



# The magic of dimensionality reduction

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# Obligatory poll

Keywords: dimensionality reduction, PCA, LDA, feature selection, feature extraction, embeddings

- I know little / nothing about DR
- I've know something about / have played around with DR
- I know about DR already / I regularly work with DR

# Schedule

- Overview of DR 
- Specifics of 4 DR techniques 
- Applications of DR 
- Questions

What and why

Nuts & bolts

The fun stuff!

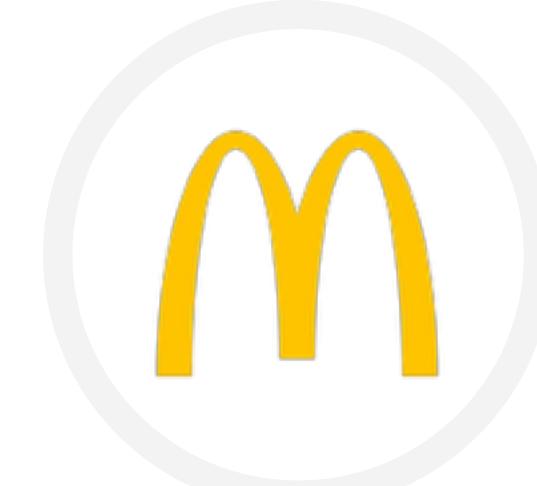
# Approach

- Emphasis on intuition and clarity over mathematical rigour
- Emphasis on visualization over other applications
- Code at:

# DIMENSIONALITY REDUCTION: WHAT AND WHY?

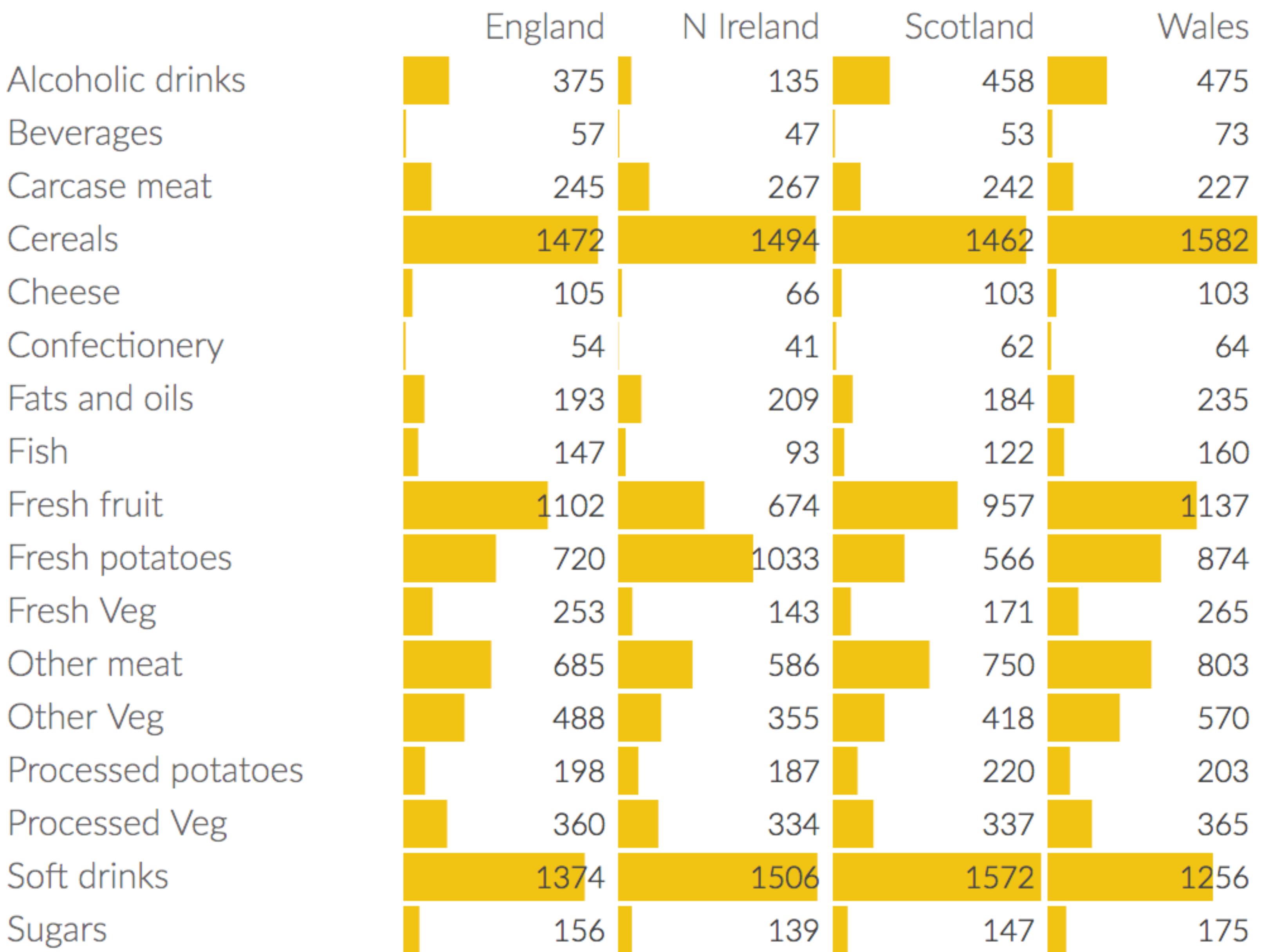
A true story

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100	1	2.508	2	13.542	16.050	2	474.533,60 ISK	730.000,00 ISK	255.466,40 ISK	5.747.994,00 ISK	53,84%	64,00	22,50	1	22,50	10.677.00
	24	5.812	243	13.263	47.029	41	1.129.865,60 ISK	1.340.000,00 ISK	210.134,40 ISK	3.087.689,14 ISK	18,60%	98,00	14,69	1	14,69	16.602.10
1.028	18	4.895		18.387	50.513	89	1.186.402,40 ISK	1.300.000,00 ISK	113.597,60 ISK	1.669.189,22 ISK	9,57%	98,00	14,69	1	14,69	17.432.85
500		1.901	10	4.005	18.008	1	386.829,10 ISK	290.000,00 ISK	-96.829,10 ISK	-2.178.654,75 ISK	-25,03%	64,00	22,50	1	22,50	8.703.65
968	8	4.618	300	10.728	35.496	96	1.179.842,40 ISK	1.200.000,00 ISK	20.157,60 ISK	296.193,31 ISK	1,71%	98,00	14,69	1	14,69	17.336.45
47.196	1.114	159.341		659.556	2.643.862	2.863	49.416.416,80 ISK	50.000.000,00 ISK	583.583,20 ISK	4.201.799,04 ISK	1,18%	200,00	7,20	1	7,20	355.798.20
250	2	2.304	45	9.517	15.021	20	476.823,60 ISK	480.000,00 ISK	3.176,40 ISK	71.469,00 ISK	0,67%	64,00	22,50	1	22,50	10.728.53
1.004		2.612	50	5.000	16.070	10	563.465,40 ISK	560.000,00 ISK	-3.465,40 ISK	-75.608,73 ISK	-0,62%	66,00	21,82	1	21,82	12.293.79
322	1	2.010	121	5.627	20.598	15	505.535,90 ISK	540.000,00 ISK	34.464,10 ISK	763.512,37 ISK	6,82%	65,00	22,15	1	22,15	11.199.56
9.234	191	35.139	2.308	150.537	552.145	472	12.175.706,80 ISK	10.600.000,00 ISK	-1.575.706,80 ISK	-17.589.285,21 ISK	-12,94%	129,00	11,16	1	11,16	135.914.86
9.336	110	36.172	2.509	170.515	462.050	562	12.040.208,90 ISK	9.000.000,00 ISK	-3.040.208,90 ISK	-27.361.880,10 ISK	-25,25%	160,00	9,00	1	9,00	108.361.88
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70.795	1.671	239.012		989.335	3.965.793	4.294	74.124.417,80 ISK	77.800.000,00 ISK	3.675.582,20 ISK	26.464.191,84 ISK	4,96%	200,00	7,20	1	7,20	533.695.80
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9.118	160	37.087	2.604	120.257	561.026	591	12.164.809,70 ISK	9.500.000,00 ISK	-2.664.809,70 ISK	-28.852.074,95 ISK	-21,91%	133,00	10,83	1	10,83	131.709.21
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10		202		2	3.075	2	35.293.90 ISK	34.500,00 ISK	-793,90 ISK	-228.643,20 ISK	-2,25%	5,00	288,00	1	288,00	10.164.64
12	1	150		358	1.758	2	31.556,40 ISK	3.400,00 ISK	2.443,60 ISK	3.518.784,00 ISK	7,74%	1,00	1.440,00	10	14.400,00	45.441.21
10		25	4	11	10		6.792,50 ISK	7.200,00 ISK	407,50 ISK	586.800,00 ISK	6,00%	1,00	1.440,00	1	1.440,00	9.781.20
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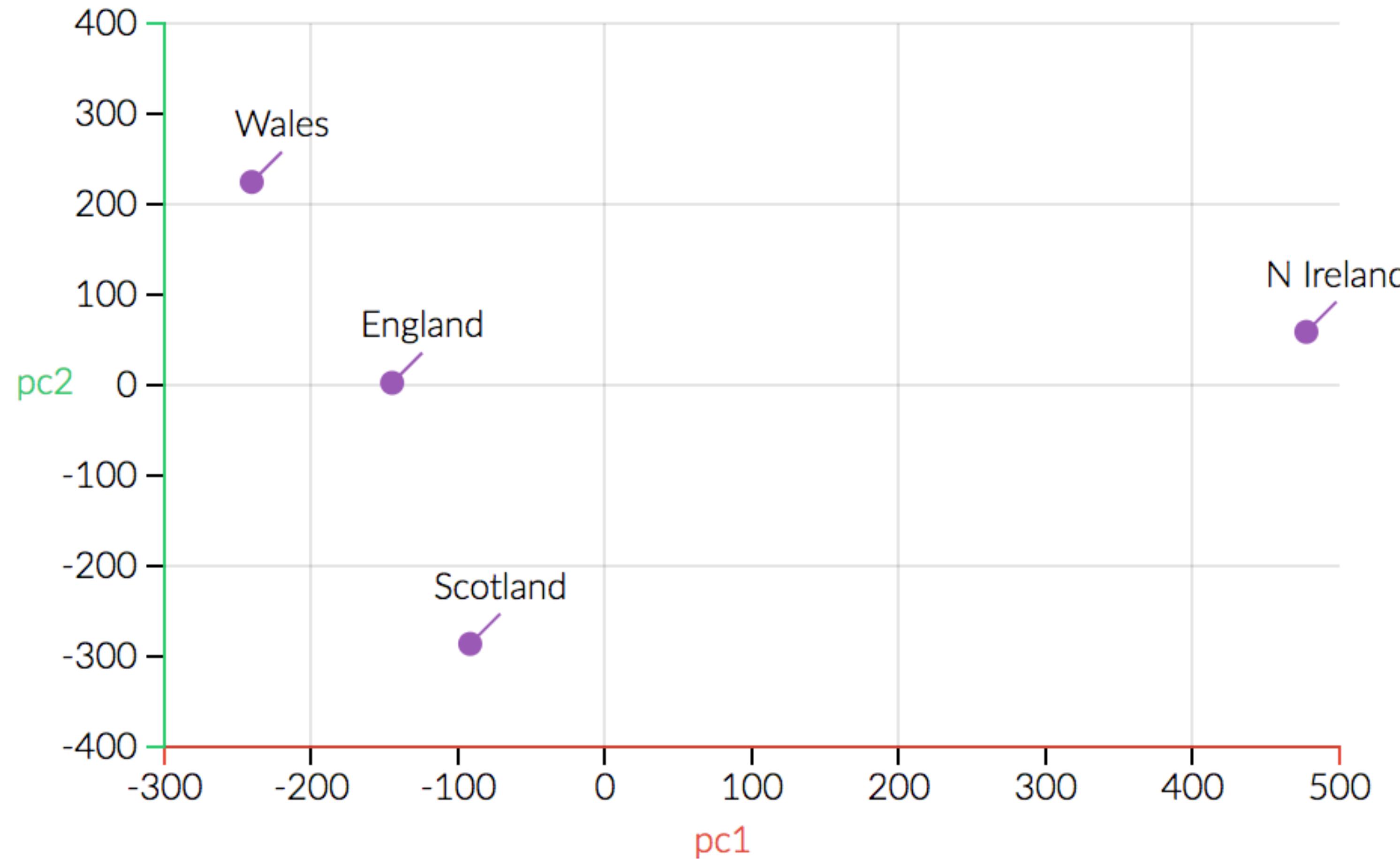


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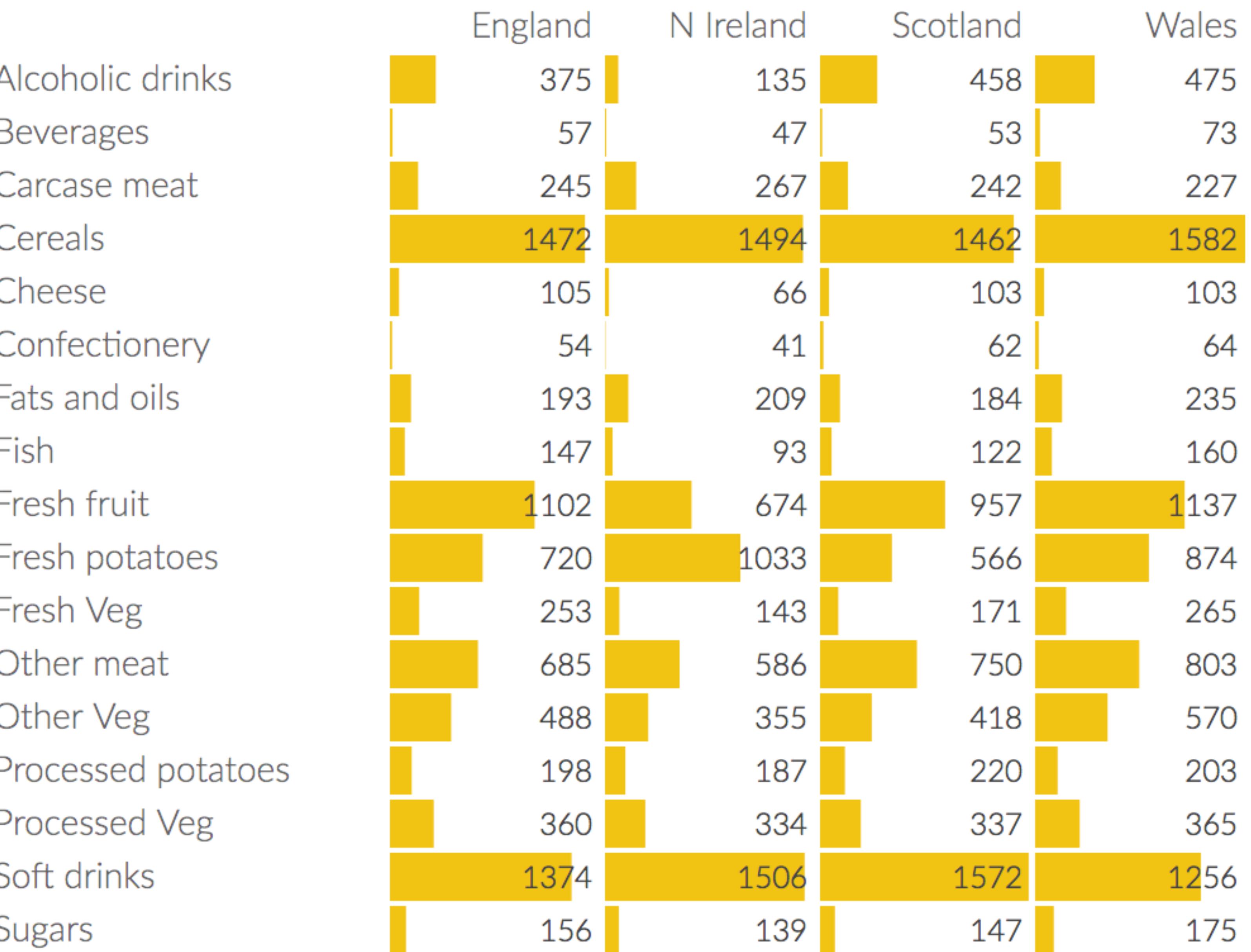


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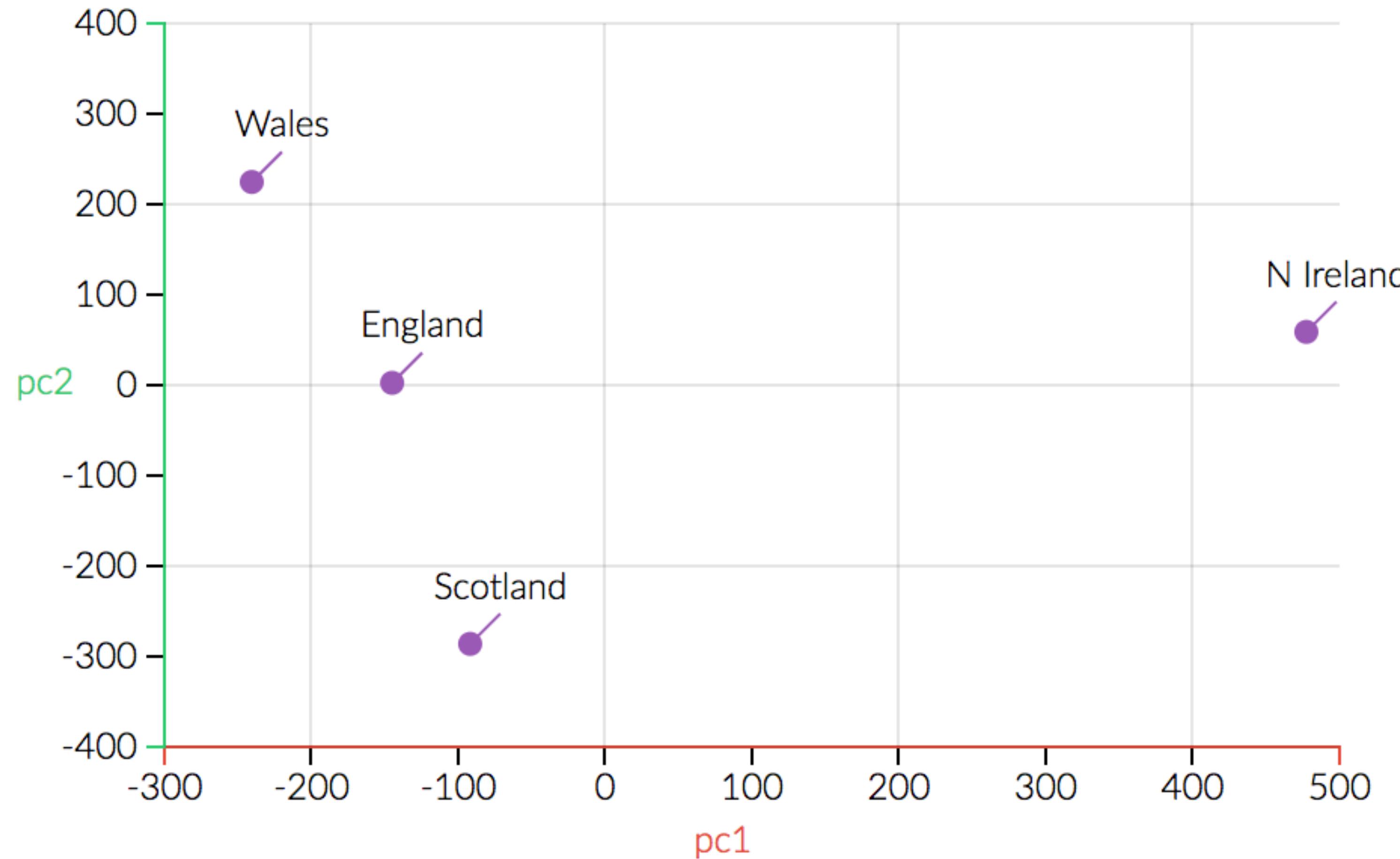


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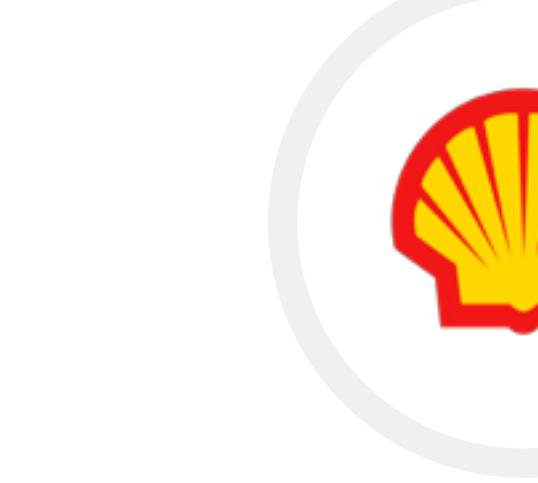
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# What's going on here?

Feature selection

Feature extraction

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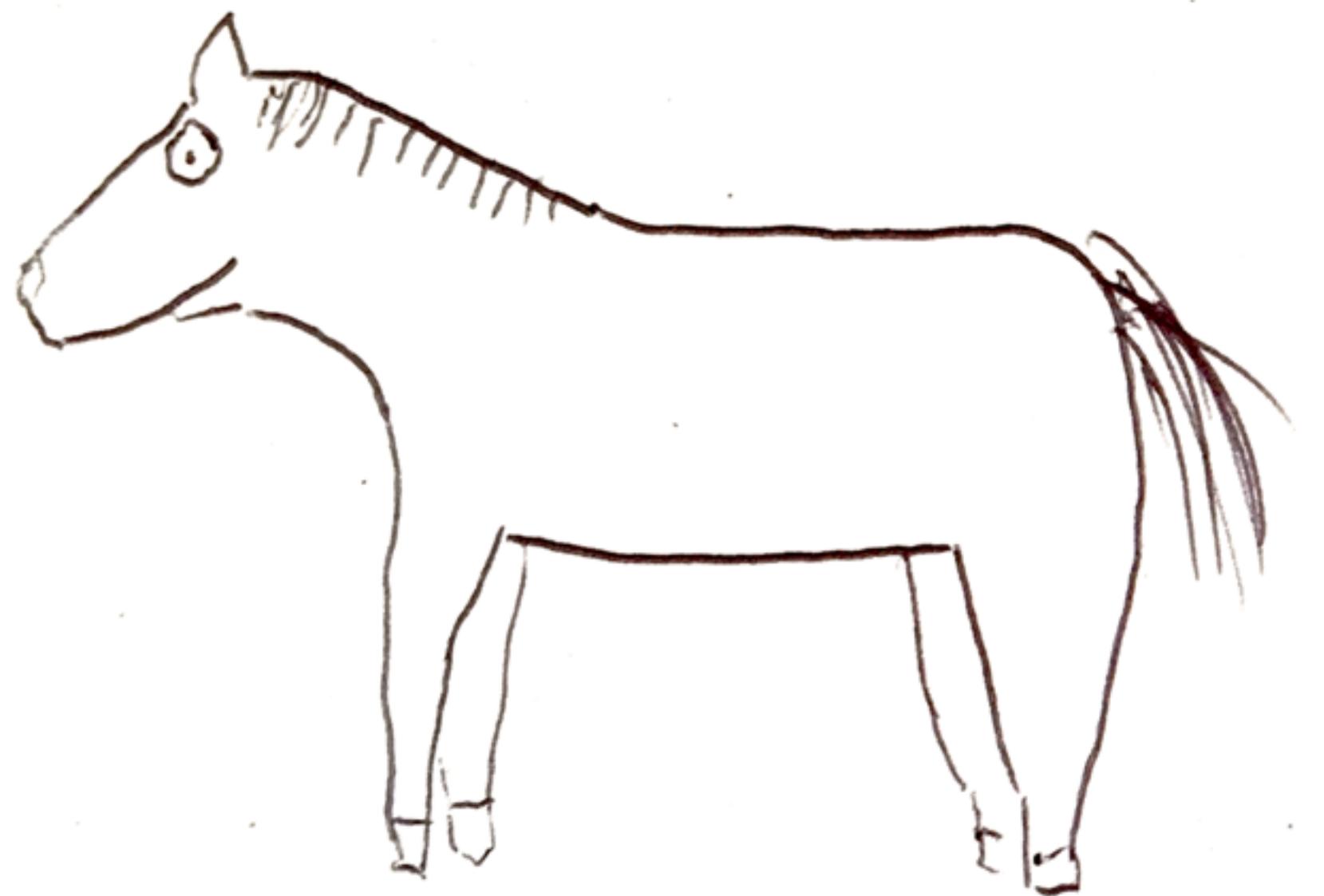
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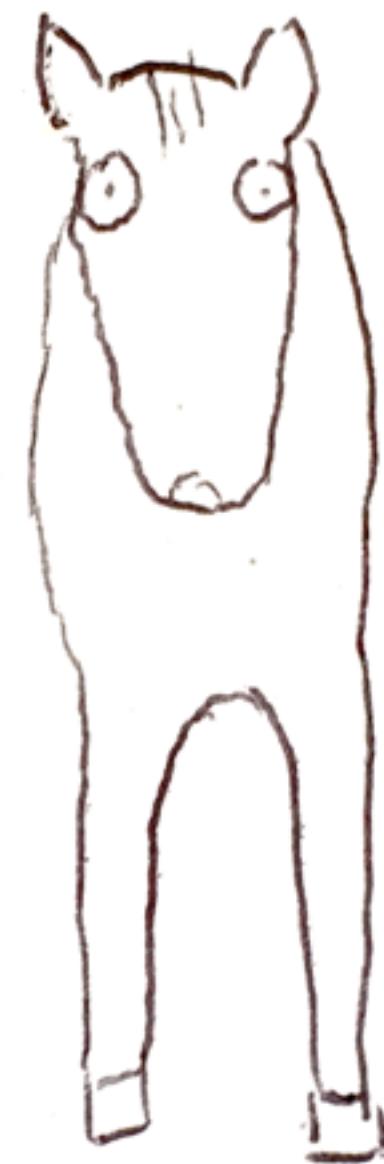
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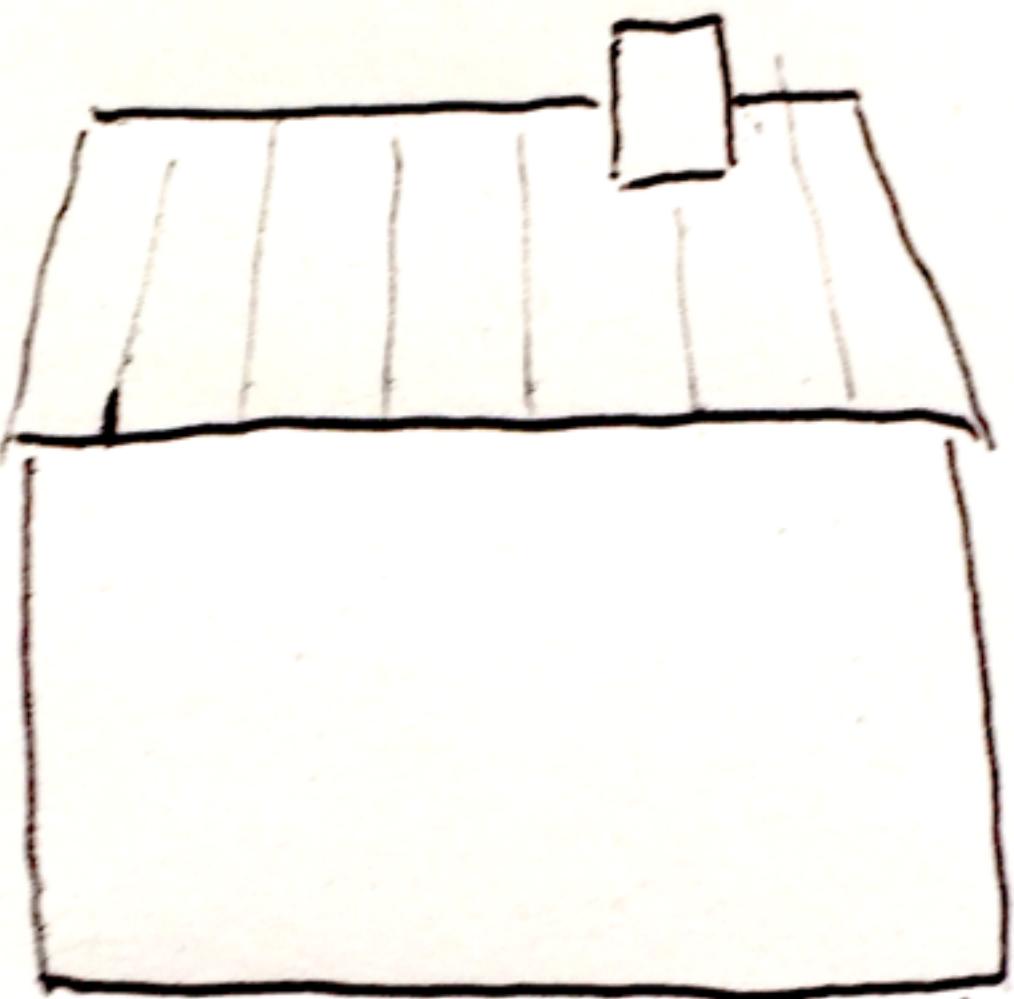
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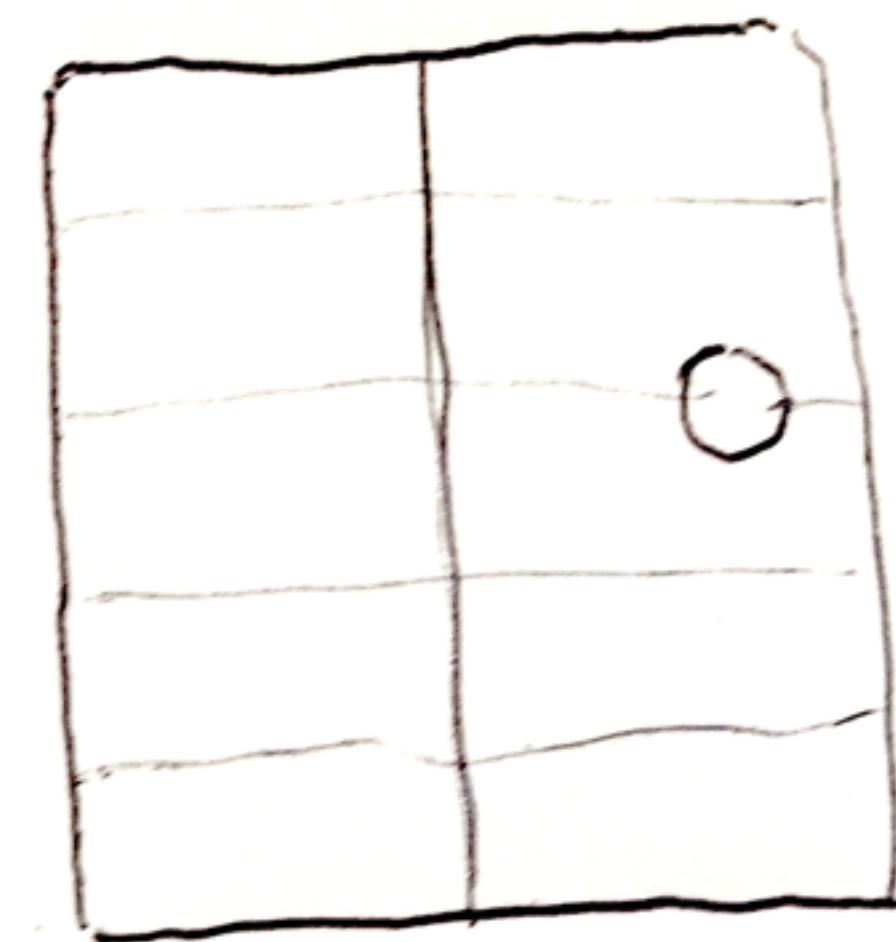
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Audi S4	180.1	289.8
MINI Cooper S	100.6	161.9
Nissan GT-R	209.8	337.6
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Renault Clio Williams	133.1	214.2
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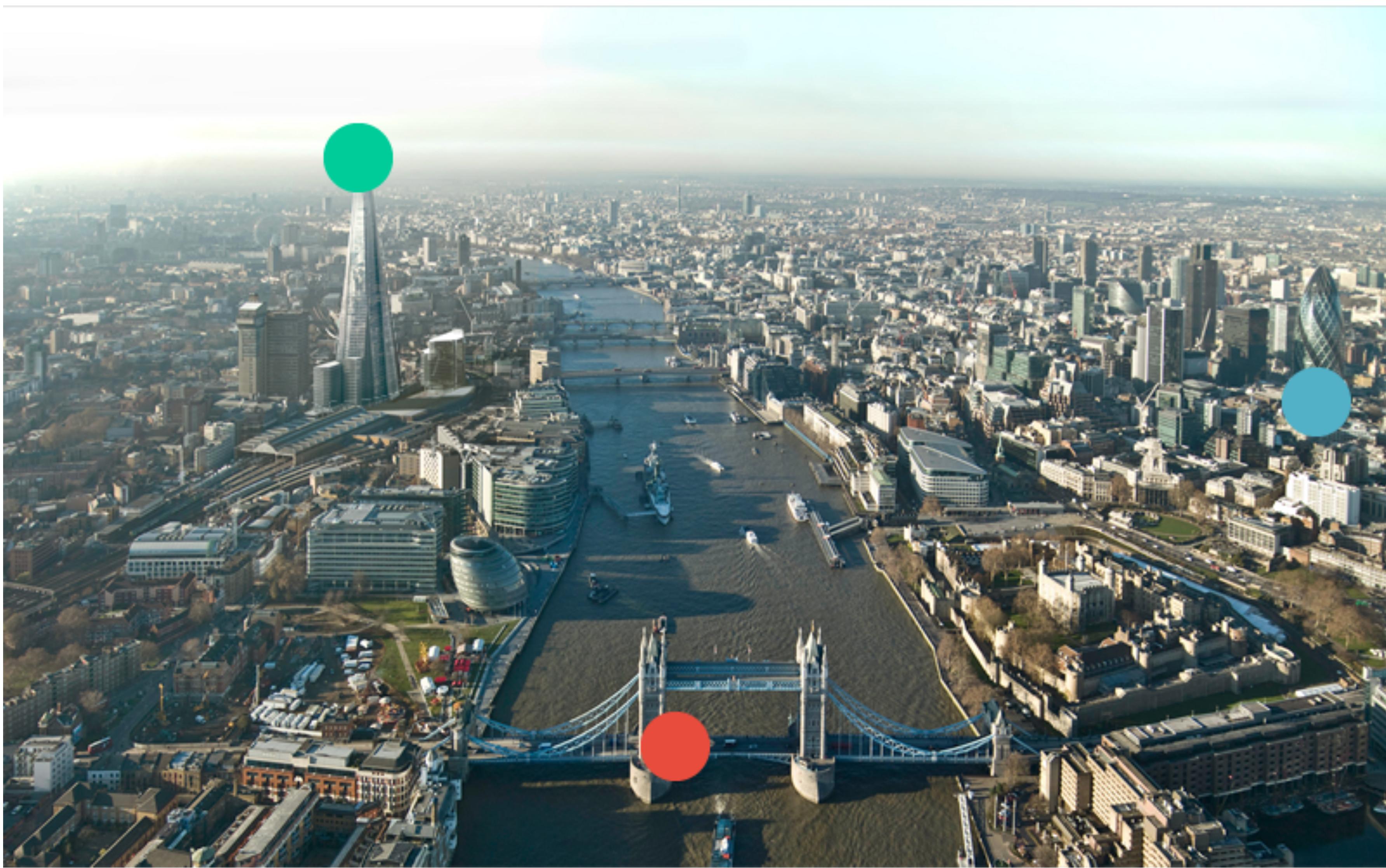
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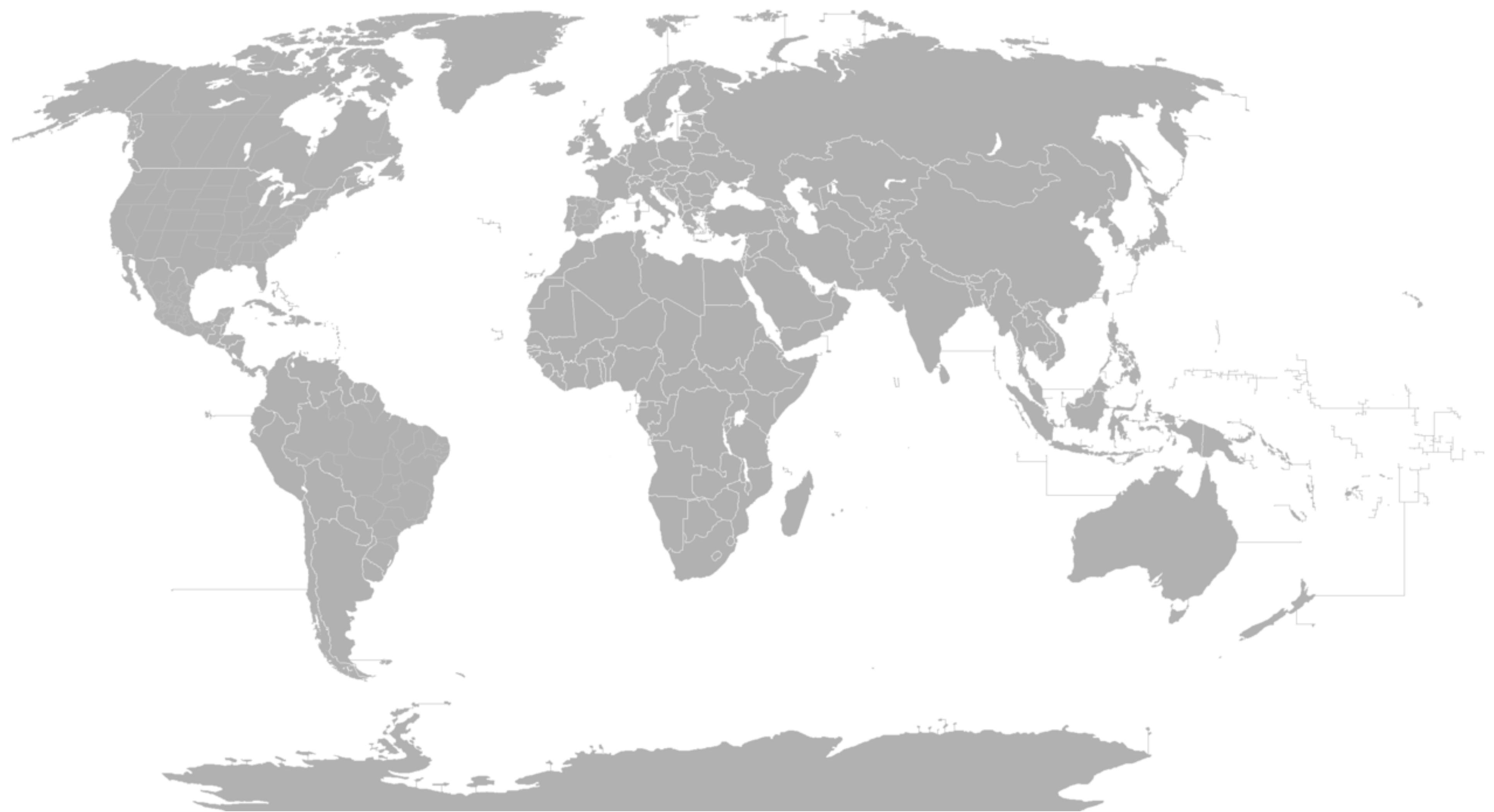
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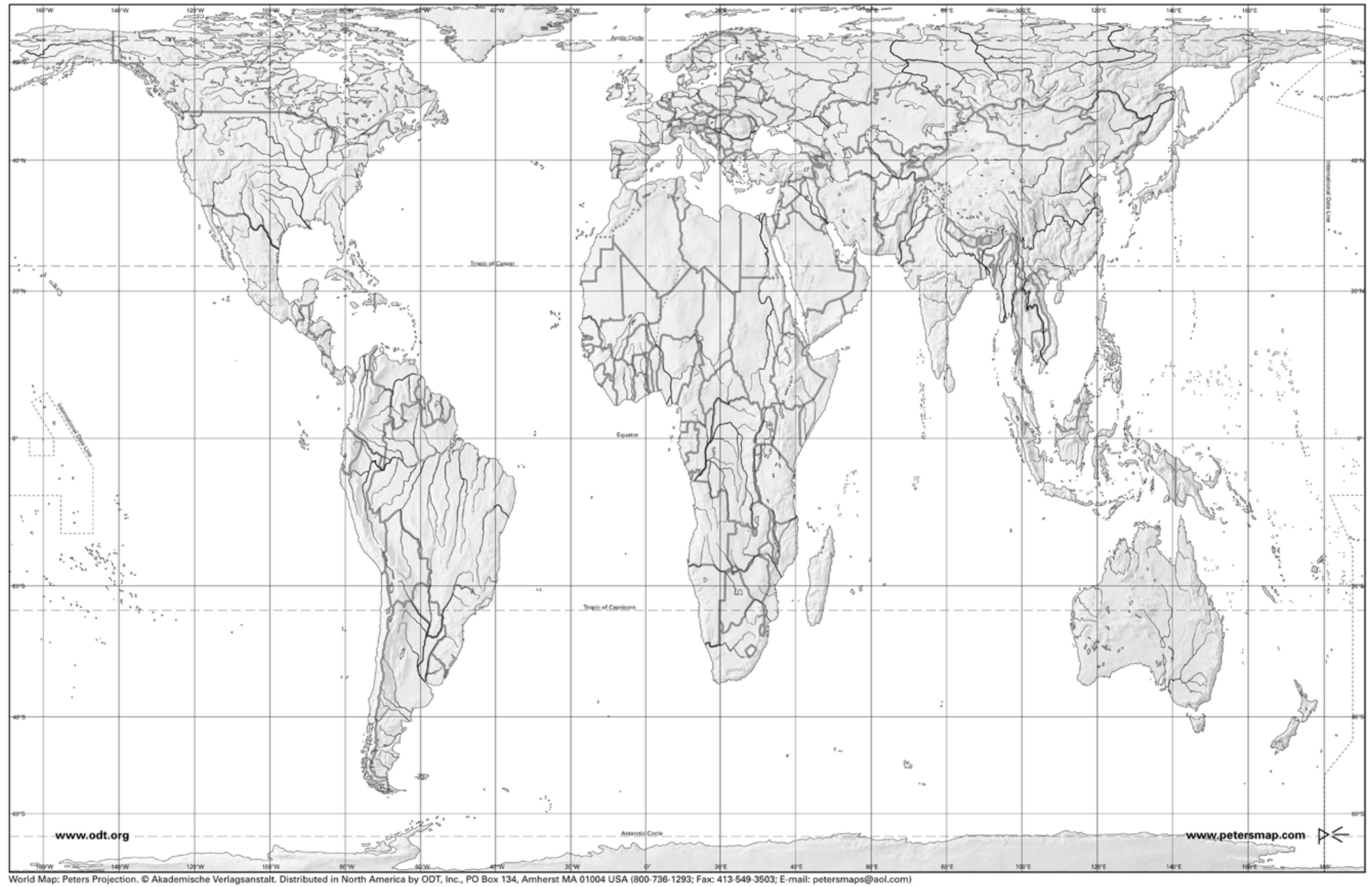
- Creating new dimensions
- Combining existing dimensions
- Compensating for lost dimensions



