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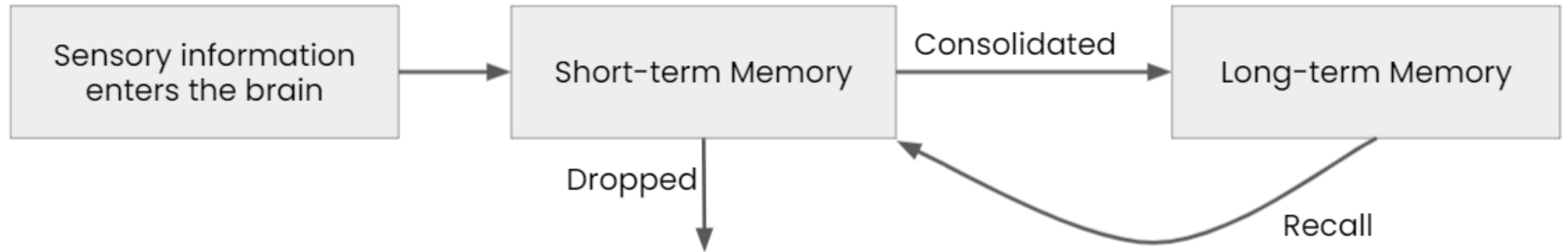


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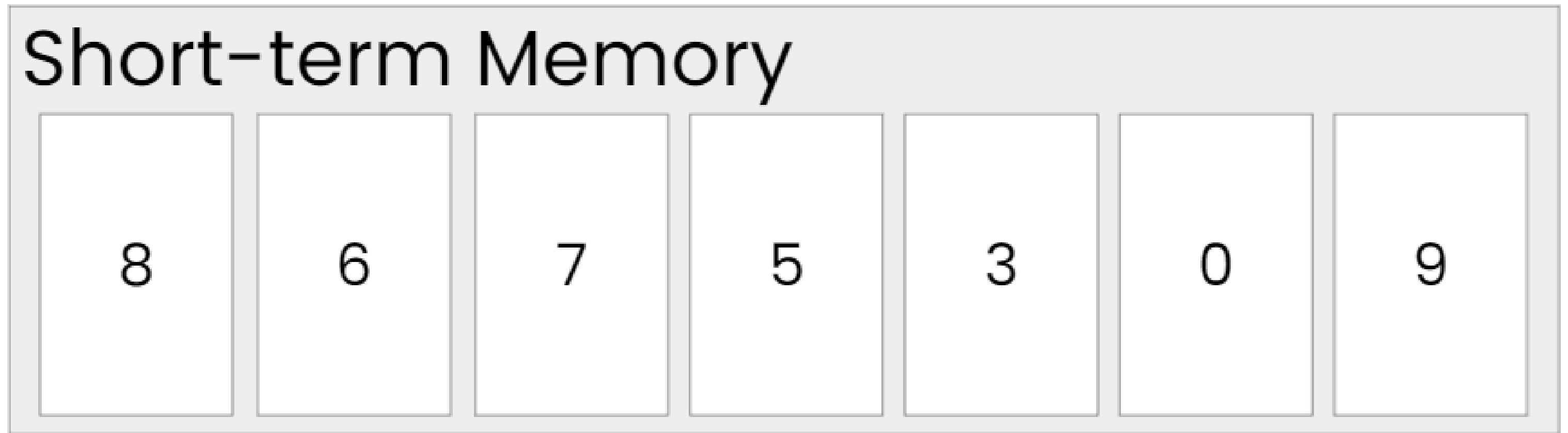
Short-term memory

This is a simplified version of the way humans process signals.



The "magical number seven"

