

Quality Improvement And Quality Assurance

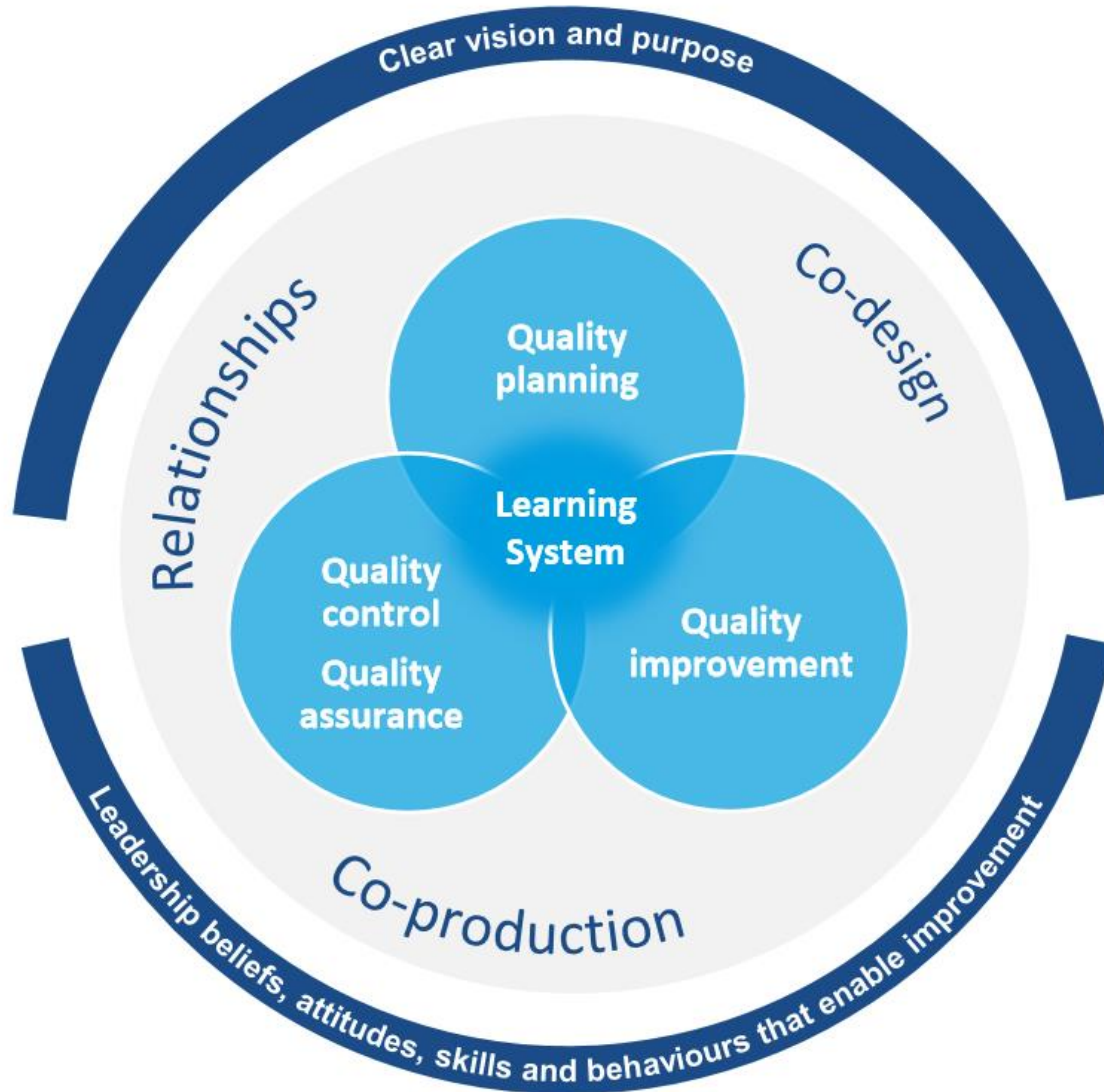
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Shewharts Total Quality Management

- Quality Planning
- Quality Control
- Quality Improvement



Toyoda Automatic Loom – rights sold to UK in 1926





Clear vision and purpose

Quality Planning *(understand your priorities for improvement and design appropriate interventions)*

Understand need and assets from the customer/population perspective, the gap with what you provide and hence the priorities for redesign and continuous improvement

Understand the contributory factors of issues feeding from quality control

Set clear priorities and goals for improvement with a focus on those issues which will have the biggest impact

- Develop a clear theory of change which aligns with outcomes
- Choose the appropriate method/s for the nature of the improvement challenge
- Design new systems / models of care / processes and change packages using evidence and technology as appropriate
- Allocate resources for the improvement work
- Clarify roles, responsibilities and leadership

Quality Control

(maintain quality and know when it slips)

- Embed mechanisms into teams/services so they can detect variation from agreed standards/desired quality

Quality Assurance

(independently check the quality)

- Internal processes to check quality of care
- External assessment to check quality of care and assure public and politicians on the quality of care

Learning System

- Measurement system that enables learning about what is and isn't working (qualitative and quantitative)
- Processes in place that support the appropriate use of evidence
- Individuals and services working on similar challenges are enabled to learn together (learning networks)
- System for identifying the bright spots and assessing the generalizable learning
- Reflective/reflexive practice is valued and enabled

Quality Improvement

(deliver the improvement)

- Ensure staff and teams have the skills to improve what is in their control and escalate those issues that aren't (microsystem improvement)
- Systems to support prototyping
- Systems for spreading learning that enables adaptation for local context

Co-design and co-production

Processes and culture that support individuals, families and communities to become equal partners in all aspects of quality planning, improvement and control.

Processes and culture that ensures staff at all levels have the knowledge, skills and time to engage in the work of quality planning, improvement and control at a level commensurate with their role

Relationships

The vital role and impact of people and relationships in delivering high quality is recognised and given equal attention to the process issues

Leadership beliefs, attitudes, skills and behaviours that enable improvement

Including understanding of how to work in complex systems, a focus on issue analysis not blaming people; behaviours which recognise and celebrate success including rewarding open sharing of problems and dis-incentivising behaviours which cover up problems, embedding coaching into management practice and compassionate leadership

“The old way: Inspect bad quality out.
The new way: build good quality in.”

W. Edwards Deming

What is

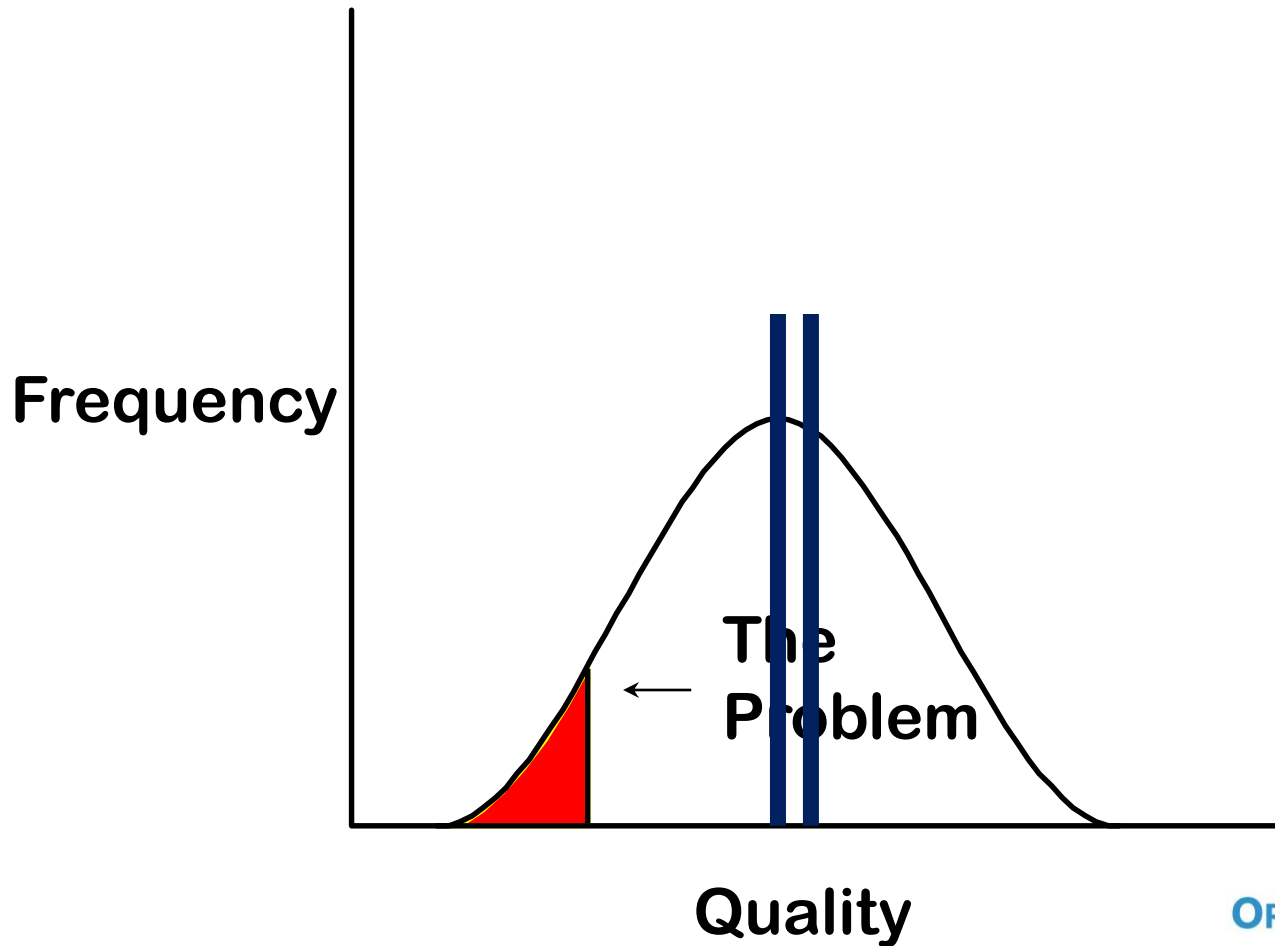
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT?

