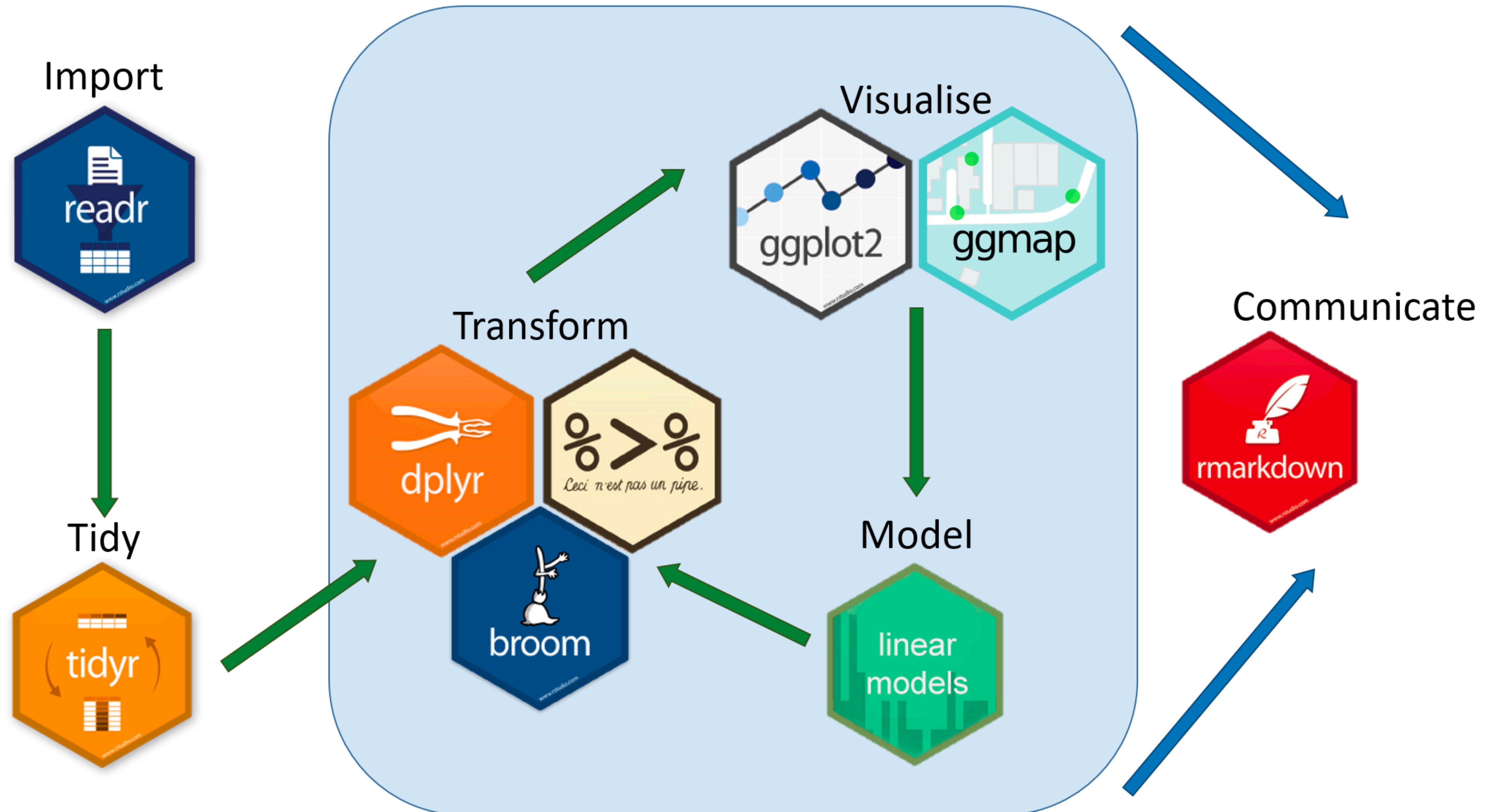


The widyr package

**Pairwise correlations, clustering, and dimensionality
reduction in the tidyverse**

The tidyverse makes many data explorations fluid



Example: the gapminder dataset of country statistics

```
library(gapminder)
gapminder
```

```
# A tibble: 1,704 x 6
```

	country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
	<fct>	<fct>	<int>	<dbl>	<int>	<dbl>
1	Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.8	8425333	779.
2	Afghanistan	Asia	1957	30.3	9240934	821.
3	Afghanistan	Asia	1962	32.0	10267083	853.
4	Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.0	11537966	836.
5	Afghanistan	Asia	1972	36.1	13079460	740.
6	Afghanistan	Asia	1977	38.4	14880372	786.
7	Afghanistan	Asia	1982	39.9	12881816	978.
8	Afghanistan	Asia	1987	40.8	13867957	852.
9	Afghanistan	Asia	1992	41.7	16317921	649.
10	Afghanistan	Asia	1997	41.8	22227415	635.

```
# ... with 1,694 more rows
```

“Find the average life expectancy per year”

```
gapminder %>%  
  group_by(year) %>%  
  summarize(lifeExp = mean(lifeExp))
```

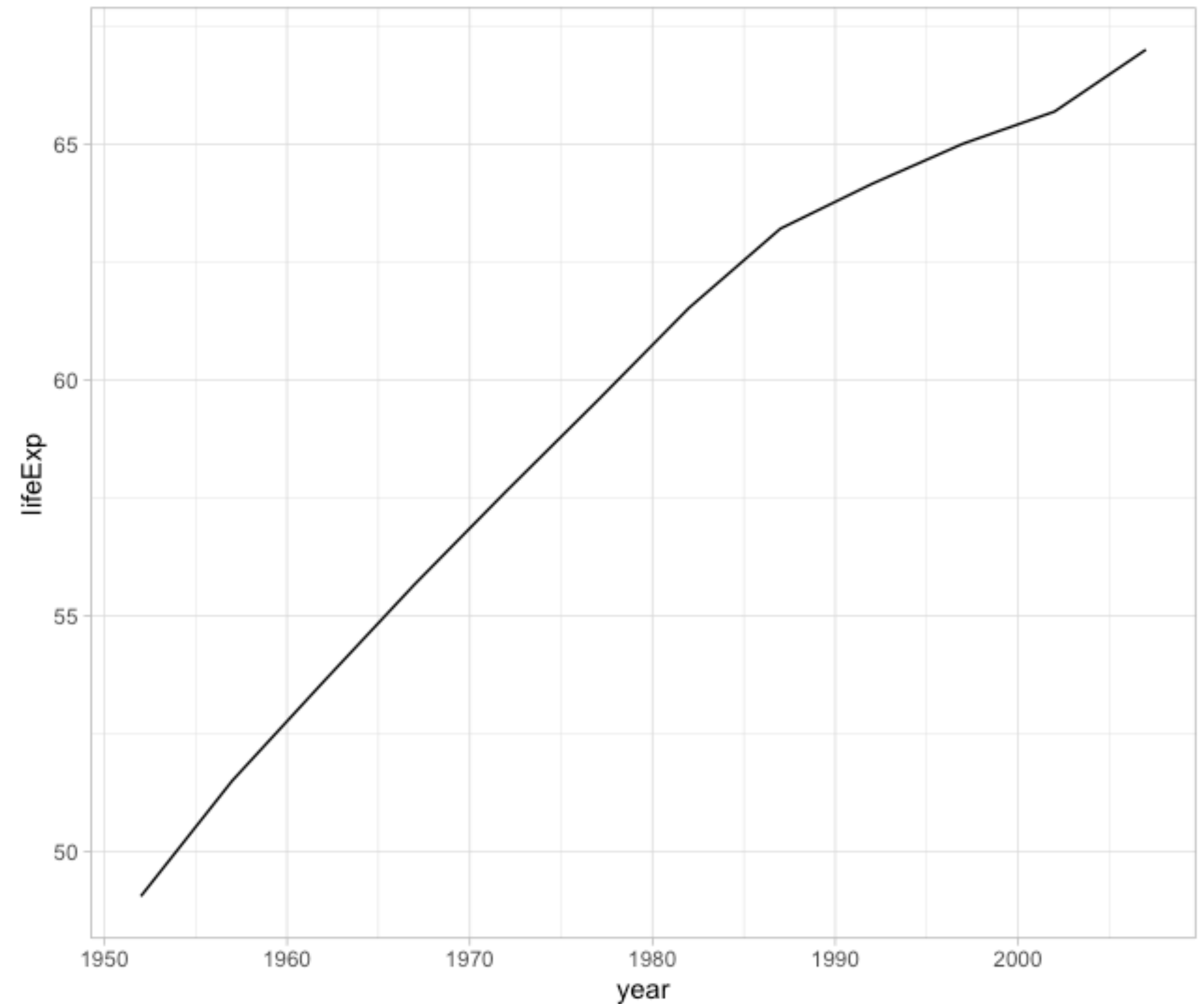
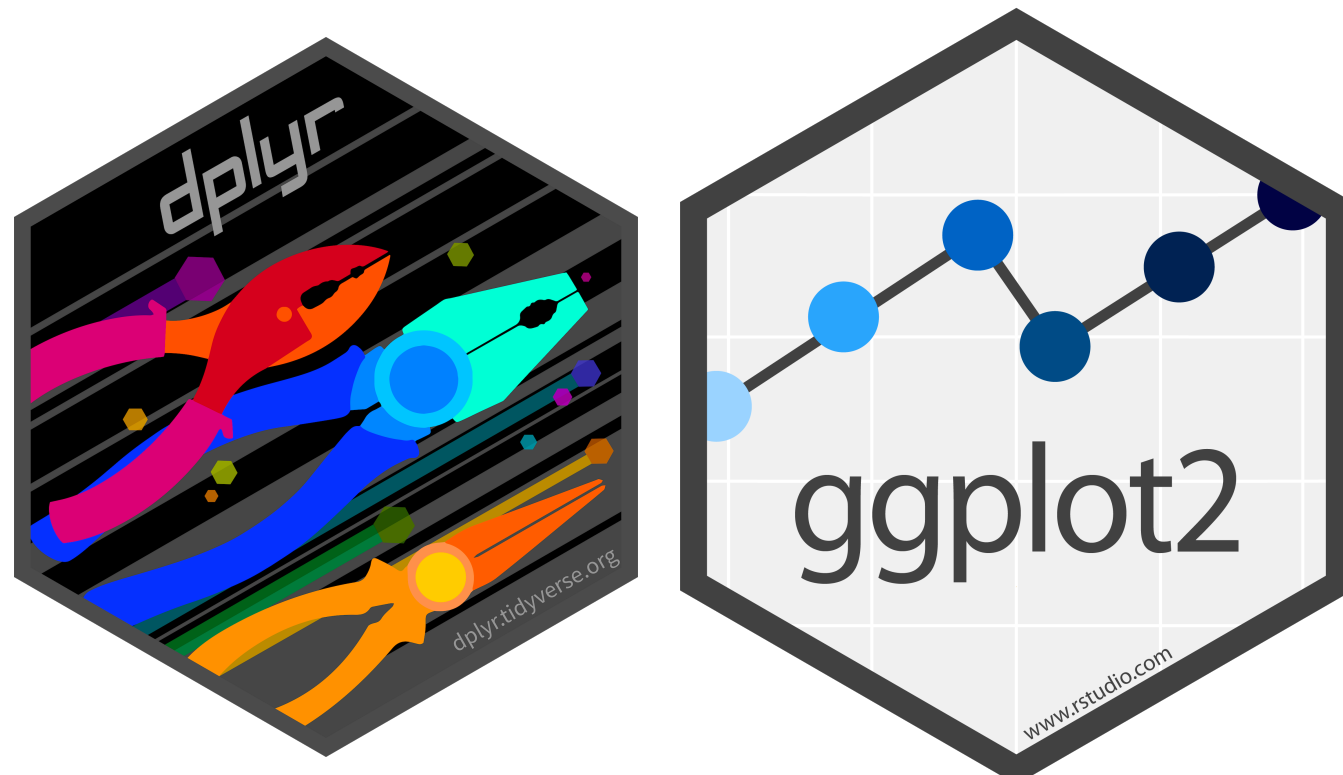
A tibble: 12 x 2

	year	lifeExp
	<int>	<dbl>
1	1952	49.1
2	1957	51.5
3	1962	53.6
4	1967	55.7
5	1972	57.6
6	1977	59.6
7	1982	61.5
8	1987	63.2
9	1992	64.2
10	1997	65.0
11	2002	65.7
12	2007	67.0



“Plot the average life expectancy per year”

```
gapminder %>%  
  group_by(year) %>%  
  summarize(lifeExp = mean(lifeExp)) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(year, lifeExp)) +  
  geom_line()
```



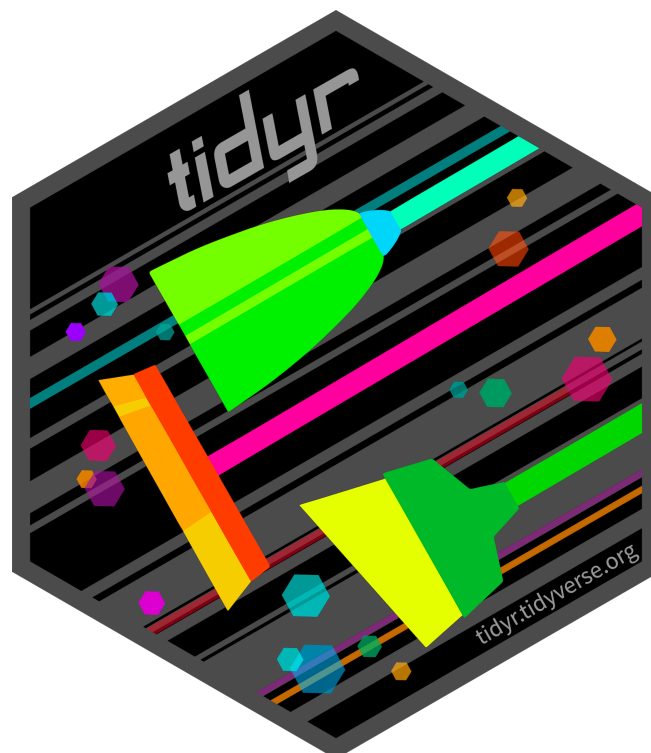
“Find the slope of increasing life expectancy by country”

```
gapminder %>%  
  group_by(country) %>%  
  summarize(model = list(lm(lifeExp ~ year))) %>%  
  mutate(tidied = map(model, tidy)) %>%  
  unnest(tidied) %>%  
  filter(term == "year")
```

A tibble: 142 x 7

	country <fct>	model <list>	term <chr>	estimate <dbl>	std.error <dbl>	statistic <dbl>	p.value <dbl>
1	Afghanistan	<lm>	year	0.275	0.0205	13.5	9.84e- 8
2	Albania	<lm>	year	0.335	0.0332	10.1	1.46e- 6
3	Algeria	<lm>	year	0.569	0.0221	25.7	1.81e-10
4	Angola	<lm>	year	0.209	0.0235	8.90	4.59e- 6
5	Argentina	<lm>	year	0.232	0.00489	47.4	4.22e-13
6	Australia	<lm>	year	0.228	0.0104	21.9	8.67e-10
7	Austria	<lm>	year	0.242	0.00681	35.5	7.44e-12
8	Bahrain	<lm>	year	0.468	0.0274	17.0	1.02e- 8
9	Bangladesh	<lm>	year	0.498	0.0163	30.5	3.37e-11
10	Belgium	<lm>	year	0.209	0.00490	42.7	1.20e-12

... with 132 more rows



“How is each country’s life expectancy correlated with each other?”

