DAX Formulas in Power BI

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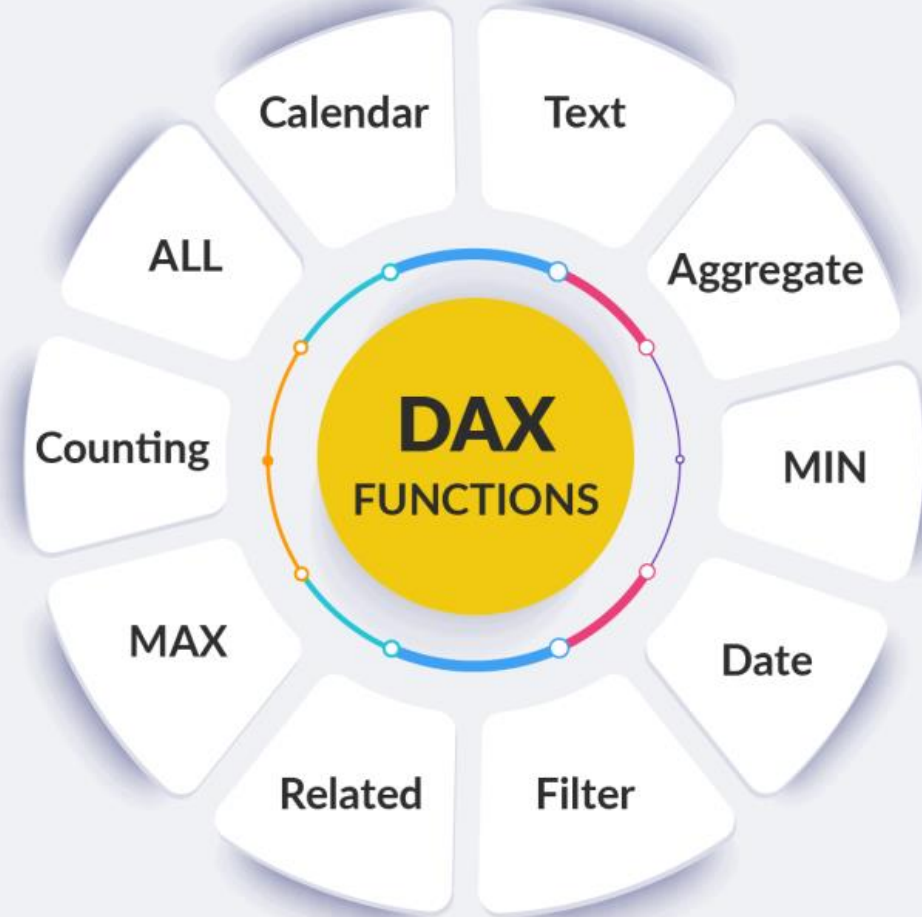- Calendar
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SUM
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SUM Formula in Power BI

Definition: SUM is a simple aggregation function that adds up all the values in a single column.
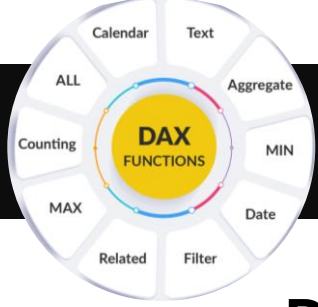
Example

Total_Sales = SUM(SalesData[Sales])

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Use Case: Use SUM when you want to sum up all the values in a numeric column without any complex row-by-row operations.

Performance: Since it operates directly on a column, it's fast and efficient for simple summations.

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Definition: A calculated column is a new column that you create in a table using DAX (Data Analysis Expressions). The value for each row is calculated when the column is created, and it remains static unless the data is refreshed.

Example

```
Tax = SalesData[Total_Sales]*18/100
```

Use Cases: Suitable for scenarios where you need a value for each row in the table, such as adding a new field derived from existing data (e.g., creating a "Total Price" column by multiplying "Quantity" and "Price").

Performance: Since calculated columns are stored in the model, they can affect performance, especially if the model is large.

