# Analytical Notebook - Change in Covid Cases by Countries

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### 1. Introduction

This report presents an analysis of COVID-19 data using Spark and R. We have performed various data manipulation and modeling task to gain insights into two data sets that give us information about COVID-19 and information about various countries.

## 2. Setup

In order to perform the various data manipulation and modeling task in Spark and R, we deployed various packages and libraries to complete each task.

```
#Install packages and load libraries
# Set the CRAN mirror
options(repos = c(CRAN = "https://cloud.r-project.org"))
install.packages("xfun")

## Installing package into 'C:/Users/abeny/AppData/Local/R/win-library/4.3'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)

## package 'xfun' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked

## Warning: cannot remove prior installation of package 'xfun'

## Warning in file.copy(savedcopy, lib, recursive = TRUE): problem copying
## C:\Users\abeny\AppData\Local\R\win-library\4.3\00LOCK\xfun\libs\x64\xfun.dll:
## Permission denied

## Warning: restored 'xfun'

##
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## C:\Users\abeny\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpK2uKNi\downloaded_packages
```

```
install.packages("packrat")
## Installing package into 'C:/Users/abeny/AppData/Local/R/win-library/4.3'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)
## package 'packrat' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## C:\Users\abeny\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpK2uKNi\downloaded_packages
install.packages("sparklyr")
## Installing package into 'C:/Users/abeny/AppData/Local/R/win-library/4.3'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)
## package 'sparklyr' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## C:\Users\abeny\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpK2uKNi\downloaded_packages
install.packages("sparklyr.nested")
## Installing package into 'C:/Users/abeny/AppData/Local/R/win-library/4.3'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)
## package 'sparklyr.nested' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## C:\Users\abeny\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpK2uKNi\downloaded_packages
install.packages("tidyverse")
## Installing package into 'C:/Users/abeny/AppData/Local/R/win-library/4.3'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)
## package 'tidyverse' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked
##
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## C:\Users\abeny\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpK2uKNi\downloaded_packages
install.packages("rmarkdown")
## Installing package into 'C:/Users/abeny/AppData/Local/R/win-library/4.3'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)
## package 'rmarkdown' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## C:\Users\abeny\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpK2uKNi\downloaded_packages
```

```
install.packages("stargazer")
## Installing package into 'C:/Users/abeny/AppData/Local/R/win-library/4.3'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)
## package 'stargazer' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## C:\Users\abeny\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpK2uKNi\downloaded_packages
install.packages("corrr")
## Installing package into 'C:/Users/abeny/AppData/Local/R/win-library/4.3'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)
## package 'corrr' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked
##
## The downloaded binary packages are in
## C:\Users\abeny\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpK2uKNi\downloaded_packages
library(tidyverse)
## Warning: package 'tidyverse' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Warning: package 'tidyr' was built under R version 4.3.2
## Warning: package 'readr' was built under R version 4.3.2
## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 4.3.2
## Warning: package 'stringr' was built under R version 4.3.2
## Warning: package 'forcats' was built under R version 4.3.3
## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v dplyr 1.1.4
                                   2.1.5
                       v readr
## v forcats 1.0.0
                     v stringr 1.5.1
## v ggplot2 3.5.0 v tibble 3.2.1
## v lubridate 1.9.3
                      v tidyr
                                   1.3.1
## v purrr
              1.0.2
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()
                   masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicts to become error
```

```
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(sparklyr)
## Warning: package 'sparklyr' was built under R version 4.3.3
##
## Attaching package: 'sparklyr'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':
##
##
       invoke
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter
library(DBI)
## Warning: package 'DBI' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(tidyr)
library(forcats)
library(ggmosaic)
## Warning: package 'ggmosaic' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(broom)
library(texreg)
## Warning: package 'texreg' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Version: 1.39.3
             2023-11-09
## Author: Philip Leifeld (University of Essex)
## Consider submitting praise using the praise or praise_interactive functions.
## Please cite the JSS article in your publications -- see citation("texreg").
##
## Attaching package: 'texreg'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:tidyr':
##
##
       extract
```

# 3. Data Preparation

We were tasked with downloading two data sets about COVID-19 from a GitHub Repository.

#### 3.1. Load Data

We loaded the data into R using the read.csv function.

```
#Load CSV File into a Data set in R
covid19_confirmed_globa_data <- read.csv("Data/Raw Data/time_series_covid19_confirmed_global.csv")
#Load CSV File into a Data set in R
UID_ISO_FIPS_LookUp_Table_data <- read.csv("Data/Raw Data/UID_ISO_FIPS_LookUp_Table.csv")</pre>
```

### 3.2. Data Cleaning

Preparing our data for analysis

We created a long version of our COVID-19 data set.