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```
library(widyr)

gapminder %>%
  pairwise_cor(country, year, lifeExp, sort = TRUE)
```

A tibble: 20,022 x 3

	item1	item2	correlation
	<fct>	<fct>	<dbl>
1	Mauritania	Indonesia	1.00
2	Indonesia	Mauritania	1.00
3	Senegal	Morocco	1.00
4	Morocco	Senegal	1.00
5	West Bank and Gaza	Saudi Arabia	1.00
6	Saudi Arabia	West Bank and Gaza	1.00
7	France	Brazil	0.999
8	Brazil	France	0.999
9	Reunion	Bahrain	0.999
10	Bahrain	Reunion	0.999

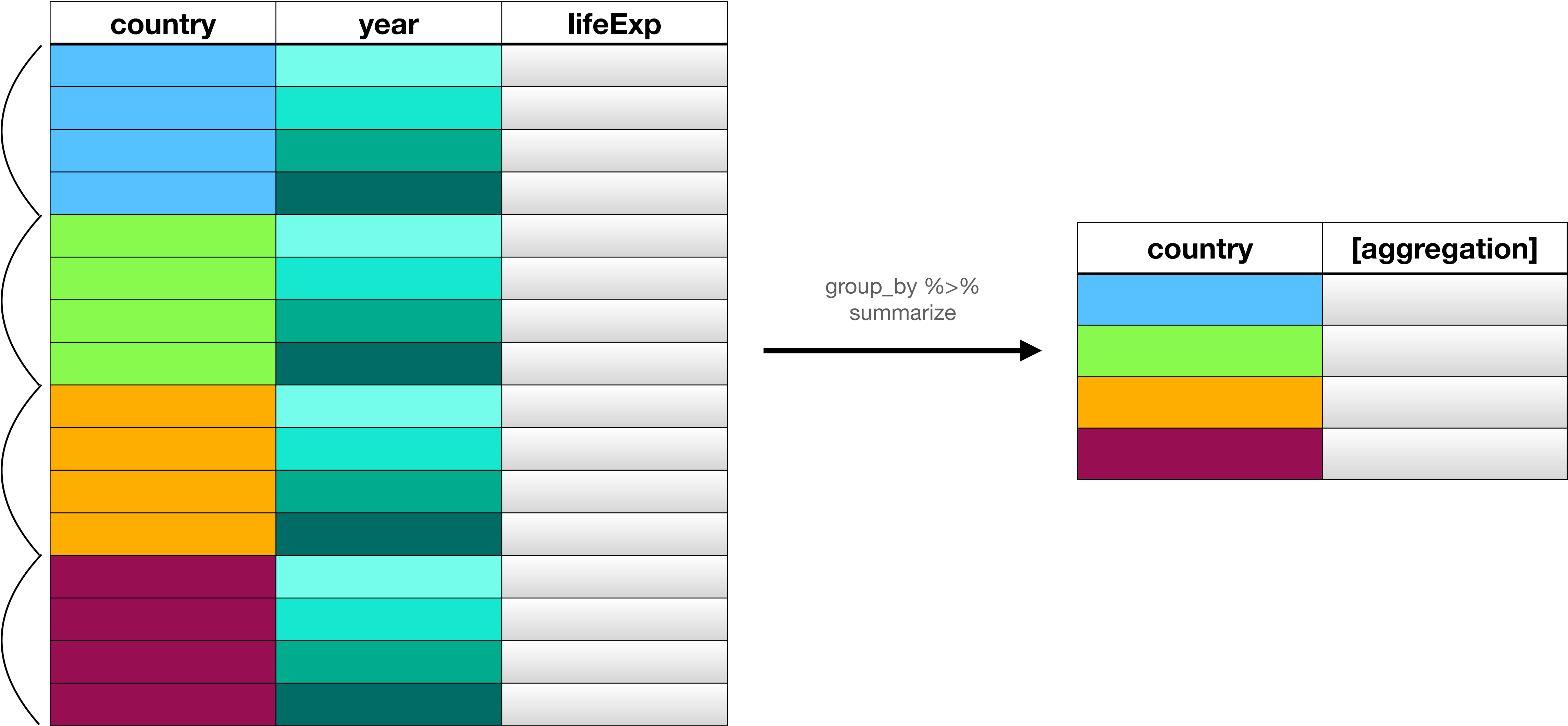
... with 20,012 more rows

How pairwise operations work

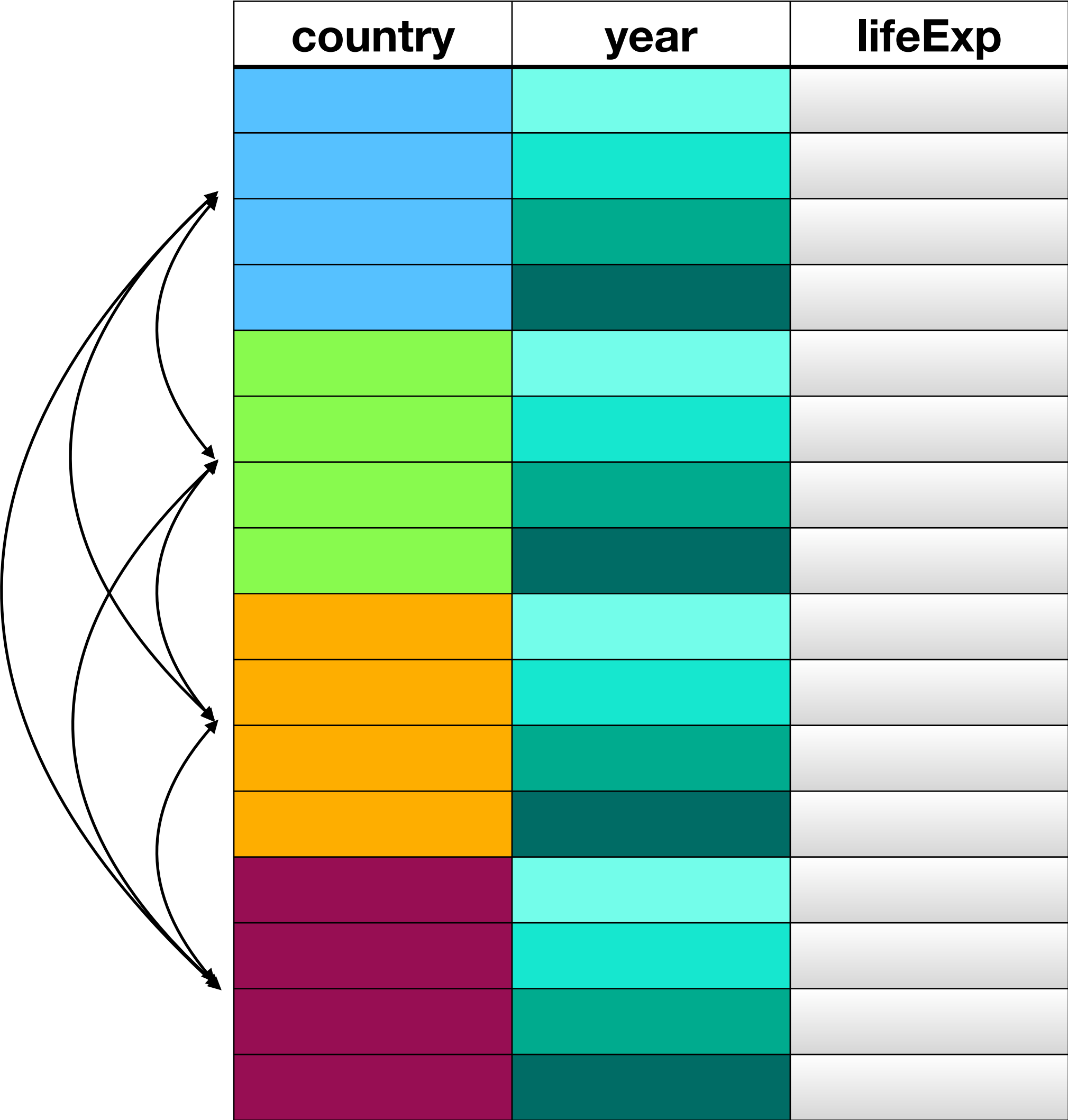
dplyr is well suited for “aggregate within groups”

country	year	lifeExp
Blue Group	Light Cyan	Light Gray
	Medium Cyan	Light Gray
	Dark Teal	Light Gray
	Very Dark Teal	Light Gray
Green Group	Light Cyan	Light Gray
	Medium Cyan	Light Gray
	Dark Teal	Light Gray
	Very Dark Teal	Light Gray
Orange Group	Light Cyan	Light Gray
	Medium Cyan	Light Gray
	Dark Teal	Light Gray
	Very Dark Teal	Light Gray
Purple Group	Light Cyan	Light Gray
	Medium Cyan	Light Gray
	Dark Teal	Light Gray
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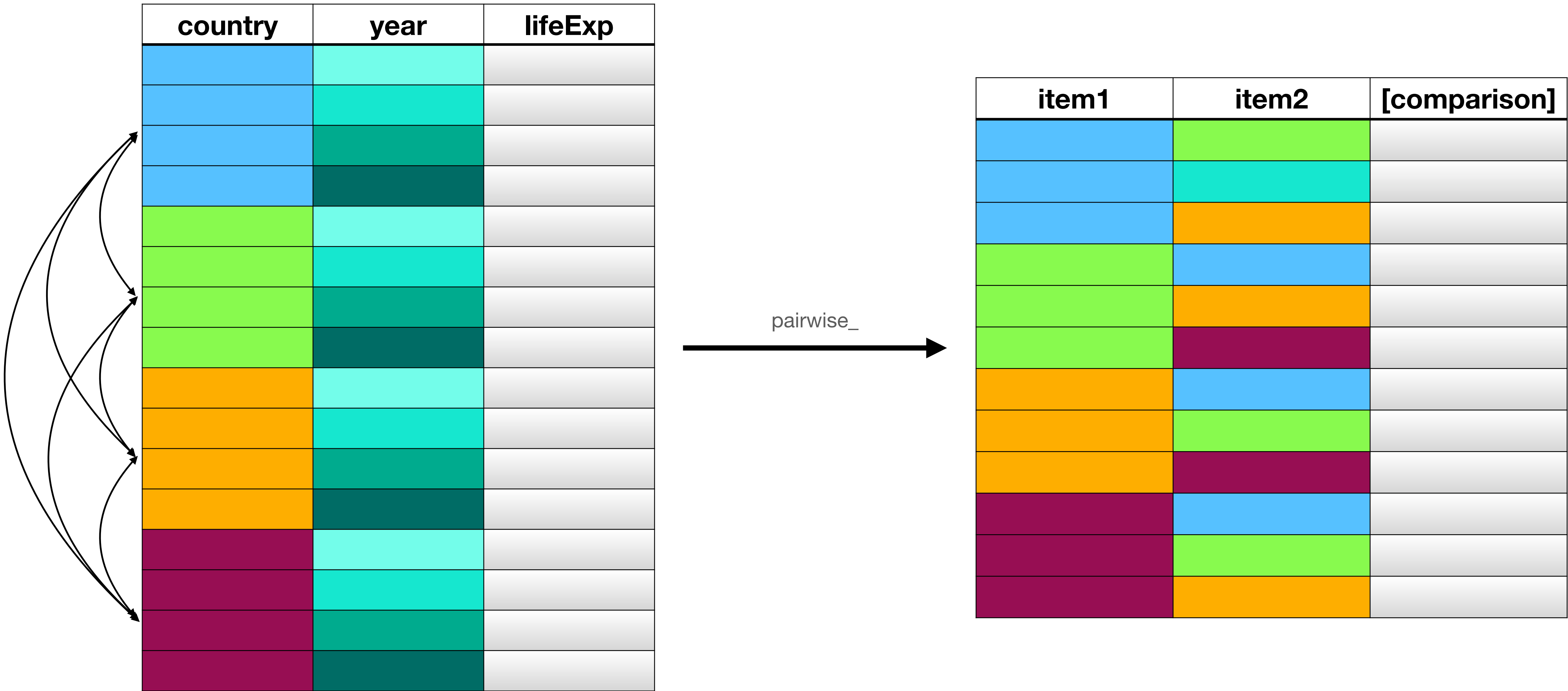
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pairwise_ operations compare each *pair* of items



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Correlations in R are traditionally done on matrices

	bill_length_mm	bill_depth_mm	flipper_length_mm	body_mass_g
[1,]	39.1	18.7	181	3750
[2,]	39.5	17.4	186	3800
[3,]	40.3	18.0	195	3250
[4,]	36.7	19.3	193	3450
[5,]	39.3	20.6	190	3650
[6,]	38.9	17.8	181	3625
[7,]	39.2	19.6	195	4675
[8,]	41.1	17.6	182	3200
[9,]	38.6	21.2	191	3800
[10,]	34.6	21.1	198	4400
[11,]	36.6	17.8	185	3700
[12,]	38.7	19.0	195	3450
[13,]	42.5	20.7	197	4500
[14,]	34.4	18.4	184	3325
[15,]	46.0	21.5	194	4200
[16,]	37.8	18.3	174	3400
[17,]	37.7	18.7	180	3600
[18,]	35.9	19.2	189	3800
[19,]	38.2	18.1	185	3950
[20,]	38.8	17.2	180	3800



	bill_length_mm	bill_depth_mm	flipper_length_mm	body_mass_g
bill_length_mm	1.0000000	-0.2286256	0.6530956	0.5894511
bill_depth_mm	-0.2286256	1.0000000	-0.5777917	-0.4720157
flipper_length_mm	0.6530956	-0.5777917	1.0000000	0.8729789
body_mass_g	0.5894511	-0.4720157	0.8729789	1.0000000

```
cor(penguin_matrix)
```



**Me working with any
data format that's
not a tidy table**

The widen-operate-reshape pattern

```
gapminder %>%  
  select(country, year, lifeExp) %>%  
  pivot_wider(names_from = country, values_from = lifeExp) %>%  
  select(-year) %>%  
  cor(use = "pairwise.complete.obs") %>%  
  as_tibble(rownames = "item1") %>%  
  pivot_longer(cols = -item1, names_to = "item2")
```

```
library(widyr)
```

```
gapminder %>%  
  pairwise_cor(country, year, lifeExp, sort = TRUE)
```


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Widen

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```

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The widen-operate-retidy pattern

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Operate

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Re-tidy

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```

```
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```

The widen-operate-retidy pattern

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```

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  select(country, year, lifeExp) %>%
```

```
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```

```
  select(-year) %>%
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
  pivot_longer(cols = -item1, names_to = "item2")
```

Widen

Operate

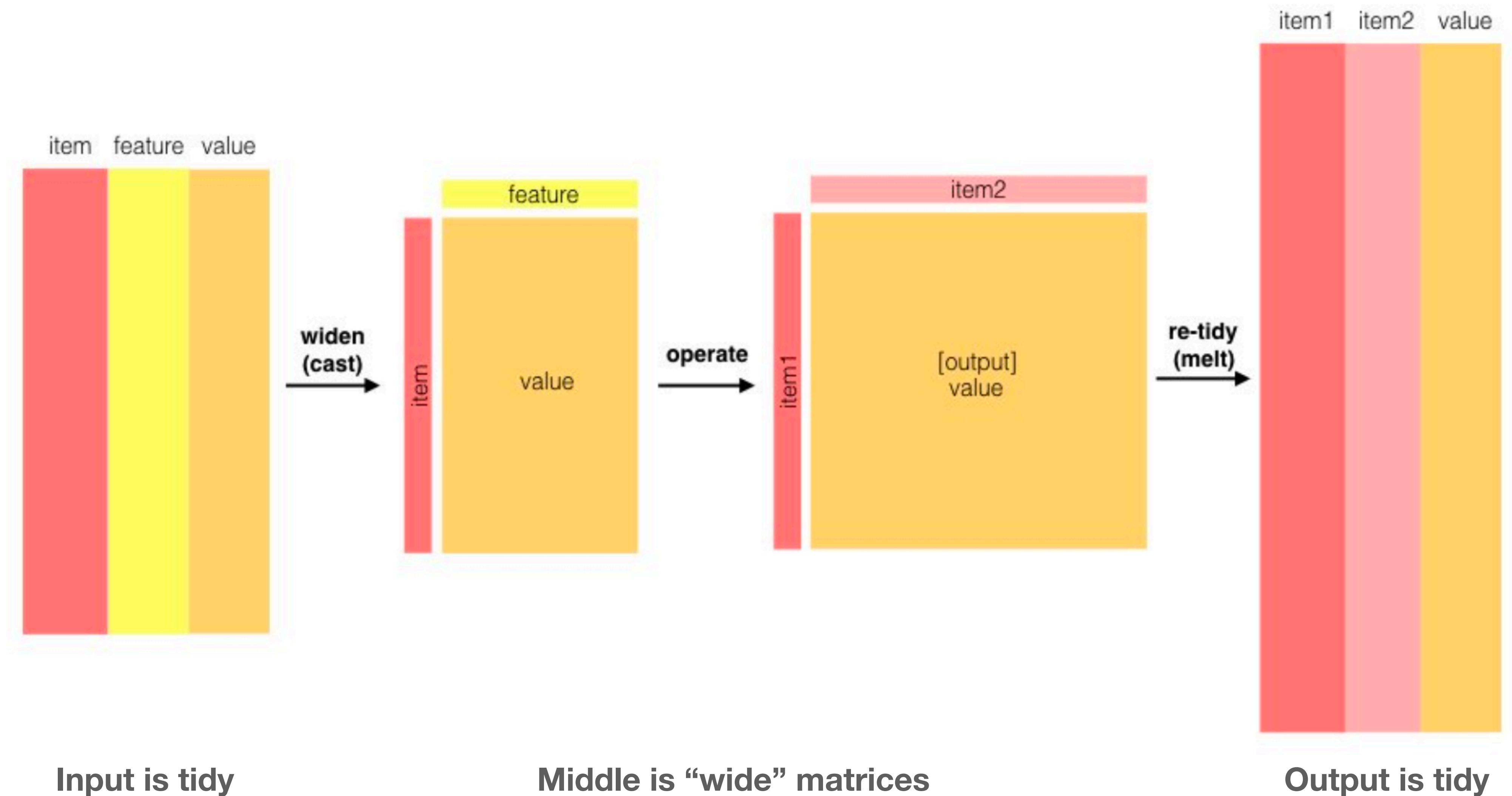
Re-tidy

```
library(widyr)
```

```
gapminder %>%
```

```
  pairwise_cor(country, year, lifeExp, sort = TRUE)
```