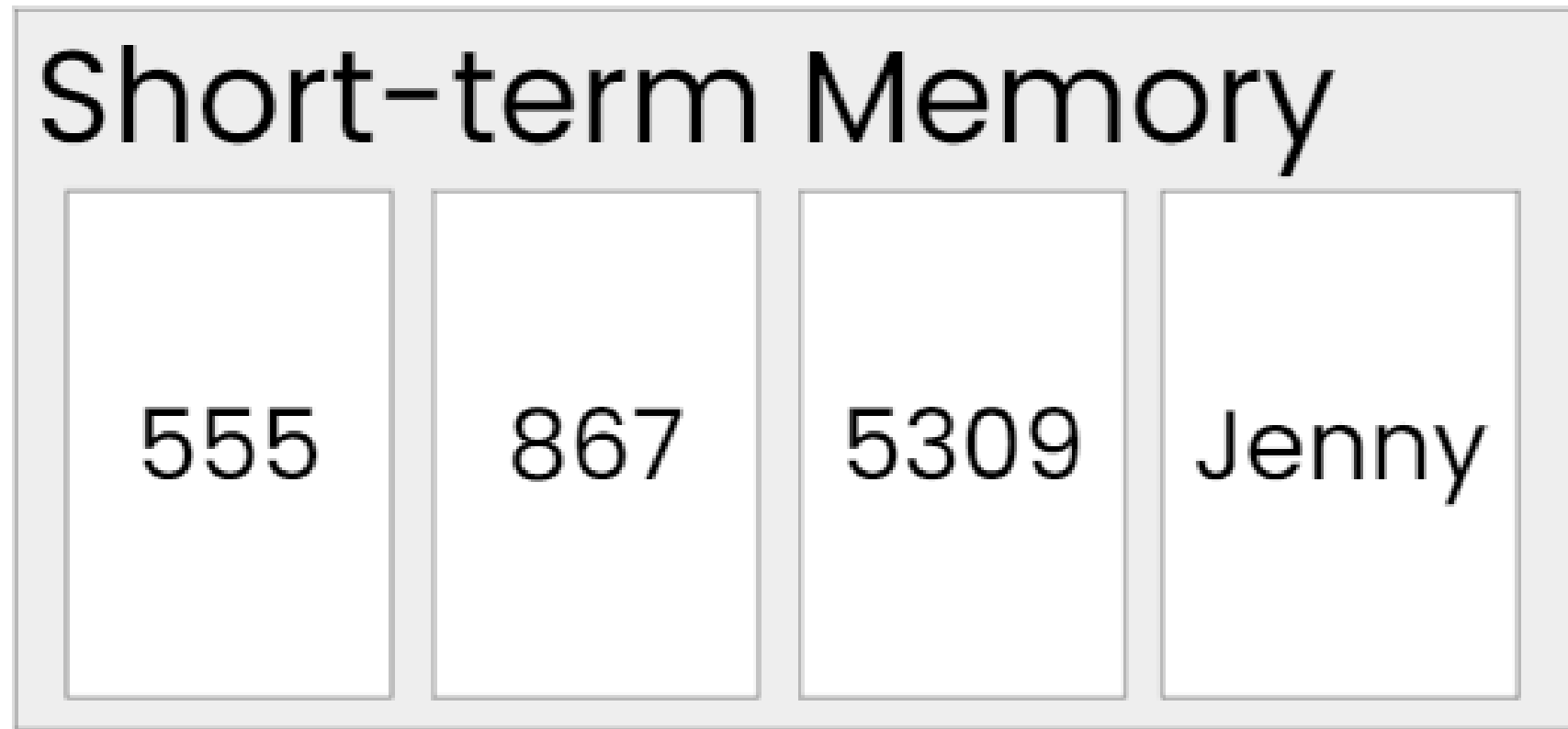
George Miller's research discovered that humans can tend to hold seven (plus or minus two) pieces of information at a time in short-term memory.



¹ Miller, G. A. (1956). The magical number seven, plus or minus two: Some limits on our capacity for processing information. *Psychological Review*, 63(2), 81-97.

