ACRONYMS AND SYMBOLS

ACRONYMS

CAGR compound annual growth rate
COMTRADE United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics database
EXPY export sophistication index
GDP gross domestic product
HS Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System
IMF International Monetary Fund
PRODY product technological sophistication index
RCA revealed comparative advantage
RHCI revealed human capital intensity of a product
RPCI revealed physical capital intensity of a product
SITC Standard International Trade Classification
UN United Nations
UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
USD United States dollar
WDI World Development Indicators database

SYMBOLS

H human capital
i origin country or group
j destination country or group
k product or product group
K physical capital
L labor
m import line value
M total imports
n count or number
t year
w set of all countries; world
x export line value
X total exports
y GDP per capita
Y GDP
Ω set or group
∞ infinity
Σ summation
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INTRODUCTION

The online trade outcomes indicators is a tool developed by the International Trade Unit of the World Bank that reviews the country-level performance of exports along various dimensions which together give a fairly comprehensive picture of trade competitiveness. The online trade outcomes tool follows the analytical framework developed by the World Bank Trade Competitiveness Diagnostic toolkit. It provides indicators along four different dimensions of trade performance: (i) the composition, orientation and growth of exports and imports, (ii) the degree of export diversification across products and markets, (iii) the level of sophistication of a country’s main exports, and (iv) the survival rate of its export relationships. This framework allows the analyst to evaluate the dynamics of the country’s exports along different margins of trade and to benchmark specific countries’ position with respect to their peers. The toolkit can be used to assess the competitiveness of a country’s overall basket of products as well as specific traded sectors. It facilitates the identification of the primary constraints to improved trade competitiveness and the policy responses to overcome these constraints.

The principal data source is the United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics Database (UN-COMTRADE), which reports detailed bilateral export and import data. The database is regularly updated and includes information for over 170 countries, some of which have been reporting these types of statistics to the United Nations since 1962. The data are recorded according to various internationally recognized trade classifications. This database is available through the World Integrated Trade Solutions (WITS) platform, which is a gateway to trade statistics as well as a trade analytical tool developed by the World Bank. The online trade outcomes indicators is embedded in this platform. In addition to UN-COMTRADE data, the online trade outcomes tool makes use of other publicly available datasets, such as the World Bank’s World Development Indicators and the UN Revealed Factor Intensity Indices.

The online trade outcomes tool provides the user with a flexible array of options. These options include the selection of countries of interest, product classifications, the usage of reported or mirrored data, and the years of the analysis. In addition, the user can also create ad-hoc country and product groups or—when relevant—investigate specific trading partners. It is also possible to generate only a subset of indicators and get comparative data on peer countries. This user’s guideline document provides specific details for these options.

The online trade outcomes tool is also user-friendly. As an alternative to the indicator by indicator analysis, the software offers a built-in set of choices that the user can automatically employ to generate the set of indicators by section for the country and the year of choice.

The output of the online trade outcomes tool is the data for each indicator along with a companion visualization, which can be easily exported in a number of formats. Special attention is given to produce a rich visualization outcome.
CHART TIPS AND TRICKS

Each indicator is accompanied by a chart which provides a visualization of the requested data. This can be accessed by clicking on the Chart icon on View and Request Download tab. The user is taken pop-up window which will contain a graph, scatter plot, or table, depending on the variable in question. For example, the Trade Intensity Index for Turkey in 1997 is given below:

In the upper left-hand corner are two tabs. Refresh will return the graph to its original state, while Close will exit the visualization. On the far right is a column containing a selection panel. The user may check or uncheck options here to alter which data are displayed. After any selection, the visualization will automatically update.

On the bottom of every chart, the user will find four symbols: Export permits the user to export the chart as an image (.png), data (.txt), crosstab (.csv), or PDF (.pdf). Note that, due to server constraints, if the chart has been active for several minutes, the export button will deactivate. To reactivate it, simply refresh the chart. Revert All returns the chart to its initial configuration. The third symbol is a toggle switch controlling Automatic Updating with two positions. The initial position permits the chart to automatically update after a change in the selection panel to the right of the chart. Clicking on the toggle will switch it to the off position which will pause automatic updating. Refresh Data for this View will refresh the chart for the given selection.

In many cases, the graph may initially contain all countries or a large selection of products or years. If the user is interested in only a subset of these data, it is best to uncheck the box next to (All) in the selection panel. Next, pause automatic updating and make your desired selections. Once done, reactivate automatic updating. If you do not pause automatic updating, you will be forced to wait after every selection as the visualization updates itself.
Hovering the cursor over any data point, line, or bar will bring up the *Tool Tip* box. This box will contain the relevant information for the data point, typically including—when relevant—the partner name, reporter name, year, product code, and value.

At the bottom of the *Tool Tip* window are two options. *Keep Only* will keep only the selected data point in the chart and remove all others. *Exclude* will exclude the selected data point from the chart but leave the rest of the chart unchanged.
SECTION 1 – ORIENTATION AND GROWTH

This section contains eight indicators that summarize the size, importance, composition and growth of trading relationships. This is the only section in which users may select both imports and exports; sections 2, 3, and 4 deal exclusively with exports.

The first two indicators give an overview of the size and importance of trade. *Exports, Imports, and Trade Balance* reports the total value of imports, exports, and balance of trade between chosen reporters and partners, serving as a preliminary indicator of the reporters’ involvement in world trade. The *Openness to Trade* indicator provides a normalized view of a country’s total trade by summing the total value of exports and imports and dividing by GDP; it also gives an illustration of the concave relationship between GDP per capita and trade openness.

The subsequent four indicators characterize trade growth and competitiveness. *Sectoral Composition, Comparative Advantage, and Growth* gives the percent of trade represented by selected sectors, compound annual growth rate, and revealed comparative advantage (Balassa, 1965). *Primary Products, Shares, and Growth* ranks products according to trade value, whereas *Market Composition and Growth* does the same for markets. The indicator *Growth in Value versus Volume* investigates whether changes in trade value are due to changes in volume or due to changes in prices.

