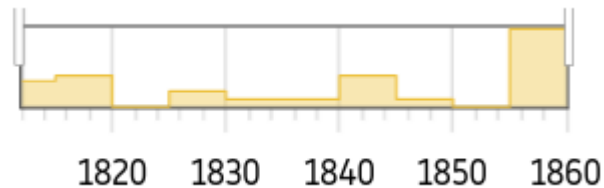


# **On Grundtvig and his use of bible references**

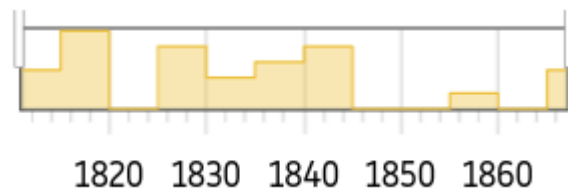
**Musings of a software developer**

- Searching for bible references using text service's facets

- i. Genesis 1:27 (1 Mos 1:27 in Scandinavia)



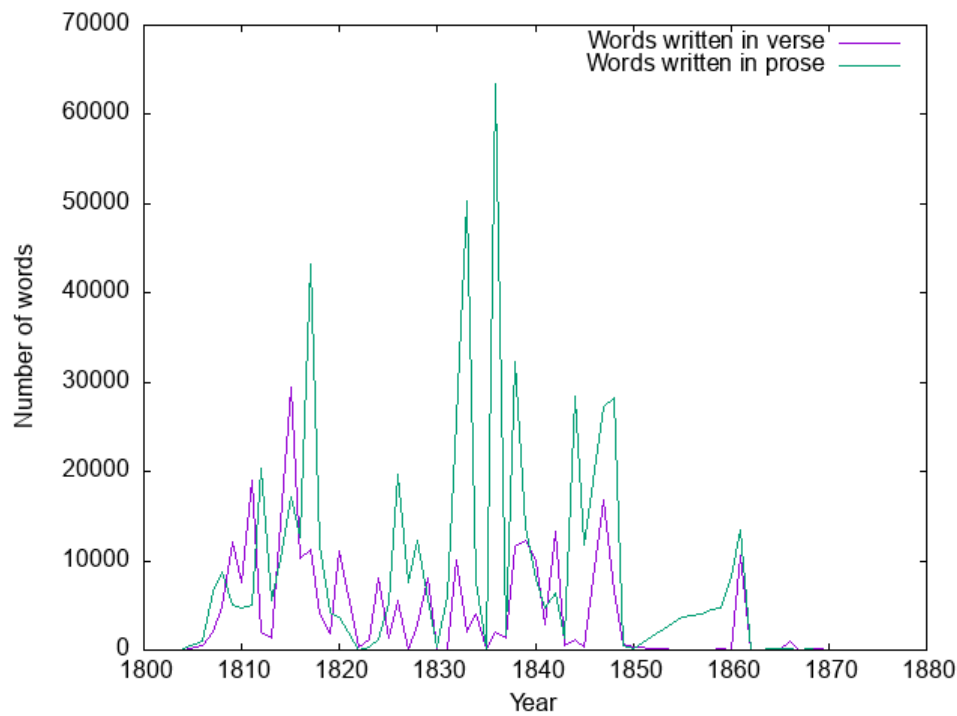
- ii. Genesis 2:7 (1 Mos 2:7 in Scandinavia)



1. A bible reference is a string such as 1 Corinthians 13:13 which is **intertextual** in its nature.
2. However, It is also a text in the scripture

*“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*

I will try to use ***bible reference*** when discussing the source and use ***bible location*** when referring to the target; i.e., the scripture.