# Decision time

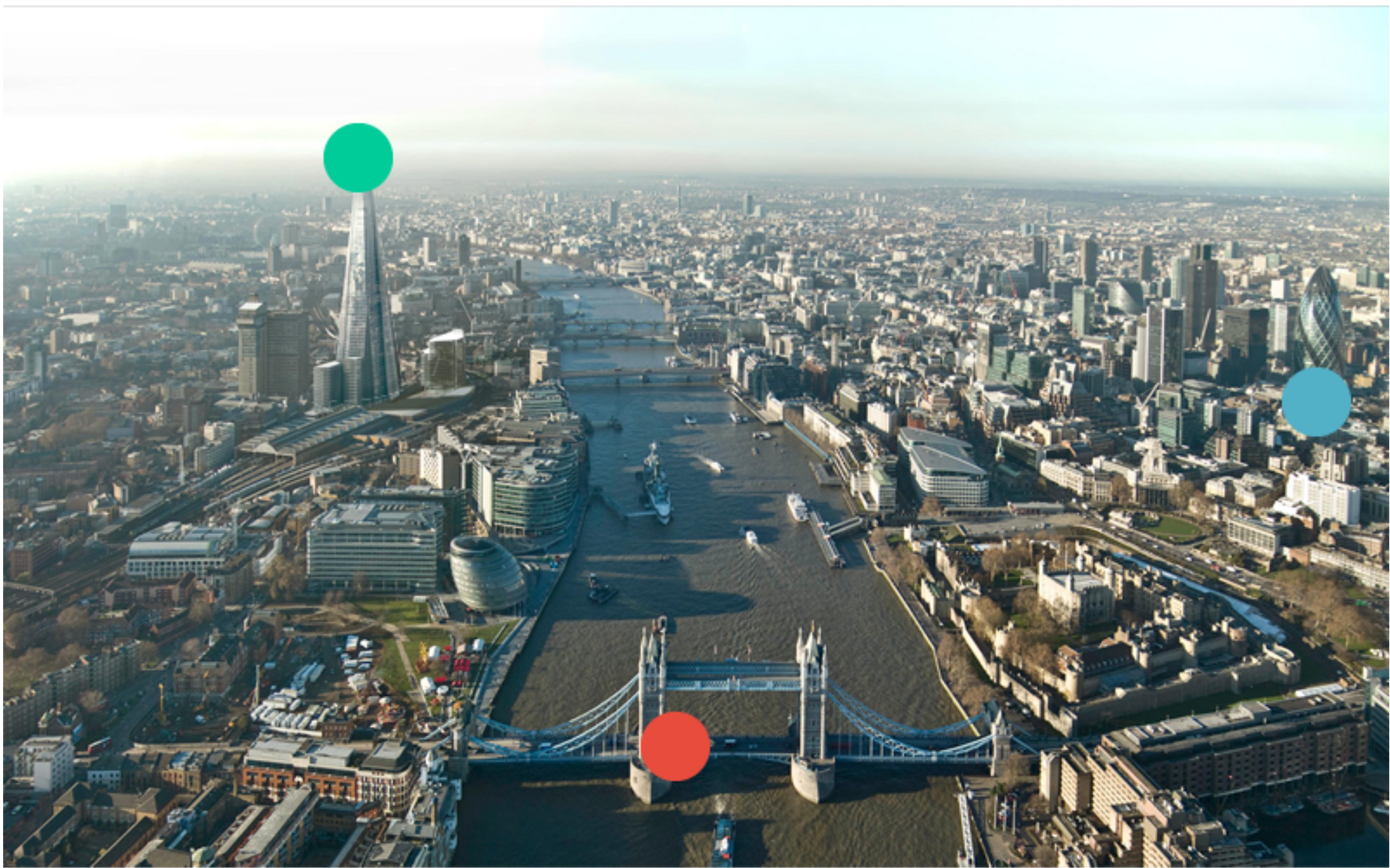
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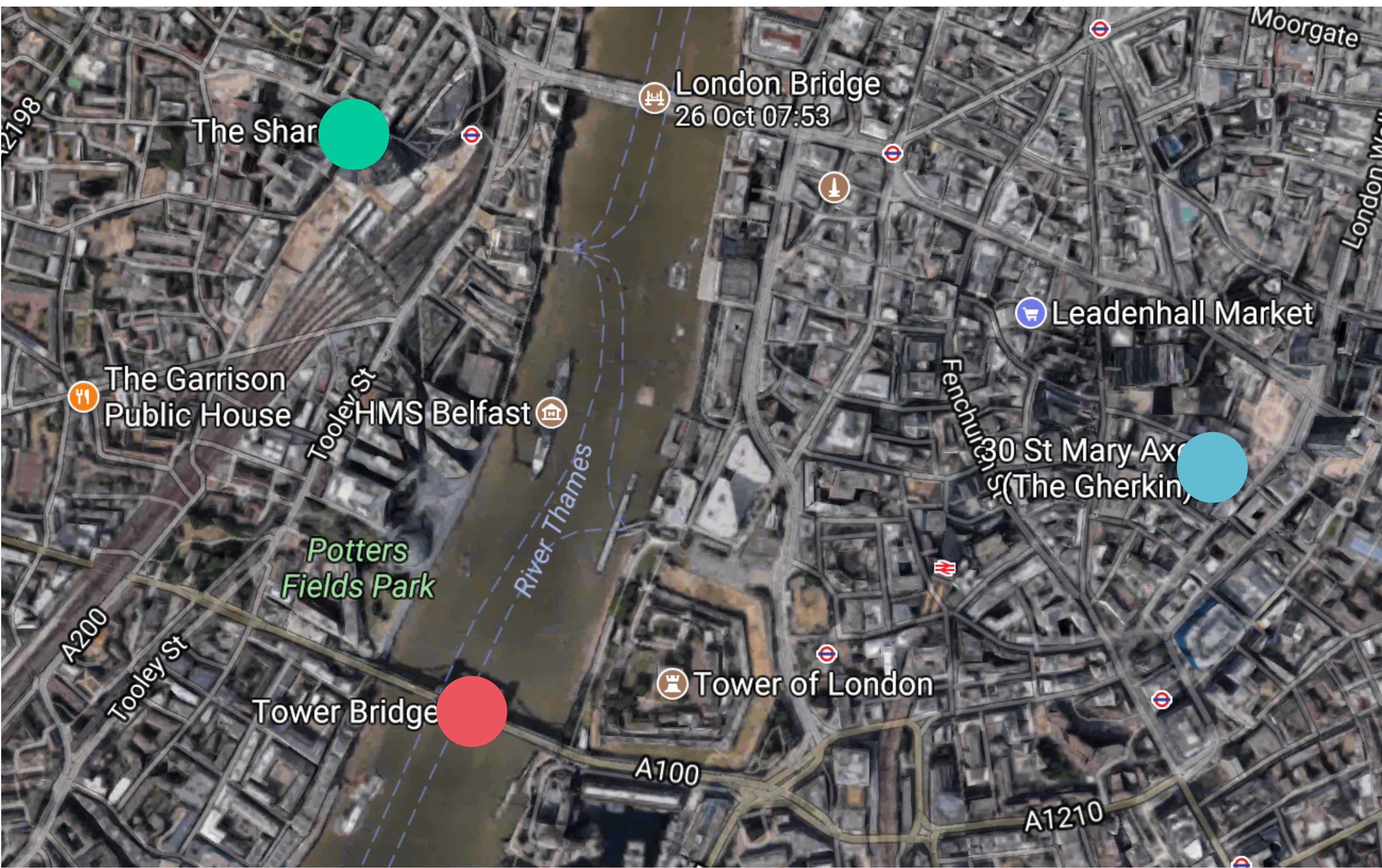


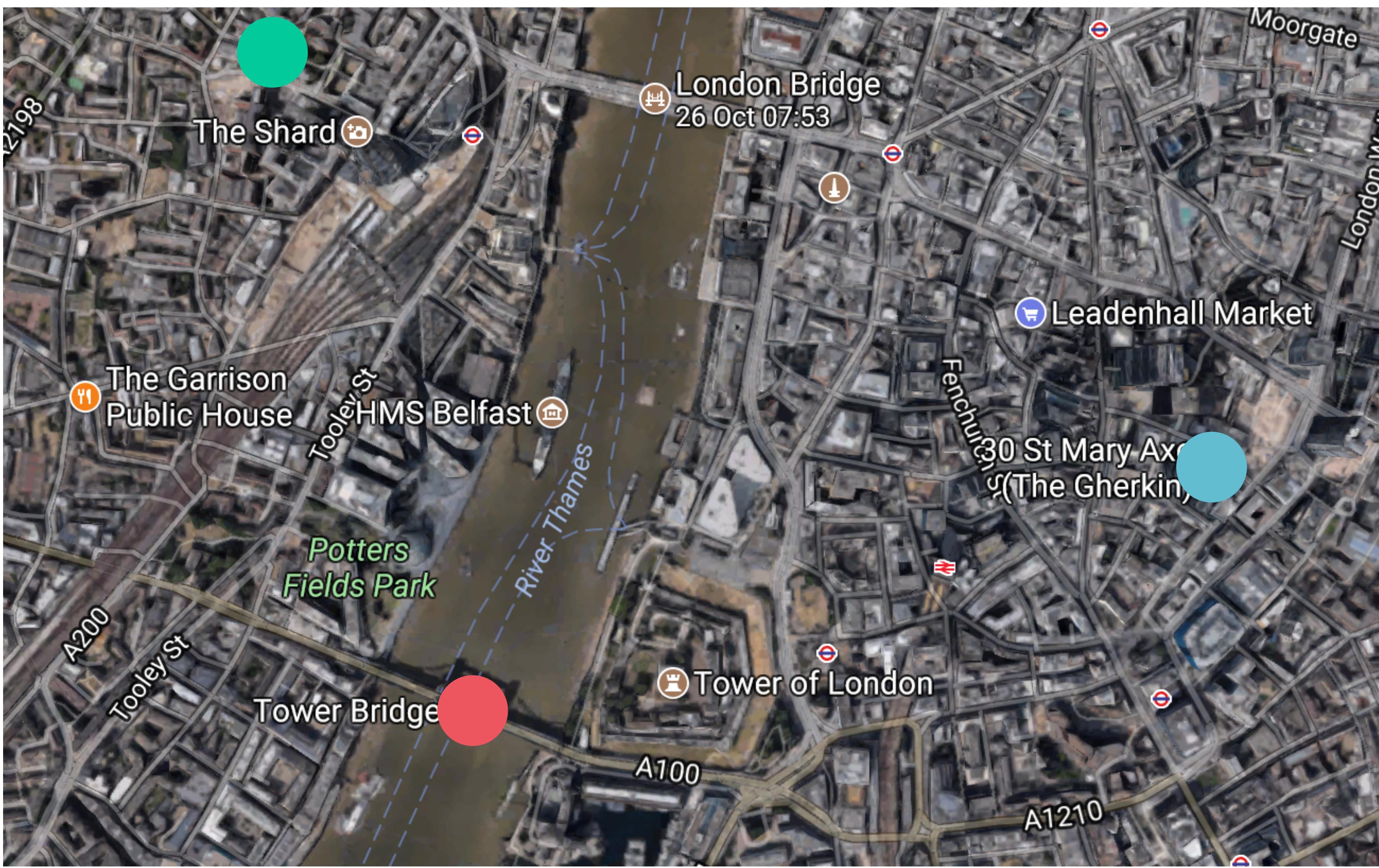


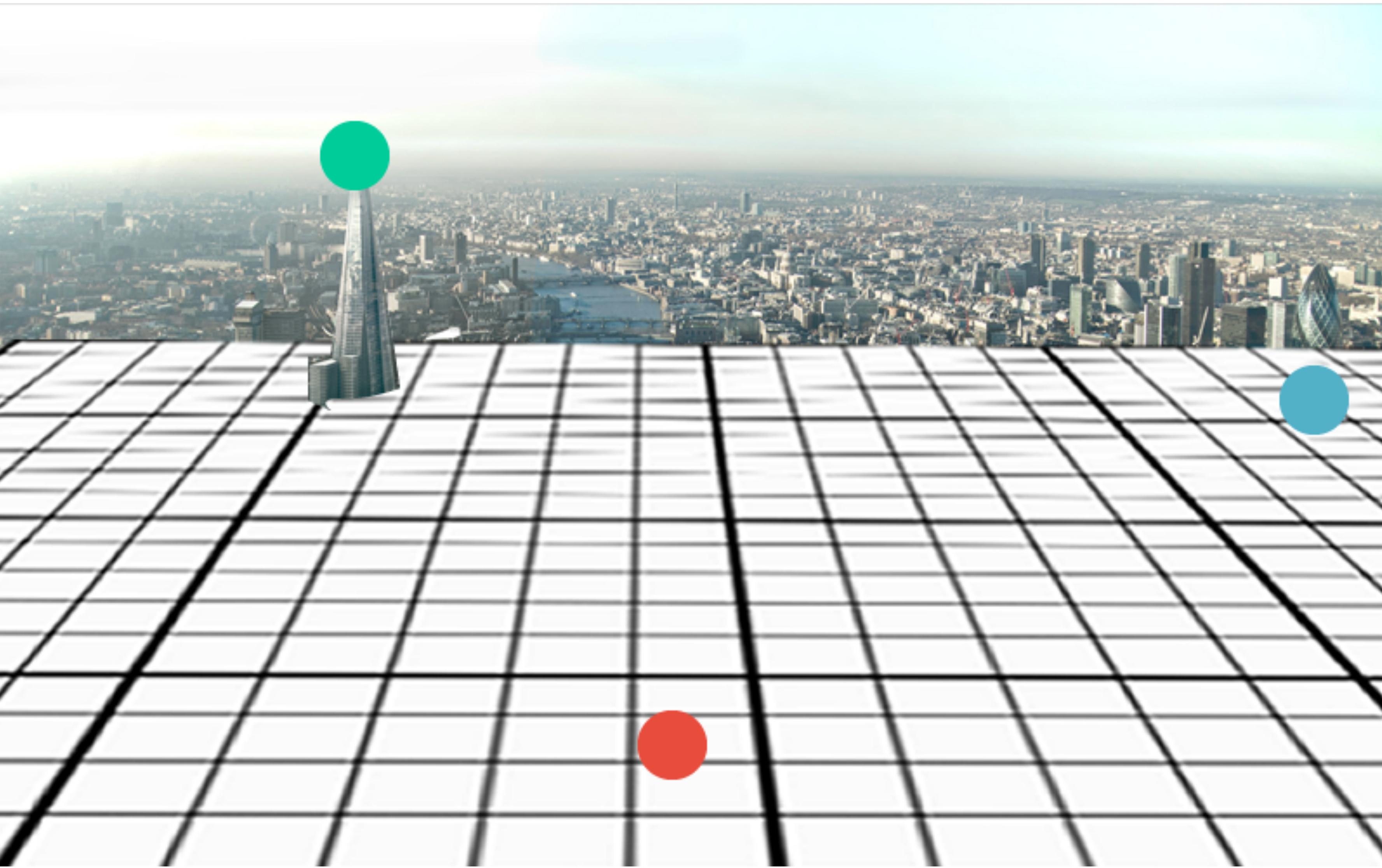
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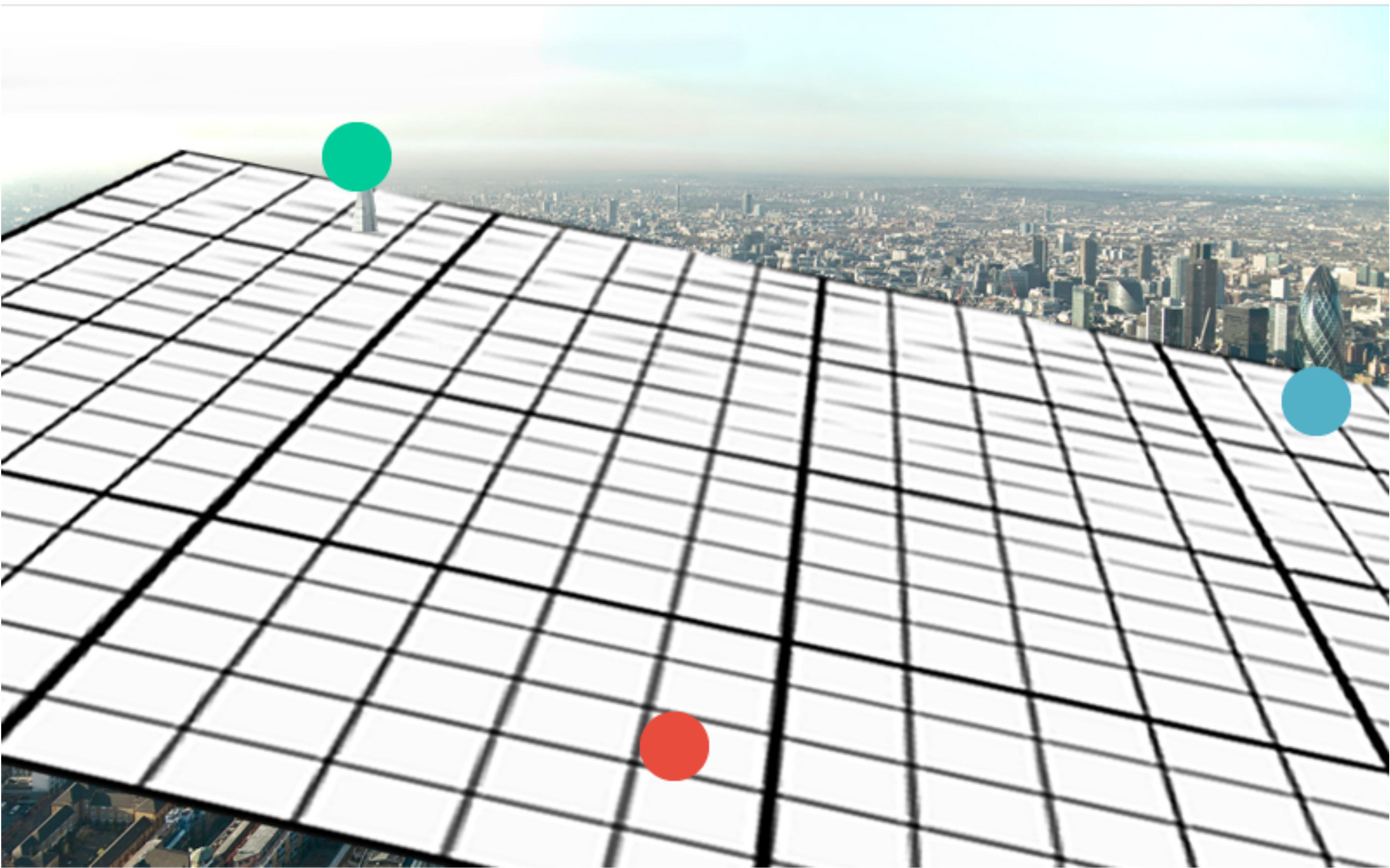
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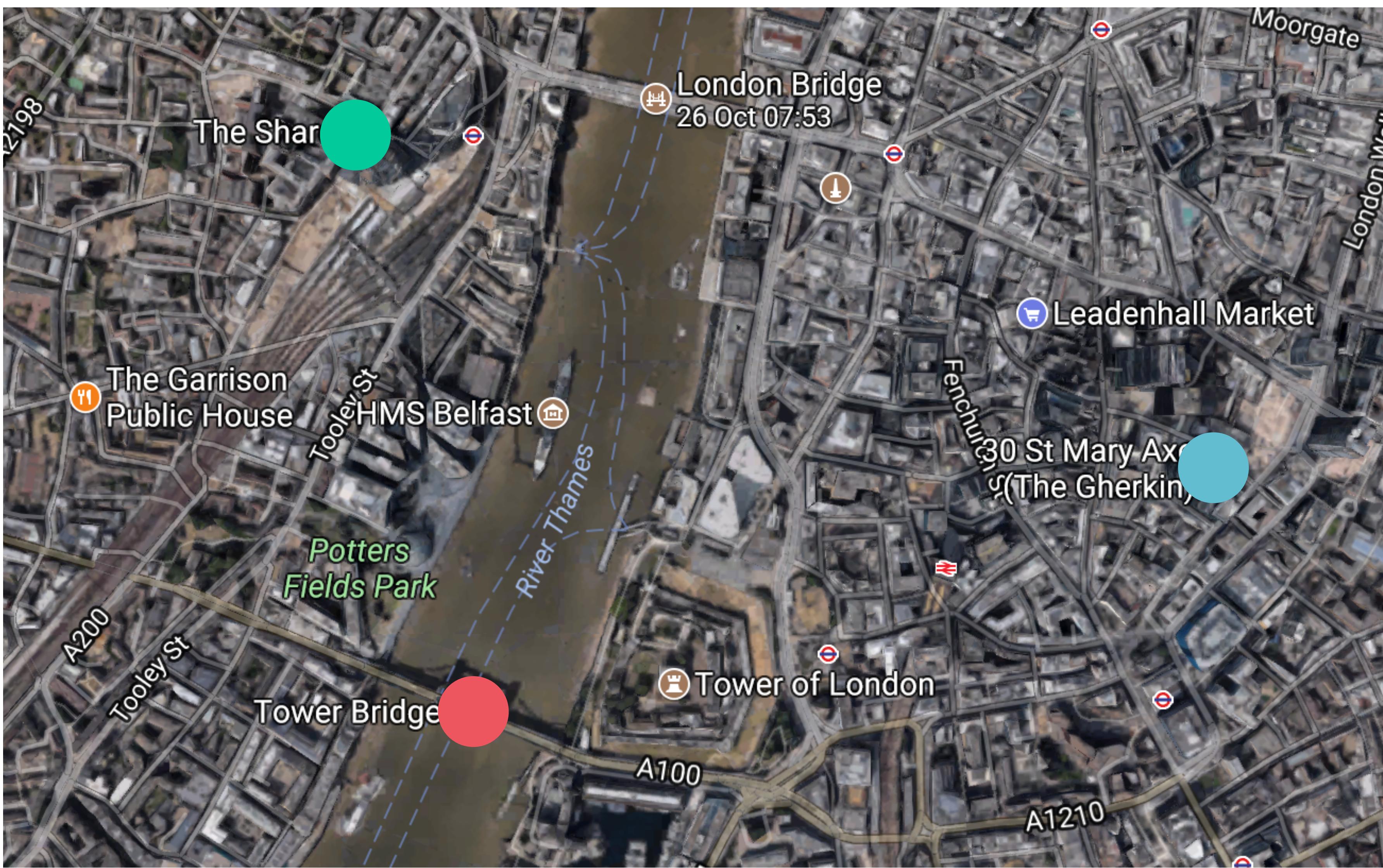


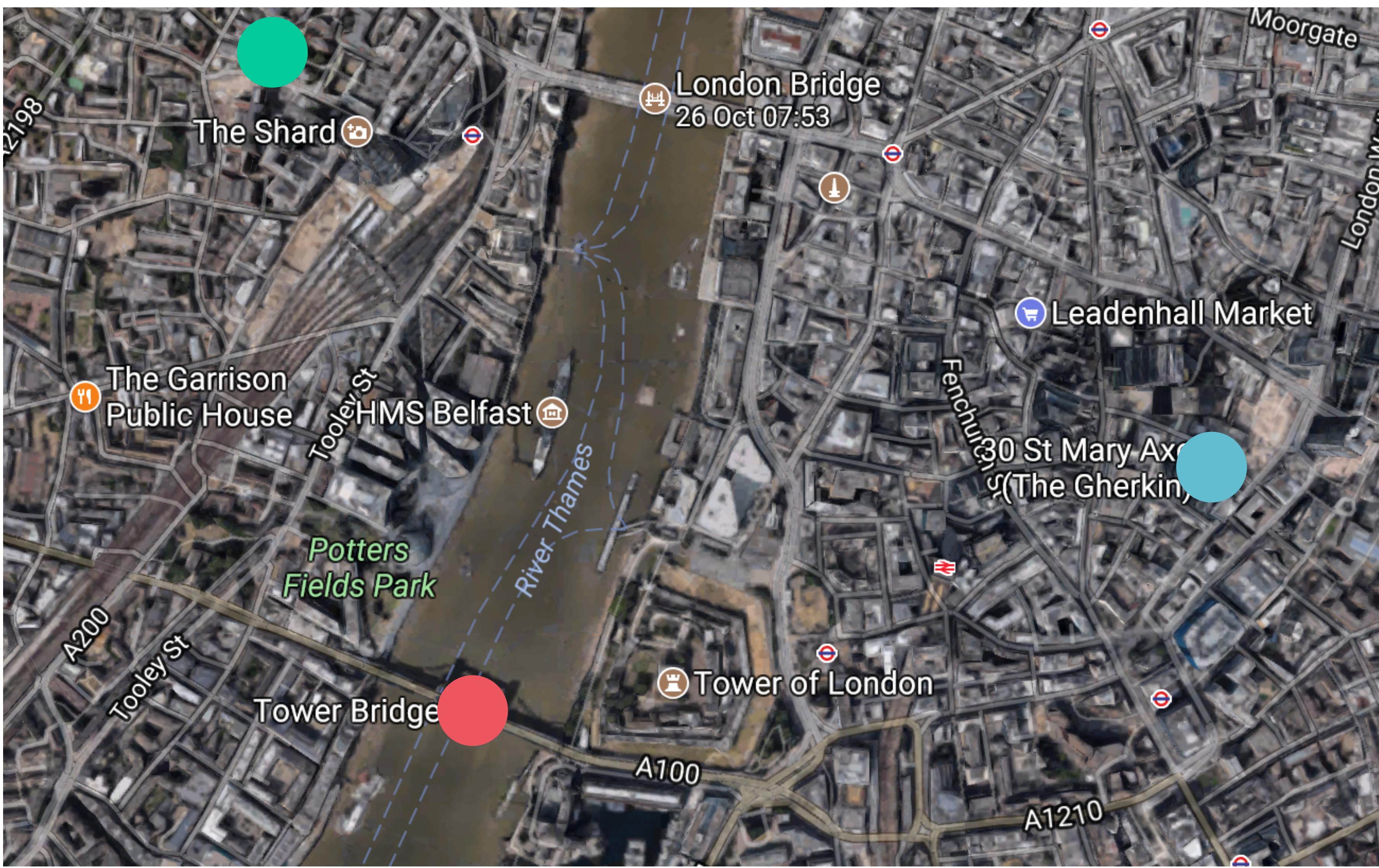












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Audi S4	340	5.1	180.1	44,015	37	240
MINI Cooper S	75	10.5	100.6	18,780	51	115
Nissan GT-R	565	2.765	209.8	81,350	24	535
Porsche 911 GT3	381	4.2	193.9	77,891	28	520
Renault Clio Williams	142	7.717	133.1	11,585	55	0
Volkswagen Golf R	296	4.94	163.6	31,255	38	190
BMW i8	357	3.6	198.7	105,580	39	440

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Porsche 911 GT3	7	9
Renault Clio Williams	3	1
Volkswagen Golf R	5	3
BMW i8	6	10