The final two indicators in the section suggest potential sources of future growth. The *Trade Intensity Index* uses similar logic to that of revealed comparative advantage to indicate with which partners a reporter has a relatively intense trading relationship, vis-à-vis the world. Finally, the *Trade Complementarity Index* evaluates the extent to which the export profile of a reporter complements the import profile of a partner; strongly complementary profiles may indicate exploitable sources of growth.
1-1 EXPORTS, IMPORTS, AND TRADE BALANCE

Description: This indicator provides the total exports, total imports, and trade balances for any number of reports, both in absolute value and as a percentage of GDP. The trade balance indicates the degree to which domestic demand exceeds domestic supply, or vice versa. The trade balance alone does little to describe the health of an economy, yet may be used as an indicator of the country’s involvement in the international marketplace. It is calculated as total exports to the world minus total imports.

Mathematical Definition: $X_{it} - M_{it}$
Where $X$ is the total value of exports and $M$ is the total value of imports for country $i$ at time $t$.

Range of Values: A negative trade balance implies imports exceed exports. A positive trade balance implies the reverse.

Limitations: The trade balance can be affected by a variety of factors, including domestic and international prices, exchange rates, trade agreements or barriers, tariffs, subsidies, and other trade regulations. Opinions vary on whether trade deficits are pro-growth, contractionary, or ultimately immaterial.

Choice Parameters
Reporter: countries, groups
Years: any

Additional Data Sources: WDI
1-1 EXPORTS, IMPORTS, AND TRADE BALANCE – CHART

Description: The chart illustrates exports, imports, and trade balance as a percent of GDP using bar graphs.

Options: The column on the right allows the user to select a subset of variables, reporter countries, and years.

Tooltip: Hovering the cursor over any data point calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the reporter’s name and year, as well as exports, imports, and trade balance as a percent of GDP.
1-2 OPENNESS TO TRADE

Description: Openness to trade is measured as the trade-to-GDP ratio. It weighs the combined importance of exports and imports of goods and services in an economy, giving an indication of the dependence of domestic producers on foreign demand and of domestic consumers on foreign supply. There is a concave relationship between trade openness and per capita income: as incomes rise, countries tend to trade more, but at a decreasing rate.

Mathematical Definition: \[ \frac{X_{it} + M_{it}}{Y_{it}} \]

Where \( X \) is the total value of exports, \( M \) is the total value of imports, and \( Y \) is the GDP of country \( i \) at time \( t \).

Range of Values: A trade value above 100 indicates that combined exports and imports exceed GDP; a trade value less than 100 implies the reverse.

Limitations: All else being equal, larger countries tend to have lower trade-to-GDP ratios because they may undertake a greater share of trade within their borders. Likewise, population and geography may distort trade openness; for example, landlocked countries trade less than the sizes of their GDPs would suggest.

Choice Parameters: Year

Additional Data Sources: WDI
**1-2 Openness to Trade – Chart**

**Description:** The chart illustrates the concave relationship between trade openness and per capita income. Countries are plotted with GDP per capital along the horizontal axis and trade value (as a percent of GDP) along the vertical axis. The thick yellow line is the quadratic trend, and the thinner yellow lines denote the 95 percent confidence interval. Note that values above 200 percent of GDP are excluded by default; however, users may choose to include them.

**Options:** The column on the right allows the user to select specific countries. The trend line is recalculated after each selection; there is a toggle at the bottom of the graph to pause this.

**Tooltip:** Hovering the cursor over any data point calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the reporter’s name, GDP per capita, trade value, and the standard two options.
1-3 Sectoral Composition, Comparative Advantage, and Growth

**Description:** This indicator shows the sectoral composition of the reporter’s exports to a given partner or group. The revealed comparative advantage (RCA) index is a measure of a country’s relative advantage or disadvantage in a specific industry as evidenced by trade flows. An index above the unit indicates that a country’s share of exports in that sector exceeds the global export share of the same sector. If this is the case, we infer that the country has a comparative advantage in that sector. The compound annual growth rate (CAGR) is the year-over-year growth rate. It is calculated by taking the nth root of the total growth rate, where n is the number of years.

**Mathematical Definition:** \[ CAGR_{ijk} = 100\left[\left(\frac{x_{ijk}}{x_{iwj}}\right)^{\frac{1}{t_2-t_1}} - 1\right] \quad \text{RCA}_{ijk} = \frac{x_{ijk}}{X_{ij}} \]

Where \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) from country \( i \) to destination \( j \), and \( X \) is total exports from \( i \) to \( j \); \( w \) indicates the world as origin. Start and end years are \( t_1 \) and \( t_2 \), respectively.

**Range of Values:** An RCA between 0 and 1 indicates a comparative disadvantage, while above 1 it indicates comparative advantage. CAGR indicates a contraction when less than 0 and growth when greater than 0.

**Limitations:** Because high export volumes can result from market distortions, such as subsidies or under-valued exchange rates, RCA has been argued to be a misnomer in that it is a better measure of competitiveness than comparative advantage (Siggel, 2006).

**Choice Parameters:**
- **Reporter:** country
- **Trade Flow:** imports, exports (reported or mirrored)
- **Product Classification:** HS revisions
- **Year:** start year, end year
- **Products:** line, cluster, chapter
- **Partner:** country, group

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1-3 Sectoral Composition, Comparative Adv., and Growth – Chart

Description: The chart gives another look at the data in tabular form. Values are rounded to two decimal places.

Options: Under Measure Names, users may select columns they wish to display. Under Revealed Comparative Advantage, users may select only those products for which the reporter has a revealed comparative advantage (RCA > 1) or no comparative advantage (RCA < 1).

Tooltip: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the end year, partner’s name, product code, reporter’s name, the value of exports for the end year in thousands of USD, and the standard two options.
1-4 PRIMARY PRODUCTS, SHARES, AND GROWTH

Description: This indicator ranks products according to their relative importance in a country’s trade, showing which products are most important by value. It returns the value of trade in each product, the percent of total trade to the selected partner that this represents, its rank, and its growth rate. The compound annual growth rate (CAGR) is the year-over-year growth rate. It is calculated by taking the nth root of the total growth rate, where n is the number of years.

Mathematical Definition: \[ CAGR_{ijk} = 100 \times \left( \frac{x_{ijk_{t2}}}{x_{ijk_{t1}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{t_{2}-t_{1}}} - 1 \]

Where \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) from origin country \( i \) to destination \( j \). Total exports are given by \( X \). The start and end years are given by \( t_{1} \) and \( t_{2} \), respectively.

