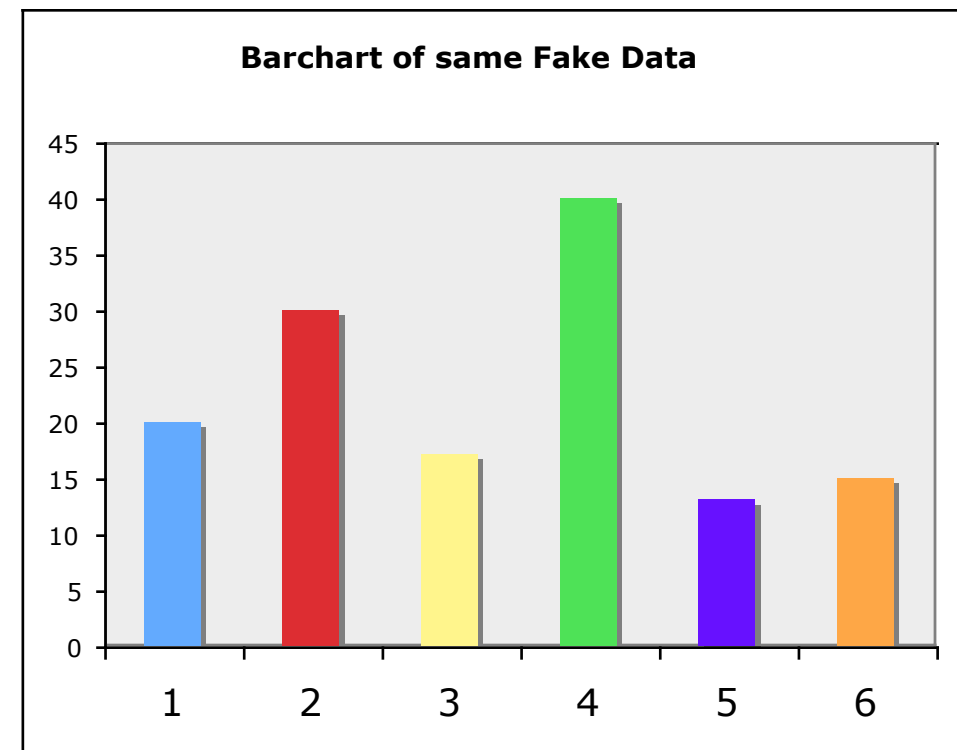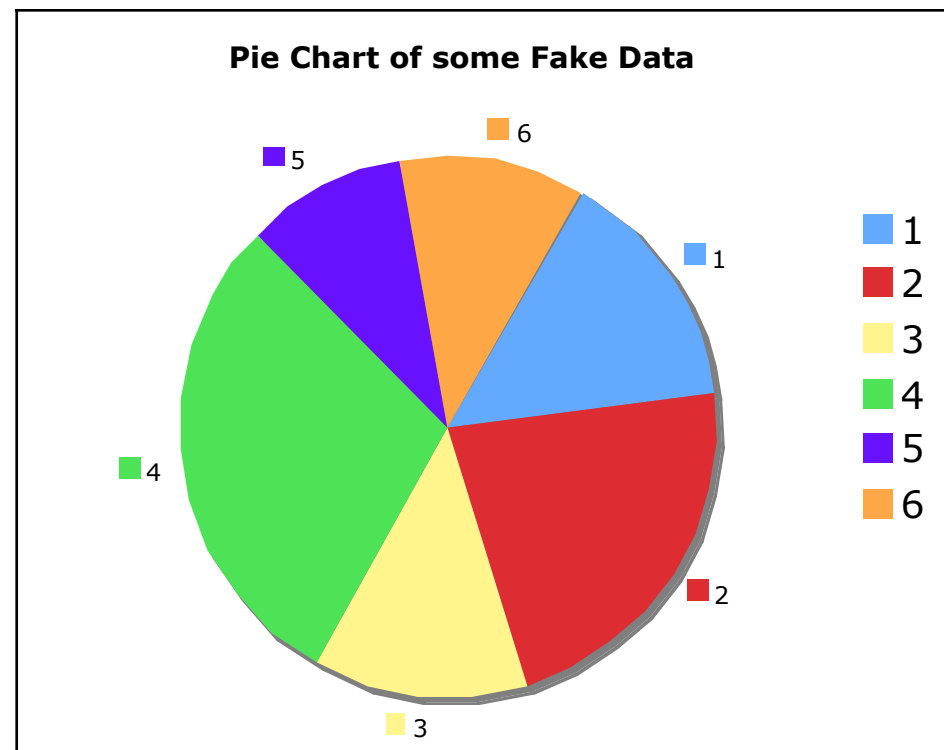# Why no pies?

Face-off: Bar vs Pie

- What tasks are involved?

Area is proportional to value

comparison of angles,
curve length

comparison of heights,
positions along a common scale

Ranking of perceptual tasks

- usually we are not interested in exact quantities
- ... But ... use accuracy as measure

Cleveland & McGill premise:

A graphical form that involves elementary perceptual tasks that lead to more accurate judgments than another graphical form (with the same quantitative information) will result in a better organization and increase the chances of correct perception of patterns and behavior.
