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#### Abstract

: This paper presents a technique for estimating the ratios $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x}+10) / \mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ over ages from two enumerations in a closed population following Generalized Population Model, which, in turn, are used to estimate life expectancies at older ages between 65 and 80 . The proposed technique makes use of the values of $\mathrm{e}(75)$ and (80) estimated through an earlier method, proposed by the author, based on the assumption of local stability of the of the sub-population aged $75 \&$ above. To test the validity of the procedure, the present technique has been applied to different quality of agedata starting with the age-data of Japan (1965-70) having reasonably good age-reporting followed by those of Korea (1990-95) and China (1982-90) with moderate error in age-reporting, and finally with those of India (1981-91 \& 1991-2001) that are heavily distorted due to age-misreporting.


## Introduction:

Among the methodological investigations carried out in estimating life expectancies at older ages beyond age 70, the techniques developed by Horiuchi and Coale (1980), Mitra (1984) and Lahiri (1990) are worth noting. While developing a short-cut technique for estimating completeness of death registration in a destabilized population, Preston and Lahiri (1991) incidentally proposed a formula for life expectance at older ages. It may be noted that all the above techniques are based on the assumption of sectional stability at older ages (age 65 and above). Because of considerable increase in public health awareness and remarkable development in medical sciences during the later half of the twentieth century, particularly during the last three decades, the overall longevity including that at older ages has also increased considerably worldwide including in many less developed countries. Consequently the agespecific growth rates at older ages have also increased considerably over time in various developed and less developed countries, hence the assumption of approximate stability is no more tenable in many such countries. Thus, an attempt has been made in this paper to develop a technique for estimating life expectancies at older ages in a destable population following Generalized Population Model (GPM) of age-structure applicable to any population (Bennett and Horiuchi, 1981; and Preston and Coale, 1982).

## Methodology:

## The Generalized Population Model

According to a destabilized or generalized population model which is applicable to any population, the function $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{t})$ describing the age-structure of any population at time $\mathbf{t}$ is given by the following equation (Bennett and Horiuchi, 1981; Preston and Coale, 1982):

$$
\begin{equation*}
N(x ; t)=B(t) \exp \left[-\int_{0}^{x} r(y ; t) d y\right] p(x ; t) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where, $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{t})$ : Number of births at time $\mathbf{t}$;
$\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{y}$; $\mathbf{t})$ : Instantaneous rate of growth of persons aged $\mathbf{y}$ at time t ;
$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{t})$ : Probability of surviving from birth to exact age $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ according to the stationary population associated with the destabilized population at time $t$.

It is worth mentioning here that an equation, very similar equation to that of (1), was originally introduced by Bennett and Horiuchi (1981) while developing a procedure for estimating death registration completeness in any closed population. It appears that this was then not identified as the generalization of the stable equation model. However, Preston and Coale (1982) tackled this problem more systematically and derived the age-structure of any population (closed or open) by using the fundamental concept of instantaneous force of mortality at age $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ at time $\underline{\mathbf{t}}\left(\mu_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{t})\right.$ and instantaneous growth rate of population aged $\underline{x}$ at time $\underline{t}\left[\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{t})\right]$. They have also discussed its utility in the estimation of various demographic parameters.

## Estimation of the Ratio - $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}+10) / \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x})$ under GPM using the Age-data at any Two points of Time (not necessarily multiple of 5 years apart)

In life table terminology $\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{t})=\mathbf{l}(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{t}) / \mathbf{l}(\mathbf{0} ; \mathbf{t})$, where $\mathbf{l}(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{t})$ denotes the number of survivors at exact age $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ out of the initial birth cohort $\mathbf{l}(\mathbf{0} ; \mathbf{t})$ in the stationary population.
Taking $\mathbf{l}(\mathbf{0} ; \mathbf{t})=\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{t})$, one can easily find the following expression for $\mathbf{l}(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{t})$ from the equation (1), for the convenience and simplicity the 'argument' $\underline{\mathbf{t}}$ within bracket will be omitted henceforth :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{l}(\mathrm{y})=\mathbf{N}(\mathrm{y}) * \exp \left[\int_{0}^{y} r(u) d u\right] \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now, by definition $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{y})$, the person-years lived beyond age $\mathbf{y}$, can be written as:

$$
\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{y})=\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{y}+) * \exp \left[\int_{0}^{\mathrm{c}} \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}) \mathrm{du}\right] \ldots \ldots \ldots .(3) \text {, where } \mathbf{N}\left(\mathrm{y}^{+}\right) \text {represents }
$$ the number of persons aged $\mathbf{y}$ and above. The equation (3) can be obtained by integrating both sides of (2) in the age-range $(y, \omega)$, where $\underline{\omega}$ being the maximum age attainable by a person in the population under study, and according to the first mean value theorem of integral calculus, there exists a point (age) $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{y}+}$ lying between the ages $\underline{\mathbf{y}}$ and $\underline{\omega}$ such that the identify (3) holds true. Remembering that $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x})=\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) / \mathbf{l}(\mathbf{x})$, it can be shown by using the equations (2) and (3) for $\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x}$ $\boldsymbol{\&} \mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0}$ that the ratios of the form $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0}) / \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x})$ can be obtained through the following formula:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathbf{e}(x+10)}{\mathbf{e}(x)}=\exp \left[\int_{C_{x+}}^{C_{(x+10)+}} r(u) d u-\int_{x}^{x+10} r(u) d u\right] \times \frac{b_{x}}{b_{x+10}} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The two points ${ }^{1}$ (ages) -- $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}+}$ and $\mathbf{C}_{(\mathbf{x}+10)+}$ in the intervals $(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ and $(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0}, \omega)$-- are such that the identity (3) holds true for $\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{x} \& \mathrm{x}+10$. The quantities $\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{x}}[=\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x}) / \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x}+)]$ and $\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{x}+10}[=\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{x}+10) / \mathbf{N}(\mathrm{x}+10)+]$ in the above equation, stands for birthday rates or the rates of arrival of persons at exact ages ' $\mathbf{x}$ ' \& ' $\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0}$ ' respectively. The values of $\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{x}}$ 's can be approximated through the formula adopted by Preston and Lahiri (1991), which will be discussed later on.

## Discrete Approximation of the Ratio - e(x+10)/e(x)

To obtain an approximation of the ratio $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0}) / \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x})$ in discrete form so as apply it to a discrete set of age-data, it is necessary to evaluate the integrals in the R.H.S. of the formula (4). Assuming that the growth curve ( $\overline{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{x}}$ ) follows a second-degree polynomial ${ }^{2}$ in the whole range of integration $\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}+}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0 ) +}}\right)$ which is split into two sub-intervals $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{1}}=\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}+}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)_{+}}\right)$and $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{1}}=$

[^0]$\left(\mathbf{C}_{(x+5)+}, \mathbf{C}_{(x+10)+}\right)$, and noting that ${ }_{5} r_{y}=\frac{\mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{5}} \int_{\mathbf{y}}^{\mathrm{y}+5} \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}) \mathrm{du}$, for $\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x \&} \mathbf{x}+\mathbf{5}$, an approximate discrete version of the expression in the R.H.S of equation (4) can be obtained through the following equation after evaluating the first integral through the Simpson one-third rule of numerical integration, and evaluating the second integral by splitting the whole domain of integration $(x, x+10)$ into two sub-intervals of equal size $-(x, x+5)$ and $(x+5, x+10)$. It is worth noting that the application of the Simpson one-third rule of numerical integration is theoretically justified only when the whole range of integration is divided into even number of sub-intervals of exactly of equal width in addition to the condition that the growth curve ( $\overline{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{x}}$ ) follows a seconddegree polynomial in the whole range of integration $\left(\mathbf{C}_{x+}, \mathbf{C}_{(x+10)+}\right)$. The point $\mathbf{C}_{(x+5)+}$, being the mean-age of persons aged ' $\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{5} \&$ above', may not necessarily coincide exactly with the midpoint of the interval $\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}+}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+10)+}\right)$, where $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}+}$ and $\mathbf{C}_{(\mathbf{x + 1 0 ) +}}$ represent the mean-ages of persons aged ' $\mathbf{x} \&$ above' and ' $\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0} \&$ above' respectively. Thus, taking ' $\underline{k}$ ' as the exact mid-point of the interval $\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}+}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0 ) +}}\right)$, the two new sub-intervals, viz., $\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}+}, \mathbf{k}\right)$ and $\left(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathbf{x}+10)+}\right)$ in which the whole interval $\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x +}}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathbf{x}+10)+}\right)$ is divided, are of exactly equal width. Thus, the application of the Simpson one-third rule of numerical integration provides the following equation:

It can be shown analytically that the statistics $\overline{\mathbf{r}}\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x +}}\right)$ and $\overline{\mathbf{r}}\left(\mathbf{C}_{(\mathbf{x + 1 0 ) +}}\right)$, representing the average annual exponential growth rates at exact ages $\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{x}+}$ and $\mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+10)+}$ during the intercensal period, are very close to $\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{x}+}$ and $\mathbf{r}_{(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0 ) +}}$, the average annual exponential growth rates of persons aged ' $\underline{\underline{\mathbf{x}}} \boldsymbol{\&}$ above' and ' $\underline{x}+\mathbf{1 0} \&$ above' respectively during the intercensal period (Lahiri, 1983). Hence,
\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathbf{e}(\mathrm{x}+10)}{\mathbf{e}(\mathrm{x})} \approx \exp \left[\frac{\mathbf{h}_{x+5}^{*}}{3}\left(\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{x}+}+4 *{\overline{r_{k}}}+\mathbf{r}_{(x+10)+}\right)-5 *\left({ }_{5} r_{x}+{ }_{5} r_{x+5}\right)\right] * \frac{\mathbf{b}_{x}}{\mathbf{b}_{x+10}} \ldots \ldots \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

In the subsequent discussions the ratio $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0}) / \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x})$ will be denoted by $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x})$. The notation $\mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{x}+5}^{*}$ stands for the average of the widths of the sub-intervals $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{1}} \equiv\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{x}+}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)+}\right)$ and $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{2}} \equiv\left(\mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)+}\right.$, $\left.\mathbf{C}_{(x+10)+}\right)$. In other words, $\mathbf{h}_{x+5}^{*}$ is nothing but half of the distance between $\mathbf{C}_{x+}$ and $\mathbf{C}_{(x+10)+}$. The quantities ${ }_{5} \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{x}}$ 's and $\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{x}+}$ 's in the equation (5.1) denote the exponential growth rates of persons in
the age-groups ( $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}+4$ ) and ' $\underline{\mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\&}$ above' respectively, and $\overline{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{k}}$ represents the exponential growth rate at exact age $\mathbf{k}$, the exact mid-point of the interval $\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{x}+}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+10)+}\right)$. Since the exact value of $\overline{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{k}}$ is not known, its magnitude may be obtained as a weighted average of either $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{x}+}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)+}$ or $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{(x+5)+}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{(x+10)+}$ depending upon whether the age $\mathbf{k}$, the mid-point of the interval $\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{x}+}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+10)_{+}}\right)$, belongs to the sub-interval $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{1}} \equiv\left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{x}+}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)+}\right)$ or $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{2}} \equiv\left(\mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)+}, \mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+10)+}\right)$ respectively. The statistic $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{a}+}$ (for $\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{x}+5, \& \mathrm{x}+10$ ) stands for the estimated value of the exponential rate of growth of persons ages ' $\underline{\mathbf{a}} \boldsymbol{\&}$ above' which can be obtained through the following formula:

$$
\begin{equation*}
{ }_{5} \hat{r}_{a}=\frac{1}{m} \cdot \ln \left[{ }_{5} P_{a}(z+m) /{ }_{5} P_{a}(z)\right] \tag{5.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The quantities ${ }_{5} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{z})$ and ${ }_{5} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{z}+\mathbf{m})$ in (5.2) represent enumerated number of persons in the agegroup ( $a, a+4$ ) at time $\mathbf{z}$ and $\mathbf{z}+\mathbf{m}$ respectively, $\underline{\mathbf{m}}$ being the intercensal interval (not necessarily multiple of 5). The value of $\overline{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{k}}$ in the formula (5.1) can be obtained through either of the following approximations (Lahiri 2004) depending upon the position of the k value.:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{k}}=\frac{1}{\mathbf{h}_{\mathrm{x}+2.5}}\left[\left(\mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)+}-\mathbf{k}\right) . \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{x}+}+\left(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{x}+}\right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)+}\right]  \tag{5.3}\\
& \text { if } k \text { belongs to the sub - interval } S_{1} \text {; or } \\
& \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{k}}=\frac{1}{\mathbf{h}_{\mathrm{x}+7.5}}\left[\left(\mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+10)+}-\mathbf{k}\right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)+}+\left(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{C}_{(\mathrm{x}+5)+}\right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{(\mathrm{x}+10)+}\right]
\end{align*}
$$

The notations $\mathbf{h}_{\mathrm{x}+2.5}$ and $\mathbf{h}_{\mathrm{x}+7.5}$, used in (5.3) and (5.4), are the widths of the sub-intervals $\mathbf{S}_{1}$ and $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{2}}$ respectively. One can easily verify from (5.3) or (5.4) that $\hat{\overline{\mathbf{r}}}_{\mathbf{k}}$ will be exactly equal to $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{(x+5)+}$ if the sub-intervals $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{1}}$ and $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{2}}$ are exactly of equal width, that is, when $\mathbf{k}$ coincides with $\mathbf{C}_{(\mathbf{x}+5)+}$, the mean age of persons aged ' $\mathrm{x}+5 \boldsymbol{\&}$ above'.