The widen-operate-retidy pattern



pairwise_ operations compares pairs of *items*

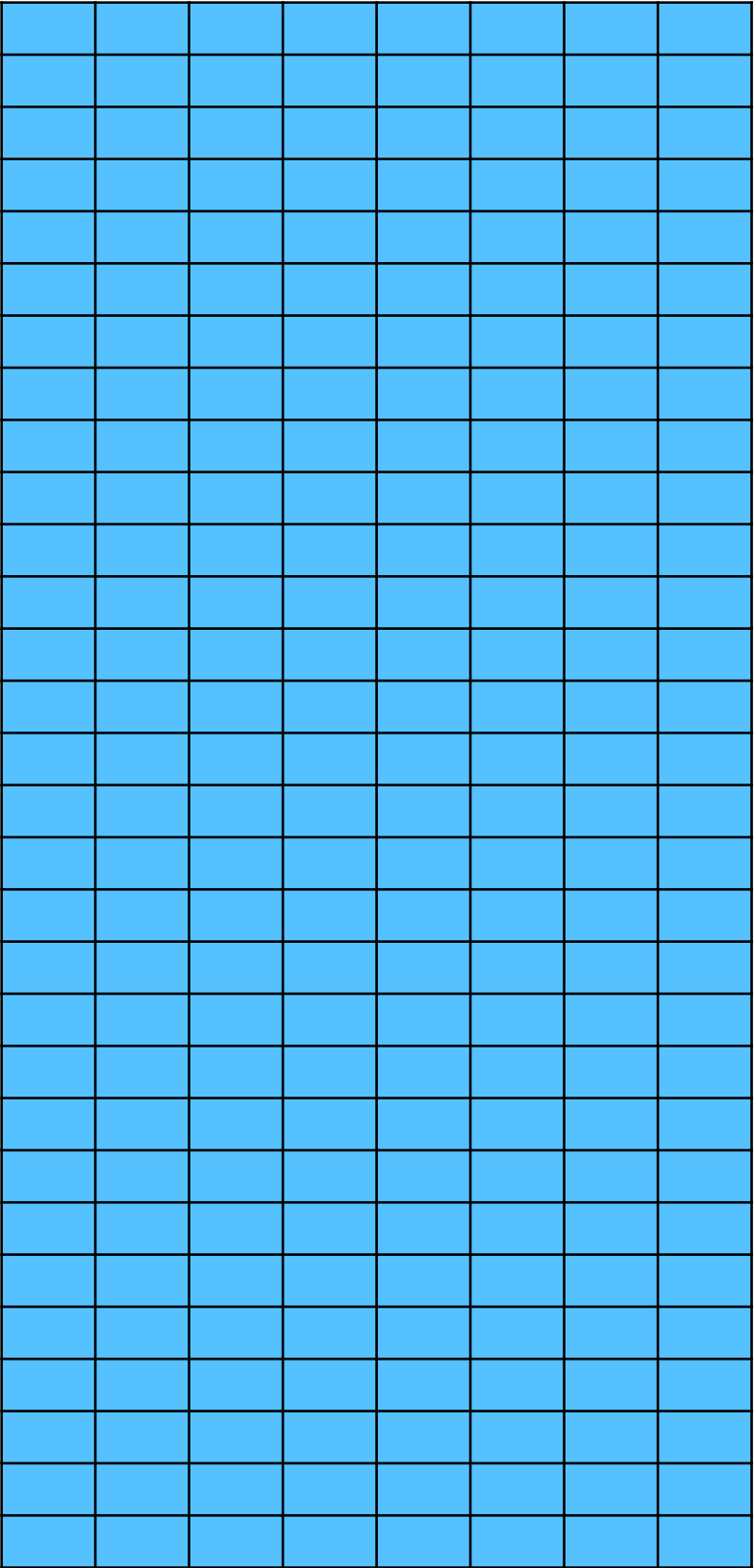
An “item” is what you’re comparing

country	year	lifeExp

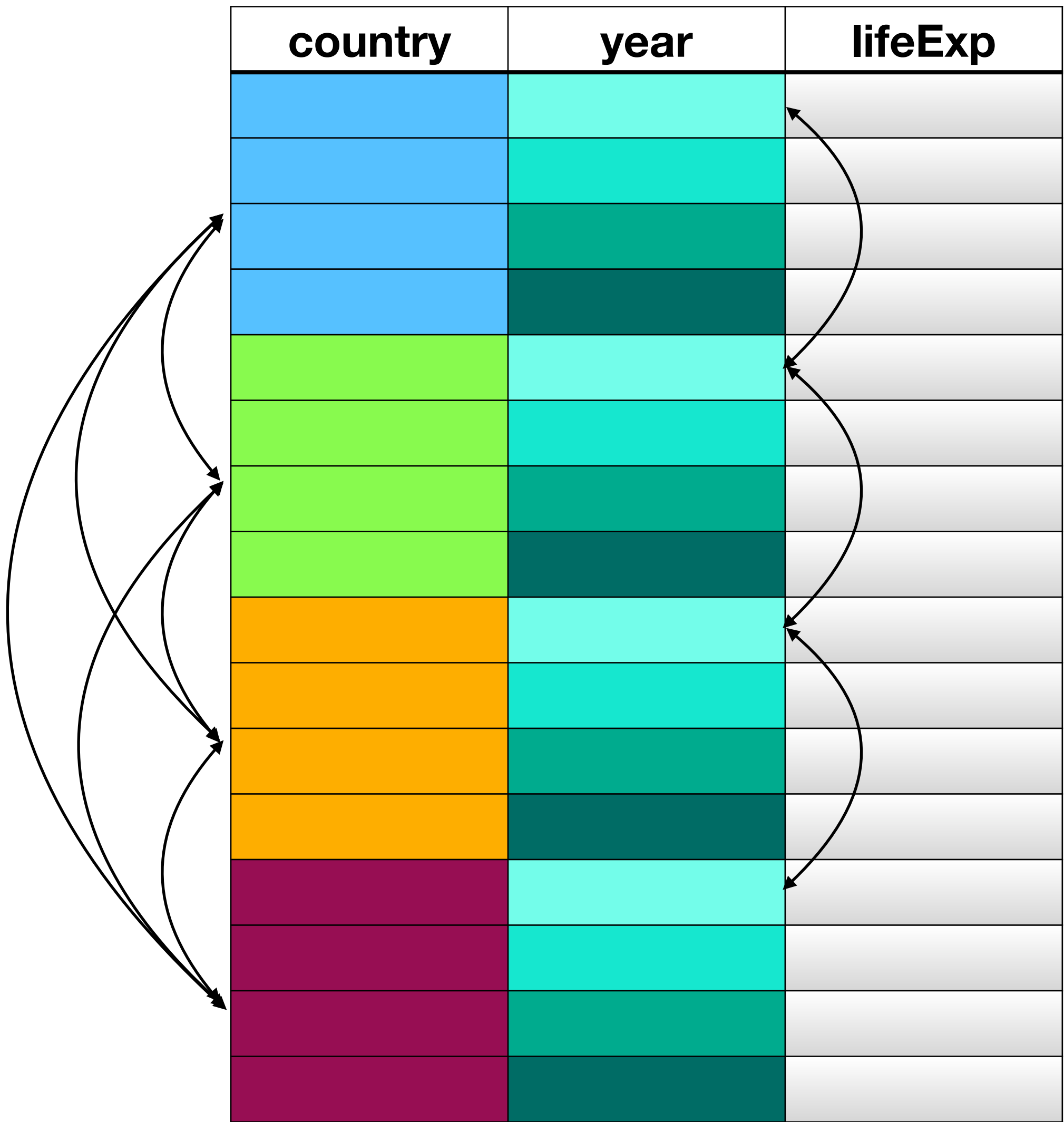
```
gapminder %>%  
  pairwise_cor(country, year, lifeExp, sort = TRUE)
```

feature

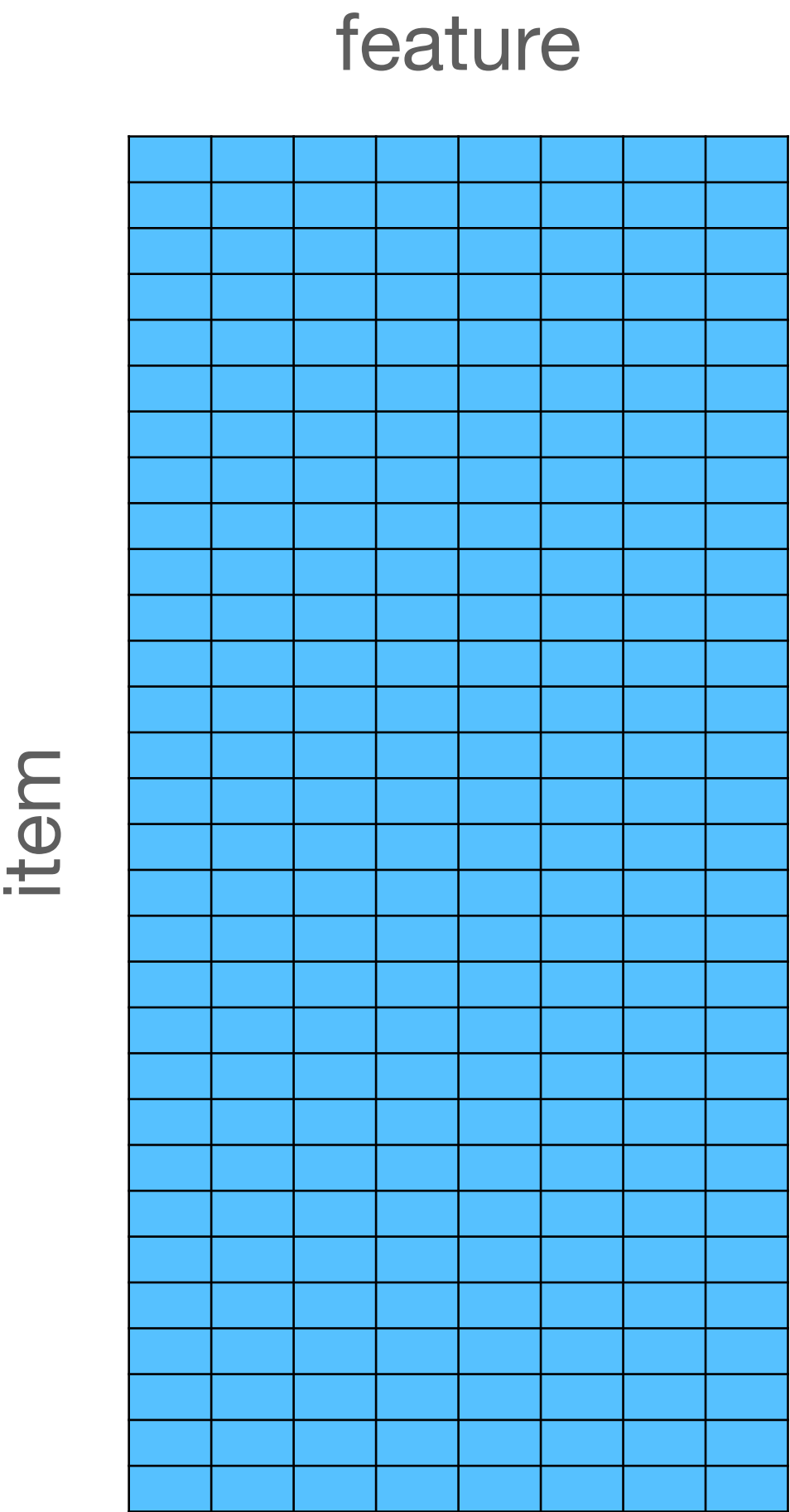
item



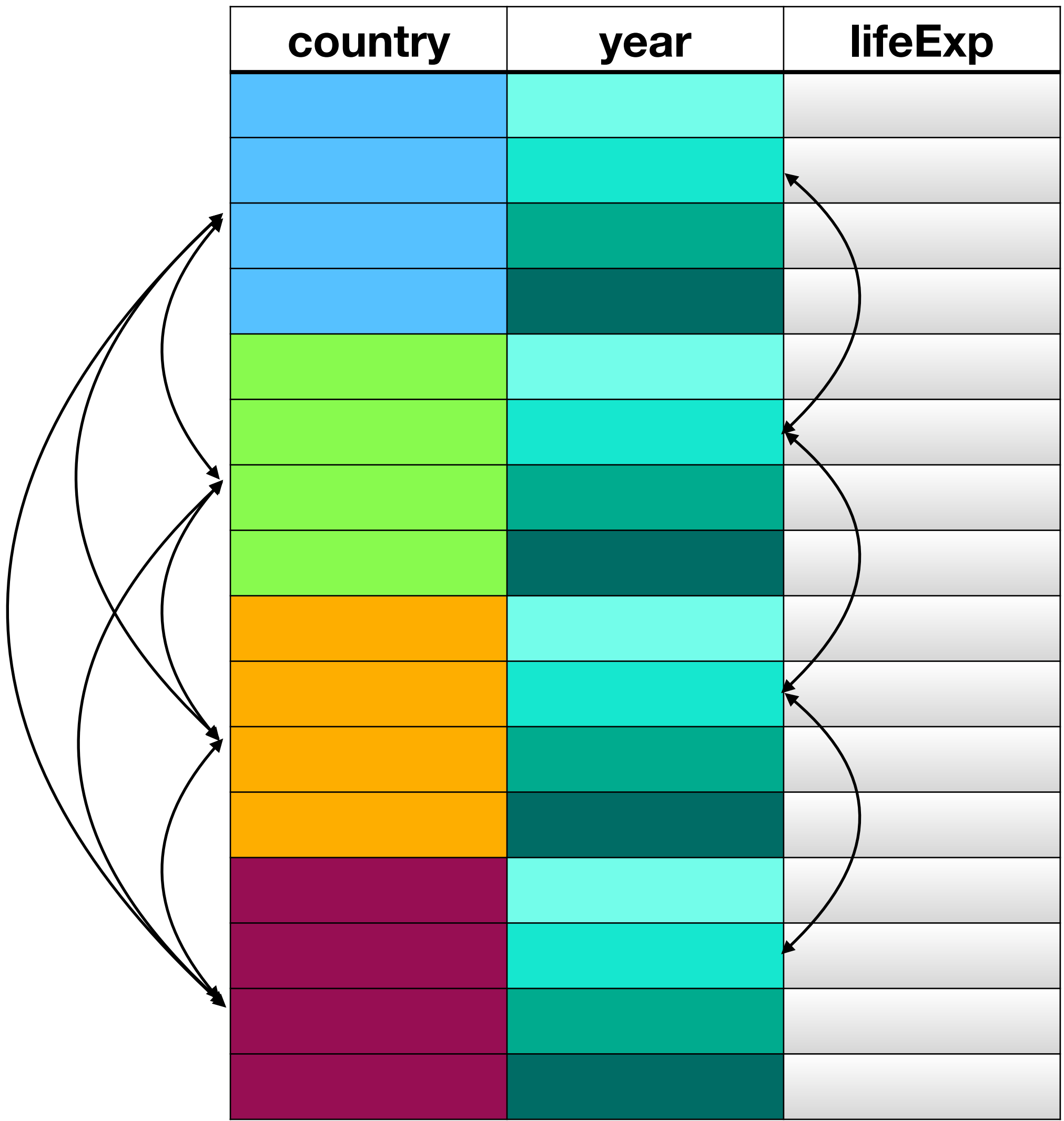
A *feature* is the second dimension, that links observations together



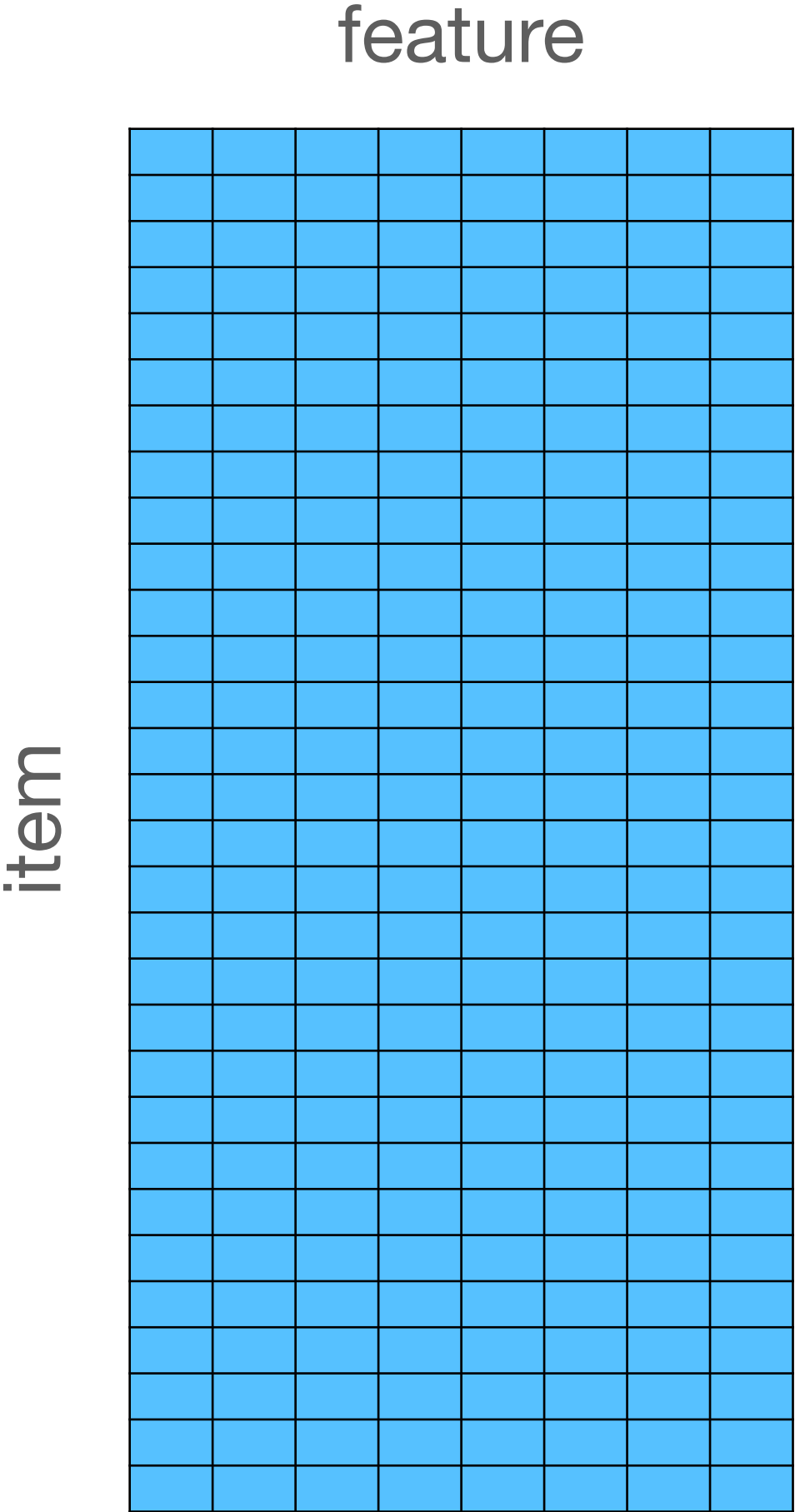
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```



