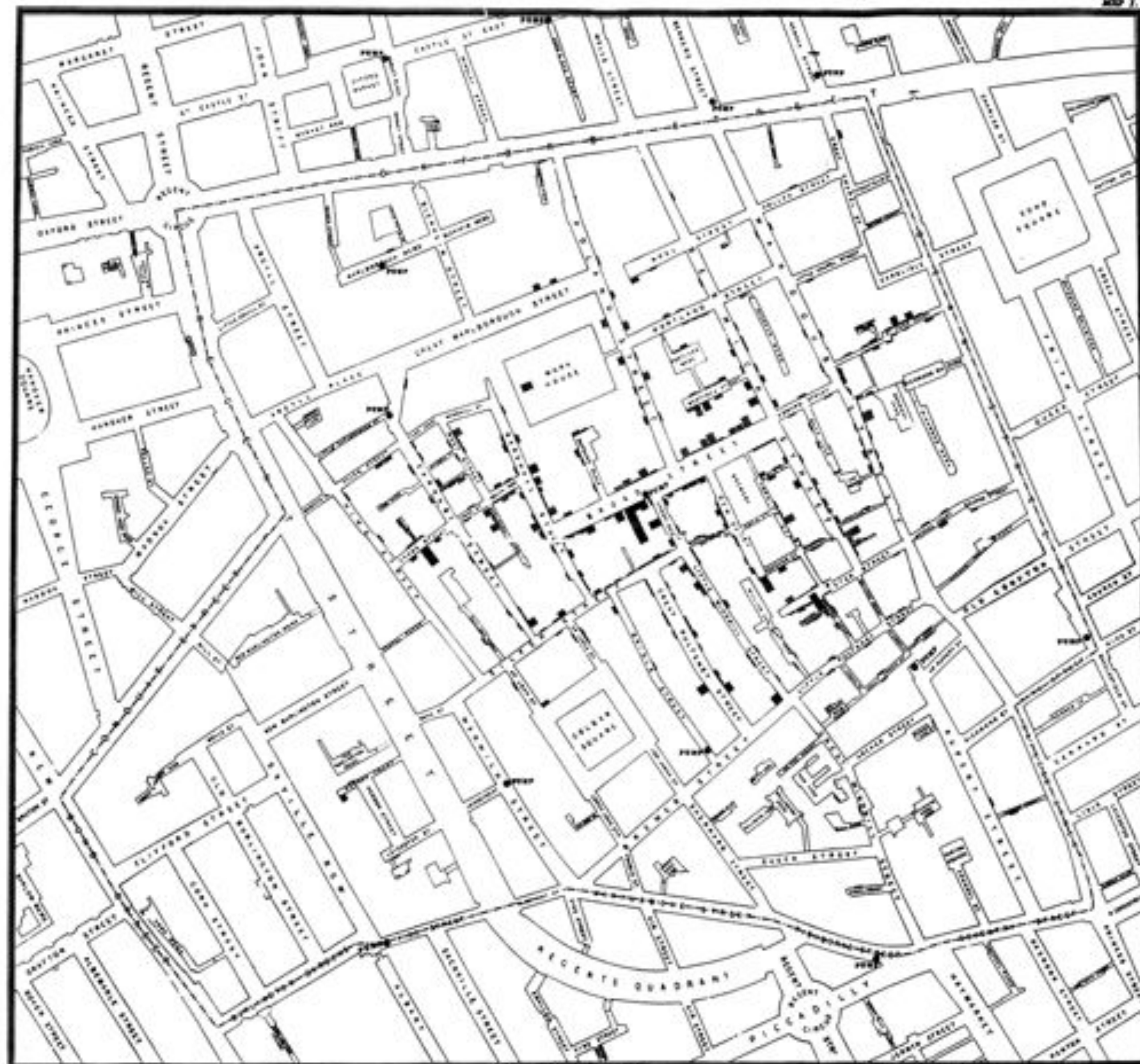


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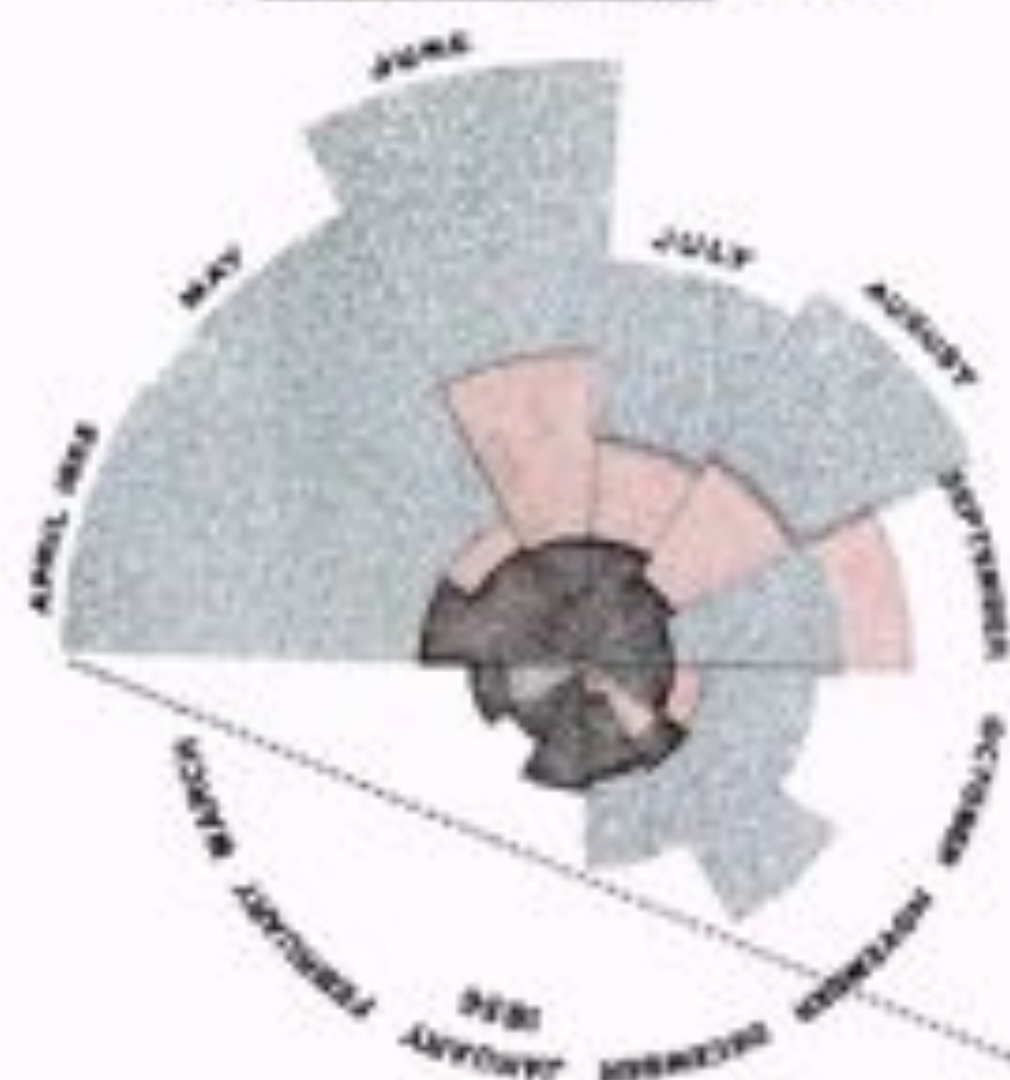
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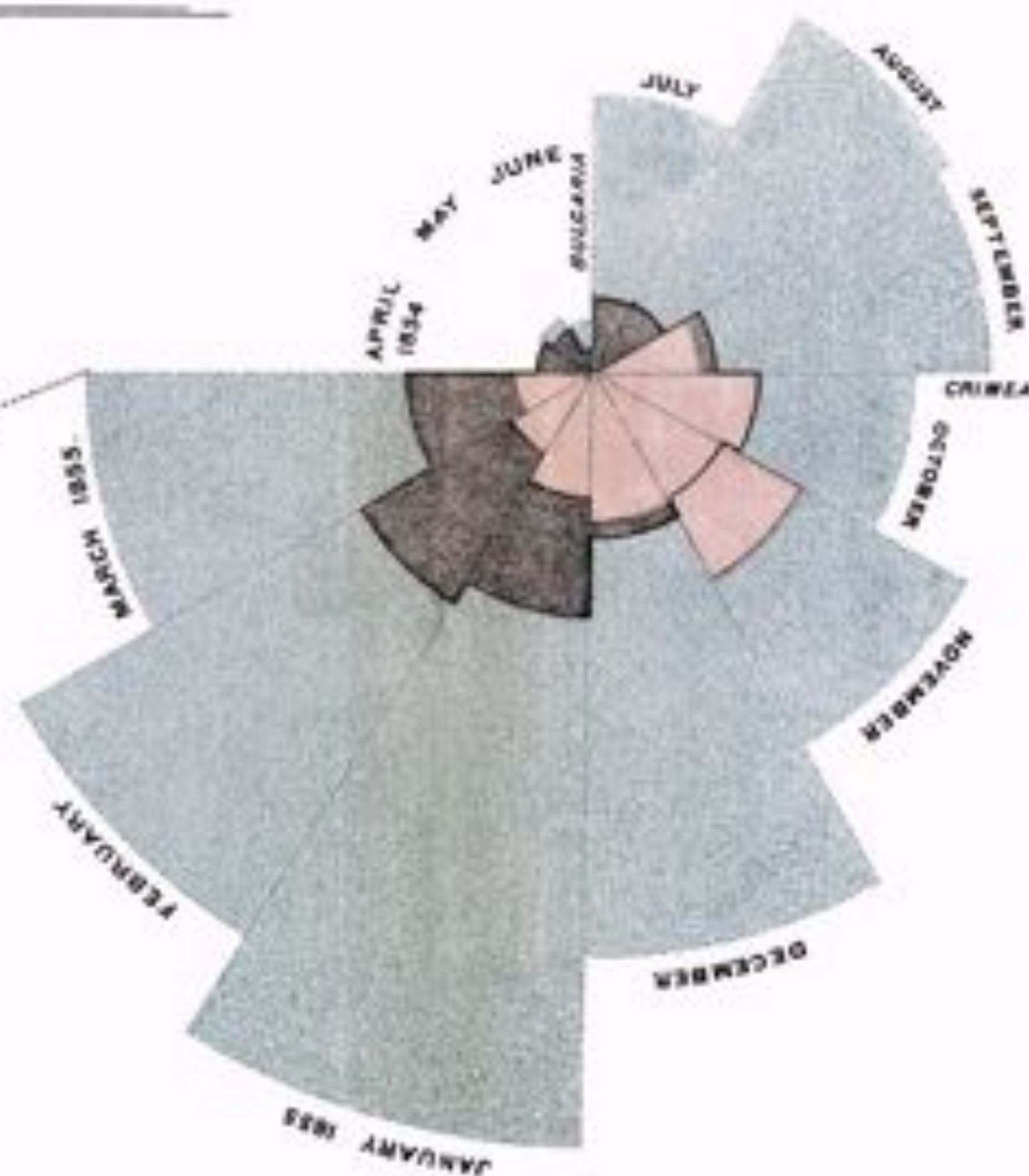