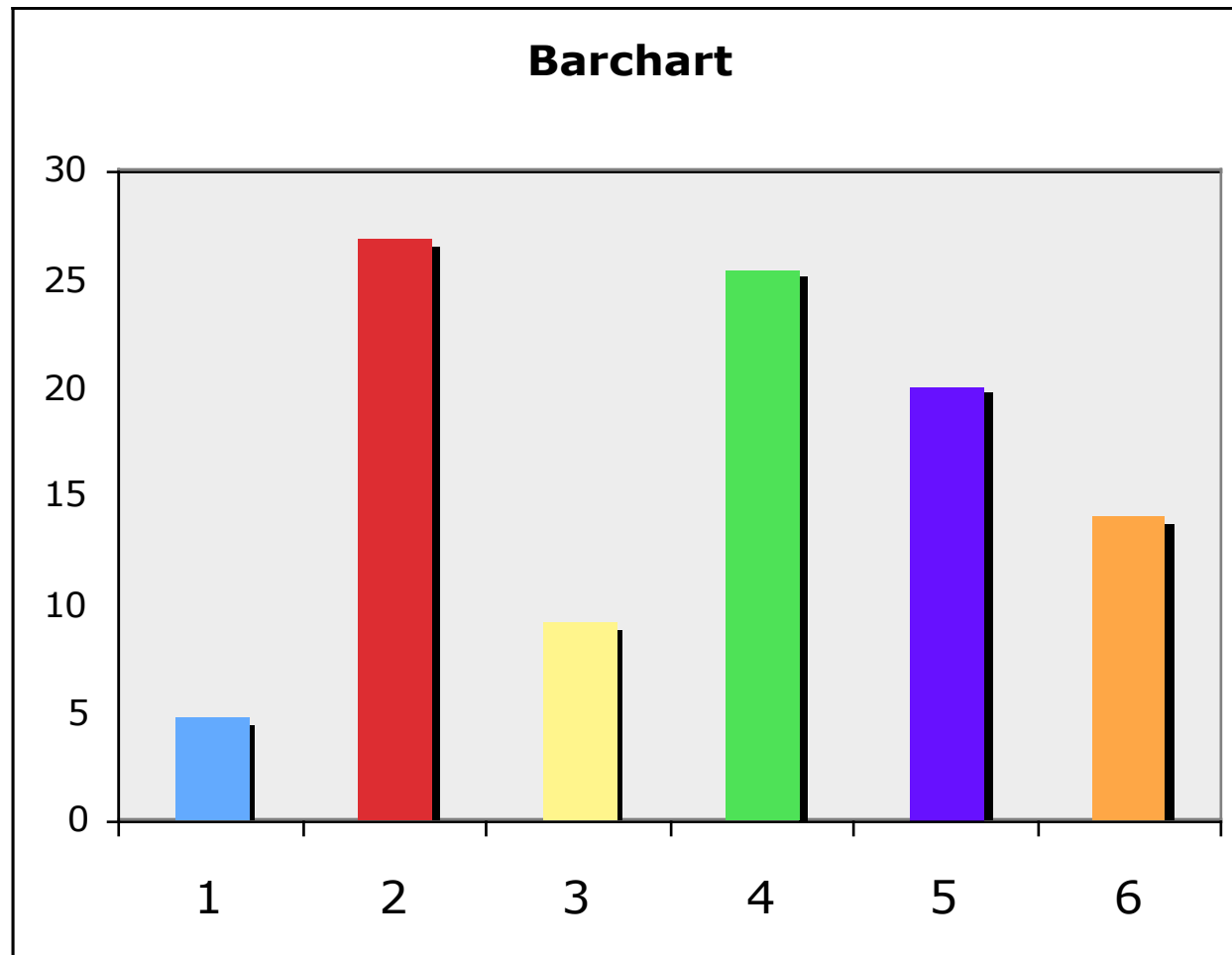
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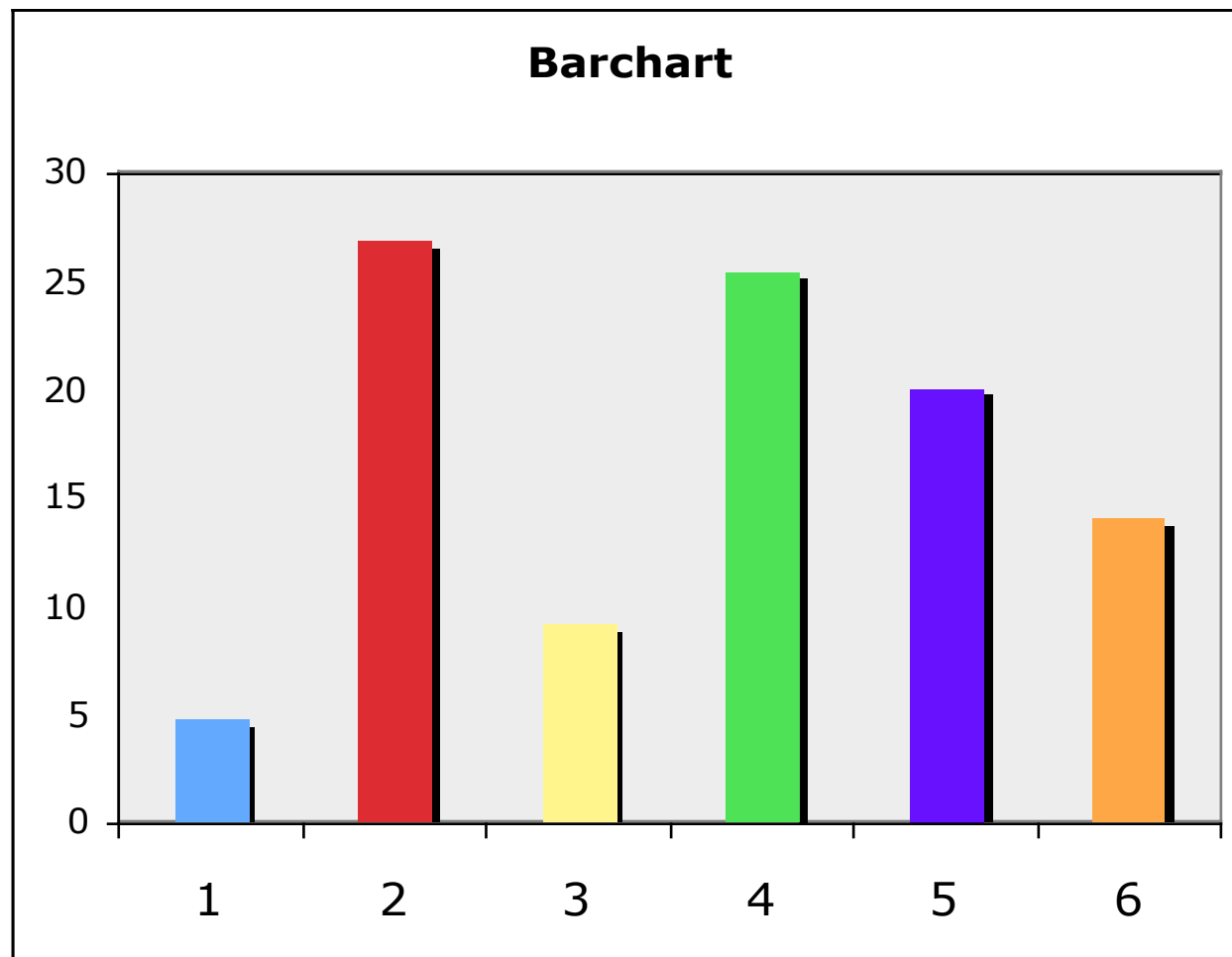Determine