Calculated Column in Power BI

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Data

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- SalesData
  - Country
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  - Date
  - Payment Type
  - Product
  - Σ Quantity
  - Σ Sales
  - Sales Channel
  - State
  - Tax
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Calculated Column in Power BI

`1 Tax = SalesData[Total_Sales]*18/100`

Formula for Tax Calculation

Calculted Column

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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CALCULATED COLUMN AND MEASURE IN POWER BI

In Power BI, both **calculated columns** and **measures** are used to perform calculations, but they serve different purposes and behave differently. Here's a comparison of the two:

Key Differences:

Feature	Calculated Column	Measure
Calculation Timing	Calculated when the data is loaded or refreshed	Calculated dynamically during reporting
Storage	Stored in the data model	Not stored; calculated on the fly
Context	Row context (calculation per row)	Filter/context-dependent (changes dynamically)
Use	Adding new fields for each row	Aggregating or summarizing data
Performance Impact	Can increase model size and memory usage	Impacts report performance, not model size

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SUMX FORMULA
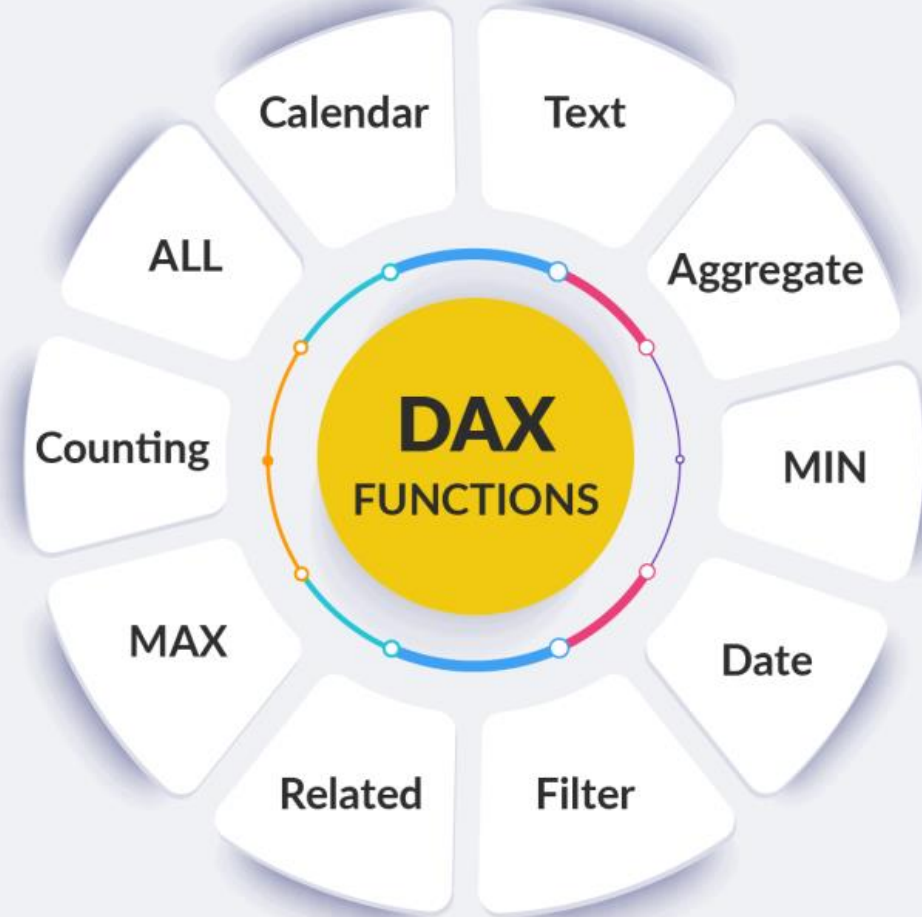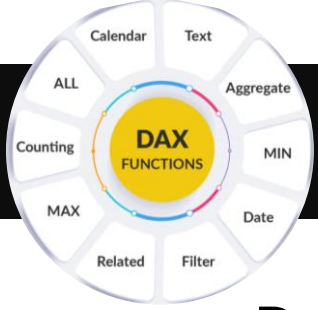
Definition: SUMX is an iterator function that performs row-by-row calculations and then sums the results.

Example

```
Total_Sales2 = SUMX(SalesData,SalesData[Quantity]*SalesData[Unit Price (INR)])
```

Use Case: Use SUMX when you need to perform a calculation for each row before summing, such as multiplying two columns together or applying conditional logic.

Performance: SUMX can be slower than SUM because it performs calculations on each row individually before summing. It's ideal for more complex scenarios that require row context.