The number of words written per year, for verse (purple curve) and in prose (green curve). The version of GV used in this analysis contains only 47% of his printed *oeuvre*, with a bias towards earlier part of

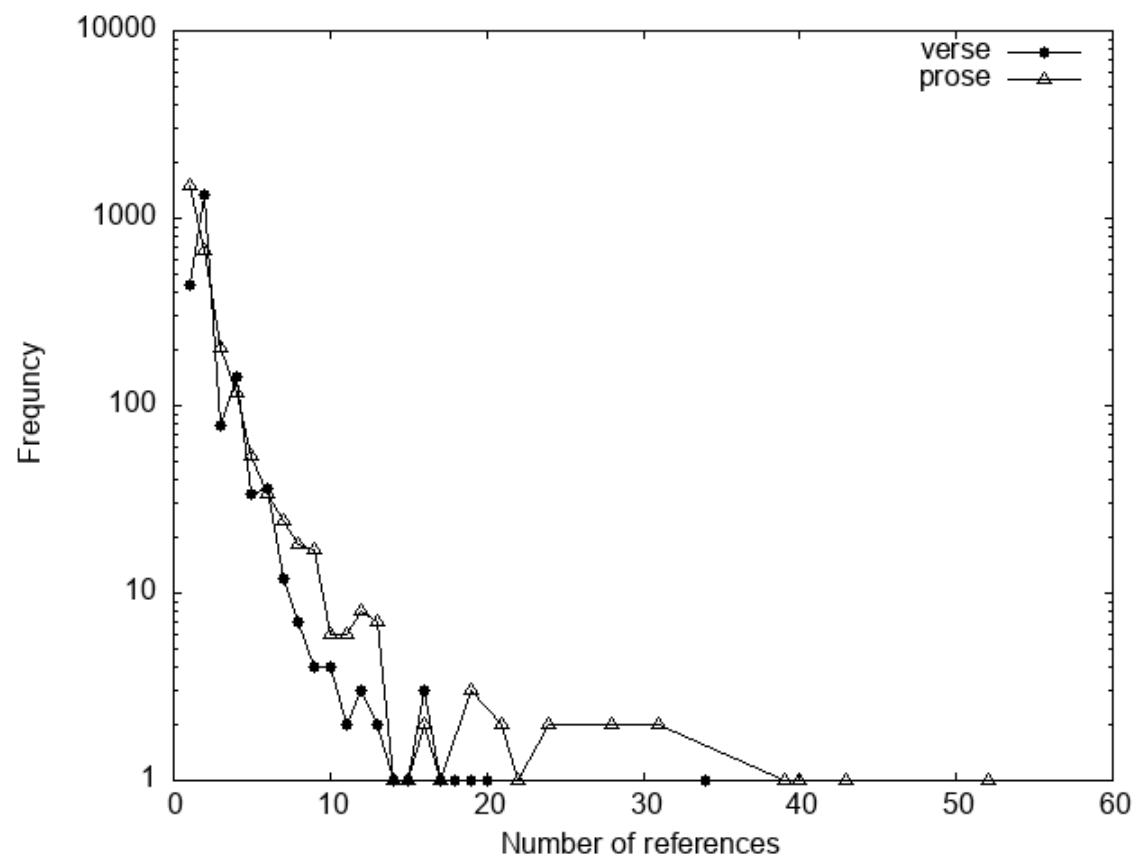
Grundtvig's career. This is the major reason for his seemingly lower text production between 1850 – 1872.

