

Lecture 9

DD 324: Data Visualisation

Schematic Maps

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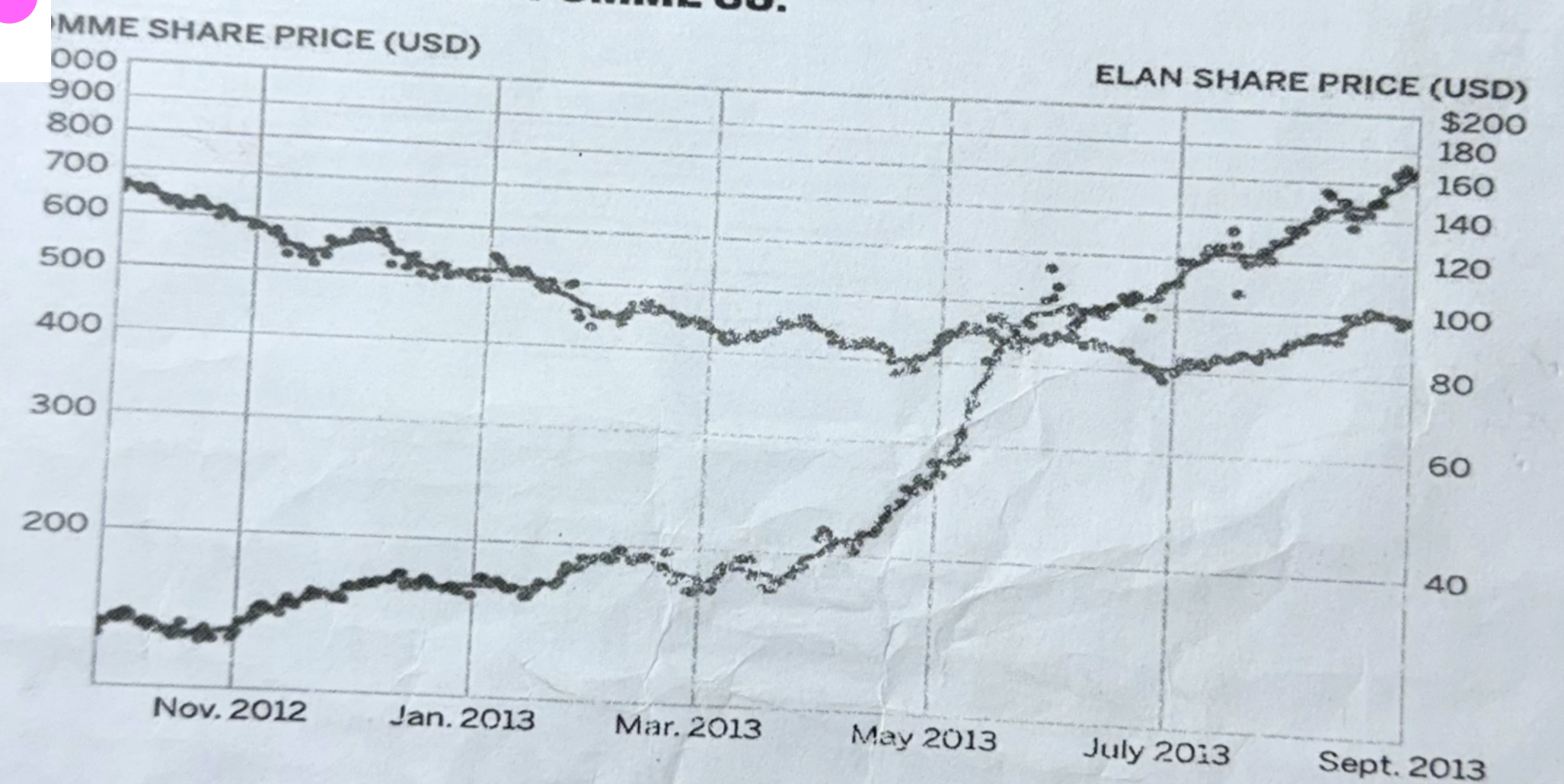
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**Happy April Fools
to all who celebrate**



Most of you did
pretty well.