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# **FOUR DIMENSIONALITY REDUCTION TECHNIQUES**

# The techniques

- Random Projection
- Principal Component Analysis
- Isomap
- t-SNE

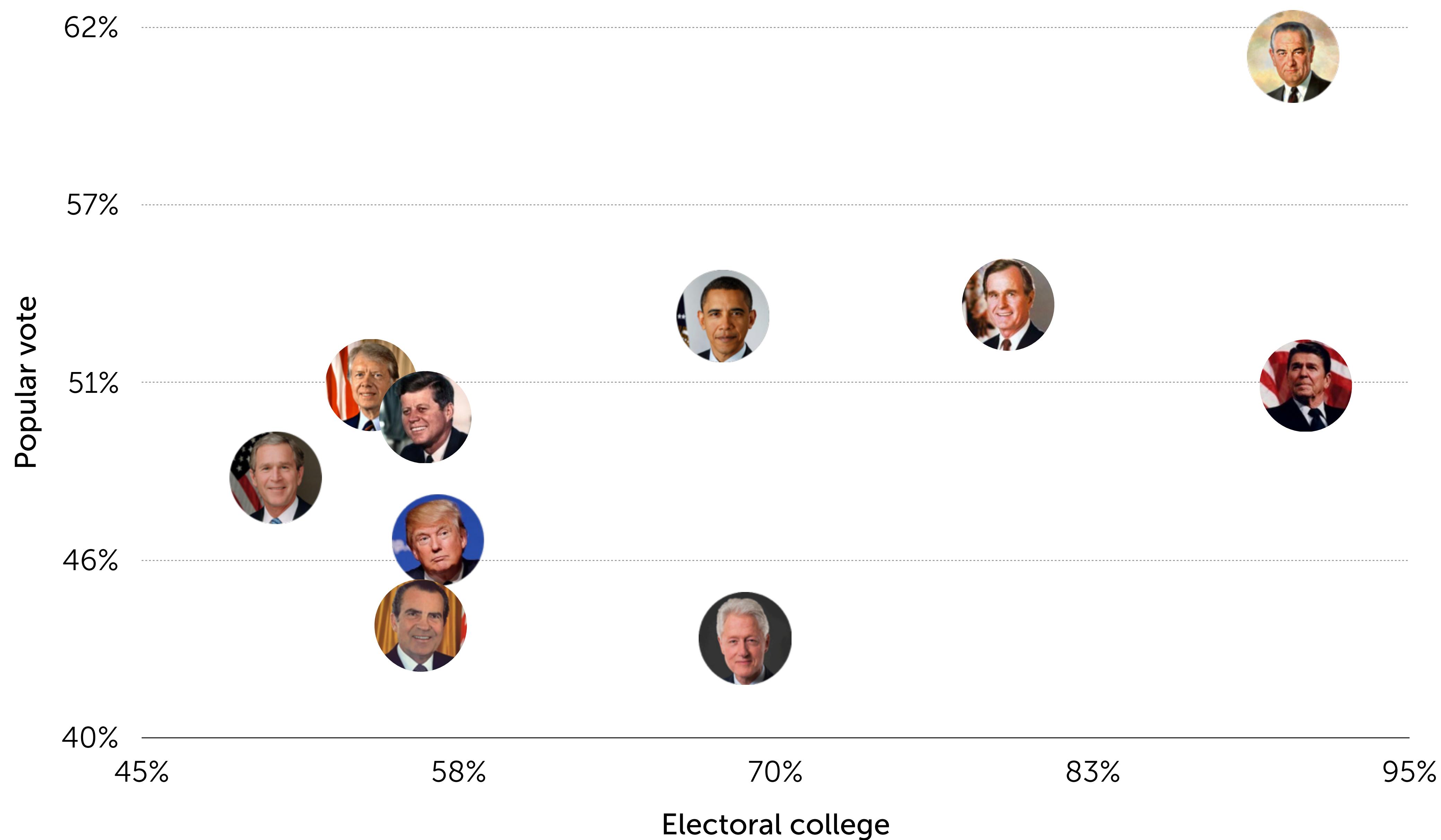
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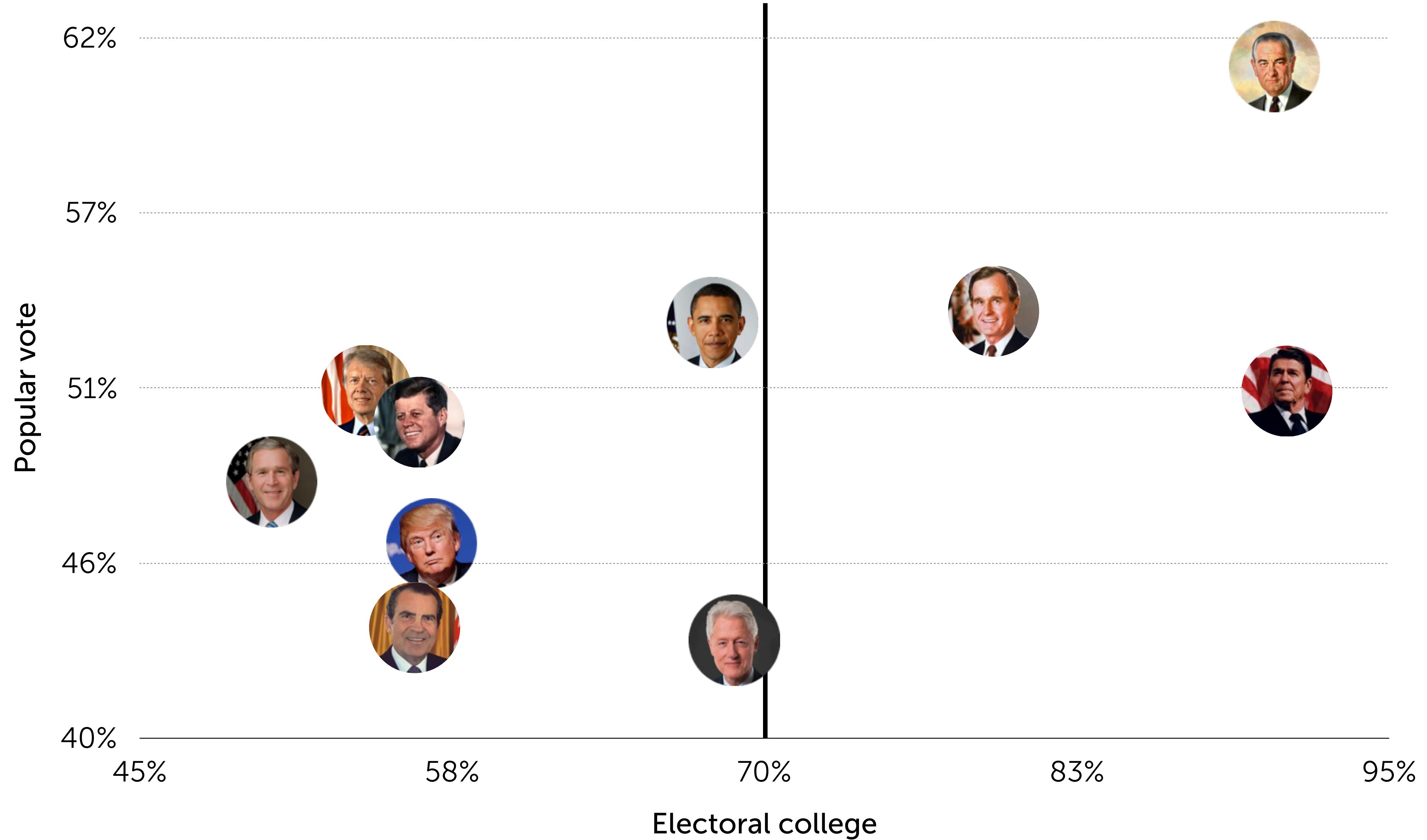
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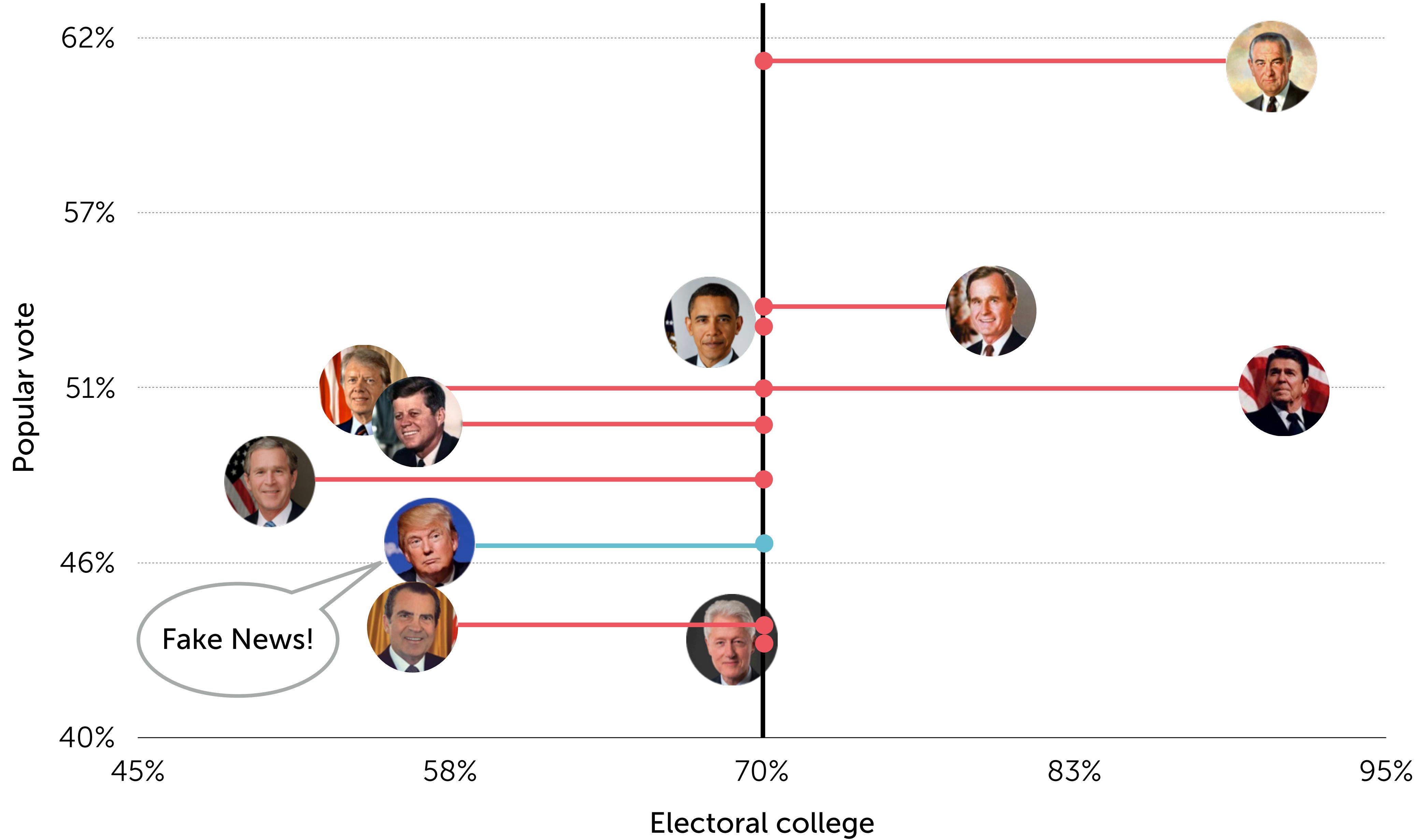
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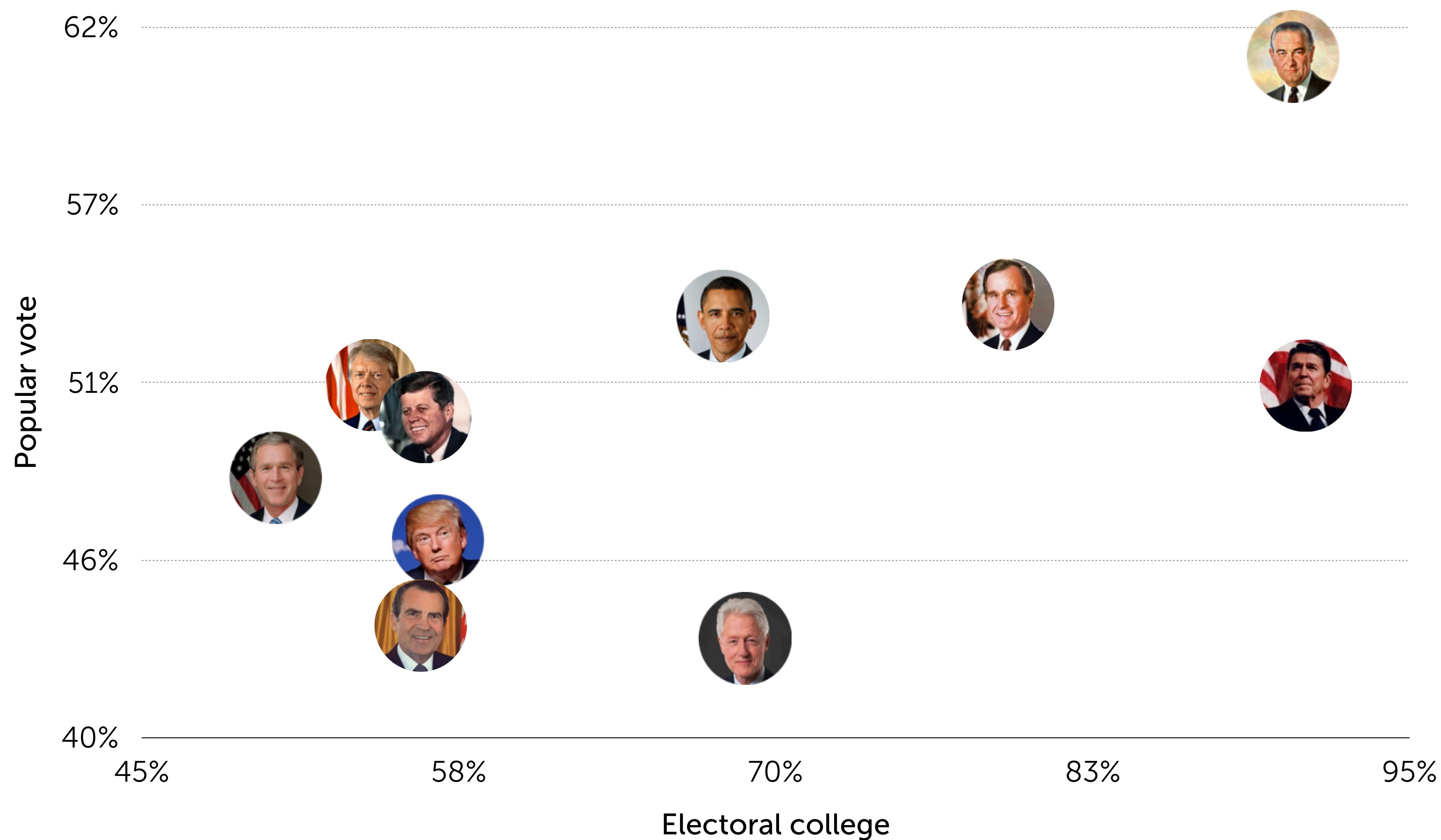
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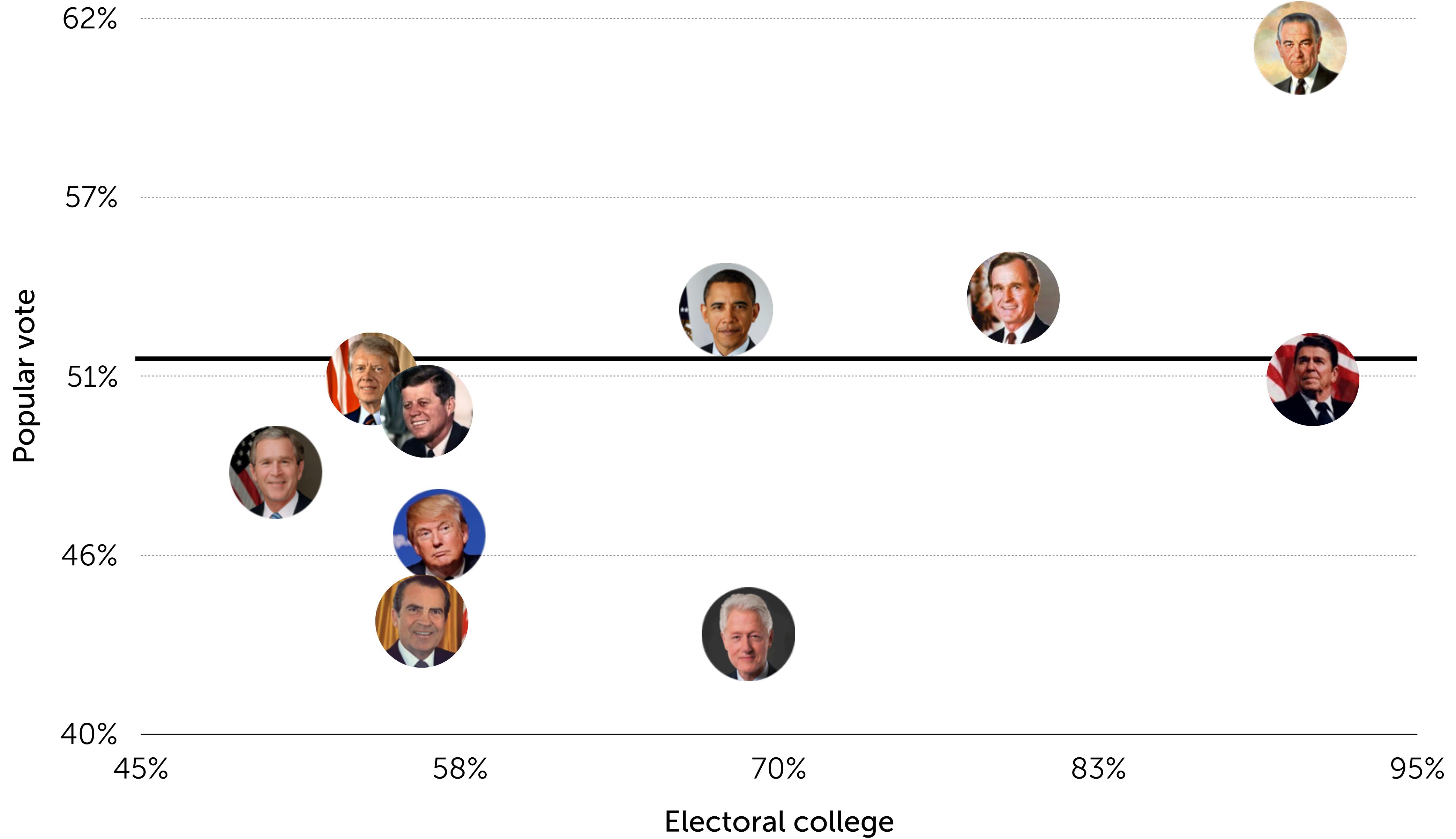