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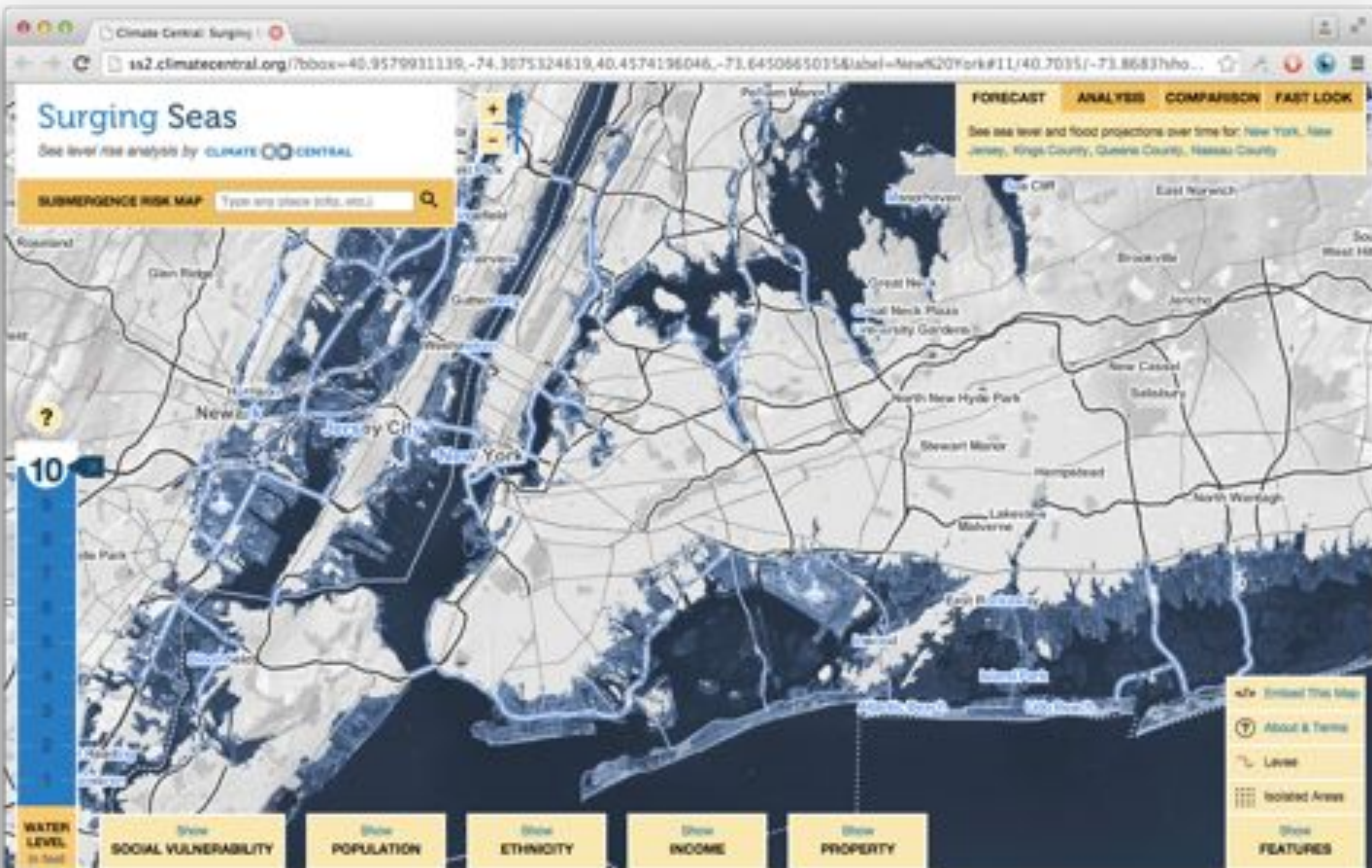
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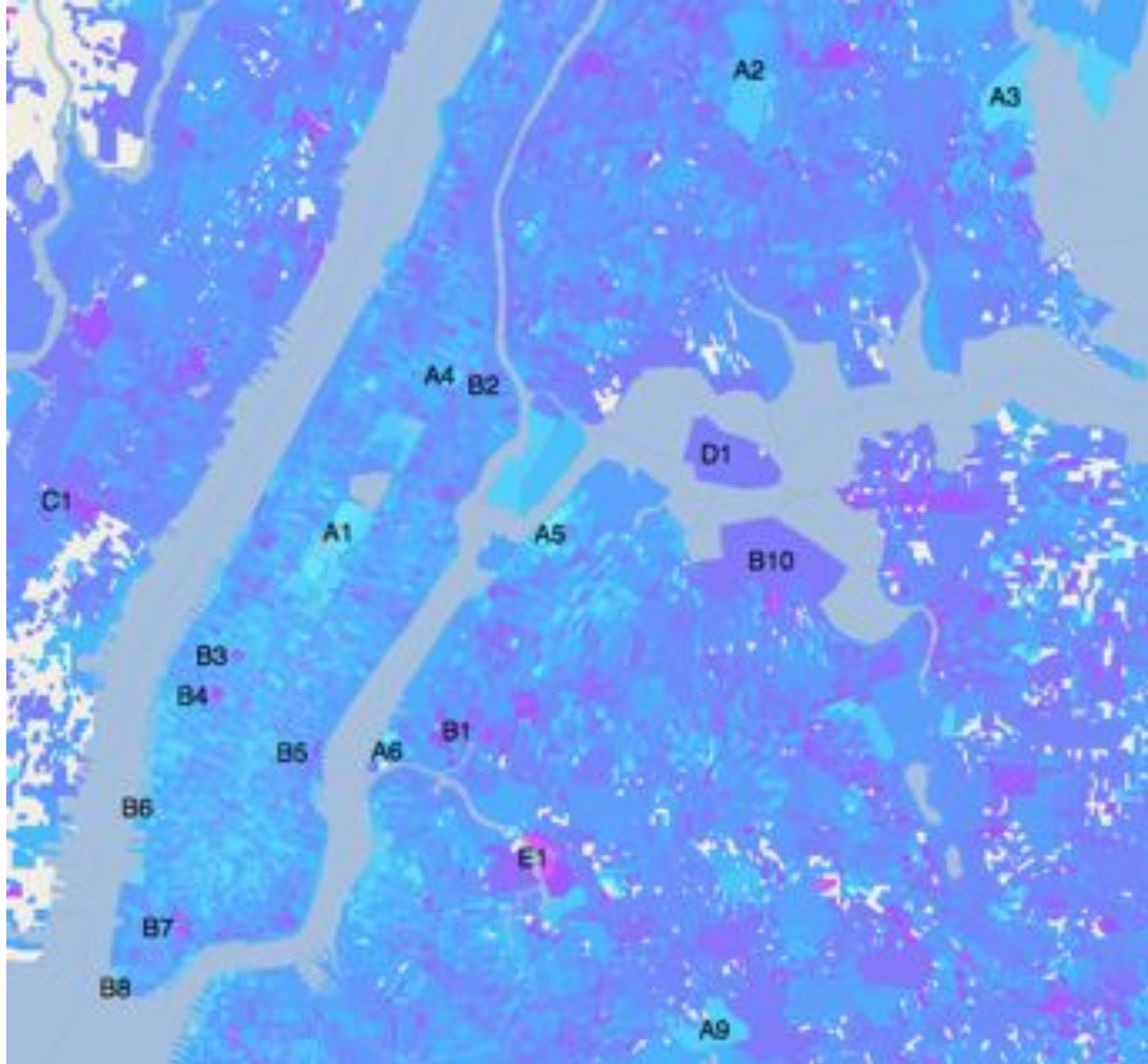