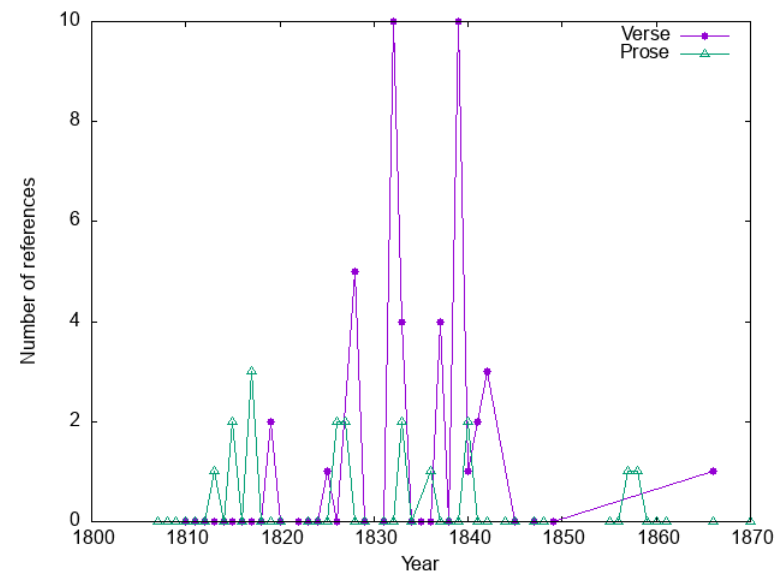
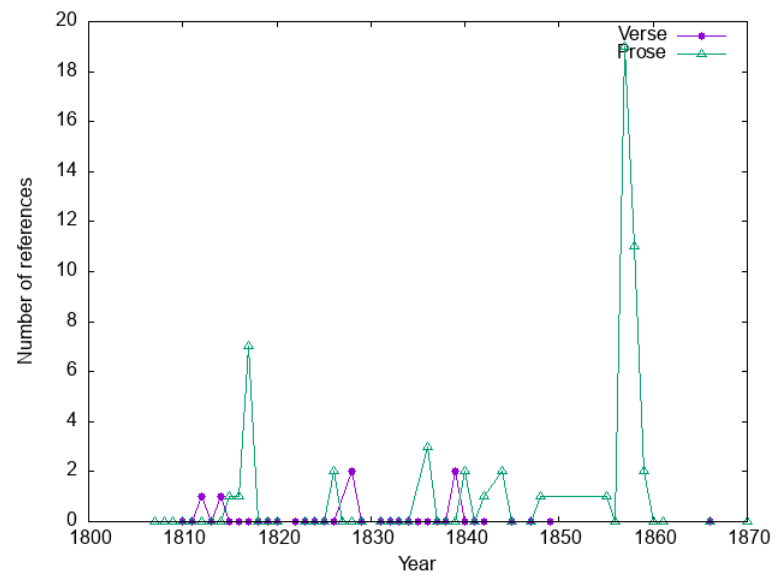
The number of times a given bible location is referred to as presented in this paper depends on two factors:

- the number of times Grundtvig actually used the location
- the philologists effort to identify the references, and their ability to do so in a text where the references are just vague hints of a location.

