

## ◆ 1. What does DAX stand for?

**DAX** = *Data Analysis Expressions*

It is the formula language used in Power BI, Power Pivot, and SSAS for creating calculated columns, measures, and queries.

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## ◆ 2. DAX formula to sum the Sales column

```
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Total Sales = SUM(Sales[Sales])
```

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## ◆ 3. Difference: Calculated Column vs. Measure

Calculated Column	Measure
Computed row-by-row	Computed based on filter context
Stored in data model	Calculated on the fly
Can be used in rows/columns	Used in visual aggregations

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## ◆ 4. Profit Margin using DIVIDE

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Profit Margin = DIVIDE(Sales[Profit], Sales[Sales])
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## ◆ 5. What does COUNTROWS() do?

Returns the number of rows in a table.

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Total Orders = COUNTROWS(Sales)
```

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## ◆ 6. Total Profit Measure (Sales - Cost)

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Total Profit = SUM(Sales[Sales]) - SUM(Sales[Cost])
```

*Assumes there's a Cost column.*

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## ◆ 7. Average Sales per Product

```
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Avg Sales per Product = AVERAGEX (VALUES (Sales[Product]), SUM(Sales[Sales]))
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## ◆ 8. Tag products as "High Profit"

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Profit Tag = IF(Sales[Profit] > 1000, "High Profit", "Low Profit")
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*This is for a calculated column.*

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## ◆ 9. Circular Dependency Error

Occurs when a calculated column depends on itself directly or indirectly — creating a loop in logic.

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## ◆ 10. Row Context vs. Filter Context

- **Row Context:** Automatically applied when evaluating each row (e.g., in calculated columns).
  - **Filter Context:** Comes from slicers, visuals, or CALCULATE, affecting what data is included in the calculation.
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## ◆ 11. YTD Sales with TOTALYTD()

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YTD Sales = TOTALYTD(SUM(Sales[Sales]), Sales[Date])
```

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## ◆ 12. Dynamic Measure Switch (Sales, Profit, Margin)

Assumes you have a disconnected table `MetricsTable[MetricName]` with values like "Sales", "Profit", "Margin":

```
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Dynamic Measure =
SWITCH(
    SELECTEDVALUE(MetricsTable[MetricName]),
    "Sales", SUM(Sales[Sales]),
    "Profit", SUM(Sales[Profit]),
    "Margin", DIVIDE(SUM(Sales[Profit]), SUM(Sales[Sales]))
)
```

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### ◆ 13. Optimize a slow DAX measure using VAR

```
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Optimized Margin =
VAR TotalSales = SUM(Sales[Sales])
VAR TotalProfit = SUM(Sales[Profit])
RETURN DIVIDE(TotalProfit, TotalSales)
```

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### ◆ 14. Override a filter with CALCULATE()

```
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All Region Sales = CALCULATE(SUM(Sales[Sales]), ALL(Sales[Region]))
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### ◆ 15. Highest Sales Amount

```
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Max Sales = MAX(Sales[Sales])
```