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Difference between SUM and SUMX Formula in Power BI

In Power BI, both SUM and SUMX are used to perform summation, but they work differently and are used in different scenarios. Here's a breakdown of the key differences:

Key Differences:

Feature	SUM	SUMX
Function Type	Aggregation function	Iterator function
Operation	Sums all values in a single column directly	Calculates row by row based on an expression, then sums
Input	Single column	Table and an expression
Use Case	Simple summation of a numeric column	When you need to calculate something for each row before summing
Performance	Fast and efficient	Slower for large datasets, as it iterates over rows
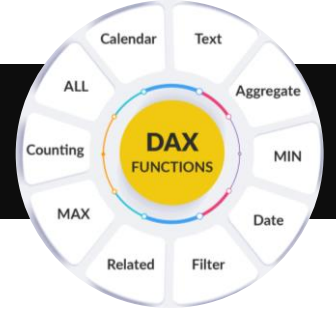
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COUNT FORMULA

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Definition: COUNT counts the number of non-blank values in a column.

Example

```
Number of Customers = COUNT('Table'[Customer ID])
```

Use Case: When you want to count the non-empty values in a column.

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COUNTA FORMULA
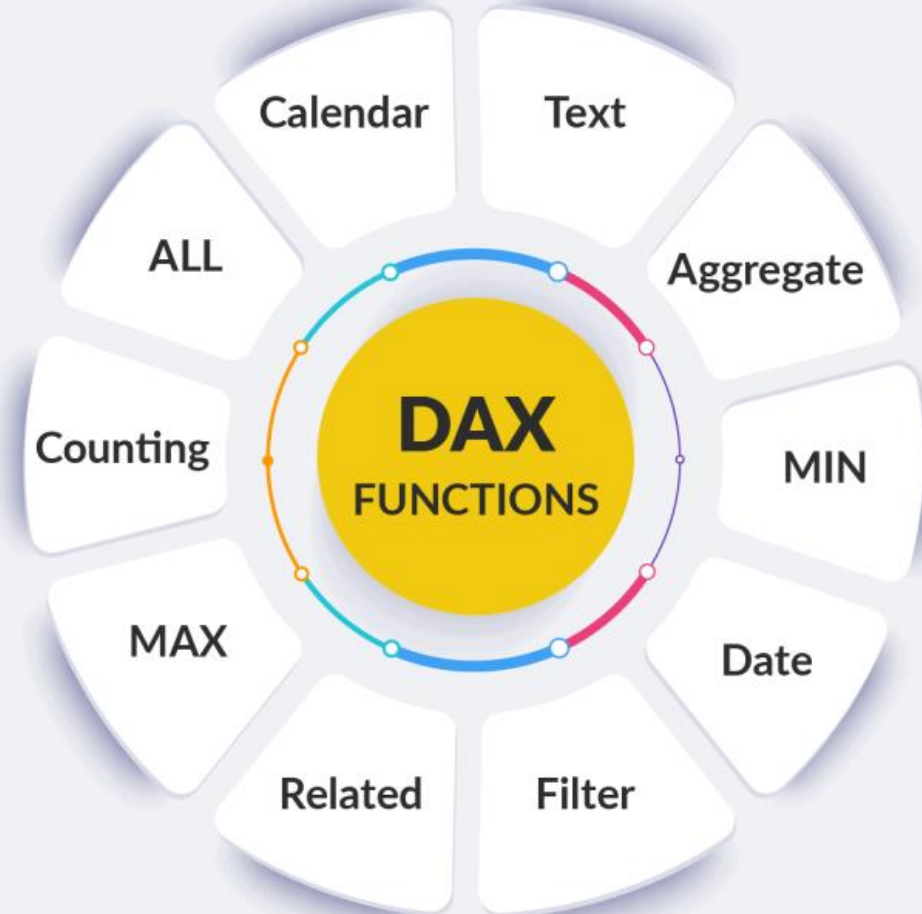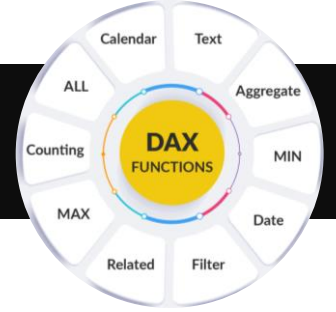
Definition: COUNTA counts the number of non-blank values in a column, including text, numeric values, and logical values even counts Boolean values where only Count will not count Boolean data type