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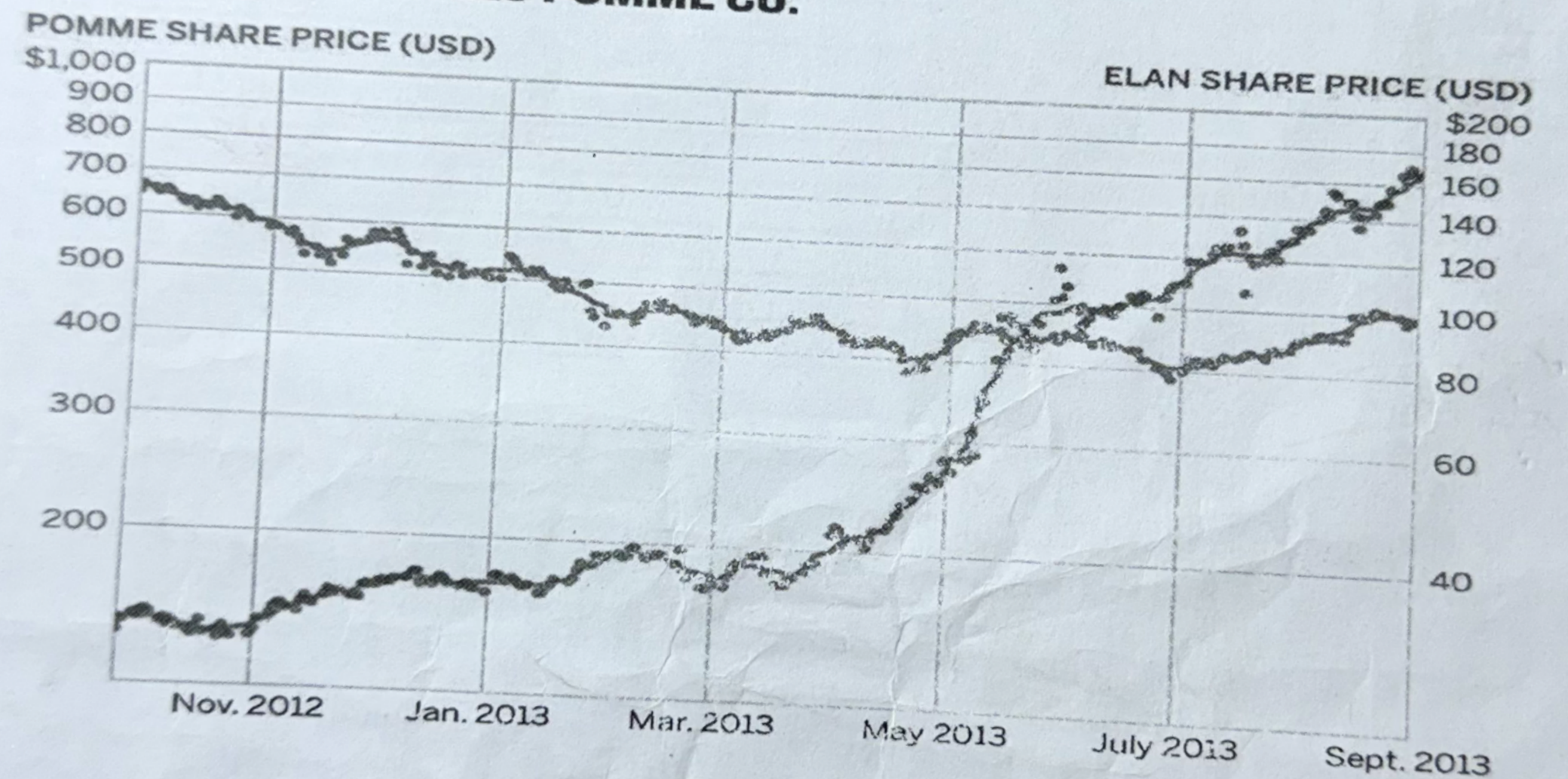
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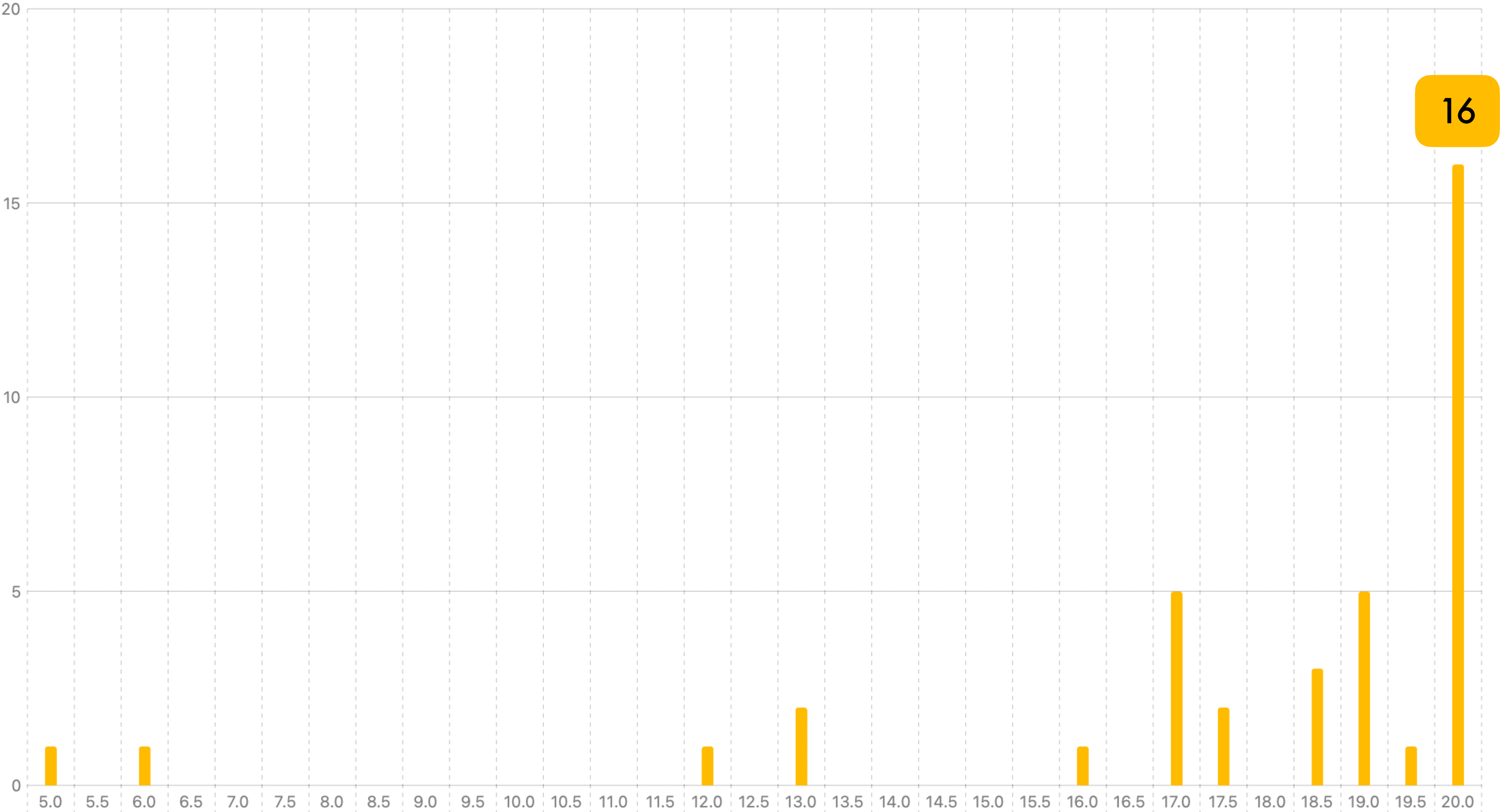
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ELAN SHARE PRICE (USD)