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In October 1854, & April 1855, the black area coincides with the red; in January & February 1855, the blue coincides with the black.
The entire areas may be compared by following the blue, the red & the black lines enclosing them.





agenda

part one: data visualization as a process

part two: prototype visual representations of Austin Open Data

a. frame the issue

b. sketch visual representations

part one: process

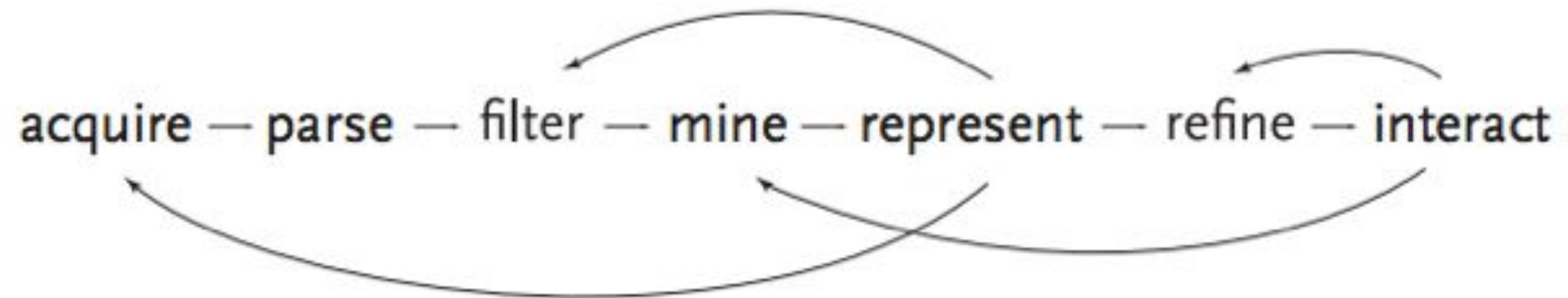


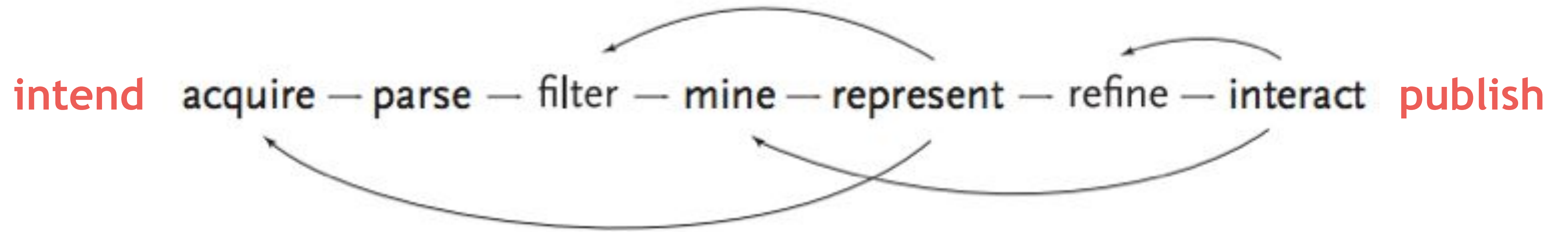
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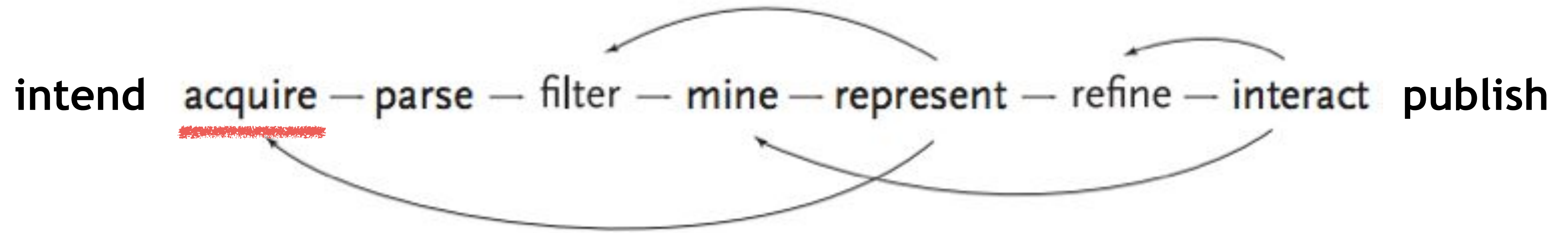


