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* Data model :-

The tables are connected via relationships based on a common field.

* Database Normalization:-

Normalization is the process of organizing the tables and columns in a relational database to reduce redundancy and preserve data integrity.

→ Its commonly used to :-

- Eliminate redundant data to decrease table size and improve processing speed & efficiency.
- Minimize errors and anomalies from data modifications (inserting, updating or deleting records)

Fact & Dimension Tables

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- * Data models generally contain two types:-

fact ("data") table, and
dimension ("lookup") tables:

- Fact table contain numerical values or metrics used for summarization.
- Dimension table contain descriptive attribute used for filtering or grouping.

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Primary & Foreign key

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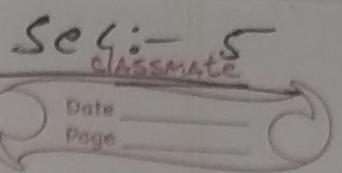
→ Primary key :-

Primary keys (pk)
They uniquely identify each row
of the table, and relate to
foreign keys in fact tables.

there is no duplicates).

→ Foreign key :- They contain
multiple instances of each value,
and relate to primary keys,
in dimension tables.

DAX (Data Analysis Expression)



→ DAX :- Data Analysis Expression (commonly known as DAX) is the formula language that drives the powerbi front-end.

USES:-

- * with Dax, you can go beyond the capabilities of traditional spreadsheet formulas, with powerful and flexible functions built specifically to work relational databases OR data models.
- * Add calculated columns (for filtering) and measures (for aggregation) to enhance data model.
- * we can use DAX in two ways:-
 - first way is to create calculated column, which are new column of data that actually live inside your tables.

So this is why calculated columns are used for filtering.

The Second way to use DAX is to Create measures, which are then used in visualizations to show some sort of aggregation, like a sum, count, or average.

DAX code Vs M. Code

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- * M and DAX are two distinct functional languages used within PowerBI desktop.
- M :- is used in the power Query (backend) editor, and is designed specifically for extracting, transforming and loading data into PowerBI's data model.
- DAX :- DAX is used in the PowerBI front-end, and is designed specifically for analyzing relational data models.

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1. Dax is used for data modeling and creating calculated column and measures.
2. Dax is used to create new column and measures within your data model. It can also be used to define relationship between tables and perform complex problem.
3. Dax is not designed for data transformation and should not be used for those tasks.
4. Dax is a formula language designed for creating custom calculations. It supports a wide range of functions and operators for performing calculation on you data.

M. (Power Query)

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1. M is used for data transformation and loading data from external resources.
2. M is used to load data from external source, transform it, and then load it into your data model.
3. M is designed for data transformation and can perform a wide range of data cleansing and shaping operations.
4. M also supports custom calculations, but it's primarily used for data transformation and should be used for those tasks.

* Calculated Column :- its allows you to add new, formula-based column to tables in a model.

- Calculated Column refers to entire tables or columns (No A1 - style cell reference)
- Calculated Columns generate values for each row, which are visible within tables in the data view.
- Calculated columns understand row context; (they can see the information contained within each row in which they calculated And so they're great for defining things like properties based on information within that row).

but generally useless for aggregation

like sum or count or avg..

* IMP: RULE:-

Use calculated columns to "stamp" static, fixed values to each row in a table (or go upstream and use the query editor).

Do NOT use calculated columns for aggregation. or try to calculate numerical values to use in value area of a visualization.

If we'll use measures for that instead!

→ Calculated Columns are typically used for filtering data; giving new fields that can use to create those filters rather than creating or defining new numerical values.

DAX MEASURES

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- * Measures are DAX formula used to generate new calculated values.
- Like calculated columns, measures reference entire tables or columns (no AI-style cell references)
- Unlike calculated columns, measures are not visible within tables; they can only be "seen" within a visualization like a chart or matrix (similar to a calculated field in a pivot table)
- Measures are evaluated based on filter context, which means they recalculate when the fields or filters around them change.

* IMP RULE :- Use measures when a single row can't give you the answer, or when you need to aggregate values across multiple rows in a table.

→ Use measures to create numerical, calculated values that can be analyzed in the "value" field of a report visual.

Implicit Vs Explicit measures

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- Implicit Measures are created when you drag raw numerical fields into a report visual and manually select an aggregation mode (sum, min, max, count, Average, etc.)
- Explicit measures are created when you actually write a DAX formula and define a new measure that can be used within the model.

IMP. :-

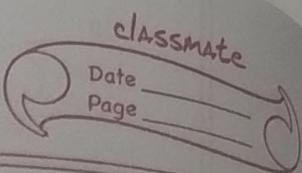
Implicit measures are only accessible within the specific visualization in which they were created, and cannot be referenced elsewhere.

Explicit measures can be used anywhere in the report, and

f_n = Calculated column
 (Σ) = aggregated
(if file calculator) \square = explicit measure

referenced by other DAX Calculation
to create "measures trees".