Month	Pomme Share Price (USD)	Elan Share Price (USD)
Nov. 2012	650	10
Jan. 2013	550	15
Mar. 2013	450	20
May 2013	400	100
July 2013	500	150
Sept. 2013	850	180

Q.2:

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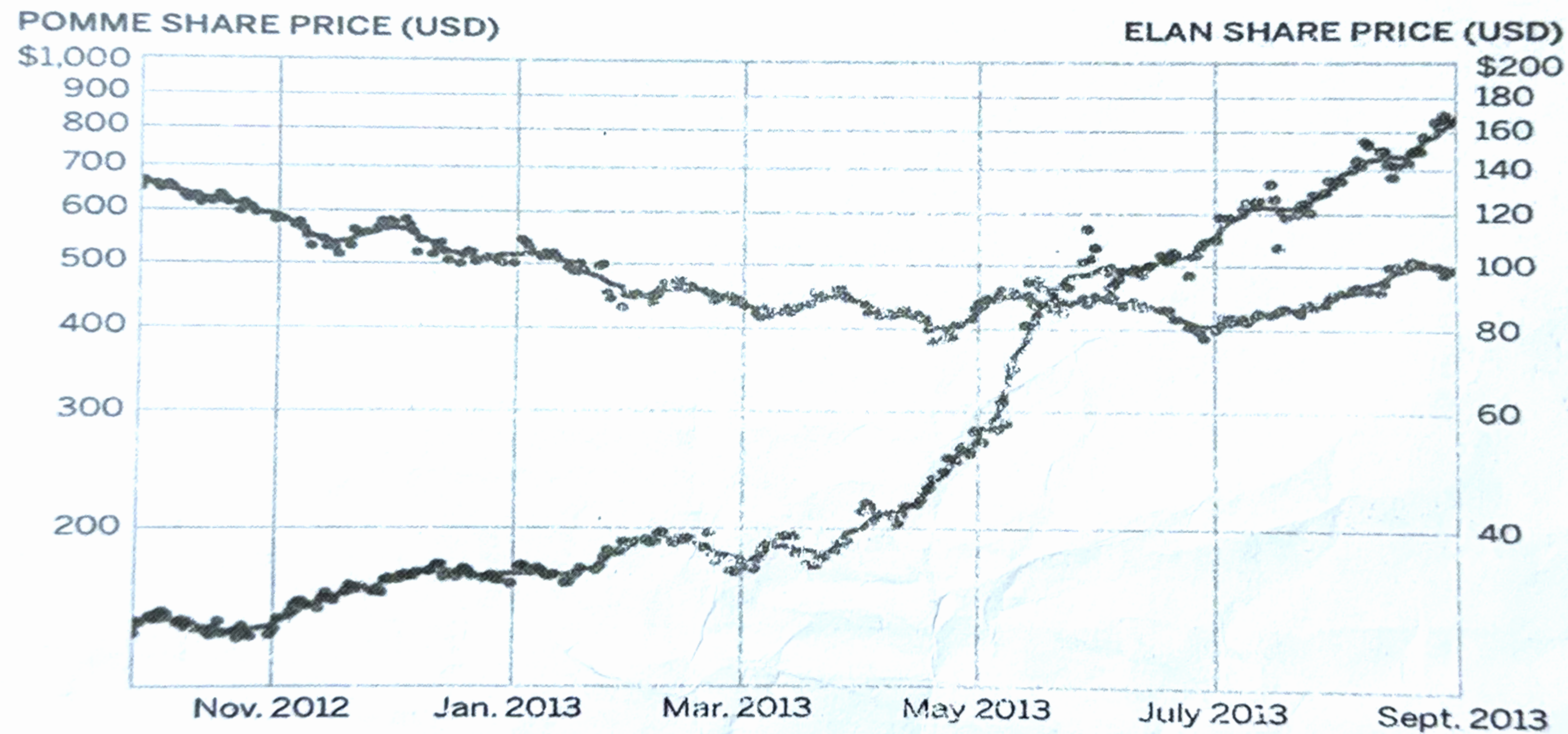
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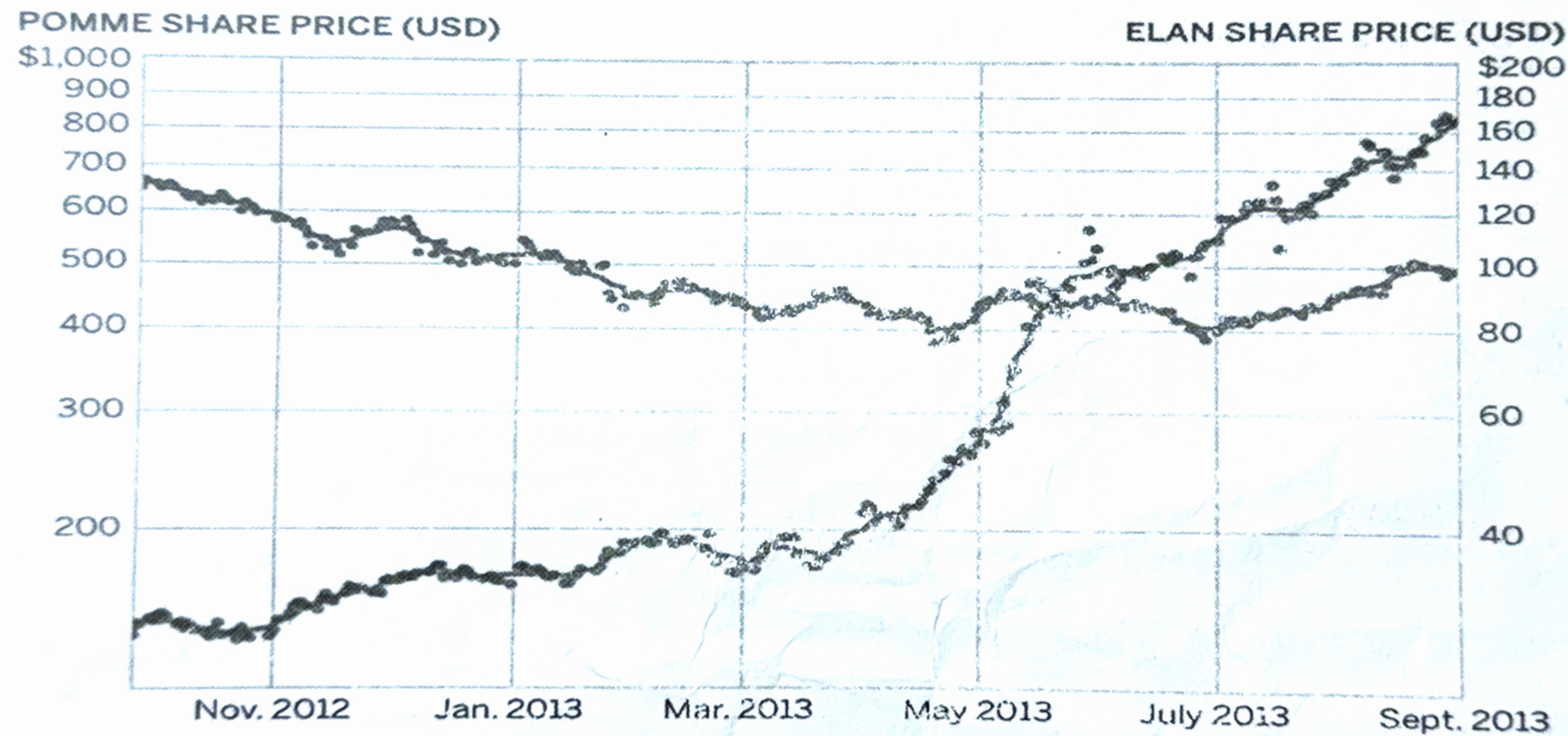
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Critique [3 marks]

