executed by inventor Albert Ronald Perez for U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/192,919, and also for U.S. Patent Application No. 14/835,401, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/192,919. The attached document is a proper assignment as it:

1) Identifies the patent application for which rights are being assignment (see the docket number provided on the top of page 1 of the attached document – 81113430 – the last 6 digits of which correspond to the attorney docket number (113430US01) listed for U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/192,919 and also corresponds to the attorney docket number (113430US02) listed for U.S. Patent Application No. 14/835,401;

2) Includes the statement that Albert Ronald Perez does “... hereby assign and transfer, all of my entire right, title and interest, in and to all such Invention(s) to Nielsen (or its designated affiliated company), its successors, assigns or nominees” (see p. 4 of the attached document); and

3) Is signed by Albert Ronald Perez (see p. 5).

Accordingly, recordation of the attached document is respectfully requested.

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 Invention Short Title Multiple Bias Sample Correction
 Invention Status To Be Filed (redacted)

Step 1 - Disclosure

INVENTION DESCRIPTION

1. Initial IDF Creation Date

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2. Inventor Full Name

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3. Select the Nielsen business group you represent.

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INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM OVERVIEW

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4. Invention Title

Method and Apparatus to correct for bias samples with overlapping constraints

5. Short Title

Multiple Bias Sample Correction

6. Nielsen Project

(redacted)

7. Is this invention disclosure a redirect from the Innovation Portal?

(redacted)

8. If yes, what is the name of the challenge?

9. Select any product areas that align with your disclosure.

(redacted)

10. Identify all business units who may benefit from this invention

(redacted)

11. Primary Business Implementer

(redacted)

In order to achieve a more nuanced understanding of the technology associated your invention we request a separate mapping to each of two independent technology trees (Technology A, Technology B).

12. Technology A

(redacted)

13. Technology B

(redacted)

PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

14. Problem

(see attached)

Finding weights for a sample to correct for bias, but when the criteria for biasness overlaps with other criteria.

15. Inspiration

OCR work.

16. Your Solution/Invention

(see attached)

VALUE TO THE BUSINESS

17. Value To The Business

This procedure is an algorithmic and implementable procedure to find the proper weights to correct for sample bias - even if multiple measures of bias are taken and they interact with each other.

INVENTION QUESTION SET

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18. Is the invention in a conceptual stage or a developmental stage?

██████████ (redacted)

19. Have you worked with or received input from non-Nielsen employees?

███ (redacted)

20. Details

USAGE

21. What is the likelihood of use by Nielsen competitors, customers, suppliers?

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22. Details

This procedure can be marketed to solve complex sampling questions where multiple constraints have to be satisfied.

23. How difficult would it be to detect others' use of this invention?

██████████ (redacted)

24. Details

25. Are there present plans to include the invention in a submission to a standards body?

No

DATES

26. Date of conception

██████████ (redacted)

27. Date of prototype development

██████████ (redacted)

28. Has the invention been or will the invention be discussed and/or disclosed outside of Nielsen, or offered for sale?

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29. If so, was or will the discussion and/or disclosure made under the terms of a Non-Disclosure Agreement?

30. If there is a date planned for a future discussion, disclosure, or offer for sale, when is that date?

ATTACHMENTS

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attach any other documents, emails, personal notes or presentations that apply to this idea at Step 2-Documents. In the case of personal notes, please date them at the time of creation. Attach all related documentation with this submission.

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STEP 2 - DOCUMENTS

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Unbiased Weights

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Method to find weights to correct for biased samples with possible dependent proportions

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1 Introduction

Many projects within Nielsen require using a sample to represent a larger population. In order to produce correct results the sample should be unbiased in relation to the reference population. Example: If 43% of those who use Product X are Male, then 43% of our sample should also be Male. If we undersample or oversample a certain demographic or group, that group should either be weighted up or down.

If the proportions we are using to determine bias-ness are dependent, then finding the proper weights can be challenging; as correcting for one proportion can make another correction worse.