Range of Values: Ranks are assigned in descending order, with 1 being the partner with the greatest trade flow. CAGR shows a contraction when less than 0 and growth when greater than 0.

Limitations: None beyond those native to the UN COMTRADE database.

Choice Parameters:
- Reporter: country
- Trade Flow: imports, exports (reported or mirrored)
- Product Classification: HS revisions
- Partner: country, group
- Years: start year, end year

Choice Parameters Table:

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1-4 PRIMARY PRODUCTS, SHARES, AND GROWTH – CHART

**Description:** The chart gives another look at the data in tabular form. Trade values are rounded to three decimal places, percentages to two decimals, and growth rates to four decimals.

**Options:** Under *Measure Names*, users may select columns they wish to display, including variables, partners, and reporters.

**Tooltip:** Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the end year, partner’s name, product code, reporter’s name, the value of exports for the end year in thousands of USD, and the standard two options.
1-5 Market Composition and Growth

Description: This indicator ranks the top markets for the reporter’s selected products, reporting the value of trade with each partner as well as the percent of total trade this represents. Also reported is the compound annual growth rate (CAGR): the year-over-year growth rate. It is calculated by taking the nth root of the total growth rate, where n is the number of years.

Mathematical Definition: \[ CAGR_{ij} = 100 \times \left( \frac{x_{ijt_2}}{x_{ijt_1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{t_2-t_1}} - 1 \]

Where \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) from origin country \( i \) to destination \( j \). Total exports are given by \( X \). The start and end years are given by \( t_1 \) and \( t_2 \), respectively.

Range of Values: Ranks are assigned in descending order, with 1 being the partner with the greatest trade flow. CAGR shows a contraction when less than 0 and growth when greater than 0.

Limitations: None beyond those native to the UN COMTRADE database.

Choice Parameters:
- Reporter: country
- Trade Flow: imports, exports (reported or mirrored)
- Product Classification: HS revisions
- Products: line, cluster, or group
- Years: start year, end year

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Description: The chart gives another look at the data in tabular form. Trade values are rounded to the nearest whole number, while percentages and growth rates are rounded to two decimal places.

Options: Using the selection pane on the far right, users may choose a subset of countries, reporters, and indicators.

Tooltip: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the end year, partner’s name, product code, reporter’s name, start year, the value of exports for the end year in thousands of USD, and the standard two options.
1-6 GROWTH IN VALUE Versus VOLUME

Description: Observed growth (or contraction) may be due to changes in prices, changes in export volume, or both. This indicator returns indexes for trade volume and trade value from the WDI database. Value indices are the current value of imports or exports (c.i.f.) converted to USD and expressed as a percentage of the average of the base period (2000). Volume indices are the ratio of the import or export value index to the corresponding unit value index. Unit value indexes are based on data reported by countries with demonstrated UNCTAD quality controls using the previous year’s trade values at the SITC-3 level as weights.

Mathematical Definition: Value Index = 100 * \( \frac{X_t}{X_{t=2000}} \) Volume Index = \( \frac{\text{Value Index}}{\text{Unit Value Index}} \)

Where \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) from reporter country \( i \), and \( X \) is country \( i \)’s total exports. Partner country \( j \)’s value of imports of product \( k \) is given by \( m \), and its total imports value is denoted by \( M \).

Range of Values: An index below 100 indicates a value (volume) less than reported in 2000 for that country. An index above 100 indicates a value (volume) greater than reported in 2000.

Limitations: Incomplete data are supplemented by a set of average price indexes constructed by UNCTAD at the SITC-3 level from a variety of international and national sources. For countries not covered by UNCTAD, the IMF’s International Financial Statistics are used.

Choice Parameters:
Reporter: country, group
Years: any

Additional Data Sources: WDI
**1-6 Growth in Value versus Volume - Chart**

**Description:** The chart illustrates the change in index values over the selected time interval. Large changes in value indexes accompanied by only moderate changes in volume indexes indicate that the change in value is likely tied to a change in prices. However, if the value and volume lines are roughly parallel, this indicates that changes in value are mostly due to real changes in trade volume.

**Options:** In the right-hand pane users may select a subset of indexes and reporter countries. It also contains a legend declaring the color assignments on the graph for each index.

**Tooltip:** Hovering the cursor over any line calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the reporter’s name, year, the name and value of the relevant index, and the standard two options.
1-7 Trade Intensity Index

Description: The trade intensity index uses similar logic to that of revealed comparative advantage, but for markets rather than products. It indicates whether a reporter exports more, as a percentage, to a partner than the world does on average. It is measured as country $i$’s exports to country $j$ relative to its total exports divided by the world’s exports to country $j$ relative to the world’s total exports.

Mathematical Definition: $100 \times \left( \frac{x_{ijk}}{X_{ik}} / \frac{x_{wjk}}{X_{wk}} \right)$

Where $x$ is the value of exports of product $k$ from origin country $i$ to destination $j$, and $X$ is total exports from $i$ of product $k$; $w$ indicates the world as origin.

Range of Values: 0 to $+\infty$. A value greater than 100 indicates a relationship more intense than the world average for the partner.

Limitations: None beyond those native to the UN COMTRADE database.

Choice Parameters:
- Reporter: countries, groups
- Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)
- Product Classification: HS revisions
- Partner: countries, groups
- Years: any

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1-7 Trade Intensity Index – Chart

Description: The chart illustrates the relative values of trade intensity indexes using a bar graph.

Options: From the selection pane on the far right users may choose subsets of years, reporters, partners, and products. The pane also contains a legend describing the color code of the graph.

Tooltip: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the partner’s name, reporter’s name, year, trade intensity index value, and the standard two options.
1-8 Trade Complementarity Index

**Description**: The trade complementarity index indicates to what extent the export profile of the reporter matches, or complements, the import profile of the partner. A high index may indicate that two countries would stand to gain from increased trade, and may be particularly useful in evaluating prospective bilateral or regional trade agreements.

