

✓ 1. What does DAX stand for?

DAX = Data Analysis Expressions

It is a formula language used in Power BI, Power Pivot, and SSAS to create **calculations, measures, and calculated columns**.

✓ 2. Write a DAX formula to sum the Sales column.

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Total Sales = SUM(Sales[Sales])

✓ 3. Difference between a calculated column and a measure

Calculated Column	Measure
Evaluated row by row in the table	Evaluated in the filter context of visuals
Stored in the data model, increases size	Calculated on the fly, optimized
Used for row-level logic, relationships, groupings	Used for aggregations, KPIs, dynamic results

✓ 4. Use DIVIDE function to calculate Profit Margin (Profit/Sales).

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Profit Margin = DIVIDE(Sales[Profit], Sales[Sales])

✓ **DIVIDE()** handles division by zero gracefully.

✓ 5. What does COUNTROWS() do in DAX?

Returns the **number of rows** in a table.

Example:

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Order Count = COUNTROWS(Sales)

✓ 6. Create a measure: Total Profit subtracting total cost from total sales

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

✓ 7. Measure to calculate Average Sales per Product

Assuming each row is a sale:

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Avg Sales per Product =
DIVIDE(
SUM(Sales[Sales]),
DISTINCTCOUNT(Sales[ProductID])
)

✓ 8. Use IF() to tag products as "High Profit" if Profit > 1000

Calculated Column Example:

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Profit Tag = IF(Sales[Profit] > 1000, "High Profit", "Low Profit")

✓ 9. What is a circular dependency error in a calculated column?

Occurs when a column's calculation **references itself directly or indirectly**, creating an infinite loop.

✓ Example:

Column A depends on Column B, but Column B also depends on Column A.

✓ 10. Explain row context vs. filter context.

Row Context	Filter Context
Evaluating each individual row (calculated columns, iterators like SUMX)	Filters applied to a calculation via visuals, slicers, or CALCULATE
Example: [Sales] * [Quantity] per row	Example: CALCULATE(SUM(Sales[Sales]), Year = 2024)

✓ 11. Write a measure to calculate YTD Sales using TOTALYTD()

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

)

✓ Requires a **Dates table** marked as **Date Table**.

✓ 12. Create a dynamic measure that switches between Sales, Profit, and Margin

Using **SELECTEDVALUE** with **SWITCH**:

```
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Dynamic Measure =
SWITCH(
    SELECTEDVALUE(MeasureSelector[Measure]),
    "Sales", [Total Sales],
    "Profit", [Total Profit],
    "Margin", [Profit Margin]
)
```

✓ Requires a disconnected **MeasureSelector table** with values "Sales", "Profit", "Margin".

✓ 13. Optimize a slow DAX measure using variables (VAR)

Example:

```
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Optimized Measure =
VAR TotalSales = SUM(Sales[Sales])
VAR TotalCost = SUM(Sales[Cost])
RETURN
TotalSales - TotalCost
```

✓ Using **VAR** calculates once and reuses the value, improving performance.

✓ 14. Use **CALCULATE()** to override a filter

Example: Calculate sales ignoring product filters.

```
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All Product Sales =
CALCULATE(
    SUM(Sales[Sales]),
    ALL(Products)
)
```

✓ **15. Write a measure that returns the highest sales amount**

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Max Sales = MAX(Sales[Sales])

Or for max sales across all data:

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Max Sales All = CALCULATE(

MAX(Sales[Sales]),

ALL(Sales)

)