If somehow we can estimate life expectancy at some very old age, viz., 75 or 80 , the other values of $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ 's at relatively younger ages, viz., beyond can be obtained through repeated application of $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{x})$, defined by (5.1), in reverse order (for further discussion see the section "the Data Used and the Application".

## Life Expectancy at Older Ages under the Assumption of Local Stability:

It may be noted that at some advanced ages, say beyond 75 , the mortality situation and its rate of growth are unlikely to be changed significantly in normal situation within period of tenyears or less. Thus for all practical purposes we may safely assume that the population aged ' 75 $\boldsymbol{\&}$ above' is approximately stable. Under the assumption of local stability of population at older ages beyond age 70 , the life expectancies at some older ages, viz., 75 and 80 can be estimated quite precisely through the following equation (proposed by Lahiri, 1991):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{e}_{\mathrm{x}}^{0} \approx \frac{\exp \left[\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{x}+} *\left\{\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{P}_{x+}}+\frac{r_{x+}}{2} * \sigma^{2}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{x}+}\right)\right\}\right]}{\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{x}}} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where, the notation $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{x}+}}$ represents the average mean number of years lived beyond age x by those surviving at ages ' $\underline{\mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\&}$ above' during the intercensal period (in other words $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}+}}$ is nothing but the mean age of persons aged $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ minus age $\underline{\mathbf{x}})$ and $\sigma^{2}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}+}\right)$ denotes the variance of the agedistribution of persons surviving at ages ' $\underline{\mathbf{x}} \boldsymbol{\&}$ above', and the other notations used in the formula (6) have already been mentioned earlier. Owing to the non-availability of sufficiently reliable agedata of persons at very advance ages, Preston and Lahiri (1990) proposed a procedure for estimating $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{x}}}$ under the assumption of approximate stability at some older ages (sectional stability), and because of non-availability of detailed age-data at very old ages, Lahiri (1990) also proposed a set of standard values of $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\mathbf{2}}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{x}+}\right)$ at quinquennial ages between 65 and 80 based on the average variances of the age-distributions for males and females at ages 65 and above according to the Coale-Demeny "West" model stable populations corresponding to growth to a growth rate of 0.02 and life expectancies 55.0 and 54.1 years for females and males respectively. A sensitivity analysis carried out by Lahiri (1990) indicates that the estimates of longevity at older ages, particularly at ages 70,75 and 80 , are sufficiently robust enough against the standard values of $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{2}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{x}+}\right)$ as suggested by Lahiri (1990).

The quantity $\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{x}}(=\overline{\mathbf{N}}(\mathbf{x}) / \overline{\mathbf{N}}(\mathbf{x}+))$, the 'birth-day rate' at age x can be estimated through the following formula as adopted by Preston and Lahiri (1991) which can be developed under the assumption of exponential change of persons, and constant death rate aged $\mathbf{y}$ in the age interval (x-5,
$\mathrm{x}+5$ ). An analytical derivation of the following formula may be found elsewhere (see, Lahiri, Rao, and Srinivasan, 2005)

$$
\hat{\mathbf{b}}_{x} \cong \frac{1}{\hat{\overline{\mathbf{N}}}(\mathbf{x}+)}\left[\frac{{ }_{5} \hat{\mathbf{N}}_{x-5} *_{5} \hat{\mathbf{N}}_{x} \ln \left({ }_{5} \hat{\mathbf{N}}_{x-5} /{ }_{5} \hat{\mathbf{N}}_{x}\right)}{5\left({ }_{5} \hat{\bar{N}}_{x-5}-{ }_{5} \hat{\mathbf{N}}_{x}\right)}\right]-\cdots-(7)
$$

The symbol ${ }_{5} \overline{\mathrm{~N}}_{\mathrm{x}}$ stands for the average person years lived in the age group ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{x}+5$ ) during the intercensal period, and it can be estimated through the following formula (Preston and Bennet, 1983).

$$
\begin{aligned}
{ }_{5} \hat{\bar{N}}_{x} & =\frac{{ }_{5} P_{x}(t+n)-{ }_{5} P_{x}(t)}{n \times{ }_{5} \hat{r}_{x}} \\
\text { where }{ }_{5} r_{x} & =\frac{1}{n} \ln \left[\frac{{ }_{5} P_{x}(t+n)}{{ }_{5} P_{x}(t)}\right] \cdots-\cdots(\mathbf{( P )}
\end{aligned}
$$

where ' $n$ ' stands for any intercensal interval, not necessarily multiple of 5 .