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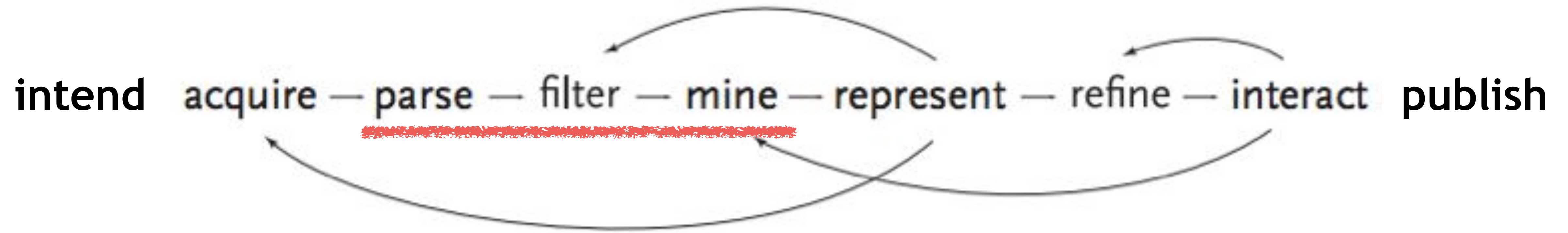
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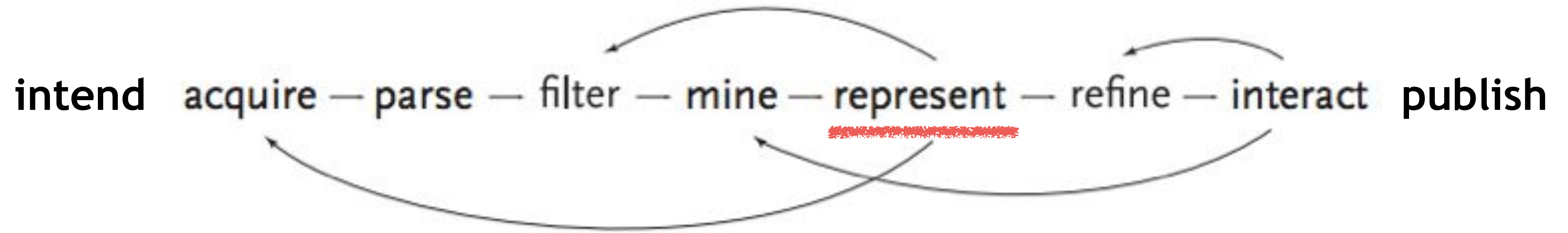
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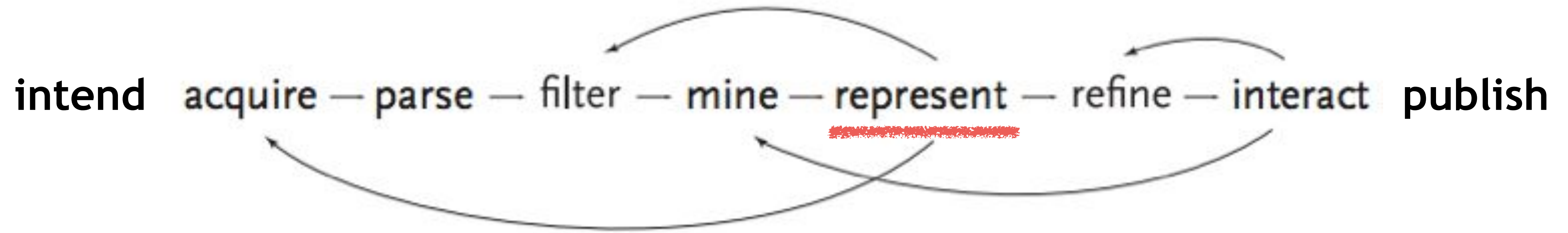
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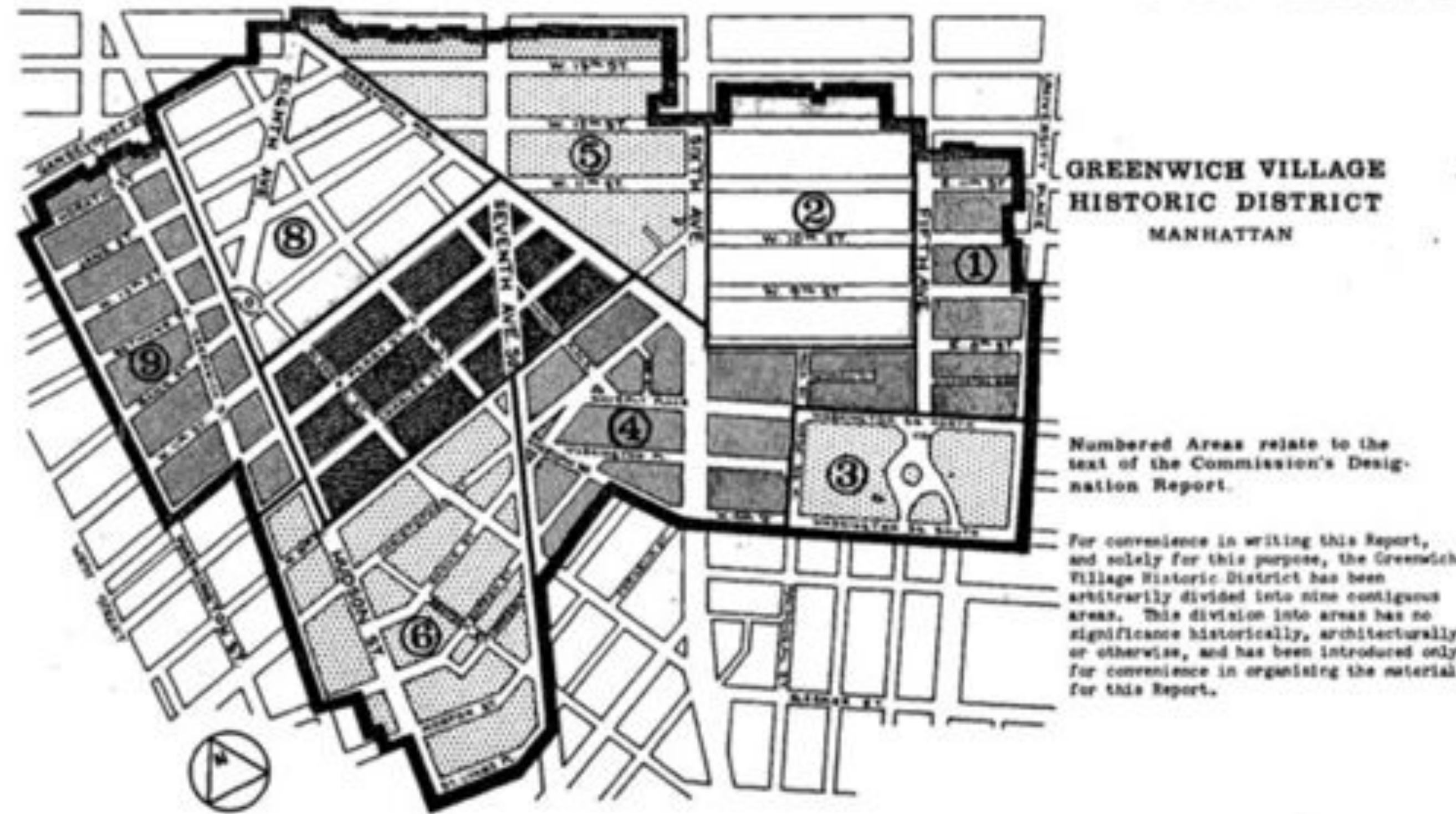
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How should the data map to the visual representation?

