FMS1204S: Fraud, deception and data

Week 13
Final Assignment

- Write an essay on the topics you have presented in the semester (maximum two pages excluding the references).
- The essay should consist of INTRODUCTION, MAIN BODY, CONCLUSION and REFERENCES. The main body can itself consist of logically related parts or sections.
- In the essay, you should give a brief review on the topics you have presented. The major points of each topic should be discussed, though not in detail.
- The essay should also include your reflection and your comments on those topics.
- The essay should be written with a scientific writing style.
- The completed essay should be submitted to IVLE folder: student submission/final report by 17:00, April 21, Friday.
Different scientific fields have different conventions on writing.

Individual journals within a field usually have their own style guides, for instance, [http://www.nature.com/nature/authors/gta/](http://www.nature.com/nature/authors/gta/)

Some style guides recommend against use of the passive voice, while some encourage it.

In some fields, it is customary to report in the present tense (for example, in mathematical sciences), whereas some fields recommend past tense.
Scientific Writing Style

- Common features of scientific writing:
  - Plain and accurate (rather than rhetorical flourishes).
  - Clear and concise.
  - Order and organization.
  - Write in complete sentences.
  - Every paragraph has a topic sentence and the paragraph content supports the topic.
  - Do not use colloquial speech, slang, or "childish" words or phrases.
  - Do not use contractions: for example, "don’t" must be "do not" and "isn’t" must be "is not" etc.
References and Plagiarism

- References to other works are an integral component of any research paper.
- The usual practice to make a reference to a work is to summarize the finding or other information in your own words and then cite the source.
- Any ideas or other information that are not your own must be substantiated by a reference.
- The source of cited works should be given in detail in the section REFERENCES.
- Plagiarism:
  - Use of others’ words, ideas, images, etc. without citation is considered as plagiarism.
  - Paraphrasing other’s words too closely may also be construed as plagiarism in some circumstances.
  - Plagiarism can be easily avoided by adequately referencing any and all information you use from other sources.