Consider the following biased sample of which two questions were asked, (1) their gender, (2) if they used a cell phone or not: (Numbers used for illustration purposes only)

Criteria	Population	Sample	(1.1)
P(Male)	34.78%	90.02%	
P(Female)	65.22%	9.98%	
P(Male Cell Phone)	27.12%	89.99%	
P(Female Cell Phone)	72.88%	10.01%	
P(Cell Phone Male)	40.61%	6.31%	
P(Cell Phone Female)	58.20%	6.33%	

The sample is heavily biased towards men, and all proportions for any criteria is biased. Note that adding weights in one group or another will change all other percentages, and that they are not independent.

2 Solution

Find the minimum set of mutually exclusive partitions of the population that combinations thereof can yield all criteria under study. In effect, we are post-stratification based on criterias. In this example only four stratas are needed:

Strata	Label
Male + no Cell Phone	A
Male + yes Cell Phone	B
Female + no Cell Phone	C
Female + yes Cell Phone	D

(2.1)

Notice that all six criteria can be reconstructed exactly

Criteria	Numerator	Denominator
P(Male)	A+B	A+B+C+D
P(Female)	C+D	A+B+C+D
P(Male Cell Phone)	B	B+D
P(Female Cell Phone)	D	B+D
P(Cell Phone Male)	B	A+B
P(Cell Phone Female)	D	C+D

(2.2)

The problem can now be rephrased to finding the correct weight for each of the four mutually exclusive stratas. Assume the following is the size of each strata within the sample we are trying to correct

Strata	Label	Size
Male + no Cell Phone	A	595,622
Male + yes Cell Phone	B	154,530
Female + no Cell Phone	C	198,315
Female + yes Cell Phone	D	51,533

(2.3)

Define the matrix C with the (ij) th position equalling

$$(C)_{ij} = k_i * ([N_{ij}] - p_i[D_{ij}]) * S_j \quad (2.4)$$

i runs through the number of criteria (in this example 6), while j runs through the number of statas (eg. 4). k_i is a importance weight, which in this example is set to 1. Another option is the set it to the one over the sum of members in the numerator of the i th criteria.

The middle term using the symbol $[X]$ which is the Iversion bracket where equals 1 if true. In this case, $[N_{ij}]$ is 1 if the j th strata is in the set of elements belonging to the numerator of the i th criteria, and 0 otherwise. Similarly for $[D_{ij}]$. The middle term is short-hand notation for the following table

Middle Term	Meaning for j th strata	
0	In neither numerator nor denominator	(2.5)
1	In numerator only	
$-p_i$	In denominator only	
$1 - p_i$	In both numerator and denominator	

It means the middle term of (ij) location of matrix C is one of four possible cases depending on if that strata is in either the numerator or denominator

The last term, S_j , is the size of the j th strata.

After the matrix C is constructed, we can solve the constrained linear least-squares problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \|Cw\|_2^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && 1 \leq w < \infty \end{aligned}$$

This forces all weights to be not only positive, but without loss of generality the smallest to equal 1.

Strata	Label	Size	weight	
Male + no Cell Phone	A	595,622	1.0000	(2.6)
Male + yes Cell Phone	B	154,530	2.6361	
Female + no Cell Phone	C	198,315	3.9642	
Female + yes Cell Phone	D	51,533	21.2397	

The above procedure will try to match all known criteria simultaneously

3 Results

Criteria	Population	Sample (original)	Sample (corrected)	
P(Male)	34.78%	90.02%	34.78%	(3.1)
P(Female)	65.22%	9.98%	65.22%	
P(Male Cell Phone)	27.12%	89.99%	27.12%	
P(Female Cell Phone)	72.88%	10.01%	72.88%	
P(Cell Phone Male)	40.61%	6.31%	40.61%	
P(Cell Phone Female)	58.20%	6.33%	58.20%	

As verification, here is the last criteria written out

$$\text{Uncorrected} \quad \frac{51,533}{198,315 + 51,533} = 6.33\% \quad (3.2)$$

$$\text{Corrected} \quad \frac{51,533 * 21.2397}{198,315 * 3.9642 + 51,533 * 21.2397} = 58.20\% \quad (3.3)$$