### 1. What is Row Context in DAX?

- Row Context exists when DAX evaluates an expression row by row in a table.
- Each row has its own "context", meaning DAX knows *which row* it is currently calculating.
- You usually see **Row Context** in **calculated columns**, because they are evaluated per row.

## • Example:

Suppose we have a table Sales:

## **ProductID Sales Amount Cost**

| 1 | 1000 | 700  |
|---|------|------|
| 2 | 2000 | 1200 |
| 3 | 1500 | 1000 |

Now, we add a calculated column:

Profit = Sales[SalesAmount] - Sales[Cost]

- f Here, DAX evaluates the formula for each row:
  - Row 1: 1000 700 = 300
  - Row 2: 2000 1200 = 800
  - Row 3: 1500 1000 = 500

# • Why is this Row Context?

Because the formula automatically applies to the current row only (no need to specify filters).

Each row has its own context — SalesAmount and Cost are picked from that row.

# **Summary**:

- Row Context = row-by-row evaluation.
- Mostly applies to calculated columns (and iterators like SUMX, FILTER).
- In the example, Profit column used row context to calculate values.

### 5. • VAR

- VAR is used to **define a variable** inside a measure or calculated column.
- You can assign an intermediate calculation to a variable so that it can be reused multiple times in your formula.
- This makes your DAX code cleaner, easier to read, and faster (because the calculation is performed once).

## Example:

TotalProfit =

VAR SalesAmount = SUM(Sales[Amount])

 $VAR\ CostAmount\ = SUM(Sales[Cost])$ 

**RETURN** 

SalesAmount - CostAmount

### Here:

• SalesAmount and CostAmount are **variables** defined using VAR.

## RETURN

- RETURN tells DAX what to output after defining variables.
- It is the **final expression** that gets evaluated and returned as the result of the measure.
- Without RETURN, your VAR values don't mean anything they need to be combined or used in RETURN.

In the example above:

## **RETURN**

Sales Amount - Cost Amount

means the result of TotalProfit = difference between the two variables.

# **Summary**

- $VAR \rightarrow$  defines temporary storage (like a note where you write intermediate results).
- **RETURN**  $\rightarrow$  tells Power BI what to finally show from those stored values.

10. The reason CALCULATE overrides filters is because of how it works with **filter context** in DAX. Let's break it down clearly:

### 🥕 1. CALCULATE = Evaluate in a Modified Filter Context

- Normally, a measure like:
- SUM(Sales[Amount])

runs inside whatever filters are applied (like slicers, visuals, or page filters).

- But when you wrap it in **CALCULATE**:
- CALCULATE(SUM(Sales[Amount]), Sales[Category] = "Electronics")

you are saying:

"Take the current filter context, but replace/add these filters before doing the calculation."



## 2. Override happens because CALCULATE rewrites the filter

If your report already has a filter like Sales[Category] = "Clothing", then CALCULATE(..., Sales[Category] = "Electronics") will **ignore Clothing** and force Electronics.



frat's why it overrides.



# 3. If you want to keep existing filters instead of overriding

You can use functions like:

- FILTER (for more flexible conditions)
- KEEPFILTERS (to add instead of replace) Example:

```
CALCULATE(
```

```
SUM(Sales[Amount]),
```

KEEPFILTERS(Sales[Category] = "Electronics")

This will respect current filters and only keep rows where Category = Electronics within them, instead of replacing.



### In short:

- CALCULATE changes the filter context.
- If you pass conditions, they **replace existing filters** on the same column.
- That's why it looks like CALCULATE "ignores" previous filters.

## 14. Example:

Suppose you have a Sales table with Category and SalesAmount.

```
Total Sales (Ignore Filters) =

CALCULATE (

SUM ( Sales[SalesAmount] ),

ALL ( Sales[Category] )
)
```

## How this works:

- SUM(Sales[SalesAmount]) → normal total under current filters.
- ALL(Sales[Category]) → removes Category filter, so even if the user clicks only *Electronics*, this measure still shows the total sales across all categories.

# **Simulating a "Remove Filters" button:**

- 1. Create two measures:
  - $\circ$  Total Sales  $\rightarrow$  respects slicers/filters.
  - $\circ$  Total Sales (Ignore Filters) → uses ALL() to ignore.
- 2. Place both in a card visual or chart.
- 3. Now, when the user applies a slicer (like selecting "Electronics"),
  - the normal measure changes
  - o the "Ignore Filters" measure behaves like a reset/remove filters button.

If a CALCULATE measure is **ignoring a slicer**, the **most likely cause** is that inside the CALCULATE() you have used a function like **ALL()**, **REMOVEFILTERS()**, or something similar that **overrides or removes slicer filters**.

# Common causes:

- 1. Using ALL() or REMOVEFILTERS()
- 2. Sales Ignore Category =
- 3. CALCULATE (
- 4. SUM (Sales[SalesAmount]),
- 5. ALL (Sales[Category]) -- removes slicer on Category
- 6. )
- → Any slicer on *Category* will be ignored.
  - 7. Filter in CALCULATE conflicts with slicer
  - 8. Electronics Sales =
  - 9. CALCULATE (
  - 10. SUM (Sales[SalesAmount]),
  - 11. Sales[Category] = "Electronics"
  - 12.)
- → Even if slicer picks *Furniture*, this measure will **force Electronics only**.
  - 13. Wrong relationship / inactive relationship
    - o If slicer is based on a table not related (or incorrectly related) to Sales, the slicer won't filter.
    - o Sometimes you need USERELATIONSHIP() in CALCULATE.

# Rule of thumb:

• If you see slicers being ignored → check if your measure uses ALL(), REMOVEFILTERS(), or a hardcoded filter inside CALCULATE.