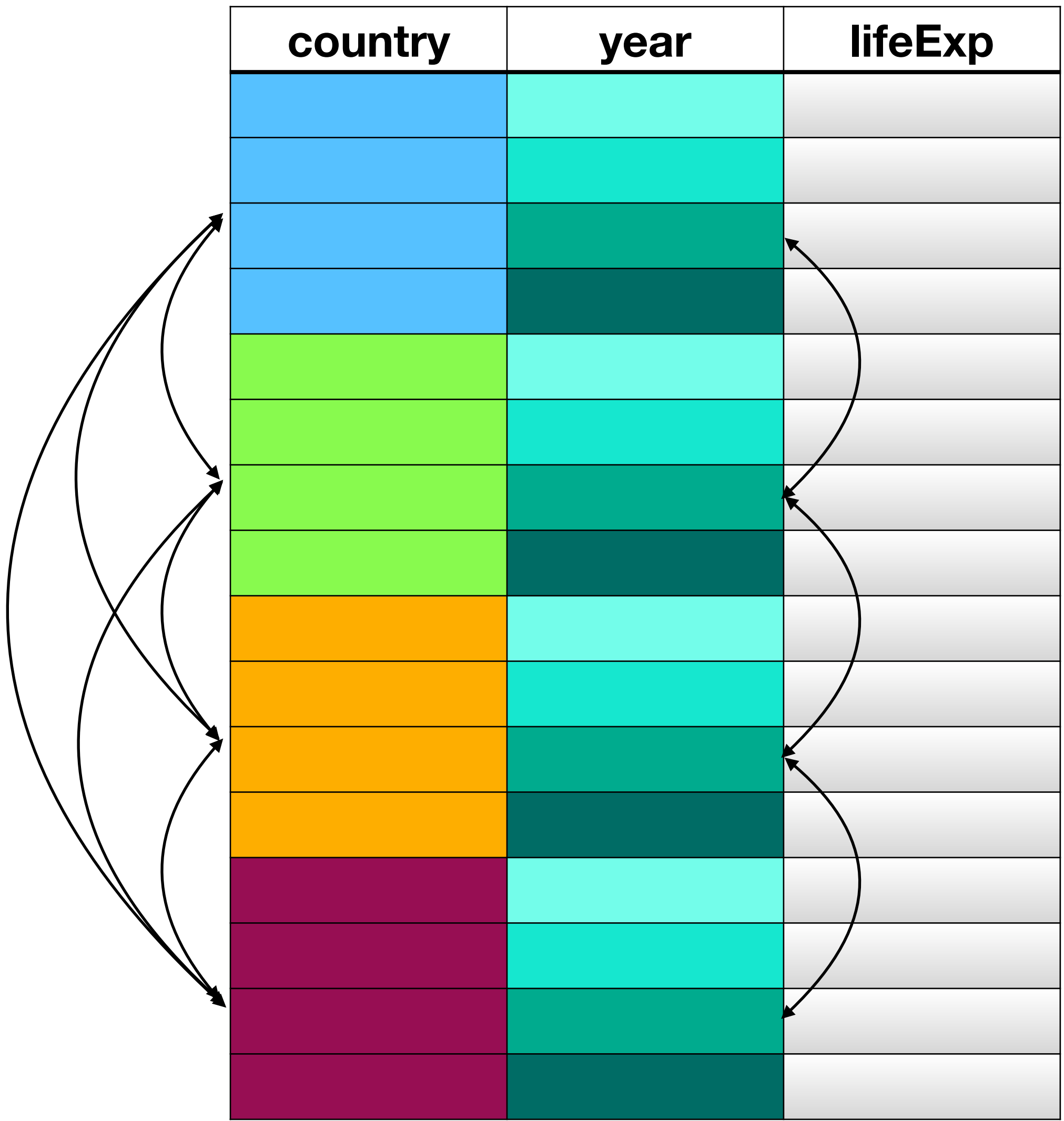
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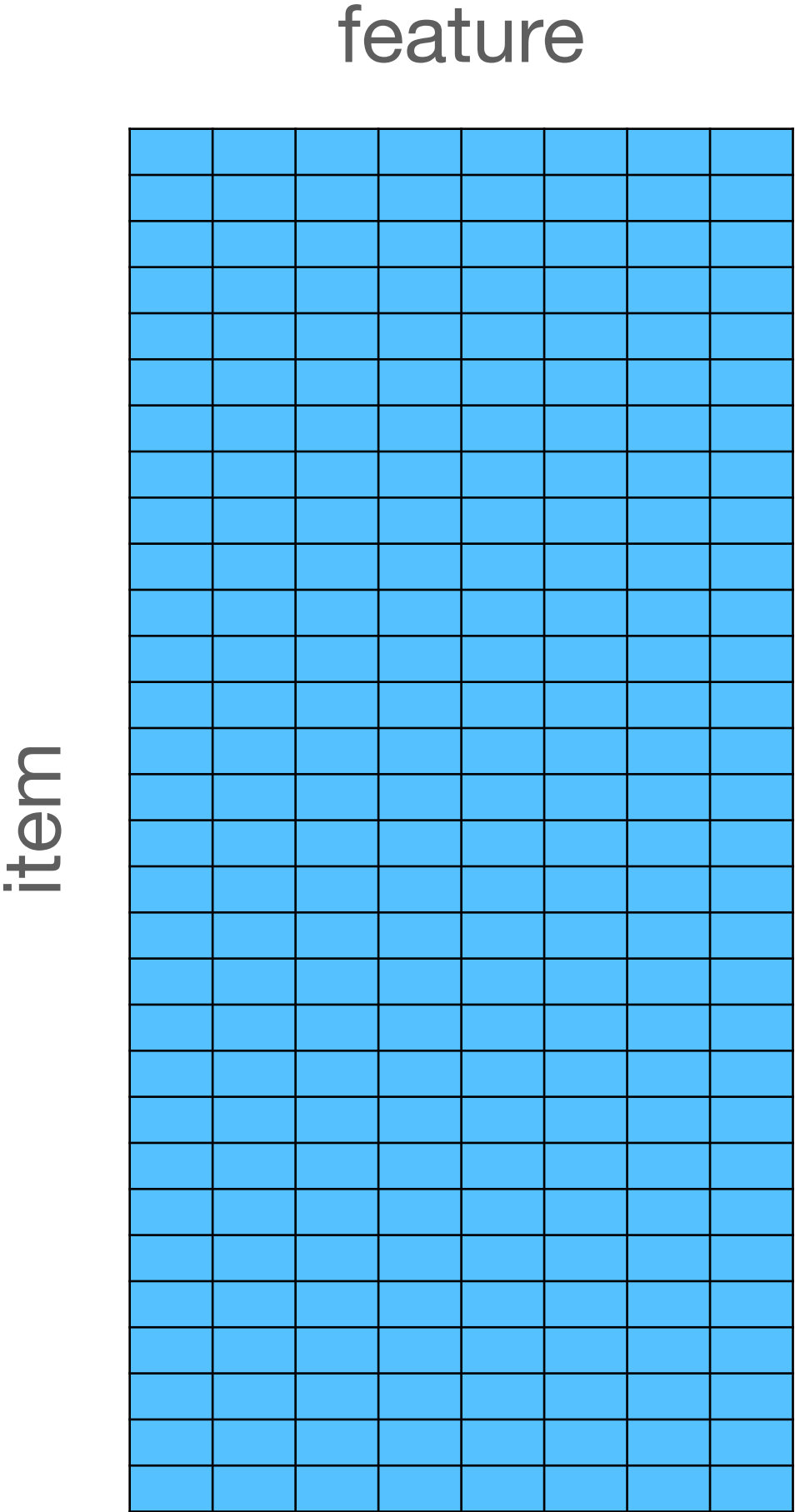
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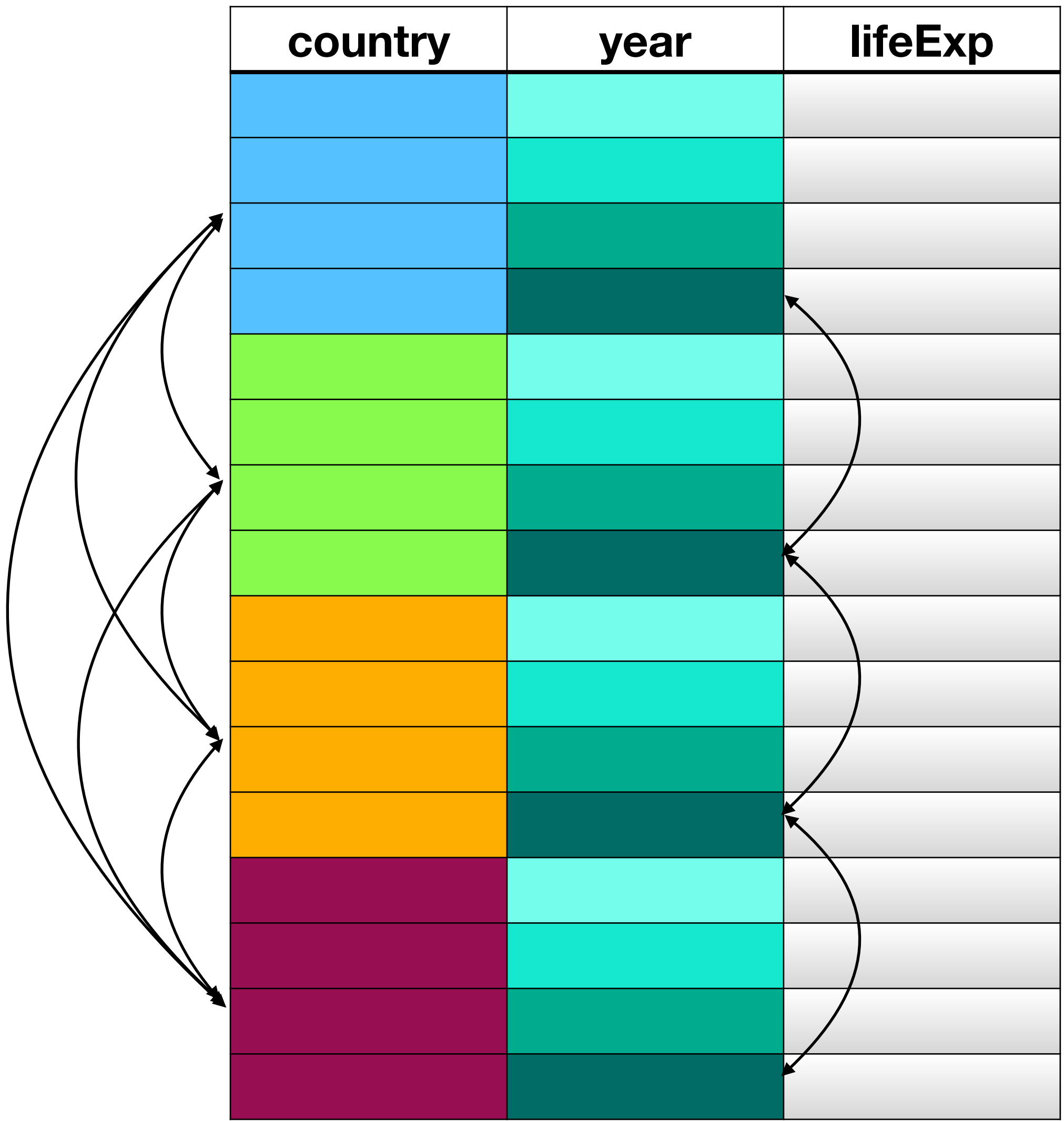
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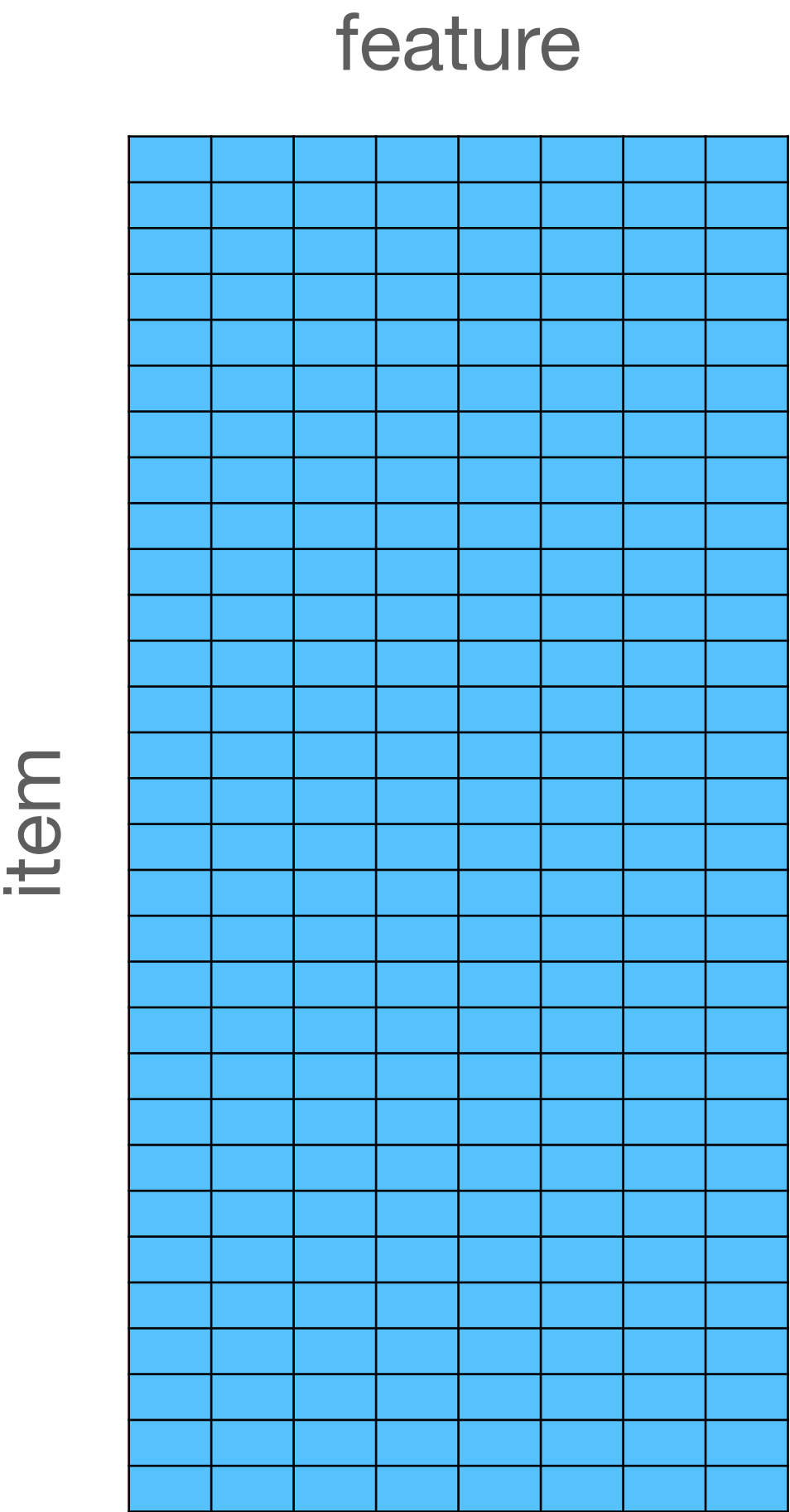
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```



**Pairwise example:
United Nations voting**

United Nations voting data

```
library(unvotes)
```

```
# A tibble: 733,404 x 4
  rcid country country_code vote
<int> <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>
1     3 United States of America US          1
2     3 Canada      CA         -1
3     3 Cuba        CU          1
4     3 Haiti        HT          1
5     3 Dominican Republic DO          1
6     3 Mexico        MX          1
7     3 Guatemala     GT          1
8     3 Honduras      HN          1
9     3 El Salvador   SV          1
10    3 Nicaragua     NI          1
# ... with 733,394 more rows
```

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	<int>	<chr>	<chr>
1	3	United States of America	US
2	3	Canada	CA
3	3	Cuba	CU
4	3	Haiti	HT
5	3	Dominican Republic	DO
6	3	Mexico	MX
7	3	Guatemala	GT
8	3	Honduras	HN
9	3	El Salvador	SV
10	3	Nicaragua	NI
# ... with 733,394 more rows			

vote
<dbl>
1
-1
1
1
1
1
1
1
1
1

1: Yes
0: Abstain
-1: No

United Nations voting data

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```

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1	3	United States of America	US	1
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# ..	with	733,394 more rows		

Roll call ID (rcid) is our “feature”:
How we know which pairs of votes to compare

What countries agree/disagree with each other?



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	rcid	country	country_code	vote
	<int>	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>
1	3	United States of America	US	1
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4	3	Haiti	HT	1
5	3	Dominican Republic	DO	1
6	3	Mexico	MX	1
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... with 733,394 more rows

Pairwise correlations of votes

```
votes %>%  
  pairwise_cor(country, rcid, vote, sort = TRUE)
```

```
# A tibble: 38,612 x 3  
  item1      item2      correlation  
  <chr>    <chr>    <dbl>  
1 Slovakia Czech Republic 0.989  
2 Czech Republic Slovakia 0.989  
3 Lithuania Estonia 0.971  
4 Estonia Lithuania 0.971  
5 Lithuania Latvia 0.970  
6 Latvia Lithuania 0.970  
7 Germany Liechtenstein 0.968  
8 Liechtenstein Germany 0.968  
9 Slovakia Slovenia 0.966  
10 Slovenia Slovakia 0.966  
# ... with 38,602 more rows
```


Pairwise correlations with the United States

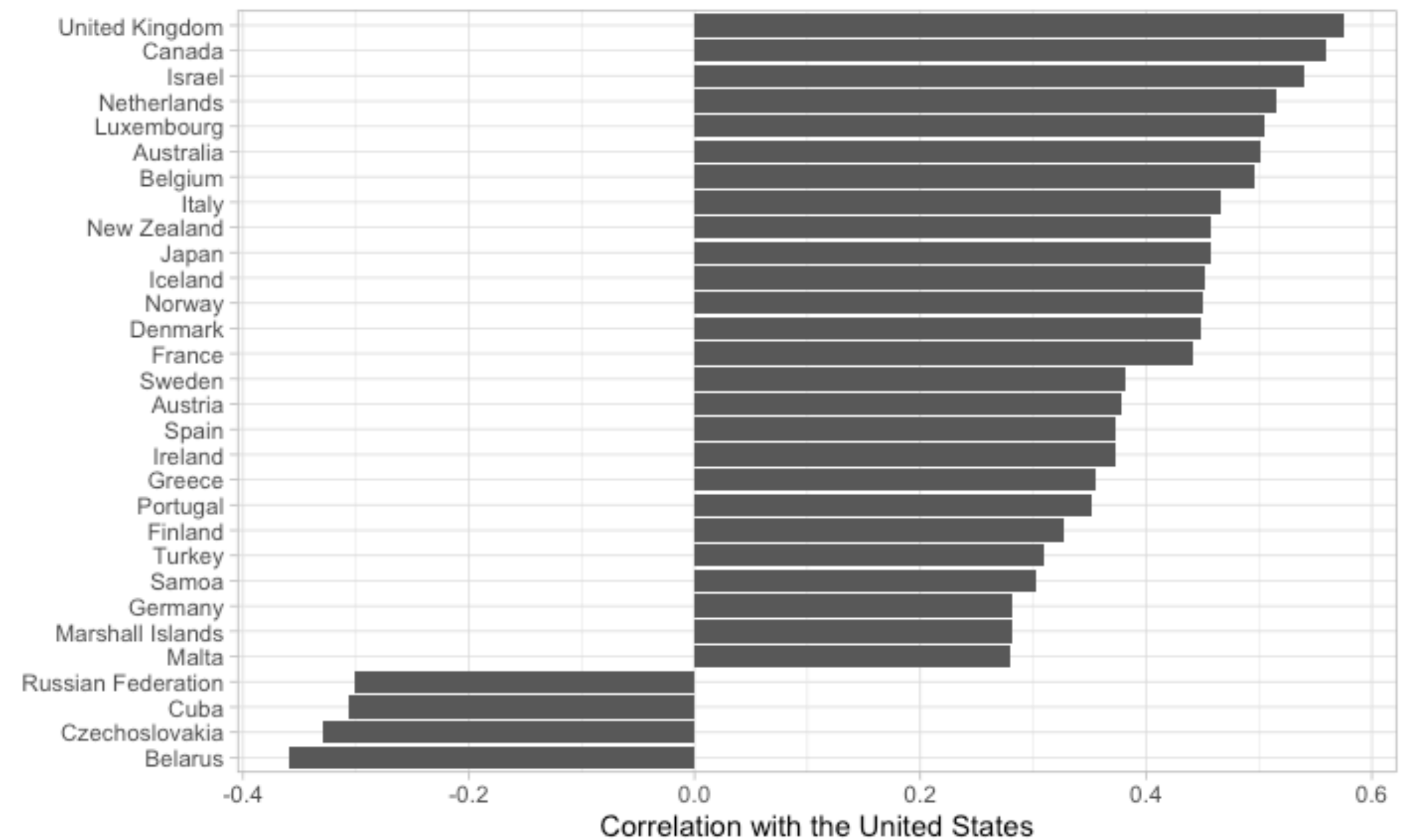
```
votes %>%  
  pairwise_cor(country, rcid, vote, sort = TRUE) %>%  
  filter(item1 == "United States of America")
```

```
# A tibble: 196 x 3
```

	item1 <chr>	item2 <chr>	correlation <dbl>
1	United States of America	United Kingdom	0.576
2	United States of America	Canada	0.559
3	United States of America	Israel	0.540
4	United States of America	Netherlands	0.515
5	United States of America	Luxembourg	0.505
6	United States of America	Australia	0.502
7	United States of America	Belgium	0.496
8	United States of America	Italy	0.467
9	United States of America	New Zealand	0.458
10	United States of America	Japan	0.458
#	... with 186 more rows		