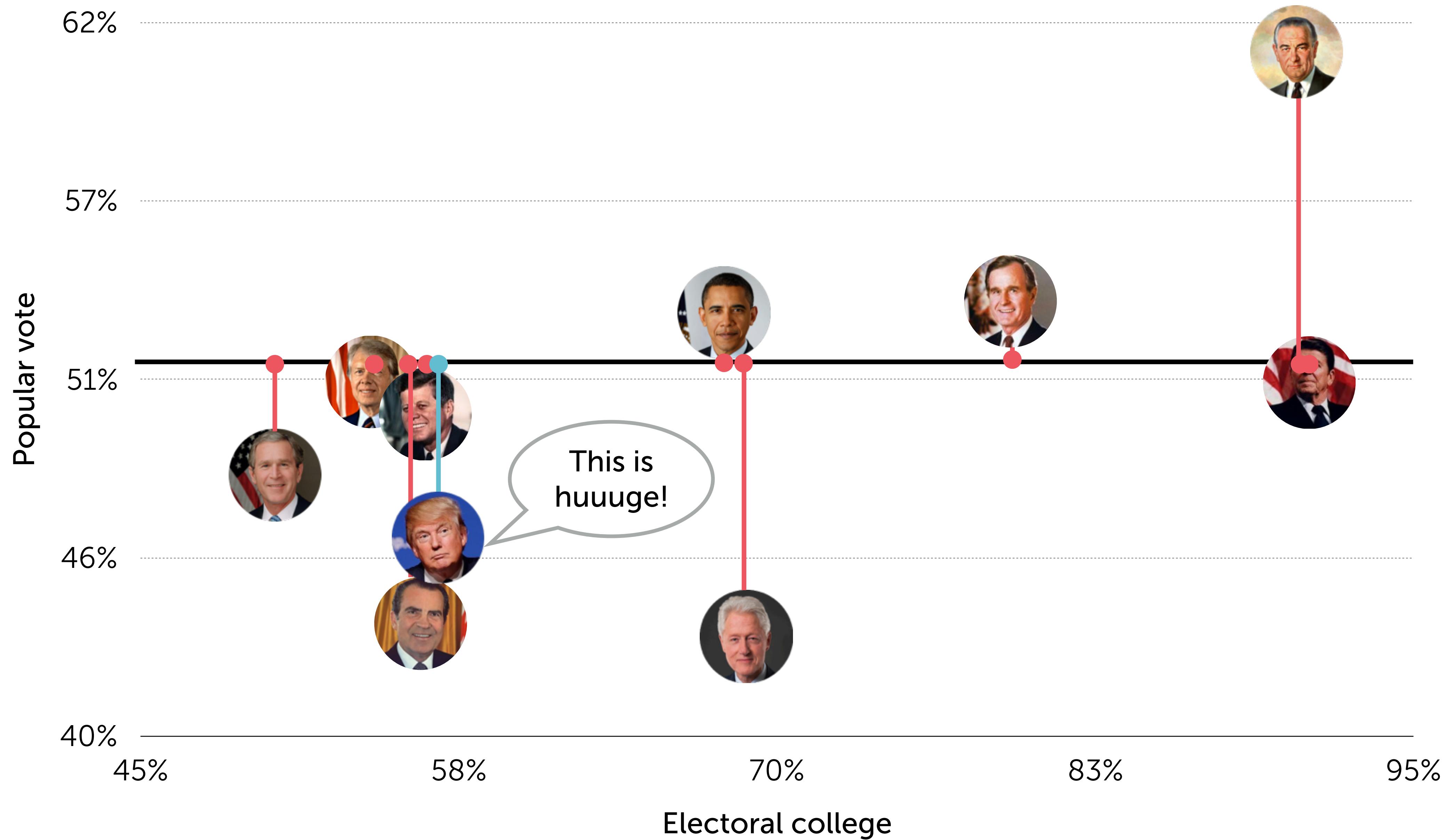


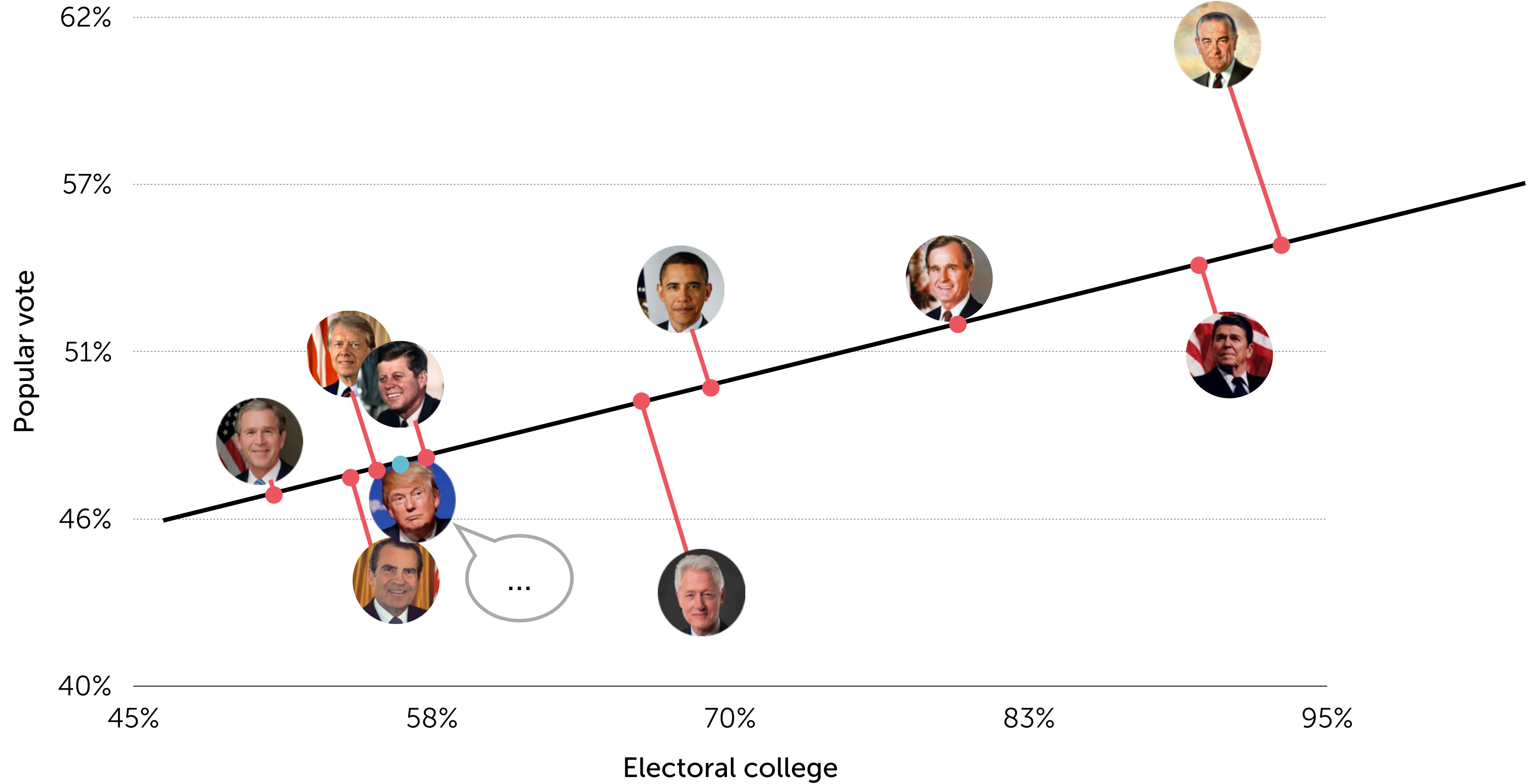


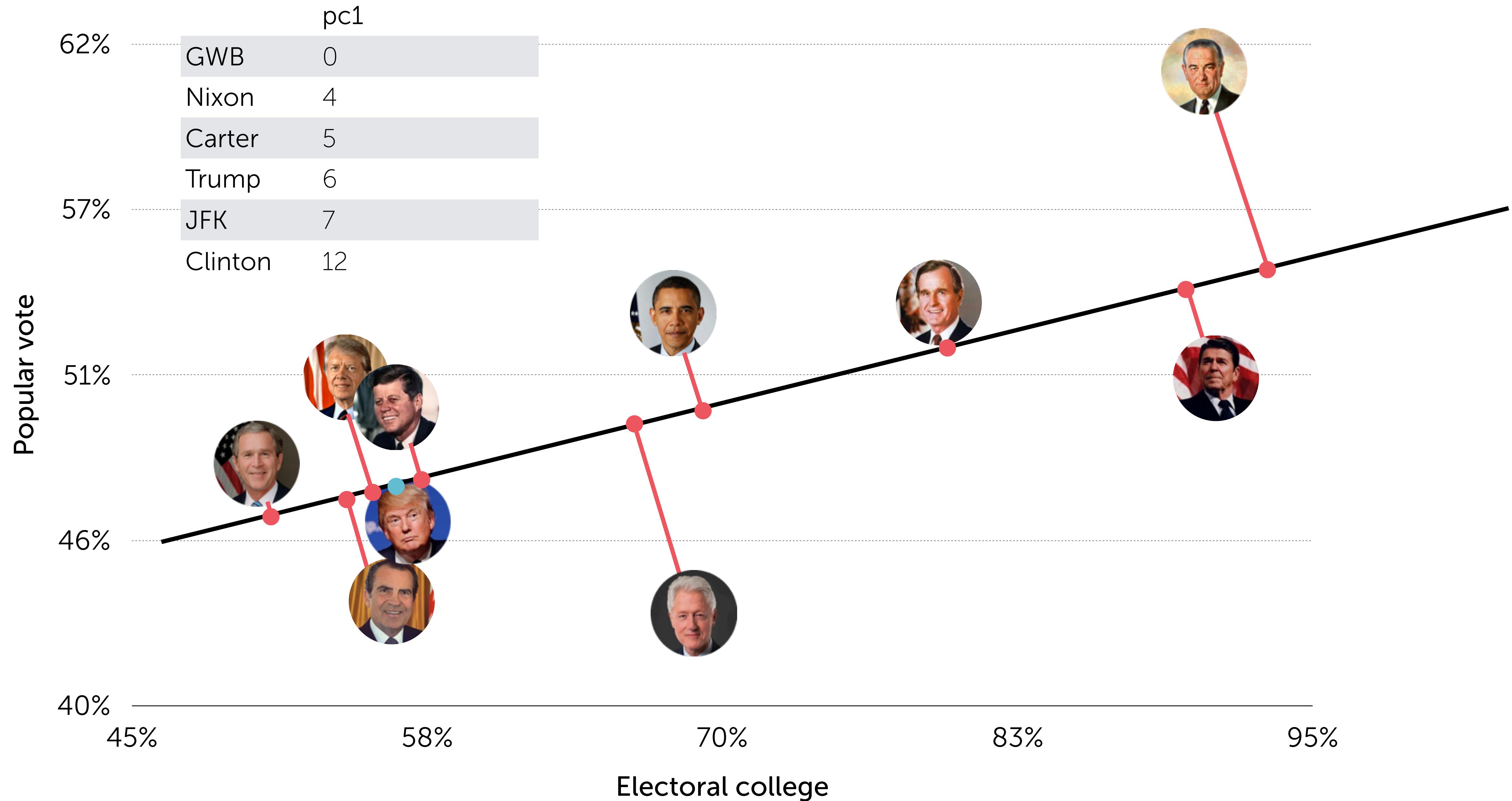


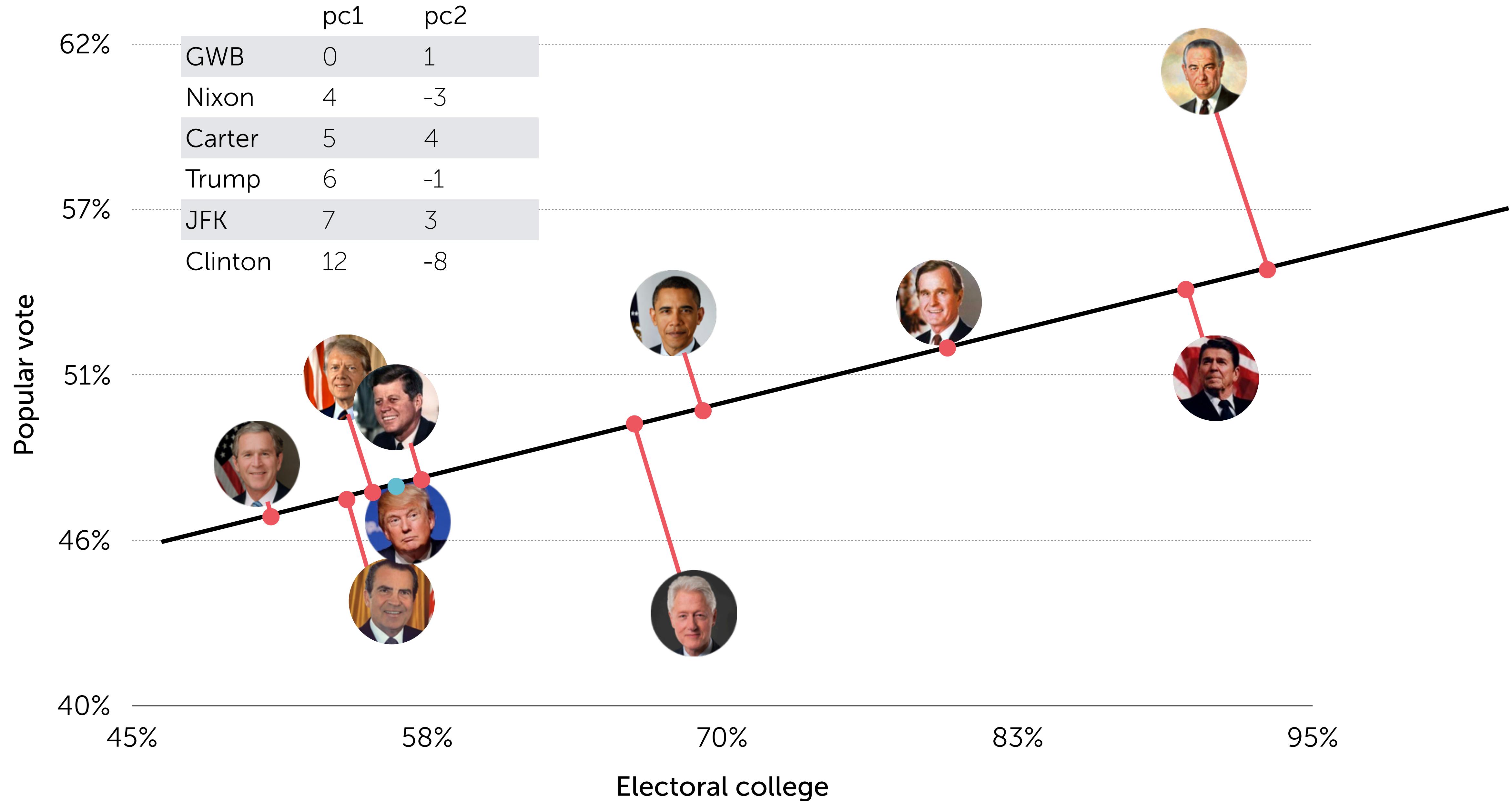


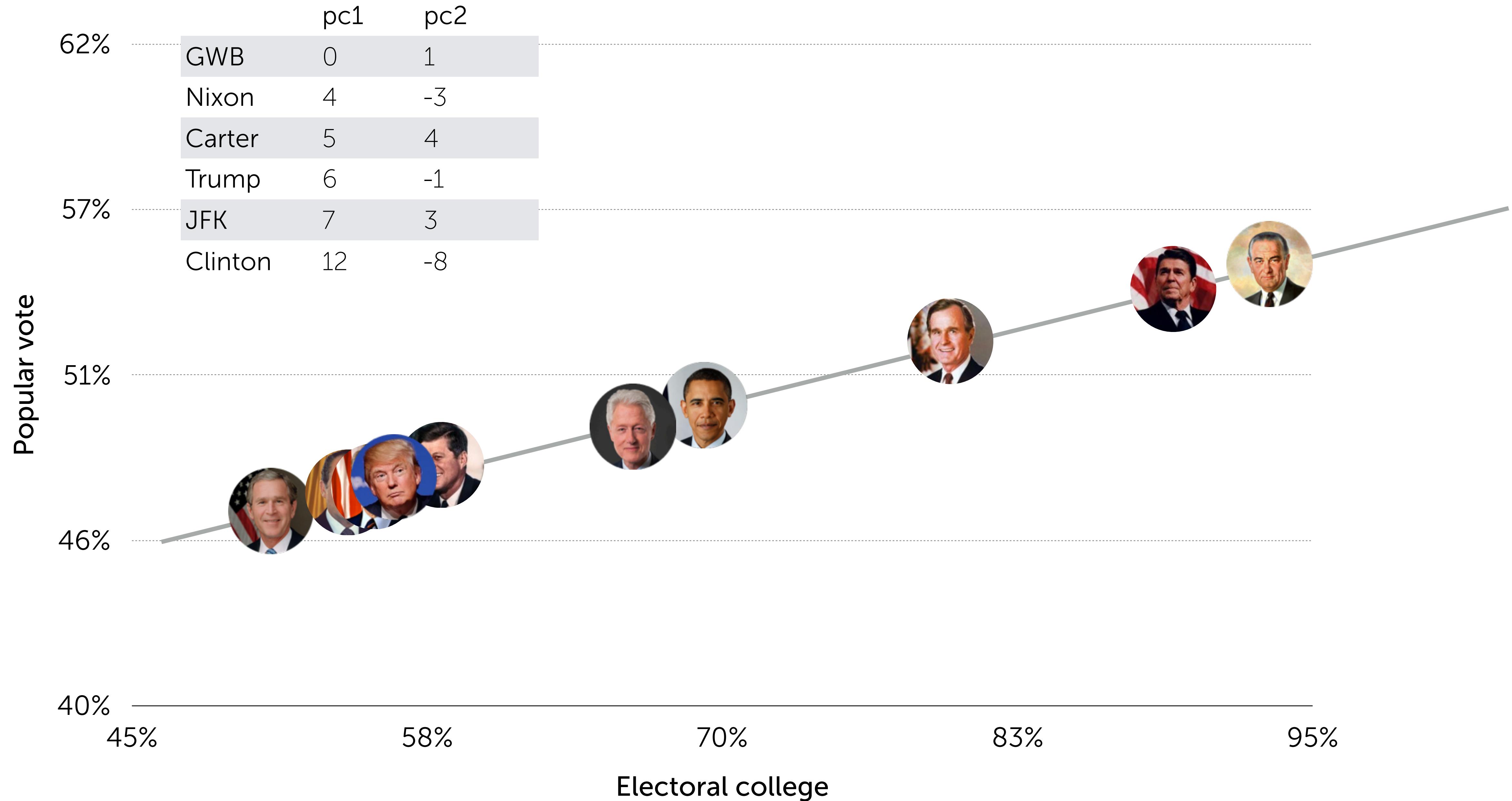


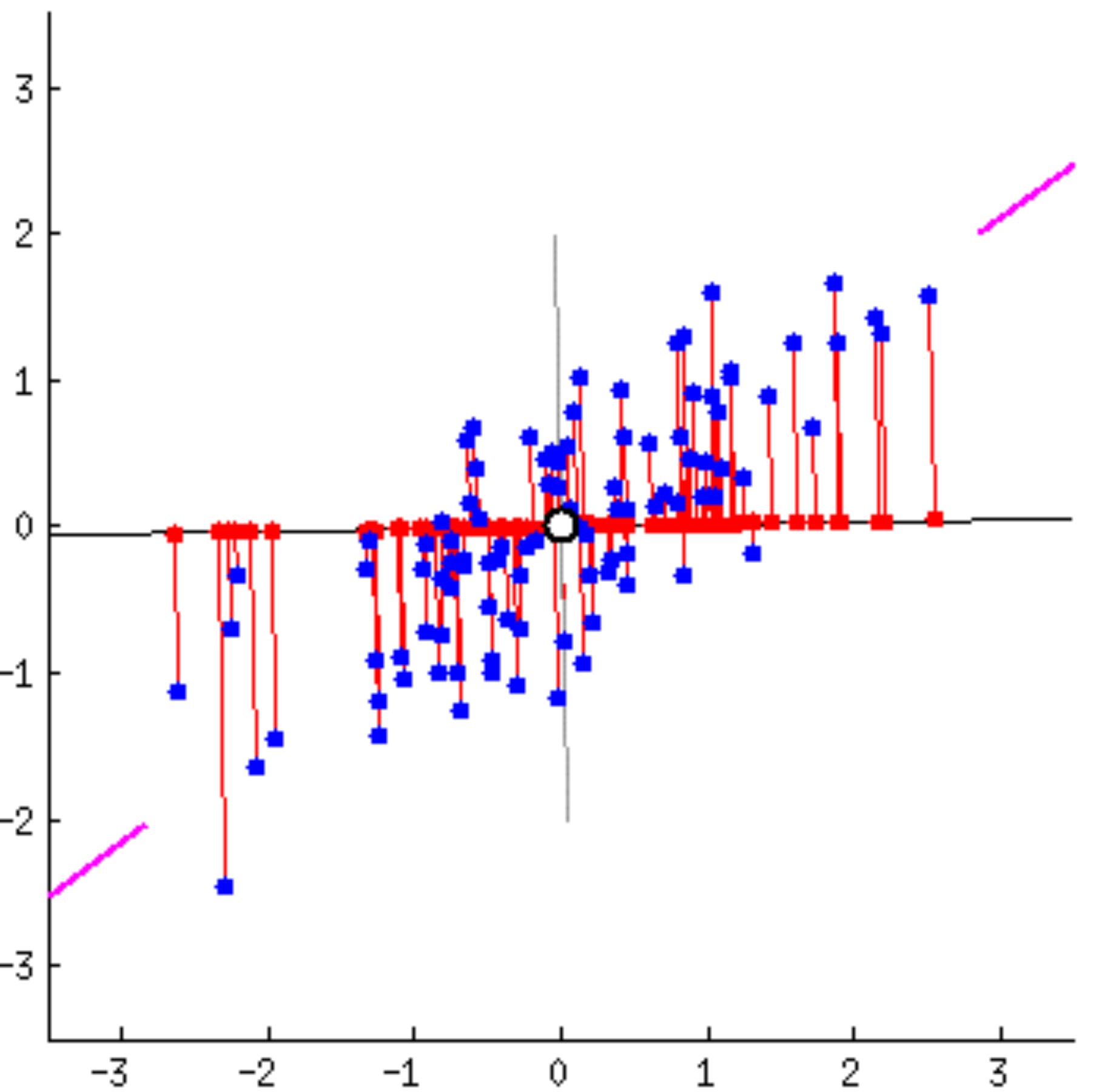


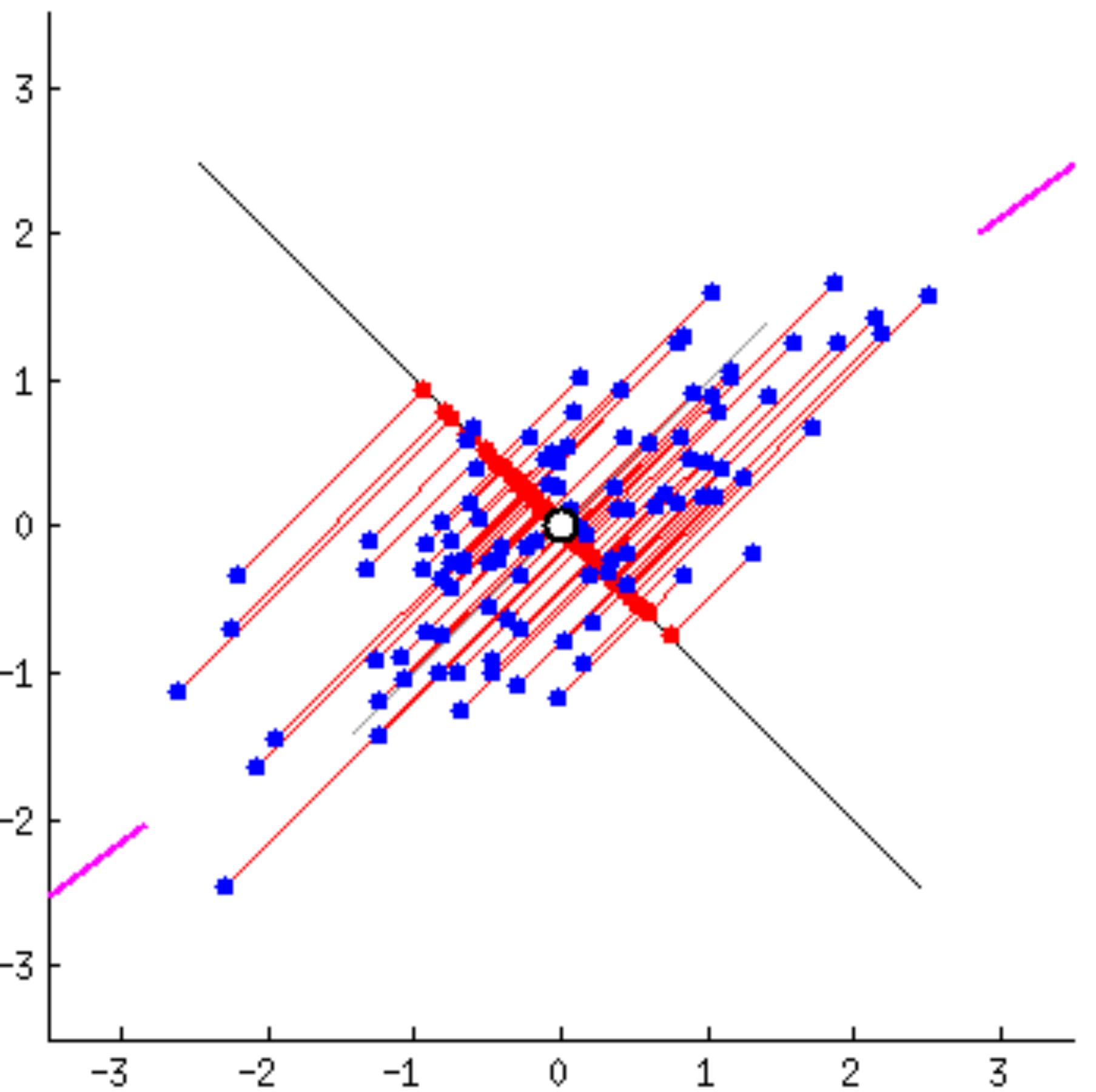




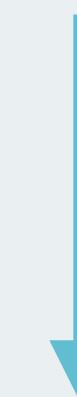






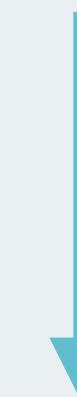


# Principal Component Analysis



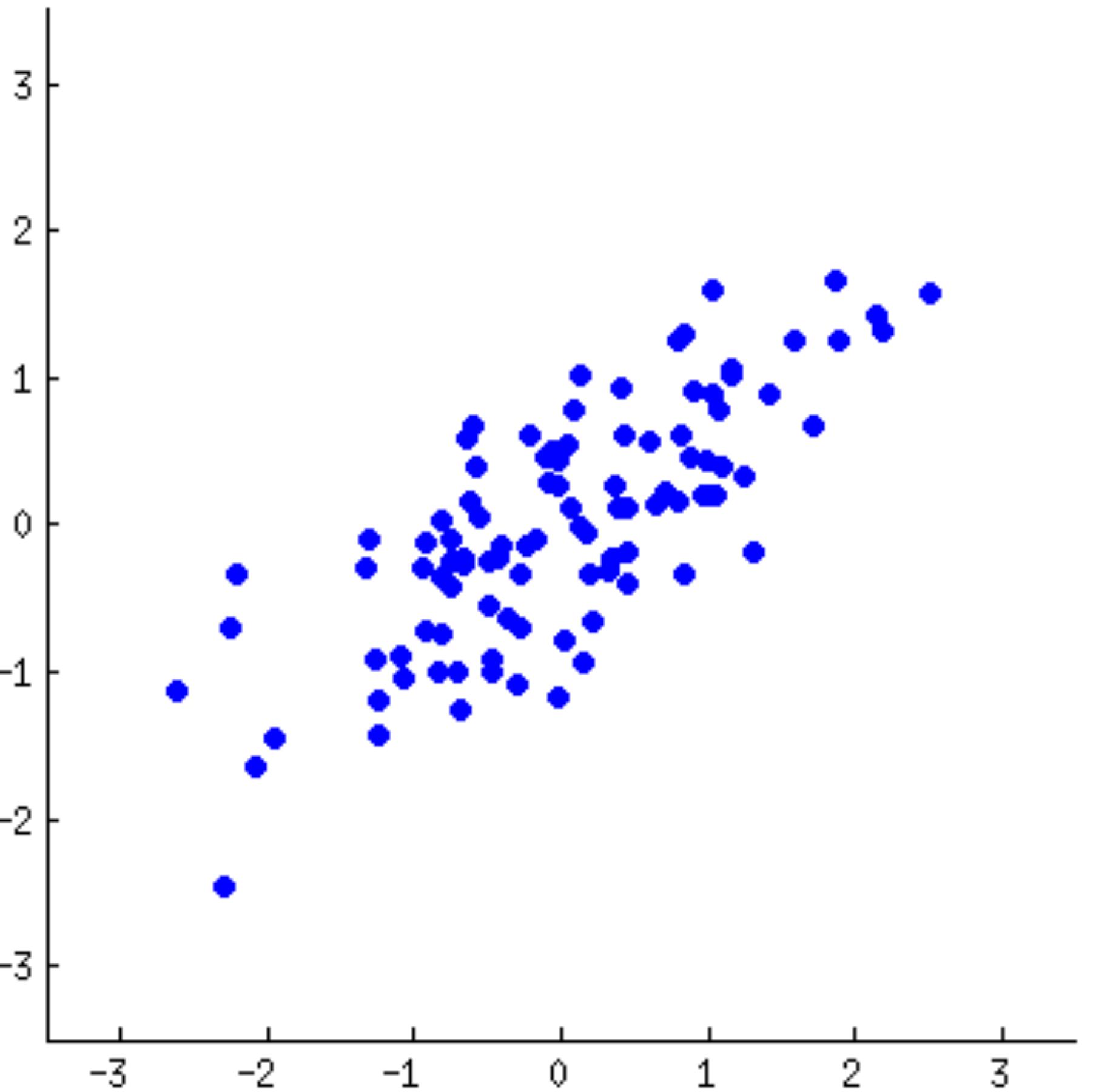
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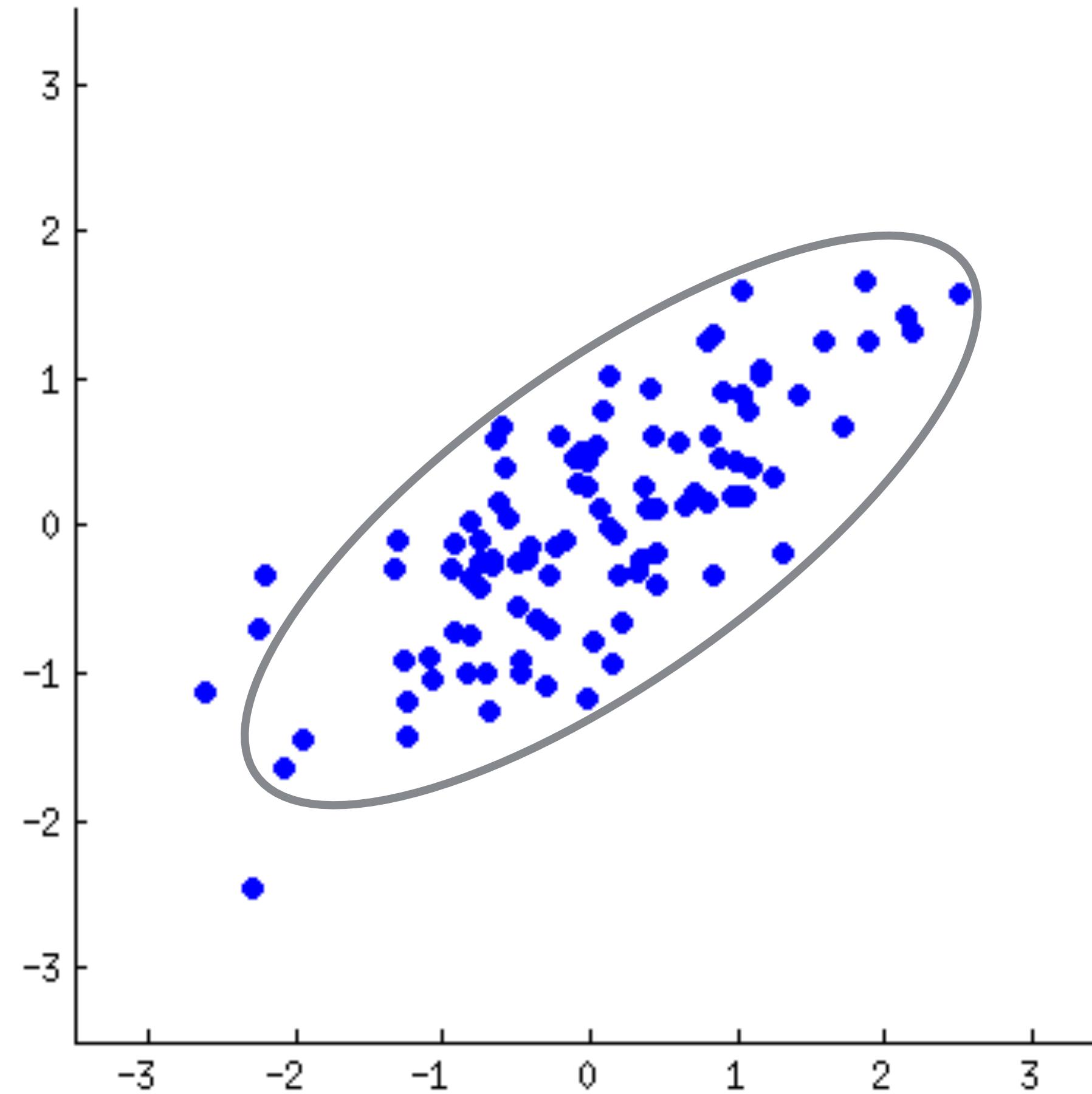
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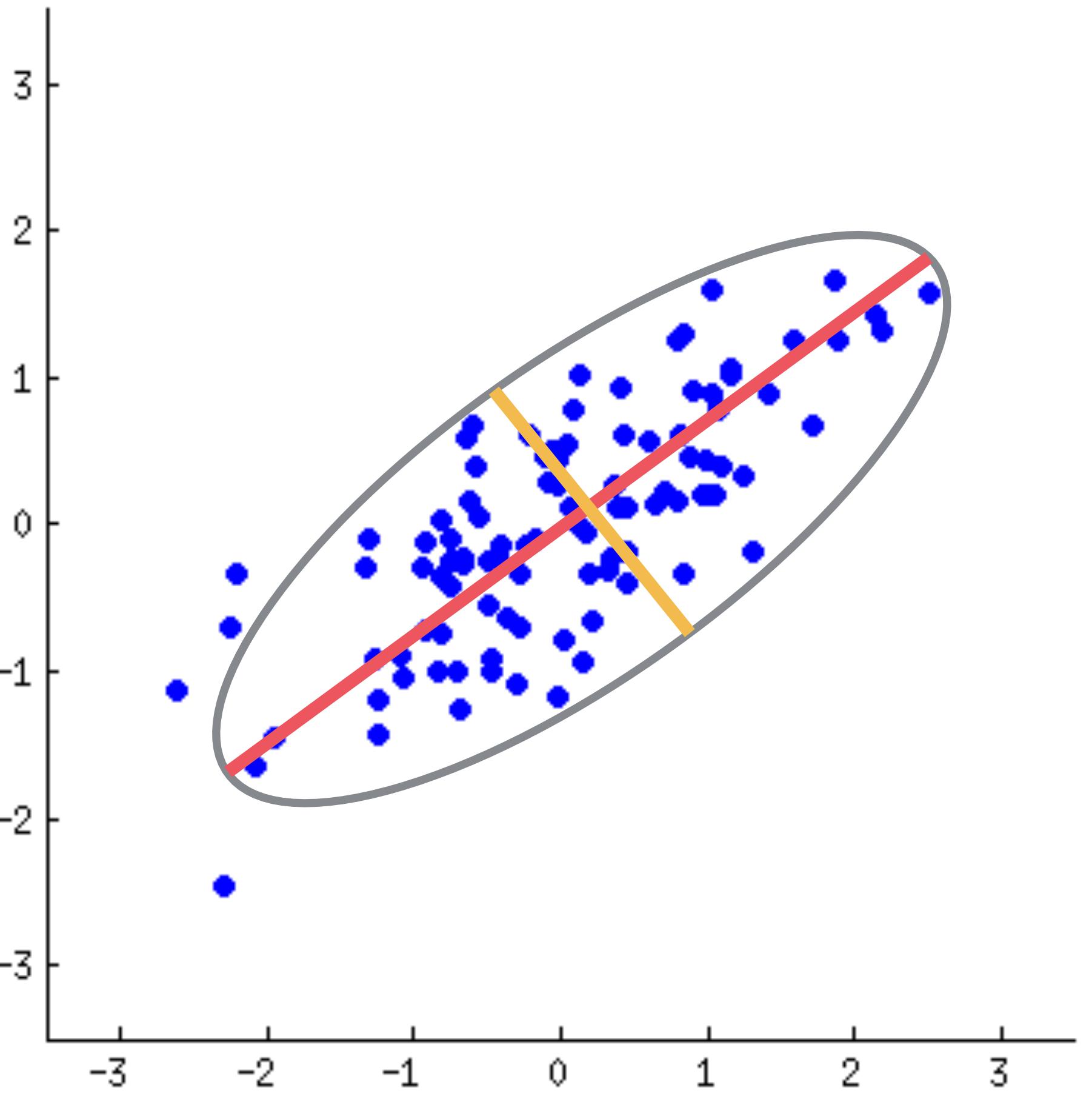


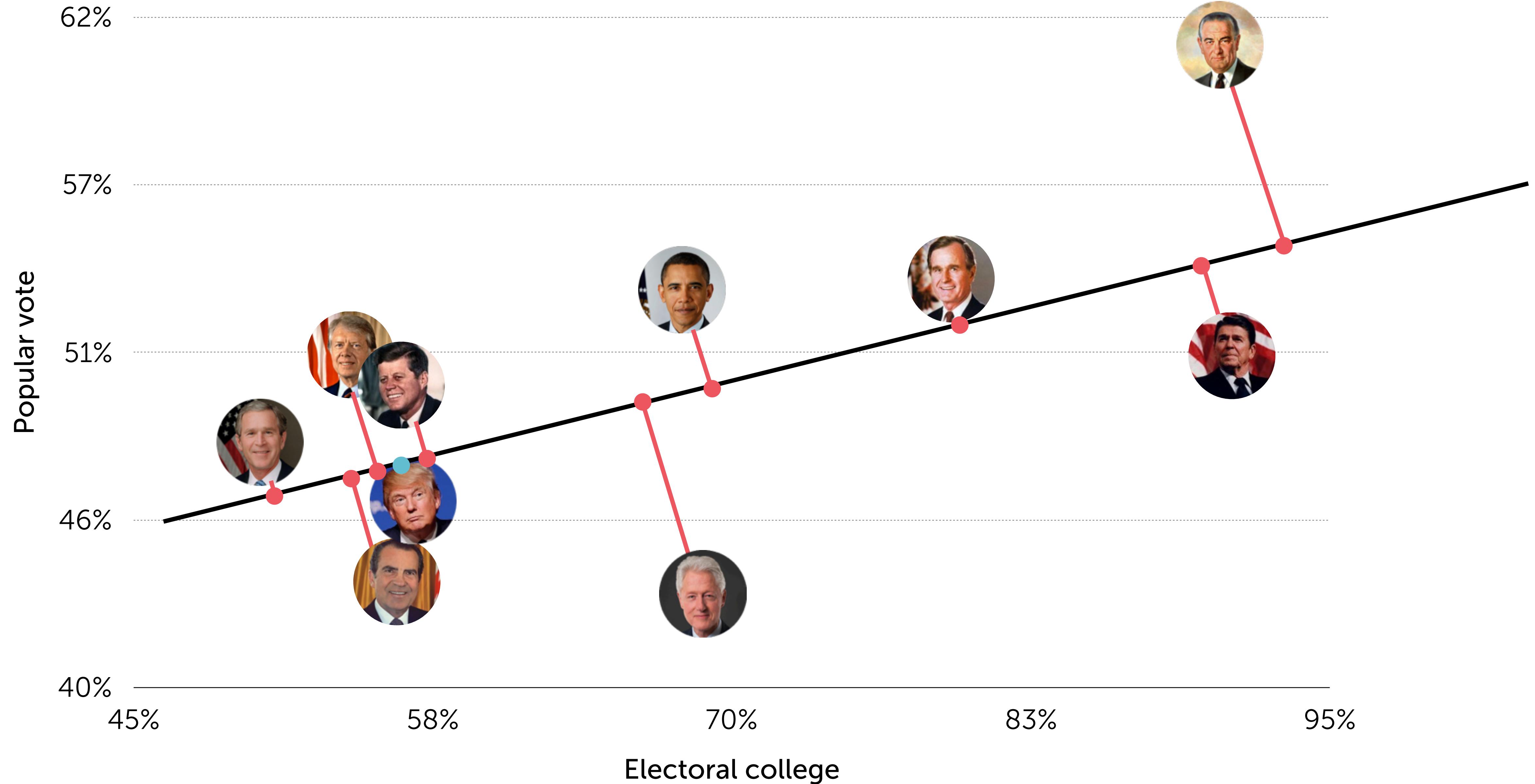
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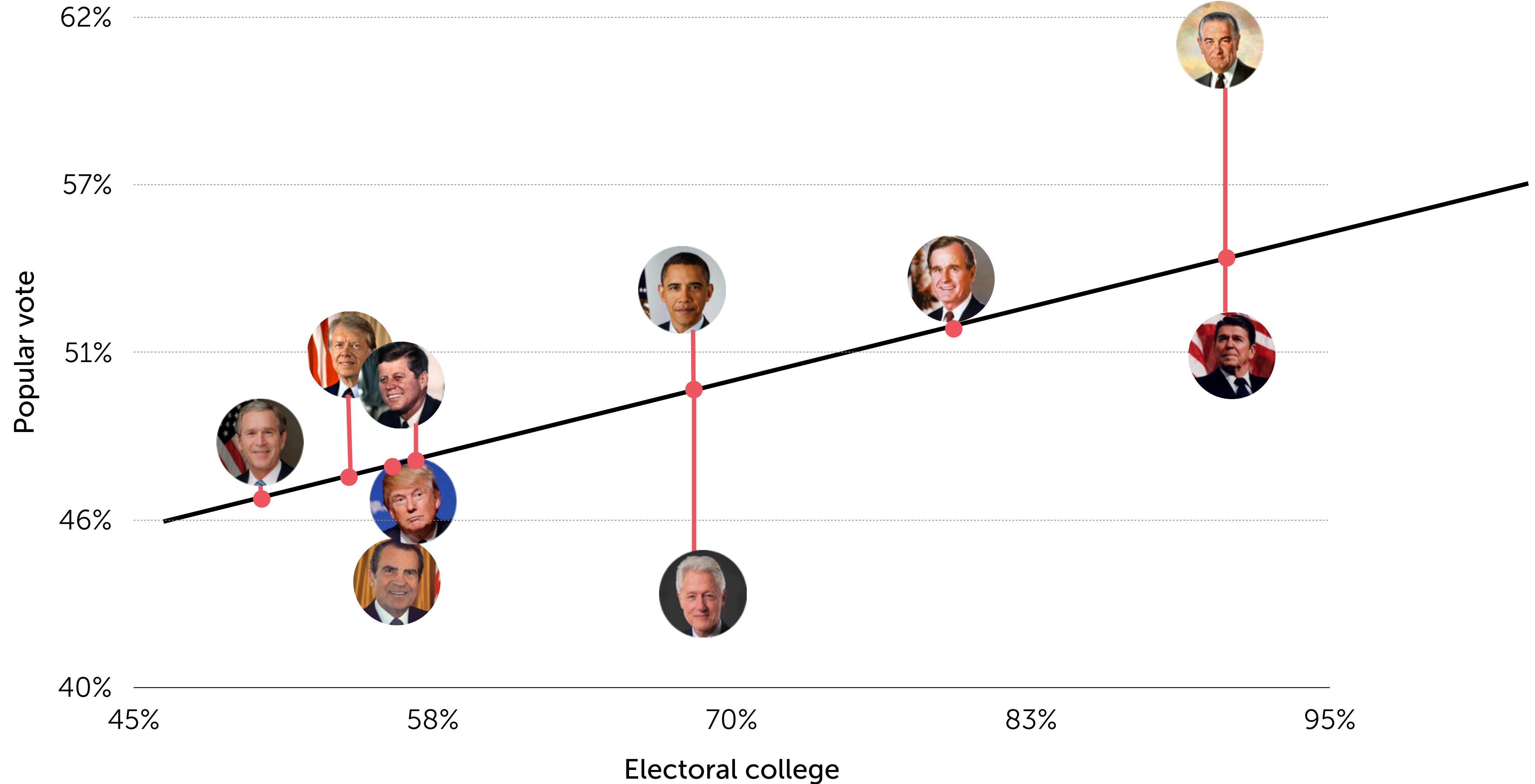
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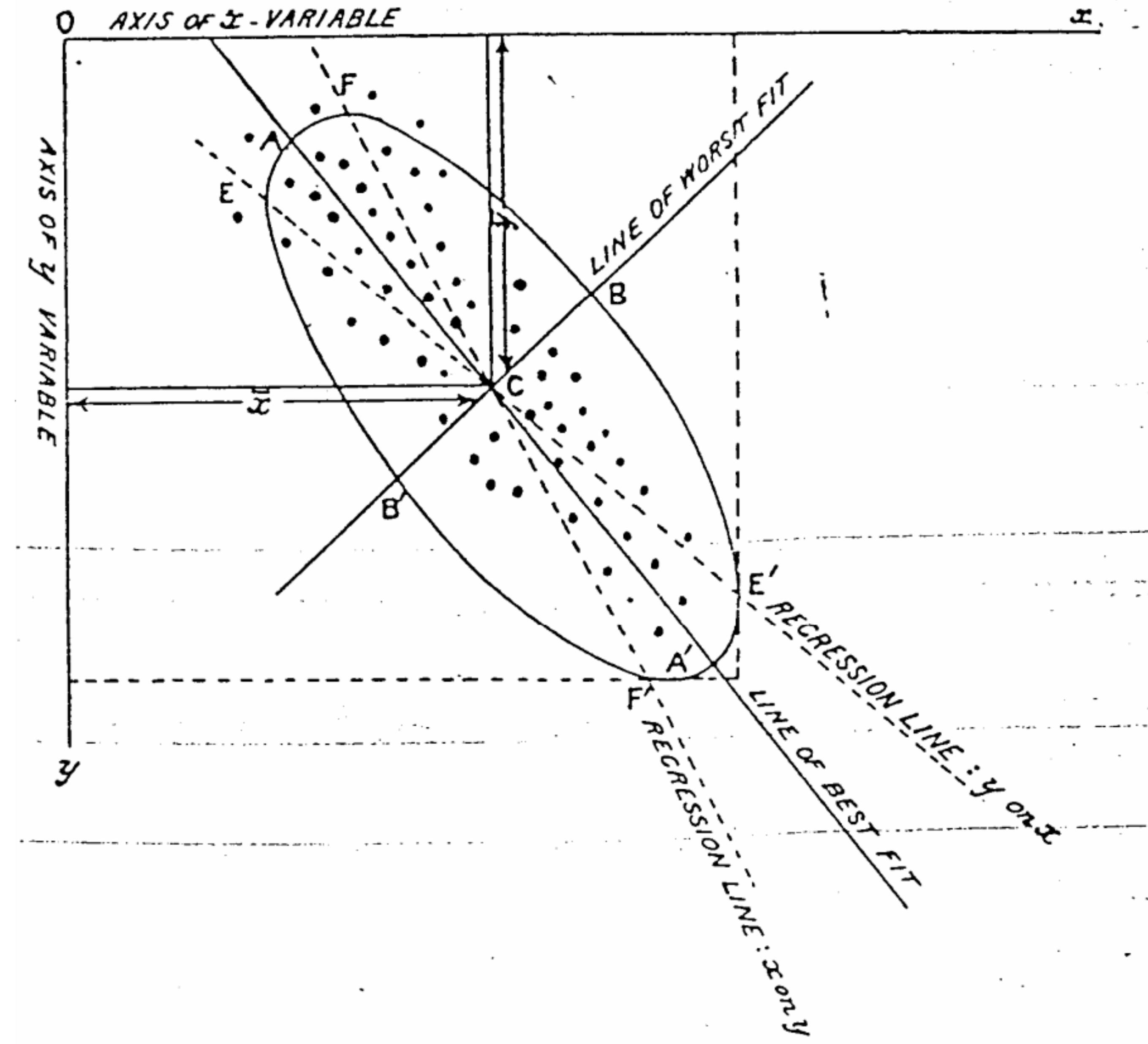






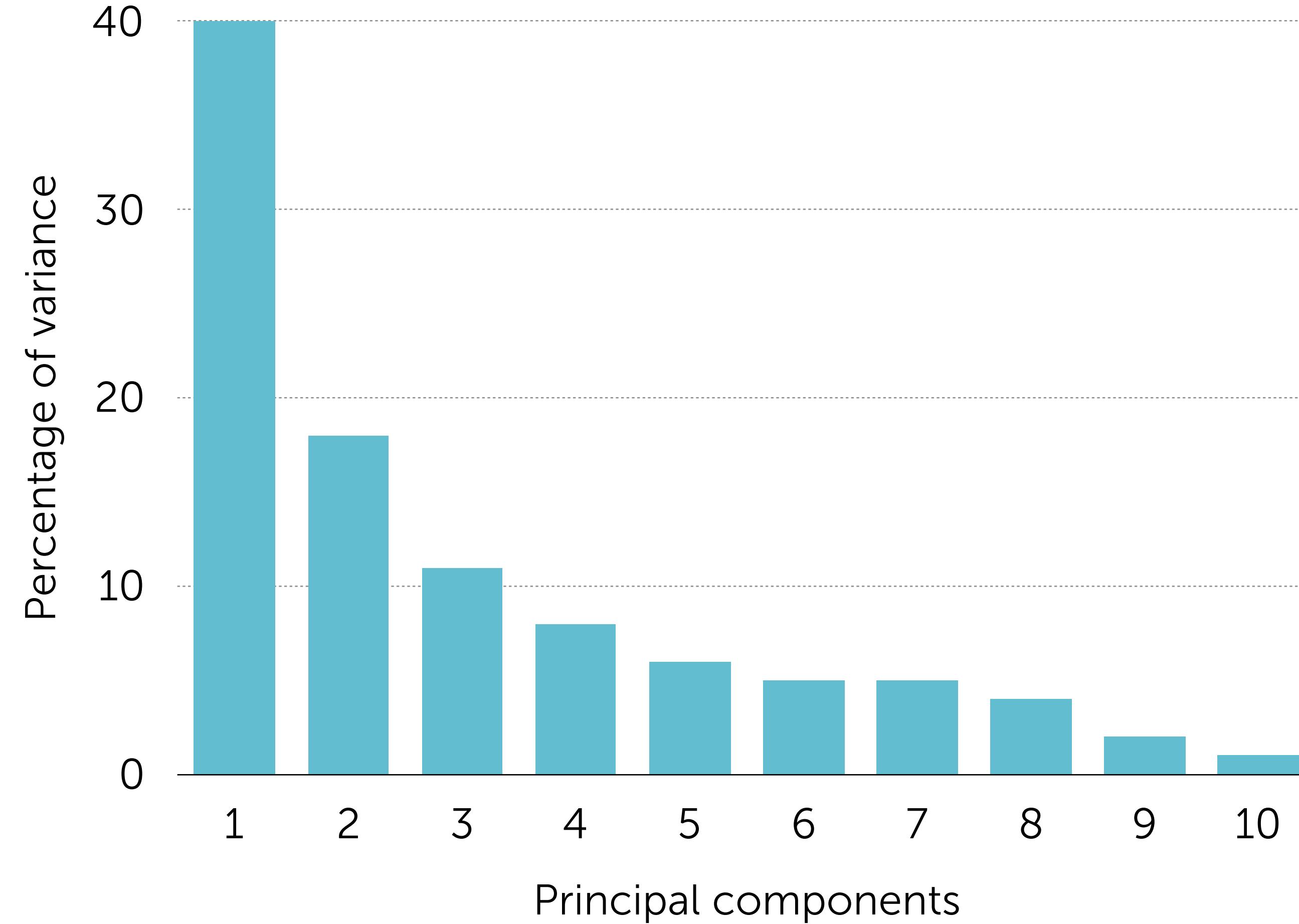






	pc1	pc2
GWB	0	1
Nixon	4	-3
Carter	5	4
Trump	6	-1
JFK	7	3
Clinton	12	-8
	...	

# Scree plot



# PCA - Summary

- Preserves: Pairwise distances
- Pros: fast, choose how many dimensions to keep, easy to understand the algorithm
- Cons: relies on data being linear, can still be expensive with large datasets, PCA w/ SVD not very robust to outliers

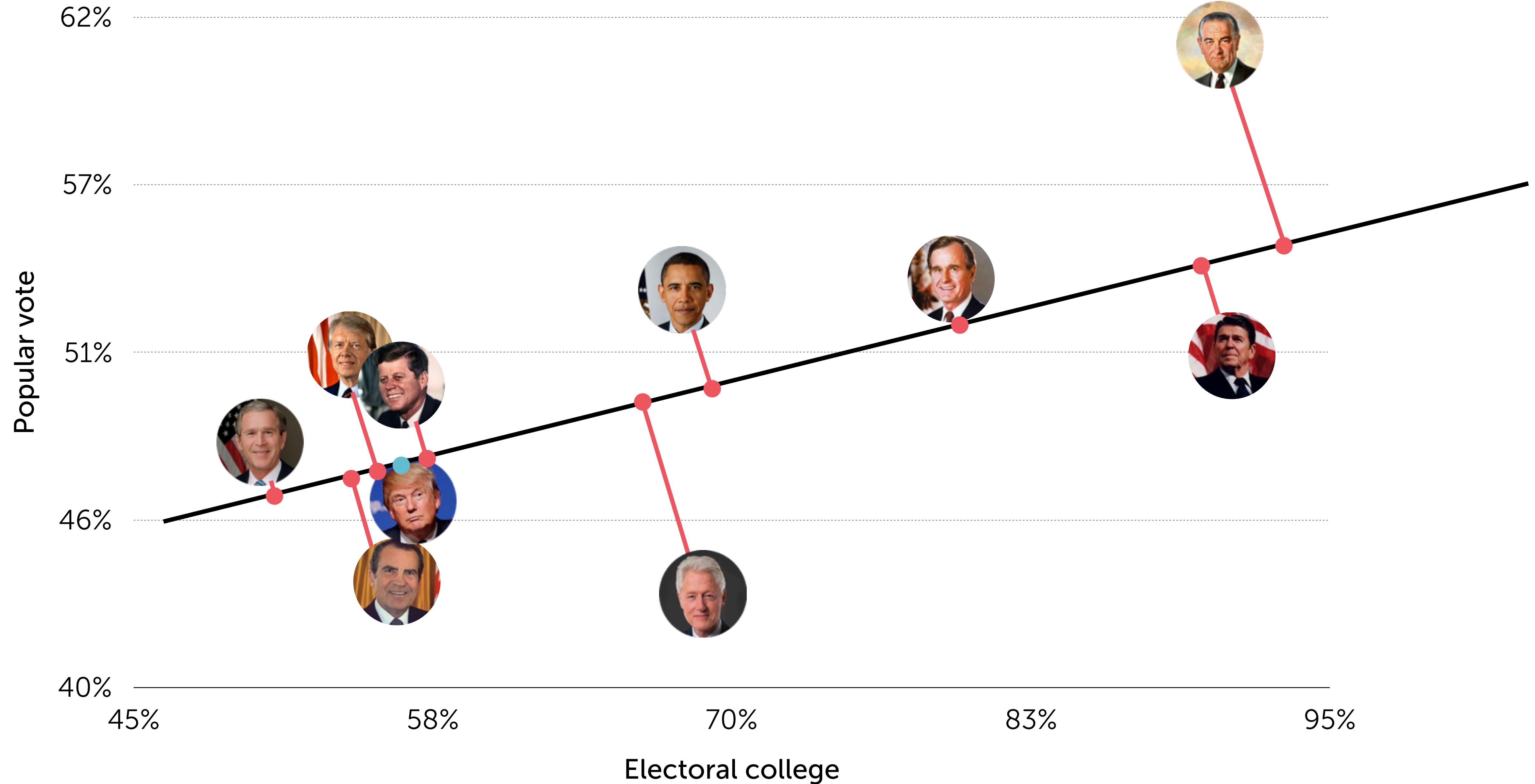
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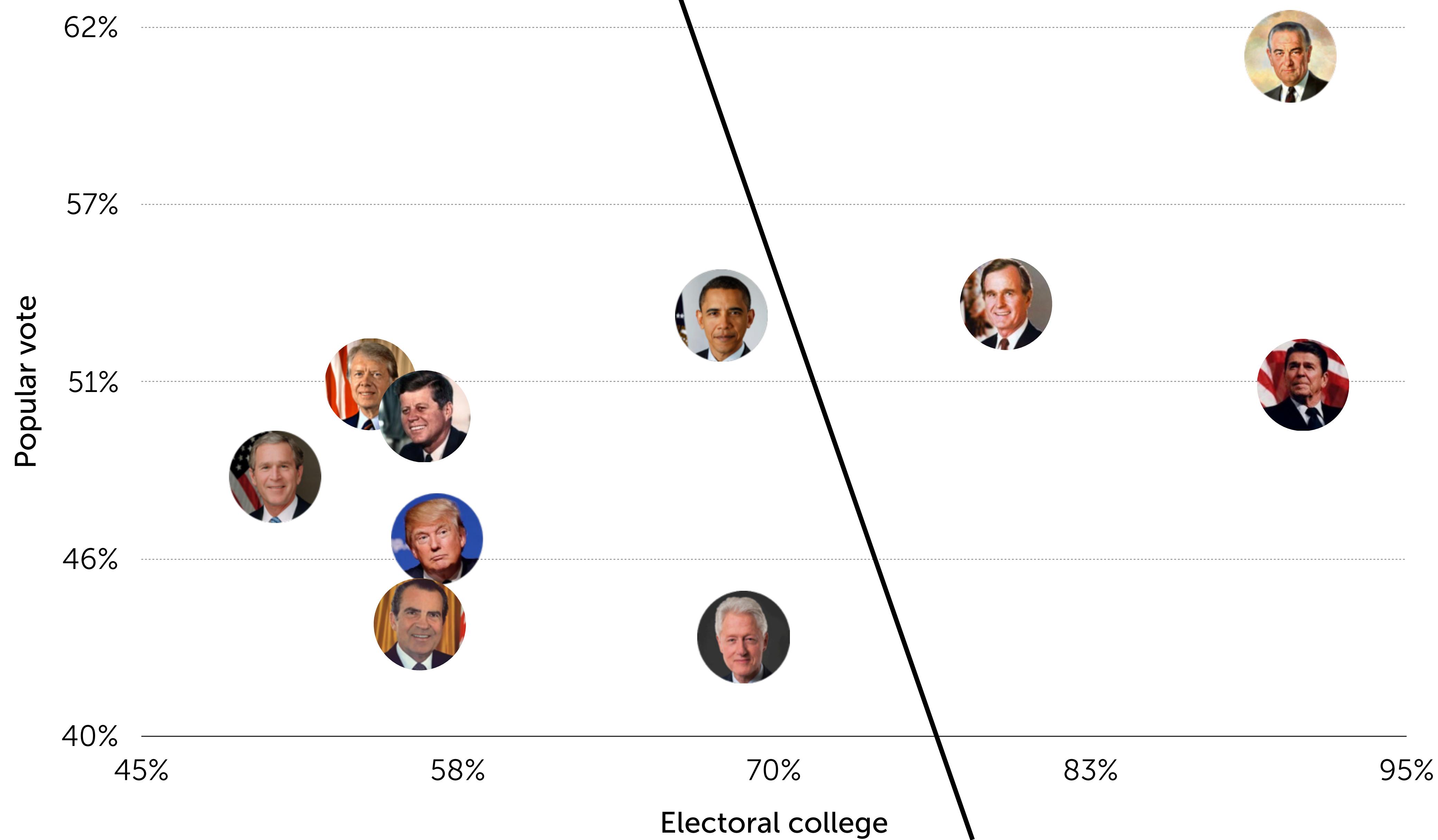
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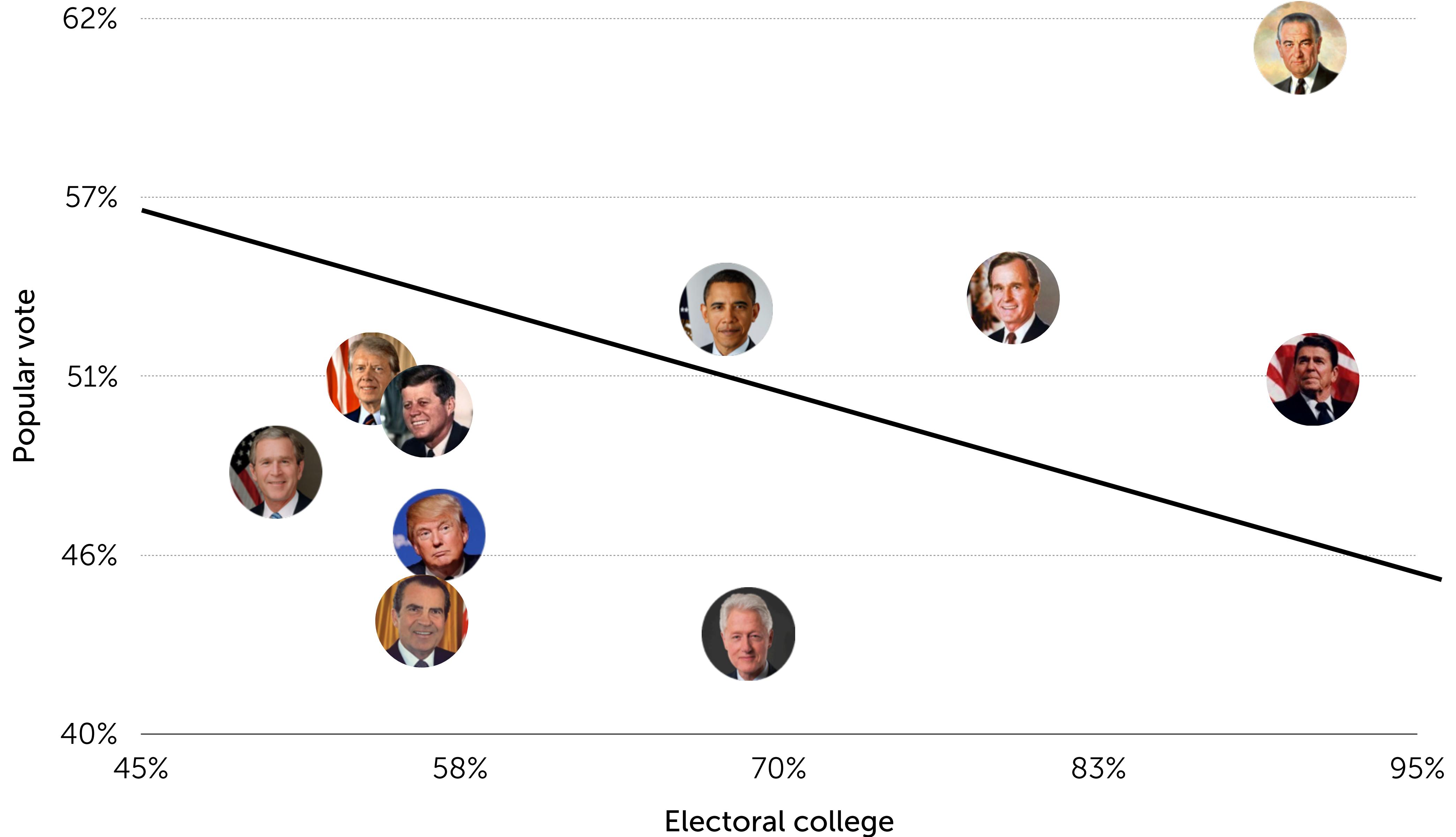
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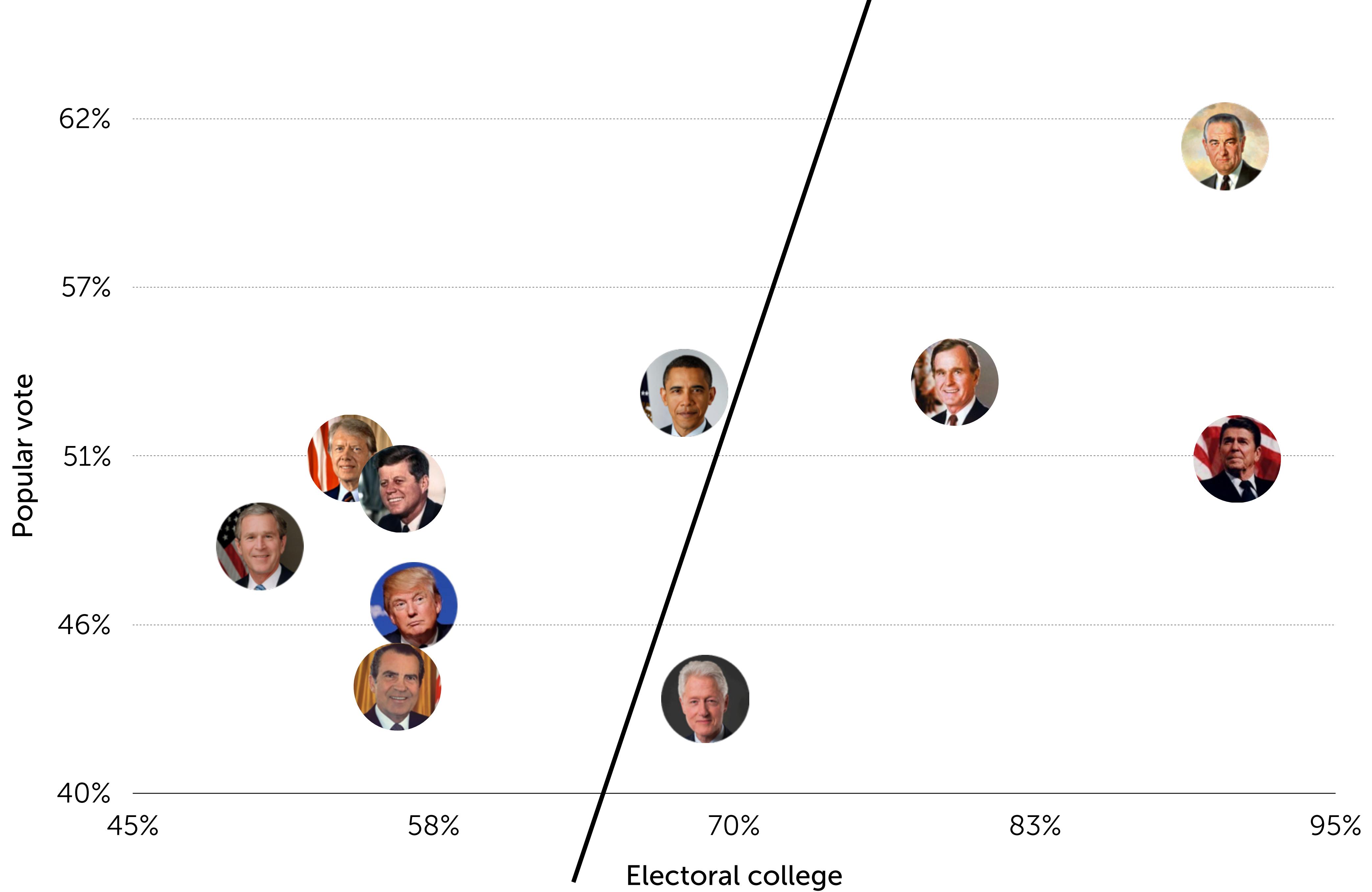
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# Random Projection









