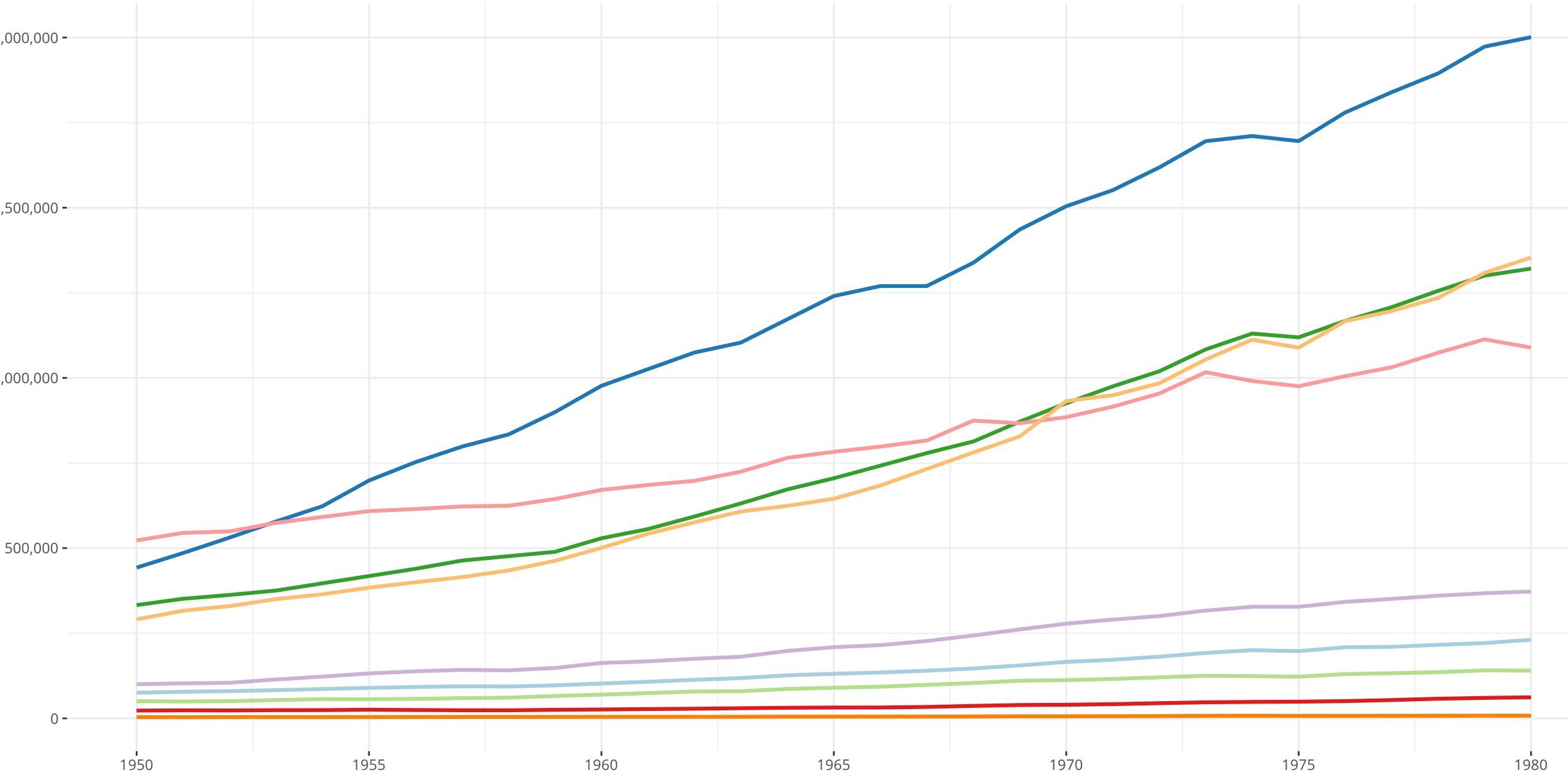


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Real GDP at Constant 2005 national prices (in mil. 2005US\$)



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