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Quality improvements - Bringing users along for the ride

An attempt to create a roadmap using the tools from Academia

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My paper tries to answer one (key) question

How can we, as statisticians in NSIs, build and strengthen trust to official statistics as our methods keep changing?



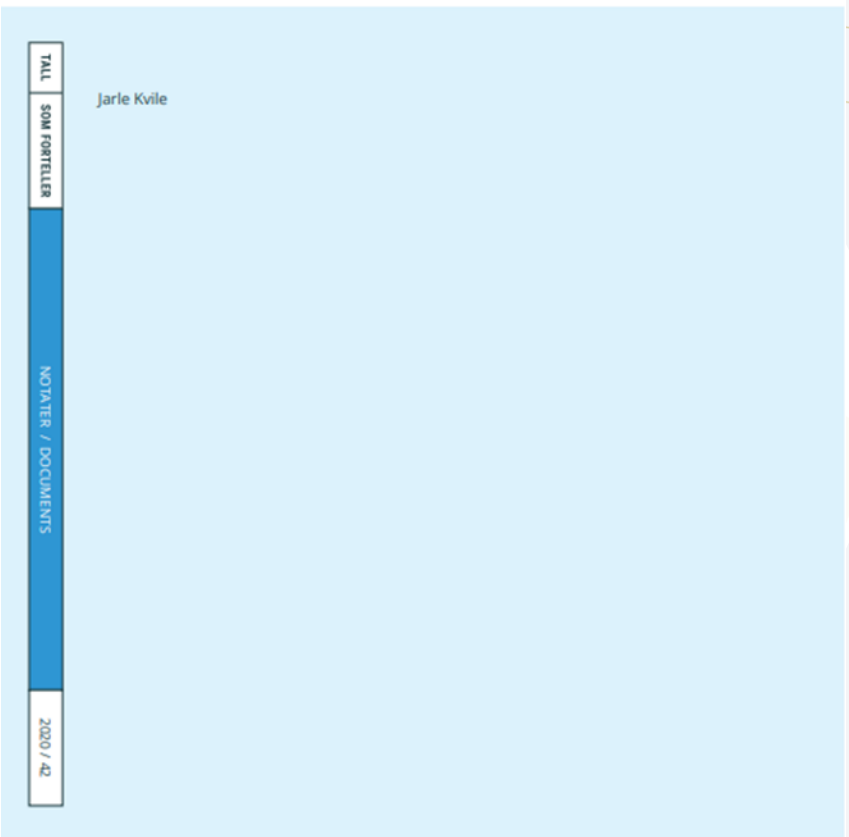
Past experience

I started with a statistics that were highlighted as a low-quality one. The accommodation statistics.

- «Lets do a quality review».
- Get a list from the quality team.
- We complete the list.

Produksjonsmessige endringer i overnattingsstatistikken

Dokumentasjonsnotat om hvordan statistikken produseres og hvordan
oppgavebyrden kan reduseres





Now, we are «running to the cloud»

For statisticians and economists, this is close to a blank check on quality improvements.

We can finally easily implement:

- Statistical tests
- Neat tools for data cleaning
- Machine learning algorithms



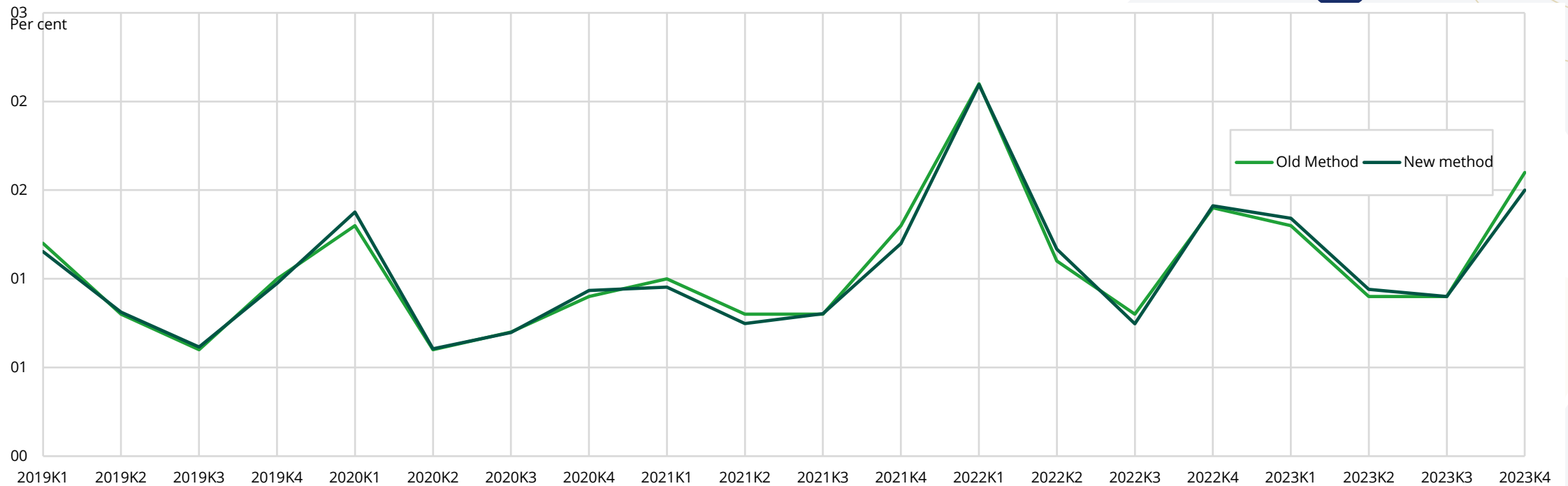
Now, we are «running to the cloud»

- I was asked to transform the statistics of «self reported sick days» from legacy systems to open source systems.
- Naturally, I used a combination of sources and various methods in order to find improvements.
- However, I was left with a problem, what to do with the changing estimates?





The effect on estimate changes..





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The effects on women:

- Decline of 315 000 contractual working days lost due to self-reported sick days (2019 – 2023)

The effects on men:

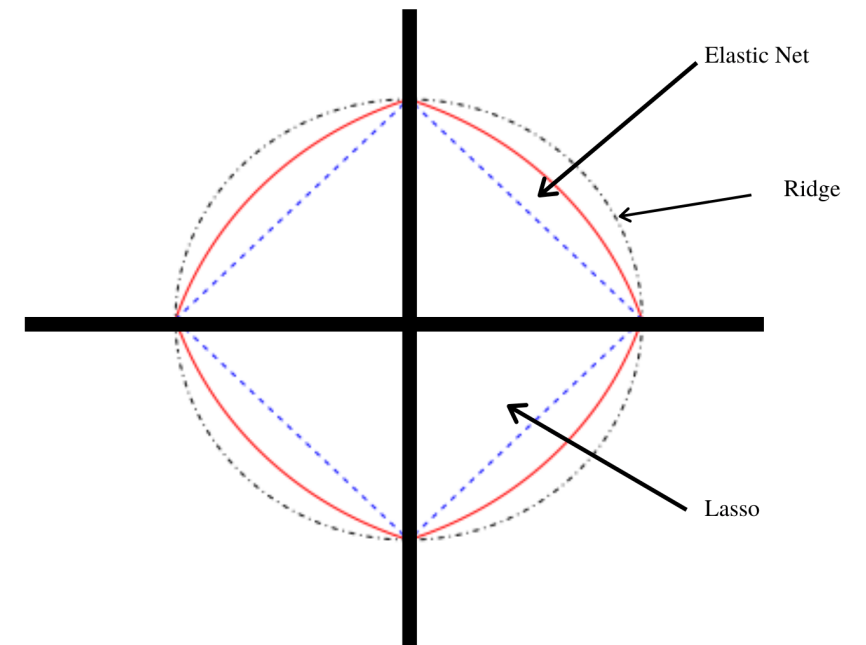
- Increase of 213 000 contractual working days lost due to self-reported sick days (2019 – 2023)





However, in academia...

- No «overflow» of information.
- Try to have a complete roadmap on «how to learn statistics»
- Start with the basic, and then move to the «fun stuff» 😊





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**This made me
eager to try a
more «open-
door-approach»**





However, in academia...

- I therefore started with the basis
- Engage the most important users that are influential in the public debate
- Invite them to my office
- No response.