Quick Measures



explicit
measures

Quick measures automatically creates formulas based on pre-built templates or natural language prompts.

or

Quick measures are a tool that automatically creates explicit measures using pre-built templates or natural language queries.

- Quick Measures calculations can be used to build measures using predefined templates (weighted average, percent difference, time intelligence, etc.)

- Quick measures suggestions can be used to find suggested based on natural language queries.
(i.e. "5
- * Quick measures can be a great learning tool for beginners or for building more complex formulas but use them with caution;

Calculated Column vs Measures

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Calculated Columns

Measures

- Values are calculated based on information from each row of a table (row context).
 - Appends static values to each row in a table and stores them in a model (which increase file size)
 - Recalculate on data changes are made to Component columns
- Values are calculated based on information from any filters in the reports (filter context)
 - Does not create new data in the tables themselves (doesn't increase file size)
 - Recalculate in response to any change to filters within the report.
 - or
 - any time the filter context changes, the measures update.

- Calculated columns are primarily used for things like slicers or filters, you often use them as dimensions to change the way that you're viewing the data.

or

Primarily used for filtering data in reports.

- Primarily used for aggregating values in report visuals.

- It is live inside the table

- When we create measures those measures live inside within the visuals.

Measures Table

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- Create a dedicated table to store your measures → (explicit measure)
This will help you stay organized, find measures quickly, and allow you to group related measures into folders.

- there are 2 different ways to creating dedicated measures.

(i) Enter data into power Query (loads the table to the data model - table is visible in power query)

• it is loaded into data model and it's actually visible from within the query editor.

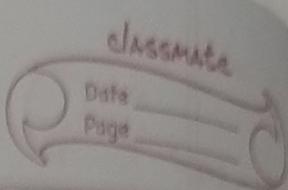
• You're creating it in the front-end and it's actually loaded into the back as well.

~~data view~~

(ii) Create a Calculated table using DAX directly in the model (table is not visible in power query)

= The table is not visible in power query editor.

Filter Context



Measures are evaluated based on filter context, which means that they recalculated whenever the fields or filters around them change.

Common FUNCTION CATEGORIES

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- MATH & STATS Function :- Function used for aggregation or iterative, row-level calculation.

→ Common Examples :-

- SUM
- AVERAGE
- MAX / MIN
- DIVIDE
- COUNT / COUNTA
- COUNTROWS
- DISTINCTCOUNT

→ Iterator Functions :-

- SUMX
- AVERAGEX
- MAXX / MINX
- RANX
- COUNTX

• LOGICAL functions :- Function that use Conditional expressions. (If / Then statement)

→ Common Examples :-

- IF
- IFERROR
- OR
- NOT
- SWITCH
- TRUE
- FALSE

• TEXT Functions :- Functions used to manipulate text strings or value formats.

→ Common Examples :-

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| • CONCATENATE | • COMBINEVALUES |
| • FORMAT | • LEFT / MID / RIGHT |
| • UPPER / LOWER | • LEN |
| • SEARCH / FIND | • REPLACE |
| • SUBSTITUTE | • TRIM |

- FILTER Functions :- Functions used to manipulate table and filter contexts.

Common eg:-

- CALCULATE
- FILTER
- ALL
- ALLEXCEPT
- ALLSELECTED
- KEEPFILTERS
- REMOVEFILTERS
- SELECTEDVALUE

- TABLE Functions :- Functions that Create or manipulate tables and output tables Vs scalar values

Common Example :-

- SUMMARIZE
- ADDCOLUMNS
- GENERATESERIES
- DISTINCT
- VALUES
- UNION
- INTERSECT
- TOPN

- DATE & TIME Functions :- Functions used to manipulate date & time values or handle time intelligence calculations.

Common Examples :-

- DATE
- DATEDIFF
- YEARFRAC
- YEAR / MONTH
- DAY / HOUR
- TODAY / NOW
- WEEKDAY
- WEEKNUM
- NETWORKDAYS
- Time Intelligence :-
 - DATESYTD
 - DATESMTD
 - DATEADD
 - DATESBETWEEN

RELATIONSHIP Functions :- Functions used to manage & modify table relationship.

Common Examples :-

• RELATED

• RELATEDTABLE

• CROSSFILTER

• USERELATIONSHIP

BASIC MATH & STATS FUNCTIONS

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- **SUM** :- Evaluate the sum of a column
 $= \text{SUM}(\text{ColumnName})$
- **AVERAGE** :- Returns the averages (arithmetic mean) of all the numbers in a column
 $= \text{AVERAGE}(\text{ColumnName})$
- **MAX** :- Returns the largest value in a column or between two scalar expressions
 $= \text{MAX}(\text{ColumnName Or Scalar1}, [\text{Scalar2}])$
- **MIN** :- Returns the smallest value in a column or between two scalar expressions
 $= \text{MIN}(\text{ColumnName Or Scalar1}, [\text{Scalar2}])$
- **DIVIDE** :- Performs division and return the alternate result (or blank) if DIV/0
 $= \text{DIVIDE}(\text{Numerator}, \text{Denominator}, [\text{AlternateResult}])$

COUNTING FUNCTIONS

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• COUNT :- Counts the number of non-empty cells in a column.