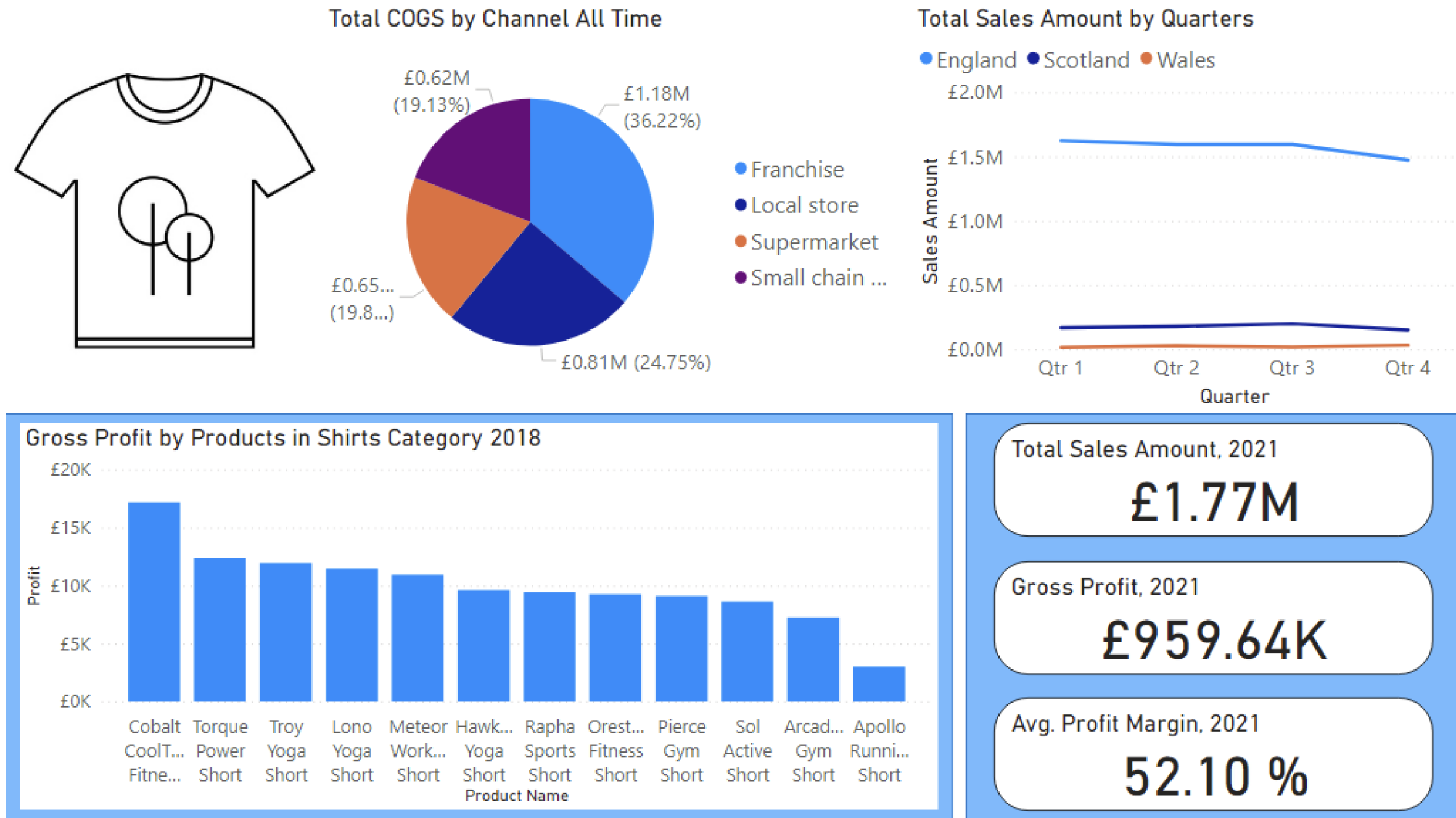
Or maybe 4?

Further research indicates that this may be closer to 4 +/- 1 but that we can "chunk" information together.



¹ Cowan, N (2001). The magical number 4 in short-term memory: a reconsideration of mental storage capacity. Behavioral Brain Science, 24(1), 87-114.