# Johnson–Lindenstrauss lemma

Given  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , a set  $X$  of  $m$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , and a number  $n > 8 \ln(m)/\varepsilon^2$ , there is a linear map  $f : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$(1 - \varepsilon)\|u - v\|^2 \leq \|f(u) - f(v)\|^2 \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|u - v\|^2$$

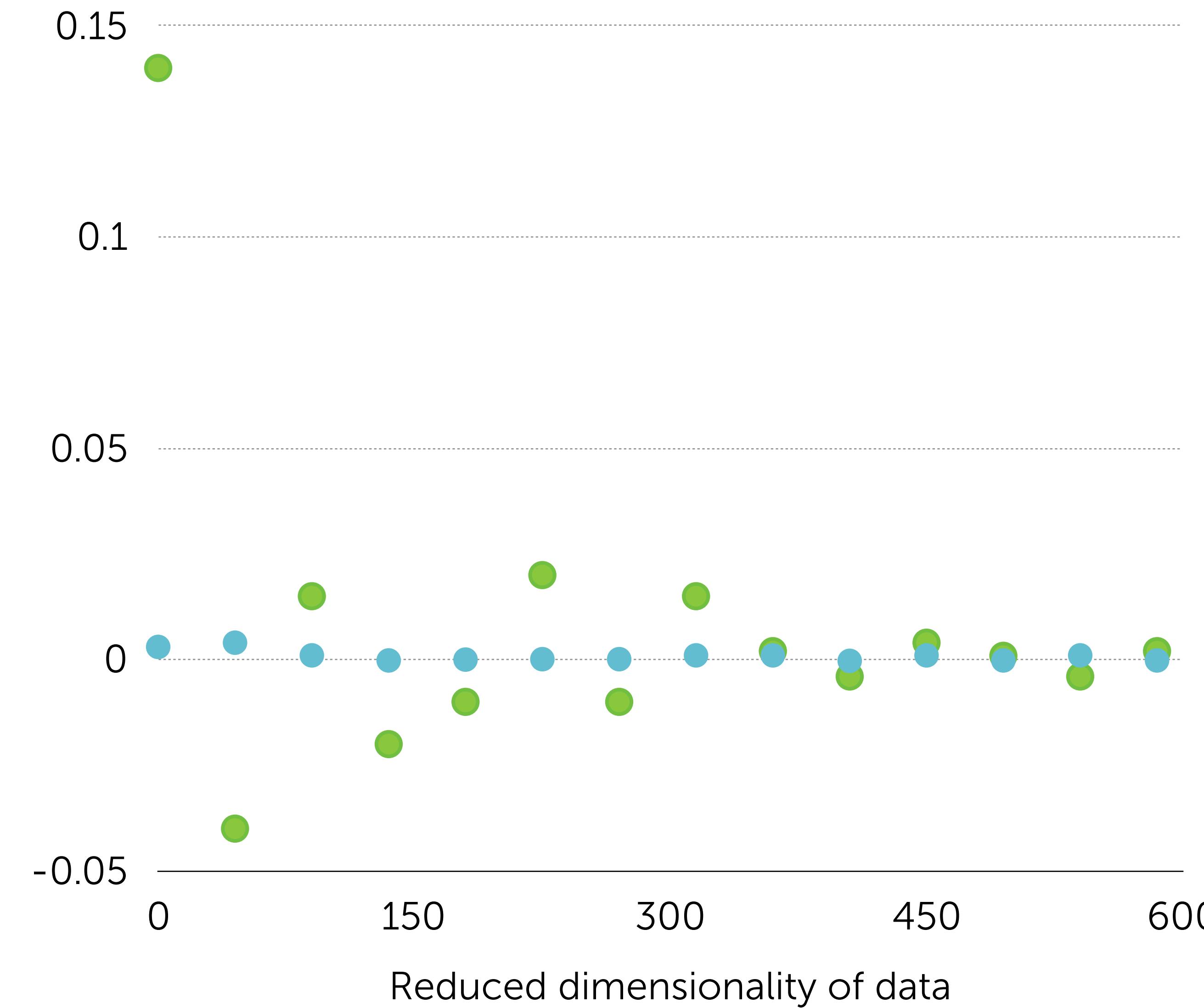
for all  $u, v \in X$ .

# Johnson–Lindenstrauss lemma

The lemma states that a small set of points in a **high-dimensional space** can be embedded into a space of **much lower (but still high) dimension** in such a way that distances between the points are **nearly preserved**.

Projection using a random line/plane/hyperplane will perform OK as long as the source and target dimension is high. We typically use normally distributed random numbers.

## Average error using RP and PCA



# Random Projection - Summary

- Preserves: Pairwise distances (sort of)
- Pros: very very fast, doesn't need to look at the data, can be used nicely in combination with PCA
- Cons: can only take you so far - results start to get weird once we reach low dimensions, like PCA it assumes linearity

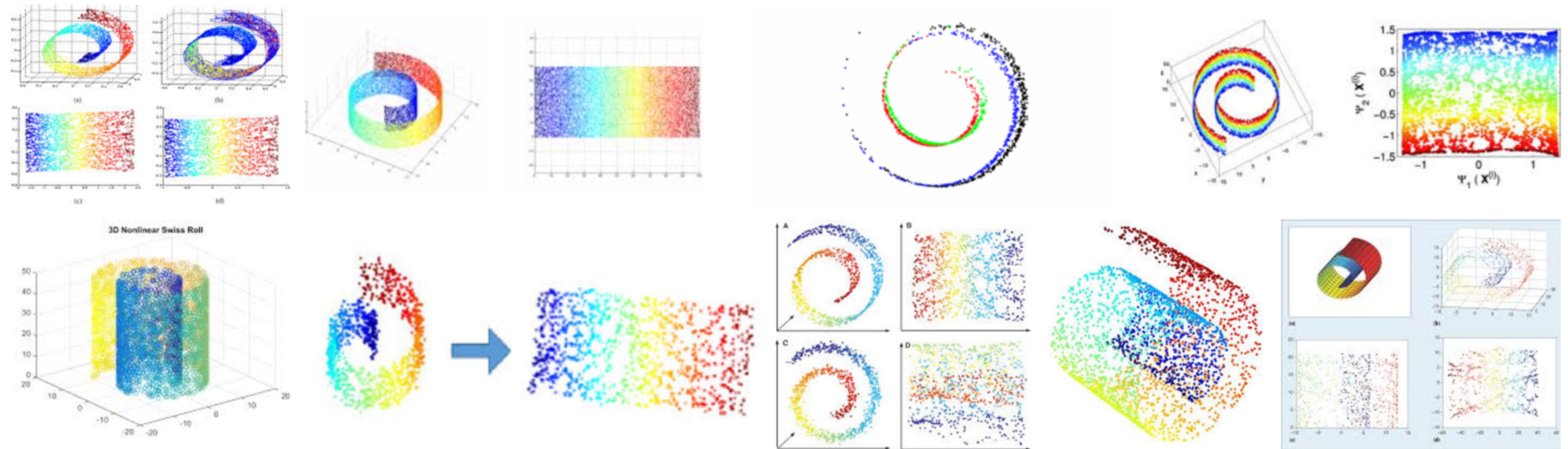
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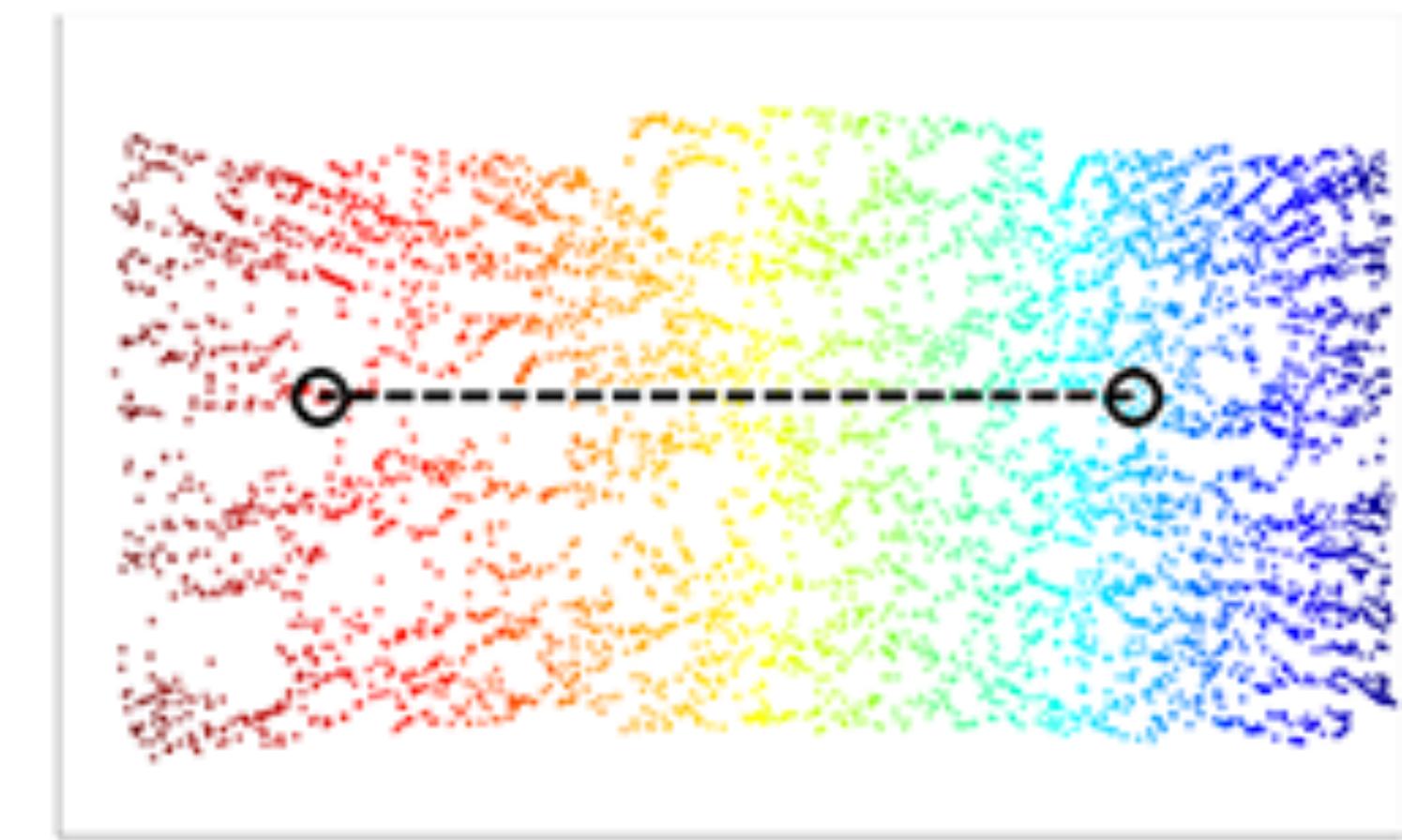
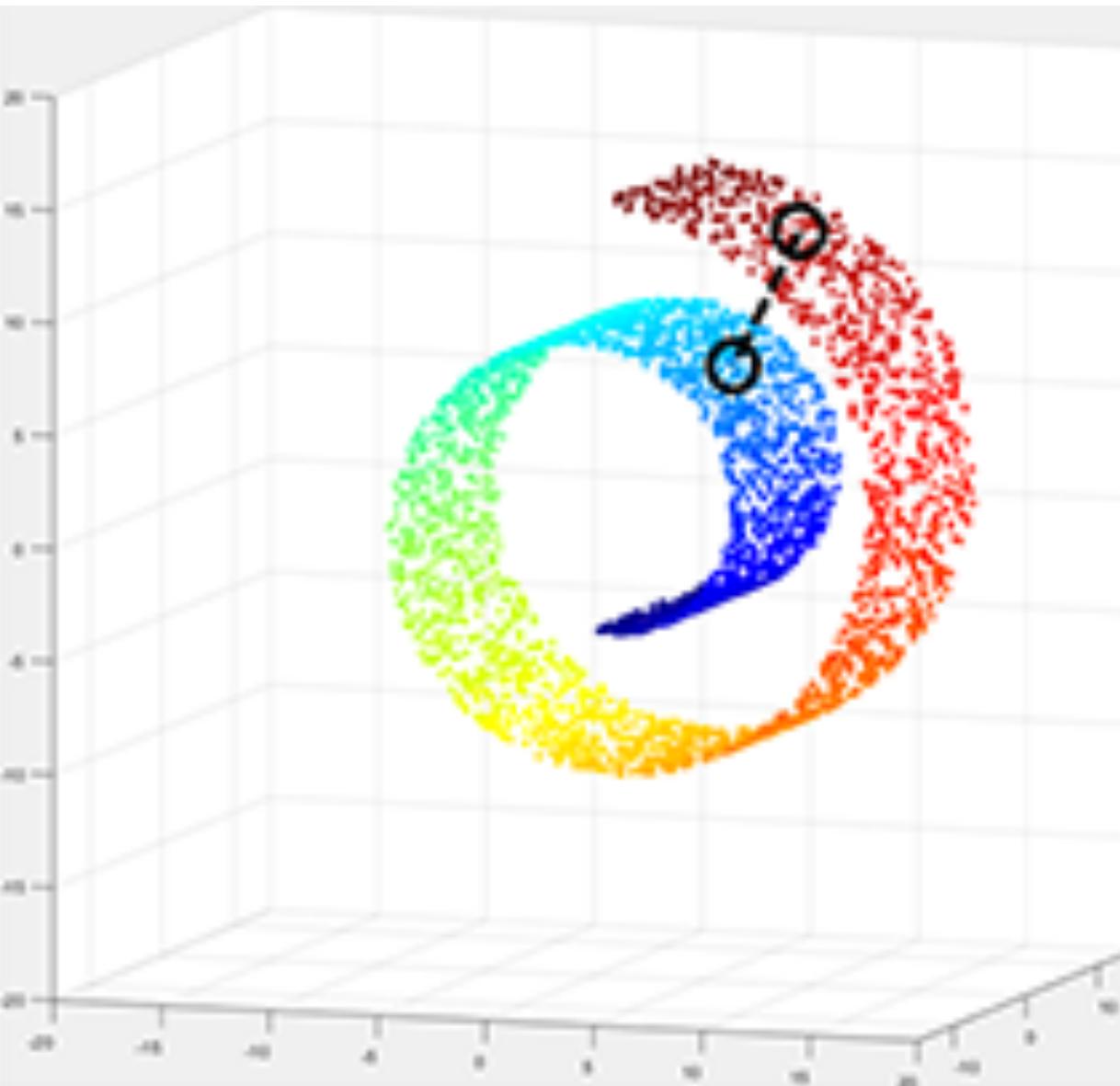
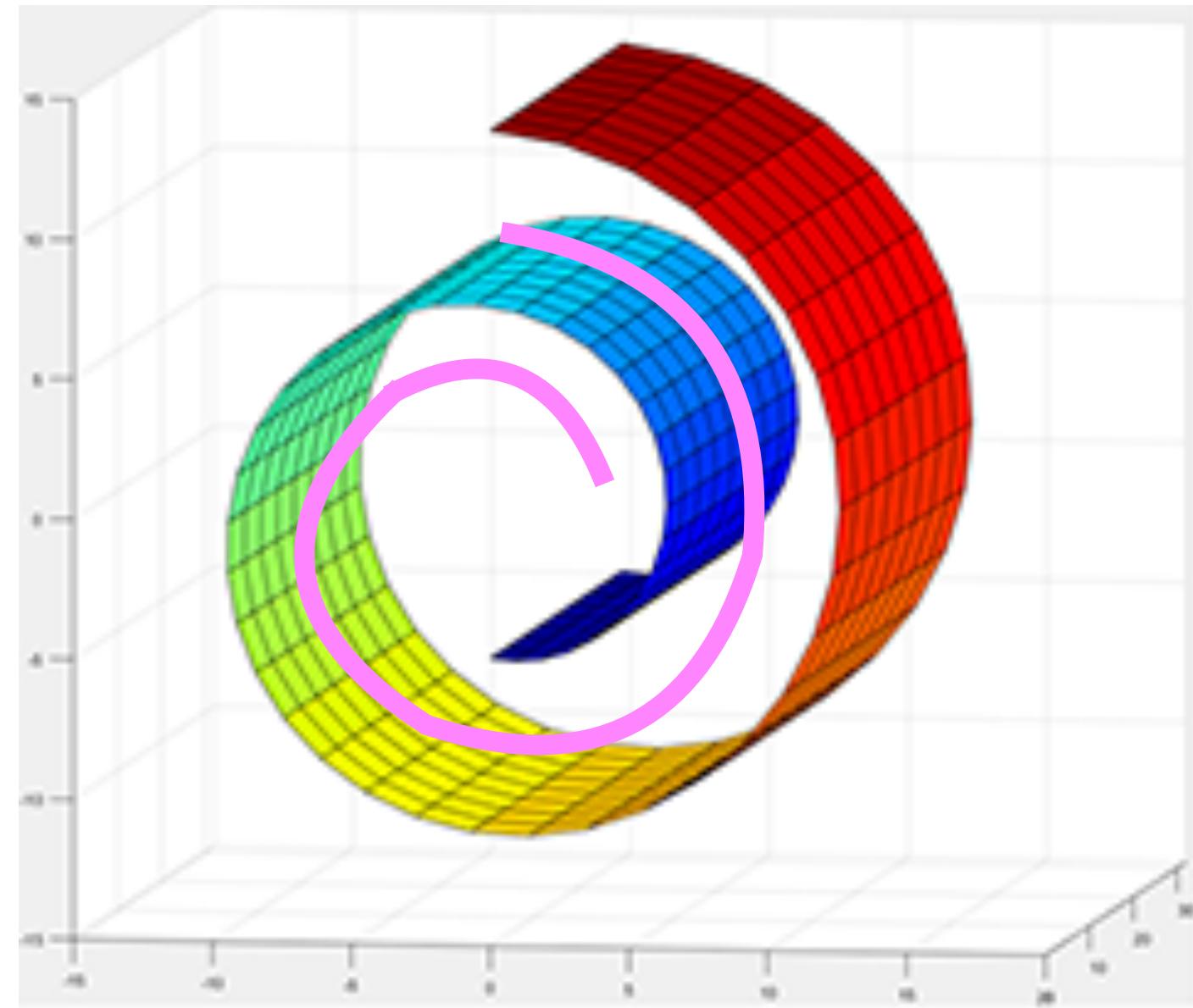
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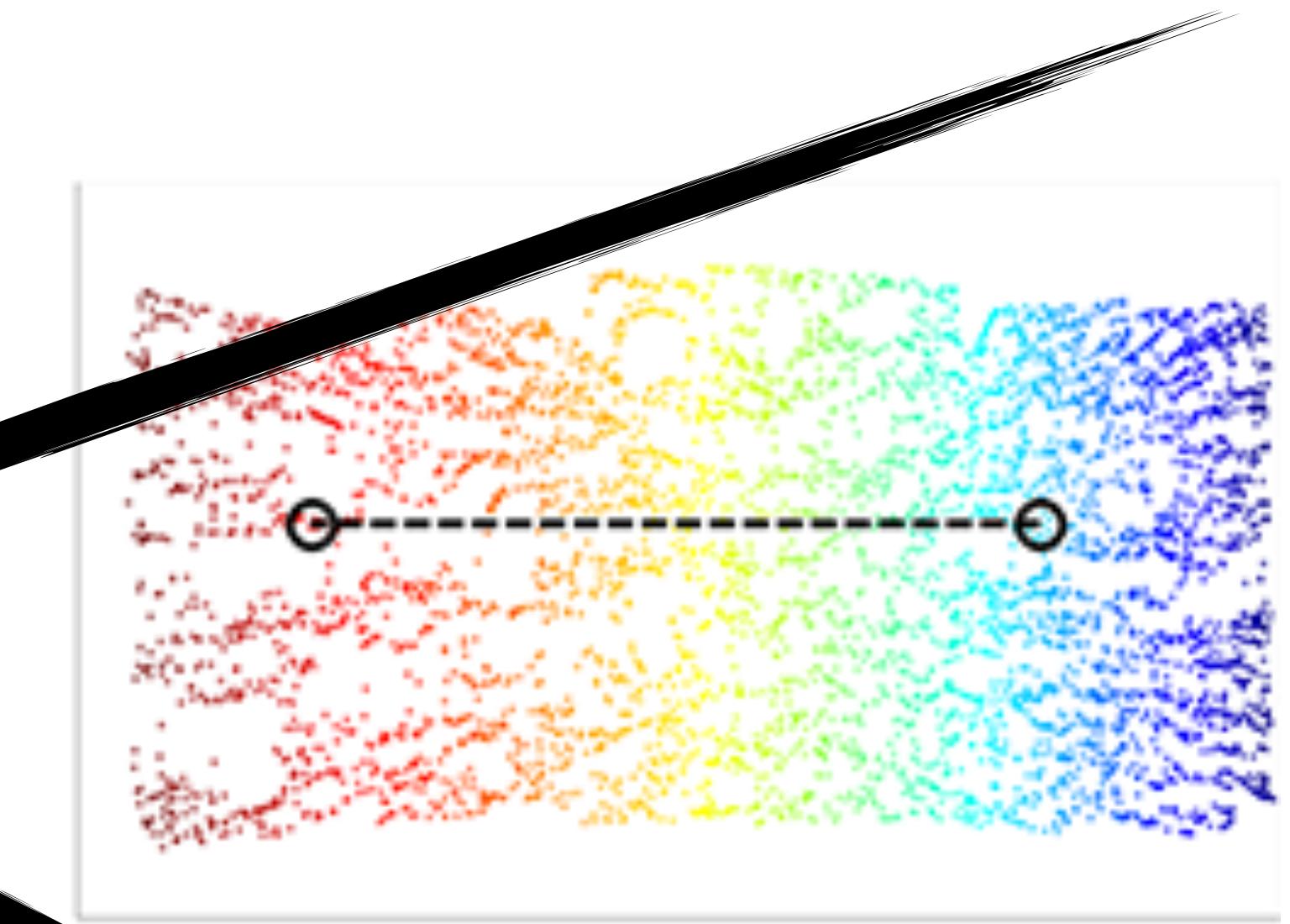
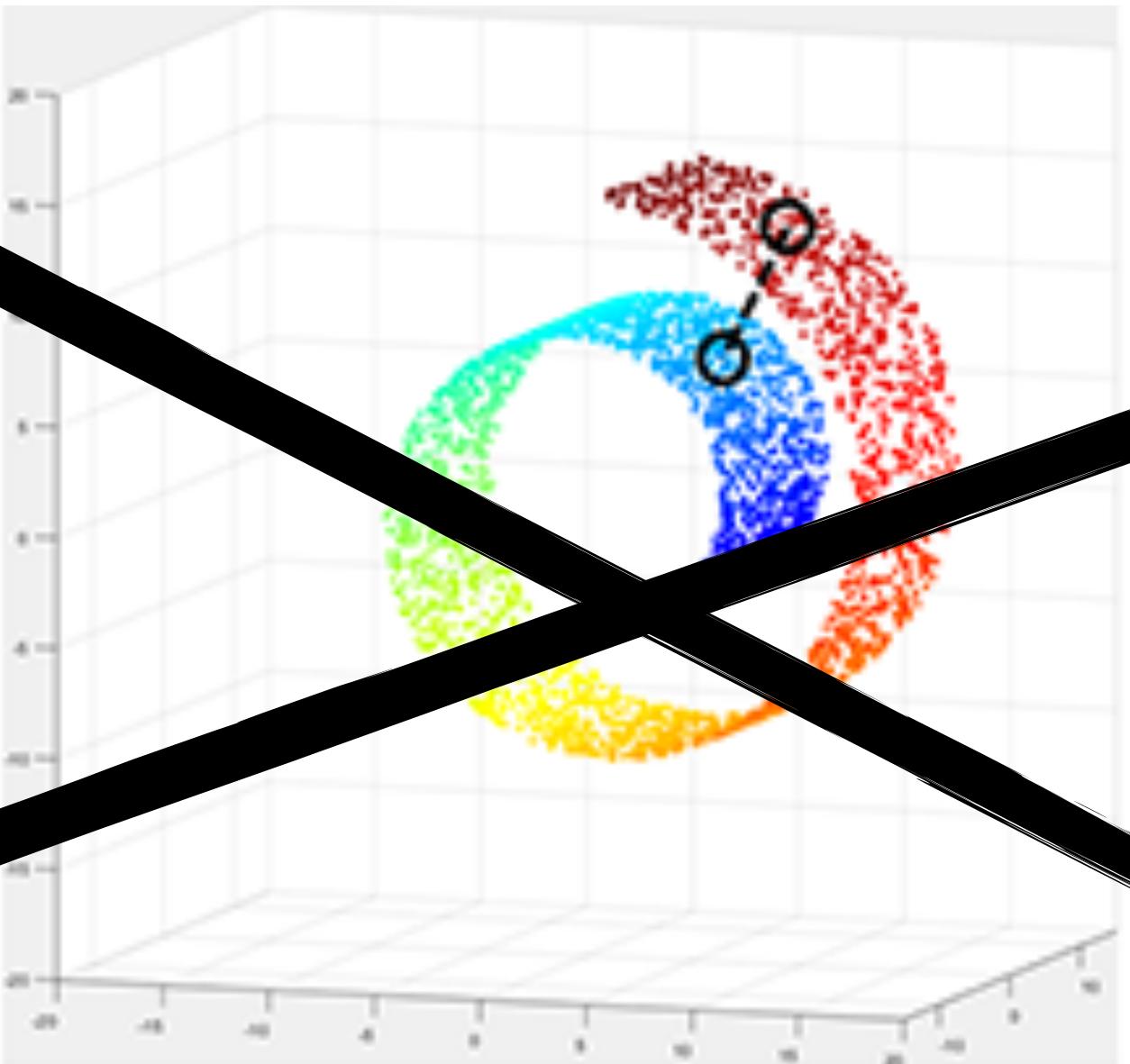
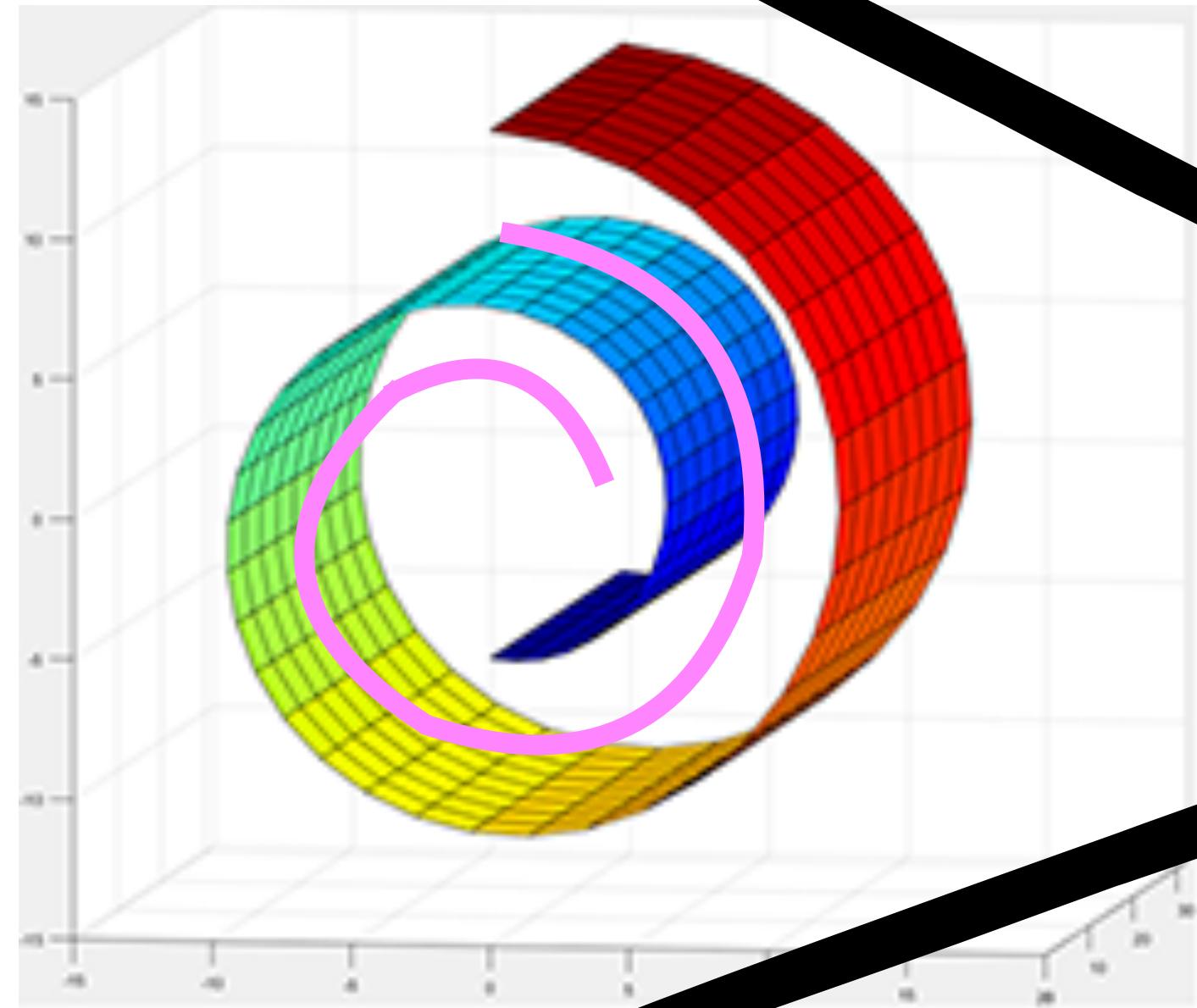
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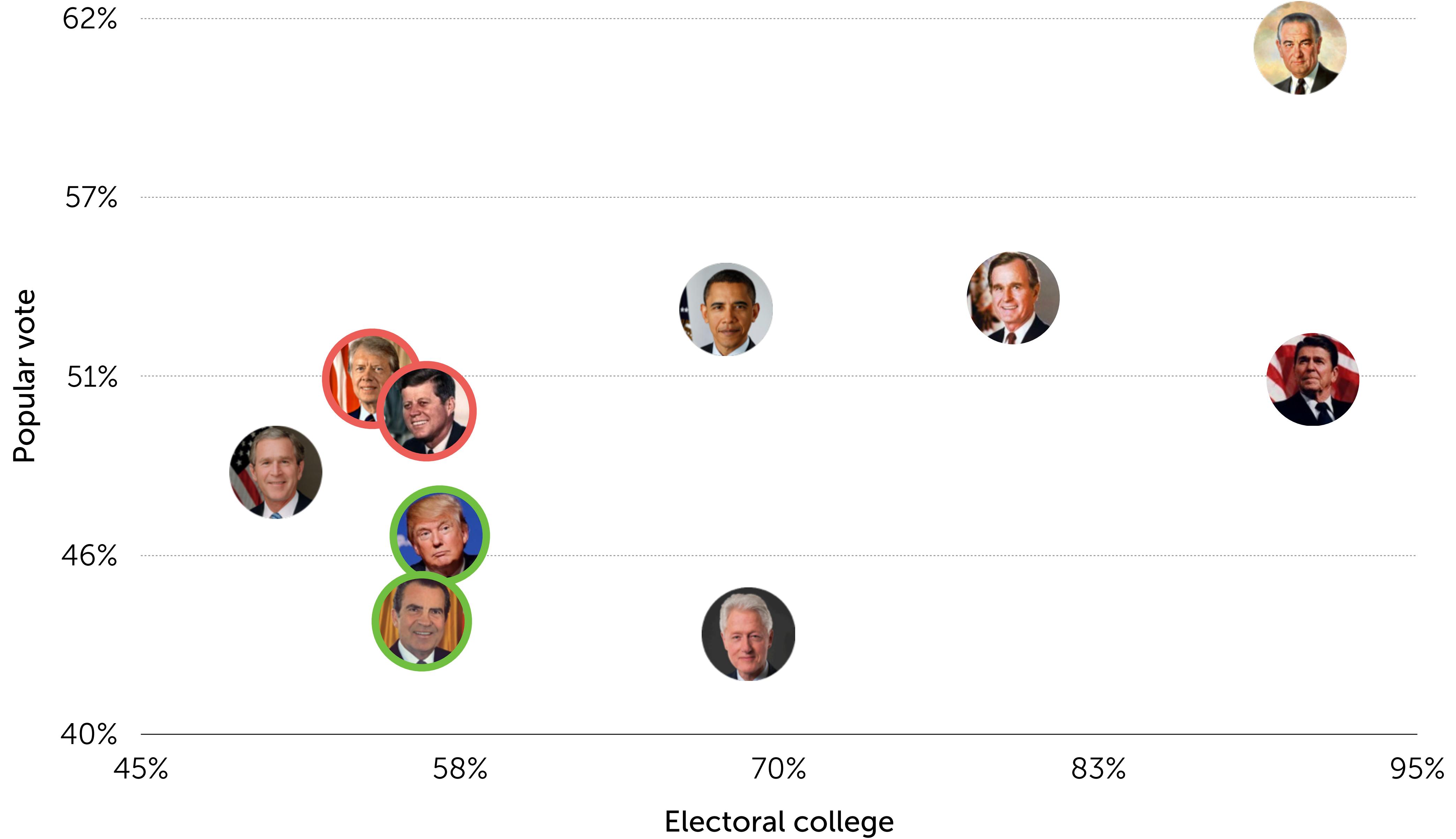
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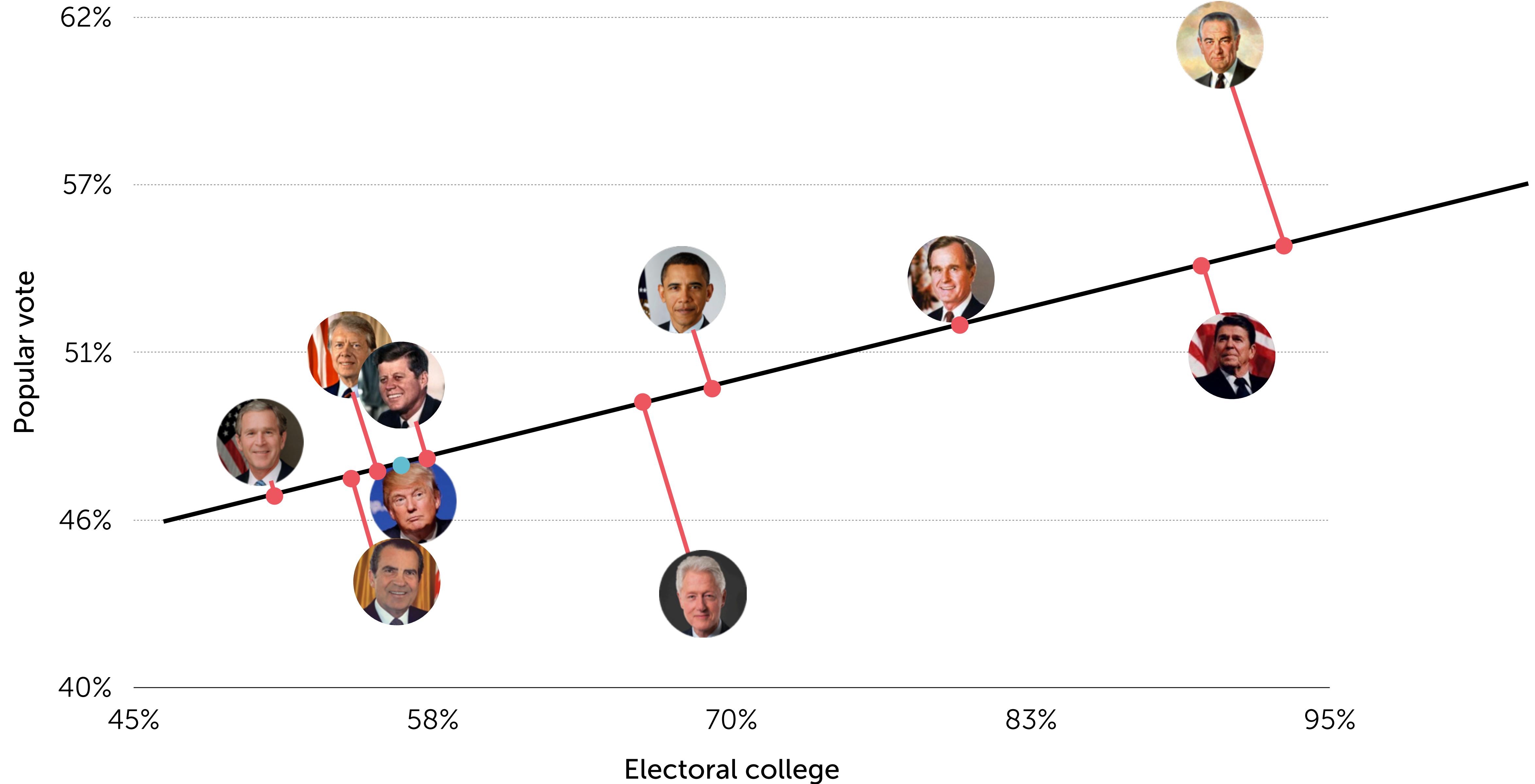
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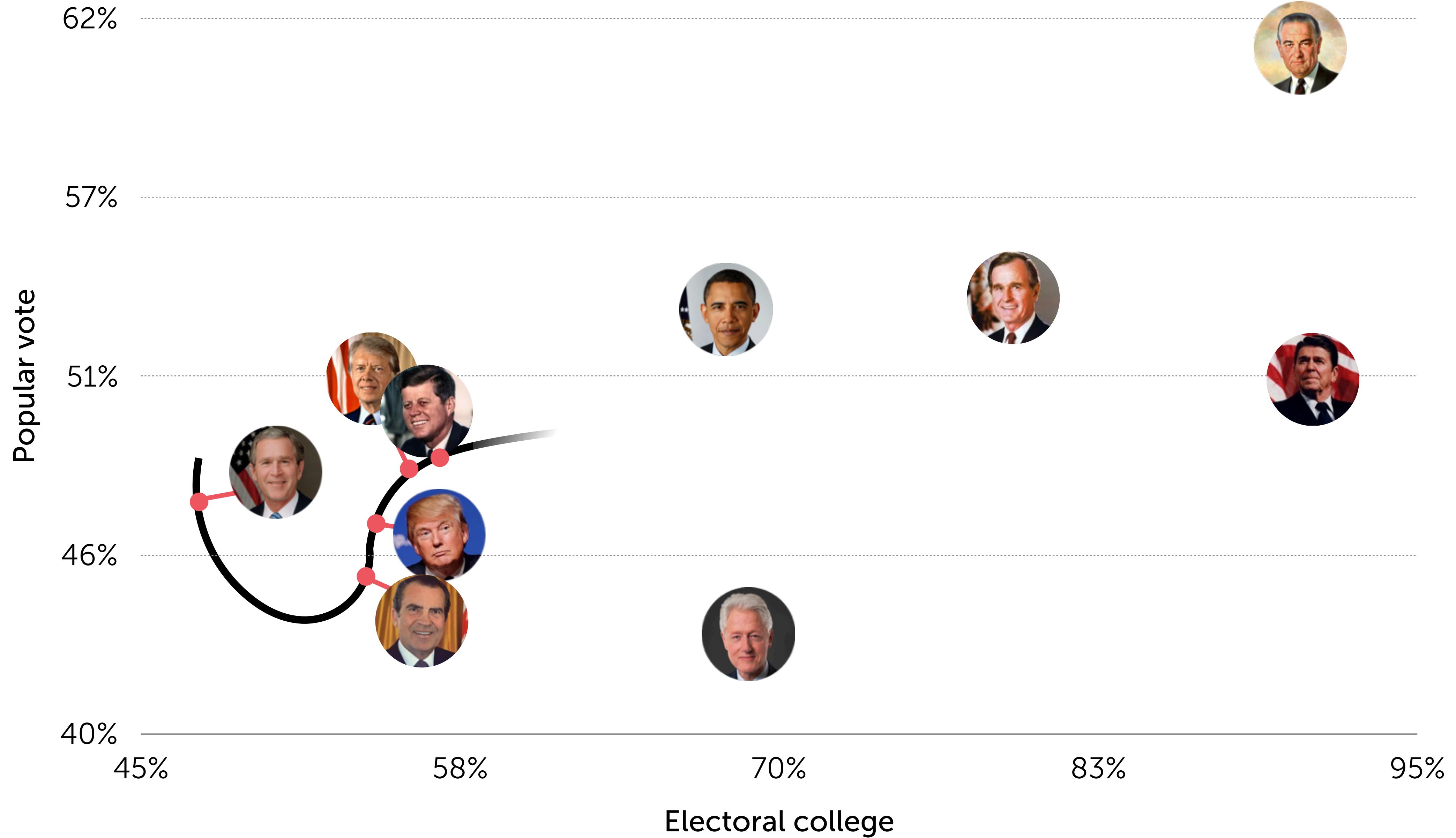