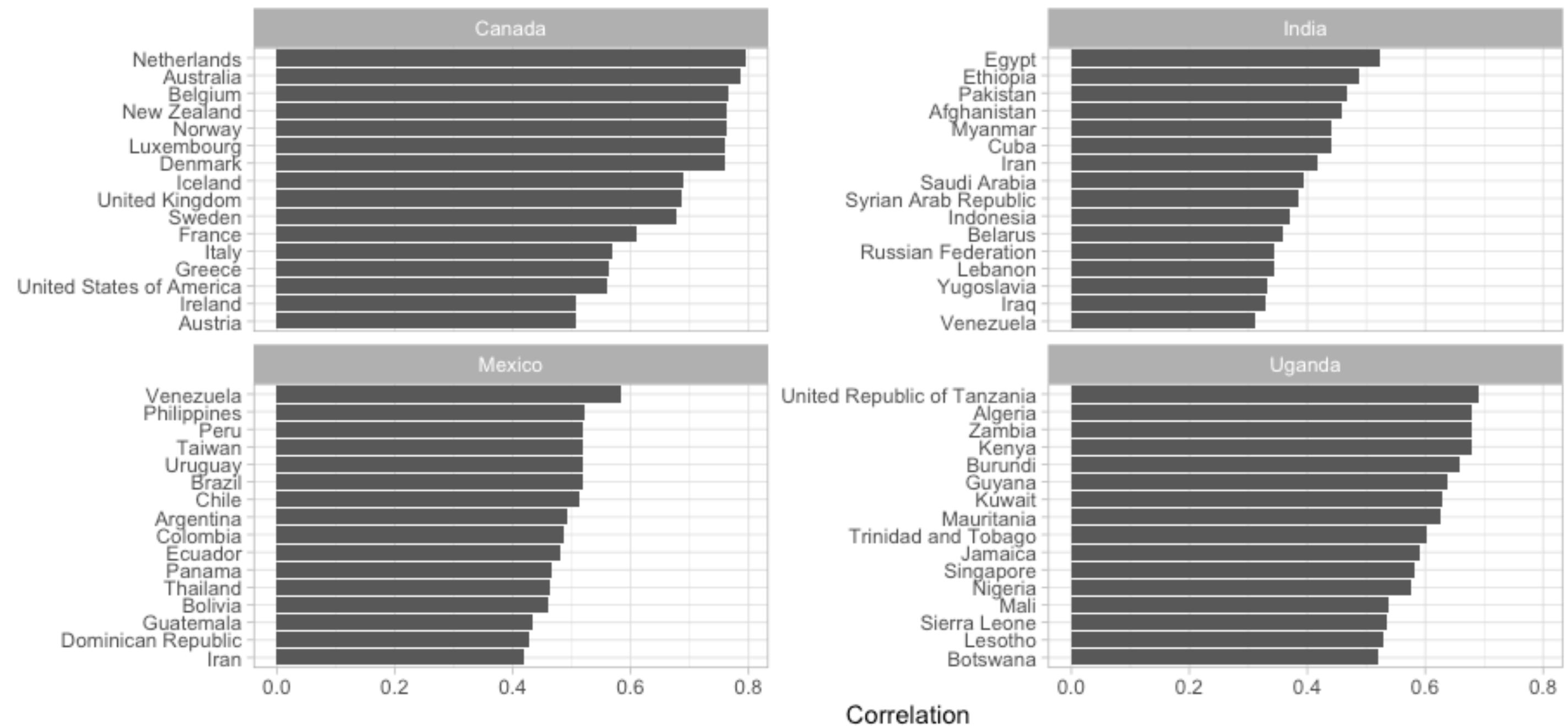
Highest/lowest correlations with the United States

```
votes %>%  
  pairwise_cor(country, rcid, vote, sort = TRUE) %>%  
  filter(item1 == "United States of America") %>%  
  top_n(30, abs(correlation)) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(correlation, reorder(item2, correlation))) +  
  geom_col() +  
  labs(x = "Correlation with the United States", y = "")
```



Highest correlations faceted by country

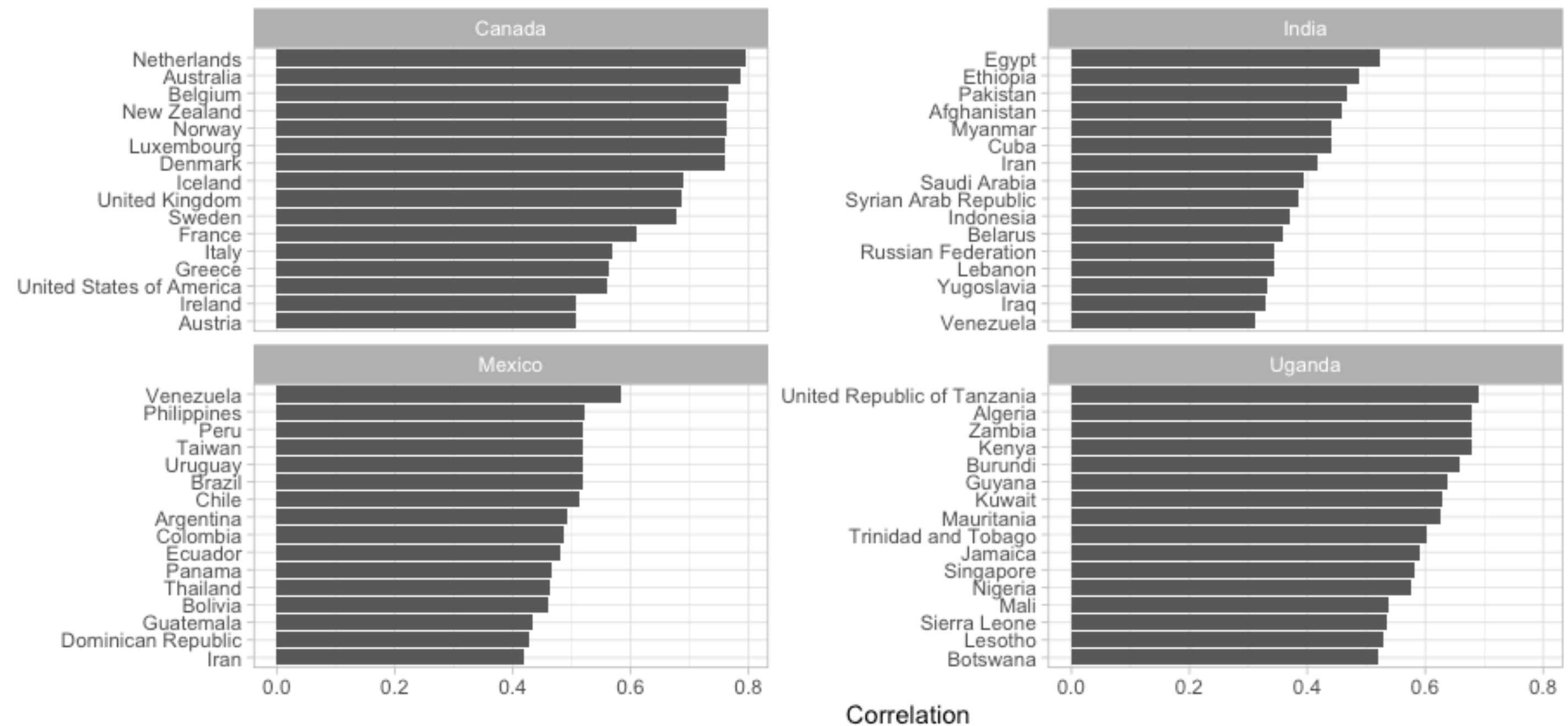
```
votes %>%
  pairwise_cor(country, rcid, vote, sort = TRUE) %>%
  filter(item1 %in% c("Uganda", "India", "Canada", "Mexico")) %>%
  group_by(item1) %>%
  top_n(16, abs(correlation)) %>%
  mutate(item2 = reorder_within(item2, correlation, item1)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(correlation, item2)) +
  geom_col() +
  facet_wrap(~ item1, scales = "free_y") +
  scale_y_reordered() +
  labs(x = "Correlation", y = "")
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Highest correlations faceted by country

widyr

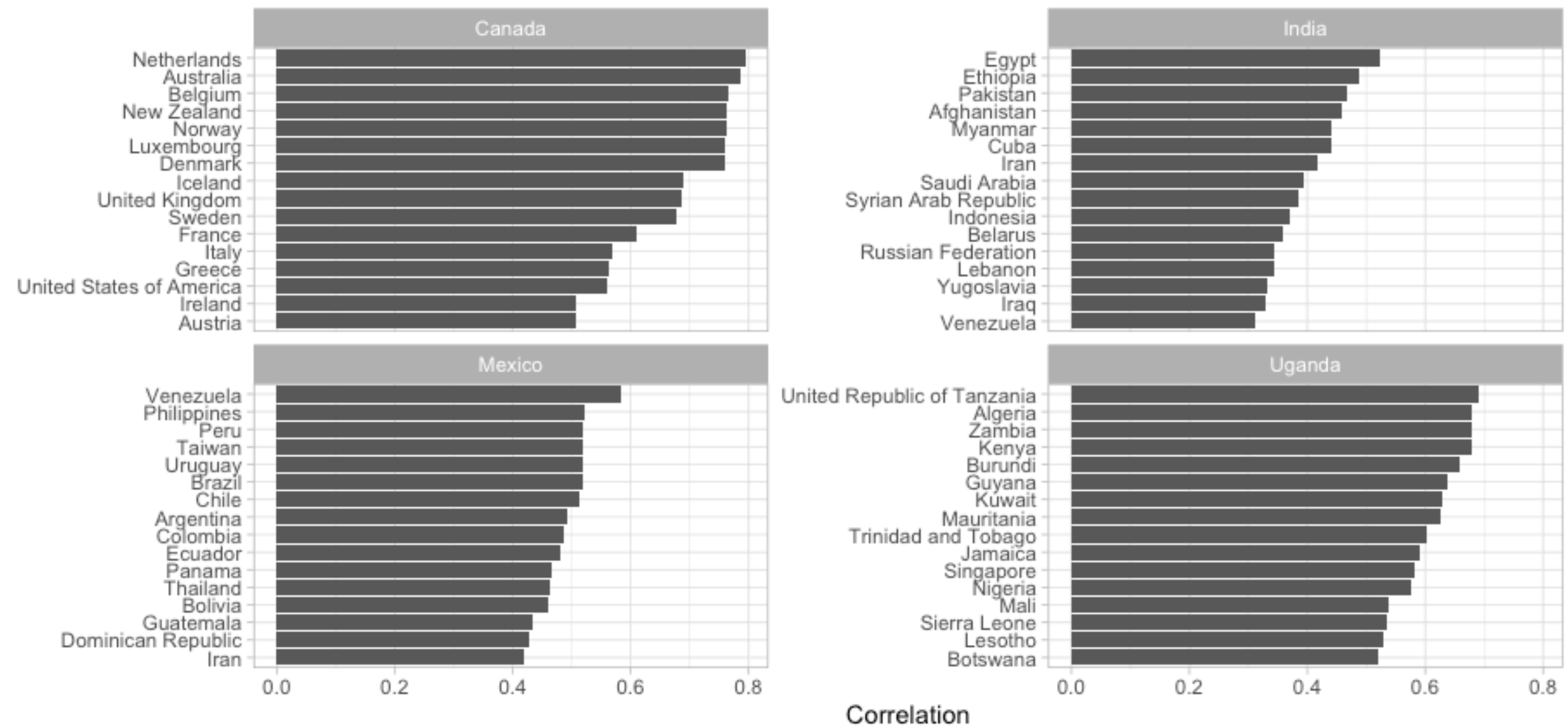
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Highest correlations faceted by country

dplyr

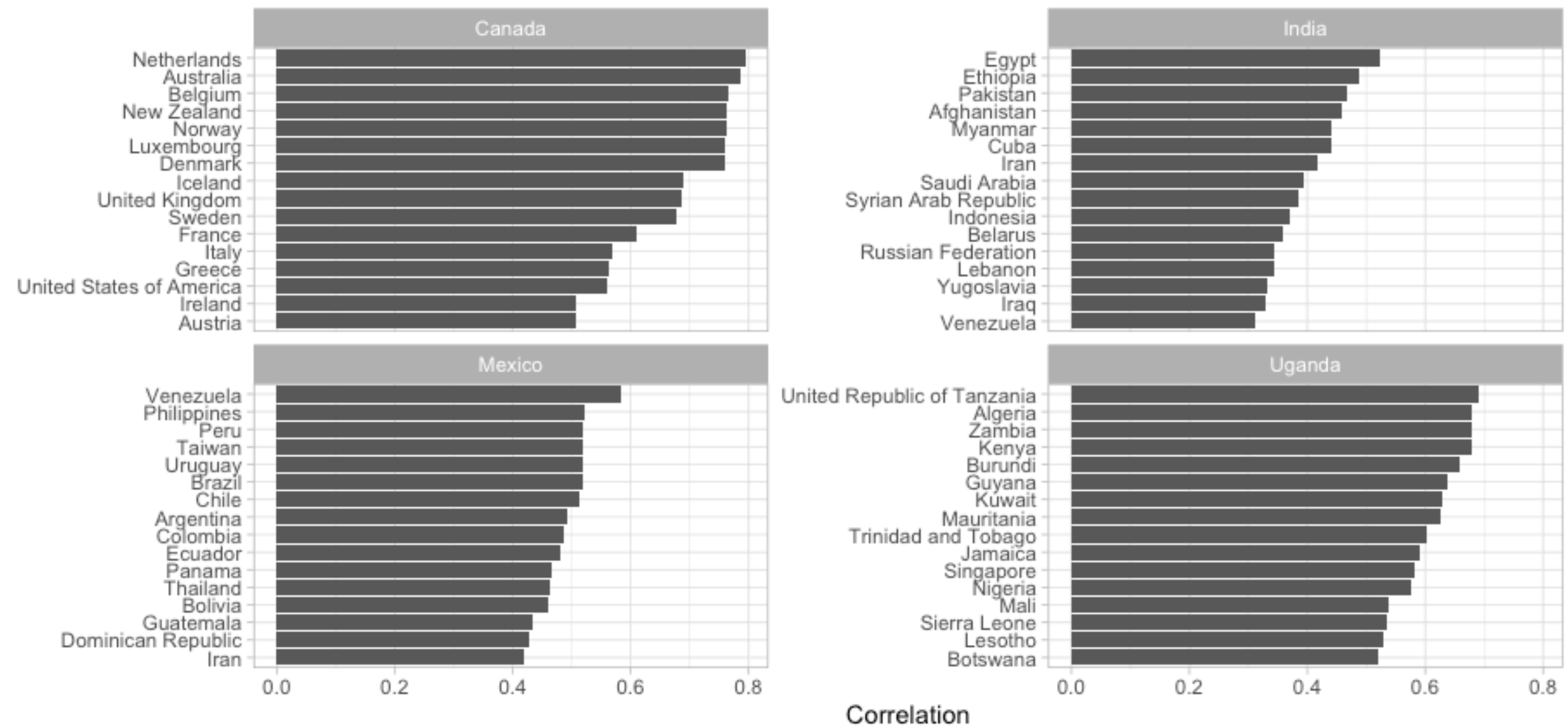
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```



Highest correlations faceted by country

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```

ggplot2



Pairwise example:
Word co-occurrence

Hacker News titles

Y Hacker News new past comments ask show jobs submit		
1. ▲ Fungus at Chernobyl absorbs nuclear radiation via radiosynthesis (technologynetworks.com)	76 points by atlasshorts 2 hours ago	hide 22 comments
2. ▲ J Notation as a Tool of Thought (hillelwayne.com)	57 points by janvdberg 4 hours ago	hide 23 comments
3. ▲ Write Your Own Virtual Machine (justinmeiners.github.io)	91 points by ChankeyPathak 5 hours ago	hide 9 comments
4. ▲ Mozilla’s Uncertain Future (civilityandtruth.com)	137 points by jonathankoren 4 hours ago	hide 111 comments
5. ▲ India announces plan to connect 600k villages with optical fiber in 1000 days (indianexpress.com)	66 points by ra7 2 hours ago	hide 18 comments
6. ▲ A review of Bel, Eve, and a silly VR rant (gist.github.com)	22 points by lemming 3 hours ago	hide discuss
7. ▲ OpenVMS on x86 (vmssoftware.com)	28 points by gjvc 3 hours ago	hide 16 comments
8. ▲ Amazon's ML University is making its online courses available to the public (amazon.science)	7 points by karxxm 2 hours ago	hide discuss
9. ▲ Using an old BlackBerry as a portable SSH or Telnet terminal (rqsall.com)	32 points by todsacerdoti 4 hours ago	hide 17 comments
10. ▲ It’s strange what people put up with in C# (gist.github.com)	11 points by dustinmoris 1 hour ago	hide 2 comments
11. ▲ “The Edge of Chaos” (2017) (bactra.org)	7 points by meanie 1 hour ago	hide 3 comments
12. ▲ Factorio 1.0 (factorio.com)	1721 points by Akronymus 1 day ago	hide 561 comments
13. ▲ Ghost.org deleted my website (postapathy.substack.com)	156 points by davidbarker 2 hours ago	hide 136 comments
14. ▲ Precise Higher-Order Meshing of Curved 2D Domains (uos.de)	24 points by wowsig 6 hours ago	hide 1 comment
15. ▲ PyIDM – Python open-source alternative to Internet Download Manager (github.com)	76 points by URfejk 10 hours ago	hide 15 comments
16. ▲ Welders set off Beirut blast while securing explosives (maritime-executive.com)	566 points by tafda 17 hours ago	hide 474 comments
17. ▲ Duality of Vector Spaces (2017) (solmaz.io)	31 points by hosolmaz 6 hours ago	hide 9 comments
18. ▲ Brain Oriented Programming (tobeva.com)	47 points by pbw 6 hours ago	hide 32 comments
19. ▲ Launch HN: Tella (YC S20) – Collaborative video editing in the browser	178 points by 9ranty 19 hours ago	hide 74 comments
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```
# A tibble: 99,996 x 3
  post_id date      title
  <int> <date>      <chr>
1       1 2019-01-01 Learn the Rules Like a Pro, So You Can ...
2       2 2019-01-01 Upgrading the Nginx Executable on the F...
3       3 2019-01-01 Trendism and cognitive stagnation
4       4 2019-01-01 DNS Records Checker
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9       9 2019-01-01 Simya Koleji Türkiye Geneli Bursluluk S...
10      10 2019-01-01 At the twilight of Moore’s Law
# ... with 99,986 more rows
```