Redesign [3 marks]

ELAN INC. OVERTAKES POMME CO.



- Title says Elan overtakes Pomme, but this doesn't actually happen.
- Different scales for both stocks
- Scale is non-linear (logarithmic) which is harder to understand than linear for this type of data
- No legend/color coding, unclear which line is for which stock.
- May-July area is confusing and line continuity could be either way.
- Both dots and lines used, unclear why.

Redesign - if you changed at least 3 of the following things:

- Changed axis scale to linear
- Converted points to use single scale
- Added color coding/legend for lines
- Changed chart to line only or some other type

Question 2

Q 2. Give 3 examples of visual channels. If you could only use one visual channel for the rest of your career as a data visualizer, which would you choose and why? **[6 Marks]**

**Any 3 valid examples of channels are accepted.
[3 marks]**

**Any reasons for picking a channel are accepted.
[3 marks]**

A handful of people gave examples of types of charts. Charts are not the same as channels.

Marks and Channels

Marks

Marks are the the basic geometries, or graphical elements, in a plot that depict our data items or their linkages.

- Points
- Lines
- Area
- Volume
- Containment
- Connection

Channels

Channels are the attributes of that control how the marks appear. Channels are used to encode (or indicate) the values or meaning of our data.

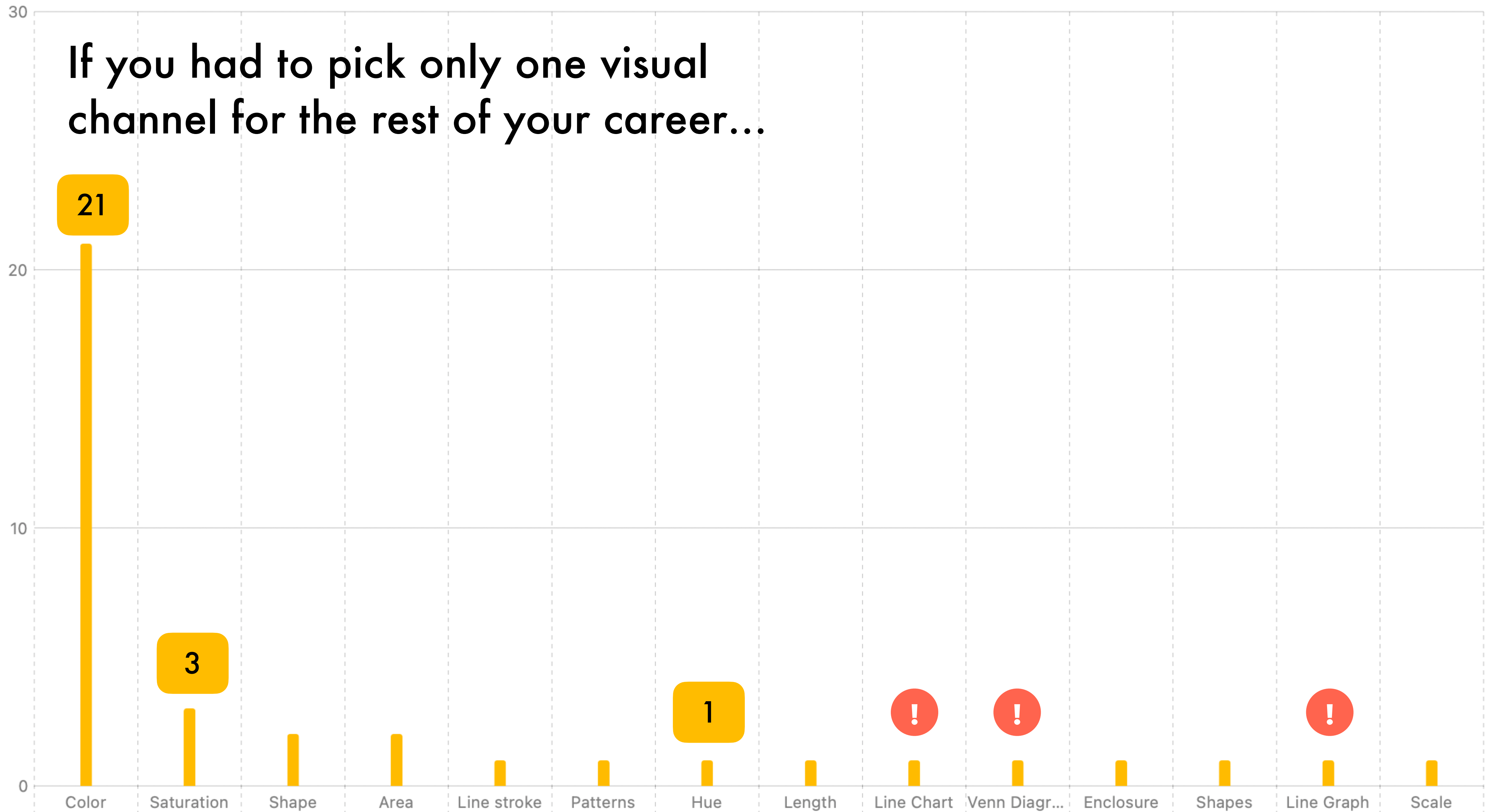
Identity Channels: Categorical Attributes