Example

```
Number of Reviews = COUNTA('Table'[Review Status])
```

Use Case: When you need to count all non-blank values, regardless of the data type (text, numbers, etc.).
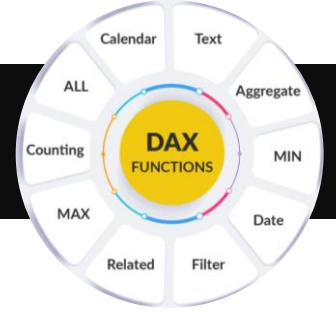
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COUNTBLANK FORMULA
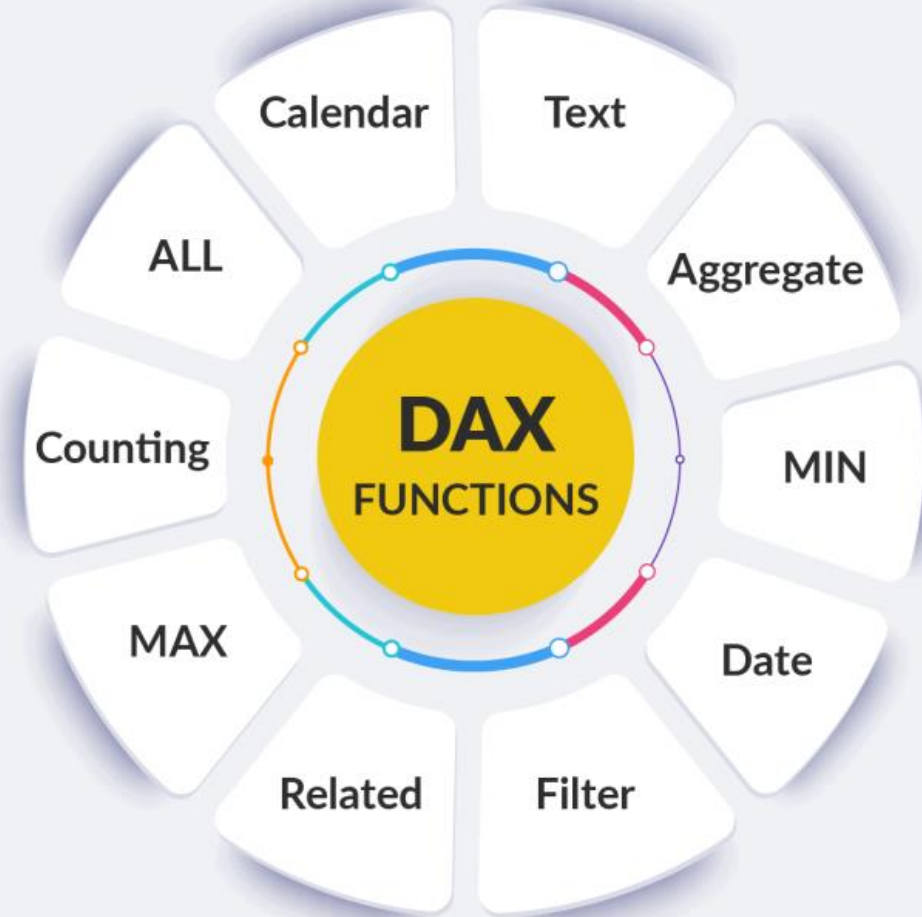
COUNTBLANK Formula in Power BI

Definition: COUNTBLANK counts the number of blank (empty) values in a column.

Example

```
Blank Reveiws = COUNTBLANK('Table'[Review Points])
```

Use Case: When you want to count the number of blank or missing values in a column.

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COUNTROWS FORMULA

Definition: COUNTROWS counts the number of rows in a table.

Example

```
Total Records = COUNTROWS('Table')
```

Use Case: When you want to count the total number of rows in a table or in a filtered table.

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DISTINCTCOUNT FORMULA

DISTINCTCOUNT Formula
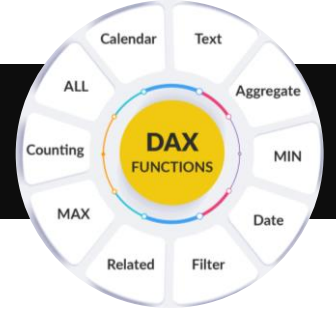
Definition: DISTINCTCOUNT counts the number of unique, non-blank values in a column.

