

1. What does DAX stand for?
Data Analysis Expressions — the formula language used in Power BI, Excel Power Pivot, and SSAS Tabular.
2. Sum the Sales column (measure):
DAX
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Total Sales = SUM(DAX_Practice_Data[Sales])
3. Calculated column vs. measure (difference):
 - Calculated column: computed row-by-row at data refresh, stored in the model, has row context.
 - Measure: computed on the fly at query time, not stored, depends on filter context and usually aggregates.
4. Profit Margin using DIVIDE (Profit / Sales):
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Total Cost = SUM(DAX_Practice_Data[Cost])
Total Profit = [Total Sales] - [Total Cost]
Profit Margin % = DIVIDE([Total Profit], [Total Sales])
5. What does COUNTROWS() do?
Returns the number of rows in a table or table expression under the current filter context.
6. Measure: Total Profit (Sales – Cost):
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Total Profit = [Total Sales] - [Total Cost]
7. Average Sales per Product (measure):
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Average Sales per Product =
AVERAGEX(VALUES(DAX_Practice_Data[ProductID]), [Total Sales])
8. Tag products “High Profit” if Profit > 1000:
As a calculated column (per row):
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High Profit Tag =
IF (DAX_Practice_Data[Sales] - DAX_Practice_Data[Cost] > 1000,
 "High Profit", "Other")
*(If you need a measure-driven label in a visual, use
SELECTEDVALUE(ProductID) with a similar IF around [Total Profit].)*
9. Circular dependency error (what is it)?
An error when a column/measure directly or indirectly depends on itself, forming a loop, so the engine can't determine a calculation order.
10. Row context vs. Filter context:
 - Row context: the “current row” during a row-by-row calculation (e.g., calculated columns, iterators like SUMX).

- Filter context: the set of filters (from slicers, visuals, CALCULATE) that determines which rows are visible for an evaluation.
11. YTD Sales using TOTALYTD():
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YTD Sales = TOTALYTD([Total Sales], DAX_Practice_Data[Date])
(Works best with a proper Date table marked as Date Table.)
 12. Dynamic measure switching (Sales / Profit / Margin):
Create a disconnected table Metric with rows: *Sales, Profit, Margin*. Then:
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Selected Metric Value =
SWITCH(SELECTEDVALUE(Metric[MetricName], "Sales"),
 "Profit", [Total Profit],
 "Margin", [Profit Margin %],
 [Total Sales]
)
)
 13. Optimize a slow measure using VAR (example):
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Profit Margin % (Optimized) =
VAR SalesTotal = [Total Sales]
VAR ProfitTotal = [Total Profit]
RETURN DIVIDE(ProfitTotal, SalesTotal)
Variables compute once and reuse the result—fewer repeated calculations.
 14. Use CALCULATE() to override a filter (example ignore Product):
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Sales (Ignore Product) =
CALCULATE([Total Sales], ALL(DAX_Practice_Data[ProductID]))
Removes any ProductID filter while keeping others (e.g., Date).
 15. Measure that returns the highest sales amount:
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Max Sales =
MAXX(ALL(DAX_Practice_Data[ProductID]), [Total Sales])
(Robust even if there are multiple rows per product; ignores Product filters.)