Quality: The IOM's Six Aims

High Quality care is care that is:

- *Safe*
- *Effective*
- *Patient-Centered*
- *Timely*
- *Efficient*
- *Equitable*

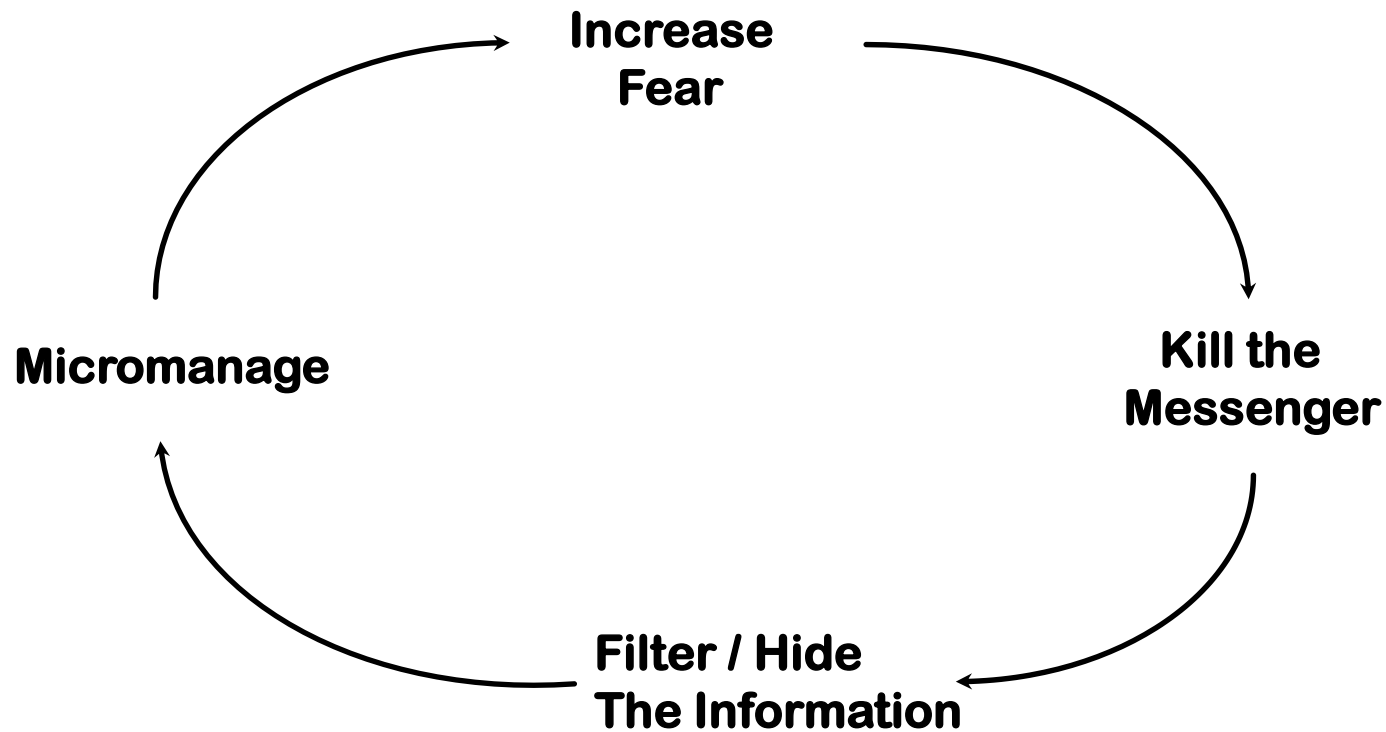
Model I: Bad Apples



The Simple, Wrong Answer

***BLAME
SOMEBODY***

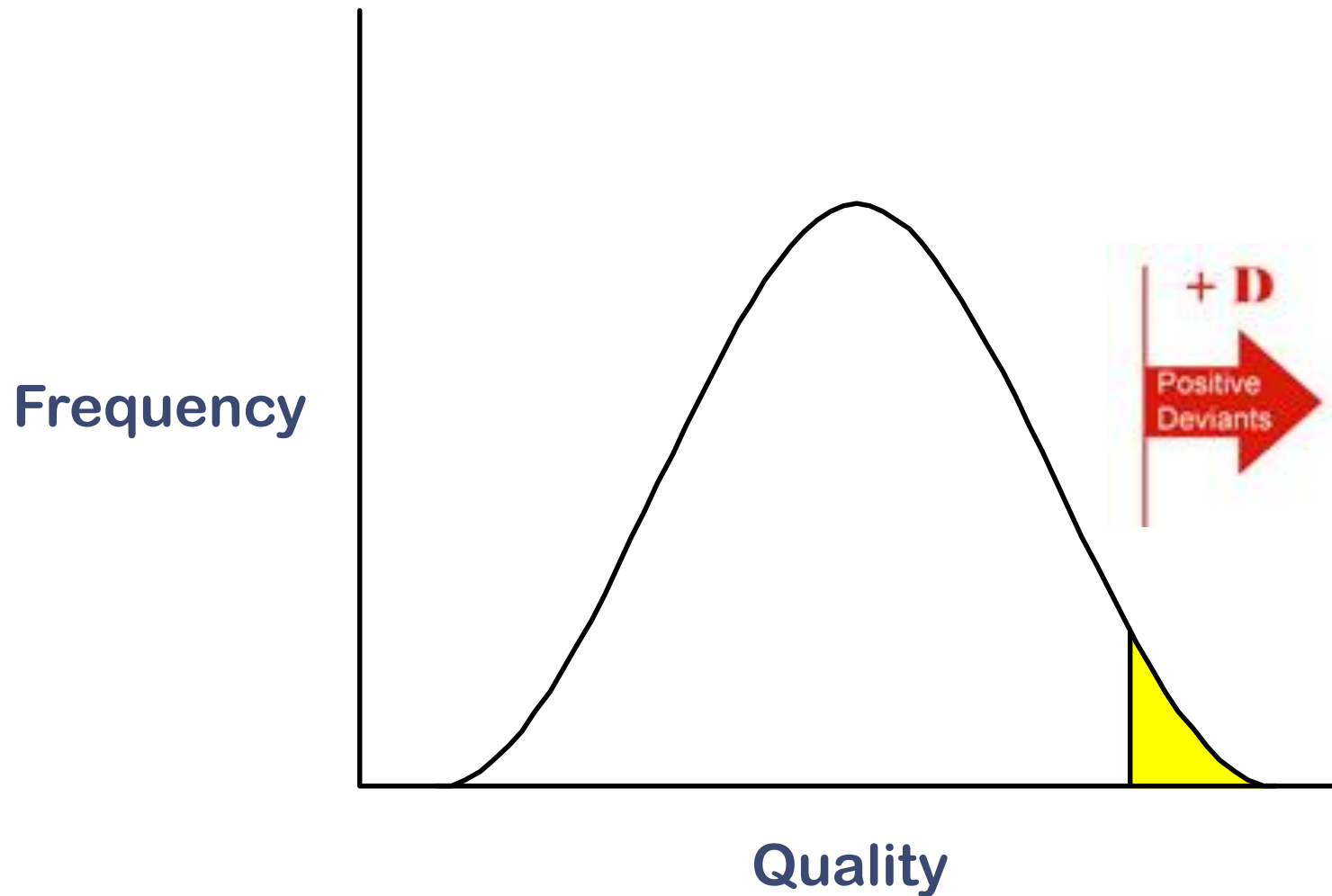
The Cycle of Fear



‘The system that people work in
may account for 90 or 95 percent of
performance.’

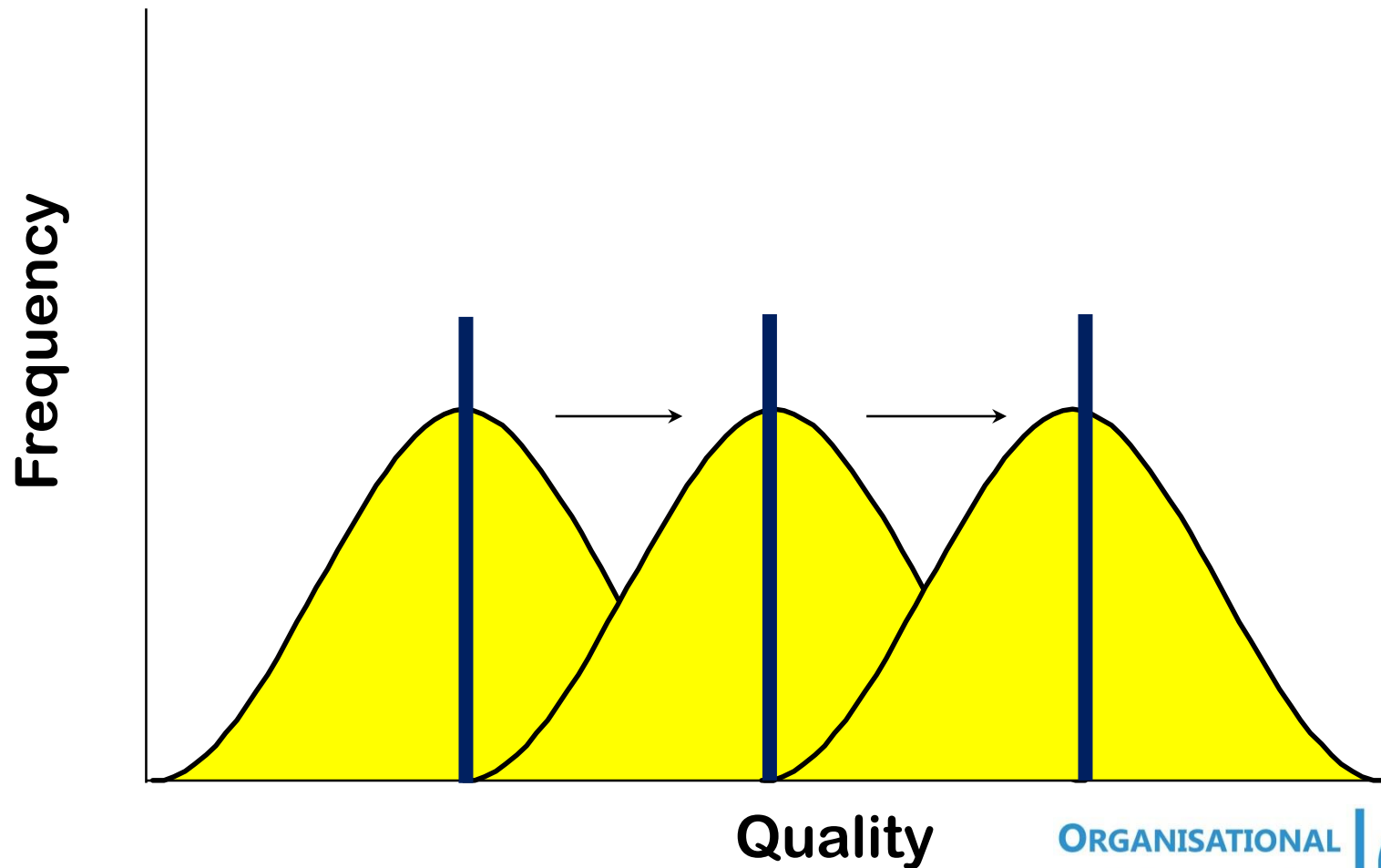
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Model 2: Positive deviance



Model 2: Continuous Improvement

“Every Defect is a Treasure”

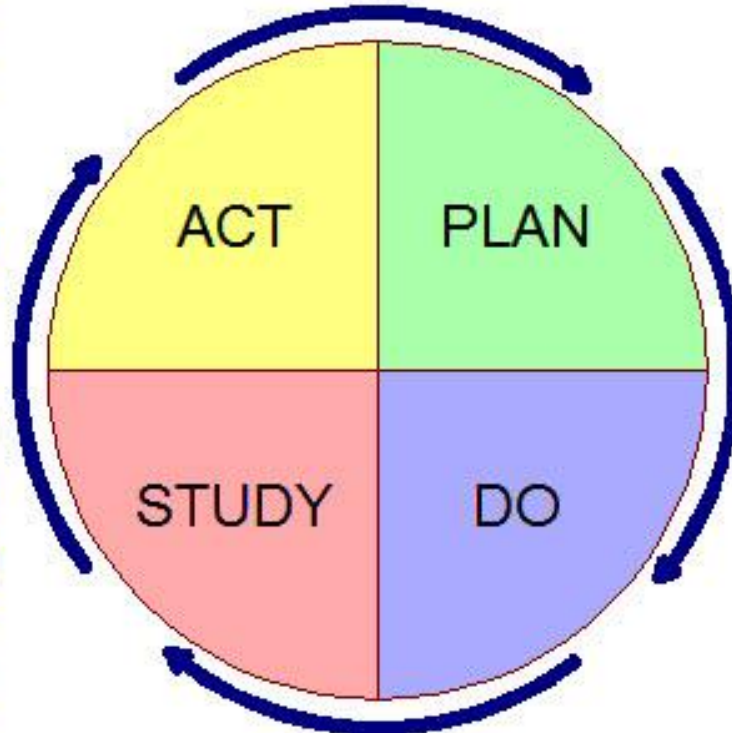


Model for Improvement

What are we trying to accomplish?