After this step, we continued our data manipulation in Spark There is code you will need to adjust to run in Spark environment

We merged our two data sets.

```
Specific_Country_Confirmed_Cases <- Country_Confirmed_Cases %>%
 filter(Country.Region %in% selected_countries) %>%
  mutate(
   Population = as.numeric(Population),
   rate_of_cases = Confirmed_Cases / Population)
#Remove Columns that are not needed
Clean Specific Country Confirmed Cases <- Specific Country Confirmed Cases %>%
  select(-iso2, -iso3, -FIPS, -Admin2, -Long , -code3, -UID, -Combined Key)
# Calculate the number of cases by country and day
cases_by_country_day <- Clean_Specific_Country_Confirmed_Cases %>%
  group_by(Country.Region, Date) %>%
  mutate(total_cases = max(Confirmed_Cases)) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  distinct(Country.Region, Date, total_cases)
# Convert the Spark DataFrame to a local R DataFrame
local_cases_by_country_day <- collect(cases_by_country_day)</pre>
# Convert Country Region and Date to factors
local_cases_by_country_day$Country.Region <- as.factor(local_cases_by_country_day$Country.Region)
local_cases_by_country_day$Date <- as.Date(local_cases_by_country_day$Date)</pre>
#Calculate rate of cases by country and date
# Group by Country_Region and Date, and calculate the rate of cases
rate_by_country_day <- Clean_Specific_Country_Confirmed_Cases %>%
  group_by(Country.Region, Date) %>%
  mutate(rate_of_cases = sum(Confirmed_Cases) / max(Population, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  distinct(Country.Region, Date, rate_of_cases)
# Convert the Spark DataFrame to a local R DataFrame
local_rate_by_country_day <- collect(rate_by_country_day)</pre>
# Convert Country. Region and Date to factors
local rate by country day $Country. Region <- as.factor(local rate by country day $Country. Region)
local_rate_by_country_day$Date <- as.Date(local_rate_by_country_day$Date)</pre>
```

We took that merge data set and prepared the data for visualization.

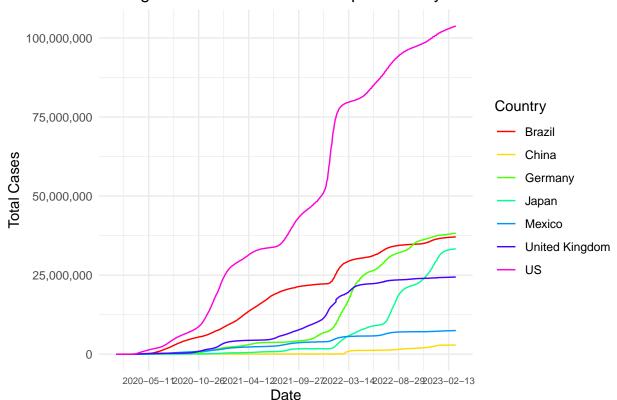
# 4. Exploratory Data Analysis

### 4.1 Visualization

4.1.1 Change in the number of COVID-19 cases per country

```
# Create a custom color palette for the countries
country_colors <- rainbow(length(unique(local_cases_by_country_day$Country.Region)))</pre>
```

## Change in the Number of Cases per Country

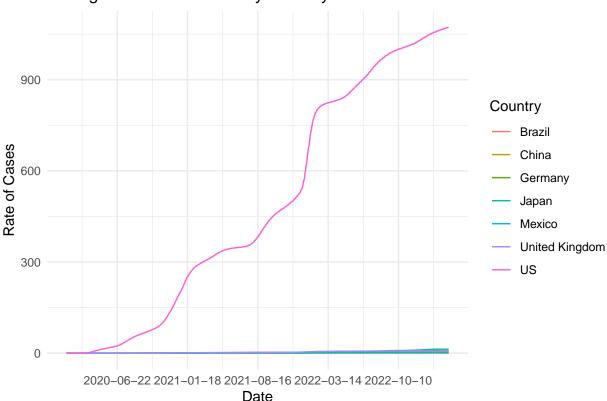


This visualization depicts the evolving number of cases across the selected countries. Notably, the United States exhibited the most significant surge in cases during the specified time frame, while China experienced the most modest increase over the same period.

