Power BI Aggregate Functions

(AVERAGE, AVERAGEA, and AVERAGEX)

1. AVERAGE ()

Definition: Returns the arithmetic mean of a column containing numbers.

Syntax:

AVERAGE (<Column Name>)

- Ignores blank values.
- Only works on numeric columns.

Example:

Avg Sales = AVERAGE (Sales [Amount])

It Calculates the average sales amount.

2. AVERAGEA ()

Definition: Returns the arithmetic mean of a column, but it evaluates text and logical values too.

Syntax:

AVERAGEA (<Column Name>)

- Text = 0
- TRUE = 1, FALSE = 0
- Includes blanks as 0.

Example:

AvgA Example = AVERAGEA (Data [Response])

If the column has $\{10, 20, \text{"Text"}, \text{TRUE}\}$, result = (10 + 20 + 0 + 1) / 4 = 7.75.

3. AVERAGEX ()

Definition: Returns the average of an expression evaluated over a table.

Syntax:

AVERAGEX(<Table>, <Expression>)

- Very powerful because you can apply calculations before averaging.
- Works on **row-by-row** evaluation, then finds average.

Example:

Avg Profit Margin = AVERAGEX(Sales, Sales[Profit] / Sales[Revenue])

4.APPROXIMATEDISTINCTCOUNT ()

Definition: Returns the approximate number of unique values in a column.

Purpose: Faster than DISTINCT COUNT () when working with very large datasets.

Syntax:

APPROXIMATEDISTINCTCOUNT(<ColumnName>)

- Useful for big data models where exact distinct count is expensive.
- Provides a result that is close to exact but may differ slightly.
- Performance optimized.

Example:

Unique Customers ≈ APPROXIMATEDISTINCTCOUNT (Sales [CustomerID])

5.COUNT ()

Definition: Counts the number of numeric values in a column.

Syntax:

COUNT(<ColumnName>)

Ignores blanks, text, and logical values.

Example:

Count Sales = COUNT(Sales[Amount])

6. COUNTA()

Definition: Counts the number of non-empty values in a column.

Syntax:

COUNTA(<ColumnName>)

- Includes numbers, text, TRUE/FALSE.
- Excludes blanks.

Example:

CountA Example = COUNTA (Data [Response])

7. COUNTAX ()

Definition: Evaluates an expression for each row in a table, then counts the non-blank results.

Syntax:

COUNTAX(<Table>, <Expression>)

- Works row by row.
- More flexible than COUNT/COUNTA.

Example:

CountAX Example = COUNTAX(Sales, Sales[Profit] - Sales[Cost])

8. COUNTBLANK ()

Definition: Counts the number of **blank (empty) cells** in a column.

Syntax:

COUNTBLANK(<ColumnName>)

Only checks for blanks, not 0 or text " ".

Example:

Blank Count = COUNTBLANK(Sales[Remarks]).

9. DISTINCTCOUNT

Definition: Counts the unique values in a column.

Syntax:

DISTINCTCOUNT(<ColumnName>)Notes:

- Ignores blanks.
- Gives exact unique count.

Example:

Unique Countries = DISTINCTCOUNT(Customers[Country])

10. COUNTX()

Definition: Evaluates an expression for each row in a table, then counts numeric results.

Syntax:

COUNTX(<Table>, <Expression>)

• Like COUNTAX, but only counts numeric (not text/logic).

Example:

CountX Example = COUNTX(Sales, Sales[Quantity] * Sales[Price])