How will we know if a change is an improvement?

What changes can we make that will result in improvement?





William Sealy
Gosset
(1876 - 1937)

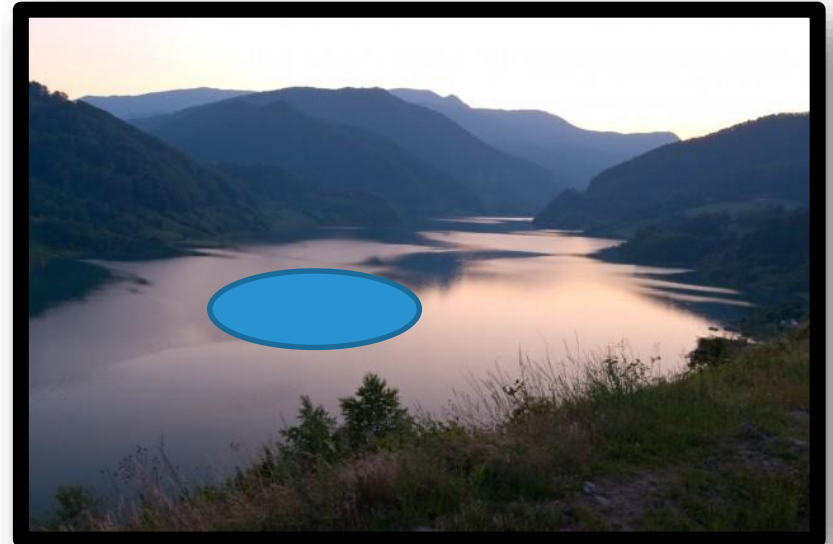
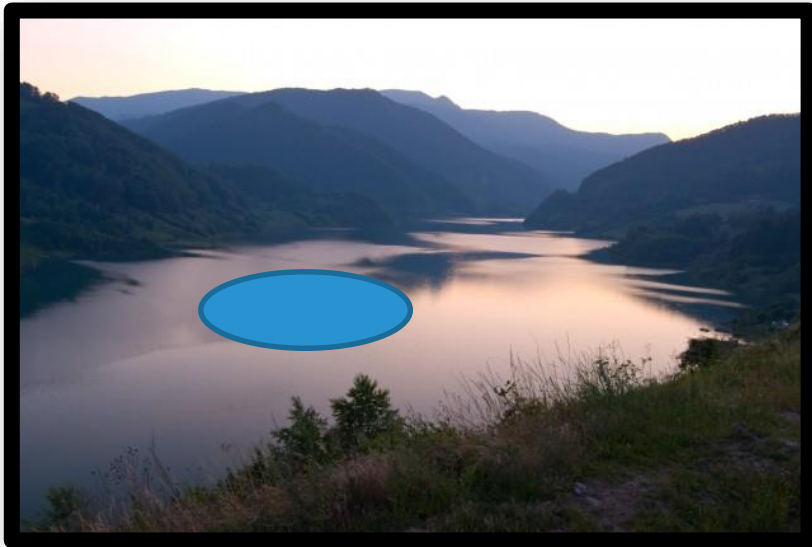


Sir Ronald
Fisher
(1890 - 1962)

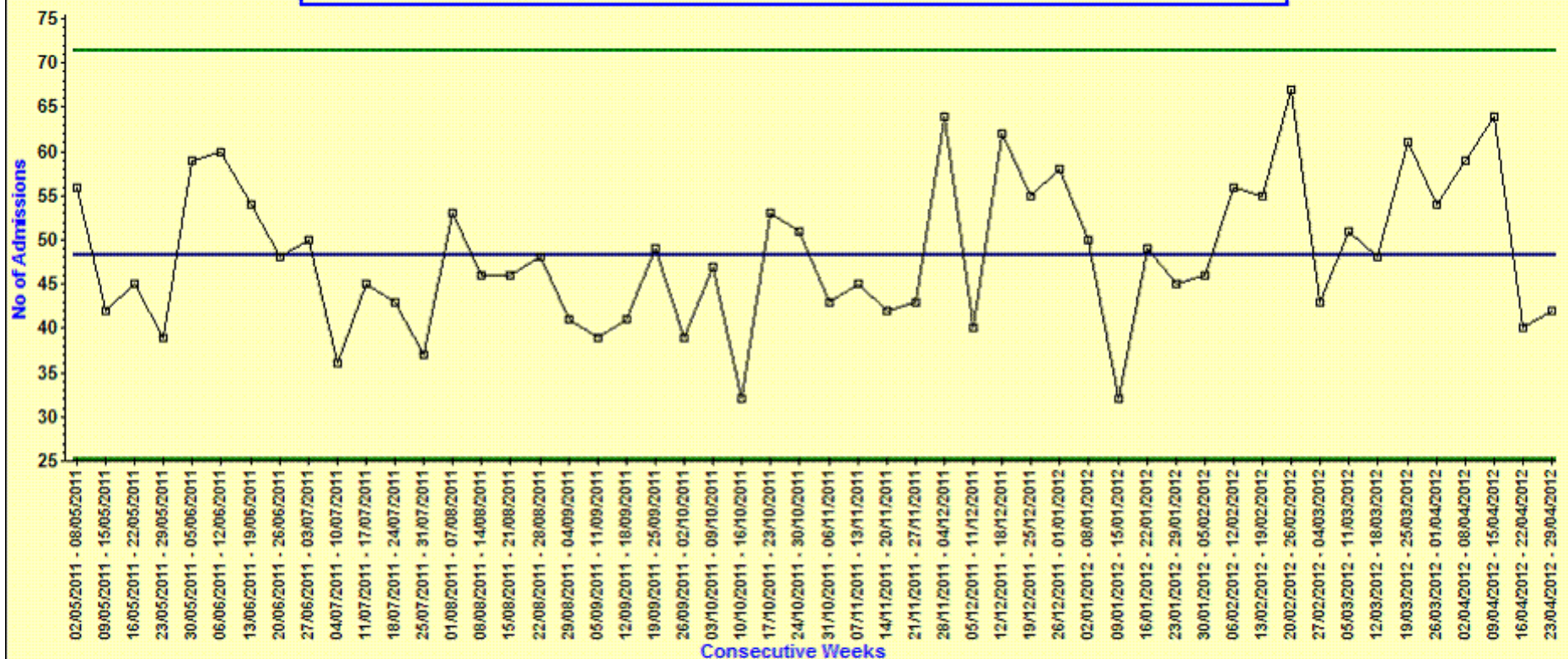


Austin Bradford Hill
1897 - 1991

Sampling Water Content



Number of Emergency Medical Admissions to NGH (Consecutive Saturdays)



Start 02/05/2011 - 08/05/2011

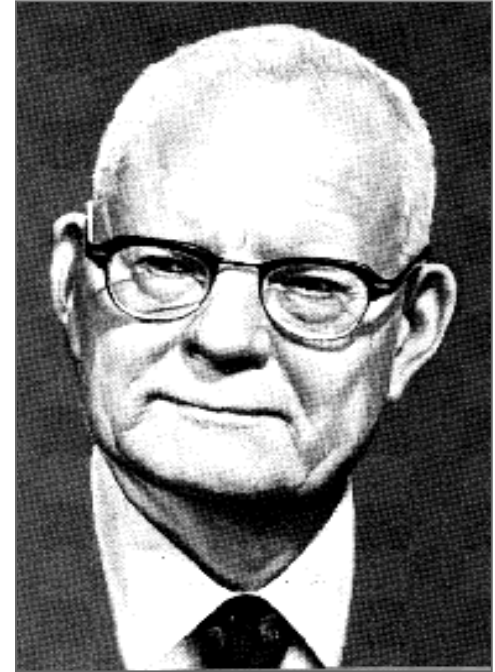
U.C.L. =71.4

Mean =48.3

L.C.L. =25.3



Walter
Shewhart
(1891 – 1967)