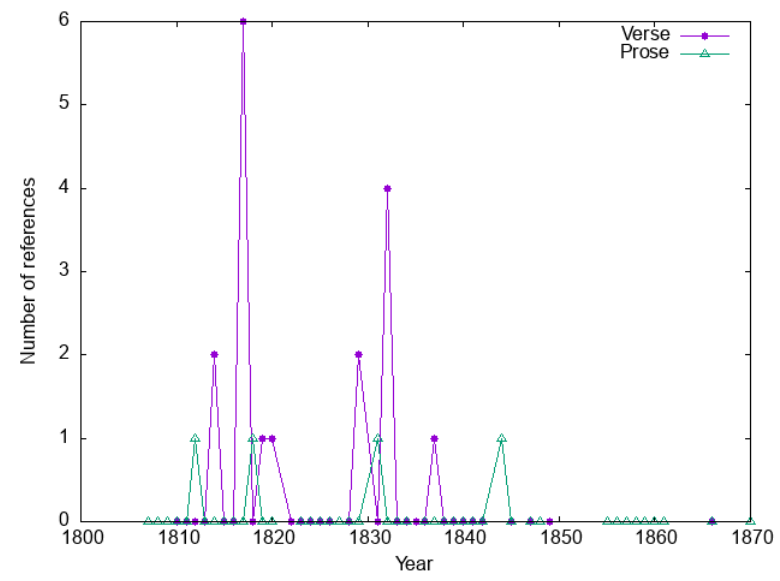
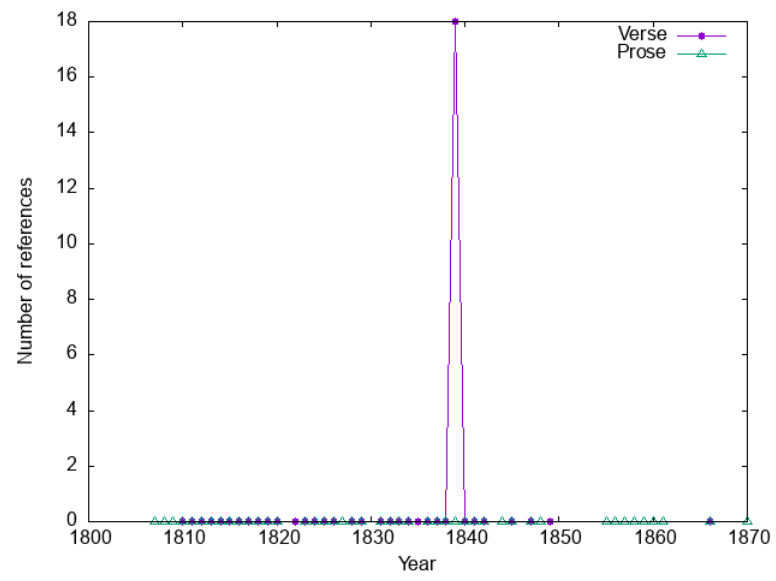
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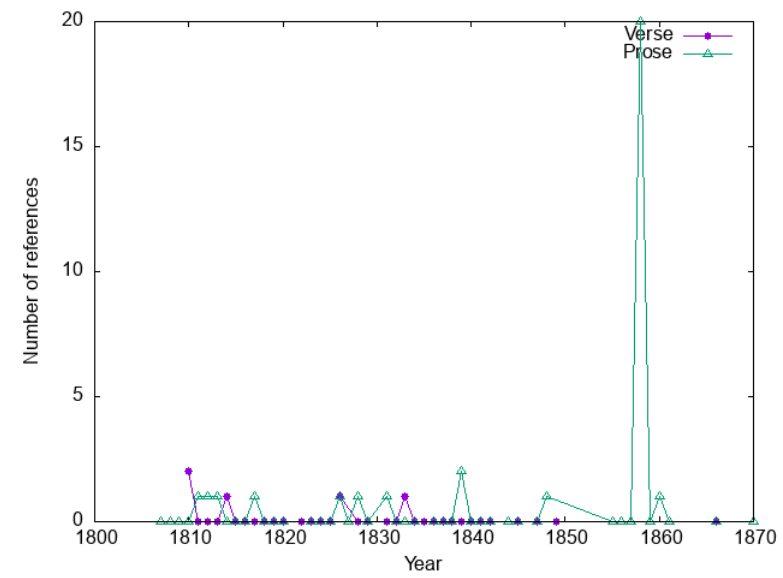
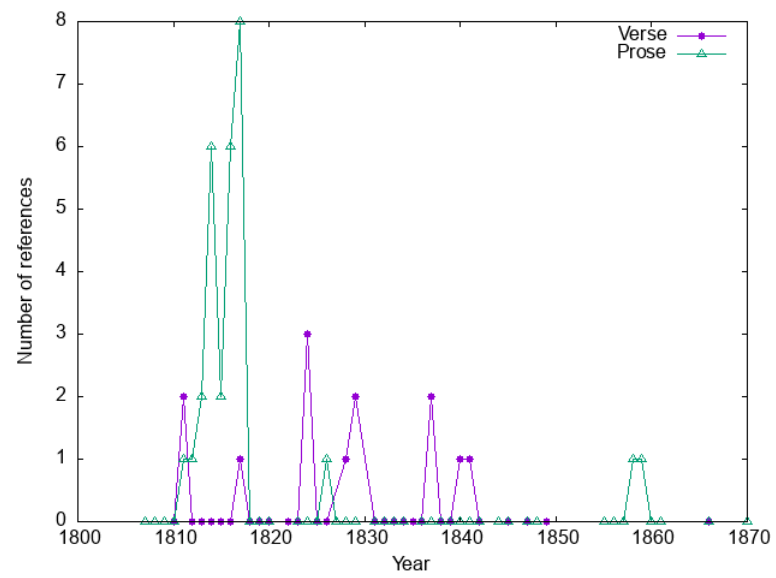
- The philologists at the Grundtvig centre has identified 11499 bible references in the GV.
- They refer to 4637 locations, i.e., Grundtvig referred to each location 2.5 times on the average.
- In reality there are large numbers of bible locations that just appear once in a reference
- whereas he had a number of favourites which is cited 60 to 70 times in the corpus.
- The favourites differ between verse and prose.





