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(I) Innumeracy compounding an already difficult situation

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Like many, a combination of curiosity, self-preservation, and dissatisfaction with what the news was calling “analyses”, drove us to begin our own analyses of publicly available COVID-19 data. I will present some of the simple approaches we came up with, and our more interesting observations regarding the effectiveness of restrictions and the variations over time in the mortality rate per COVID-19 confirmed cases, across various areas and countries. Some of the shortcomings of COVID-19 reporting, including the issues of presenting data to the general public on a linear scale; and of performing 7-day rolling arithmetic averaging of daily counts to smooth over the noise, will be highlighted.

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