**Mathematical Definition**: \[ 100 \times \left[ 1 - \sum_{i} \left( \frac{m_{ik}}{M_i} - \frac{x_{ik}}{X_i} \right) \right] \]

Where \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) from reporter country \( i \), and \( X \) is country \( i \)’s total exports. Partner country \( j \)’s value of imports of product \( k \) is given by \( m \), and its total imports value is denoted by \( M \).

**Range of Values**: 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates ideal trading partners; a score of 0 indicates that the two countries are perfect competitors.

**Limitations**: Countries that are geographically distant or otherwise incur high transportation and transaction costs may not be ideal trading partners despite a high complementarity index. The index may also suffer from aggregation bias.

**Choice Parameters**:
- **Reporter**: country
- **Trade Flow**: exports (reported or mirrored)
- **Product Classification**: HS revisions
- **Partner**: country or group
- **Years**: any [up to 4]

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1-8 Trade Complementarity Index – Chart

**Description:** The chart illustrates the relative values of trade complementarity index using a bar graph.

**Options:** In the far right pane users may select partners and reporters.

**Tooltip:** Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with partner’s name, reporter’s name, year, trade complementarity index, and the standard two options.
SECTION 2 – EXPORT DIVERSIFICATION

This section contains seven indicators that characterize export portfolio diversification and trading relationships. Product and market diversification are closely tied to economic development, with more advanced economies exporting a wider range of goods to a greater number of trading partners. These indicators together provide perspective on the degree to which countries are taking advantage of potential trading relationships. Products are defined at the HS six-digit level. Markets are defined as partner countries and exclude outlying territories. The first indicator, Number of Products and Markets, provides a simple count of how many products (with trade values of at least 10,000 USD) each country exported in a given year and the number of destination markets. This serves as a basic framework for the other indicators in the section.

The next four indicators provide two indices each for products and markets. The Herfindahl-Hirschman Product Concentration Index measures dispersion of trade value across an exporter’s products, while the Herfindahl-Hirschman Market Concentration Index does the same across an exporter’s partners. A higher value indicates greater concentration of value across products or partners. Growth Orientation of Products compares the annualized growth rate of each exported product’s trade value with that of the world. A growth rate above the world growth indicates an increase in market share. Growth Orientation of Markets reports the same growth comparison by market rather than by product.

Value Reach of Exports offers a count of the number of product-partner relationships that were created, survived, or terminated between selected start and end years. The Index of Market Penetration measures the extent to which a reporter’s exports reach proven importers of those products worldwide. A higher index indicates that a country already exports to a greater percentage of existing markets for its products; a low value indicates potential for expansion.
2-1 NUMBER OF PRODUCTS AND MARKETS

Description: This indicator produces a list of all countries and gives the number of partner markets and number of products exported, counted at the 6-digit HS level. A market is counted if the exporter ships at least one product to that destination in the given year with a trade value of at least 10,000 USD. A product is counted if it is exported to at least one destination in the selected year with a value of at least 10,000 USD.

Mathematical Definition: This is simply the count of products and markets for each reporter in the selected year.

Range of Values: Products: 0 to ~5000. Markets: 0 to ~200.

Limitations: This describes only the extensive margin, with no adjustment for the intensive margin. For a more complete picture, one must also consider the size of these trade flows.

Choice Parameters: Year

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2-1 Number of Products and Markets – Chart

Description: The chart illustrates the positive relationship between number of markets and number of products. On the horizontal axis is the number of destination countries. On the vertical axis is the total number of products at the six-digit HS code level. Countries are then plotted on this graph.

Options: In the far right pane users may select a subset of reporter countries.

Tooltip: Hovering the cursor over any data point calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the reporter’s name, the number of markets to which it exports, the number of unique products it exports, the year, and the standard two options.
2-2 Herfindahl-Hirschman Product Concentration Index

Description: This indicator is a measure of the dispersion of trade value across an exporter’s products. A county with a preponderance of trade value concentrated in a very few products will have an index value close to 1. Thus, it is an indicator of the exporter’s vulnerability to trade shocks. Measured over time, a fall in the index may be an indication of diversification in the exporter’s trade profile. The user has the option of selecting product clusters, which will return the index with calculated only for that specified subset of products. Note that if a country exports only a single product, then the indicator returns no value.

Mathematical Definition: \[ \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \left( \frac{x_{ik}}{X_i} \right)^2 \frac{1}{n_i} - \frac{1}{n_i} \]

\( X \) is the total value of exports from reporter \( i \), \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) from country \( i \), and \( n \) is the number of products exported by country \( i \).

Range of Values: 0 to 1. A higher index indicates that exports are concentrated in fewer sectors, whereas a country with a completely diversified portfolio will have an index close to 0.

Limitations: A low index may not be a true indicator of a diversified trade portfolio if the number of products is low: it simply implies that it exports similar values of each product.

Choice Parameters:

- Reporter: country
- Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)
- Product Classification: HS revisions
- Year: any [up to 5]
- Products: lines, clusters, and groups
- Partner: countries and groups

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2-2 HERFINDAHL-HIRSCHMAN PRODUCT CONCENTRATION INDEX – CHART

**Description**: The chart produces a horizontal bar graph to illustrate the relative values of the concentration index among partners.

**Options**: On the right-hand side, users may select products, reporters, partners, and years.

**Tooltip**: Hovering the cursor over any bar calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the product description, partner’s name, reporter’s name, year, Herfindahl-Hirschman product concentration index value, and the standard two options.
2-3 Herfindahl-Hirschman Market Concentration Index

Description: This indicator is a measure of the dispersion of trade value across an exporter’s partners. A country with a preponderance of trade value concentrated in a very few markets will have an index value close to 1. Thus, it is an indicator of the exporter’s dependency on its trading partners and the danger it could face should its partners increase trade barriers. Measured over time, a fall in the index may be an indication of diversification in the exporter’s trading partnerships. The user has the option of selecting product clusters, which will return the index calculated only for that specified subset of countries. Note that if a country exports to only a single market, then the indicator returns no value.

Mathematical Definition: \[
\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \left( \frac{x_{ij}}{x_i} \right)^2 \frac{1}{n_i - 1}
\]

\( X \) is the total value of exports from reporter \( i \), \( x_i \) is the value of exports from country \( i \) to destination market \( j \), and \( n \) is the number of partner markets to which country \( i \) exports.