Example

```
Unique States = DISTINCTCOUNT('Table'[State])
```

Use Case: When you need to count the distinct (unique) values in a column, excluding blanks.
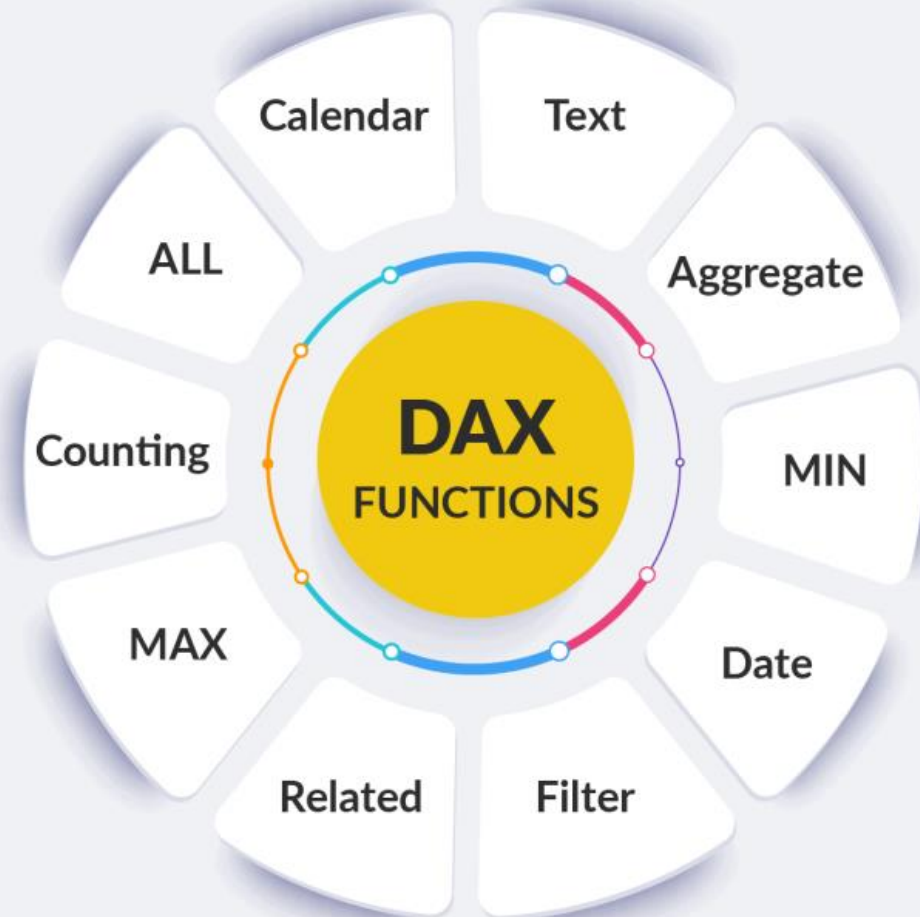
COUNTX FORMULA

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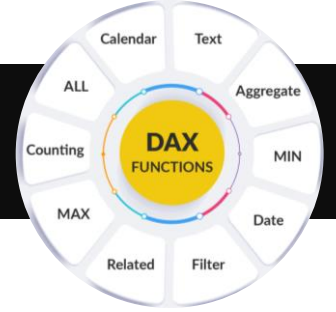
Definition: COUNTX is an iterator function that counts non-blank results of an expression evaluated row by row over a table.

Example

```
Count Reviews >= 5 = COUNTX('Table', IF('Table'[Review Points] >= 5, 1, BLANK()))
```

Use Case: When you need to count based on an expression that is evaluated for each row in a table.
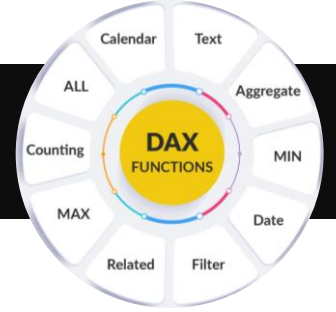
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COUNTAX FORMULA

COUNTAX Formula

Definition: COUNTAX is the iterator version of COUNTA. It evaluates an expression for each row and counts the number of non-blank results.