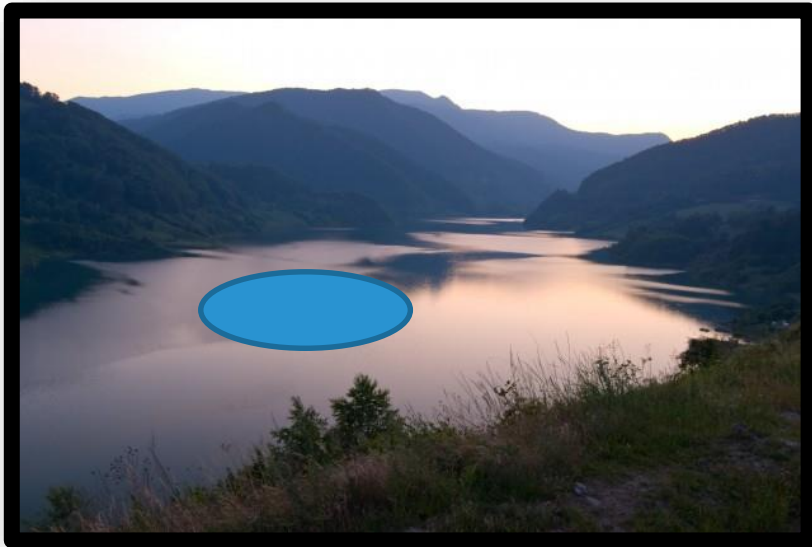


W. Edwards
Deming
(1900 - 1993)

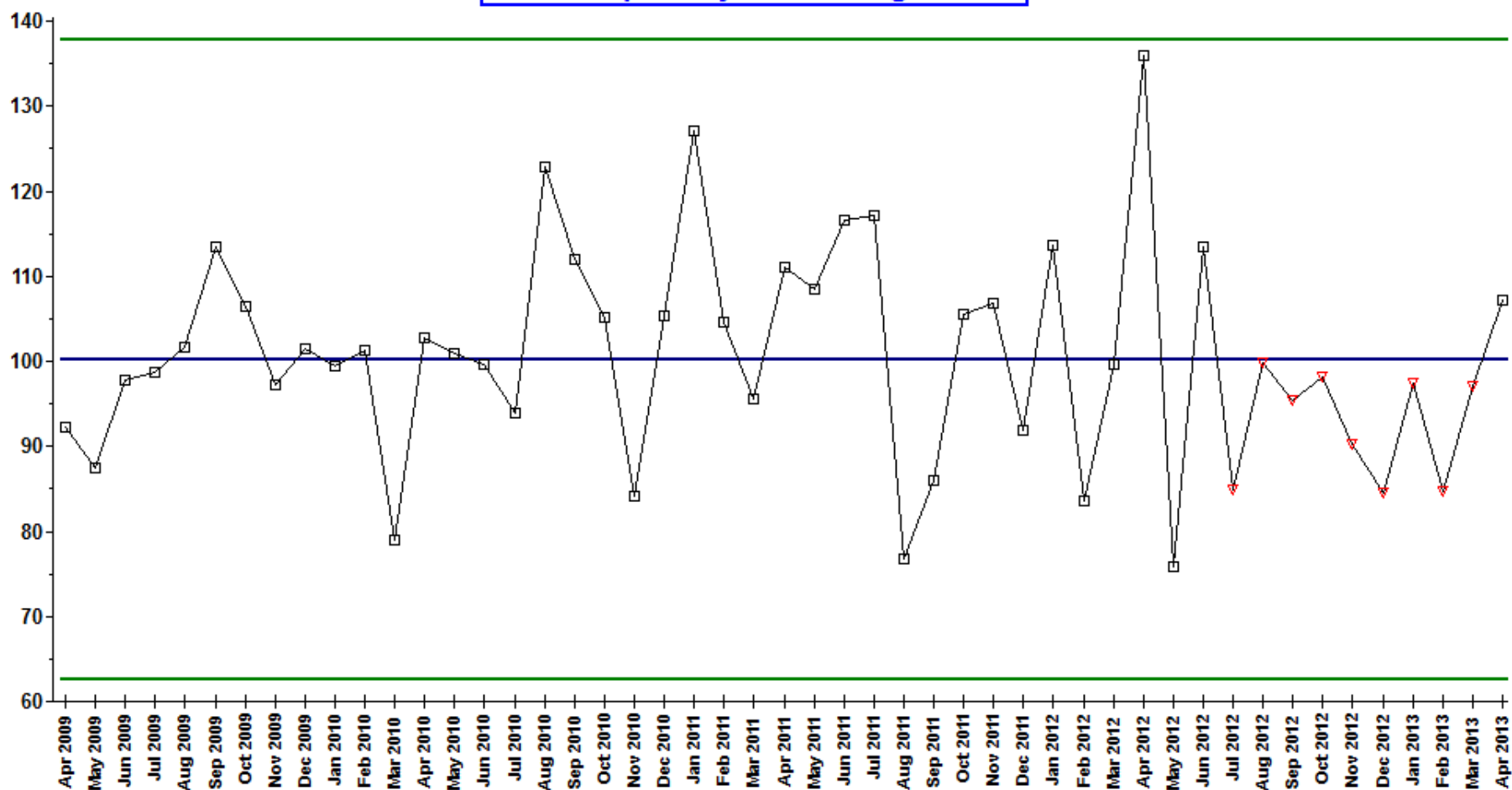
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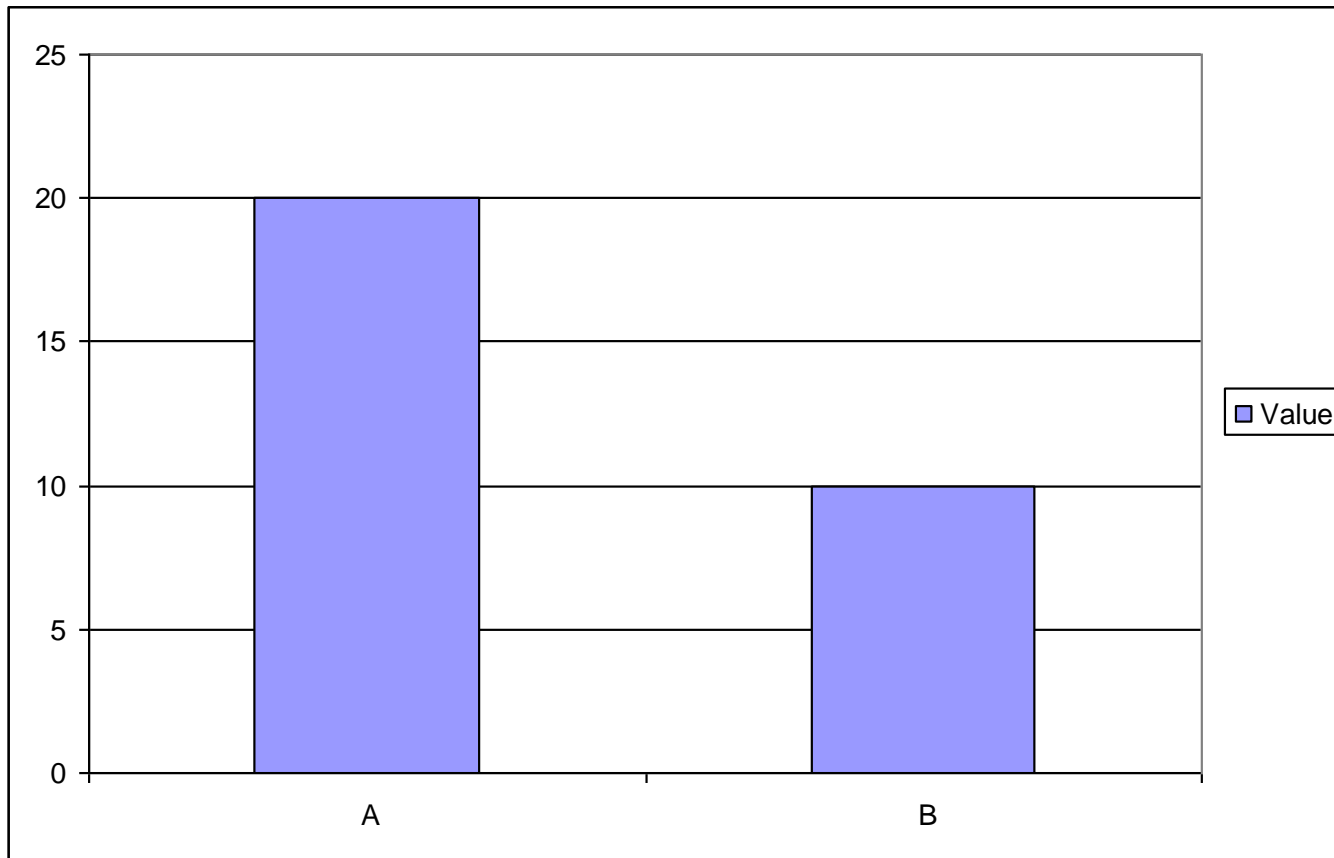
GSM as specialty of discharge-HSMR



Start Apr 2009
 U.C.L. =137.8
 Mean =100.2
 L.C.L. =62.6

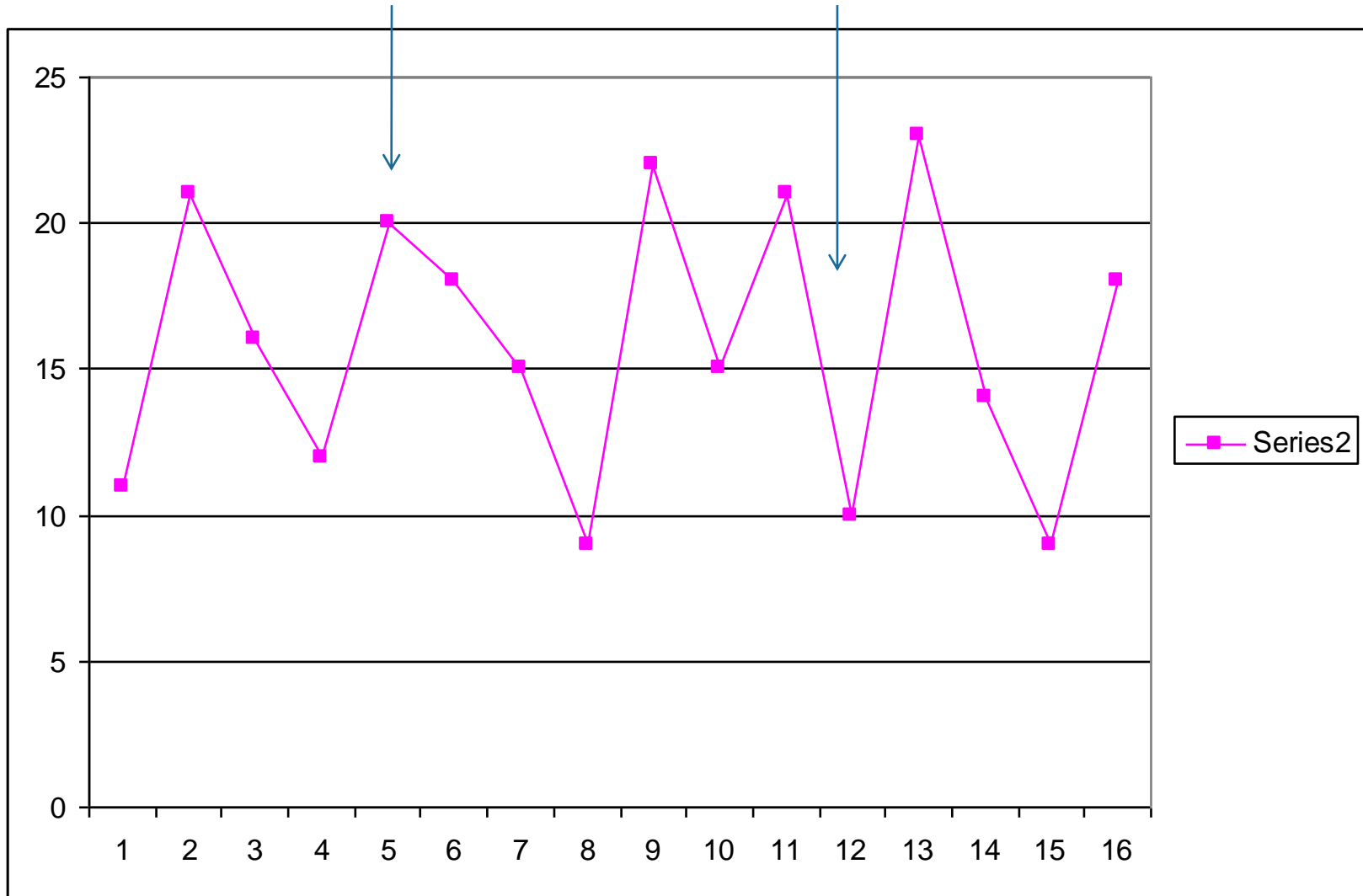
Looking at Data

- Here are two numbers...what's going on?