the values for bins 1 to 6 as accurately as possible
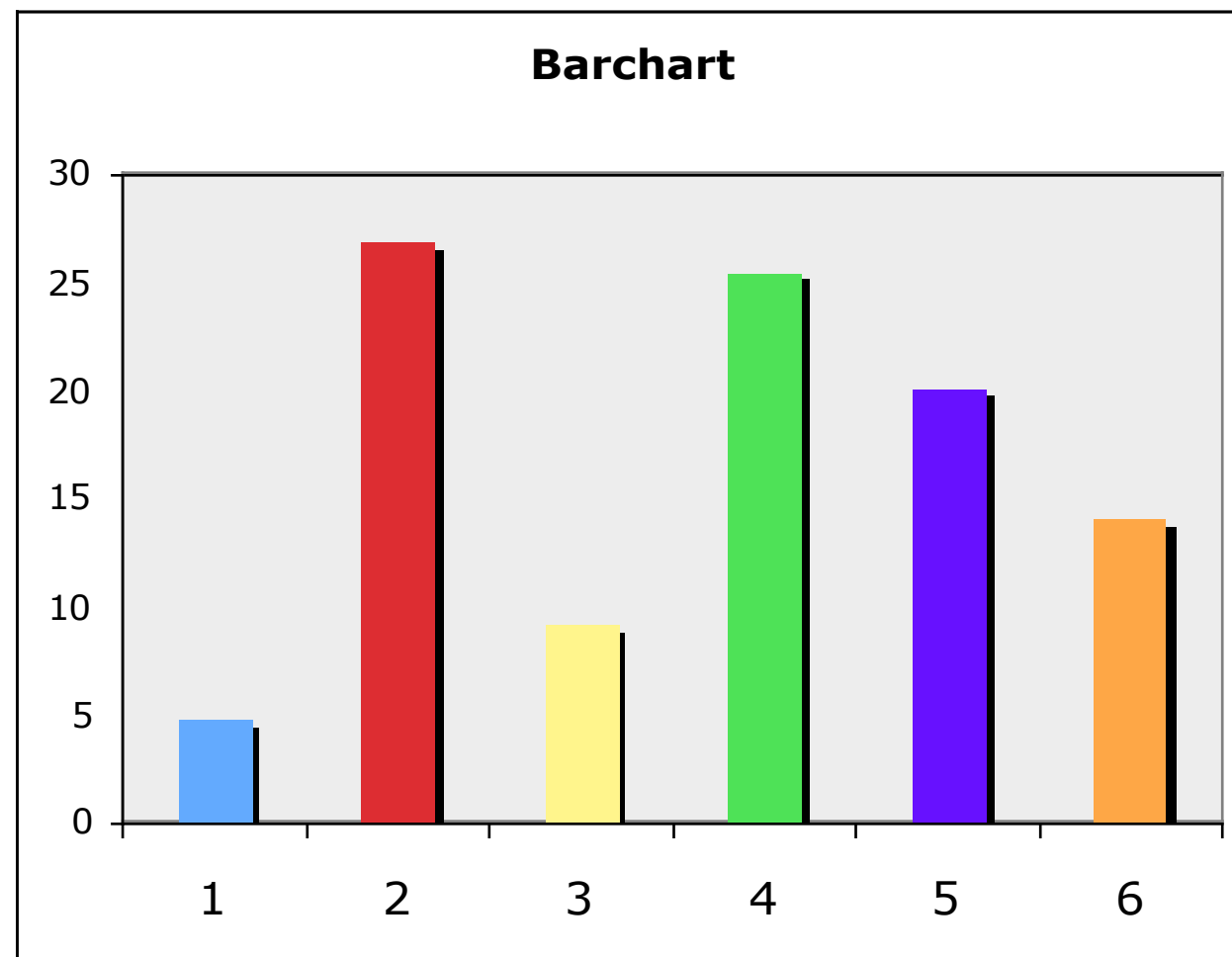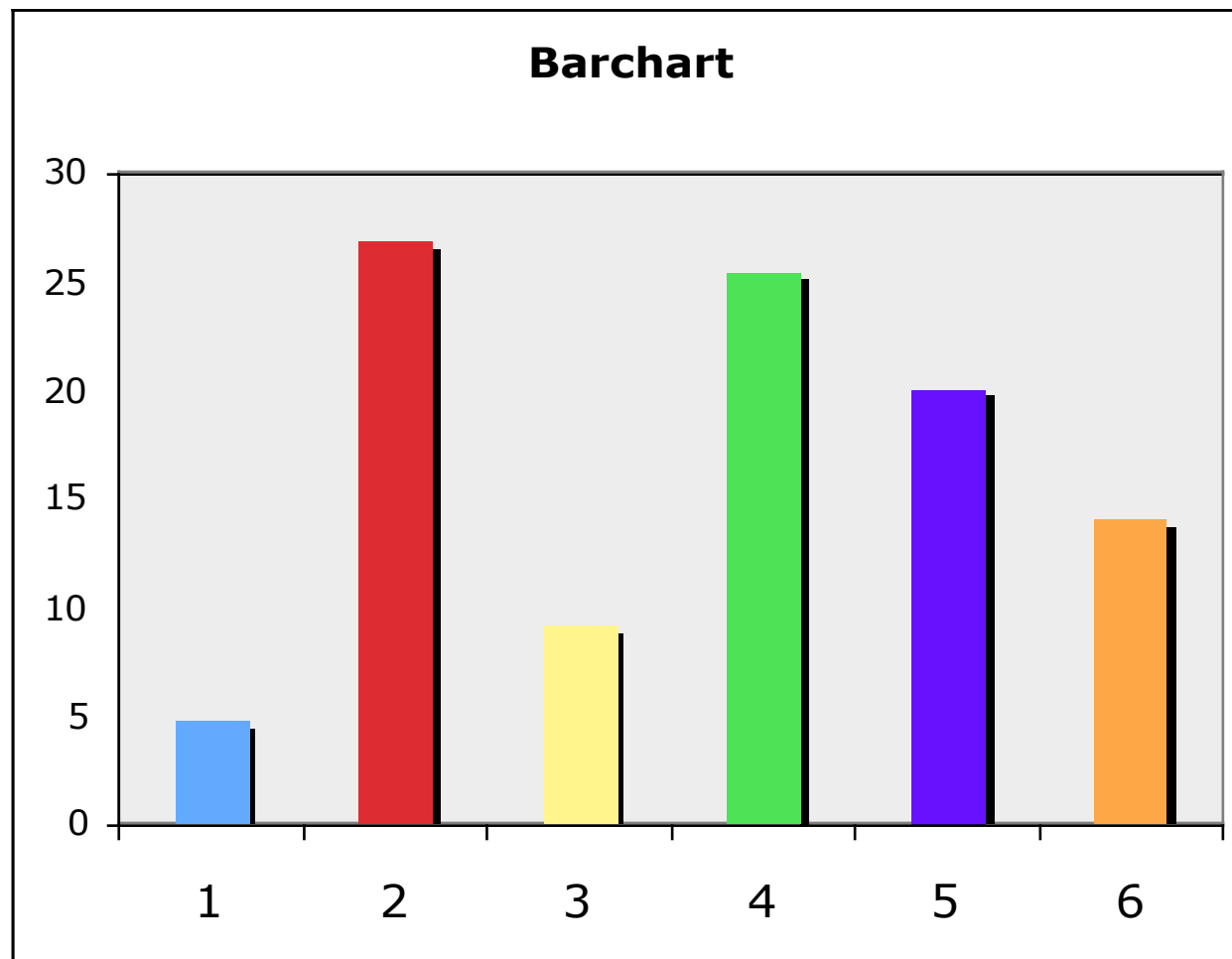