Range of Values: 0 to 1. A higher index indicates that exports are concentrated in fewer markets, whereas a country trading equally with all partners will have an index close to 0.

Limitations: A low index may not be a true indicator of a broad partner base if the number of partners is low: it simply implies that it trades with each of them equally.

Choice Parameters:
- Reporter: country
- Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)
- Product Classification: HS revisions
- Year: any [up to 5]
- Products: lines, clusters, and groups
- Partners: countries and groups

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2-3 **Herfindahl-Hirschman Market Concentration Index – Chart**

**Description:** The chart produces a horizontal bar graph to illustrate the relative values of the concentration index among products.

**Options:** On the right-hand side, users may select the year.

**Tooltip:** Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the product description, partner’s name, reporter’s name, year, Herfindahl-Hirschman market concentration index value, and the standard two options.
2-4 GROWTH ORIENTATION OF PRODUCTS

Description: This indicator evaluates the growth potential for a country’s exports by comparing the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of its primary exports to the worldwide growth rate of those same products. A growth rate above world growth implies an increase in world market share. Countries whose primary exports are in high growth industries may be well positioned for future growth. Furthermore, if the reporter’s growth lags behind world growth, this may signal the presence of barriers inhibiting growth. The indicator also reports each product’s value share of the selected country’s total exports.

Mathematical Definition: 

\[ CAGR_{ijk} = 100 \times \left( \frac{x_{ijk_{t_2}}}{x_{ijk_{t_1}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{t_2-t_1}} - 1 \]

Where \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) from origin country \( i \) to destination \( j \). Total exports are given by \( X \). The start and end years are given by \( t_1 \) and \( t_2 \), respectively.

Range of Values: The CAGR may take on any value from \(-\infty \) to \( \infty \). Negative values indicate a contraction; positive values indicate growth. The share is reported as a percentage, and so may take on any value from 0 to 100.

Limitations: Changes in market share may be better indicators of changes in competitiveness—influenced by subsidies, tariffs, transaction costs, business environments—rather than changes in comparative advantage (Krugman and Hatsopoulos, 1987). Furthermore, international trade is not a zero-sum game, and a decrease in market share may simply indicate an increase in the absolute size of a market.

Choice Parameters:

Reporter: country
Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)
Product Classification: HS revisions

Partner: country
Years: start year, end year
Products: lines, chapters (up to 30)
**2-4 Growth Orientation of Products – Chart**

**Description:** The chart illustrates the growth of the reporter’s exports by product relative to world growth. The horizontal axis is world growth and the vertical axis is country growth. The size of the circle is determined by the product’s share in total reporter exports; larger circles indicate larger shares and greater importance for the product in the reporter’s trade portfolio. The gray line is the 45-degree line. Products above the gray line are growing more quickly than world growth, and thus indicate an increase in market share for the reporter. Conversely, points below the gray line represent a loss in market share.

**Options:** On the far right selection pane, users may choose years and products. On the bottom of the pane is a legend explaining how circle size translates into trade shares.

**Tooltip:** Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the product description, partner’s name, reporter’s name, year, world growth rate, country growth rate, trade share in the end year, and the standard two options.
2-5 GROWTH ORIENTATION OF MARKETS

**Description:** This indicator evaluates the growth potential for a country’s exports by comparing the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of its primary exports to their worldwide growth rate. A growth rate above world growth implies an increase in market share. Countries whose primary exports are in high growth markets may be well positioned for future growth. Furthermore, if the reporter’s growth lags behind world growth, this may signal the potential for further expansion in the relevant market or, on the other hand, the existence of barriers inhibiting growth. The indicator also reports each product’s value share of the selected country’s total exports.

**Mathematical Definition:**

\[ CAGR_{ijk} = 100 \times \left[ \left( \frac{x_{ijk_{t2}}}{x_{ijk_{t1}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{t_2-t_1}} - 1 \right] \]

Where \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) from origin country \( i \) to destination \( j \). Total exports are given by \( X \). The start and end years are given by \( t_1 \) and \( t_2 \), respectively.

**Range of Values:** The CAGR may take on any value from \(-\infty \) to \( \infty \). Negative values indicate a contraction; positive values indicate growth. The share is reported as a percentage, and so may take on any value from 0 to 100.

**Limitations:** Changes in market share may be better indicators of changes in competitiveness—influenced by subsidies, tariffs, transaction costs, business environments—rather than changes in comparative advantage (Krugman and Hatsopoulus, 1987). Furthermore, international trade is not a zero-sum game, and a decrease in market share may simply indicate an increase in the absolute size of a market.

**Choice Parameters:**
- Reporter: country
- Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)
- Product Classification: HS revisions
- Products: line or group [up to 1]
- Years: start year, end year
- Partners: countries

![Table showing the growth orientation of markets for Indonesia]
2-5 GROWTH ORIENTATION OF MARKETS – CHART

Description: The chart illustrates the growth of the total value of the reporter’s exports in a destination market relative to world growth in that market. The horizontal axis is world growth and the vertical axis is country growth. The size of the circle is determined by the market’s share in the reporter’s total exports; larger circles indicate larger shares and greater importance for the trading relationship in the reporter’s overall trade. The gray line is the 45-degree line. Observations above the gray line represent bilateral trade relationships that are growing more quickly than world growth, representing an increase in market share for the reporter. Conversely, points below the gray line represent a loss in market share.

Options: On the far right selection pane, users may choose partners. On the top of the pane is a legend explaining how circle size translates into trade shares.

Tooltip: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the product description, partner’s name, reporter’s name, start year, country growth rate, world growth rate, share of trade in the end year, and the standard two options.
2-6 Value Reach of Exports

Description: Economic development is generally accompanied by the introduction of new products, and the ability of a country to sustain trade relationships is a sign of economic maturity. This indicator reports the birth, survival, and death of products, as well as their trade values and number of markets to which they are exported in user-selected start and end years. A high death rate among products dispersed across industries may indicate economic volatility; concentrated in a sector, it may indicate evolutions in domestic production.

Mathematical Definition: Simple count of total markets plus indicators showing if the product existed only in the start year (death), only in the end year (new), or in both years (surviving).

Range of Values: Birth, survival, and death are all dichotomous variables. Number of markets ranges from 0 to ~200 and trade value goes from 0 to $+\infty$.