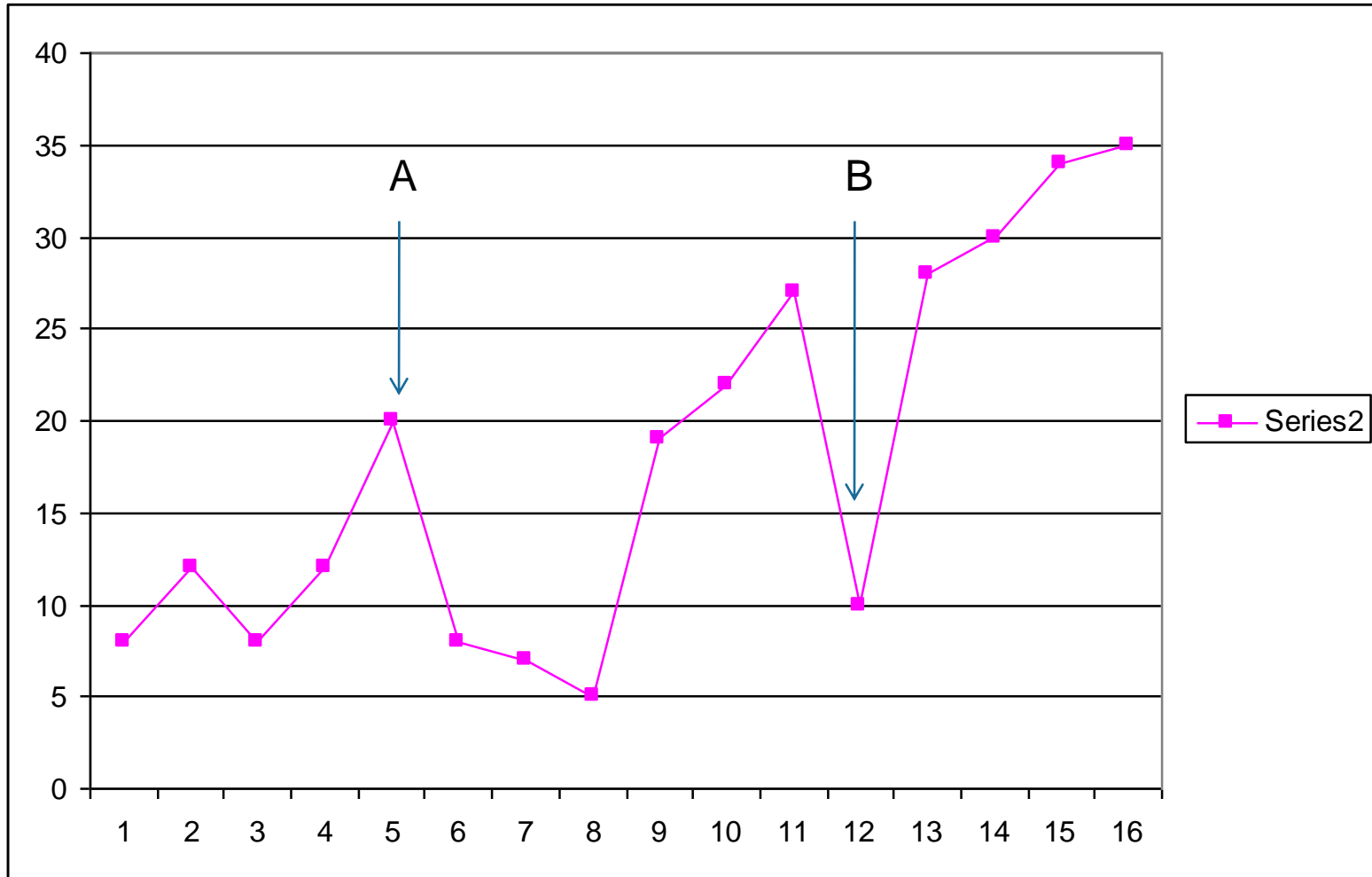


Hold on...A

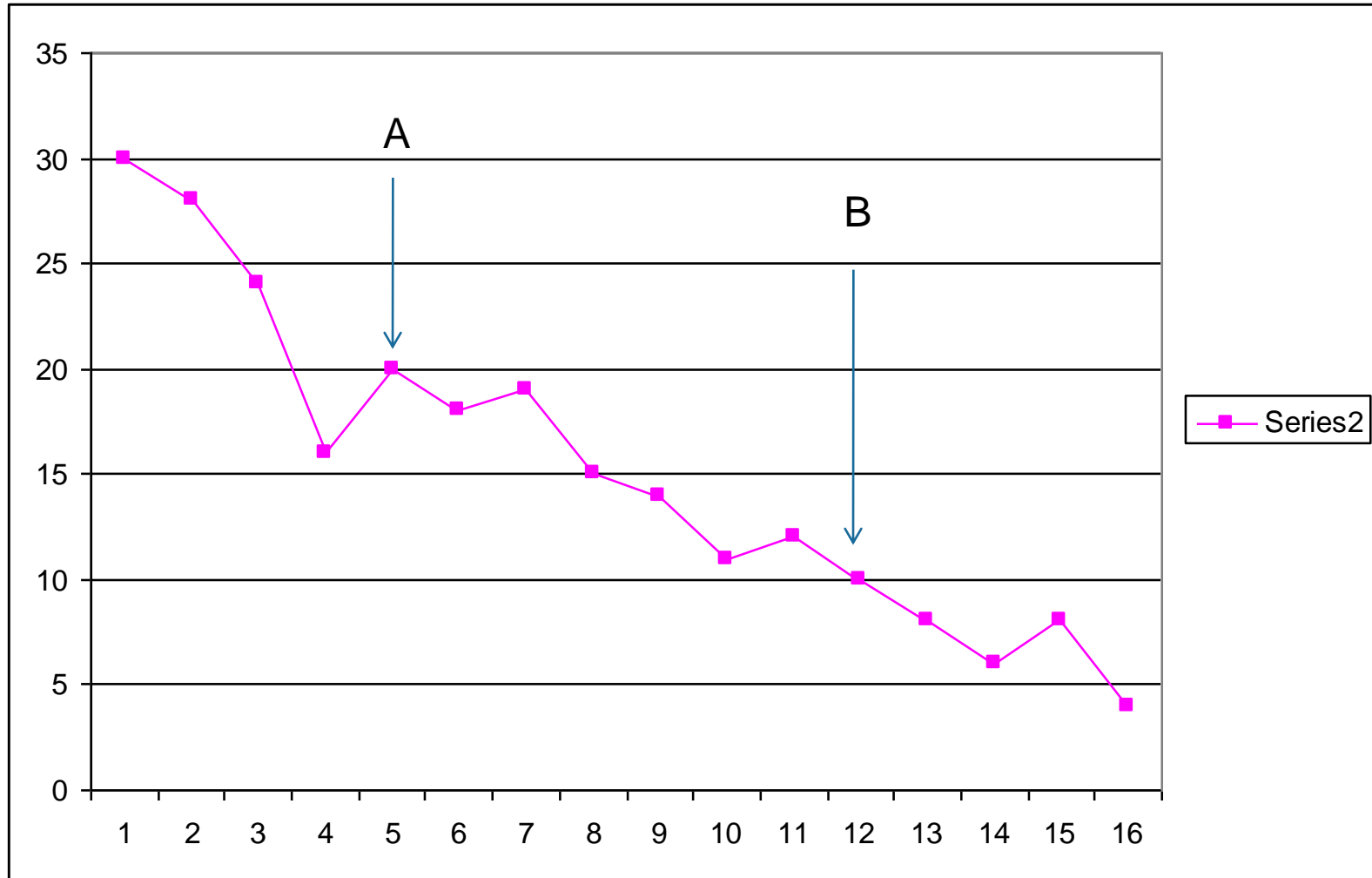
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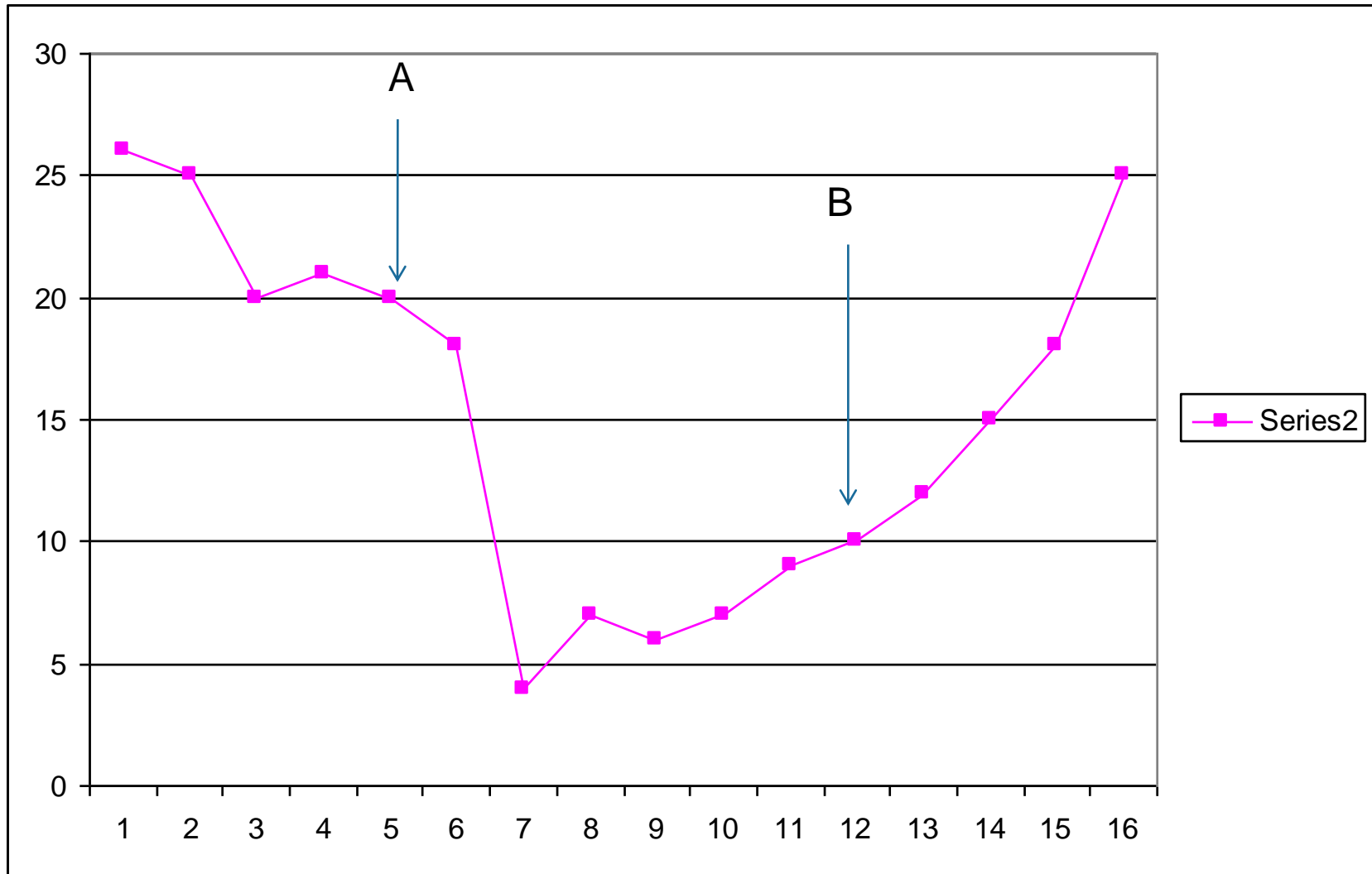
But...



But then again....