- Spatial Region
- Color Hue
- Motion
- Shape

Magnitude Channels: Ordered Attributes

- Position on common scale
- Position on unaligned scale
- Length (1D size)
- Tilt/angle
- Area (2D size)

If you had to pick only one visual channel for the rest of your career...



Question 3

[6 Marks]

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[6 Marks]

Any poster that makes the point that the workplace is safe, and uses the data in some way is ok.

Would be nice to see 98% accident free -> 99% accident free -> 99.5% accident free or some other interesting visual treatment.

Question 4

Q 4. Draw a self-portrait using only data visualization elements (pie charts, bar graphs, scatter plots, etc.). Interpret this any way you want.

[2 Marks]

There was no wrong way to attempt this question.

If you attempted this question you got 2 marks.

WHY MAKE MAPS?

What is around me?

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How do I get from here to there?

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What is around me?

Administrative reasons: how can I control an area if I don't know what the area is?



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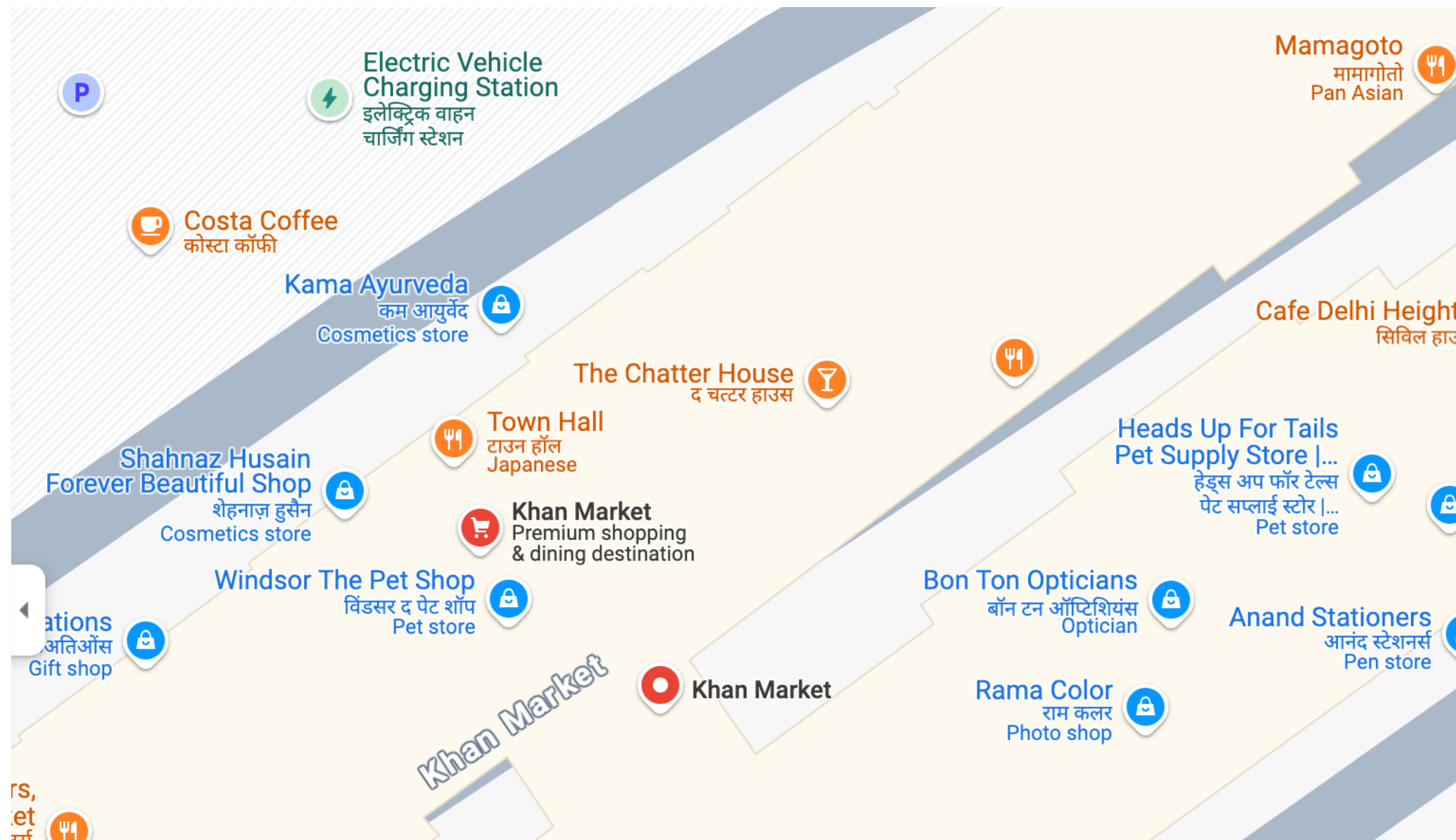
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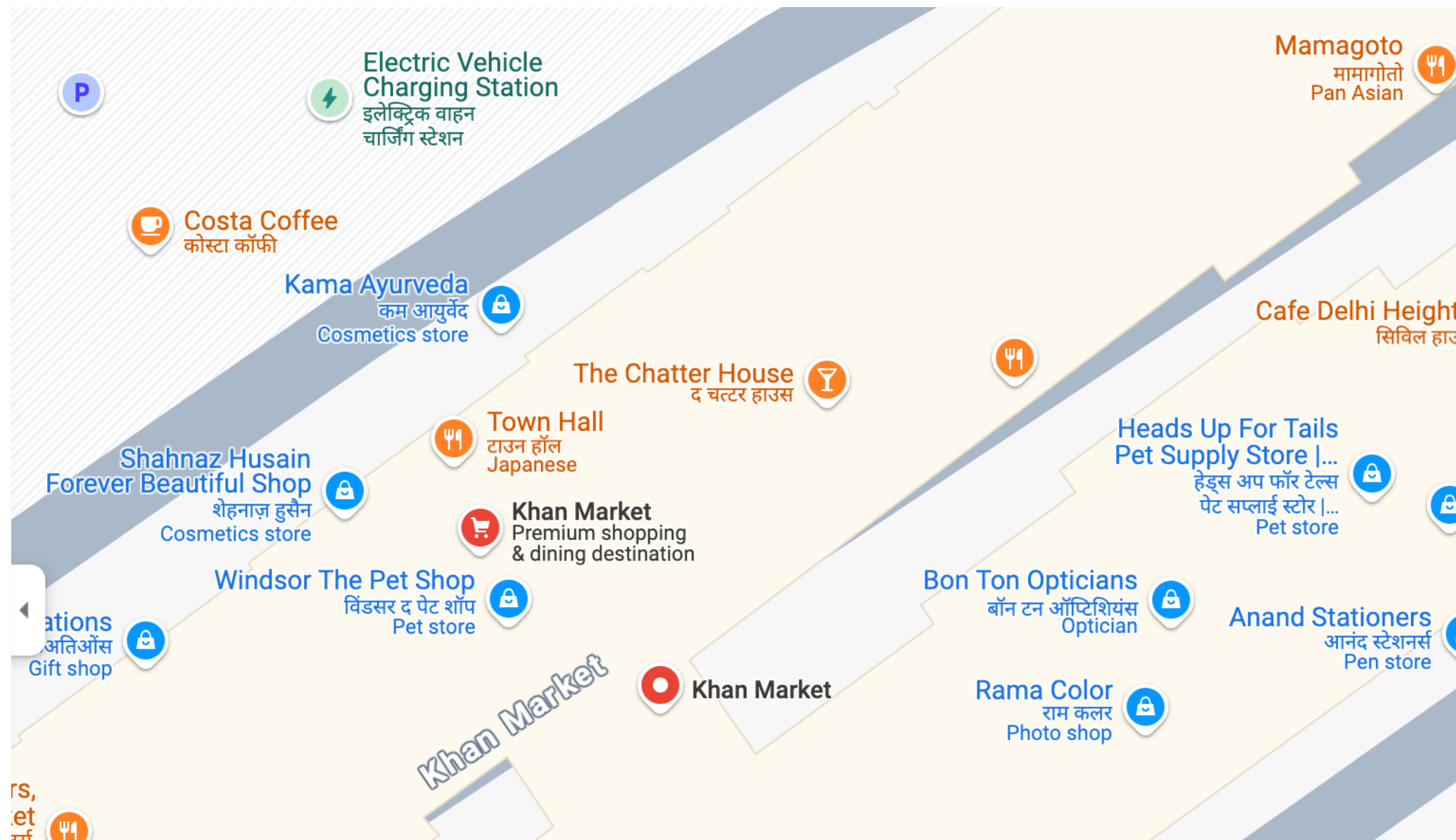