Adapted from Training, Evaluating, and Interpreting Topic Models by Julia Silge

Tokenizing Hacker News titles with tidytext

```
hacker_news_words <- hacker_news_text %>%  
  unnest_tokens(word, title) %>%  
  anti_join(stop_words, by = "word") %>%  
  filter(!str_detect(word, "[0-9]+")) %>%  
  add_count(word, name = "word_total") %>%  
  filter(word_total >= 250)
```

```
# A tibble: 120,106 x 3  
  post_id date      word  
    <int> <date>    <chr>  
1         1 2019-01-01 learn  
2         1 2019-01-01 pro  
3         5 2019-01-01 guide  
4         7 2019-01-01 online  
5         7 2019-01-01 app  
6         8 2019-01-01 play  
7         8 2019-01-01 simple  
8        10 2019-01-01 law  
9        15 2019-01-01 data  
10       16 2019-01-01 design  
# ... with 120,096 more rows
```



Pairwise co-occurrences of words

```
hacker_news_words %>%  
  pairwise_cor(word, post_id, sort = TRUE)
```

$$\phi = \frac{n_{11}n_{00} - n_{10}n_{01}}{\sqrt{n_{1\bullet}n_{0\bullet}n_{\bullet 0}n_{\bullet 1}}}$$

Phi coefficient

```
# A tibble: 51,302 x 3  
  item1    item2 correlation  
  <chr>   <chr>         <dbl>  
1 machine learning    0.505  
2 learning machine    0.505  
3 media    social    0.493  
4 social   media    0.493  
5 networks neural    0.472  
6 neural   networks  0.472  
7 climate  change    0.443  
8 change   climate    0.443  
9 react    native    0.356  
10 native   react     0.356  
# ... with 51,292 more rows
```


Pairwise co-occurrences of words

```
hacker_news_words %>%  
  pairwise_cor(word, post_id, sort = TRUE) %>%  
  filter(item1 == "data")
```

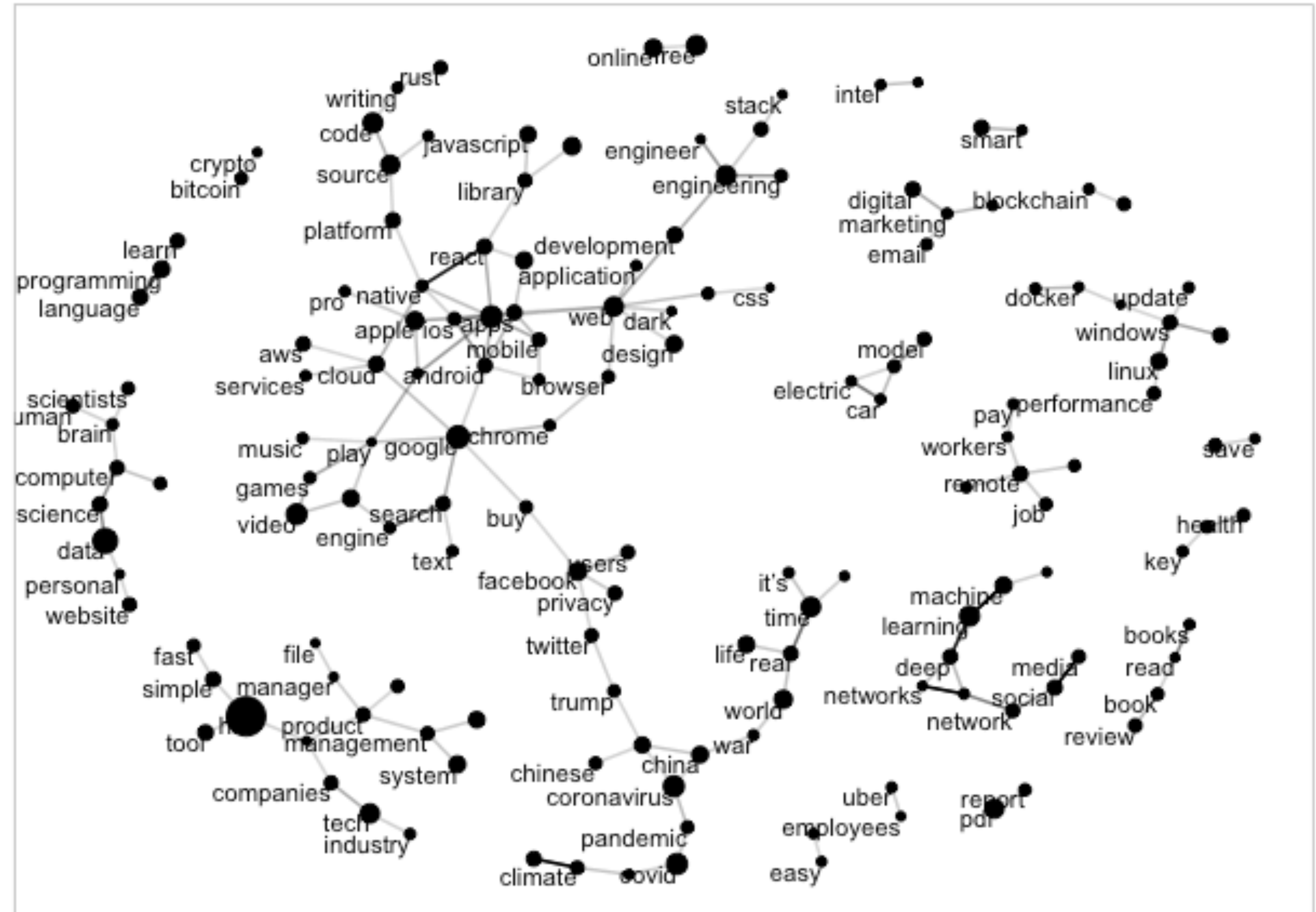
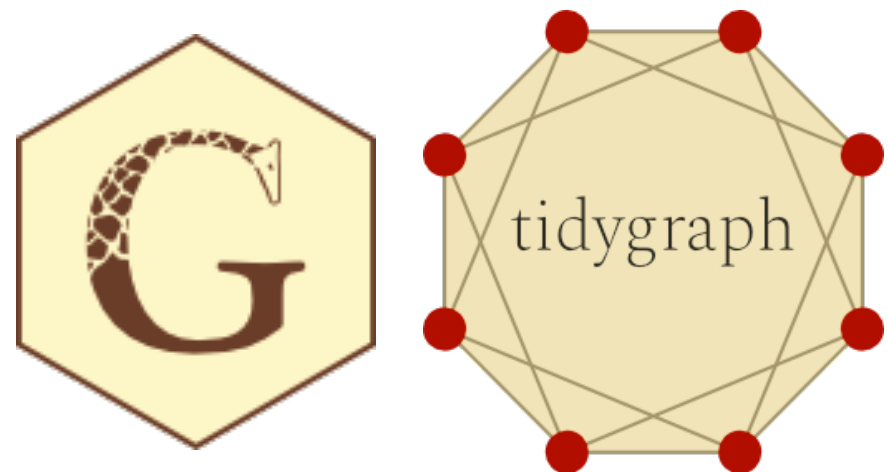
```
# A tibble: 226 x 3  
  item1 item2      correlation  
  <chr> <chr>      <dbl>  
1 data  science    0.140  
2 data  personal   0.0377  
3 data  scientists 0.0351  
4 data  user        0.0329  
5 data  access      0.0294  
6 data  analysis    0.0291  
7 data  privacy     0.0264  
8 data  machine     0.0177  
9 data  cloud       0.0140  
10 data  learning    0.0138  
# ... with 216 more rows
```

