

Email from Business Analyst Manager

Subject: Project Brief: DAX Depo – Advanced Calculations Using DAX in Power BI

From: Priya Sinha, Business Analyst Manager
To: Data Analyst Team
Date: May 16, 2025

Dear Akash,

We have received a request from senior leadership to build a backend data model and perform **advanced analytical calculations using DAX** in Power BI. This initiative, titled "**DAX Depo**", will help the analytics team evaluate how well our internal metrics, KPIs, and time-based insights can be generated using **DAX functions** without relying on external visuals (except Matrix where absolutely necessary).

Project Goals:

You are expected to leverage Power BI's DAX language to build calculated insights on a **Sales and Returns model**. Visuals are not to be included except **Matrix tables**, which may be used to display calculation results where needed.

Required Dataset Tables (already attached in mail):

- Sales_Fact
 - Returns_Fact
 - Customer_Dim
 - Product_Dim
 - Date_Dim
 - Region_Dim
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Tasks to Perform:

Calculated Columns:

1. Create a Profit column in Sales_Fact (`SalesAmount - Cost`).
2. Create a ReturnFlag column in Sales_Fact to show "Returned" or "Not Returned".
3. Add a Customer Full Name column by combining first and last names in Customer_Dim.

Measures:

4. Create measures for:
 - o Total Sales
 - o Total Cost
 - o Total Profit
 - o Return Rate (% of items returned)
 - o Average Sale per Transaction

Quick Measures:

5. Use Quick Measures to:
 - o Calculate Year-Over-Year Sales Growth
 - o Find difference between Current and Previous Month Sales

Measure Management:

6. Create a Dedicated Measure Table to organize all DAX measures clearly.

Filter Context & Behavior:

7. Use Matrix to compare Sales by Region with and without filters using:
 - o ALL()
 - o FILTER()
 - o CALCULATE()

DAX Operators and Functions:

8. Use:
 - o Basic math/statistical functions (SUM, AVERAGE, MAX)
 - o COUNTX, DISTINCTCOUNT
 - o IF, AND, OR, SWITCH for conditional logic
 - o CONCATENATE, UPPER, LEFT for text manipulations
 - o YEAR, MONTH, EOMONTH for date handling

Joining and Relationships:

9. Use the `RELATED()` function to pull related data from dimension tables into calculated columns or measures.

Time Intelligence (Matrix-based Analysis):

10. Use:
 - o `TOTALYTD()`, `SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR()`, `DATESINPERIOD()` in Matrix to analyze sales across months and years.
 - o Create a running total using `CALCULATE()` and `DATESBETWEEN()`.

Additional Scenarios:

11. Use `SWITCH()` to categorize sales ranges (e.g., Low, Medium, High).
 12. Use Iterator functions like `SUMX()` and `AVERAGEX()` for aggregated metrics.
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Output Requirement:

- All calculated results should be displayed in **Matrix visual only**, grouped by Region, Month, Product Category, and Customer Segment.
 - **Do not use any other visualizations.**
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Attachments:

Dataset: [LINK](#)

Please complete the project and submit the `.pbix` file for review by **Monday, May 20, 2025** (within 4 days).

Best regards,
Madhav Shah
Business Analyst Manager