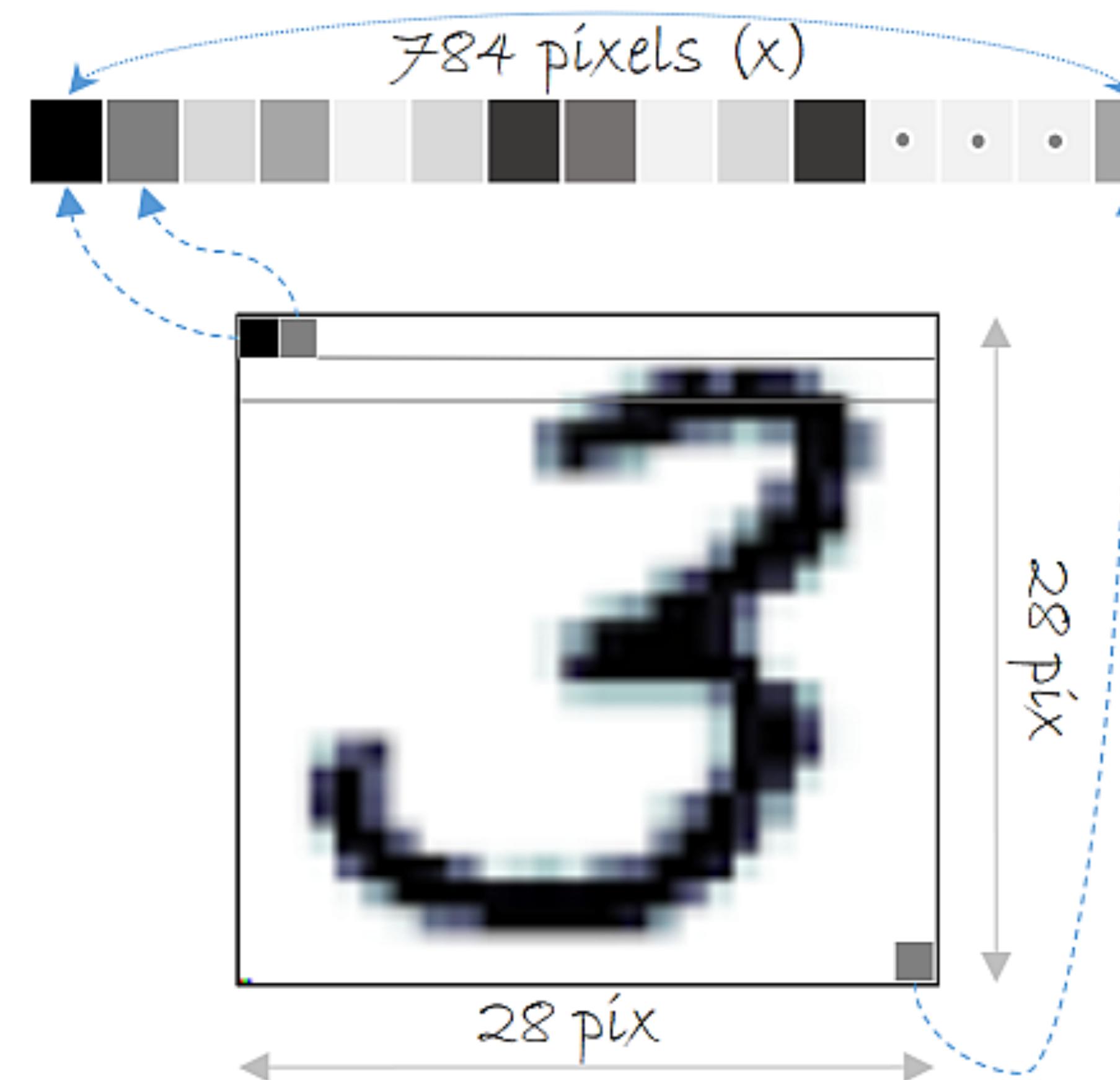








# MNIST



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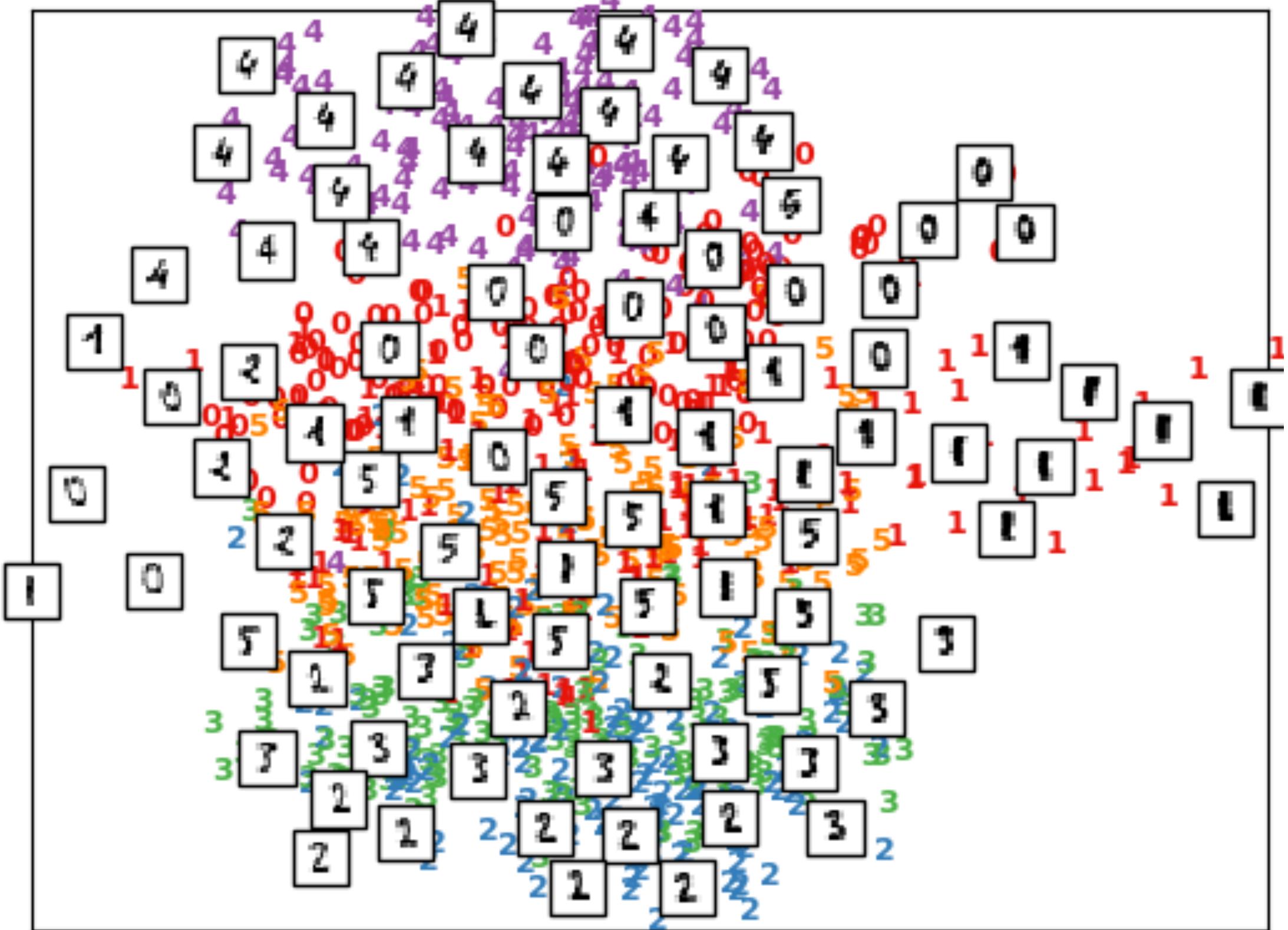
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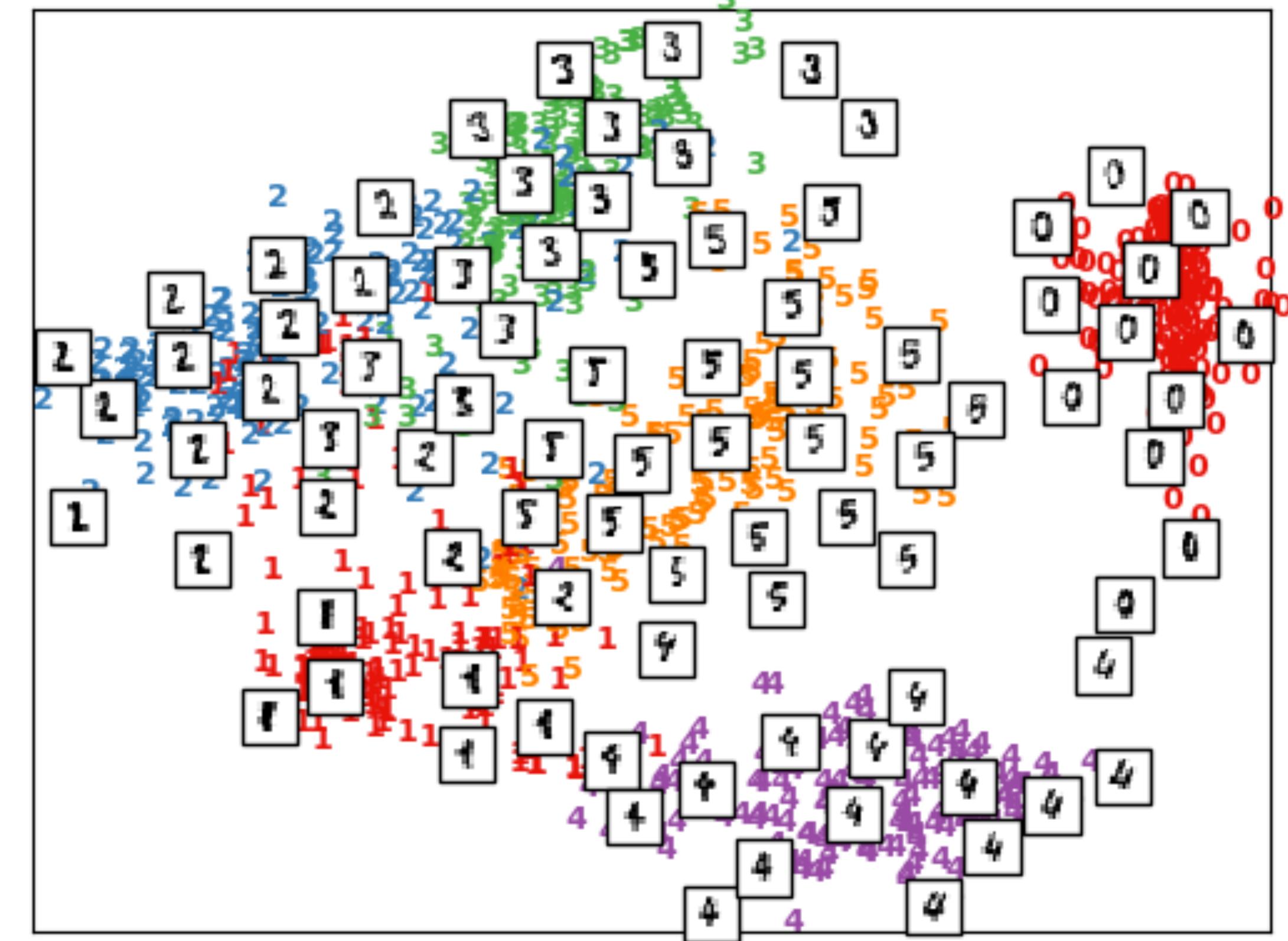
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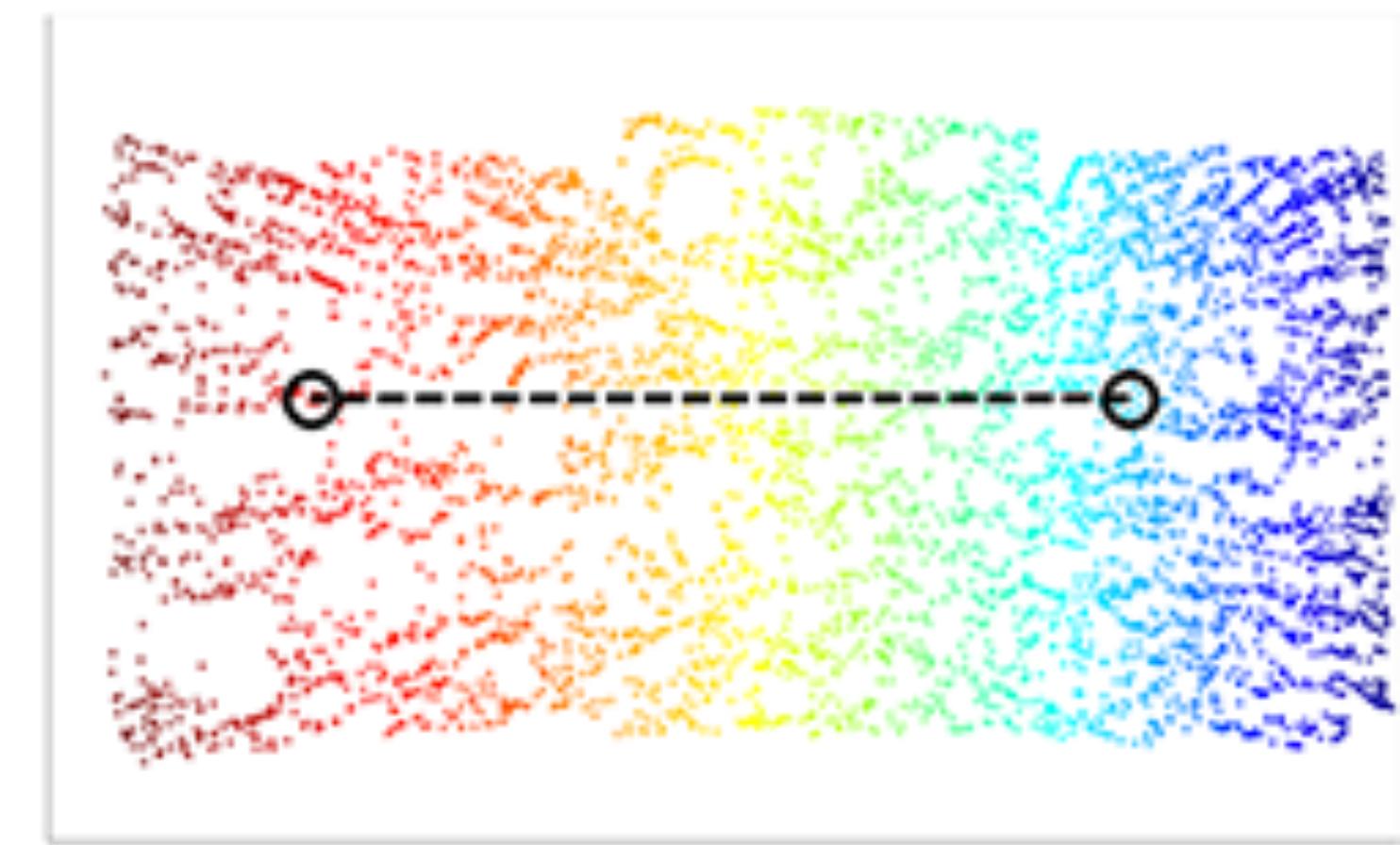
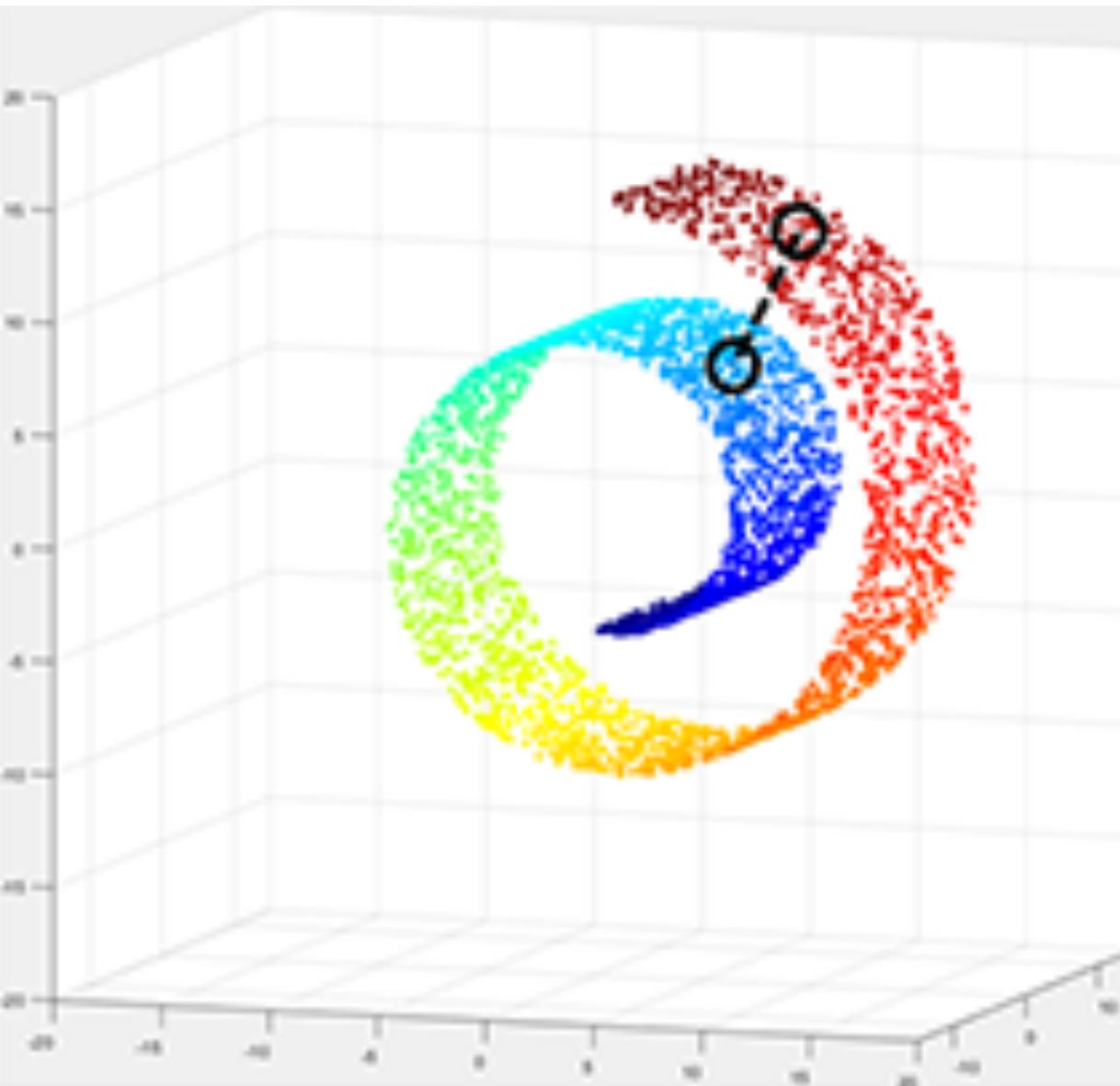
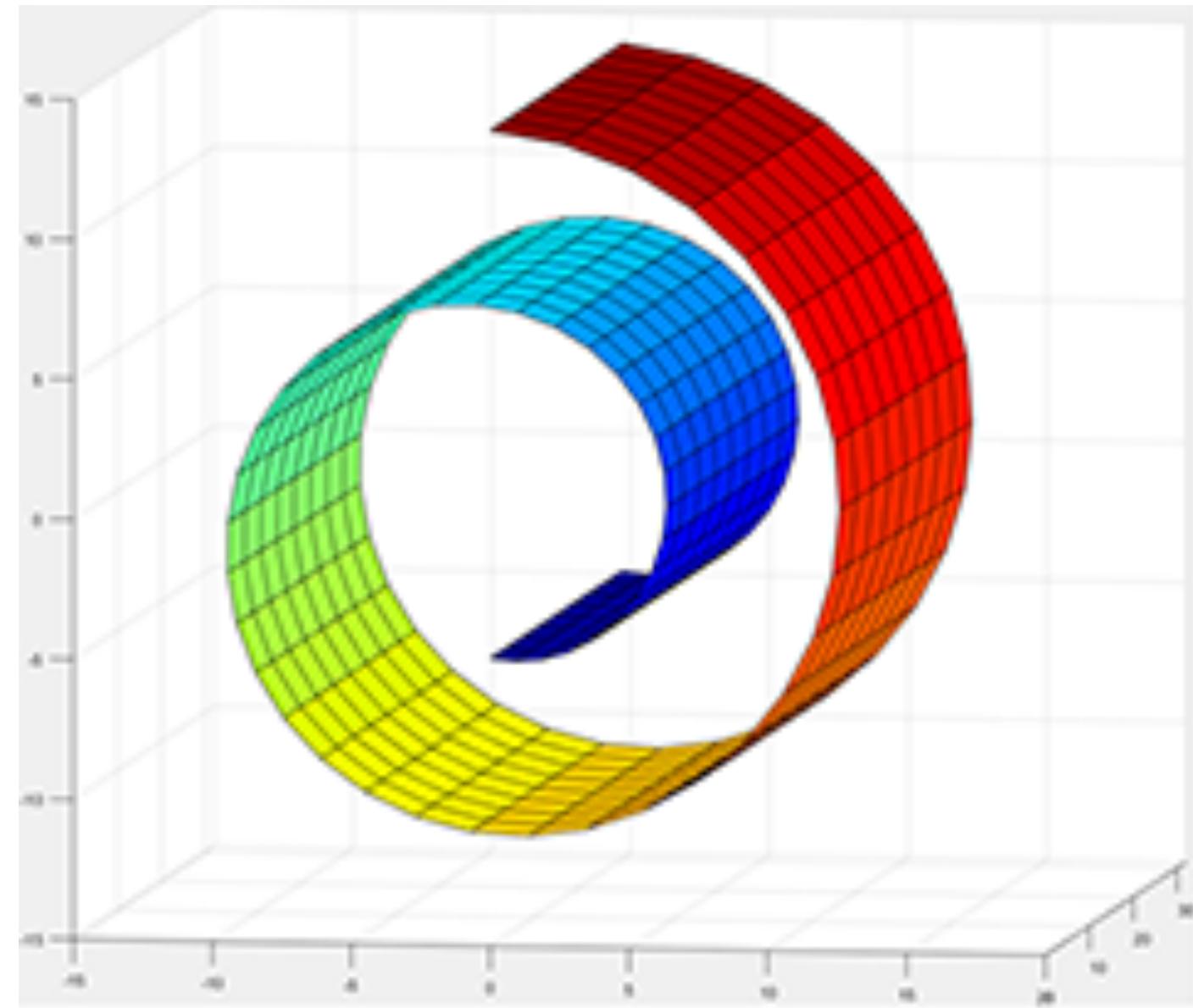
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Principal Components projection of the digits (time 0.01s)



Isomap projection of the digits (time 1.12s)





# Isomap - Summary

- Preserves: Geodesic distance
- Pros: works well with non-linear data (e.g images), good for visualization
- Cons: much slower than PCA, especially for large data, may not work well for linear data, not as effective for pre-processing (vs. visualization), generally outperformed by t-SNE

# The techniques

- Random Projection
- Principal Component Analysis
- Isomap
- t-SNE

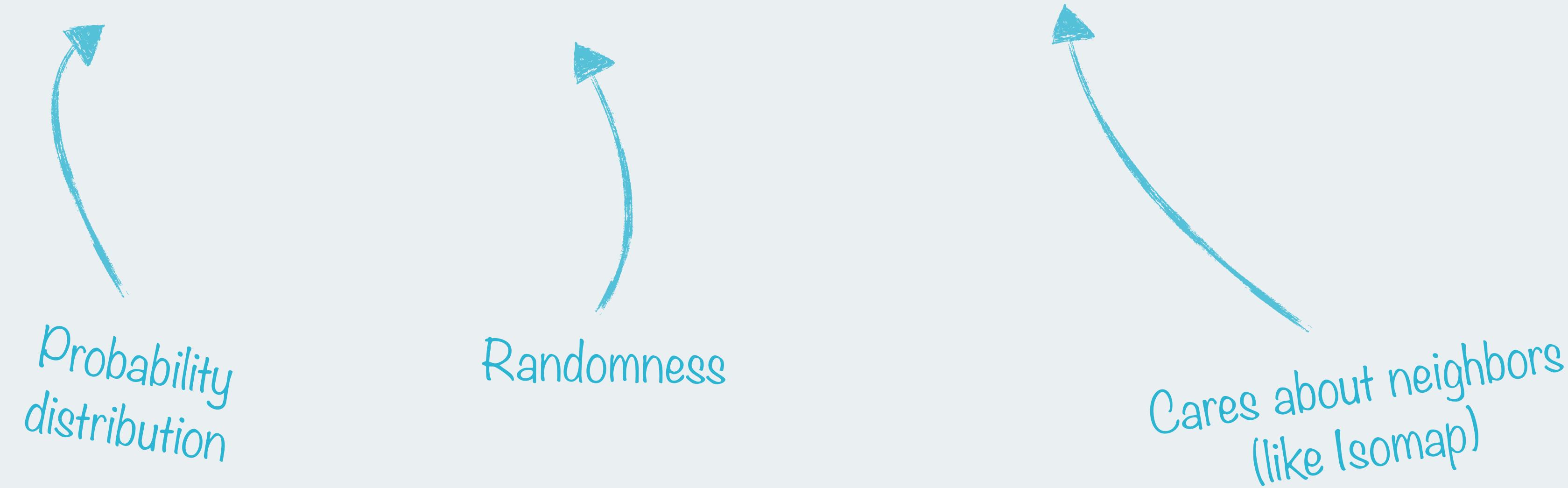
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# **t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)**

# t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)



# t-SNE - A quick explanation

t-SNE constructs a probability distribution over pairs of high-dimensional objects in such a way that similar objects have a high probability of being picked. It does the same in the low-dimensional space; then it tries to align the two distributions.

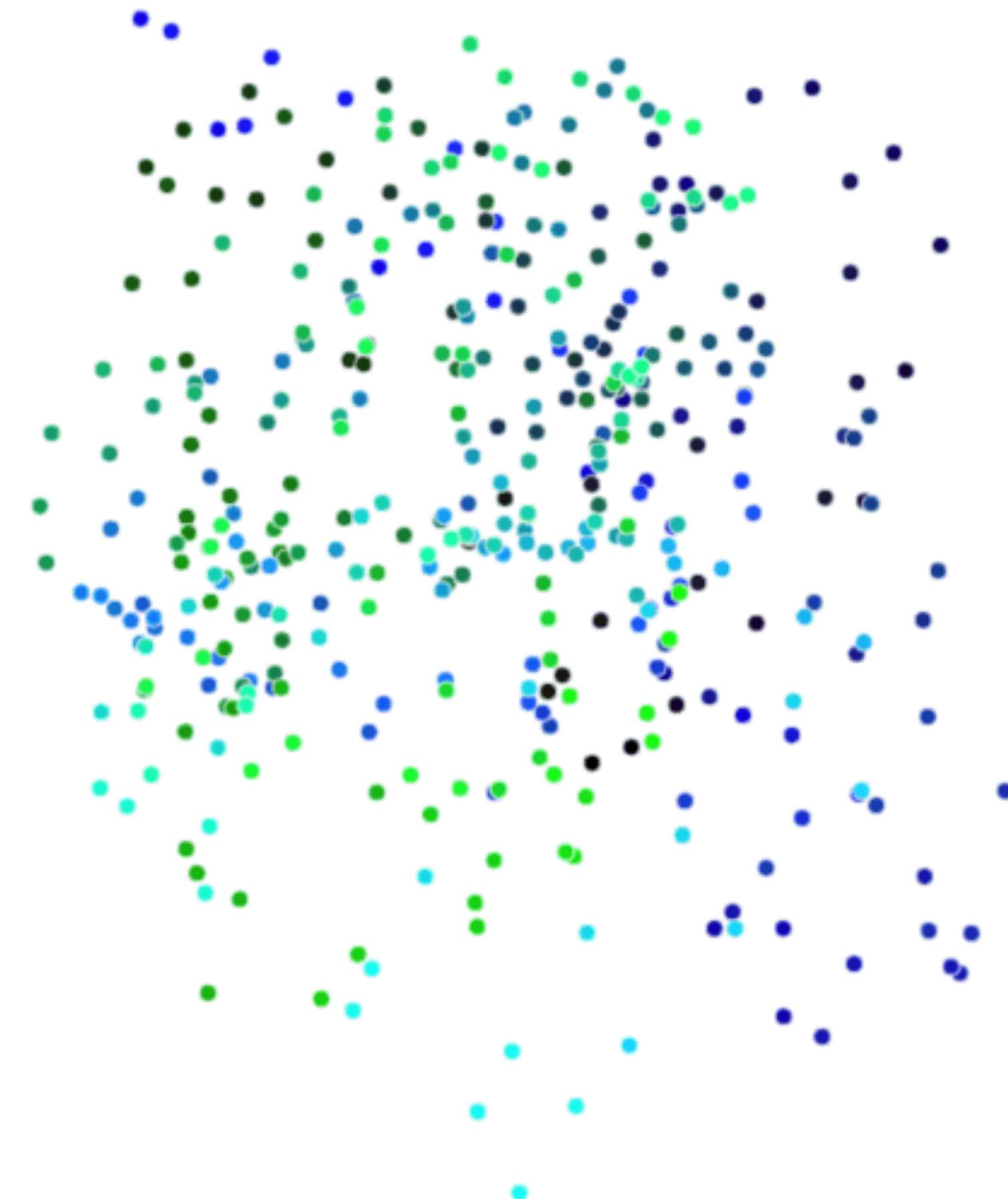
High-dimensional space = Gaussian distribution. 2D space = Student's t-distribution. The fatter tails of a t-distribution compared to a Gaussian help to spread the points more evenly in the 2-dimensional space.

# t-SNE - A quick explanation

The main parameter controlling the fitting is called **perplexity**. A low perplexity means we care about local scale and focus on the closest other points. High perplexity takes more of a “big picture” approach.

Usually (unless perplexity is very high), t-SNE is focused on **preserving local structure**.

