

## Email from Business Analyst Manager

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

**From:** Priya Sinha, Business Analyst Manager

**To:** Data Analyst Team

**Date:** May 16, 2025

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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.

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## 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 FullName** 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()`, `DATE SINPERIOD()` 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

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