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part two: prototyping

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Data of the Month

CIVIC - Number of Projects by Department
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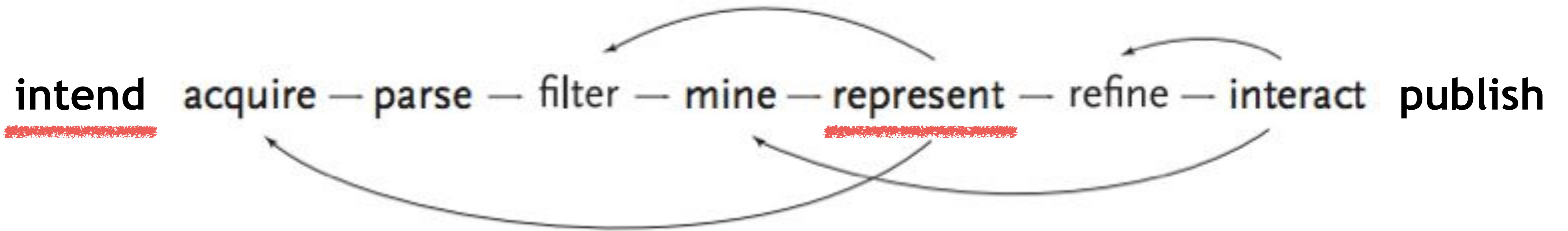
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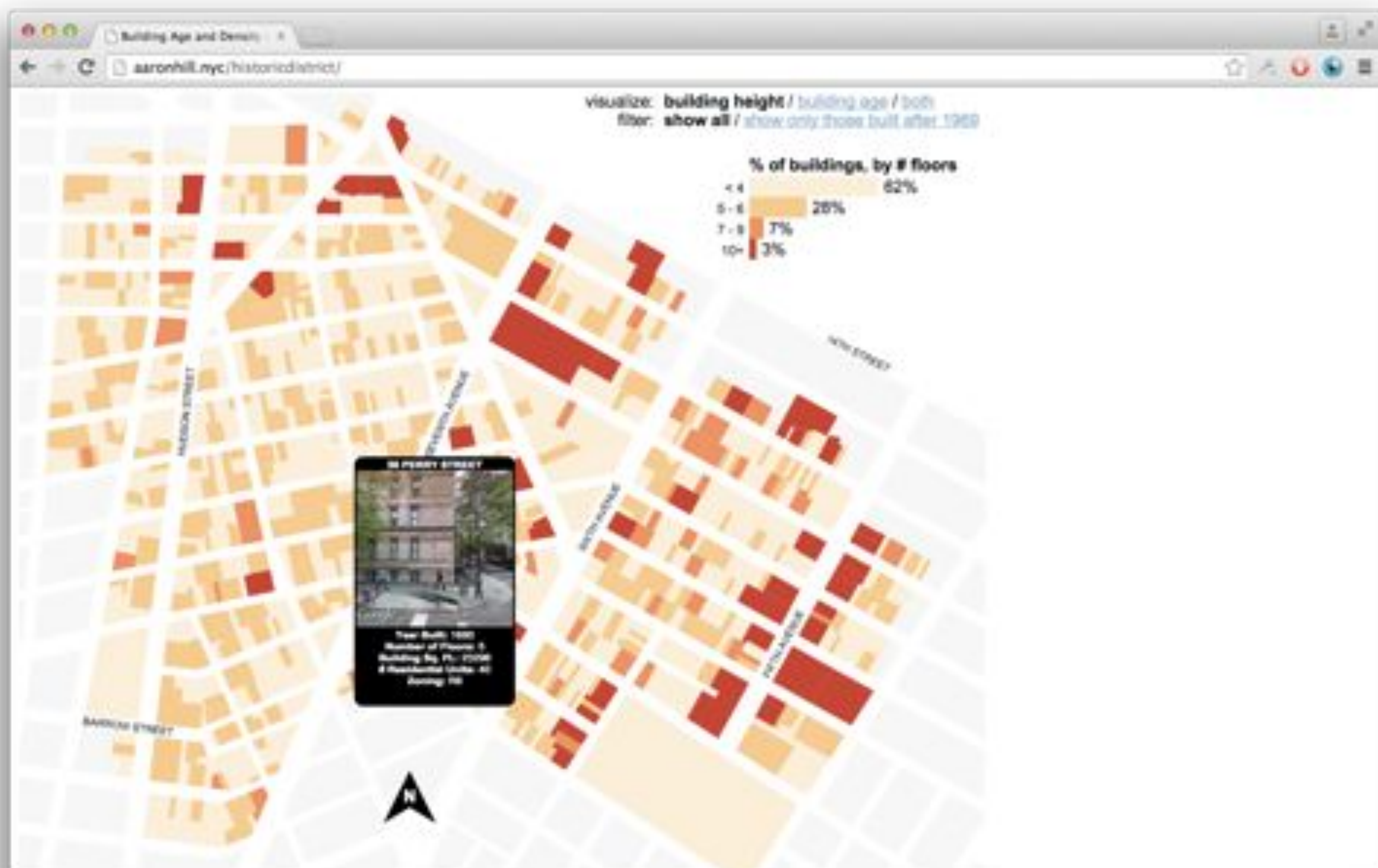
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issue: equity (by district)



exercise 1: framing the issue



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They may be able to learn _____.

This will help them _____.

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data: bicycle rack requests

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data: affordable housing inventory