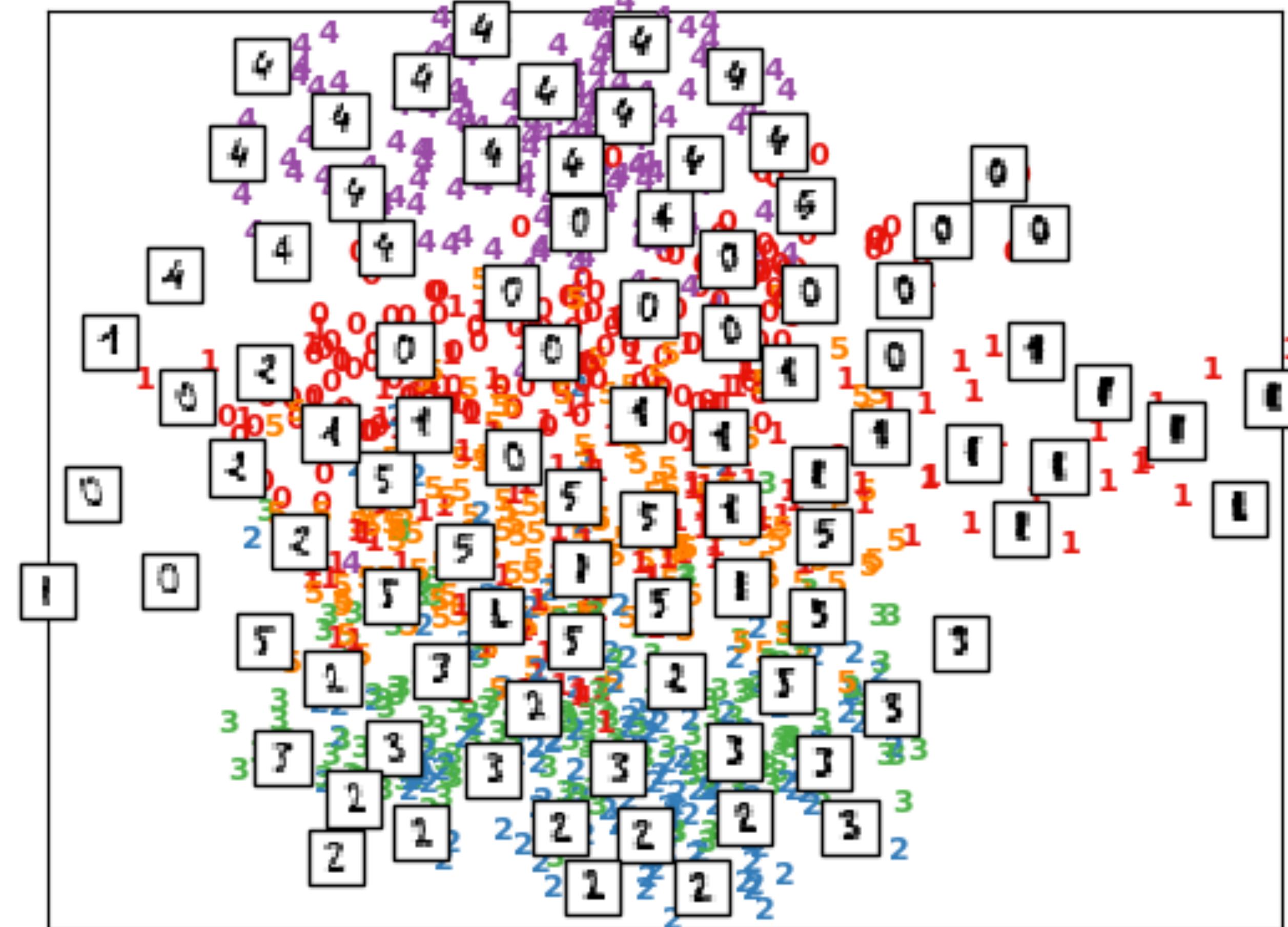
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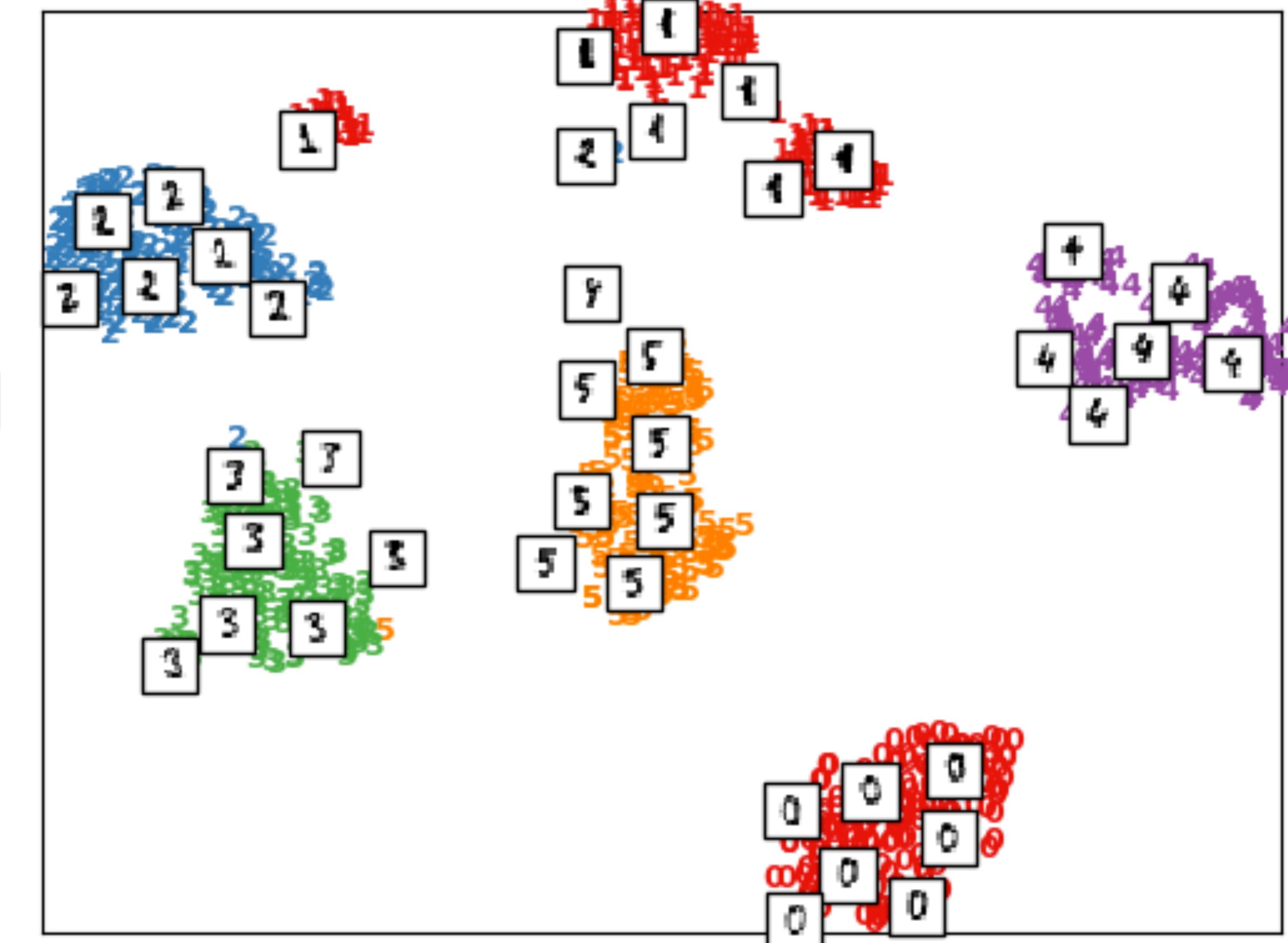
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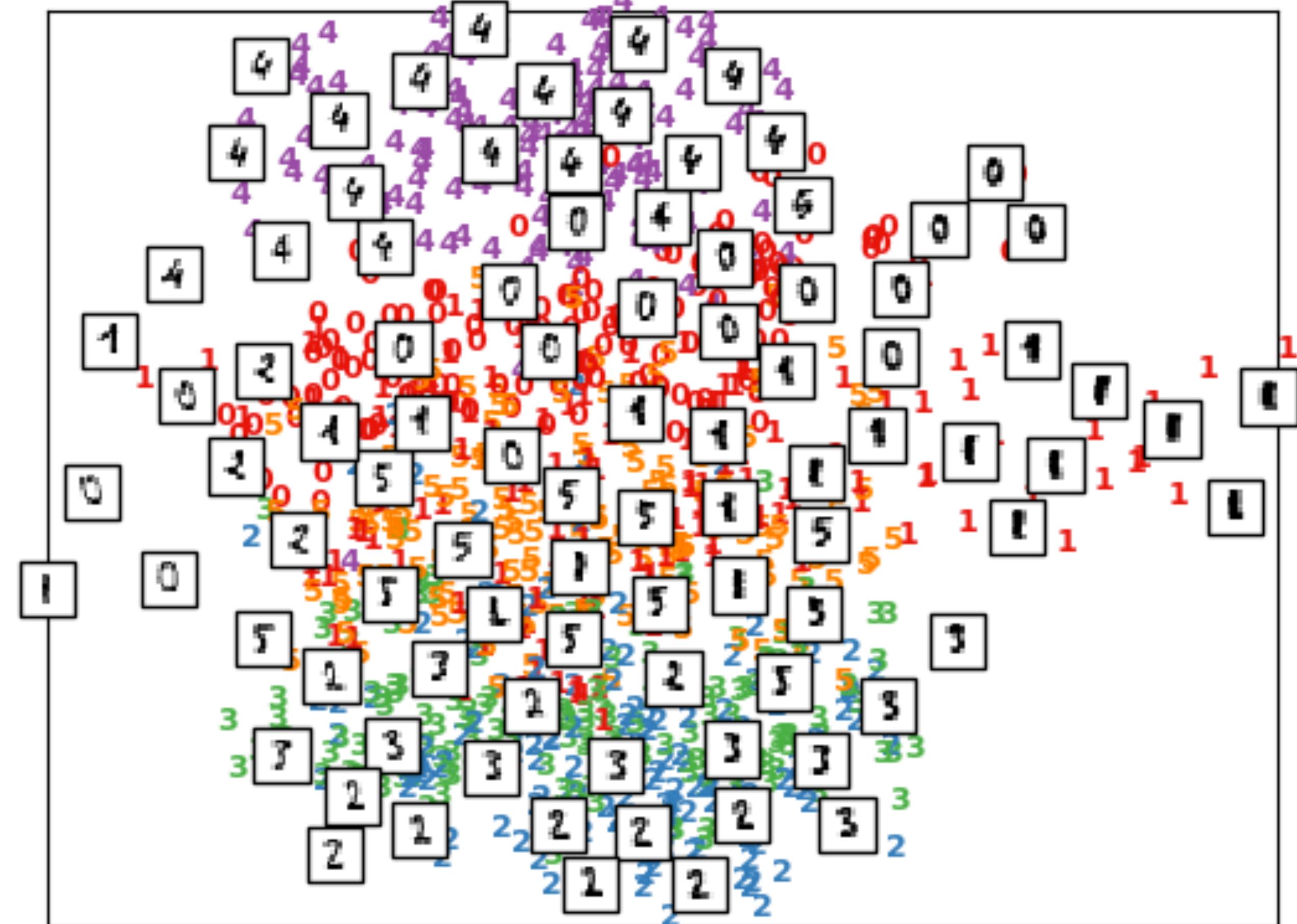
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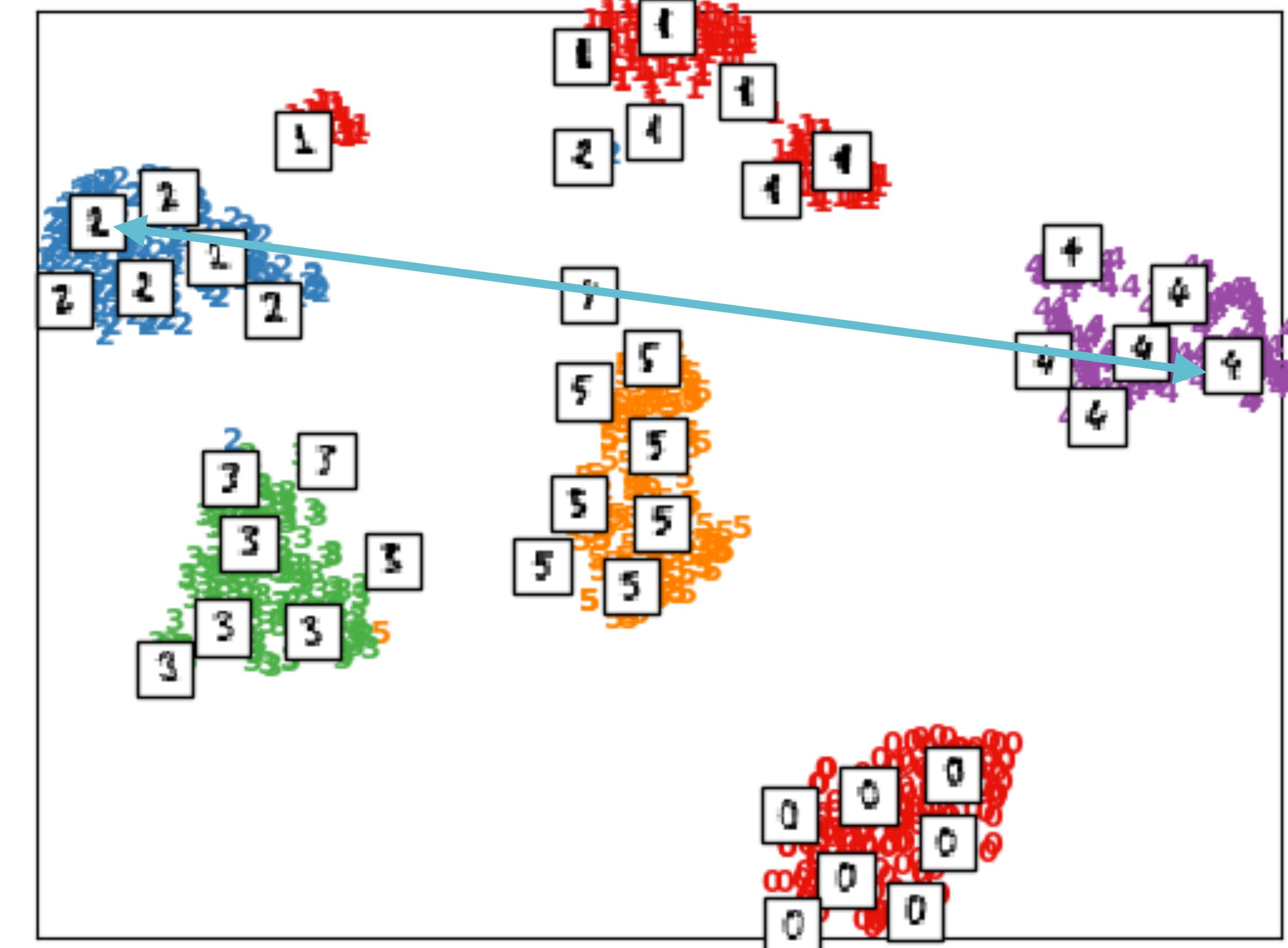
t-SNE embedding of the digits (time 17.58s)



Principal Components projection of the digits (time 0.01s)



t-SNE embedding of the digits (time 17.58s)



# t-SNE & PCA

We'll often use PCA & t-SNE together, because:

- a) it'll be faster
- b) it will preserve global structure better

“It is highly recommended to use another dimensionality reduction method (e.g. PCA) to reduce the number of dimensions to a reasonable amount (e.g. 50)” - Scipy docs

# t-SNE - Summary

- Preserves: Local structure
- Pros: generally works very well for visualization, can be adjusted with perplexity, works on many kinds of data, pairs well with PCA
- Cons: computationally expensive, element of randomness mean results aren't guaranteed, doesn't preserve global structure

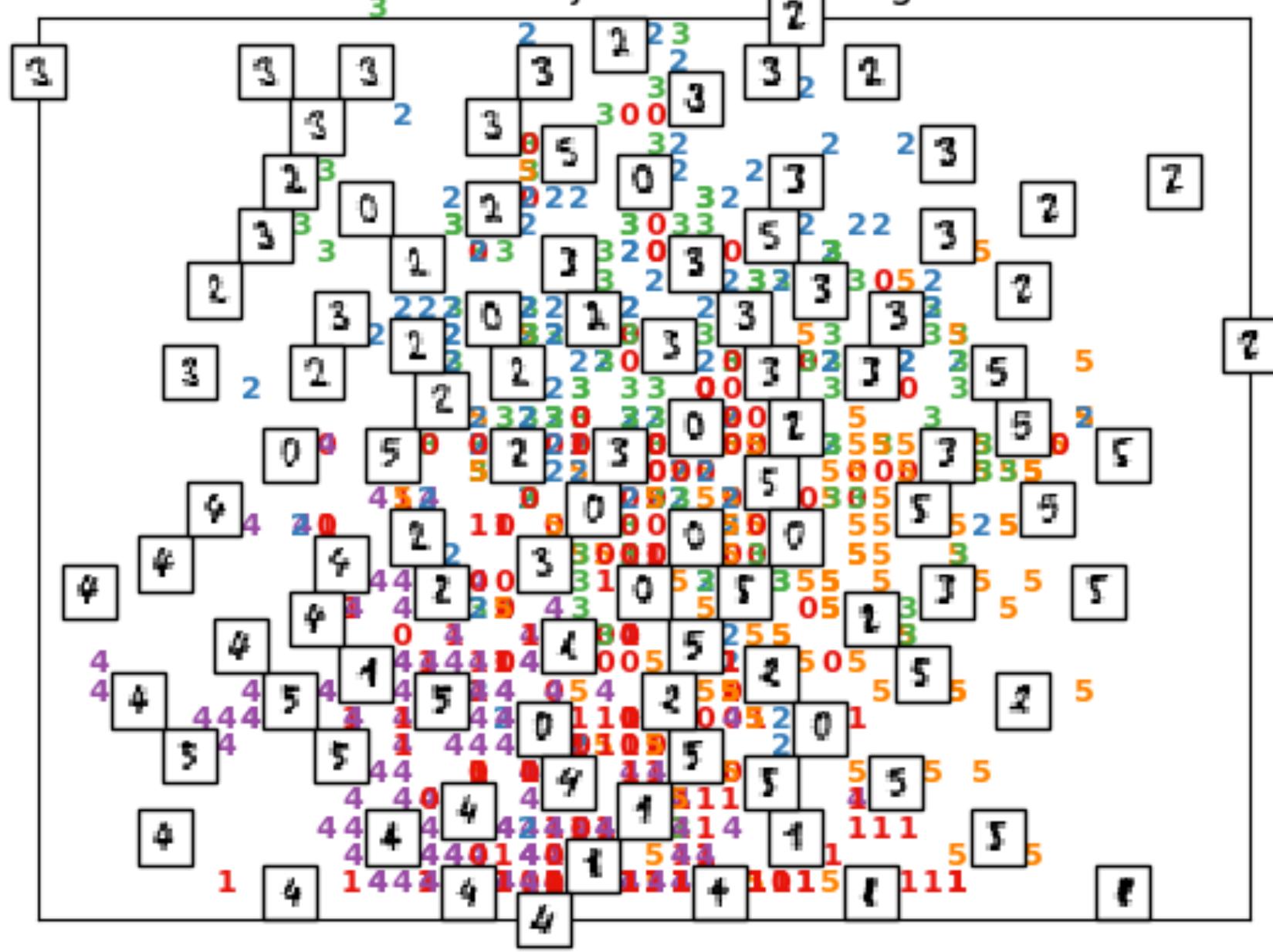
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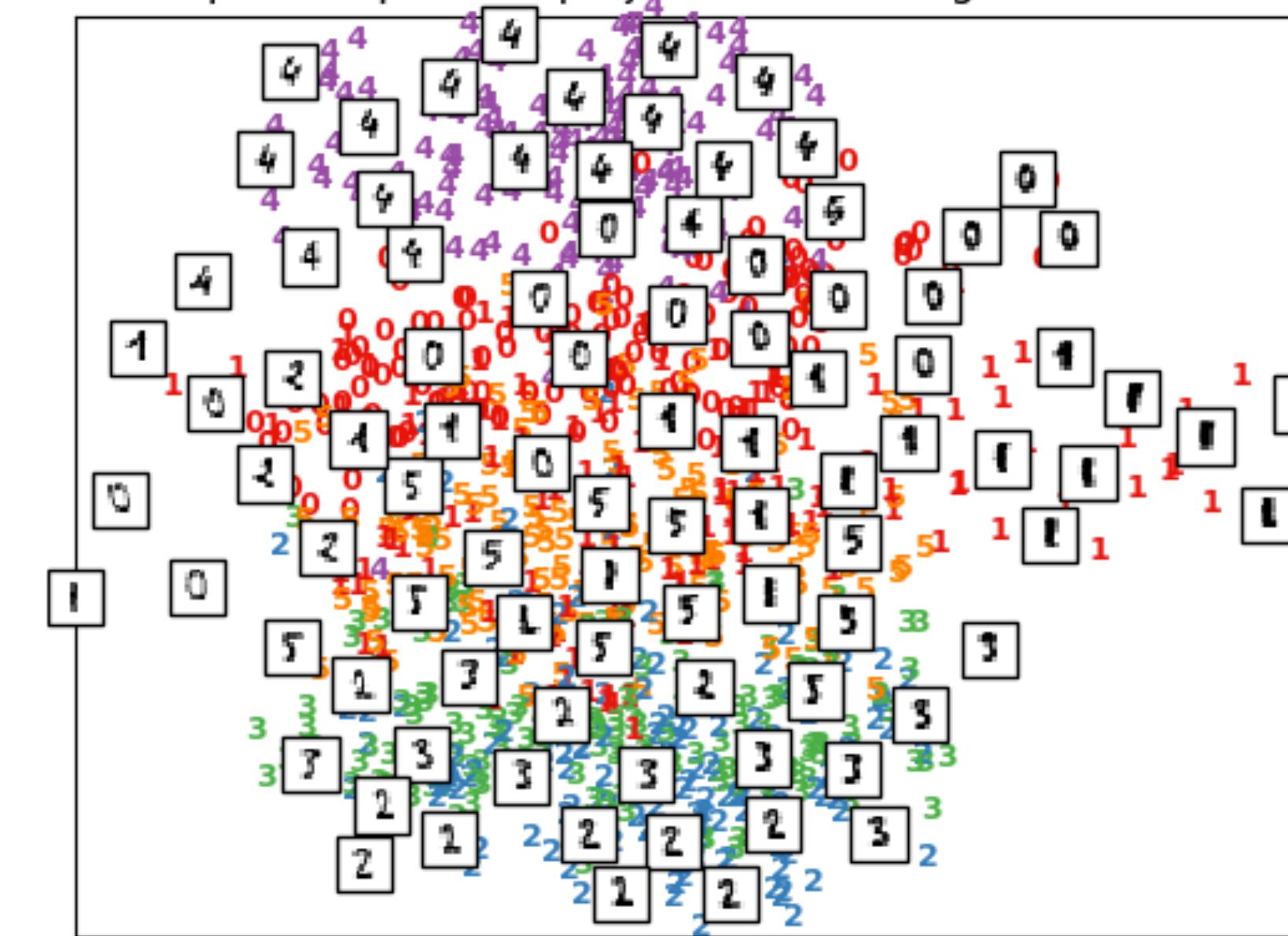
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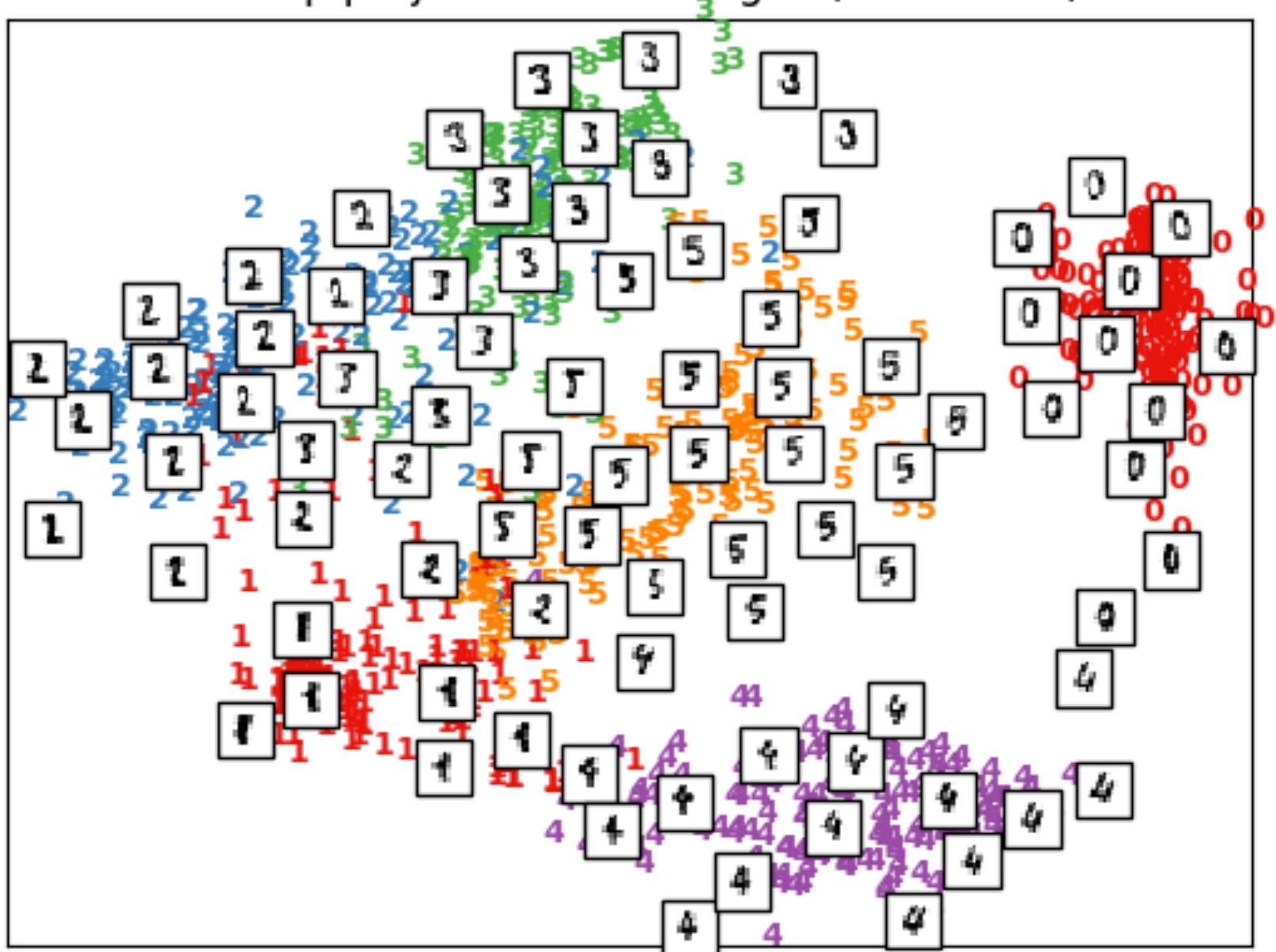
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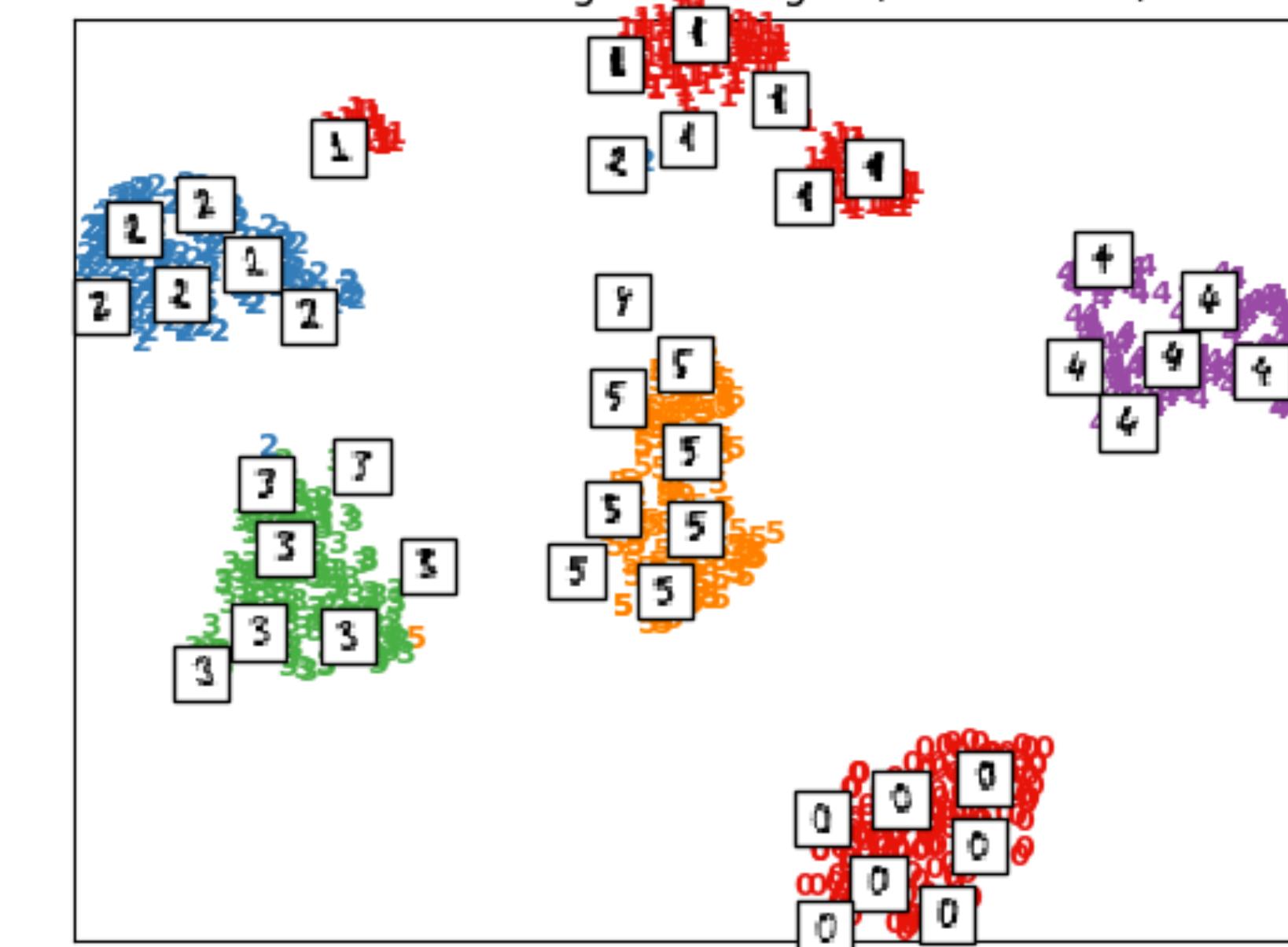
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# Side note: interpreting DR

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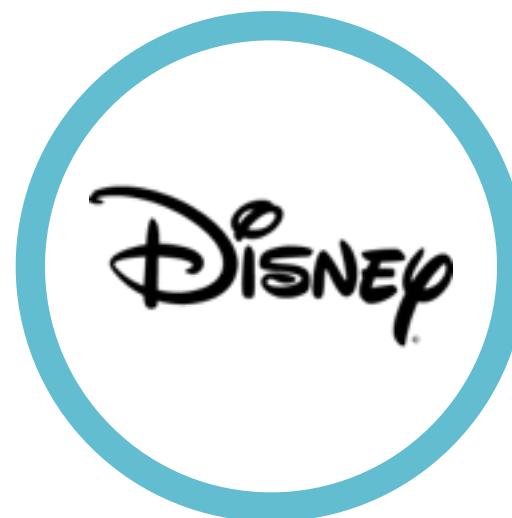
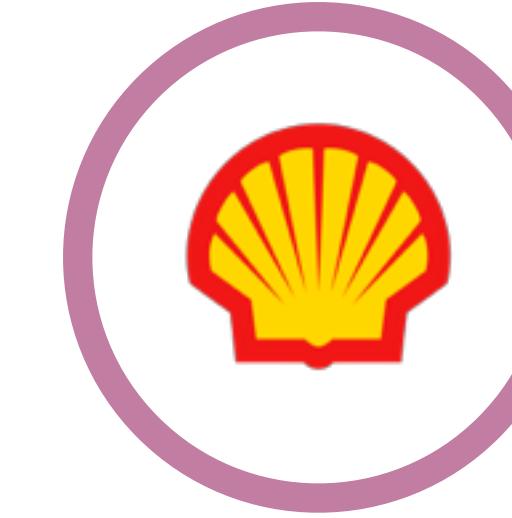
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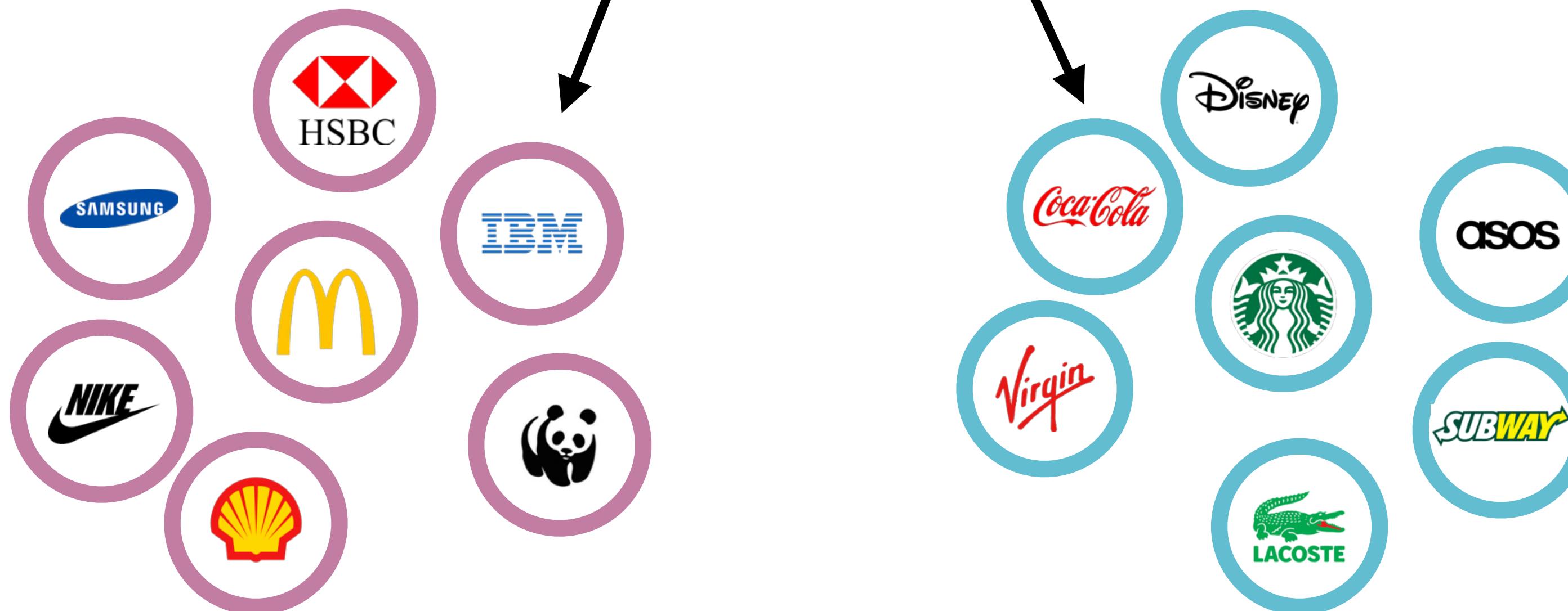
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Time on site > 5  
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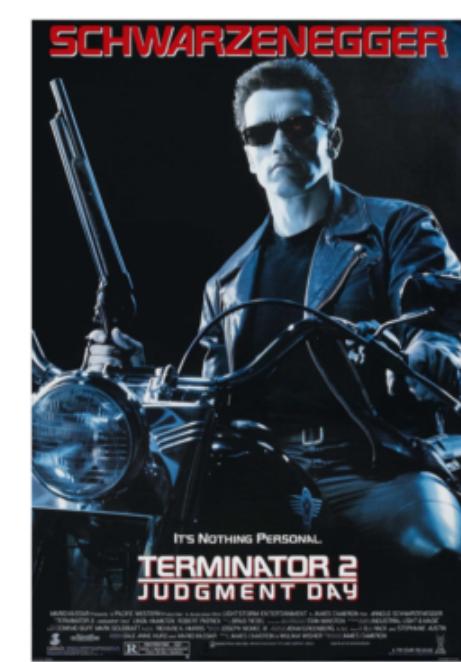
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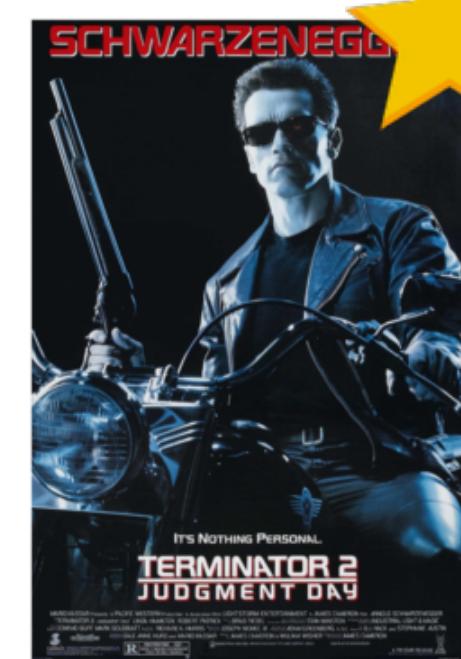