Example

```
Count True = COUNTAX(FILTER('Table','Table'[Review Status]=true),'Table'[Review Status])
```

Use Case: When you need to count based on an expression that is evaluated for each row in a table even there is Binary data type.

COUNTROWS with FILTER FORMULA

Definition: COUNTROWS can be used with the FILTER function to count rows that meet specific criteria.

Example

```
Maharashtra Count = COUNTROWS(FILTER('Table','Table'[State]="Maharashtra"))
```

Use Case: When you want to count rows based on a condition or set of conditions.

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Summary of DAX Counting Functions:

These functions provide flexibility depending on whether you're counting all rows, distinct values, non-blank values, or values based on expressions and conditions.

Summary of DAX Counting Functions:

Function	Purpose
COUNT	Counts non-blank numeric values in a column.
COUNTA	Counts non-blank values (including text) in a column.
COUNTBLANK	Counts the number of blank values in a column.
COUNTROWS	Counts the total number of rows in a table.
DISTINCTCOUNT	Counts unique, non-blank values in a column.
DISTINCTCOUNTNOBLANK	Counts unique, non-blank values (excludes blanks explicitly).
COUNTX	Counts non-blank results of an expression evaluated for each row.
COUNTAX	Iterative version of COUNTA, counting results of an expression.

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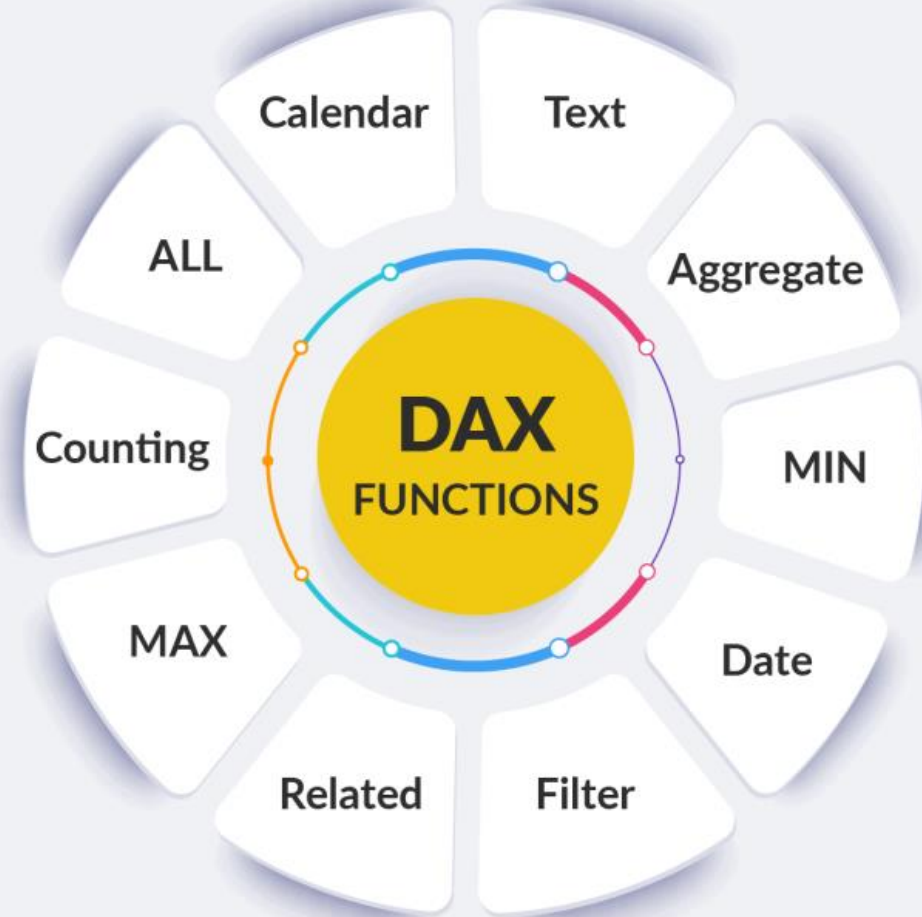
Extract Day/Month/Year

DAY(<datetime>) : Extracts the day from a date value.

MONTH(<datetime>) : Extracts the month from a date value.

YEAR(<datetime>) : Extracts the year from a date value.