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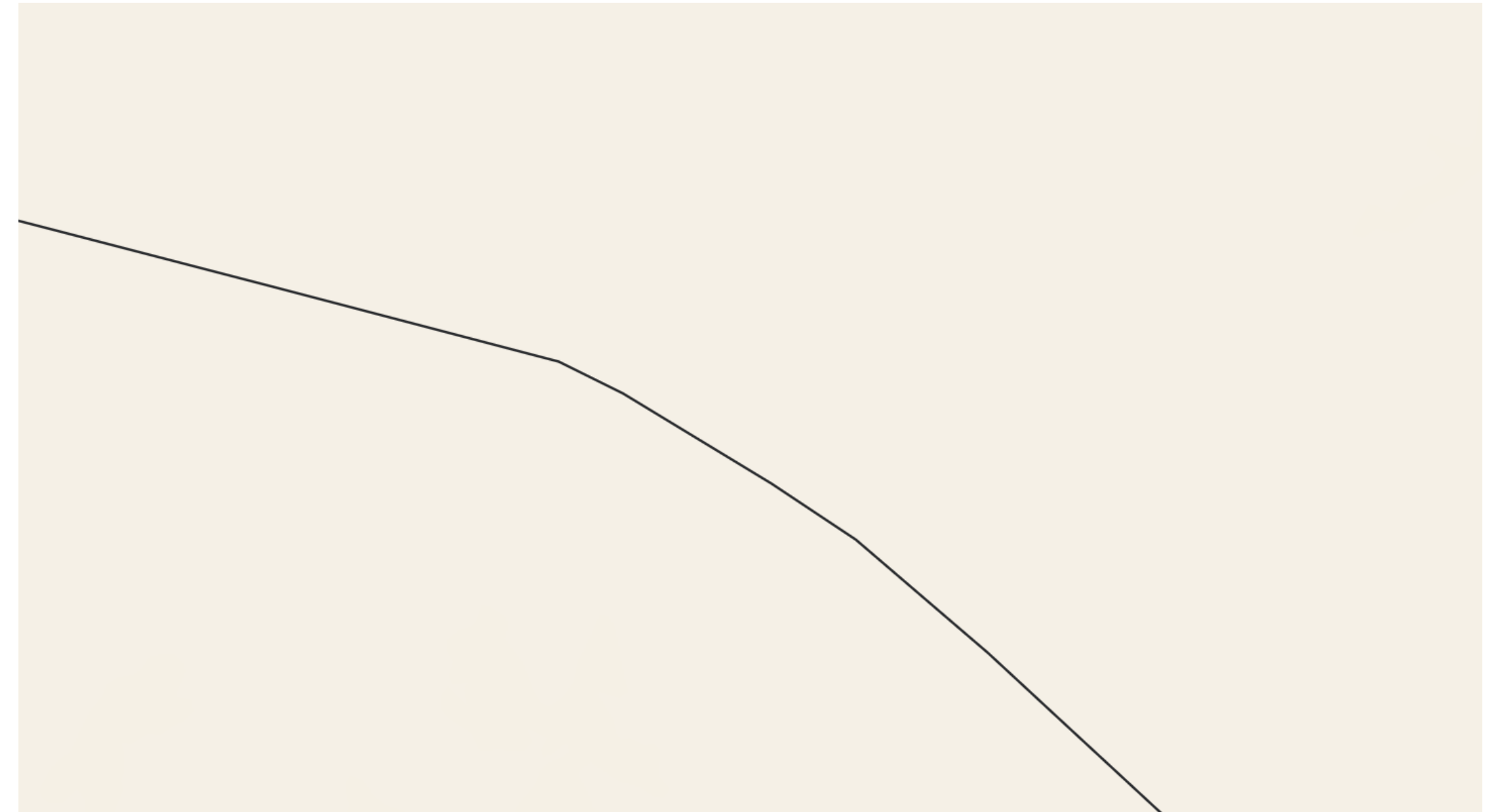
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Maps for exploratory/explanatory visualisations

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Maps can support decision-making in areas such as travel planning and urban development.

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Map making provides a visual representation of an area, allowing people to better understand and navigate the landscape.

WHY MAKE MAPS?

They also offer a creative outlet for artists and designers to explore different visual styles and techniques.

*Do we always need to
make 'accurate' maps?*

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What does accurate even mean?



Station Guides, 1948, XX.2014.6.9; New York Transit Museum Collection.



Station Guides, 1948, XX.2014.6.10; New York Transit Museum Collection.



Station Guides, 1948, XX.2014.6.11; New York Transit Museum Collection.

“The subway system has now reached a point where only an expert can find his way around it.”

– George Salomon, Graphic Designer, 1957



Massimo Vignelli's redesigned map of the New York subway



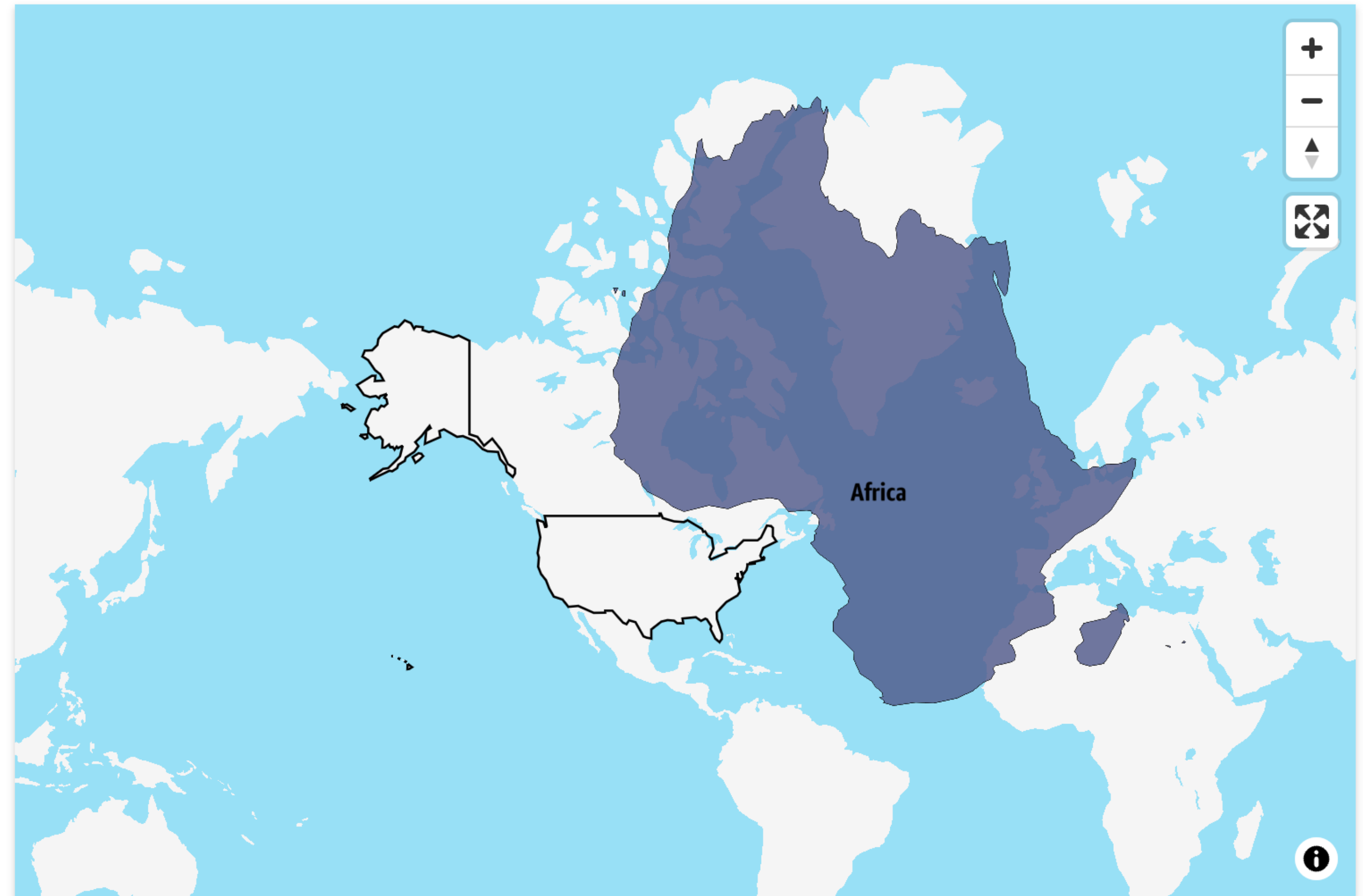
*Even map
Projections
always have
tradeoffs.*