Næring, SN07-aggregater	Samme			1			
	Begge kjønn	Menn	Kvinner	Begge kjønn	Menn	Kvinner	
00-99 Alle næringer (medregnet uoppgitt)		0,88	1,59	0,86	0,67	1,13	0,72
01-03 Jordbruk, skogbruk og fiske	5,7		7,58	7,69	4,19	6,25	4,33
05-09 Bergverksdrift og utvinning	4,56		6,16	5,53	3,25	2,25	5,24
10-33 Industri	1,83		2,23	2,7	1,14	1,78	2,15
35-39 Elektrisk, vann, avløp, renovasjon	2,19		2,66	3,64	2,01	2,65	3,14
41-43 Bygge- og anleggsvirksomhet	6,15		6,69	6,37	6,25	6,78	6,35
45-47 Varehandel, reparasjon av motorvogner	2,05		2,68	3,16	2,01	2,74	2,85
49-53 Transport og lagring	12,21		15,06	3,53	4,12	4,55	2,89
55-56 Overnattings- og serveringsvirksomhet	3,5		5,12	4,7	2,15	3,25	2,89
58-63 Informasjon og kommunikasjon	2,21		2,94	2,96	2,12	2,55	1,89
64-66 Finansierings- og forsikringsvirksomhet	2,28		3,46	3,02	2,24	3,55	2,98
68-75 Eiendomsdrift, teknisk tjenesteyting	2,65		3,94	3,47	1,89	3,88	2,51
77-82 Forretningsmessig tjenesteyting	3,95		6,17	4,2	3,55	5,24	4,52
84 Off.adm. og forsvar, sosialforsikr.	1,34		1,87	1,88	1,55	1,89	2,11
85 Undervisning	1,31		2,17	1,61	1,01	1,87	1,22
86-88 Helse- og sosialtjenester	1,4		2,65	1,61	0,98	2,15	1,12
90-99 Private tjenester							



Why didnt it work?



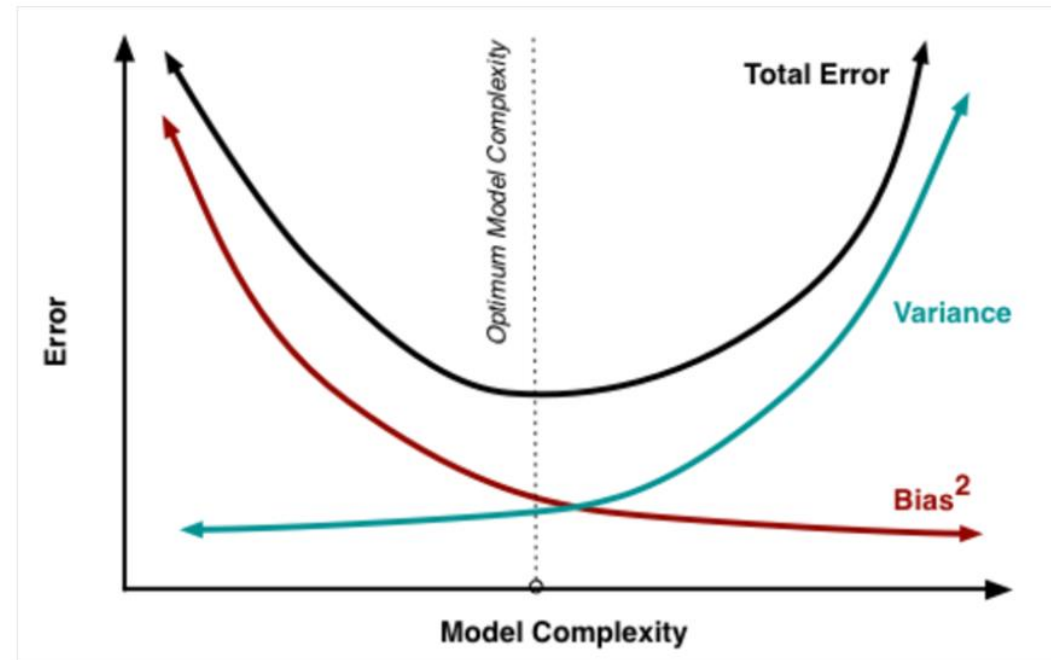
Death of the
Open Door Policy.

3 theories..

- They don't care
- They care, but they don't know the door is there
- They don't have the resources.



Concluding remarks.. Are we having too much fun?





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