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Ratio and Regression Estimation
Example. A forest manager is interested in estimating the number of dead fir trees in a 300 -acre area of heavy infestation. Using an aerial photo, she divides the area into 2001.5 -acre plots. Let $x$ denote the photo count of dead firs and $y$ the actual ground count for a simple random sample of $n=10$ plots. The total number of dead fir trees obtained from the photo count is $X_{T}=4200$. Use the sample data in the following table to estimate $Y_{T}$, the total number of dead firs in the 300 -acre area.

| Plot Sampled | Photo Count, $x_{i}$ | Ground Count, $y_{i}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 12 | 18 |
| 2 | 30 | 42 |
| 3 | 24 | 24 |
| 4 | 24 | 36 |
| 5 | 18 | 24 |
| 6 | 30 | 36 |
| 7 | 12 | 14 |
| 8 | 6 | 10 |
| 9 | 36 | 48 |
| 10 | 42 | 54 |