## The Data Used and the Application:

The proposed technique requires enumerated age-data at two points of time, not necessarily multiple of 5 years apart, of a closed population. To test the validity of the procedure, the present technique has been applied to different quality of age-data starting with the age-data of Japan (196570) having reasonably good age-reporting followed by those of Korea (1990-95) and China (198290) with moderate error in age-reporting, and finally with those of India (1981-91 \& 1991-2001) that are heavily distorted due to age-misreporting.

For all the aforementioned countries other than India the values of e(x) for ages 75 and 80 were obtained first through the formula (6), applicable in a stable population, under the assumption of local stability of the sub-population aged 70 and above. Now, knowing the ratios $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x})=$ $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0}) / \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x})$ estimated through the formula (5.1), the other values of $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$, that is, at ages $70,65,60$ and 55 were obtained successively through the repeated application the ratios $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x})$ in a reverse order. In other words, e(75) multiplied by quantity $\mathbf{1 / R ( 6 5 )}$ leads to $\mathrm{e}(65)$ which when multiplied by $\mathbf{1 / R ( 5 5 )}$ gives an estimate of e(55). Similarly, the value of e(80) estimated through the formula (6) gives the values of $e(70)$ and $e(60)$ successively. Since at very advanced ages 75 and above, the age misreporting errors are likely be relatively high, particularly in Korea and China, one may make use of the $e(x)$ values at ages 65 and 70, estimated through the formula (6) under the assumption of local stability, to obtain the values of $\mathrm{e}(55) \& \mathrm{e}(60)$, and $\mathrm{e}(75) \& \mathrm{e}(80)$ through the use of the corresponding $\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x})$ ratios in reverse and forward order respectively. The average of the two sets of
values for $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ at various quinquennial ages starting between 55 and 80 , estimated through the above procedure may be taken as the final estimates of $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ at older ages between 55 and 80 for Japan, Korea and China. In case of India where the quality of the age-data is extremely poor at very old ages, viz., 75 and above, we make use of the second procedure, mentioned above, which is based on the $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ values at relatively younger ages 65 and 70 .

The ratios $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{1 0}) / \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x})$ along with the $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x})$ values for males and females at quinquennial ages between 55 and 80 for various countries starting with Japan (1965-1970), followed by Korea (1990-1995), China (1982-1990) and India (1981-1991 \& 1991-2001) are presented in the columns (9) and (10) of the Tables 1 to 10 respectively. It is encouraging to note that the indirect estimates of the $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ at older ages for the countries obtained through the successive application of the formulas (6) and (5.1) are very close to those of the official estimates obtained through the life table techniques based on age-specific death rates. It is worthwhile to mention here that the procedure, proposed here, should be applied under age 50 as the assumption of a second degree growth curve, $\mathrm{r}(\mathrm{x})$, is unlikely to work well unless some adjustments are made due to deviation from the above assumption.

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Table 1
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for Japan Males during 1965-1970 at age fifty-five and above

| Age | $\begin{gathered} \text { Population } \\ 1965 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Population } \\ 1970 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{a}}$ | $\mathbf{r a t}_{\mathbf{a}}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {+ }}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x}+10) / \mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ | $\mathrm{ex}^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 2172903 | 2157091 | -0.00146 | 0.01655 | 2164987 | 62.19 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 1930469 | 2042055 | 0.01124 | 0.02242 | 1985739 | 65.34 | 0.02256 | 0.6610 | 19.13 |
| 60 | 1625089 | 1755397 | 0.01543 | 0.02719 | 1689406 | 68.69 | 0.02737 | 0.6327 | 15.61 |
| 65 | 1218867 | 1399180 | 0.02759 | 0.03391 | 1306951 | 72.22 | 0.03404 | 0.5786 | 12.65 |
| 70 | 788994 | 961641 | 0.03958 | 0.03889 | 872472 | 75.94 | 0.03888 | 0.5657 | 9.88 |
| 75 | 451871 | 531898 | 0.03261 | 0.03813 | 490798 | 79.77 | 0.03813 |  | 7.32 |
| 80 | 186946 | 241356 | 0.05109 | 0.04734 | 212994 | 83.56 |  |  | 5.59 |
| 85+ | 73855 | 89100 | 0.03753 | 0.03753 | 81239 |  |  |  |  |