United States is about 3.1 times *smaller* than Africa.

Africa is approximately 30,365,000 sq km, while United States is approximately 9,833,517 sq km, making United States **32.38%** the size of Africa. We have positioned the outline of Africa near the middle of United States.

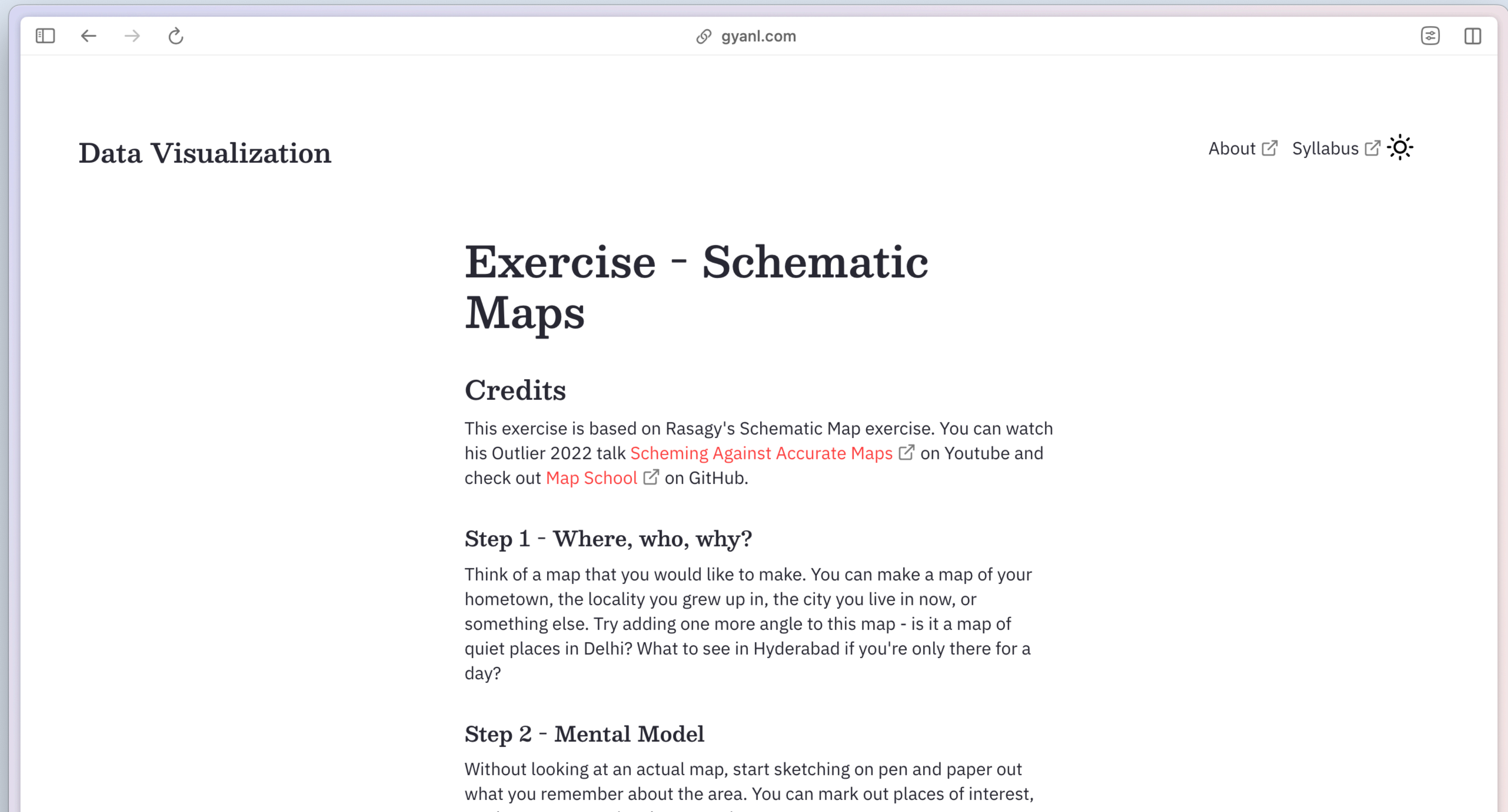
MAP VIEW

GLOBE VIEW



<https://www.mylifeelsewhere.com/country-size-comparison/united-states/africa>

Exercise - Schematic Maps



Data Visualization

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Exercise - Schematic Maps

Credits

This exercise is based on Rasagy's Schematic Map exercise. You can watch his Outlier 2022 talk [Scheming Against Accurate Maps](#) [↗](#) on Youtube and check out [Map School](#) [↗](#) on GitHub.

Step 1 - Where, who, why?

Think of a map that you would like to make. You can make a map of your hometown, the locality you grew up in, the city you live in now, or something else. Try adding one more angle to this map - is it a map of quiet places in Delhi? What to see in Hyderabad if you're only there for a day?

Step 2 - Mental Model

Without looking at an actual map, start sketching on pen and paper out what you remember about the area. You can mark out places of interest,