Hour(<datetime>) : Extracts the Hour from a date and time value.
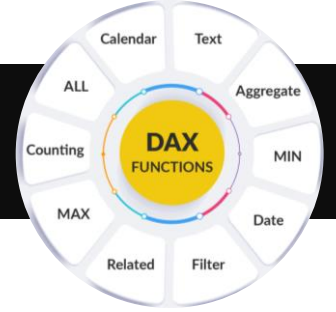
Minute(<datetime>) : Extracts the Minute from a date and time value.

Second(<datetime>) : Extracts the Second from a date and time value.

Extract Hour/Minute/Second

Today() : Show Current date

Now() – Show current date and Time

Weekday() – Show Weekday in numbers between 1 to 7

Weeknum() – Show Week number in Month/Year

Definition: Returns the difference between two dates in the specified interval (days, months, years, etc.).

Syntax

```
DATEDIFF(<start_date>, <end_date>, <interval>)
```

```
Example
```

```
DATEDIFF(Sales[OrderDate], Sales[ShipDate], DAY)
```

Create Custom Calendar

Formula

```
= List.Dates(#date(2023,1,1),731,#duration(1,0,0,0))
```

Creating a **custom calendar** using **Power Query** in Power BI is a common and essential task when dealing with date-related data, especially for performing time-based analysis like year-over-year (YoY), month-to-date (MTD), and quarter-to-date (QTD) comparisons. Having a custom date table ensures that you have control over the format, date ranges, and any specific time-based logic needed for your reports.
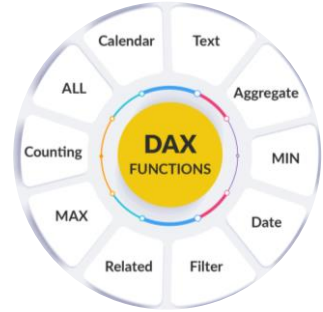
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```
let
    // Define start and end dates for the calendar
    StartDate = #date(2020, 1, 1),    // You can change this to your desired start date
    EndDate = Date.From(DateTime.LocalNow()),  // Automatically takes today's date as the end date
        // Generate a list of dates between the start and end dates
    DateList = List.Dates(StartDate, Duration.Days(EndDate - StartDate) + 1, #duration(1, 0, 0, 0)),
    // Convert the list into a table
    DateTable = Table.FromList(DateList, Splitter.SplitByNothing(), {"Date"}, null, ExtraValues.Error),
    // Add Year, Month, and Day columns for further analysis
    AddYear = Table.AddColumn(DateTable, "Year", each Date.Year([Date]), Int64.Type),
    AddMonth = Table.AddColumn(AddYear, "Month", each Date.Month([Date]), Int64.Type),
    AddDay = Table.AddColumn(AddMonth, "Day", each Date.Day([Date]), Int64.Type),
    AddMonthName = Table.AddColumn(AddDay, "Month Name", each Date.ToText([Date], "MMMM"), type text),
    AddQuarter = Table.AddColumn(AddMonthName, "Quarter", each Date.QuarterOfYear([Date]), Int64.Type),
    AddYearMonth = Table.AddColumn(AddQuarter, "Year-Month", each Date.ToText([Date], "yyyy-MM"), type text),
    AddWeekOfYear = Table.AddColumn(AddYearMonth, "Week of Year", each Date.WeekOfYear([Date]), Int64.Type),
    AddDayOfWeek = Table.AddColumn(AddWeekOfYear, "Day of Week", each Date.ToText([Date], "dddd"), type text),
    AddIsWeekend = Table.AddColumn(AddDayOfWeek, "Is Weekend", each if Date.DayOfWeek([Date], Day.Sunday) > 4 then "Yes" else "No", type text)
in
    AddIsWeekend
```

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Formula

```
= CALENDAR(MIN(SalesData[Date]),MAX(SalesData[Date]))
```

The CALENDAR DAX function in Power BI is used to generate a continuous range of dates between a specified start and end date. It's particularly useful when building a date table, which is essential for time-based calculations such as year-over-year analysis, month-to-date, quarter-to-date, etc.

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Formula

```
= CALENDARAUTO()
```

The CALENDARAUTO function in Power BI is a powerful tool for creating a date table that automatically detects the date range from all date columns in your data model. This means it scans your data and generates a date range based on the minimum and maximum dates found in the model, which is especially helpful for dynamic date tables without specifying start or end dates manually.
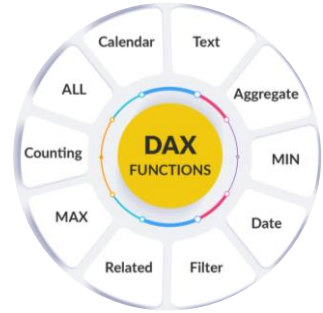
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MTD QTD AND YTD DAX FORMULA

Formula