Limitations: None beyond those native to the UN COMTRADE database.

Choice Parameters:
Reporter: country, group
Years: any
2-6 Value Reach of Exports - Chart

Description: The chart provides two graphs, each with number of destination markets on the horizontal axis and value in thousands of USD on the vertical axis. The first graph illustrates product survival and births. Surviving products are in blue, and new products are in green. The second graph illustrates product survival and death. Surviving products are in blue, and product deaths are in red.

Options: The selection pane on the right provides a number of options. For each graph, users may select surviving products or births (deaths) and search for specific product codes. The far right pane also contains legends explaining the color assignments: green for product births, blue for surviving products, and red for product deaths.

Tooltip: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the product code, reporter name, number of markets in start and end year, trade value in start and end years, and the standard two options.
2-7 INDEX OF EXPORT MARKET PENETRATION

Description: This indicator measures the extent to which a country’s exports reach already proven markets. It is calculated as the number of countries to which the reporter exports a particular product divided by the number of countries that report importing the product that year. A low export penetration may signal the presence of barriers to trade that are preventing firms from expanding the number of markets to which they export.

Mathematical Definition: \( \frac{n_{x,ik}}{n_{m,k}} \)

Where \( n_x \) is the number of countries to which country \( i \) exports product \( k \), and \( n_m \) is the number of countries that import product \( k \) from any source.

Range of Values: 0 to 1. A value of 1 indicates that the reporter exports to every country that imports a particular product.

Limitations: The index counts a relationship for any trade flow greater than 0. As such, even a high index may mask great scope for export expansion if the trade flows are all relatively small. The index also ignores fixed costs of entering foreign markets, variable transactions costs, and their sources. It cannot distinguish between a low value caused by an adverse regulatory or business environment and that resulting from high transport and transaction costs.

Choice Parameters:
- Reporter: country
- Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)
- Product Classification: HS revisions
- Partner: countries, groups
- Years: any

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2-7 **INDEX OF EXPORT MARKET PENETRATION – CHART**

**Description:** The chart illustrates values for the penetration index using a vertical bar graph.

**Options:** In the selection pane, users may choose a subset of years.

**Tooltip:** Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the reporter’s name, year, the market penetration index value, and the standard two options.
SECTION 3 – EXPORT SOPHISTICATION

This section contains three indicators that draw on outside data sources to classify trade flows according to technological sophistication and explore Heckscher-Ohlin factor-based analyses of trade. The sophistication of a country’s export products provides insight into its level of economic development and its location in the global production chain.

Technological Classification of Exports draws on work by Lall (2000) to sort all products into one of five mutually exclusive technological groupings: high tech, medium tech, low tech, primary products, and resource-based products. Sophistication of Exports (EXPY) uses methodology introduced by Hausman et al. (2006) to estimate the level of technological sophistication embodied in a country’s export portfolio. Finally, the Export Portfolio and Factor Endowments indicator uses data from Cado et al. (2010) to compare the factor intensities of a country’s export products with its factor endowments. The factors of consideration are human capital, proxied by years of education, and physical capital, proxied by a perpetual inventory method of capital stock estimation.
3-1 TECHNOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION OF EXPORTS

Description: This indicator gives a percentage breakdown of a country’s exports according five broad technological categories embodied in the final products. The categories are: high tech, medium tech, low tech, primary products, and resource-based products (Lall, 2000). While the assignment of products to specific categories is not uncontroversial, analyzing how a country’s export basket has changed over a span of years may give insight into the pattern of its economic development.

Mathematical Definition: 

\[ 100 \times \sum_{k \in \Omega_{tec}} \frac{x_{ijk}}{X_{ij}}, \quad \forall \ tec \in \{HT, MT, LT, PP, RB\} \]

Where and \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) from country \( i \) to partner \( j \), and \( X \) is the total value of all exports of \( i \) to \( j \). \( \Omega_{tec} \) is the set of all products in mutually exclusive categories: high tech (HT), medium tech (MT), low tech (LT), primary products (PP), and resource-based (RB).

Range of Values: 0 to 100%

Limitations: Categories are defined at the SITC-3 level. A standard correspondence is used to compute the index using HS 6-digit product codes. Indexes may be skewed by the presence of re-exports and labor-intensive assembly of high-tech products performed in low-wage countries.

Choice Parameters:
- Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)
- Reporter: countries [up to 5]
- Partner: country, group
- Year: any [up to 2]

Additional Data Source: Technological classifications from Lall (2000).

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3-1 **TECHNOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION OF EXPORTS – CHART**

**Description:** The chart illustrates the breakdown of each reporter’s trade portfolio by percentage into technological classifications using a horizontal bar graph.

**Options:** Users may select between reporter countries and years using the tick boxes on the far right.

**Tooltip:** Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with category name, reporter’s name, the percent of trade accounted for by the category, and the standard two options.
3-2 Sophistication of Exports (EXPY)

Description: Estimating the level of technological sophistication embodied in a country’s export portfolio gives an indication of that country’s economic development. PRODY is an outcome-based measure of sophistication: if a product is mostly produced by rich countries, then it is revealed to be a “rich,” or sophisticated, product. PRODY is calculated as a weighted average of per capita GDP of countries producing that product, with weights derived from revealed comparative advantage. The country’s expected GDP per capita, EXPY, is given by summing all the PRODY values for the products exported by the country, each weighted by the product’s share in total exports.

Mathematical Definition: \[ PRODY_k = \sum_i \frac{x_{ik}}{X_i} \cdot y_i \quad \text{EXPY}_i = \sum_k \frac{X_{ik}}{X_i} \cdot PRODY_k \]

\( X \) is the total value of all exports from reporter \( i \), \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \), and \( w \) is the world. \( Y \) is GDP per capita.

Range of Values: 0 to +\( \infty \). A higher PRODY indicates a more sophisticated product. A high EXPY indicates a more sophisticated export portfolio.

Limitations: PRODY values for a product can be skewed upwards simply because high income countries produce them (e.g. agricultural products). Furthermore, sophisticated products such as computers may have relatively low PRODY values because they are assembled in and ultimately exported from low-income countries. EXPY does not account for quality, and so overestimates the importance of sophisticated products from low-income countries. EXPY also may be skewed by labor-intensive assembly of high-tech products performed in low-wage countries.

