



Introduction

We must not forget that the modern digital computer and the screen are the *envy* of every scholar in every age before ours. Let us not rely so much on our cleverness than on our prudence in doing what they would have in our shoes.

Yes, there are several things which different people call least squares. And with good reason. But let us decide on what we mean by least squares and so know what we are talking about.

These sheets contain nothing but fiction. And yet, to the best of my knowledge, everything is true.