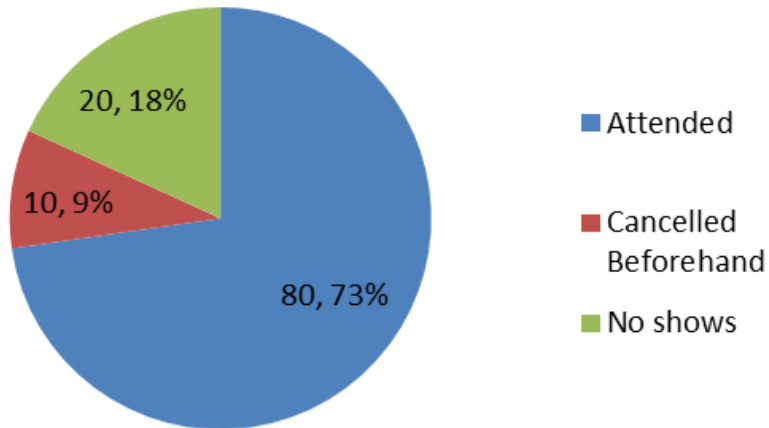


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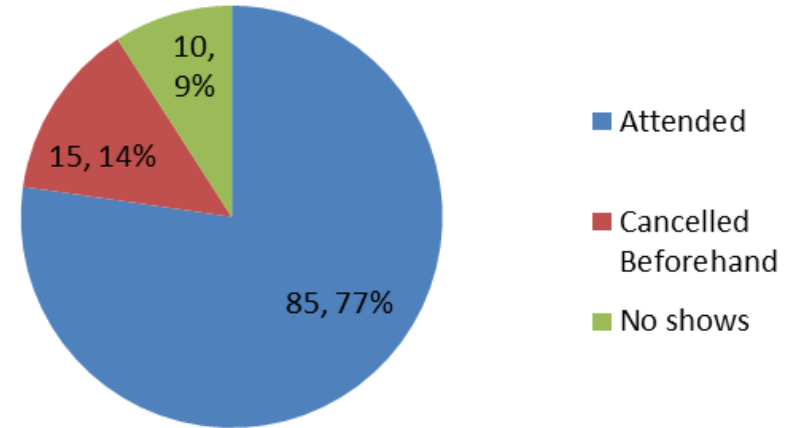


Here are two pie charts – we wanted to decrease DNAs (no shows)

Week 5



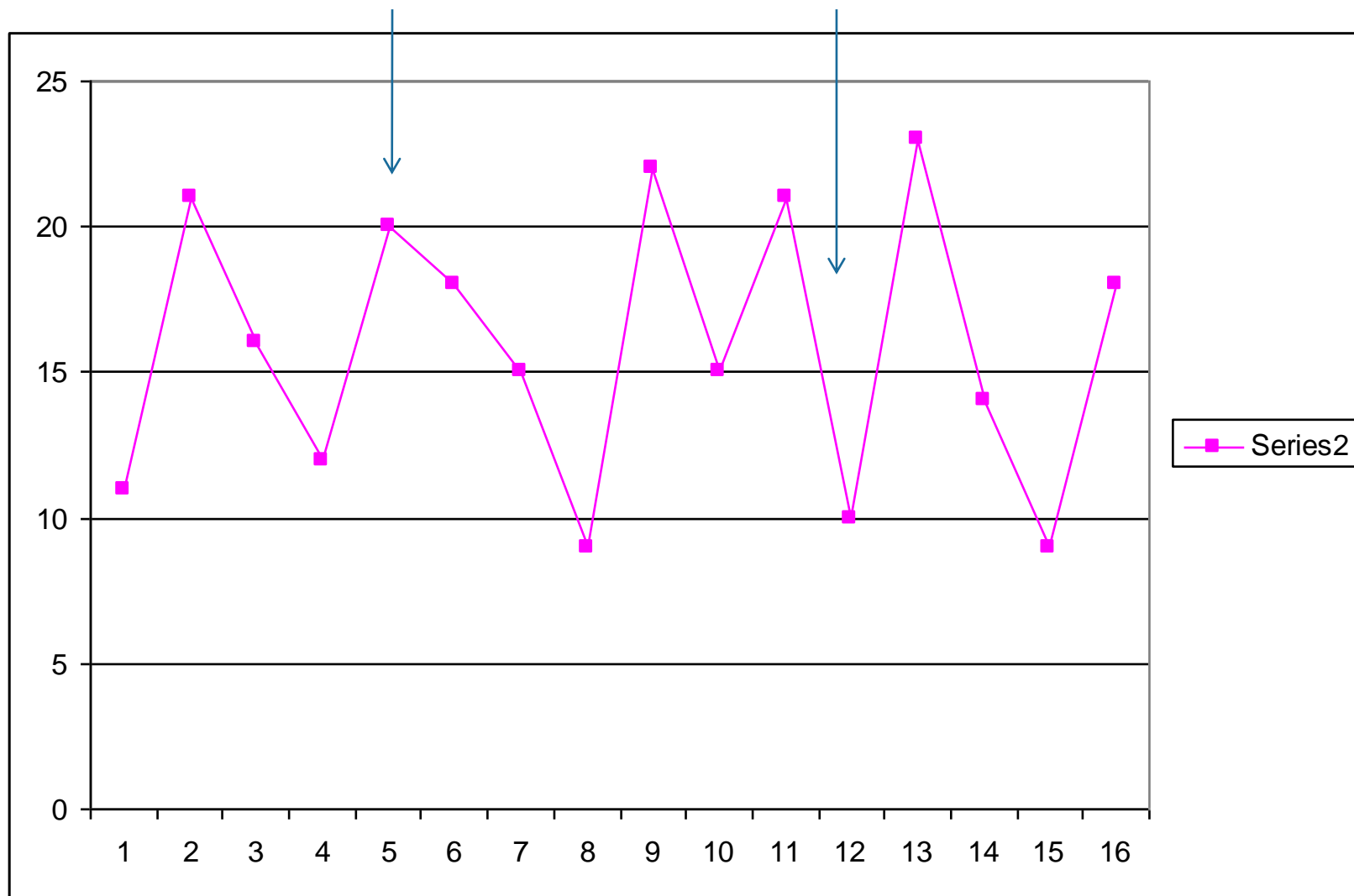
Week 12



Hold on...A

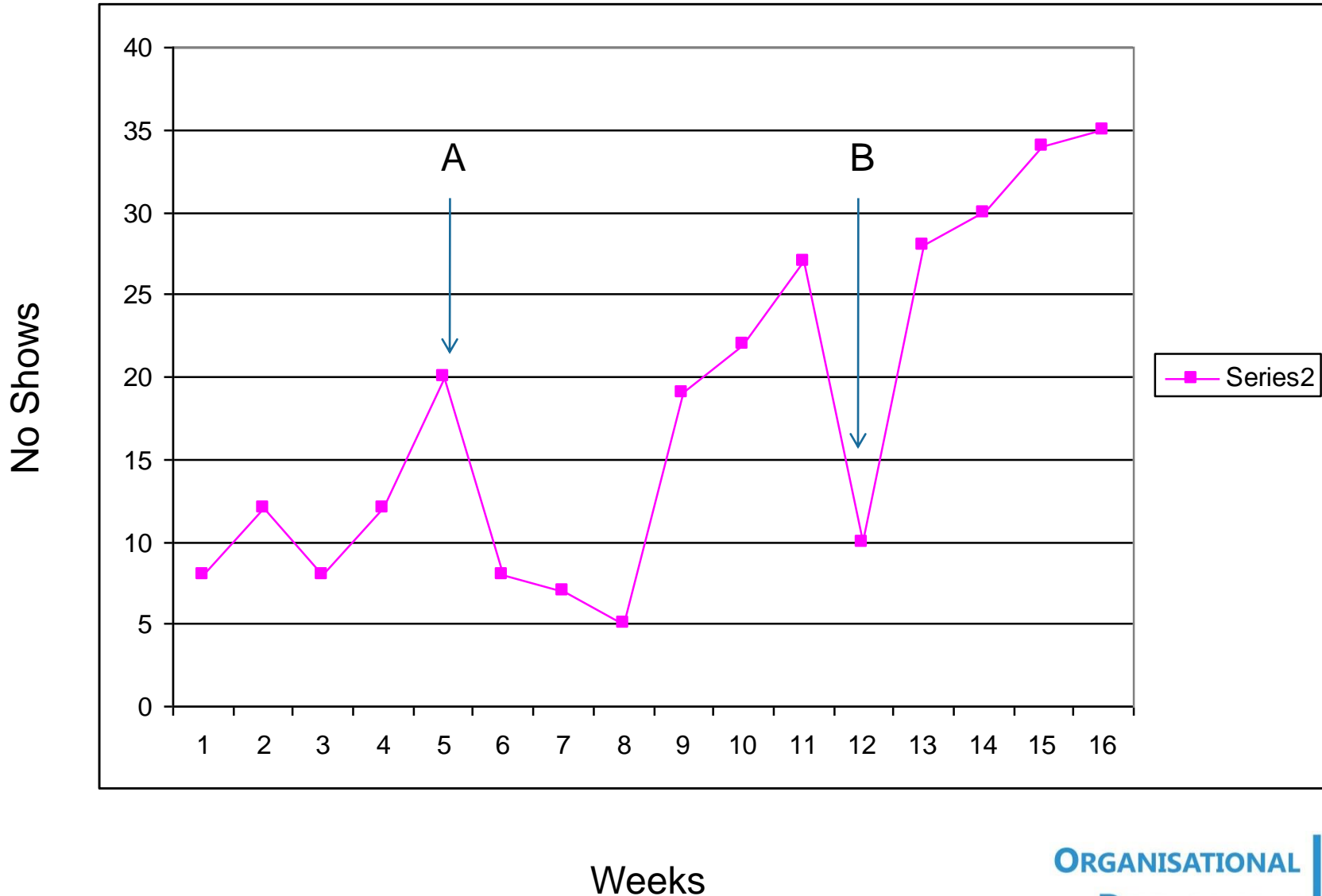
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No Shows

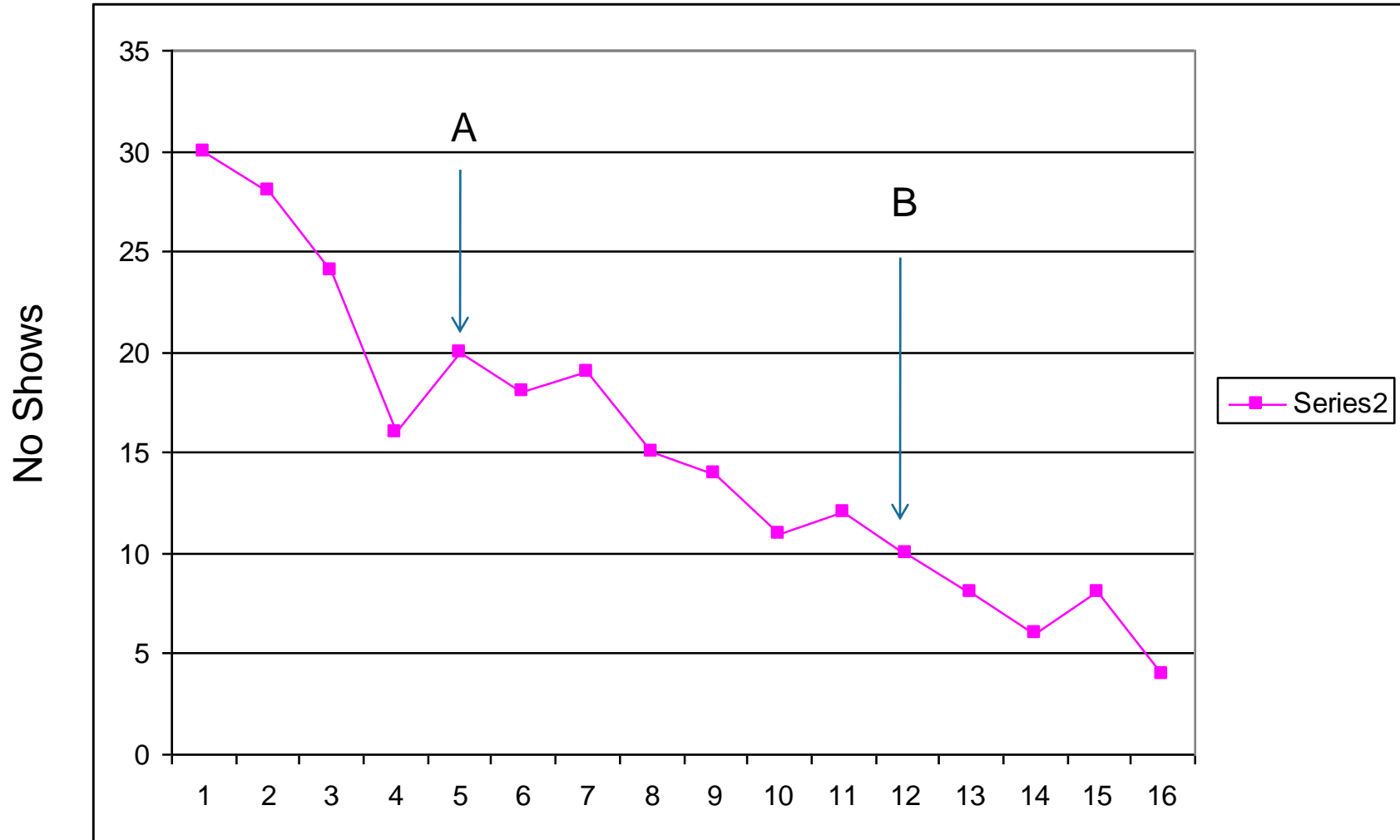


Weeks

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But then again....