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data: civic projects list

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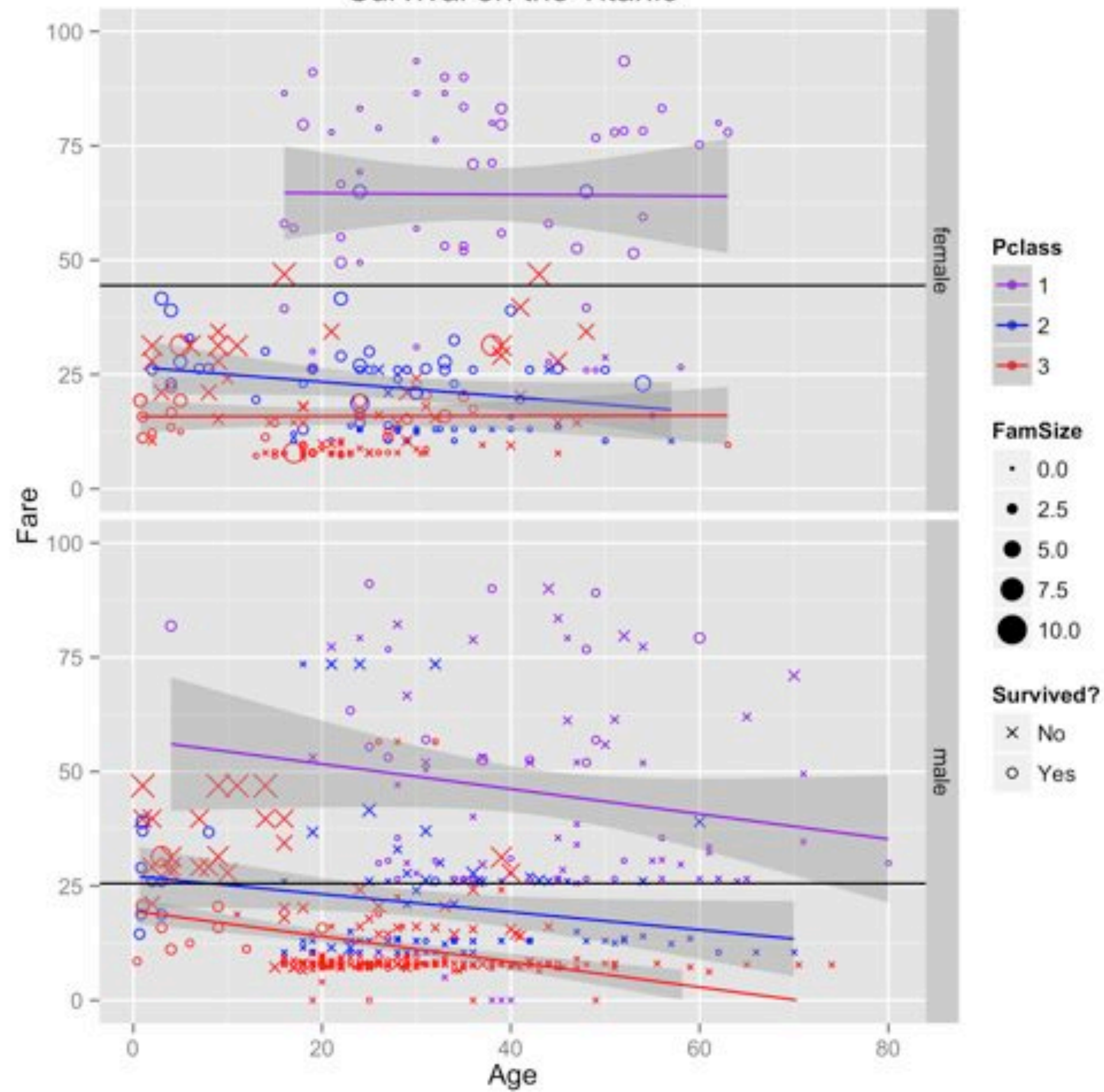
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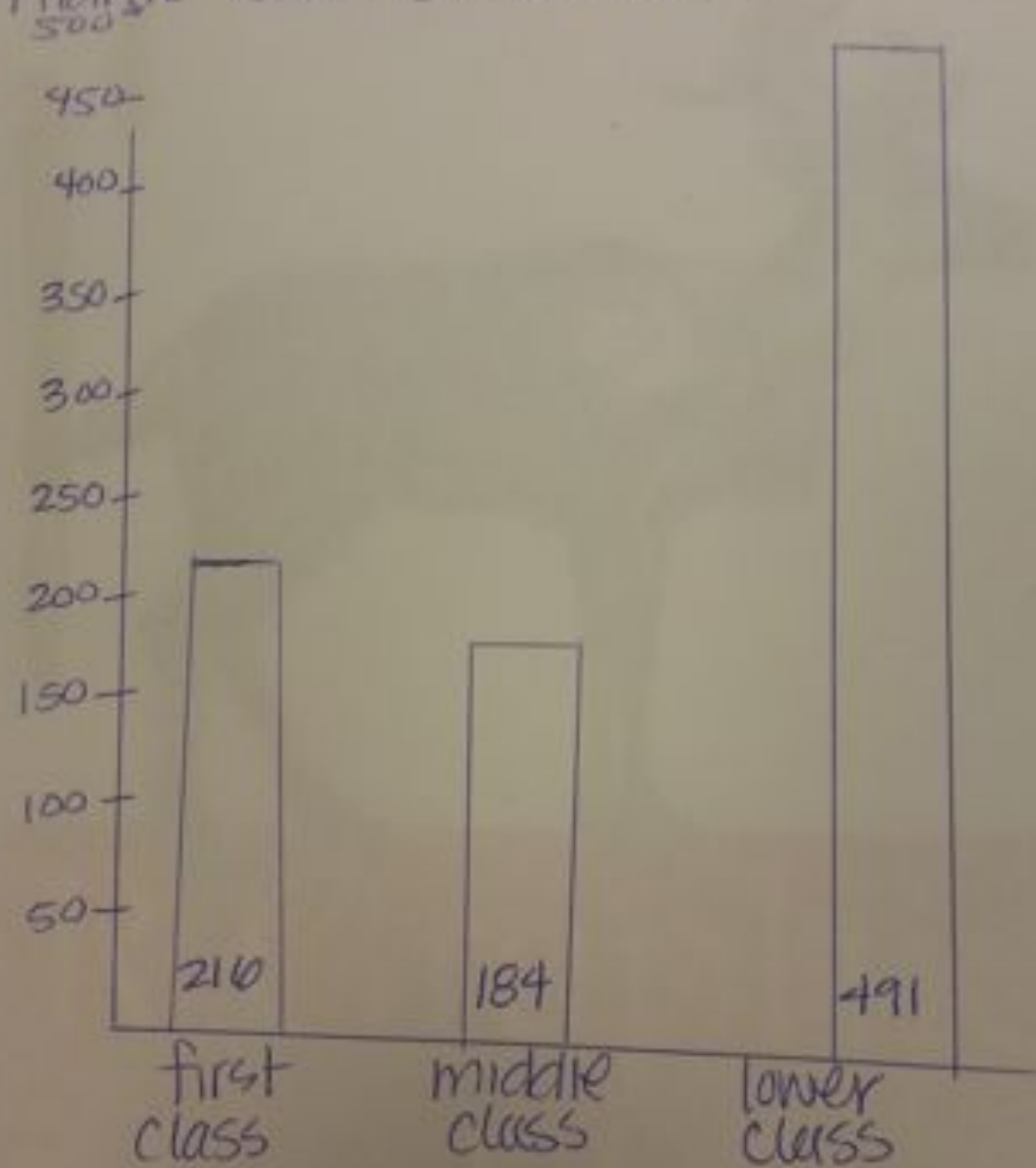