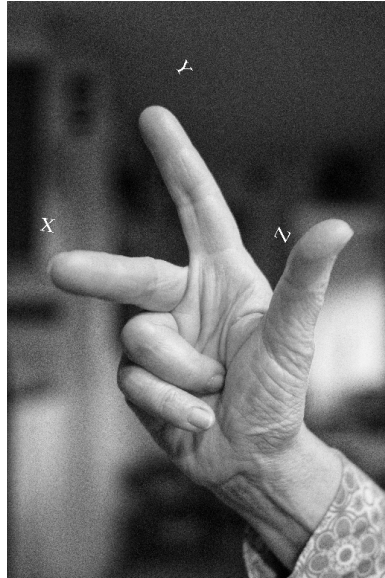






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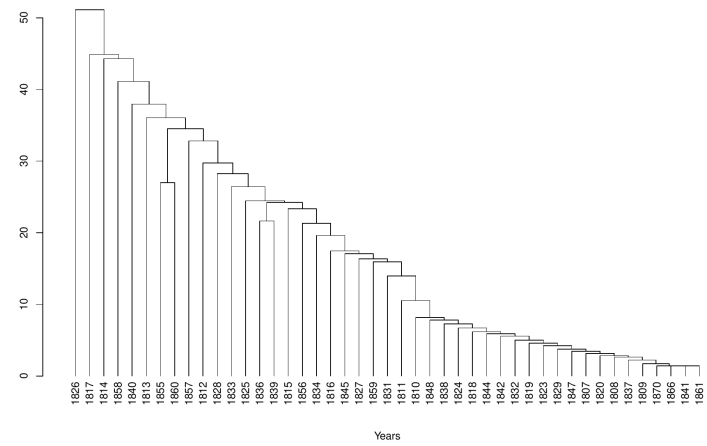
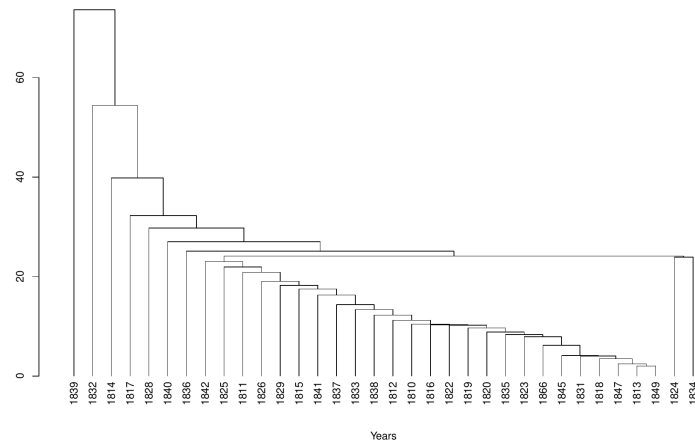
Can we say anything more general?



Cartesian coordinate system in 4637 dimensions. Each year a point.



# Cladograms for verse (left) and prose (right)



- Grundvig censured 1826 for "Kirkens Gienmæle" the year before. Lifted 1837.
- 1839. Sang-Værk til den Danske Kirke

Grundtvig's use of bible references is broader for prose than for verse. For instance, there are more references to locations just used once.

The references used in verse constitutes a smaller set with a (relatively) higher reuse frequency.

Events in his life affects what he is writing, and hence, what references he is using.