### 4.1.2 Change in rate of COVID-19 cases by country

```
color = "Country") +
theme_minimal() +
scale_x_date(date_labels = "%Y-%m-%d", date_breaks = "30 week") +
scale_color_discrete(name = "Country")
```





This graph illustrates the fluctuation in the rate of cases across different countries. Notably, the United States demonstrated the most substantial escalation in its rate of cases during this time frame.

# 5. Modeling

### 5.1 Linear Regression (R Code)

Run a linear regression explaining the log number of cases using country, population, and day since the start of the pandemic

```
#Run a linear regression explaining the log number of cases using country,

#population, and day since the start of the pandemic

# Log transform the Confirmed_Cases column

log_cases_by_country_day <- Clean_Specific_Country_Confirmed_Cases %>%

group_by(Country.Region, Date) %>%

mutate(log_Confirmed_Cases = log(Confirmed_Cases + 1)) %>%

ungroup() %>%
```

```
mutate(Confirmed_Cases = ifelse(is.na(Confirmed_Cases), 0, Confirmed_Cases),
         log_Confirmed_Cases = ifelse(log_Confirmed_Cases == 0, NA, log_Confirmed_Cases)) %>%
  distinct(Country.Region, log_Confirmed_Cases, Population, Days_Since_Data_Collection_Started)
# Remove rows with NA values in the log_Confirmed_Cases column
log_cases_by_country_day <- log_cases_by_country_day %>%
  filter(!is.na(log_Confirmed_Cases))
# Remove all rows with NA values in any column
log_cases_by_country_day <- na.omit(log_cases_by_country_day)</pre>
#Model function in R
#Model using lm() function in R
model_forlogcasesR <- lm(log_Confirmed_Cases ~ Country.Region + Population + Days_Since_Data_Collection
print(model_forlogcasesR)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = log_Confirmed_Cases ~ Country.Region + Population +
       Days_Since_Data_Collection_Started, data = log_cases_by_country_day)
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
                          (Intercept)
                                                       Country.RegionChina
                            1.243e+01
                                                                -8.959e+00
##
##
                Country.RegionGermany
                                                       Country.RegionJapan
                           -1.125e+00
##
                                                                -2.394e+00
##
                 Country.RegionMexico
                                              Country.RegionUnited Kingdom
##
                           -1.673e+00
                                                                 -8.729e+00
##
                     Country.RegionUS
                                                                Population
##
                            6.616e-01
                                                                 1.201e-21
## Days_Since_Data_Collection_Started
                            5.906e-03
```

**5.1.1** Linear Regression (Spark / R Code) Run a linear regression explaining the log number of cases using country, population, and day since the start of the pandemic.

```
#Run a linear regression explaining the log number of cases using country, population, and day since th

# Log transform the Confirmed_Cases column

#log_cases_by_country_day <- Clean_Specific_Country_Confirmed_Cases %>%

#group_by(Country.Region, Date) %>%

#mutate(log_Confirmed_Cases = log(Confirmed_Cases + 1)) %>%

#ungroup() %>%

#mutate(Confirmed_Cases = ifelse(is.na(Confirmed_Cases), 0, Confirmed_Cases),

#log_Confirmed_Cases = ifelse(log_Confirmed_Cases == 0, NA, log_Confirmed_Cases)) %>%

#distinct(Country.Region, log_Confirmed_Cases, Population, Days_Since_Data_Collection_Started)

# Remove rows with NA values in the log_Confirmed_Cases column

#log_cases_by_country_day <- log_cases_by_country_day %>%

#filter(!is.na(log_Confirmed_Cases))
```

```
# Remove all rows with NA values in any column
#log_cases_by_country_day <- na.omit(log_cases_by_country_day)</pre>
#Summary Data
#summary_data <- log_cases_by_country_day %>%
     #group_by(Country.Region) %>%
     #summarize(
         #Total_Log_Confirmed_Cases = sum(log_Confirmed_Cases, na.rm = TRUE),
          #Total_Population = sum(Population, na.rm = TRUE),
          #Days_Since_Data_Collection_Started = max(Days_Since_Data_Collection_Started, na.rm = TRUE)
  # )
#local_summary_data <- collect(summary_data)</pre>
#local_summary_data$Country.Region <- as.factor(local_summary_data$Country.Region)</pre>
# Convert Total_Population to numeric
#local_summary_data$Total_Population <- as.numeric(local_summary_data$Total_Population)</pre>
# Convert Days_Since_Data_Collection_Started to numeric
\#local\_summary\_data\$Days\_Since\_Data\_Collection\_Started <- as.numeric(local\_summary\_data\$Days\_Since\_Data\_Collection\_Started <- as.numeric(local\_summary\_datasBoays\_Since\_Data\_Collection\_Started <- as.numeric(local\_summary\_datasBoays\_Since\_Data\_Collection\_Started <- as.numeric(local\_summary\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_datasBoays\_d
#Create .CSV for data frame for Spark Regression Table
#write.csv(local_summary_data, file = "Data/Clean Data/local_sum_data.csv")
# Run the linear regression model
#Regression_data <- spark_read_csv(sc, "Data/Clean Data/local_sum_data.csv")
#selected_Regression_data <- Regression_data %>%
     #select(Country.Region, Total_Log_Confirmed_Cases, Total_Population, Days_Since_Data_Collection_Start
# Perform linear regression
#model_forlogcases <- ml_linear_regression(</pre>
     #selected_Regression_data,
     #formula = Total_Log_Confirmed_Cases ~ Country_Region + Total_Population + Days_Since_Data_Collection
#)
```