Table 2
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for Japan Females during 1965-1970 at age fifty-five and above

| Age | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1965 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1970 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{a}}$ | $\mathbf{r a}_{\mathbf{a}+}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {+ }}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | e(x+10)/e(x) | $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{x}}{ }^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 2485095 | 2648360 | 0.01273 | 0.02639 | 2565862 | 62.84 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 2071540 | 2382691 | 0.02799 | 0.03086 | 2223488 | 66.23 | 0.03087 | 0.6663 | 23.00 |
| 60 | 1719370 | 1970485 | 0.02726 | 0.03200 | 1842076 | 69.68 | 0.03201 | 0.6328 | 18.96 |
| 65 | 1343444 | 1584699 | 0.03303 | 0.03431 | 1460753 | 73.18 | 0.03432 | 0.5665 | 15.33 |
| 70 | 955567 | 1172155 | 0.04086 | 0.03511 | 1060176 | 76.77 | 0.03510 | 0.5415 | 12.00 |
| 75 | 644043 | 736258 | 0.02676 | 0.03026 | 689122 | 80.38 | 0.03032 |  | 8.68 |
| 80 | 341170 | 408191 | 0.03587 | 0.03453 | 373679 | 83.91 |  |  | 6.50 |
| 85+ | 176068 | 206511 | 0.03190 | 0.03190 | 190885 |  |  |  |  |

Table 3
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for Korea Males during 1990-1995 at age fifty-five and above

| Age | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1990 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1995 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{a}}$ | $\mathbf{r a}_{\text {+ }}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {+ }}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x}+10) / \mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ | $\mathrm{ex}^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 994511 | 1028887 | 0.00680 | 0.03249 | 1011602 | 60.77 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 760993 | 923625 | 0.03874 | 0.04377 | 839686 | 64.40 | 0.04389 | 0.6344 | 18.58 |
| 60 | 494845 | 673719 | 0.06171 | 0.04665 | 579690 | 68.34 | 0.04660 | 0.6444 | 15.82 |
| 65 | 375752 | 420873 | 0.02268 | 0.03686 | 397886 | 72.14 | 0.03692 | 0.6534 | 11.79 |
| 70 | 233308 | 293696 | 0.04604 | 0.04835 | 262345 | 75.89 | 0.04839 | 0.5731 | 10.20 |
| 75 | 127905 | 160498 | 0.04540 | 0.05099 | 143585 | 79.76 | 0.05095 |  | 7.70 |
| 80 | 54861 | 71267 | 0.05233 | 0.06033 | 62707 | 83.54 |  |  | 5.84 |
| 85+ | 18830 | 28370 | 0.08198 | 0.08198 | 23275 |  |  |  |  |

Table 4
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for Korea Females during 1990-1995 at age fifty-five and above

| Age | $\begin{gathered} \text { Population } \\ 1990 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1995 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{a}}$ | $\mathbf{r a}_{\text {+ }}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\mathrm{a}+}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | e(x+10)/e(x) | $\mathrm{ex}^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 1015507 | 1034881 | 0.00378 | 0.02959 | 1025163 | 62.86 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 861860 | 989836 | 0.02769 | 0.03796 | 924372 | 66.21 | 0.03810 | 0.6731 | 24.26 |
| 60 | 662214 | 821363 | 0.04308 | 0.04220 | 738934 | 69.80 | 0.04220 | 0.6514 | 20.64 |
| 65 | 524562 | 623106 | 0.03443 | 0.04177 | 572421 | 73.39 | 0.04136 | 0.6033 | 16.33 |
| 70 | 361808 | 468848 | 0.05183 | 0.04629 | 413019 | 77.02 | 0.04628 | 0.5582 | 13.44 |
| 75 | 249266 | 295175 | 0.03381 | 0.04187 | 271574 | 80.63 | 0.04196 |  | 9.85 |
| 80 | 140451 | 174924 | 0.04390 | 0.05079 | 157057 | 84.09 |  |  | 7.51 |
| 85+ | 75496 | 103448 | 0.06300 | 0.06300 | 88739 |  |  |  |  |