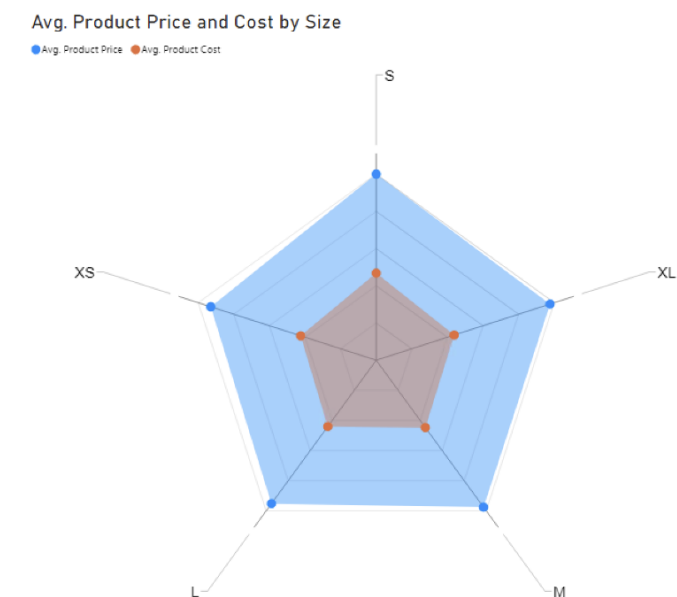
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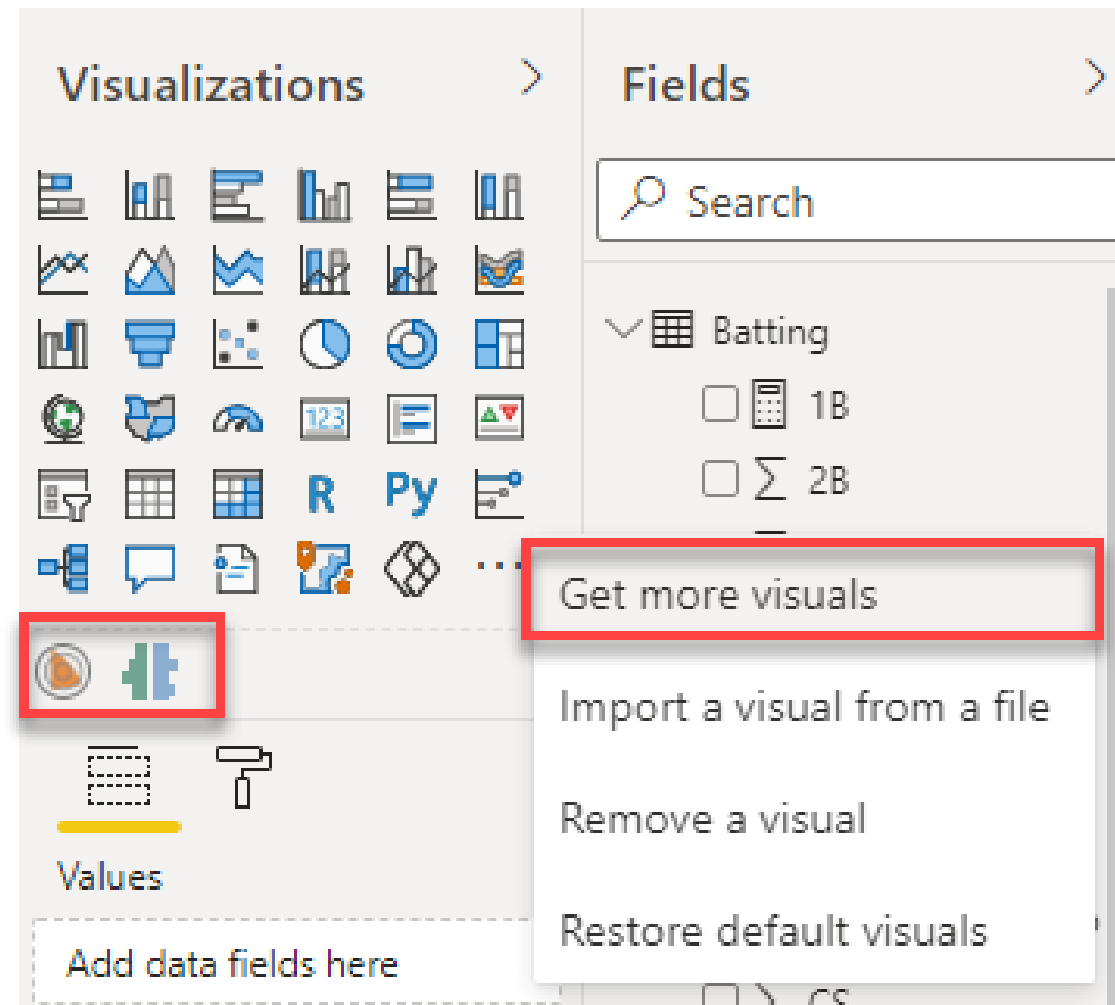
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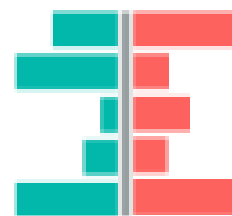
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