```
Sales MTD = TOTALMTD(SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]), DateTable[Date])

Sales QTD = TOTALQTD(SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]), DateTable[Date])

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

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MTD (Month-to-Date), QTD (Quarter-to-Date), and YTD (Year-to-Date) are commonly used DAX functions in Power BI for performing time-based aggregations. They are particularly helpful for tracking progress over the current month, quarter, or year, making it easy to see cumulative totals up to the present date. These functions rely on having a properly structured date table, ideally linked to your data model.
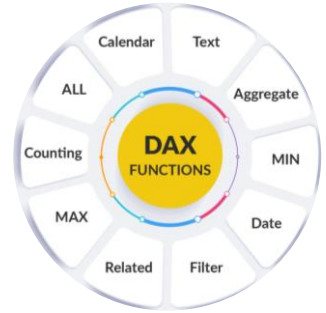
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Formula

```
Network Days = NETWORKDAYS("01-01-2023","31-01-2023",1,Holidays)
```

In Power BI, Network Days refers to the count of working days (typically Monday through Friday) between two specified dates, excluding weekends and optionally excluding holidays.

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Networkdays DAX Formula

`Network Days = NETWORKDAYS("01-01-2023","31-01-2023",1,Holidays)`

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3: Monday, Tuesday
4: Tuesday, Wednesday
5: Wednesday, Thursday
6: Thursday, Friday
7: Friday, Saturday
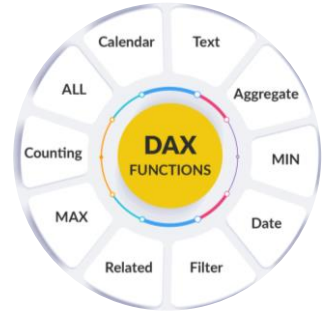11: Sunday only
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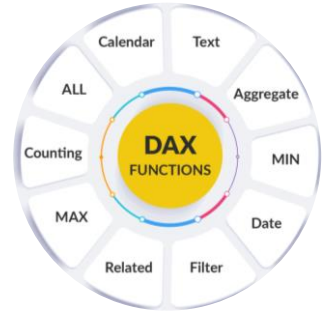15: Thursday only
16: Friday only
17: Saturday only

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Formula

```
DATESINPERIOD(<dates>, <start_date>, <number_of_intervals>, <interval>)
```

The DATESINPERIOD function in DAX returns a single-column table of dates within a specified period, based on a start date and a defined interval. It's useful when you need to create calculations over dynamic date ranges (e.g., last 7 days, previous month, etc.).
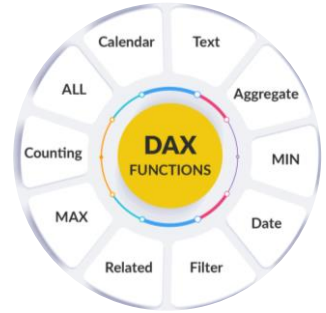
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`DATESBETWEEN(<dates>, <start_date>, <end_date>)`

The DATESBETWEEN function in DAX returns a table with dates within a specified start and end date range. This function is useful when you want to filter data to specific date boundaries.
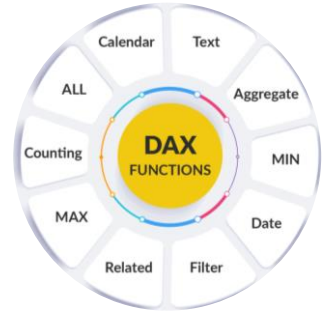
Formula

```
SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR(<dates>)
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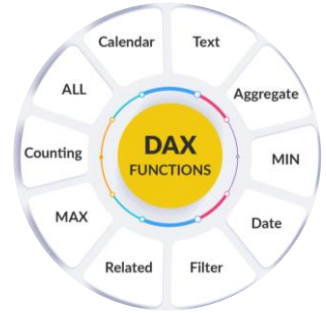
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LEN: Returns the length (number of characters) of a text string.

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