Curly Writing

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Curly Writing. Round and around it goes. Confusing the reader.

Example 4.40-1

While a four out of five chance of avoiding recession doesn’t sound too alarming, it is notable that this is the highest probability in the post-war period that didn’t result in a subsequent recession outside of the global financial crisis.

Revision: 1

While the chance of having a recession doesn’t sound too alarming, in the post-war period, there is a four out of five chance that there will be recession if not already under a global financial crisis.

Revision: 2

Since World War II, a recession has always occurred when the probability of having one was more than 20% -- except during the global financial crisis.

Revision: 3

Example 4.40-2

In the event of a fire alarm not being triggered, it is not advisable, while the emergency light is flashing, to refrain from vacating the building immediately.

Revision: 1

Leave the building immediately if you see the emergency light flashing, even if the fire alarm hasn’t gone off.