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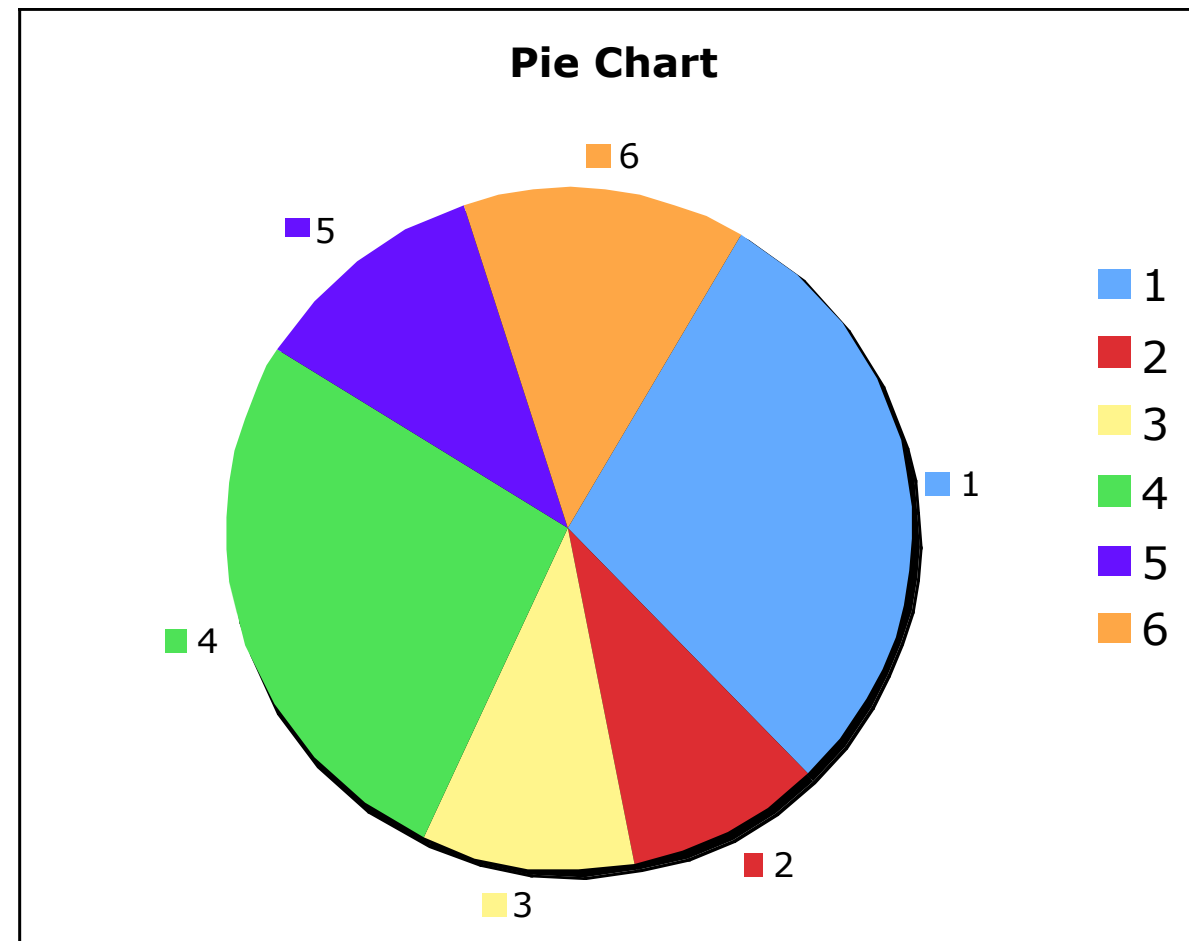| Bin	Value
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