### 5.2 Extract Model Statistics

Extract tidy summary of coefficients, and extract model performance metrics

```
# Extract tidy summary of coefficients
tidy_summary <- tidy(model_forlogcasesR)

# Extract model performance metrics
glance_summary <- glance(model_forlogcasesR)

# View the results
print(tidy_summary)</pre>
```

## # A tibble: 9 x 5

```
##
    term
                                     estimate std.error statistic p.value
                                        <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
##
   <chr>
## 1 (Intercept)
                                    1.24e+ 1 1.36e- 2 9.12e+ 2
                                    -8.96e+ 0 1.37e- 2 -6.55e+ 2
## 2 Country.RegionChina
## 3 Country.RegionGermany
                                    -1.12e+ 0 2.18e- 2 -5.17e+ 1
## 4 Country.RegionJapan
                                   -2.39e+ 0 1.69e- 2 -1.42e+ 2 0
## 5 Country.RegionMexico
                                   -1.67e+ 0 1.84e- 2 -9.11e+ 1 0
## 6 Country.RegionUnited Kingdom -8.73e+ 0 1.43e- 2 -6.12e+ 2
## 7 Country.RegionUS
                                    6.62e- 1 1.36e- 2 4.88e+ 1
## 8 Population
                                    1.20e-21 8.90e-12 1.35e-10
## 9 Days_Since_Data_Collection_Started 5.91e- 3 3.11e- 6 1.90e+ 3
```

### print(glance\_summary)

#### 5.3 Model Summary

# # Create a table using screenreg screenreg(model\_forlogcasesR)

```
Model 1
## -----
## (Intercept)
                                 12.43 ***
                                 (0.01)
## Country.RegionChina
                                 -8.96 ***
                                 (0.01)
## Country.RegionGermany
                                 -1.12 ***
                                 (0.02)
                                 -2.39 ***
## Country.RegionJapan
                                 (0.02)
## Country.RegionMexico
                                 -1.67 ***
                                 (0.02)
## Country.RegionUnited Kingdom
                                 -8.73 ***
##
                                 (0.01)
## Country.RegionUS
                                 0.66 ***
                                 (0.01)
## Population
                                  0.00
                                 (0.00)
## Days_Since_Data_Collection_Started
                                  0.01 ***
## -----
                                  0.80
## R^2
## Adj. R^2
                                  0.80
## Num. obs.
                             5406274
```

```
## *** p < 0.001; ** p < 0.01; * p < 0.05
```

China, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and the United States, they all show big differences in the number of confirmed cases compared to other countries.

China exhibits a considerably lower log confirmed cases compared to the reference, with a coefficient of approximately -8.96, indicating a logarithmic decrease. Conversely, the United States displays a positive coefficient of around 0.66, signifying a logarithmic increase in confirmed cases compared to the reference.

When we consider population size, it doesn't seem to make much of a difference in predicting the number of confirmed cases.

As time goes by and we collect more data, it seems like the number of confirmed cases tends to go up.

# 6. Conclusion / Session Info

#### 6.1.1 Conclusion

The United States exhibited the most significant surge in cases during the specified time frame, while China experienced the most modest increase over the same period. The United States demonstrated the most substantial escalation in its rate of cases during this time frame.

China exhibits a considerably lower log confirmed cases compared to the reference, with a coefficient of approximately -8.96, indicating a logarithmic decrease. Conversely, the United States displays a positive coefficient of around 0.66, signifying a logarithmic increase in confirmed cases compared to the reference. Population size is not a good predictor of the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19. As time goes by and we collect more data, it seems like the number of confirmed cases tends to go up.