Choice Parameters:
- Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)
- Reporter: countries [up to 5]
- Partner: country, group
- Year: any [up to 5]

Additional Data Sources: WDI; Hausman, Hwang, and Rodrik (2006).
3-2 SOPHISTICATION OF EXPORTS (EXPY) – CHART

**Description**: The chart illustrates the relationship between GDP per capita and technological sophistication. On the horizontal axis is log of GDP per capital, and on the vertical axis is the log of EXPY, our index of technological sophistication.

**Options**: In the far right pane, users may select reporters and years. It also contains a legend assigning colors to the reporters.

**Tooltip**: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the reporter’s name, year, the log of EXPY, the log of GDP per capita, and the standard two options.
3-3 EXPORT PORTFOLIO AND FACTOR ENDOWMENTS

Description: Economic theory predicts that countries will specialize in products that are intensive in their relatively abundant factor. This indicator compares the value of a country’s exports, the revealed factor intensities of those products, and its endowments of physical capital and human capital. The revealed physical capital intensity (RPCI) and revealed human capital intensity (RHCI) and are computed as weighted averages of the respective factor endowments of countries producing each product, with weights derived from revealed comparative advantage.

Mathematical Definition:  
\[ RPCI_k = \sum_i \frac{x_{ik}}{x_{ik}^{w}} \cdot \frac{K_i}{L_i} \quad \text{RHCI}_k = \sum_i \frac{x_{ik}}{x_{ik}^{w}} \cdot H_i \]

\( X \) is the total value of all exports from reporter \( i \), \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \), and \( w \) is the world. Human capital, \( H \), is estimated by the average years of schooling. Physical capital, \( K/L \), is estimated by the perpetual inventory method, which reconstructs capital stock estimates from investment flows by recursively adding up current investment to a previous period’s capital stock, less depreciation.

Range of Values: Physical capital intensity: 1824 to 228,413. Human capital intensity: 2.25 to 12.45. Physical capital endowment: 322 to 284,372. Human capital endowment: 0.09 to 13.08.

Limitations: Revealed factor intensities face a number of potential problems. Natural resource endowments may trump comparative advantages in physical or human capital and result in disparate countries producing the same product, e.g. petroleum, precious metals and gems, etc… This methodology ignores the possibility of different factor-intensive methods of production, e.g. hand farming versus mechanized agriculture. It also cannot differentiate between products fabricated entirely within a country and those merely assembled there, which may skew results for many high-tech manufactured products.

Choice Parameters:
Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)  
Reporter: countries [up to 5]  
Partner: country, group  
Year  
Product: cluster

Additional Data Source: Intensities and endowments from Cado, Shirotori, and Tumurchudur (2010). Endowment data is available annually until 2007; data for 2007 is used for all later years.
3-3 Export Portfolio and Factor Endowments – Chart

Description: The chart illustrates the relationship between export value and comparative advantage. On the horizontal axis is revealed physical capital intensity, and on the vertical axis is revealed human capital intensity. Products are plotted on this graph with the size of each observation reflecting its value share in the reporter’s total exports. The crossed gray lines represent the human and physical capital endowment of the selected reporter. Comparative advantage can be interpreted as the inverse of the distance from the intersection of the two gray endowment lines; that is, reporters have a comparative advantage in products closer to the intersection of the endowments, and one would expect to see larger circles clustered around here.

Options: On the far right is a legend explaining the scale used in assigning sizes to the observation circles. Here the user may also select between reporters.

Tooltip: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the product description, the country’s endowment of human capital and physical capital, the product code, the reporter’s name, the product’s value share of total exports, the product’s human capital and physical capital intensities, and the standard two options.
SECTION 4 – SURVIVAL OF EXPORT RELATIONSHIPS

The persistence of trading relationships is a recognized sign of economic maturity. This section introduces three indicators that evaluate the duration and resilience of product-partner relationships and explore the factors influencing product birth and extinction.

The first indicator, Export Duration, measures the survival rate over successive years of new product-market relationships of at least 10,000 USD. The second indicator, Export Suspension and Factor Endowments, identifies the trade flows of at least 10,000 USD that have disappeared since the selected start year and compares the factor intensities of these products to the chosen country’s factor endowments. The expectation is that product death will be more likely there farther their relative factor intensities are from the exporter’s factor endowments.

Changes in export flows can take place along two different margins: intensive and extensive. The intensive margin covers changes in existing trade flows, and can be further divided into increases, decreases, and extinctions. The extensive margin covers the birth of new trade flows, which may occur because of the introduction of a new product, entry into a new market, or product diversification with an existing partner. The final indicator, Decomposition of Export Growth along Margins of Trade, divides all trade growth into one of seven mutually exclusive and exhaustive categories according to these margins.
4-1 Export Duration

Description: This indicator reports the number of new product-partner relationships with trade values of at least 10,000 USD in the start year and the number and percentage of those that survive in each succeeding year until the selected end date. The ability to maintain trade relationships is a sign of a well-developed economy. Large scale deaths of trading relationships may reflect economic shocks or be the result of new policies. By selecting specific product groups, users may evaluate the expansion, contraction, and volatility of specific industries.

Mathematical Definition: \( share_{it} = \frac{n_{ijt}}{n_{ijt_{start}}} \times 100 \)

Where and \( n \) is the number of products exported from country \( i \) to partner \( j \) in year \( t \), and \( t_{start} \) is the selected start year.

Range of Values: 0 to 100.

Limitations: This is a count of the number of export relationships and does not reflect the value or importance of each trade flow. A large trade flow that becomes very small may be more important than a small trade flow that disappears entirely, but that will not be reflected in this indicator.

Choice Parameters:
Product Classification: HS revisions
Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)
Reporter: countries [up to 5]
Product: product, group
Partner: country, group
Year: start year, end year

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4-1 Export Duration – Chart

**Description**: The chart represents the data using vertical bar graphs. On the horizontal axis is listed the number of export relationships in the year. On the vertical axis is the share of surviving export relationships relative to the start year. Each bar gives the number of export relationships that were new in the start year that persist in the selected year.

**Options**: On the right, users may select years and reporter countries. There is also a legend describing the assignment of graph color by country.