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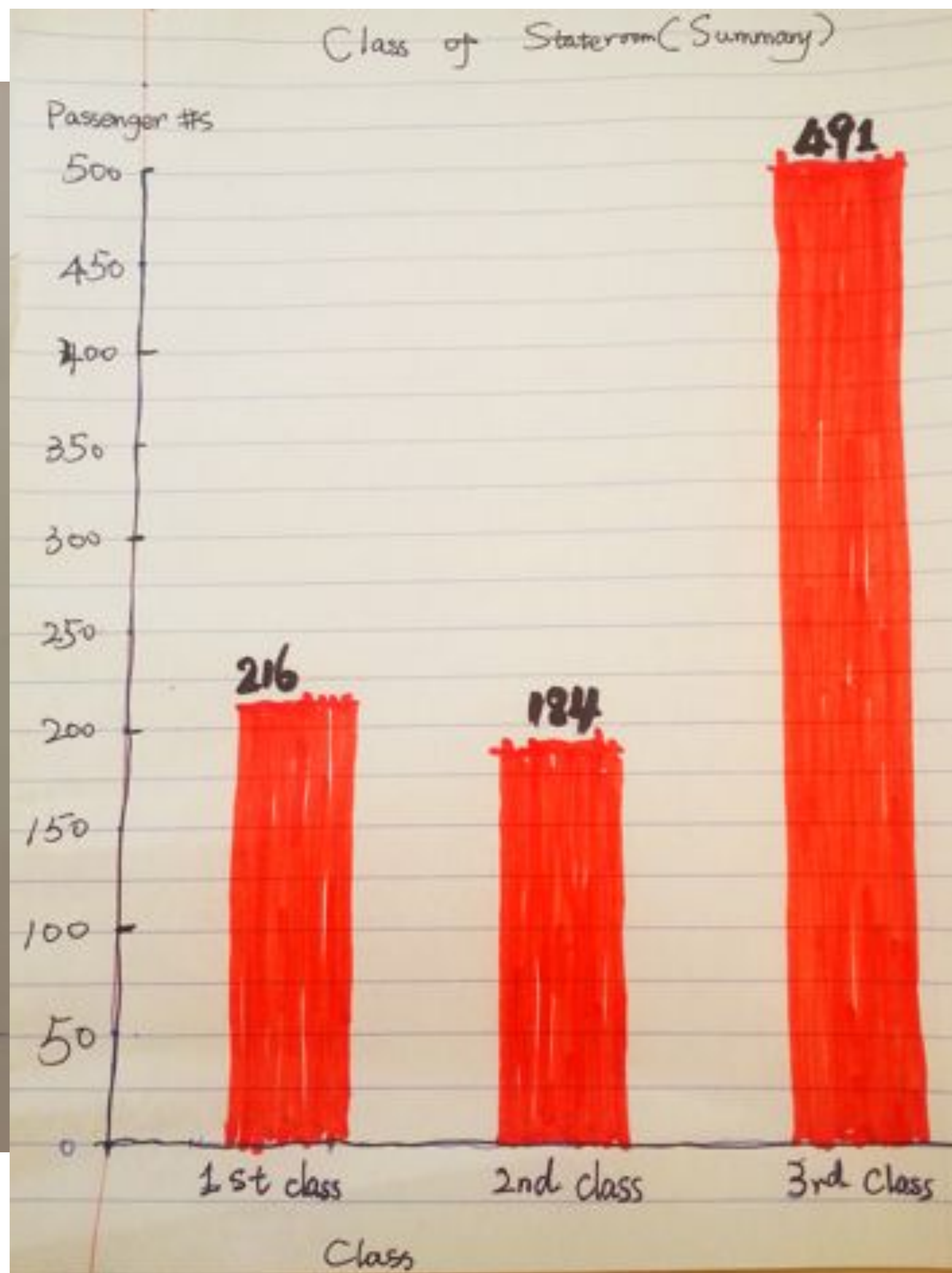
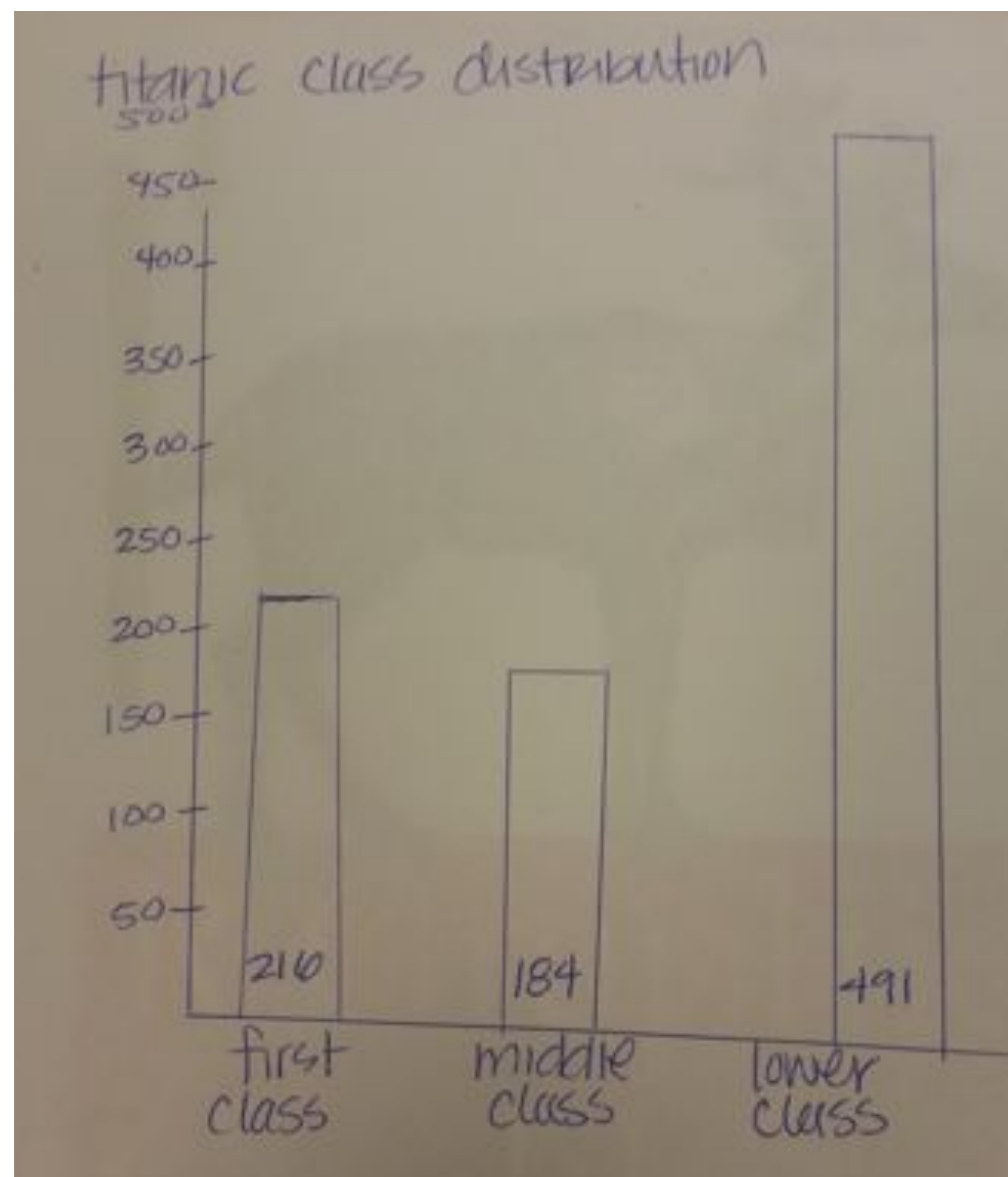
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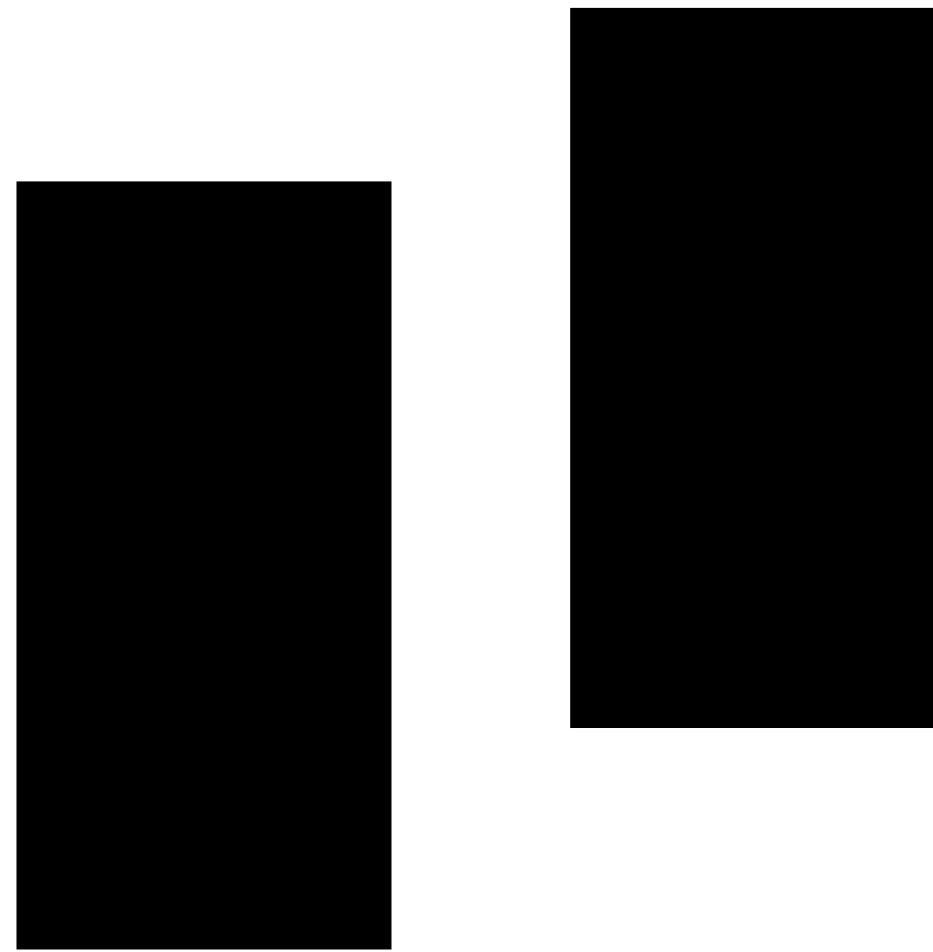
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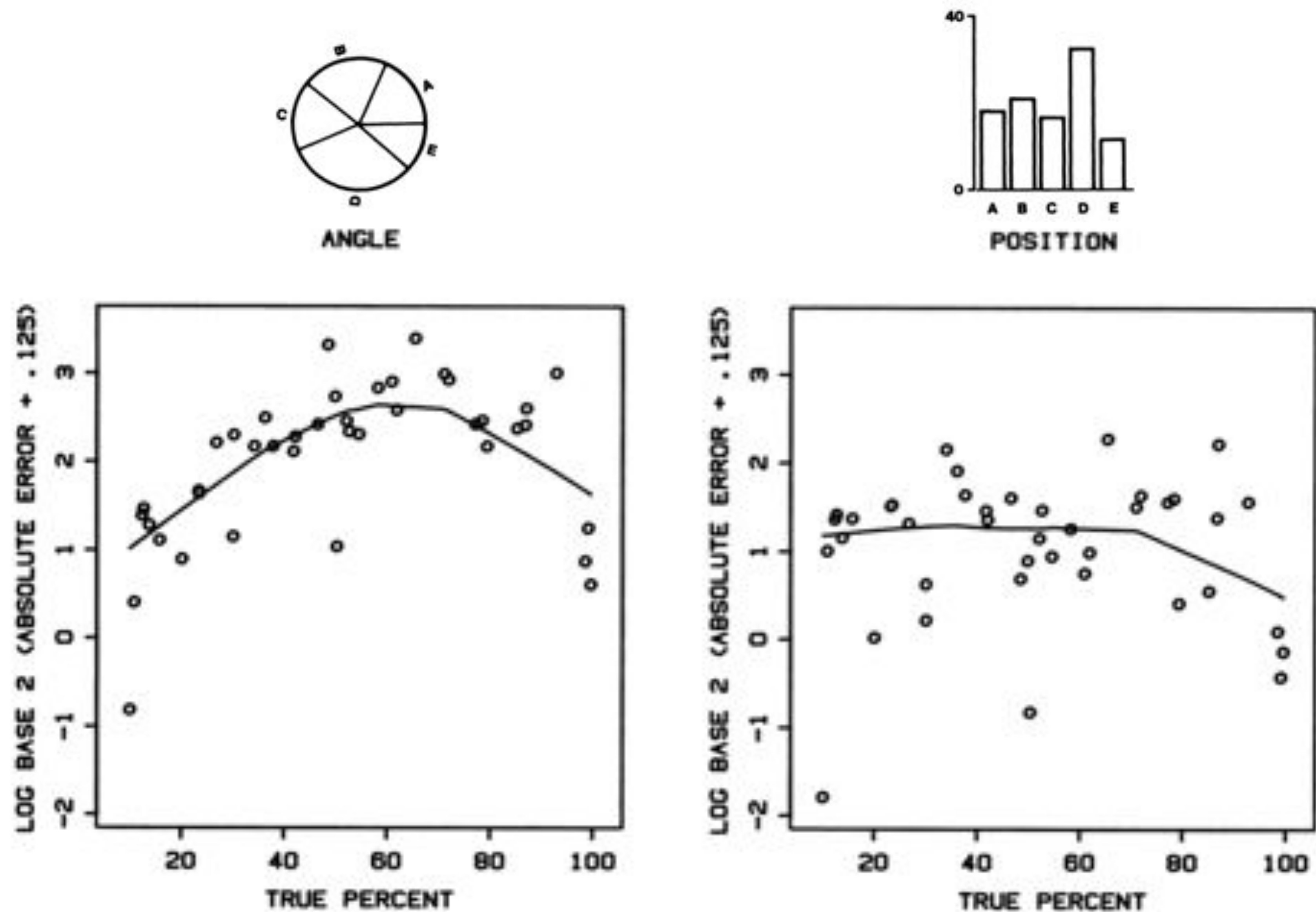