Network plots with tidy graph + ggraph

```
library(ggraph)
library(tidygraph)

word_counts <- hacker_news_words %>%
  count(word, sort = TRUE)

hacker_news_words %>%
  pairwise_cor(word, post_id, sort = TRUE) %>%
  head(300) %>%
  as_tbl_graph() %>%
  inner_join(word_counts, by = c(name = "word")) %>%
  ggraph(layout = "fr") +
  geom_edge_link(aes(edge_alpha = correlation)) +
  geom_node_point(aes(size = n)) +
  geom_node_text(aes(label = name), check_overlap = TRUE,
                vjust = 1, hjust = 1, size = 3) +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```

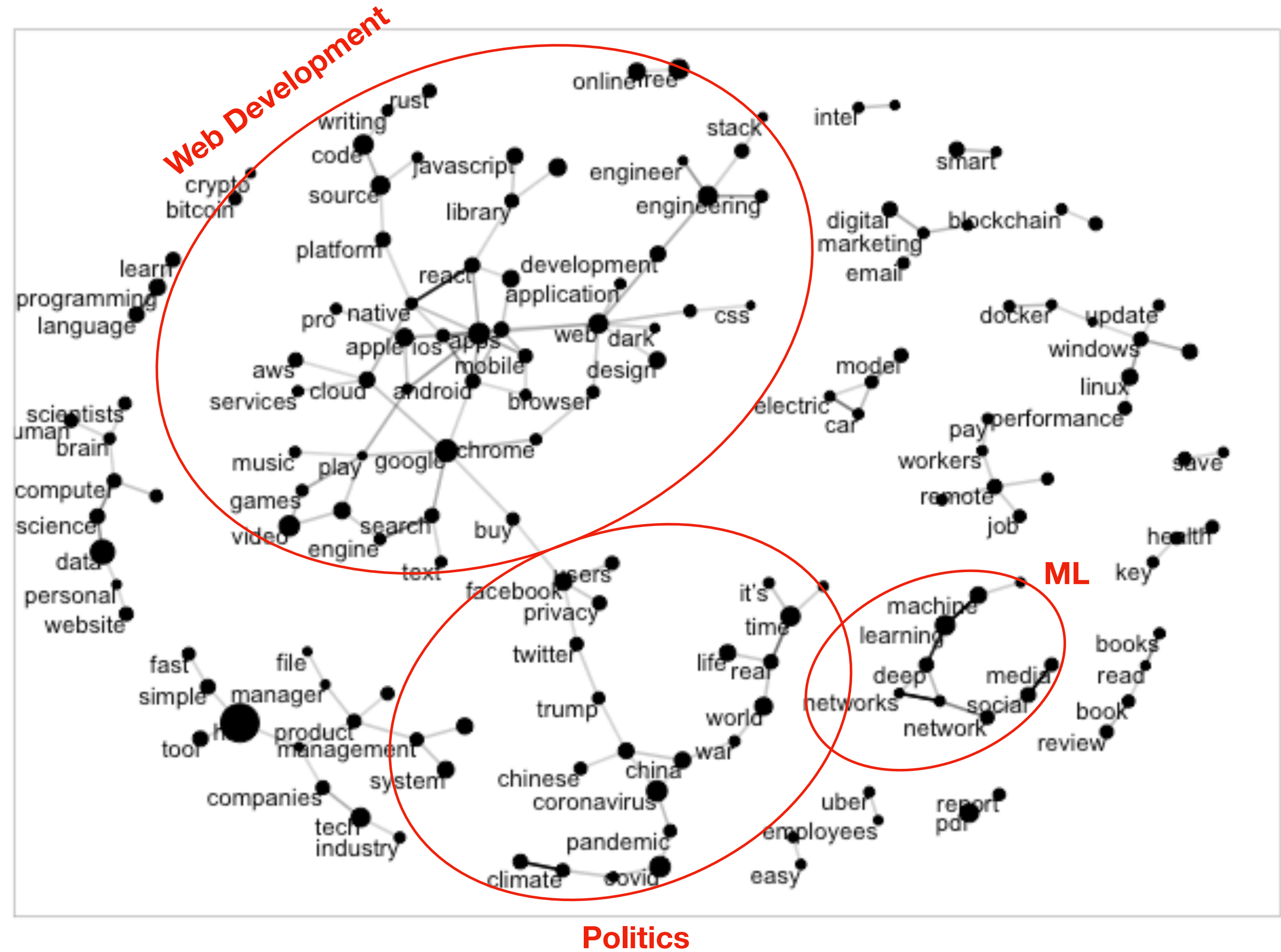
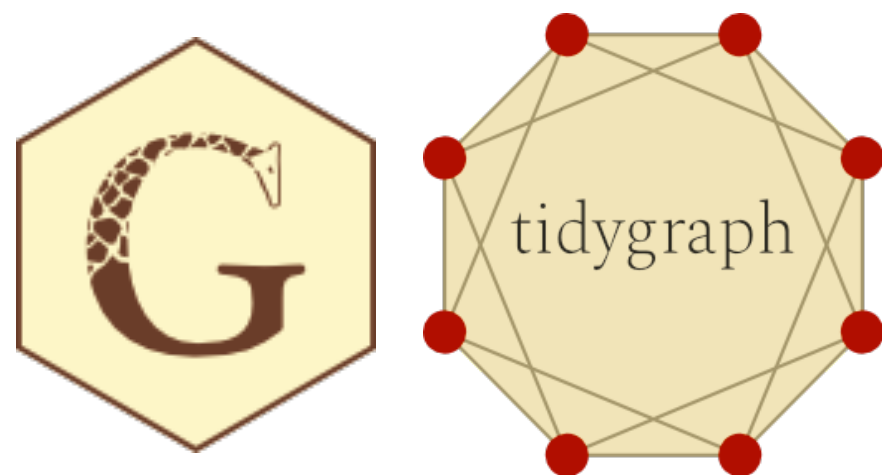


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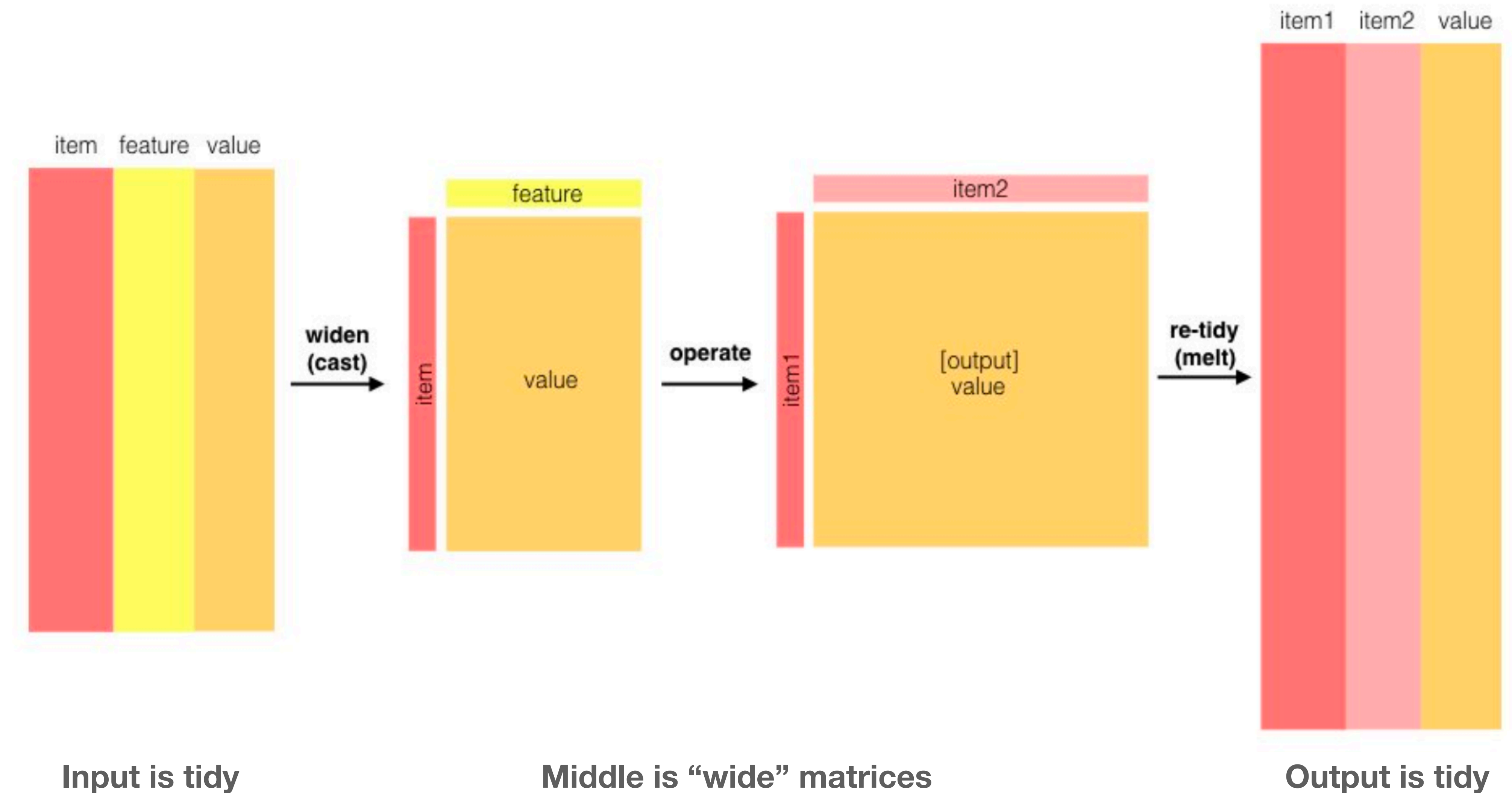


Other pairwise operations in widyr

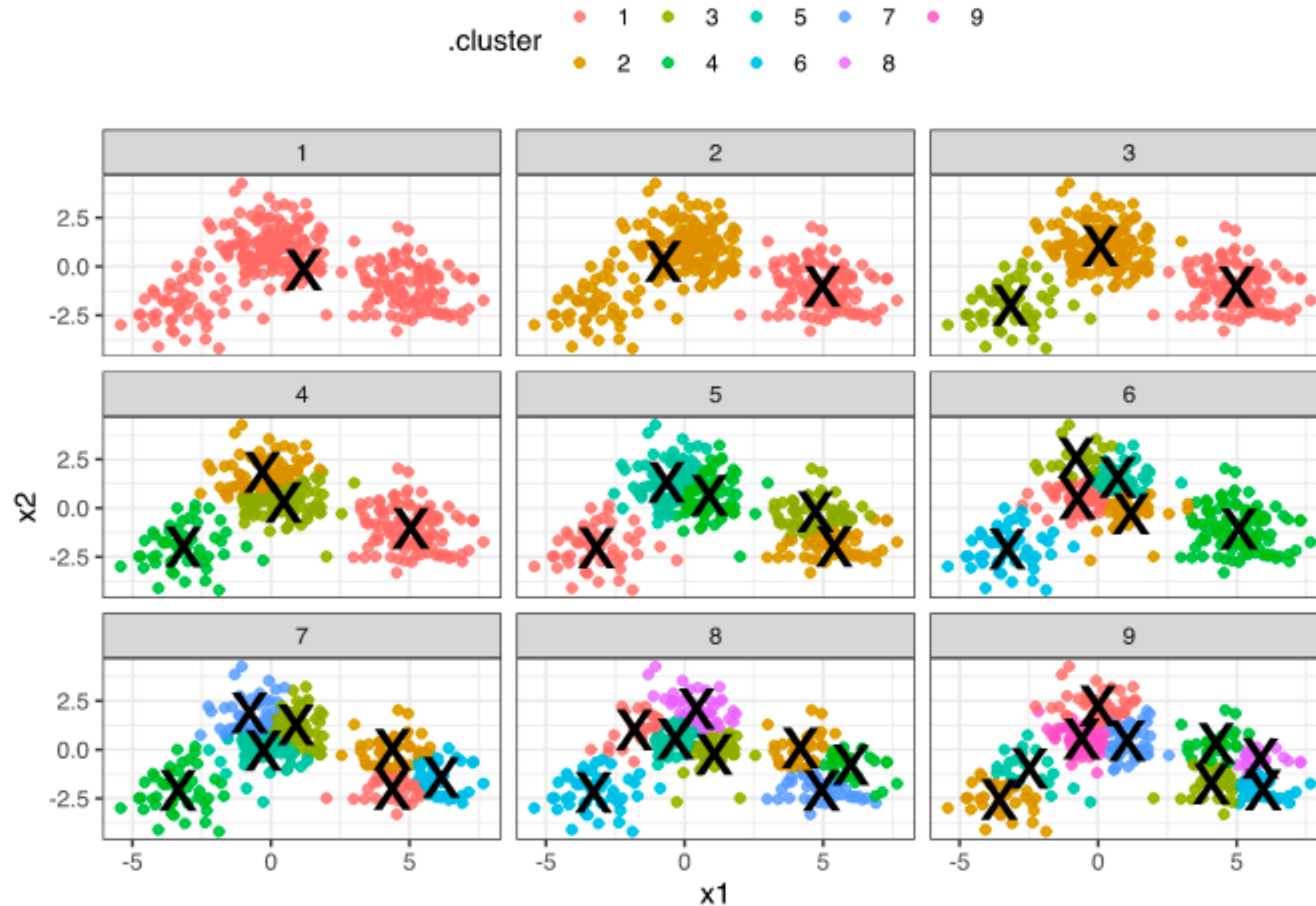
- `pairwise_count` How often do these two items appear together?
- `pairwise_dist` Euclidean/Manhattan/etc distance
- `pairwise_similarity` Cosine similarity
- `pairwise_pmi` Pairwise mutual information
- `pairwise_delta` Calculate Burrows delta (for authorship attribution)

**Widely example:
clustering + dimensionality reduction**

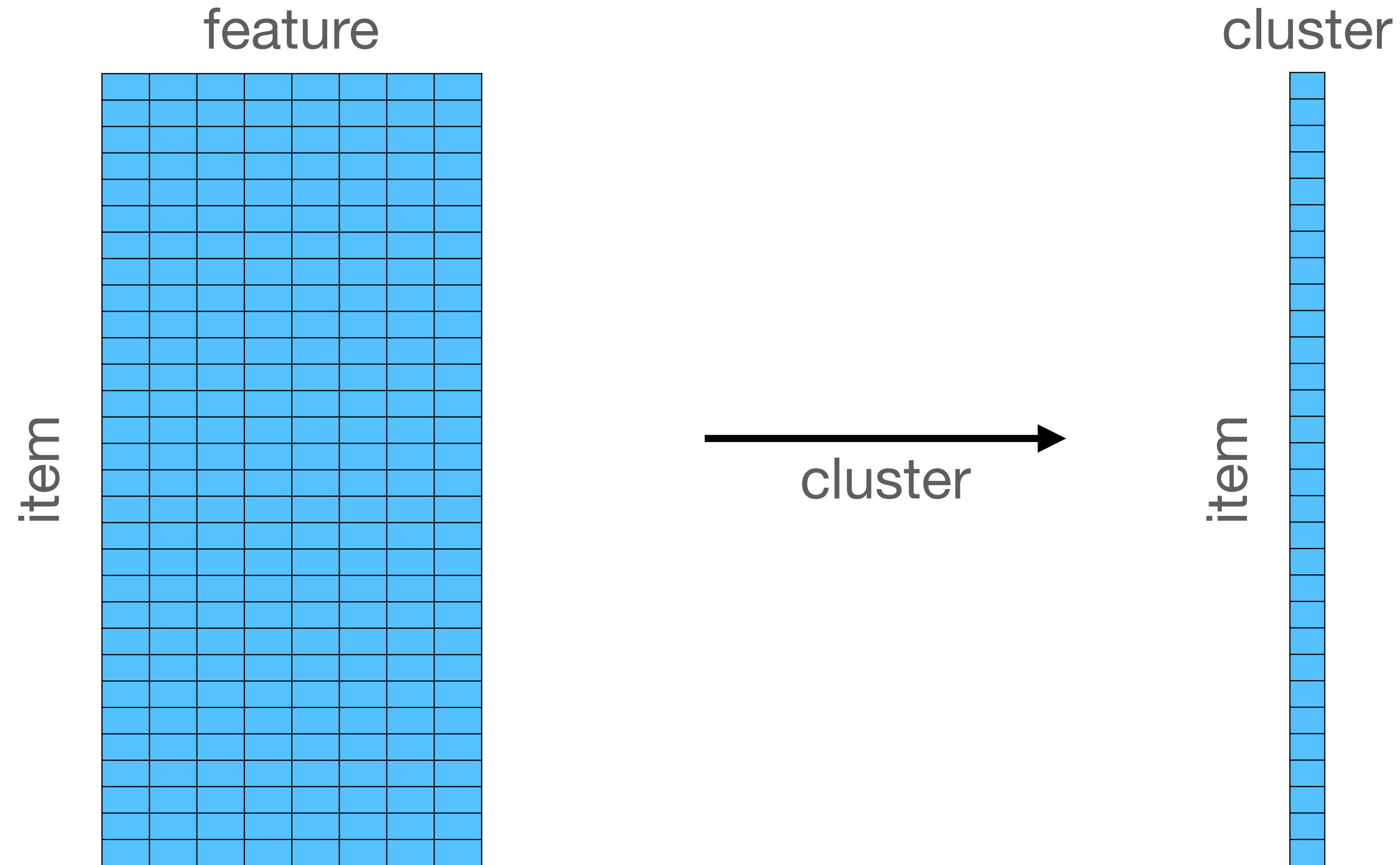
The widen-operate-retidy pattern is very flexible



K-means is a classic approach to clustering



Clustering is an example of a “wide” operation



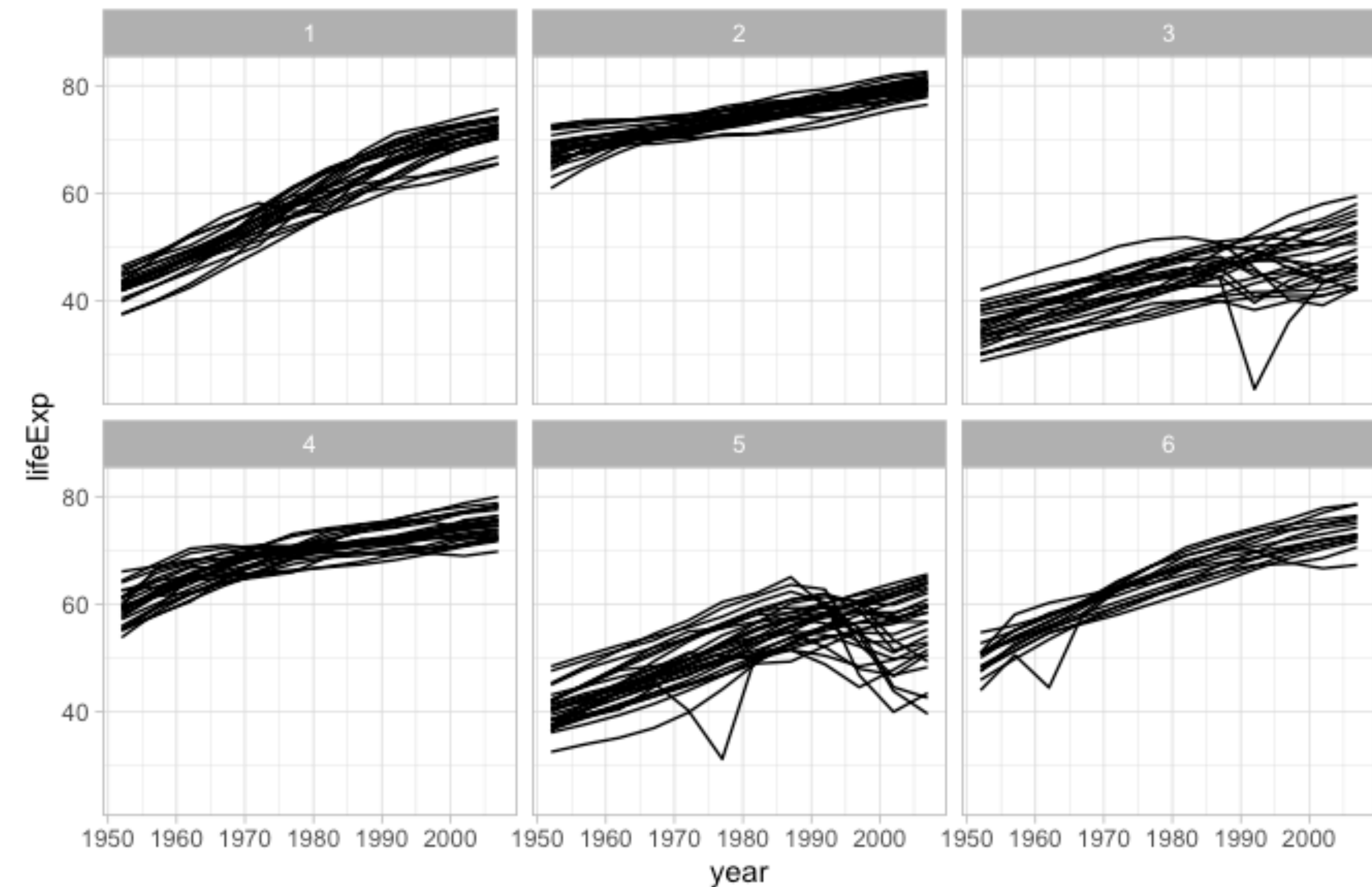
widely_kmeans performs clustering on tidy data

```
gapminder %>%  
  widely_kmeans(country, year, lifeExp, k = 6)
```

```
# A tibble: 142 x 2  
  country      cluster  
  <fct>      <fct>  
1 Algeria      1  
2 Egypt        1  
3 El Salvador  1  
4 Guatemala    1  
5 Honduras     1  
6 Indonesia    1  
7 Iran         1  
8 Jordan       1  
9 Libya        1  
10 Mongolia    1  
# ... with 132 more rows
```


widely_kmeans performs clustering on tidy data

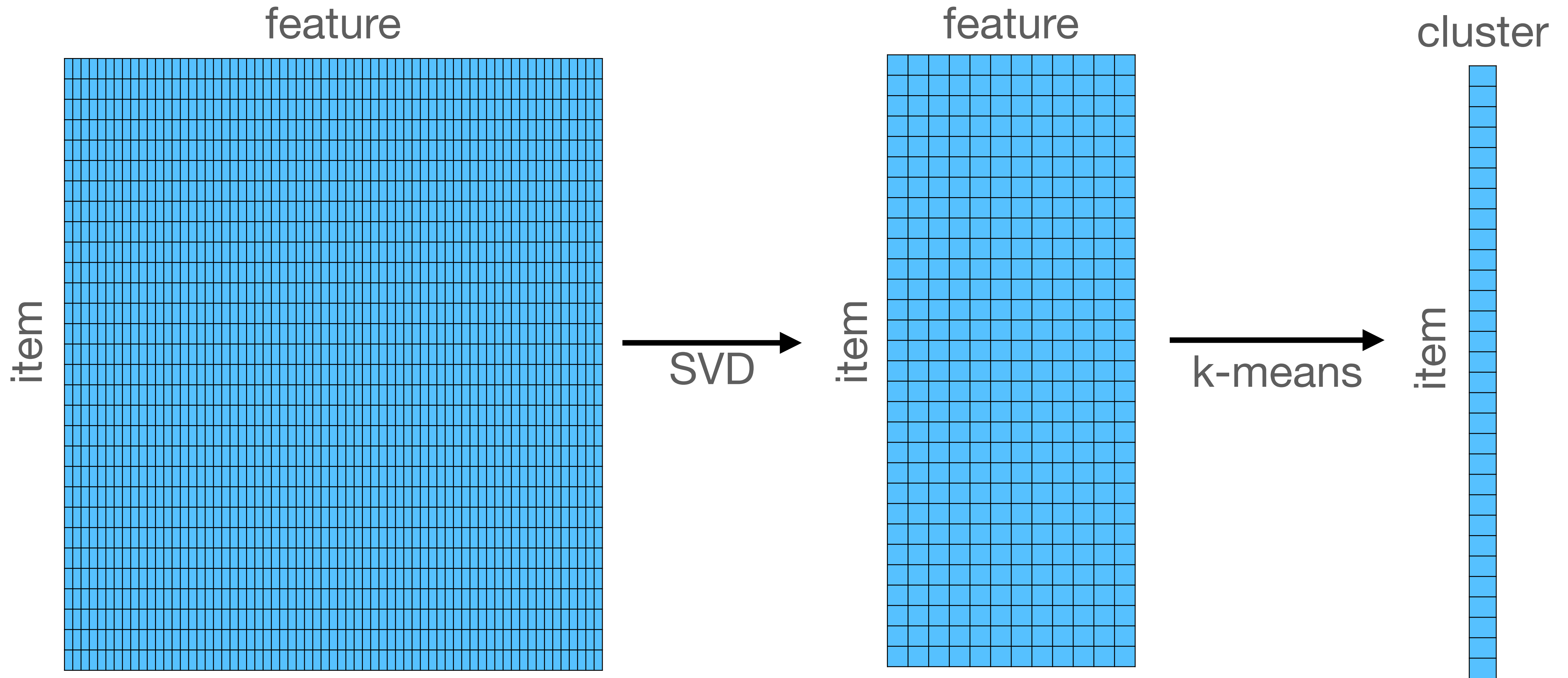
```
clusters <- gapminder %>%  
  widely_kmeans(country, year, lifeExp, k = 6)  
  
gapminder %>%  
  inner_join(clusters, by = "country") %>%  
  ggplot(aes(year, lifeExp, group = country)) +  
  geom_line() +  
  facet_wrap(~ cluster)
```



widyr (development) offers three `widely_` functions

- `widely_kmeans` K-means clustering
- `widely_hclust` Hierarchical clustering on distances
- `widely_svd` Singular value decomposition for dimensionality reduction

Dimensionality reduction + clustering



Dimensionality reduction + clustering

```
# A tibble: 733,404 x 4
```

	rcid	country	country_code	vote
	<int>	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>
1	3	United States of America	US	1
2	3	Canada	CA	-1
3	3	Cuba	CU	1
4	3	Haiti	HT	1
5	3	Dominican Republic	DO	1
6	3	Mexico	MX	1
7	3	Guatemala	GT	1
8	3	Honduras	HN	1
9	3	El Salvador	SV	1
10	3	Nicaragua	NI	1