Table 5
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for China Males during 1982-1990 at age fifty-five and above

| Age | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1982 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Population } \\ 1990 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{a}}$ | $\mathbf{r a b}^{+}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x}+10) / \mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ | $\mathrm{ex}^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 21528986 | 24117110 | 0.01419 | 0.02650 | 22798569 | 61.44 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 17493925 | 21865620 | 0.02788 | 0.03116 | 19598577 | 64.83 | 0.03119 | 0.6238 | 19.07 |
| 60 | 13709397 | 17514640 | 0.03062 | 0.03274 | 15534420 | 68.36 | 0.03276 | 0.6095 | 15.08 |
| 65 | 10171973 | 12937720 | 0.03006 | 0.03405 | 11499467 | 71.98 | 0.03413 | 0.6001 | 11.89 |
| 70 | 6434731 | 8367690 | 0.03283 | 0.03742 | 7358949 | 75.77 | 0.03746 | 0.5815 | 9.19 |
| 75 | 3496703 | 4699180 | 0.03695 | 0.04282 | 4068367 | 79.60 | 0.04287 |  | 7.14 |
| 80 | 1350766 | 1996750 | 0.04886 | 0.05369 | 1652771 | 83.47 |  |  | 5.35 |
| 85+ | 474973 | 716430 | 0.06824 | 0.06824 | 552096 |  |  |  |  |

Table 6
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for China Females during 1982-1990 at age fifty-five and above

| Age | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1982 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1990 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathbf{r a}_{\text {a }}$ | $\mathbf{r a b}^{+}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | e(x+10)/e(x) | $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{x}}{ }^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 19286515 | 21546710 | 0.01385 | 0.02327 | 20395744 | 62.81 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 16400402 | 19887010 | 0.02410 | 0.02628 | 18087734 | 66.11 | 0.02629 | 0.6463 | 21.73 |
| 60 | 13652807 | 16540770 | 0.02399 | 0.02714 | 15050638 | 69.50 | 0.02715 | 0.6214 | 17.40 |
| 65 | 11088397 | 13457180 | 0.02420 | 0.02869 | 12234593 | 72.92 | 0.02875 | 0.5989 | 14.05 |
| 70 | 7913314 | 9751450 | 0.02611 | 0.03165 | 8800411 | 76.50 | 0.03167 | 0.5897 | 10.81 |
| 75 | 5120340 | 6271900 | 0.02536 | 0.03665 | 5676666 | 80.10 | 0.03669 |  | 8.41 |
| 80 | 2353829 | 3374530 | 0.04503 | 0.05244 | 2833606 | 83.73 |  |  | 6.38 |
| 85+ | 930439 | 1621540 | 0.06943 | 0.06943 | 1244162 |  |  |  |  |

Table 7
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for Indian Males during 1981-1991 at age fifty-five and above

| Age | $\begin{gathered} \text { Population } \\ 1981 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Population } \\ 1991 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{a}}$ | $\mathbf{r a t}_{\mathbf{+}}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {+ }}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x}+10) / \mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ | $\mathrm{ex}^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 13794218 | 16904890 | 0.02034 | 0.02554 | 15296876 | 61.74 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 8498073 | 10941747 | 0.02527 | 0.02781 | 9668496 | 65.75 | 0.02756 | 0.6620 | 18.54 |
| 60 | 9385925 | 11907237 | 0.02379 | 0.02877 | 10596636 | 68.88 | 0.02932 | 0.7003 | 15.85 |
| 65 | 4793728 | 6493630 | 0.03035 | 0.03231 | 5600750 | 73.42 | 0.03193 | 0.7939 | 12.28 |
| 70 | 4190266 | 5535950 | 0.02785 | 0.03349 | 4831917 | 76.97 | 0.03429 | 0.8591 | 11.10 |
| 75 | 1599673 | 2102284 | 0.02732 | 0.03958 | 1839549 | 81.80 | 0.03843 |  | 9.75 |
| 80 | 1360436 | 2094937 | 0.04317 | 0.04819 | 1701343 | 84.81 |  |  | 9.53 |
| 85+ | 692839 | 1229687 | 0.05737 | 0.05737 | 935736 |  |  |  |  |