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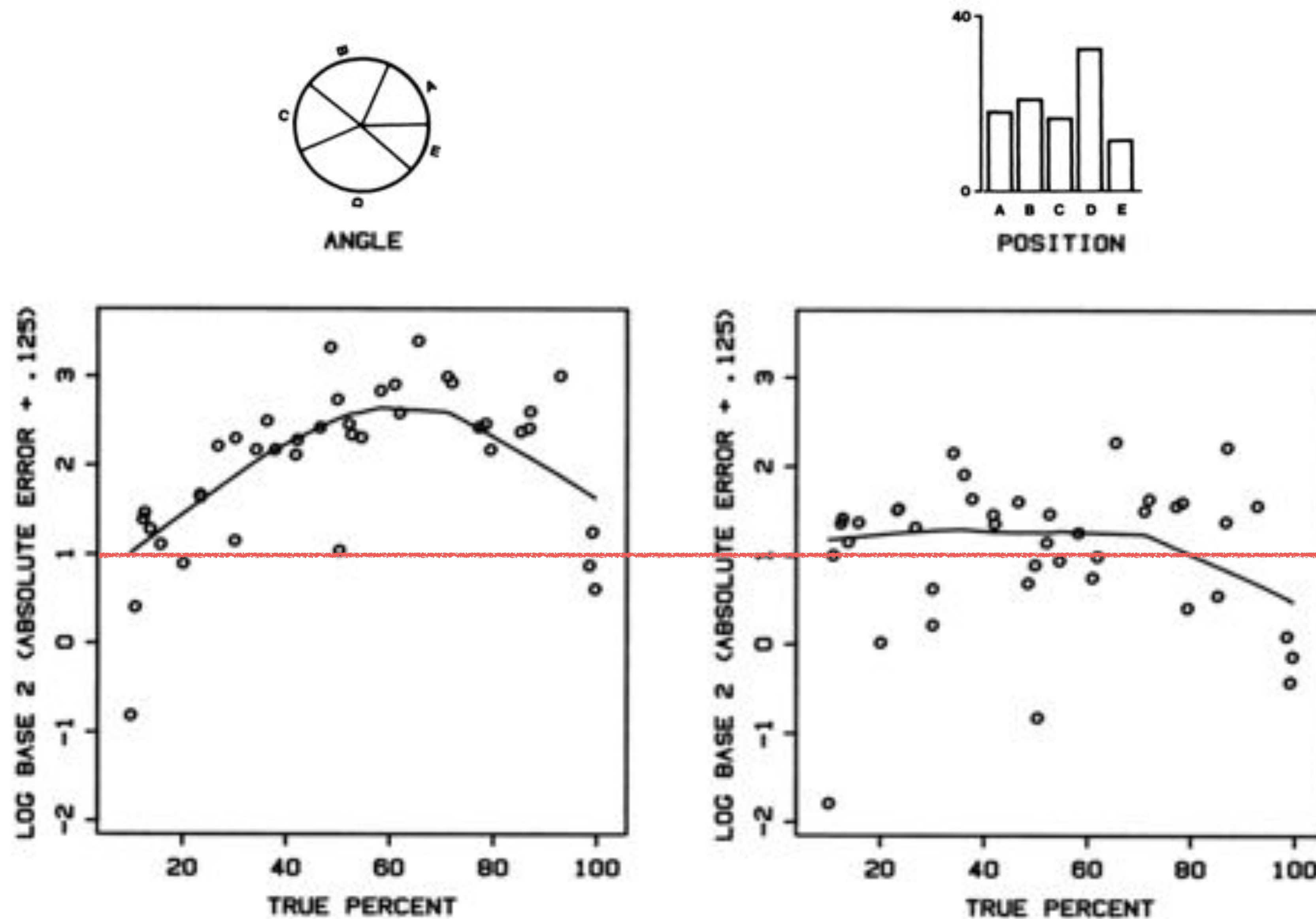


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exercise 2: sketching

visual representation

graph grammar: how can points, lines, and shapes best represent the data?

layering & separation: how can we emphasize the layers that directly map to data?

graphical perception: does the representation support accurate interpretations?

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