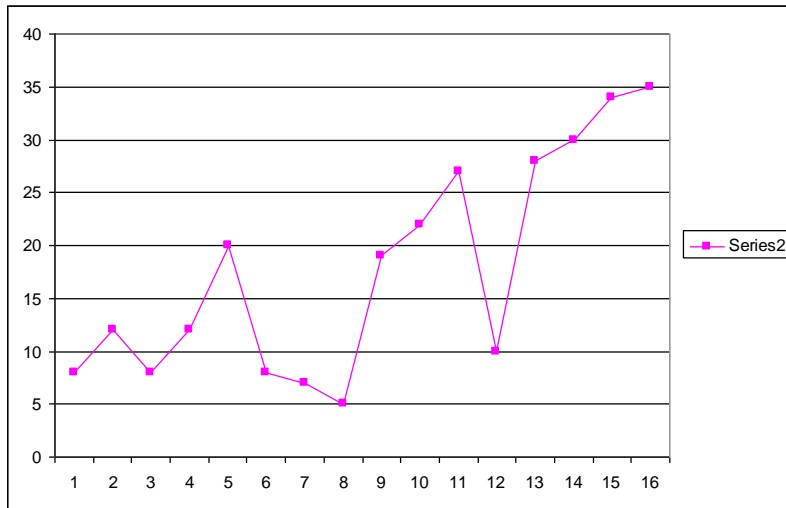
Weeks

What's going on with this data?

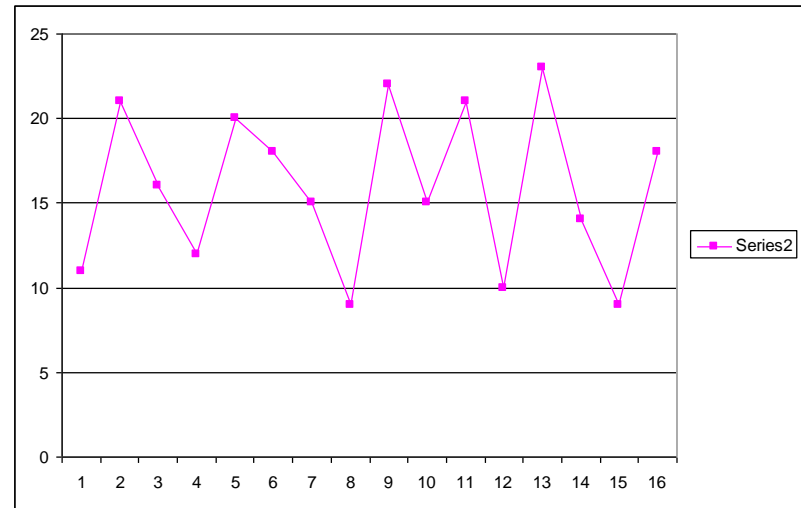
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6	8	18	18	18
7	7	15	4	19
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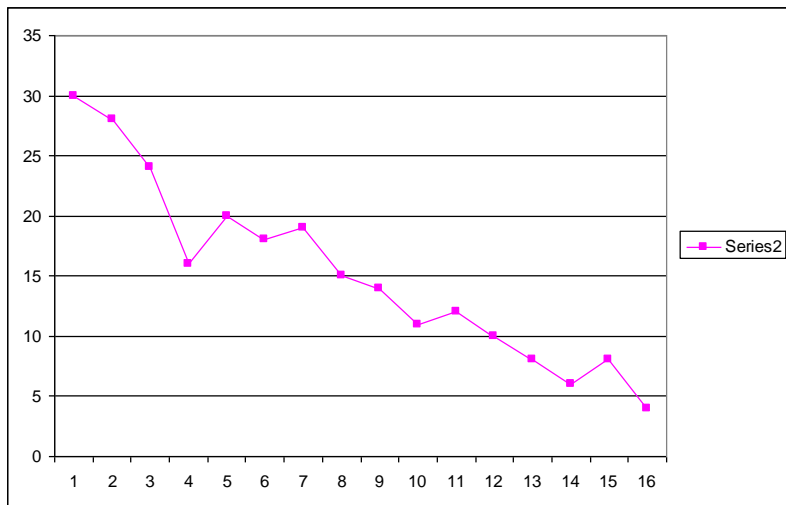
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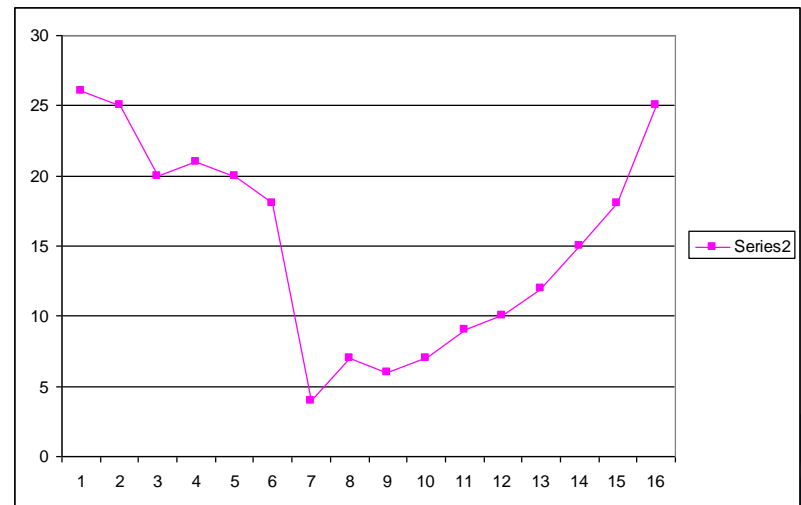
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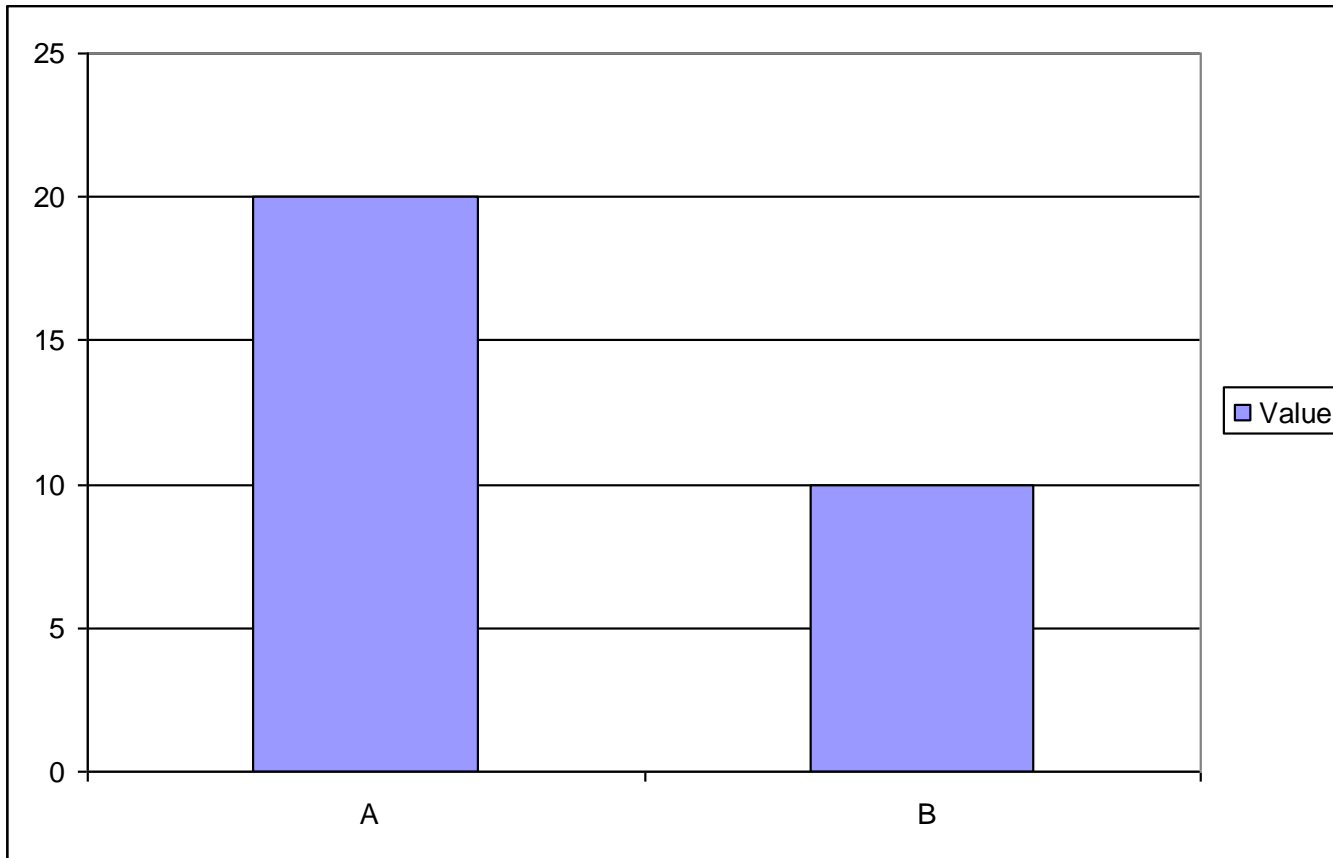