Table 8
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for Indian Females during 1981-1991 at age fifty- five and above

| Age | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1981 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Population } \\ 1991 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathbf{r a}_{\mathbf{a}}$ | $\mathbf{r a t}_{\mathbf{+}}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x}+10) / \mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ | $\mathrm{ex}^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 11602684 | 14208702 | 0.02026 | 0.02473 | 12861721 | 62.10 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 7918507 | 10530755 | 0.02851 | 0.02646 | 9162653 | 65.81 | 0.02633 | 0.6141 | 19.77 |
| 60 | 8781635 | 10841739 | 0.02107 | 0.02568 | 9775535 | 68.96 | 0.02613 | 0.6783 | 15.78 |
| 65 | 4720693 | 6364869 | 0.02988 | 0.02883 | 5501897 | 73.38 | 0.02856 | 0.7873 | 12.14 |
| 70 | 4005876 | 5018131 | 0.02253 | 0.02817 | 4493015 | 77.04 | 0.02883 | 0.8499 | 10.70 |
| 75 | 1562823 | 2043289 | 0.02681 | 0.03405 | 1792336 | 81.75 | 0.03298 |  | 9.56 |
| 80 | 1348284 | 1893925 | 0.03398 | 0.03918 | 1605683 | 84.75 |  |  | 9.10 |
| 85+ | 725206 | 1173962 | 0.04817 | 0.04817 | 931640 |  |  |  |  |

Table 9
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for Indian Males during 1991-2001 at age fifty-five and above

| Age | $\begin{gathered} \text { Population } \\ 1991 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Population } \\ 2001 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{a}}$ | $\mathbf{r a t}_{\text {+ }}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x}+10) / \mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ | $\mathrm{ex}^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 16904890 | 19851608 | 0.01607 | 0.02188 | 18338809 | 62.18 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 10941747 | 13583022 | 0.02162 | 0.02422 | 12214827 | 66.07 | 0.02399 | 0.6924 | 19.28 |
| 60 | 11907237 | 13586347 | 0.01319 | 0.02517 | 12728338 | 69.21 | 0.02607 | 0.6551 | 17.45 |
| 65 | 6493630 | 9472103 | 0.03775 | 0.03259 | 7889383 | 73.35 | 0.03213 | 0.6822 | 13.35 |
| 70 | 5535950 | 7527688 | 0.03073 | 0.02940 | 6480890 | 76.98 | 0.02925 | 0.7134 | 11.43 |
| 75 | 2102284 | 3263209 | 0.04397 | 0.02802 | 2640346 | 81.63 | 0.02826 |  | 9.11 |
| 80 | 2094937 | 2257951 | 0.00749 | 0.01645 | 2175426 | 84.65 |  |  | 8.15 |
| 85+ | 1229687 | 1661029 | 0.03007 | 0.03007 | 1434566 |  |  |  |  |

Table 10
Estimation of $\frac{e(x+10)}{e(x)}$ for Indian Females during 1991-2001 at age fifty- five and above

| Age | Population $1991$ | Population 2001 | ${ }_{5} \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{a}}$ | $\mathbf{r a b}^{+}$ | ${ }_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{x}}$ | $\mathrm{Ca}_{\text {+ }}$ | $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{k}}$ | $\mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x}+10) / \mathrm{e}(\mathrm{x})$ | $\mathrm{ex}^{0}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 50 | 14208702 | 16735951 | 0.01637 | 0.02909 | 15437865 | 62.57 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 10530755 | 14070325 | 0.02898 | 0.03348 | 12215188 | 66.03 | 0.03330 | 0.6192 | 22.70 |
| 60 | 10841739 | 13930432 | 0.02507 | 0.03516 | 12321632 | 69.22 | 0.03582 | 0.6185 | 18.86 |
| 65 | 6364869 | 10334852 | 0.04847 | 0.04128 | 8190121 | 73.28 | 0.04114 | 0.7034 | 14.05 |
| 70 | 5018131 | 7180956 | 0.03584 | 0.03648 | 6035089 | 77.15 | 0.03653 | 0.7563 | 11.67 |
| 75 | 2043289 | 3288016 | 0.04757 | 0.03711 | 2616492 | 81.69 | 0.03701 |  | 9.89 |
| 80 | 1893925 | 2307983 | 0.01977 | 0.02948 | 2094136 | 84.76 |  |  | 8.82 |
| 85+ | 1173962 | 1811755 | 0.04339 | 0.04339 | 1469868 |  |  |  |  |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Though the exact values of $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}+}$ and $\mathbf{C}_{(\mathbf{x + 1 0 ) +}}$ are not known, it can be shown that the two points (ages), mentioned above, are sufficiently close to the mean ages of persons aged ' $x \&$ above', and ' $x+10 \&$ above' respectively (Lahiri, 1983).
    ${ }^{2}$ Empirical investigations with the age-data at two points of time of various countries (developed and developing countries) indicate that the growth curve ( $\overline{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{x}}$ ) at ages 45 and above resembles well to a second-degree polynomial (for details, see Lahiri and Menezes, 2003).