# Recommender systems





# Recommender systems



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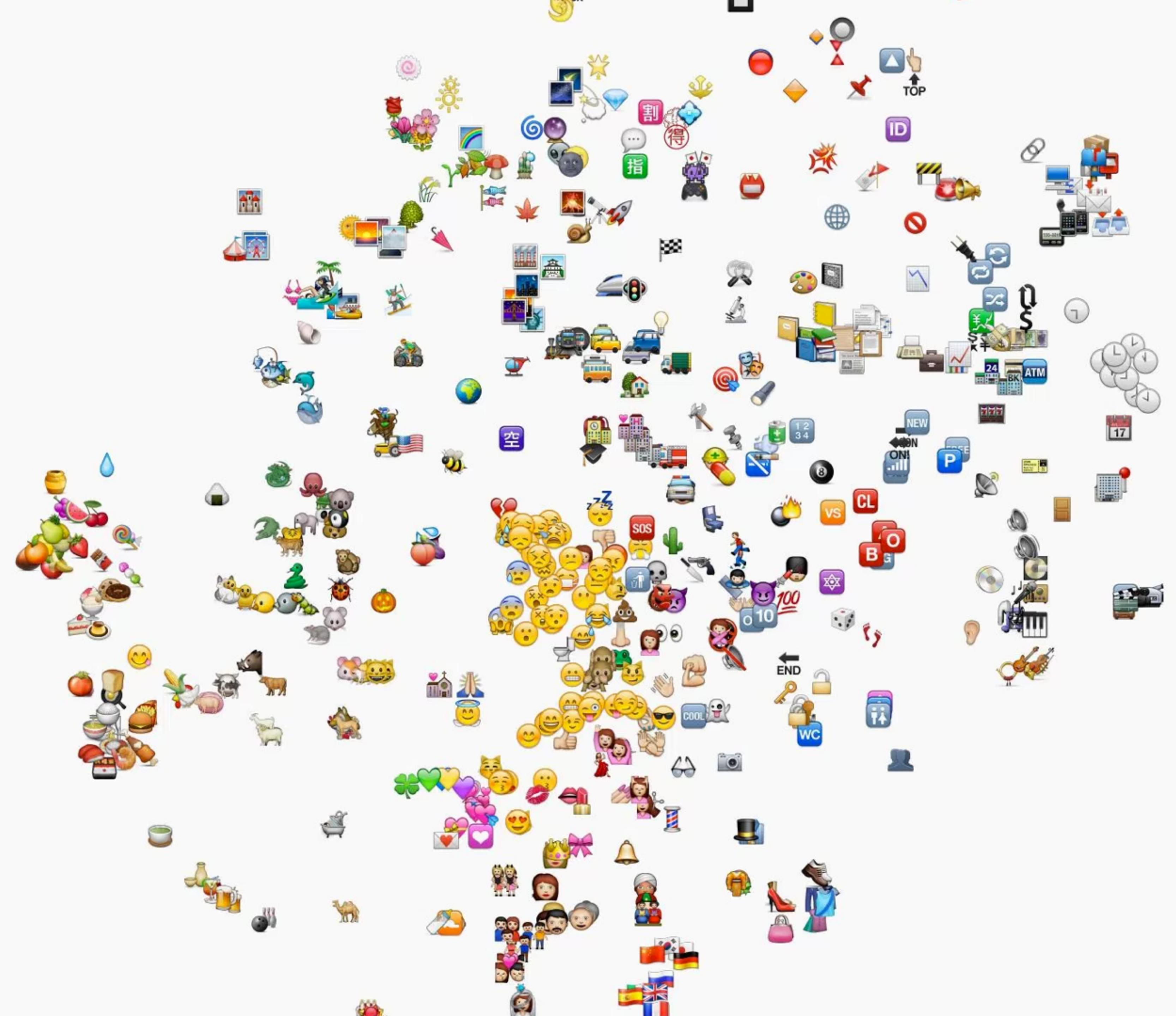
Pizza is delicious 🍕😊

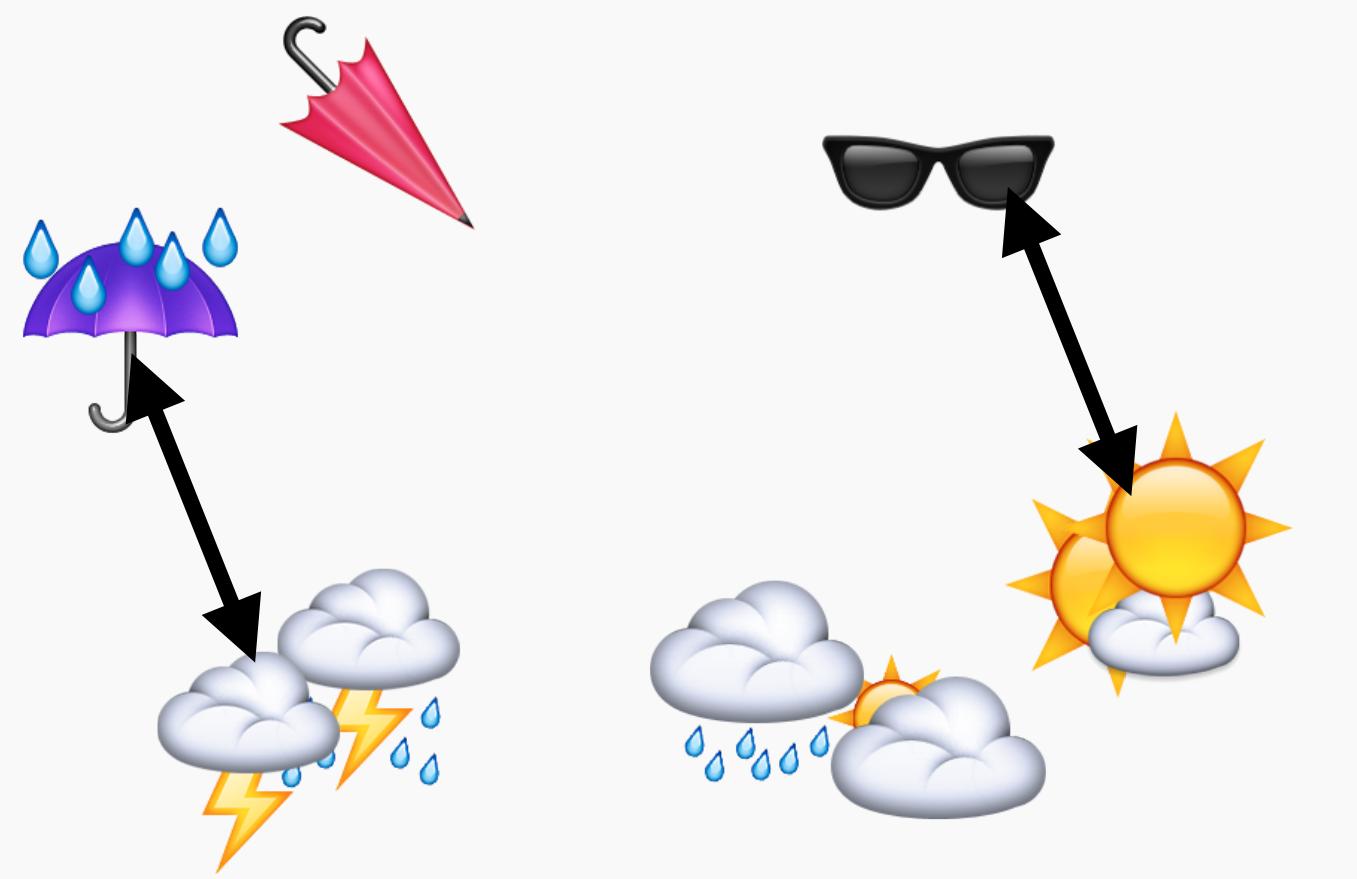
❤️ happy birthday ❤️🎉

See you later

Great news 👍😊

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$$\text{😎} - \text{☀️} + \text{⚡️} = \text{☂️}$$

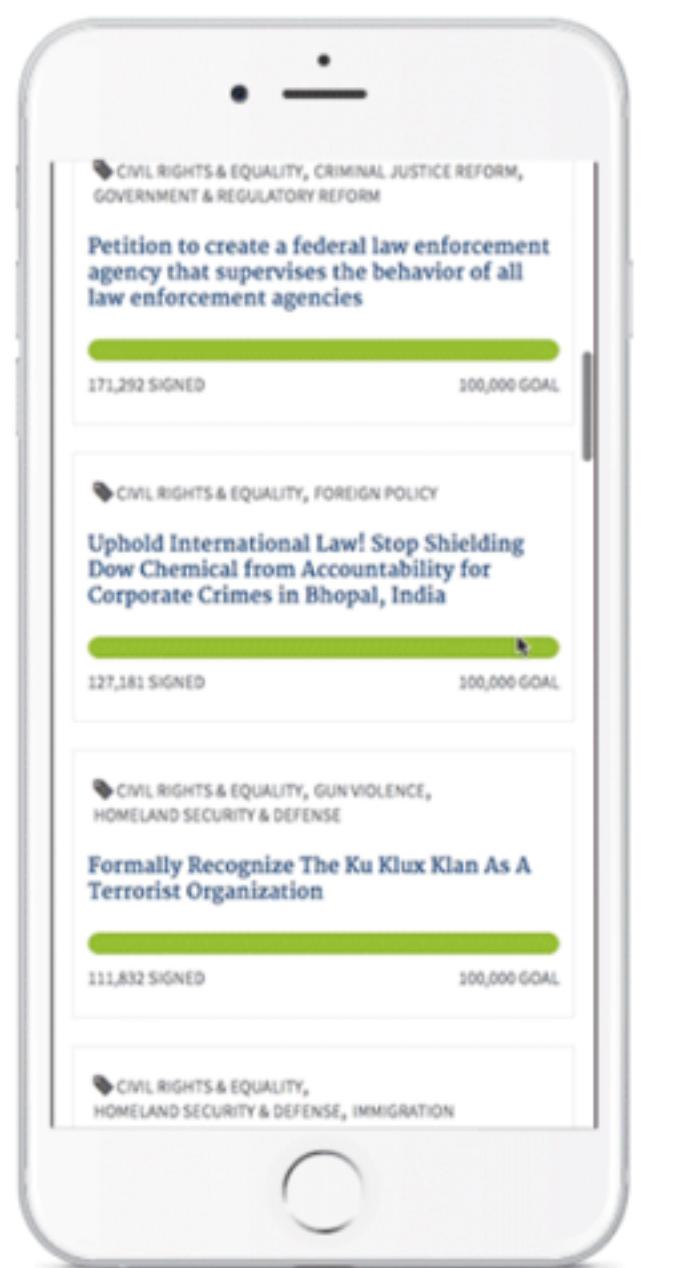
# Word vectors

Facebook's Fasttext: ~5 million → 300 dimensions

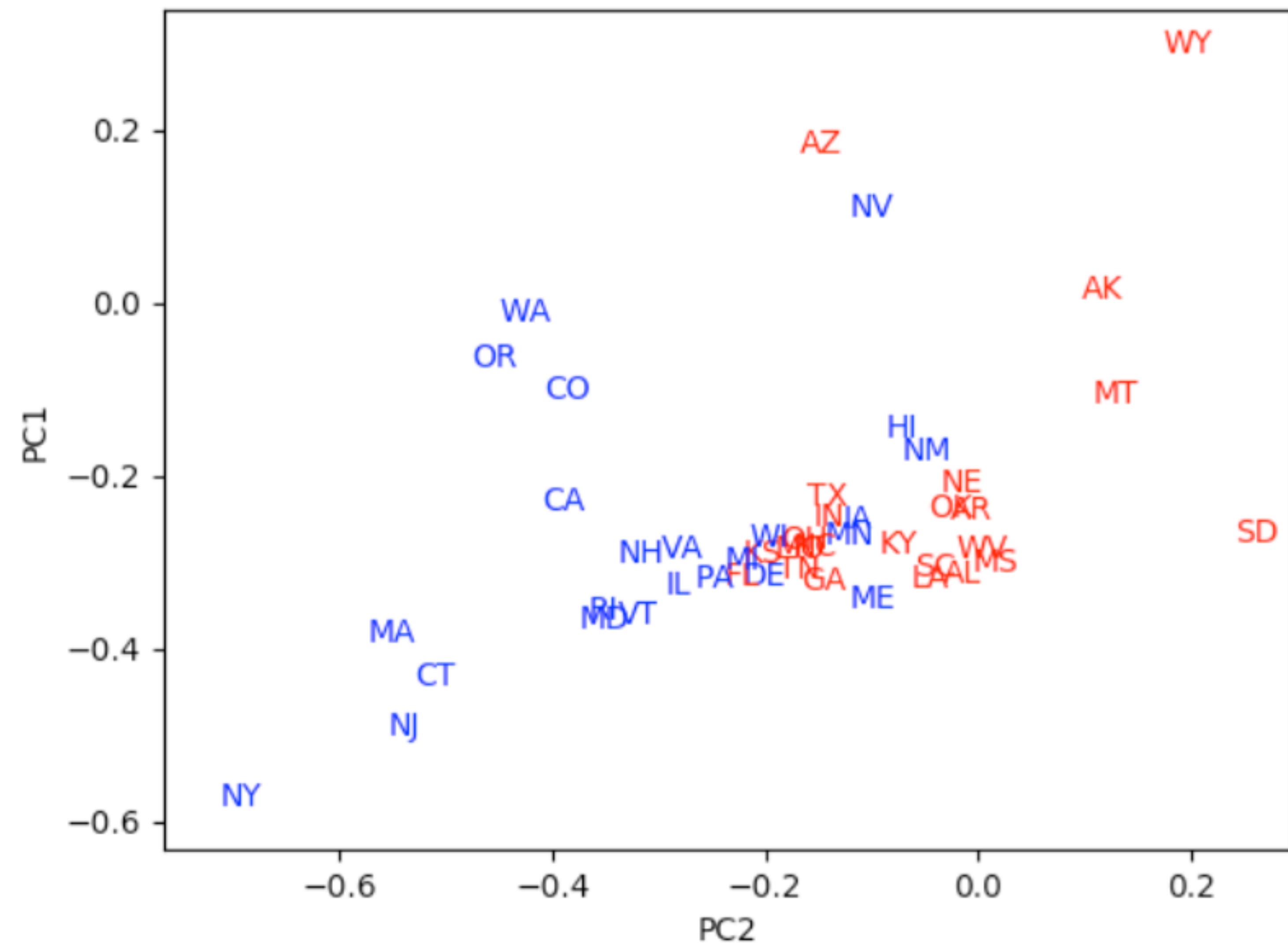
king - man + woman = queen

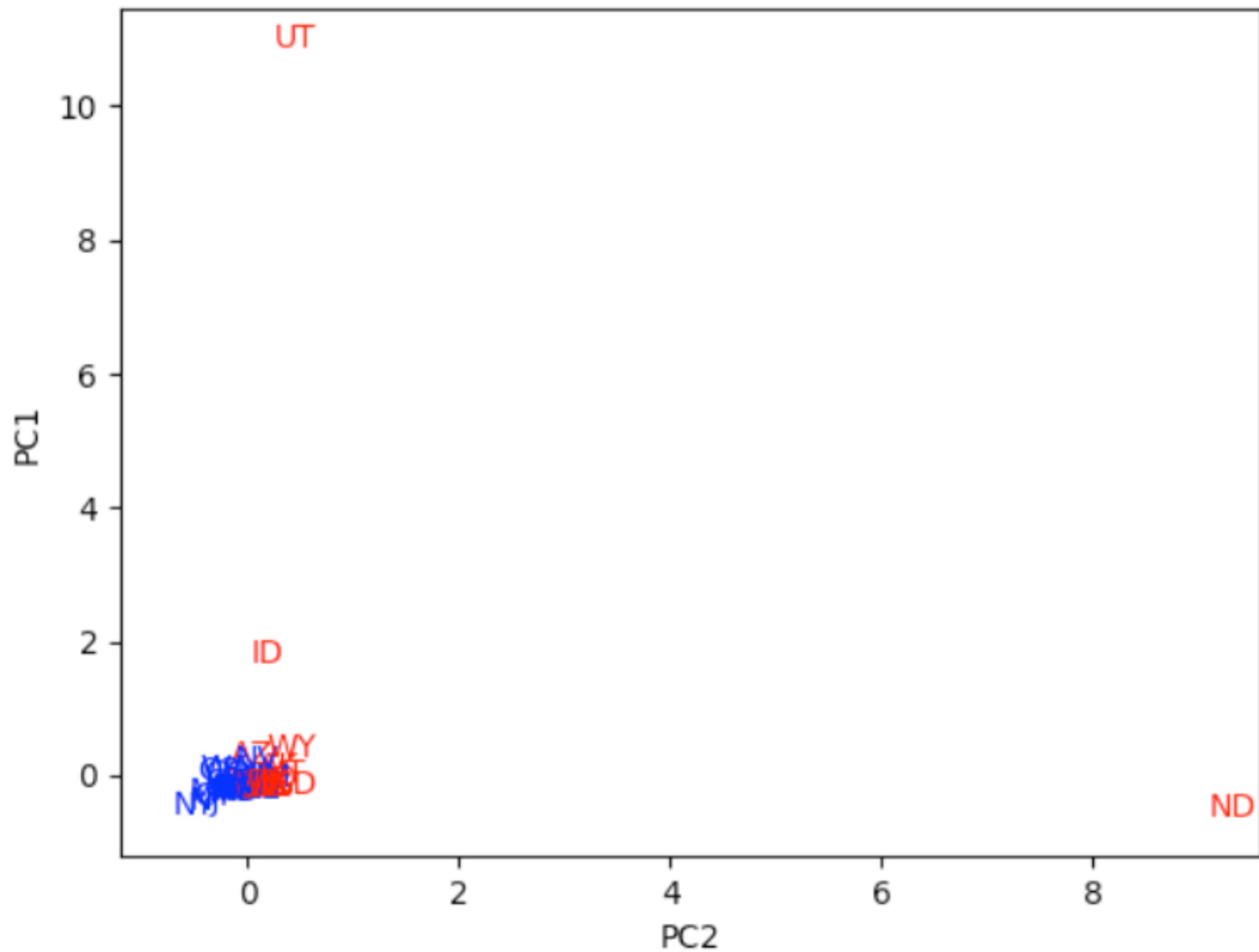
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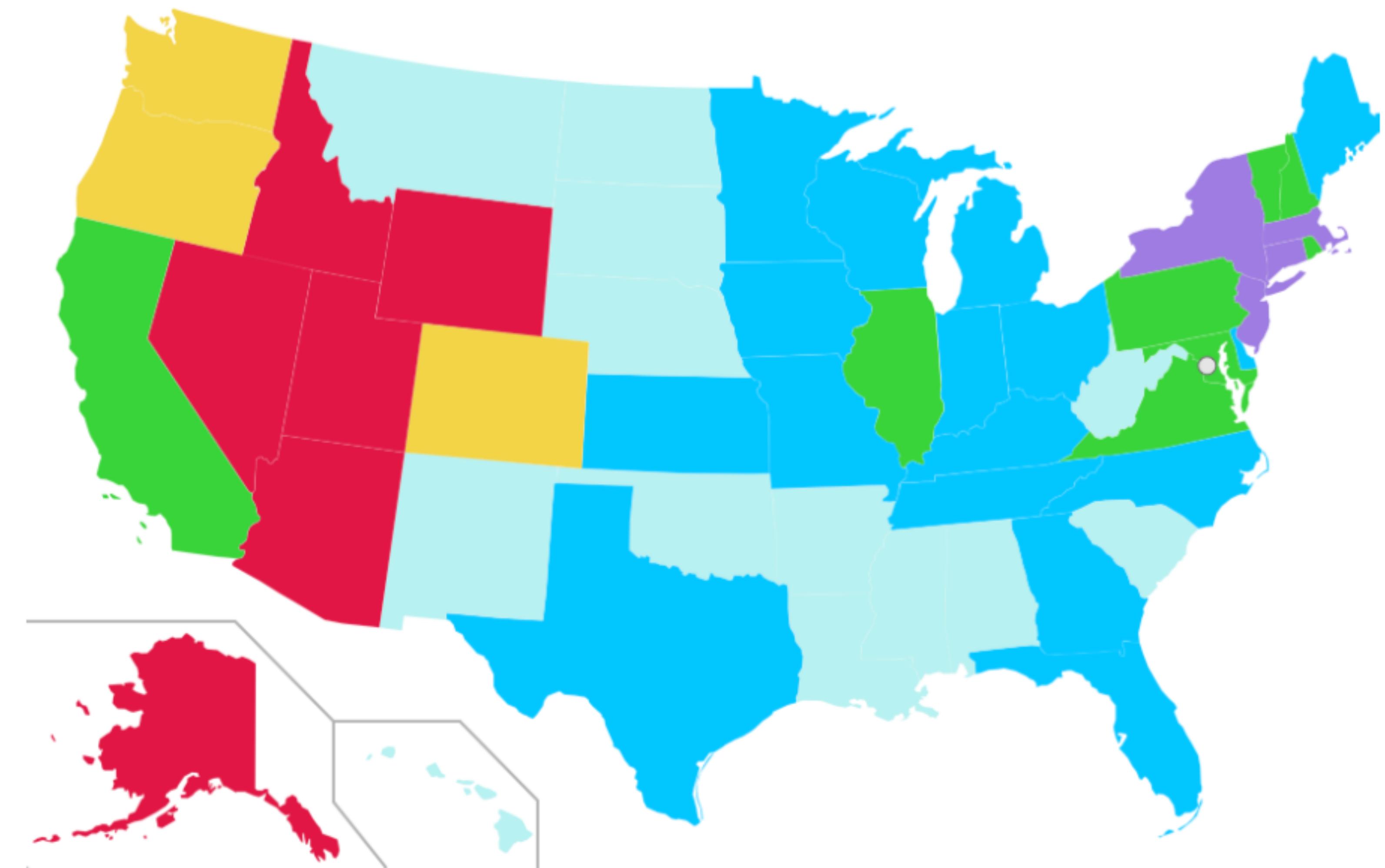
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Polish zolty	Viet Nam	flag carrier Lufthansa	upriver	Charlotte Gainsbourg
CTK	Vietnamese	Lufthansa	Russia	Cecile De



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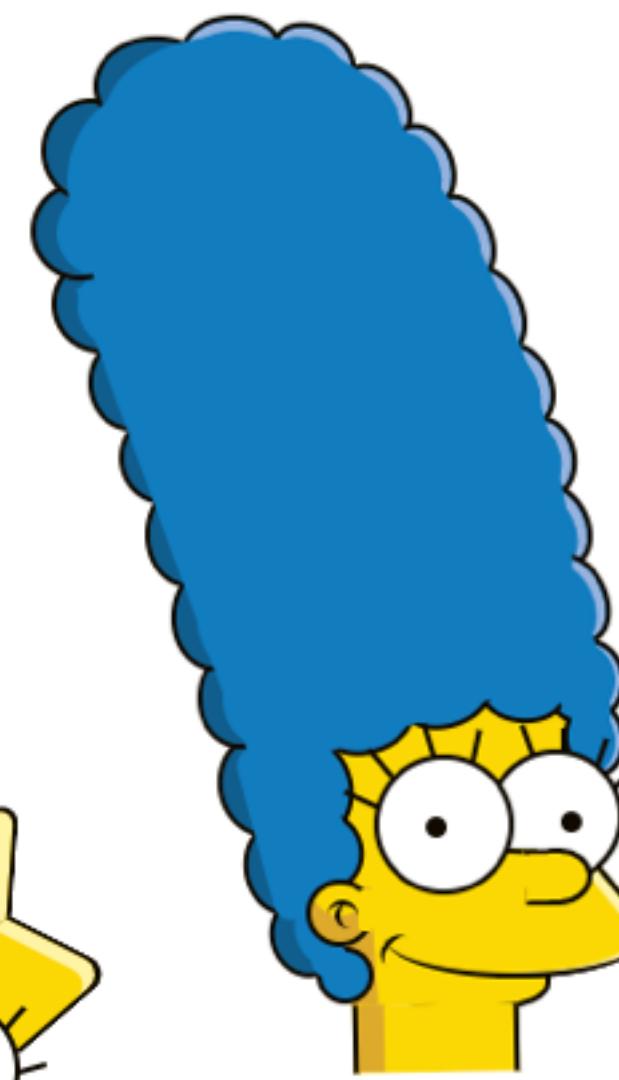
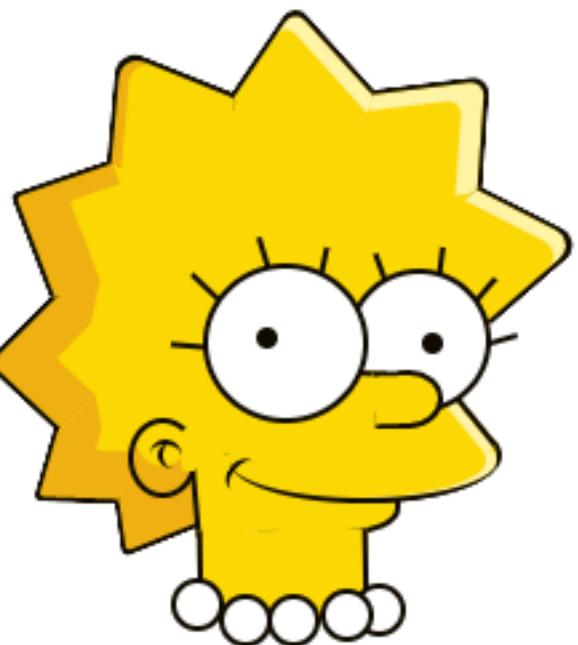
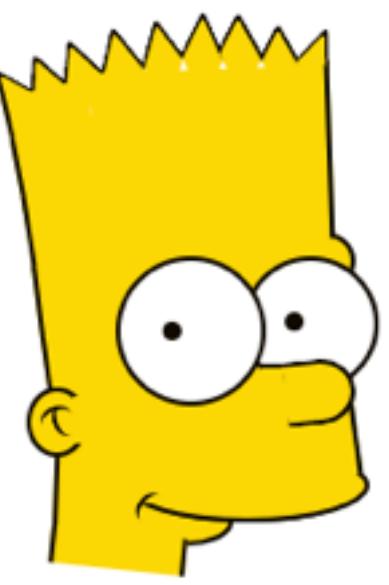


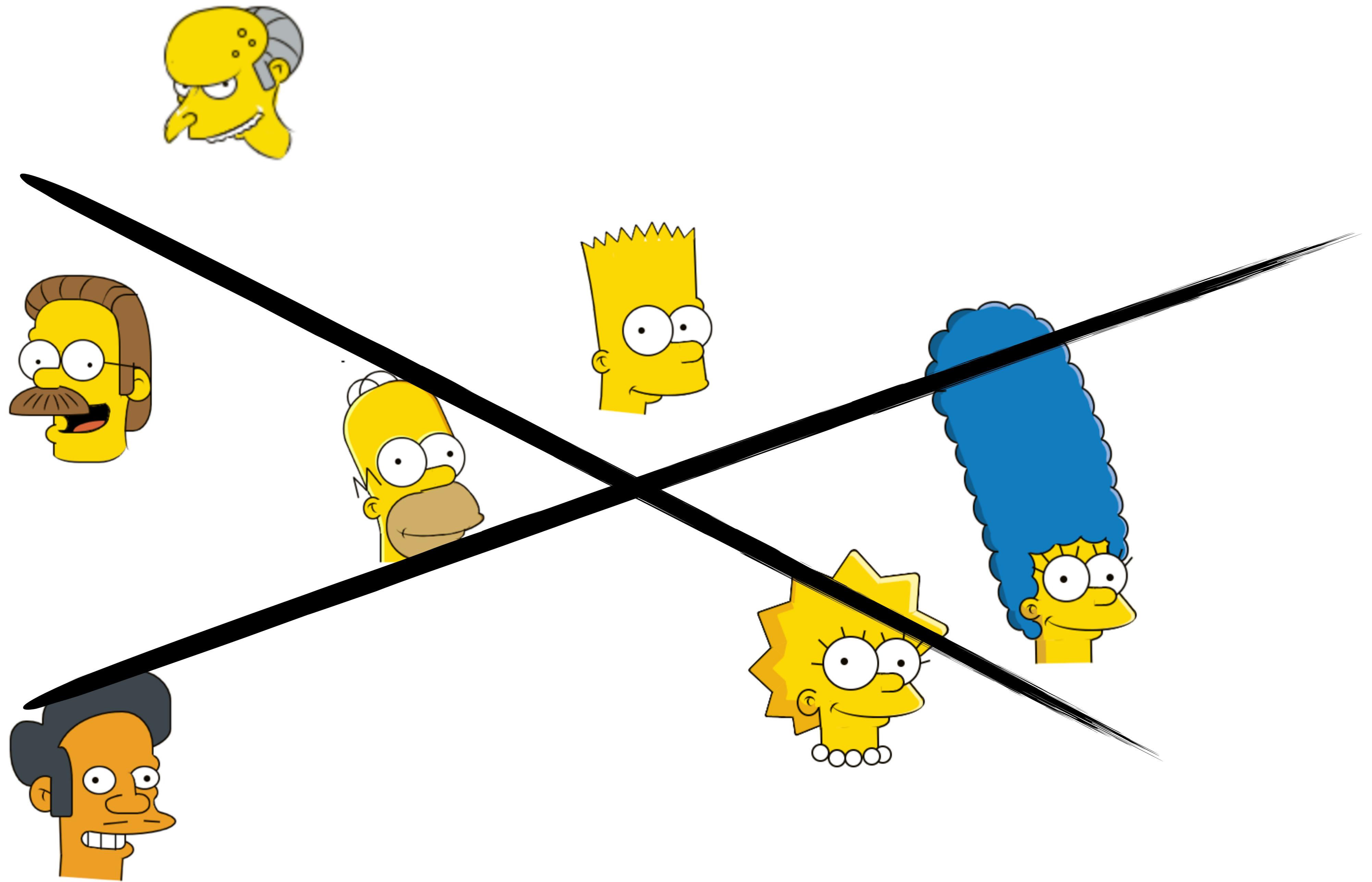




[https://www.kaggle.com/wcukierski/  
the-simpsons-by-the-data](https://www.kaggle.com/wcukierski/the-simpsons-by-the-data)

- What episodes do they appear in?
- What scenes do they appear in?
- What words do they use?
- Which other characters do they mention?





Google Arts & Culture **TSNE MAP**



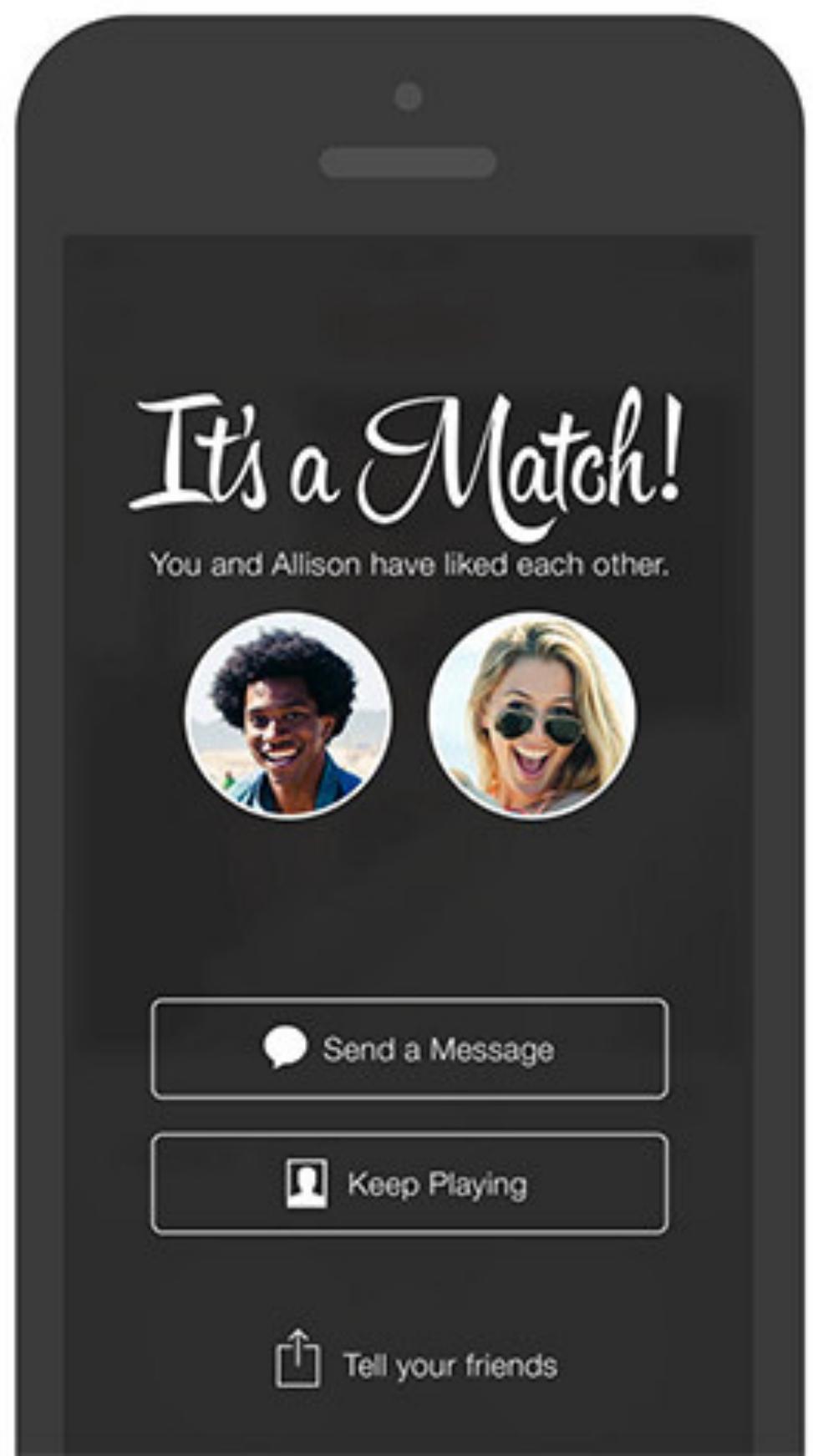
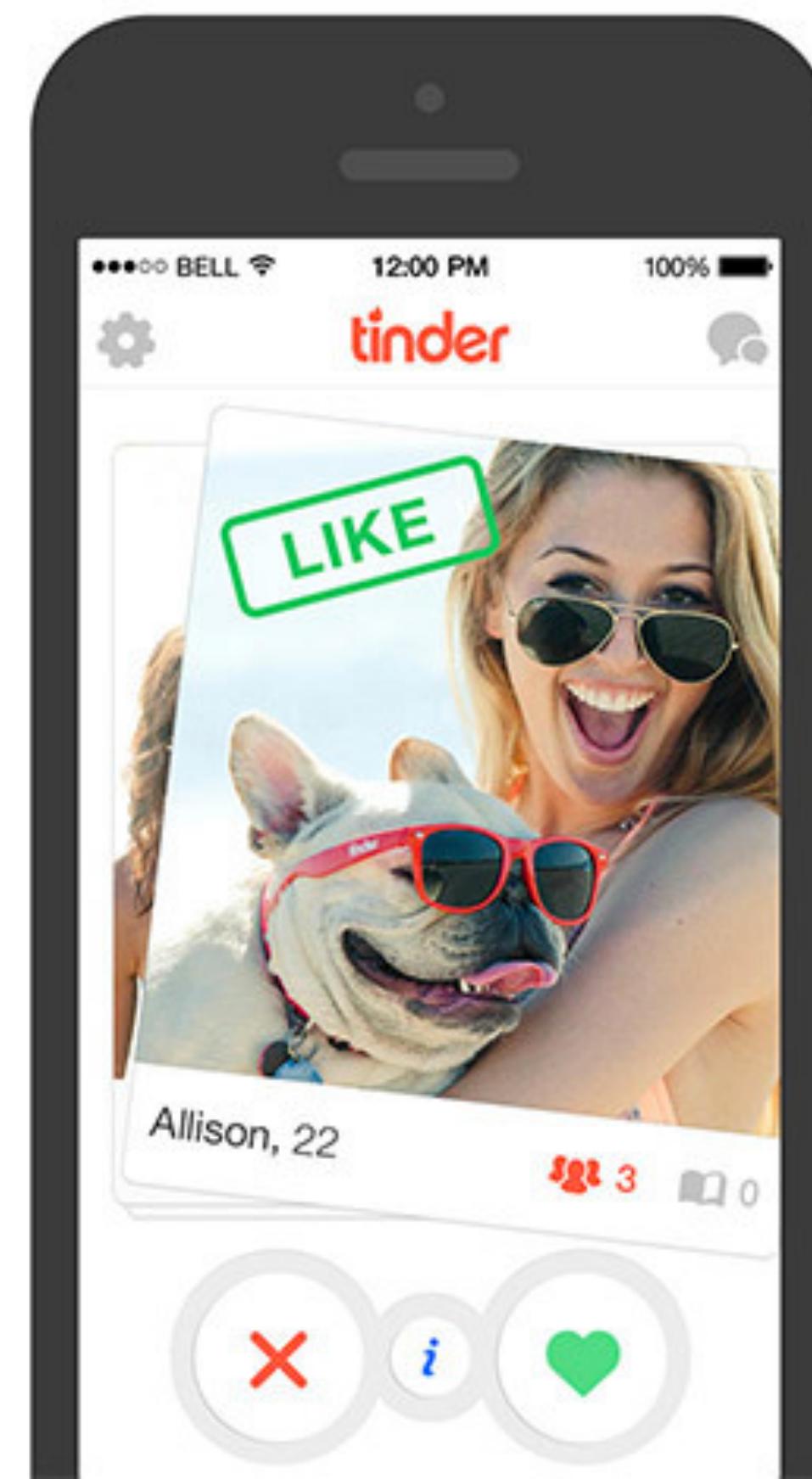
- Vintage posters
- Lost in space
- Mostly the Brown sisters
- Ballet dancers
- Black & white vs contrasted color
- Rough colors
- Blues
- Impressionists Hill
- Landscapes forest
- Horses
- Still life with Arcimboldo
- Still life overview
- Painted in gold
- Shore of portraits
- Japanese scenes of the XIX century

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SHOWING ARTWORKS FROM 623 PARTNER COLLECTIONS





The burning question is, did I solve my own problem? The answer is a resounding yes. In the interest of privacy of my relationship, I won't be publishing too many details on the blog but I will leave you with a picture of myself with the most beautiful woman in the world...

- Justin Long





# Questions?