```
# ... with 733,394 more rows
```

```
votes %>%
```

```
  widely_svd(country, rcid, vote, nv = 16) %>%
```

```
  widely_kmeans(country, dimension, value, k = 6)
```

```
# A tibble: 197 x 2
```

	country	cluster
	<chr>	<fct>
1	Algeria	1
2	Bahrain	1
3	Barbados	1
4	Bhutan	1
5	Botswana	1
6	Burundi	1
7	China	1
8	Equatorial Guinea	1
9	Fiji	1
10	Gambia	1

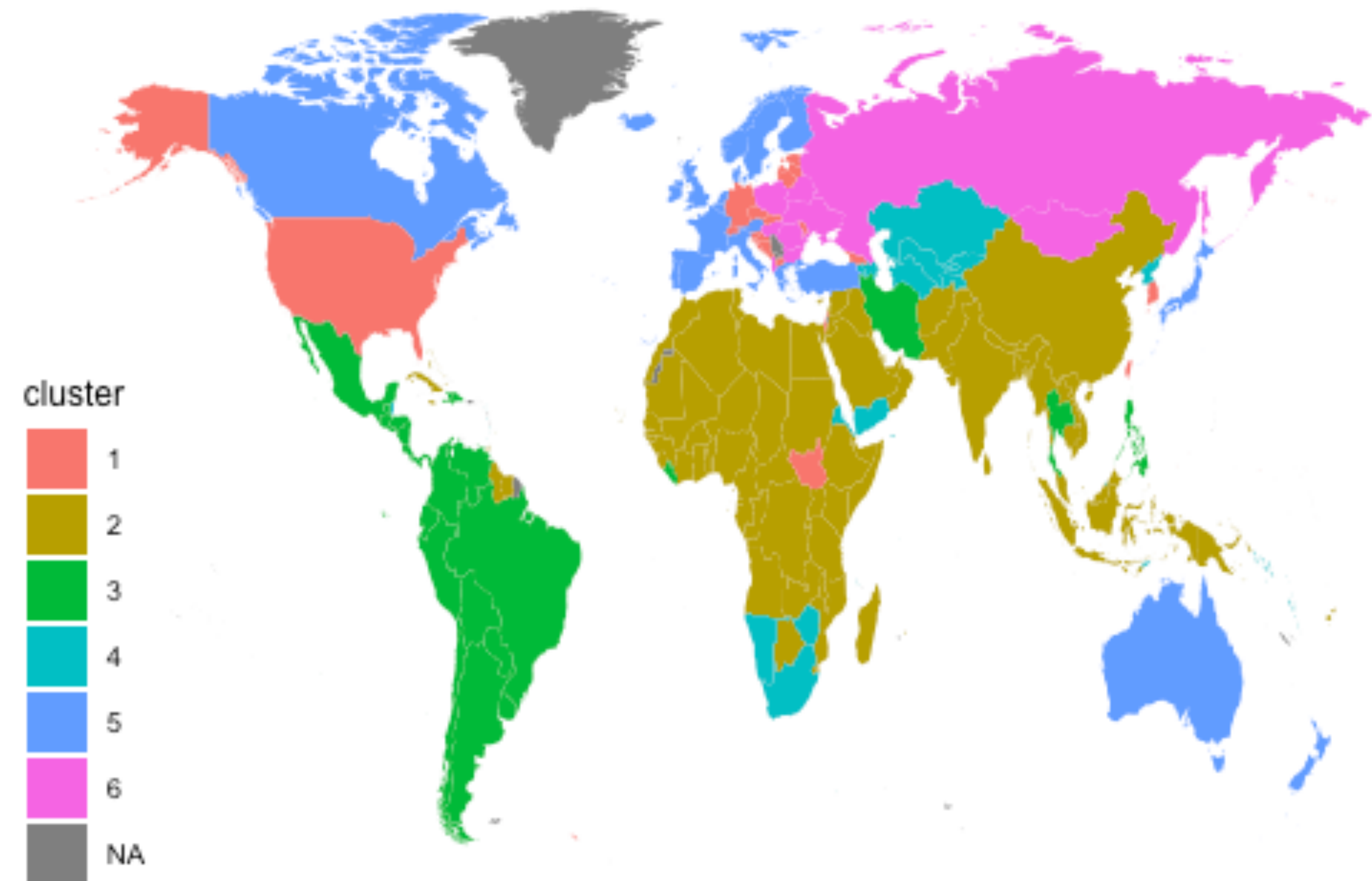
```
# ... with 187 more rows
```

Describing voting blocs through clustering

```
library(maps)
library(fuzzyjoin)

map_clusters <- votes %>%
  widely_svd(country_code, rcid, vote, nv = 24) %>%
  widely_kmeans(country_code, dimension, value, k = 6) %>%
  inner_join(iso3166, by = c(country_code = "a2"))

map_data("world") %>%
  filter(region != "Antarctica") %>%
  regex_left_join(map_clusters, by = c("region" = "mapname")) %>%
  ggplot(aes(long, lat, group = group, fill = cluster)) +
  geom_polygon() +
  ggthemes::theme_map()
```

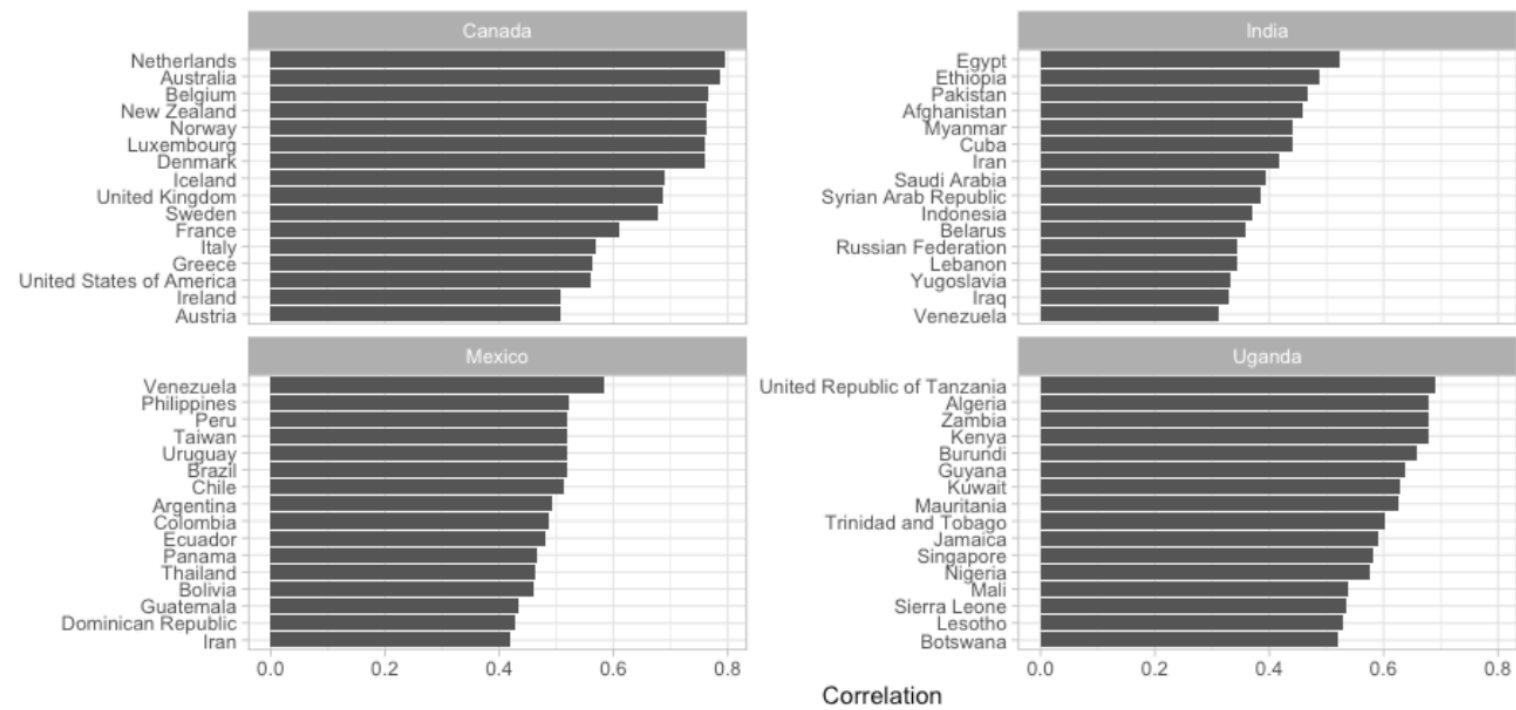


Conclusion

“No matter how complex and polished the individual operations are, it is often the quality of the glue that most directly determines the power of the system.”

-Hal Abelson

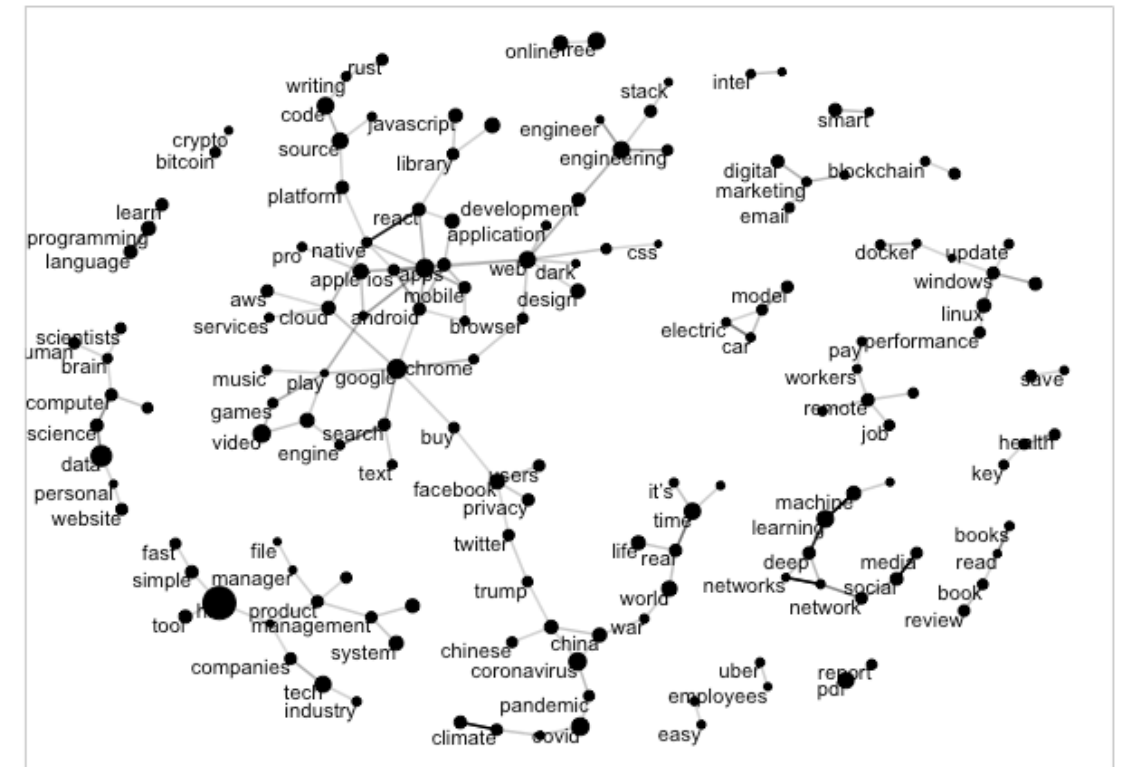
```
votes %>%
  pairwise_cor(country, rcid, vote, sort = TRUE) %>%
  filter(item1 %in% c("Uganda", "India", "Canada", "Mexico")) %>%
  group_by(item1) %>%
  top_n(16, abs(correlation)) %>%
  mutate(item2 = reorder_within(item2, correlation, item1)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(correlation, item2)) +
  geom_col() +
  facet_wrap(~ item1, scales = "free_y") +
  scale_y_reordered() +
  labs(x = "Correlation", y = "")
```



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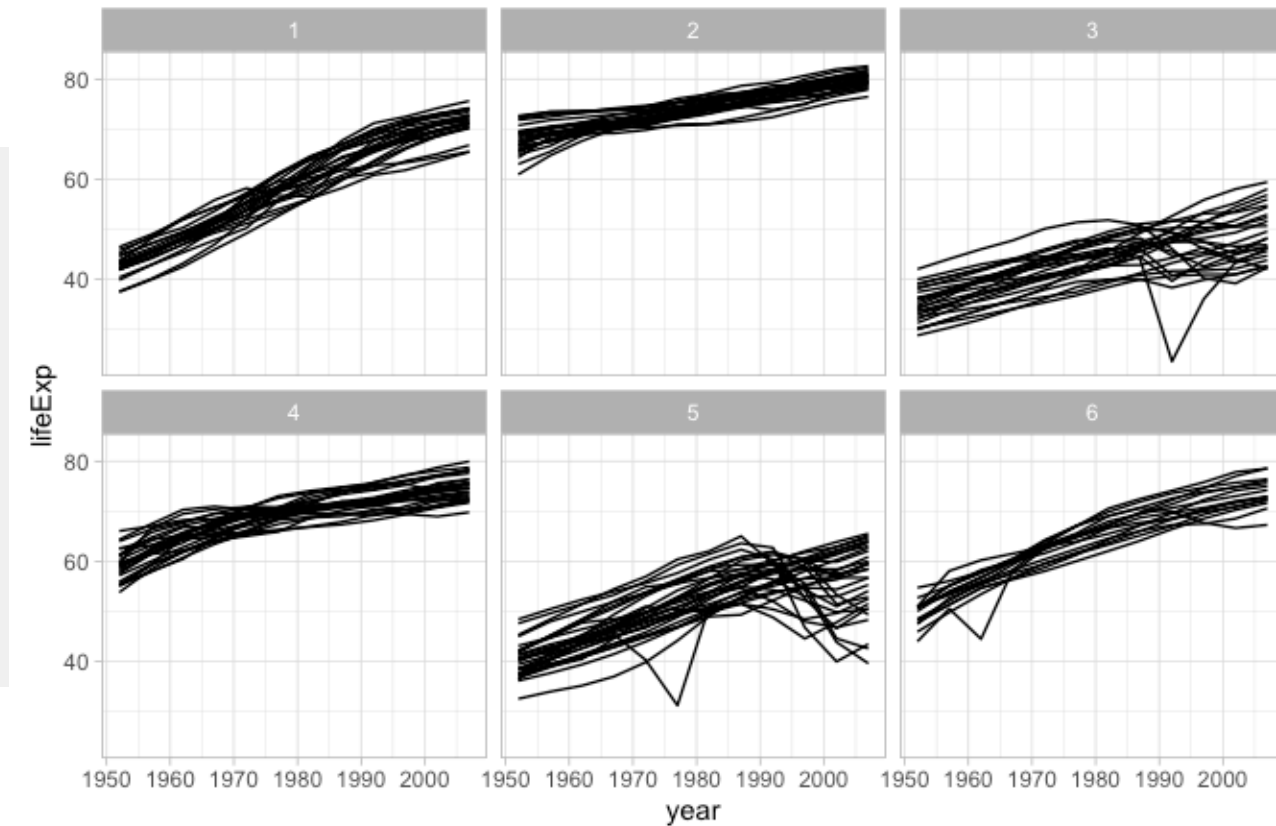
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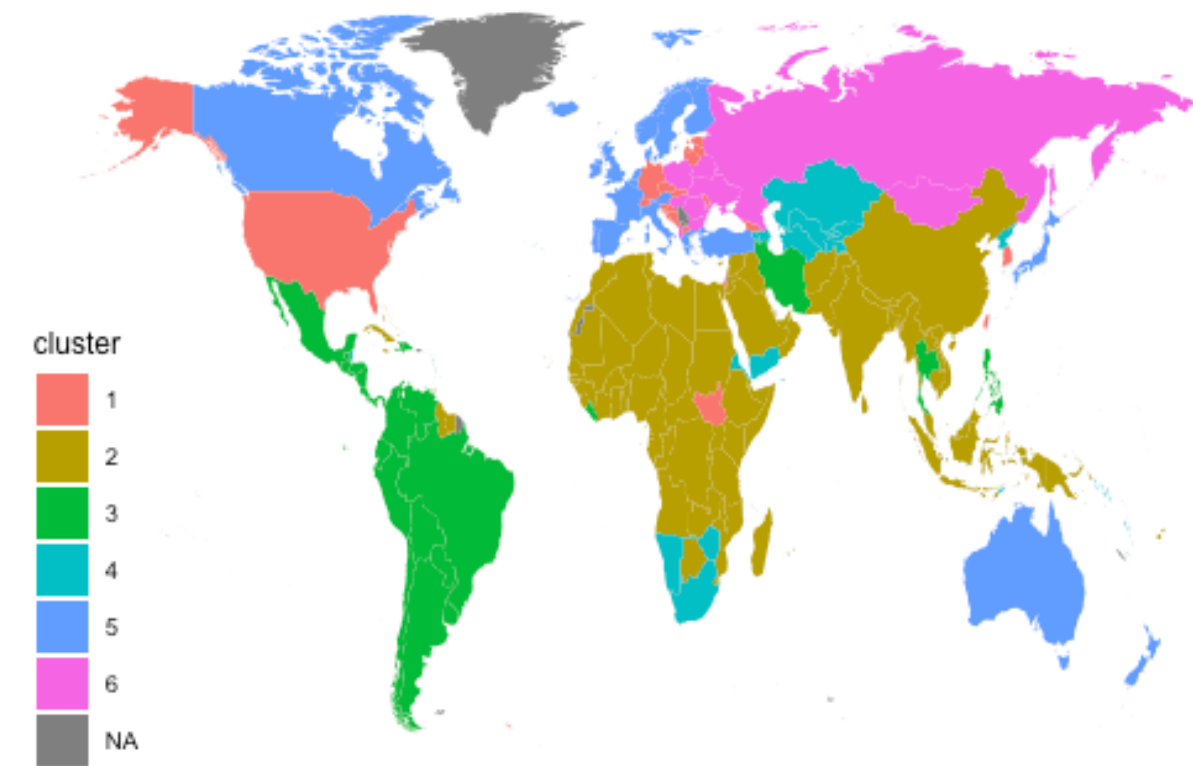
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Once “wide” operations are atomic actions, you can do a lot with a little code

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