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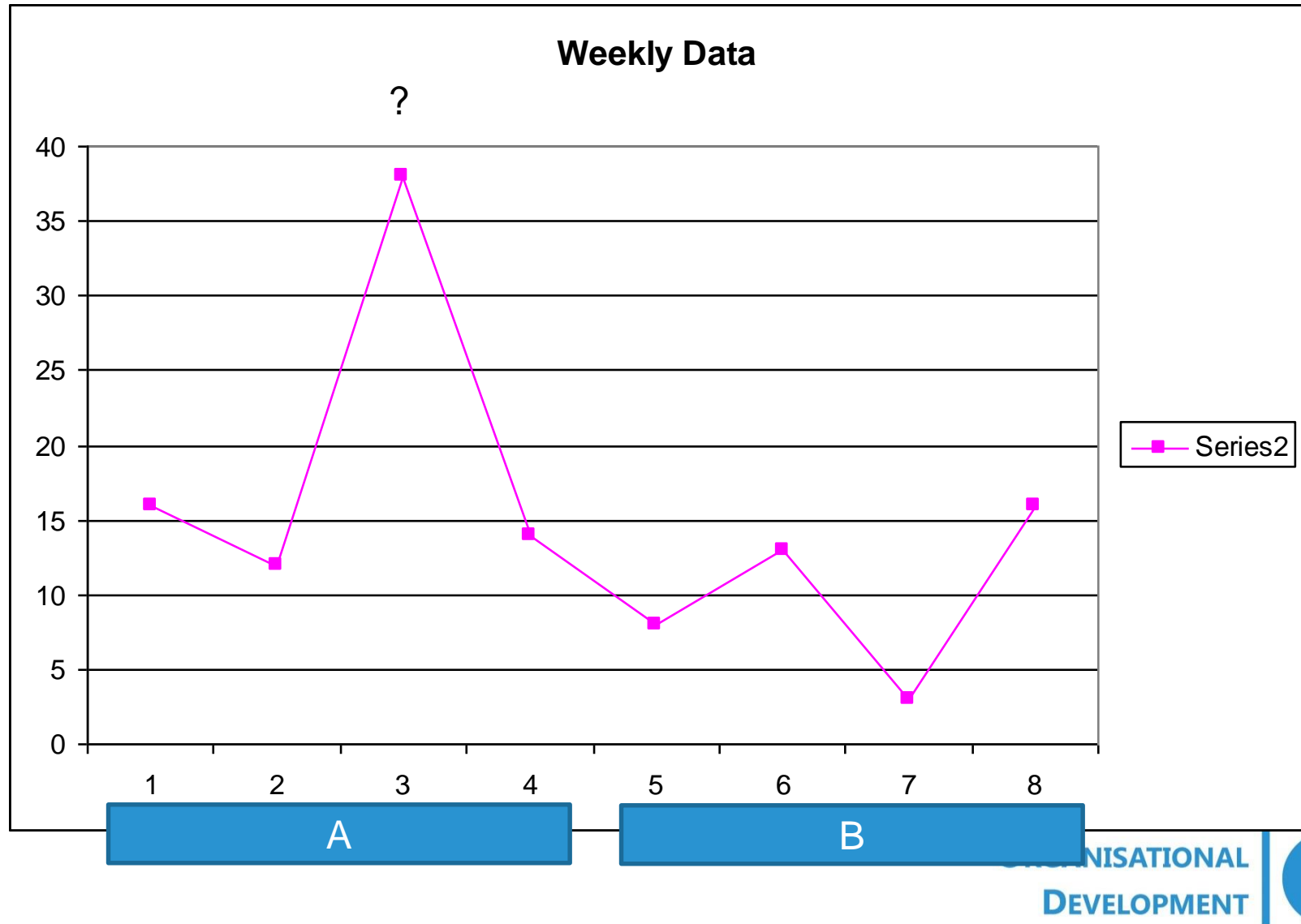


Beware of averages too...

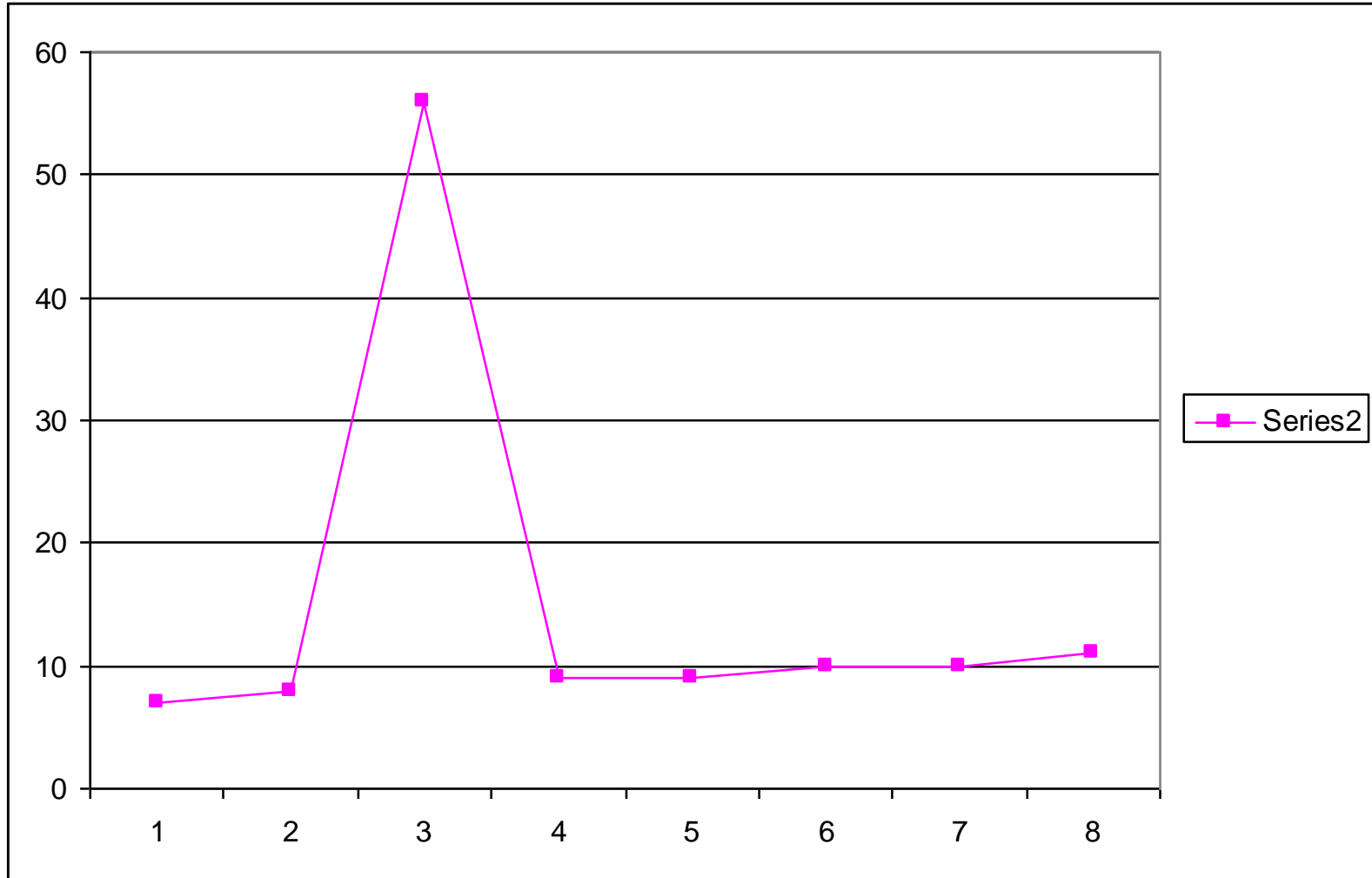
- Here are our two numbers (Monthly data)



Here's what's happening by week...



Or Even...

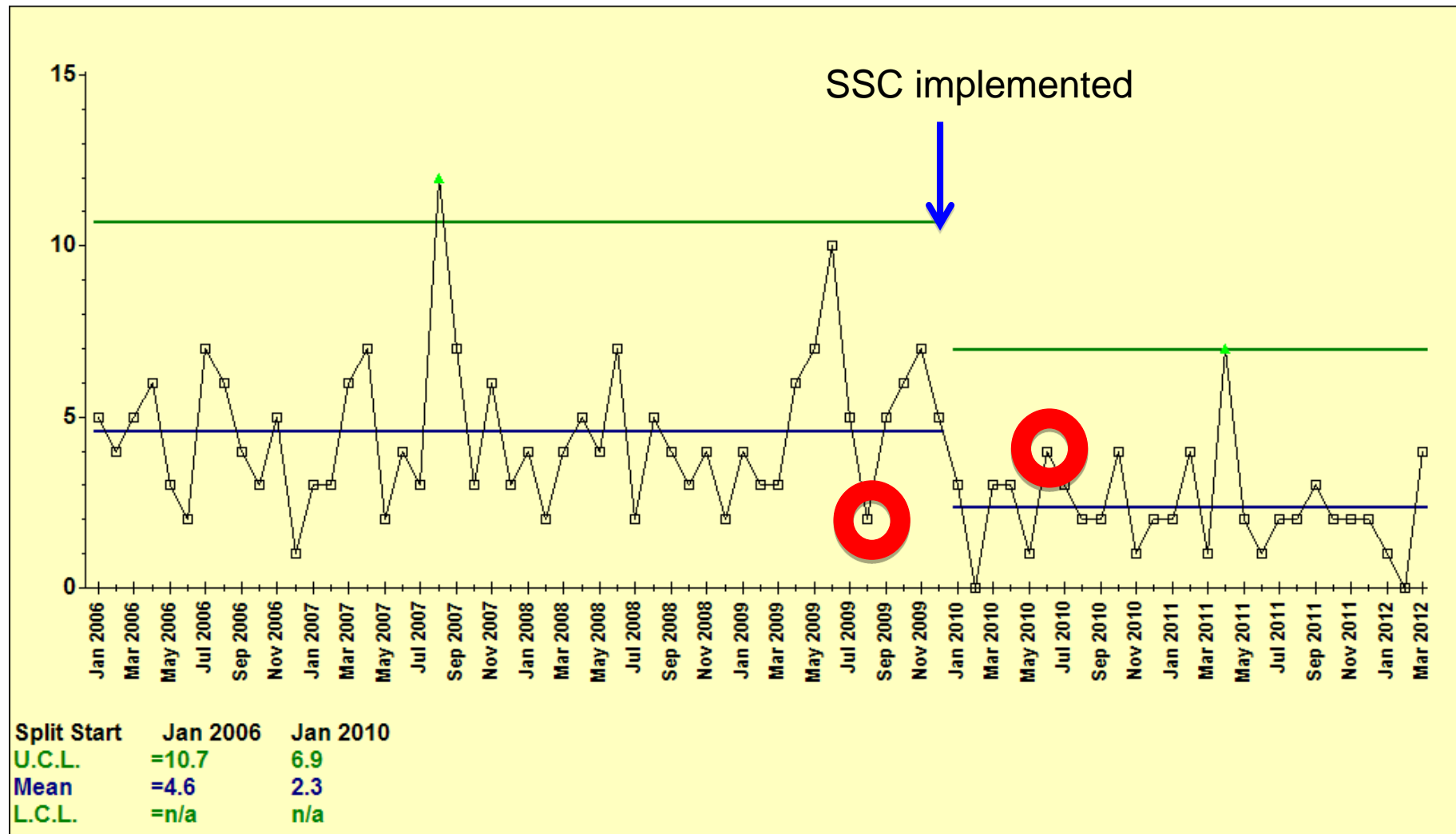


Summary

- One number will always be different to another – plot data over time
- Tables take time to understand
- Chart your data to see what's happening
- Beware of averages they can be misleading

Theatre Incidents

January 2006 - March 2012



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