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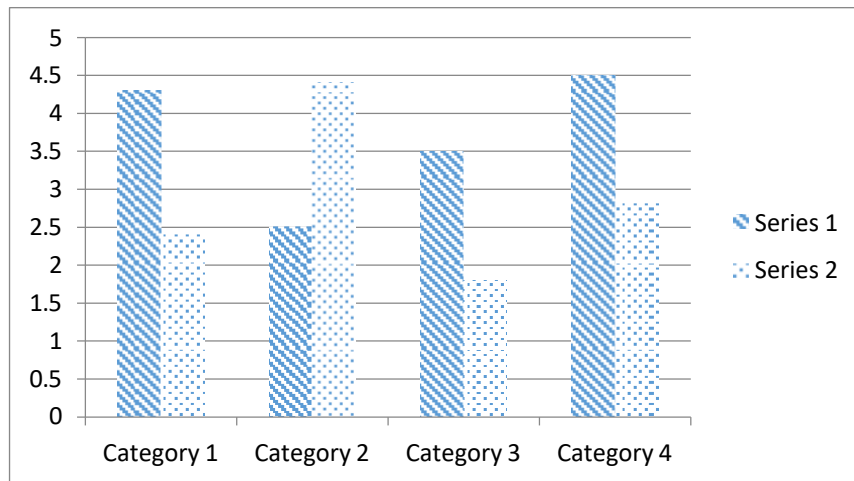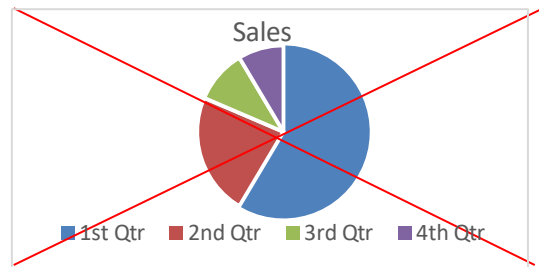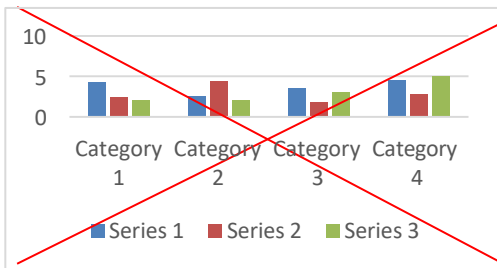| Decision	Agree	Disagree

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