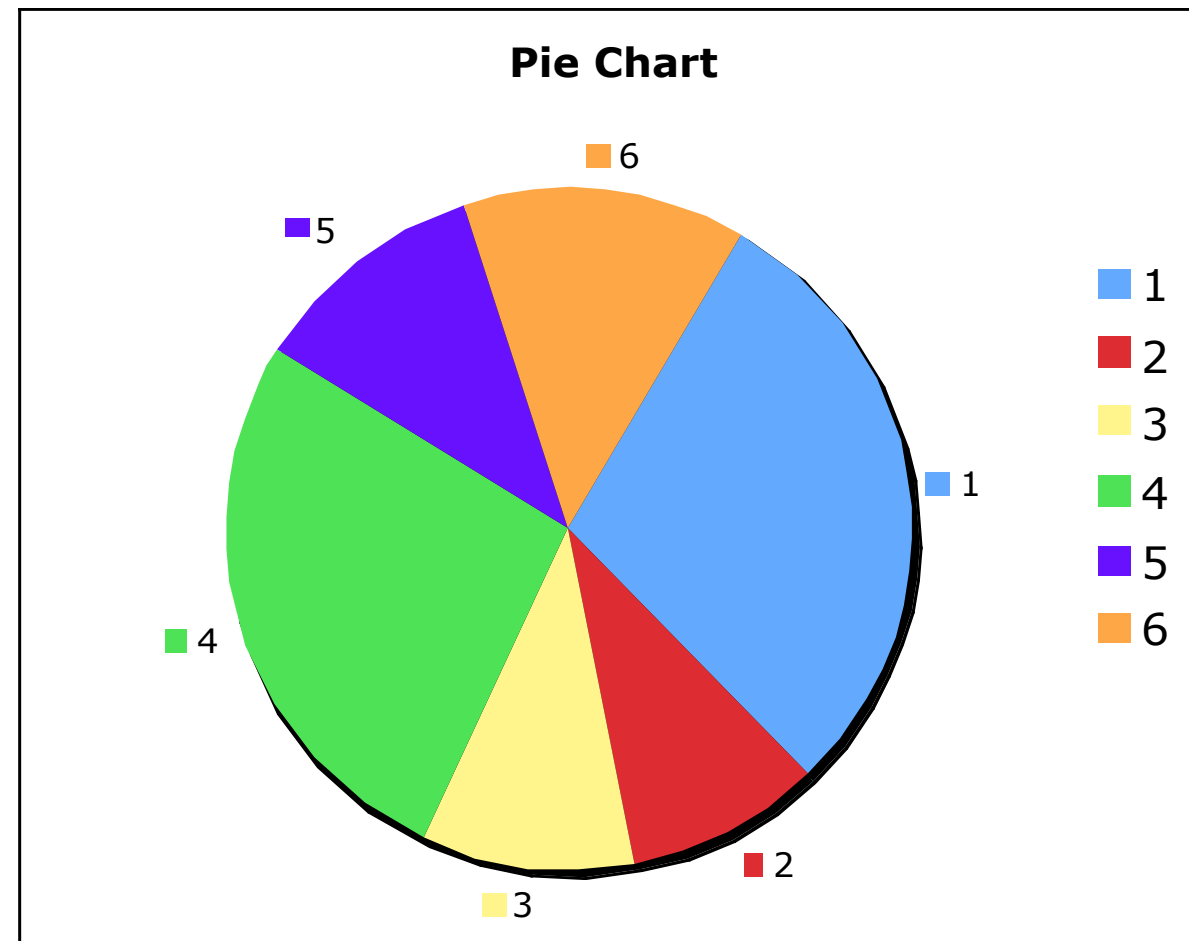
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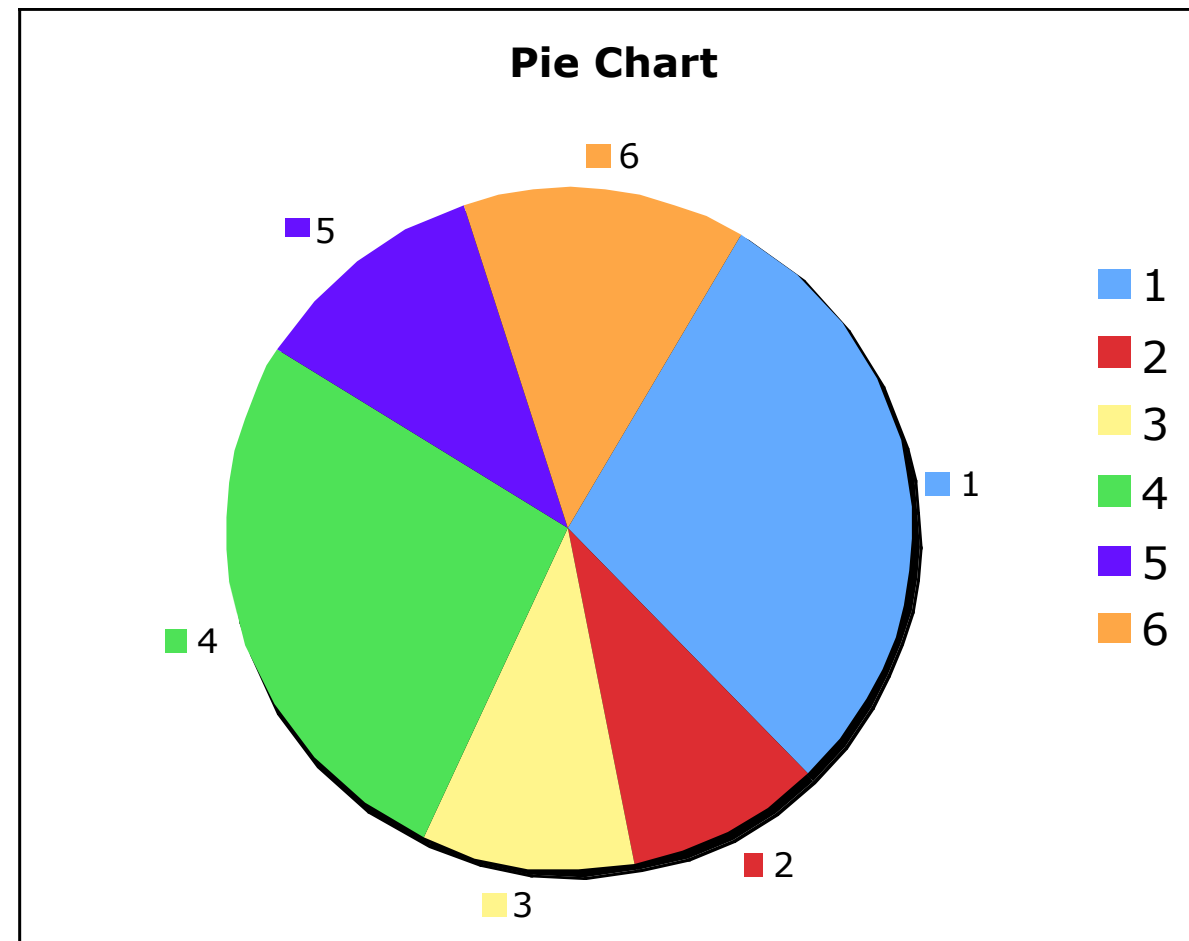Determine