#### 6.1.2 \*Session Info from Local R

```
# R version 4.3.1 (2023-06-16 ucrt)
#Platform: x86_64-w64-minqw32/x64 (64-bit) Running under: Windows 11 x64 (build 22631)
#Matrix products: default
#locale:
#[1] LC_COLLATE=English_United States.utf8 [2] LC_CTYPE=English_United States.utf8
#[3] LC_MONETARY=English_United States.utf8 [4] LC_NUMERIC=C
                                                                                      [5] LC_TIME=Engl
#time zone: America/New York tzcode
#source: internal attached base
                        graphics grDevices utils
#packages: [1] stats
                                                     datasets methods
                                                                         [7] base
                                                              ggmosaic_0.3.3 DBI_1.2.2
#other attached packages: [1] texreg_1.39.3
                                             broom_1.0.5
                                                                                               [5] spa
#loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
#[1] plotly 4.10.4
                     utf8 1.2.4
                                        generics 0.1.3
                                                           [4] stringi 1.8.3
                                                                                 hms 1.1.3
                                                                                                   diq
#[13] ggrepel_0.9.5
                                                                                 viridisLite_0.4.2 sc
                       backports_1.4.1 httr_1.4.7
                                                           [16] fansi_1.0.6
#[25] withr 3.0.0
                       tools 4.3.1
                                         tzdb\_0.4.0
                                                           [28] colorspace_2.1-0 vctrs_0.6.5
                                                                                                    R6
#[37] data.table 1.15.0 glue 1.7.0
                                         Rcpp_1.0.12
                                                           [40] xfun_0.43
                                                                                  tidyselect_1.2.1 rs
```

### 6.1.3 Session Info from Instance on AWS

```
#R version 4.3.2 (2023-10-31)
#Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
#Running under: Ubuntu 22.04.4 LTS
#Matrix products: default
        /usr/lib/x86\_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/libblas.so.3
#LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/libopenblasp-r0.3.20.so; LAPACK version 3.10.0
#locale:
#[1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8
                                LC_NUMERIC=C
                                                          LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8
                                                                                     LC_COLLATE=en_US
#[5] LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8
                                LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8
#LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8
                          LC_NAME = C
#[9] LC ADDRESS=C
                                LC TELEPHONE=C
                                                          LC MEASUREMENT=en US.UTF-8 LC IDENTIFICATION
#time zone: Etc/UTC
#tzcode source: system (glibc)
#attached base packages:
#[1] stats
              graphics grDevices utils
                                          datasets methods
                                                               base
#other attached packages:
                    sparklyr_1.8.4 lubridate_1.9.3 forcats_1.0.0
#[1] shiny_1.8.0
#stringr_1.5.1 dplyr_1.1.4 purrr_1.0.2
#[8] readr_2.1.5
                                   tibble\_3.2.1
                                                    ggplot2_3.5.0 tidyverse_2.0.0
                    tidyr_1.3.1
#loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
                       generics_0.1.3
#[1] utf8_1.2.4
                                        stringi\_1.8.3
                                                          hms_1.1.3
                                                                            digest_0.6.34
                                                                                              magritt
#[7] evaluate_0.23
                       grid_4.3.2
                                         timechange_0.3.0 fastmap_1.1.1
                                                                            jsonlite_1.8.8
                                                                                              DBI_1.2
#[13] promises_1.2.1
                      httr_1.4.7
                                        fansi_1.0.6
                                                          scales_1.3.0
                                                                            cli_3.6.2
                                                                                              rlang_1
#[19] dbplyr 2.4.0
                       ellipsis 0.3.2
                                        munsell 0.5.0
                                                          yaml 2.3.8
                                                                            withr 3.0.0
                                                                                              tools 4
                       colorspace_2.1-0 httpuv_1.6.14
#[25] tzdb_0.4.0
                                                          vctrs_0.6.5
                                                                            R6_2.5.1
                                                                                              mime\_0.
#[31] lifecycle_1.0.4
                       pkgconfig_2.0.3 pillar_1.9.0
                                                          later_1.3.2
                                                                            gtable_0.3.4
                                                                                              glue_1.
#[37] Rcpp_1.0.12
                       xfun_0.42
                                         tidyselect_1.2.0 knitr_1.45
                                                                            rstudioapi_0.15.0 xtable_
#[43] htmltools_0.5.7
                      rmarkdown_2.25
                                        compiler\_4.3.2
                                                          askpass_1.2.0
                                                                            openssl_2.1.1
```