**Tooltip**: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the product description, partner name, reporter name, year, number of new export relationships remaining, number of new export relationships in the start year, the share of relationships remaining, and the standard two options.
4-2 Export Suspension and Factor Endowments

Description: This indicator identifies the trade flows of at least 10,000 USD that have disappeared since the selected start year and compares the factor intensities of those products to the chosen country’s factor endowments. Factor intensities are constructed as a weighted average of the factor endowments of all countries exporting each product; see indicator 3-3 for complete description. As such the inverse of the Euclidean distance between the factor endowment and a product’s factor intensity serves as a measure of comparative advantage. The indicator also returns each product’s value share in total partner trade.

Mathematical Definition: \( \text{share}_i = \frac{x_{ijk}}{X_{ij}} \times 100 \)

\( X \) is the total value of all exports from reporter \( i \) to partner \( j \), and \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \).

Range of Values: Physical capital intensity: 1824 to 228,413. Human capital intensity: 2.25 to 12.45. Physical capital endowment: 322 to 284,372. Human capital endowment: 0.09 to 13.08. Share 0 to 1.

Limitations: Because product intensities are trade-weighted averages of factor endowments, they may be better estimates of competitiveness than of comparative advantage. All caveats listed for indicator 3-3 also apply.

Choice Parameters:
Trade Flow: exports (reported or mirrored)  
Reporter: countries [up to 5]  
Partner: country, group  
Year: start year, end year  
Product: cluster

Additional Data Sources: Intensities and endowments from Cado, Shirotori, and Tumurchudur (2010). Endowment data is available annually until 2007; data for 2007 is used for all later years.
4-2 Export Suspension and Factor Endowments – Chart

Description: The chart illustrates the relationship between export suspension and comparative advantage. On the horizontal axis is revealed physical capital intensity, and on the vertical axis is revealed human capital intensity. Products whose trade flows ceased between the start and end year are plotted on this graph with the size of each observation reflecting its value share in the reporter’s total exports. The crossed gray lines represent the reporter’s human and physical capital endowment. Comparative advantage can be interpreted as the inverse of the Euclidean distance from the intersection of the two gray endowment lines; that is, reporters have a comparative advantage in products closer to the intersection of the endowments, and one would expect to see larger circles clustered around here.

Options: On the right, users may select which country to view. Also on the right is a legend explaining how the size of the observations equates to their value share of the reporter’s total exports.

Tooltip: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the country’s endowment of human and physical capital, the product code, product description, report name, value share of exports, start and end years, and the standard two options.
4.3 Decomposition of Export Growth along Margins of Trade

Description: Export growth can be divided into the expansion of existing trade flows (the intensive margin) and the addition of new products and markets (the extensive margin). This indicator assigns all product growth—and contraction—to one of seven bins.

Intensive Margin
(1) Increase of existing products in established markets,
(2) Decrease in existing products in established markets,
(3) Extinction of exports of products in established markets,

Extensive Margin
(4) Introduction of new products in new markets,
(5) Introduction of new products in established markets,
(6) Introduction of existing products in new markets,
(7) Product diversification in established markets—e.g. France exports widgets to Guatemala and Singapore, but exports gizmos only to Singapore. The following year, France begins to also export gizmos to Guatemala, thereby diversifying its trade.

Existing products were exported to at least one partner in the previous year. Established markets are those to which the selected country exported at least one product in the previous year.

Mathematical Definition: \( \text{share}_{\text{bin}} = 100 \times \sum_{k \in \Omega_{\text{bin}}} \frac{X_{ijkt}}{X_{ijt}} \quad \forall \text{ bin } \in \{1...7\} \)

\( X \) is the total value of all exports from reporter \( i \) to partner \( j \), and \( x \) is the value of exports of product \( k \) in year \( t \). Start and end years are given by \( t_1 \) and \( t_2 \), respectively. \( \Omega_{\text{bin}} \) represents a product group, with all products divided among 7 mutually exclusive bins. Products are assigned according to the following characteristics:

Bin (1) \( x_{ijkt} > 0 \) for \( t = t_1, t_2 \) and \( x_{ijkt_2} - x_{ijkt_1} > 0 \)

Bin (2) \( x_{ijkt} > 0 \) for \( t = t_1, t_2 \) and \( x_{ijkt_2} - x_{ijkt_1} < 0 \)

Bin (3) \( x_{ijkt_2} > 0 \) and \( x_{ijkt_1} = 0 \)

Bin (4) \( \sum_j x_{ijkt_1} = 0 \), \( X_{ijt} = 0 \), and \( x_{ijkt_2} > 0 \)

Bin (5) \( \sum_j x_{ijkt_1} = 0 \), \( X_{ijt} > 0 \), and \( x_{ijkt_2} > 0 \)

Bin (6) \( \sum_j x_{ijkt_1} > 0 \), \( X_{ijt} = 0 \), and \( x_{ijkt_2} > 0 \)

Bin (7) \( \sum_j x_{ijkt_1} > 0 \), \( X_{ijt} > 0 \), \( x_{ijkt_1} = 0 \), and \( x_{ijkt_2} > 0 \)

Range of Values: 0 to 100.

Limitations: Countries that are already exporting to many markets and have highly diversified export portfolios may have sharply limited potential for expansion along the extensive margin. Even for developing countries, the extensive margin generally accounts for no more than 20% of export growth (Brenton and Newfarmer, 2009).
### Choice Parameters:
- **Product Classification:** HS revisions
- **Reporter:** country
- **Trade Flow:** exports (reported or mirrored)
- **Product:** cluster
- **Partner:** country, group
- **Years:** start year, end year

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4-3 Decomposition of Export Growth along Trade Margins – Chart

**Description**: The chart illustrates the categorical breakdown using vertical bar graphs. Each category is labeled along the horizontal axis, and on the vertical axis is the category’s share of total export growth. The share value may be positive or negative depending on whether exports of products in the group grew or contracted. The gray horizontal line represents the net effect of each of the two margins.

**Options**: On the right-hand side, users may select countries to view.

**Tooltip**: Hovering the cursor over any entry calls up the tooltip pop-up window with the category description, margin name, start year, end year, the category’s share in total export growth, and the standard two options.
REFERENCES