the percentage for slices 1 to 6 as accurately as possible

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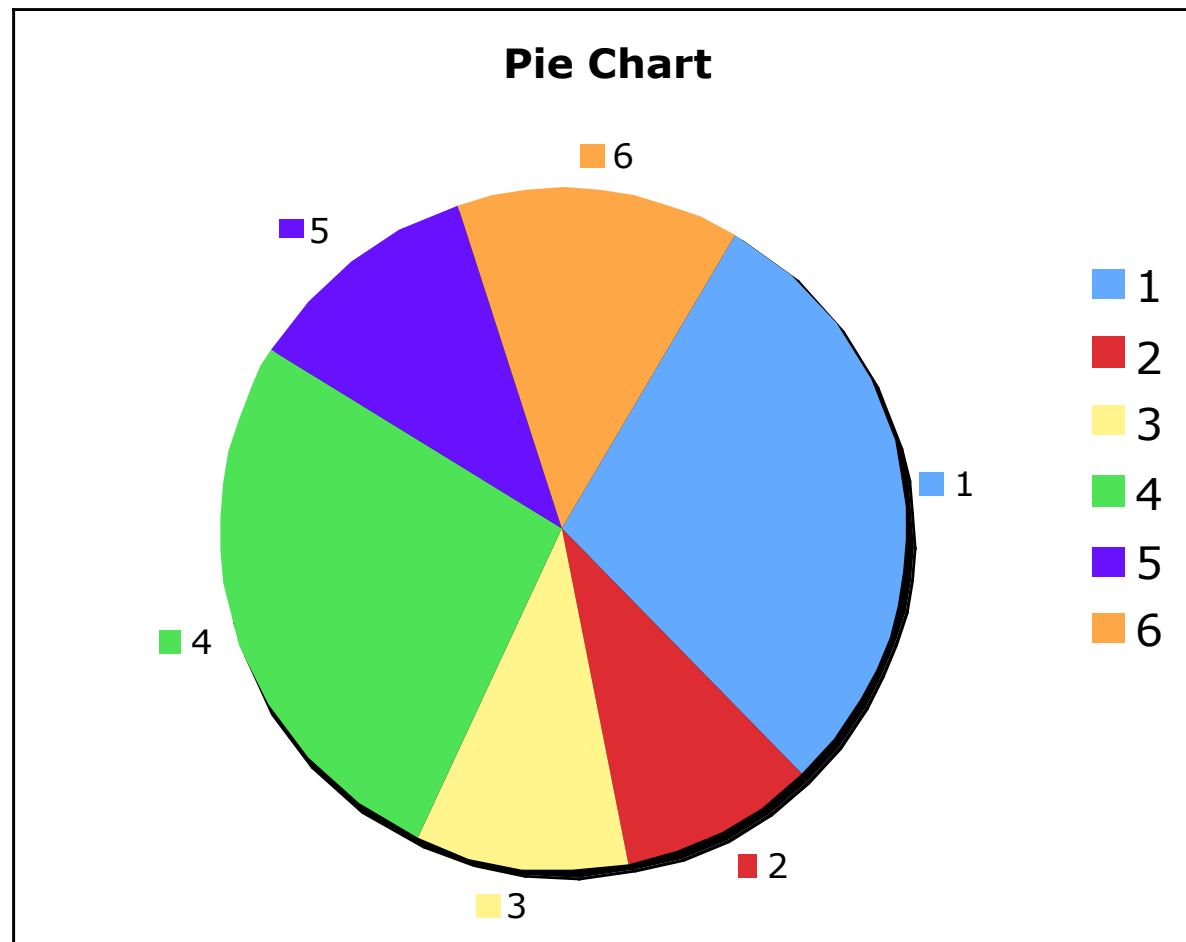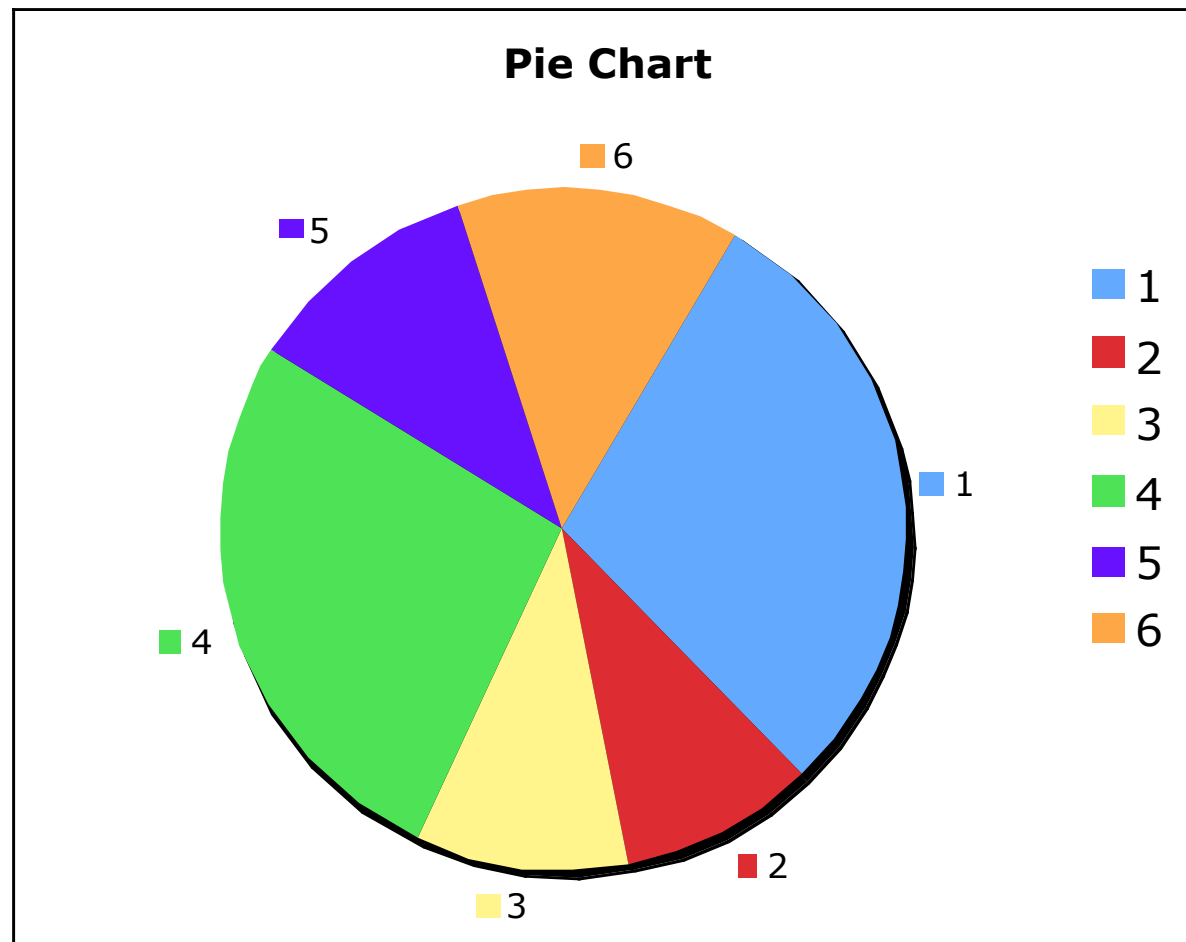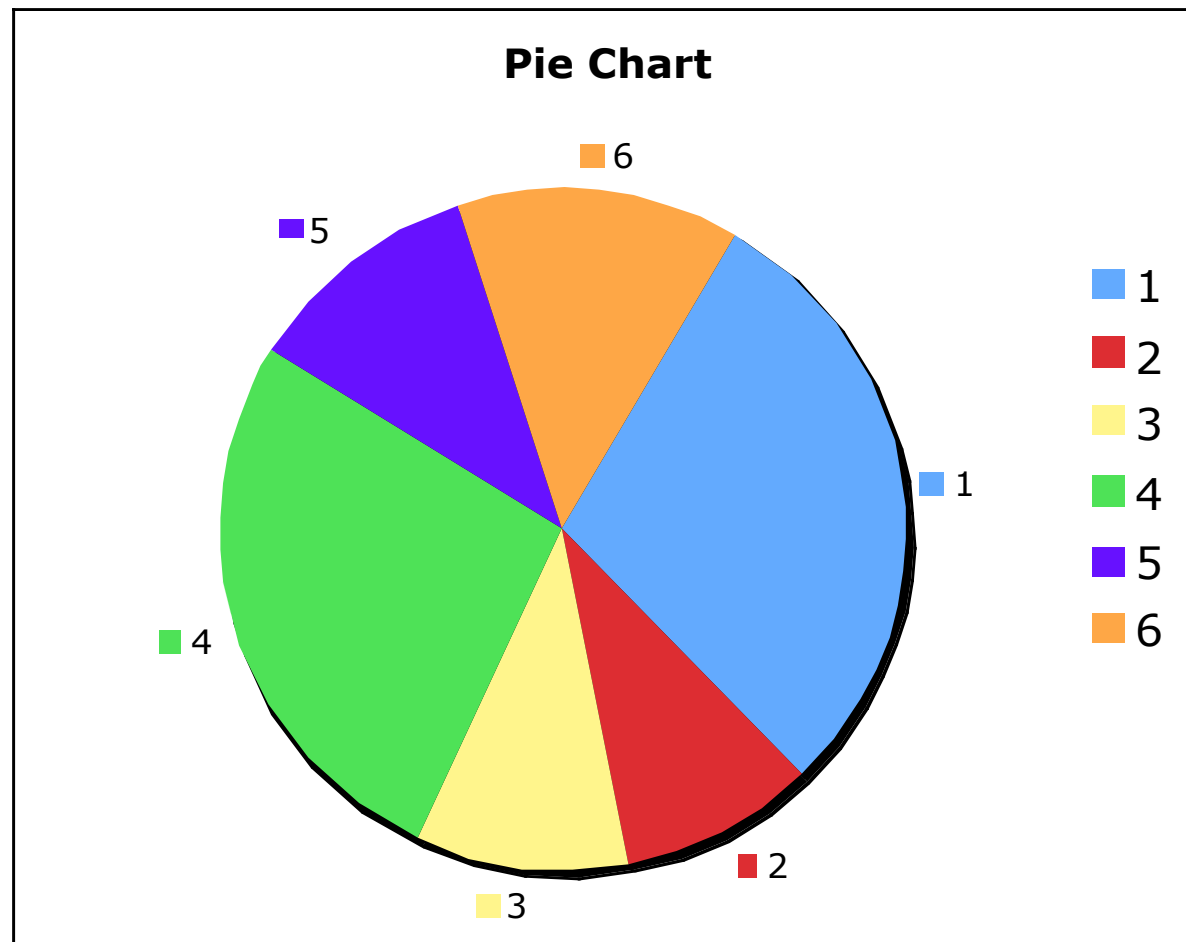
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Evaluating User Perception

Get differences between user estimates and true values

Find absolute differences

Sum all differences