(excluding Boolean values)

= COUNT (ColumnName)

• COUNTA :- Counts the number of non-empty cells in a column.

(Including Boolean values)

= COUNTA (columnName)

• DISTINCTCOUNT :- Counts the number of distinct value in a column.

= DISTINCTCOUNT (ColumnName)

• COUNTROWS :- Counts the number of rows in the specified table, or a table defined by an expression.

= COUNTROWS ([Table])

BASIC LOGICAL FUNCTION

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- IF :- Checks if a given condition is met and returns one value if the condition is TRUE , and another if the condition is FALSE

= IF (Logical Test, Result If True, [Result If False])

- IFERROR :- Evaluates an expression and returns a specified value if it returns an error , otherwise returns the expression itself .

= IFERROR (Value, ValueIfError)

- SWITCH :- Evaluates an expression against a list of values and returns one of multiple expressions possible

= SWITCH (Expression, Value1, Result1, ..., Else)

THE SWITCH FUNCTION

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SWITCH = Evaluates an expression against a list of values and returns one of multiple possible expressions.

= SWITCH (Expression, Value1, Result1, ..., ValueN, ResultN)

Any DAX expression that returns a single scalar value, evaluated multiples times.

e.g:-

- Calendar [Month ID]
- 'Product Lookup' [category]

list of values produced by the expression, each paired with a result to return for rows/cases that match

e.g:-

= SWITCH (Calendar [Month ID],
1, "January"
2, "February")

NOTE :-

SWITCH(TRUE) is a common DAX pattern
to replace multiple nested IF statements

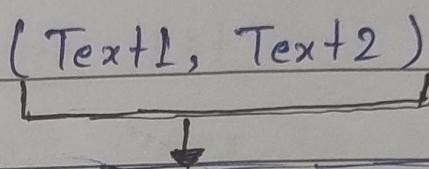
TEXT FUNCTIONS

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- LEN :- Returns the number of characters in a string.
= LEN(Text)

- CONCATENATE :- Joins two text strings into one.
= CONCATENATE {Text1, Text2}


Note :- Use the & operator as a shortcut, or to combine more than two strings

- UPPER/LOWER :- Converts a string to upper or lower case.
= UPPER / LOWER (Text)

- LEFT/RIGHT/MID :- Returns a number of characters from the start/middle/end of a text string.

= LEFT / RIGHT (Text, [NumChars])

= MID (Text, StartPosition, NumChars)

• SUBSTITUTE :- Replaces an instance of existing text with new text in a string.

= SUBSTITUTE (Text, OldText, NewText,
[InstanceNumber])

• SEARCH :- Returns the position where a specified string or character is found, reading left to right.

= SEARCH (FindText, WithinText,
[StartPosition], [NotFoundValue])

BASIC DATE & TIME FUNCTIONS

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- TODAY/NOW :- Returns the current date or exact time.

= TODAY/NOW()

- DAY/MONTH/YEAR :- Returns the day of the month (1-31), month of the year (1-12), or year of a given date.

= DAY/MONTH/YEAR(Date)

- HOUR/MINUTE/SECOND :- Returns the hour (0-23), minute (0-59), or second (0-59) of a given datetime value.

= HOUR/MINUTE/SECOND(Datetime)

- WEEKDAY/WEEKNUM :- Returns a weekday number from 1 (Sunday) to 7 (Saturday), or the week# of the year.

= WEEKDAY/WEEKNUM(Date, [ReturnType])

EOMONTH :- Returns the date of the last day of the month, +/- a specified number of months.

= EOMONTH (startDate, Months)

DATEDIFF :- Returns the difference

between two dates, based on a given interval. (day, hour, year, etc.)

= DATEDIFF (Date1, Date2, Interval)

Joining Data with RELATED

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- RELATED :- Return related values in each row of a table based on relationship with other tables
- RELATED works on the one side of a one to many table relationship

= RELATED (ColumnName)



The Column from a related table containing the values you want to retrieve.

- eg :-
- 'Product Lookup' [ProductName]
 - 'Territory Lookup' [Country]

NOTE :- Related works like VLOOKUP function in Excel - It uses the relationship between tables (defined by primary and foreign keys) to pull values from one table into a new column of another.

Since this function requires row context,
it can only be used as a Calculated
Column or as part of an iterator
function that cycles through all rows
in a table (FILTER, SUMX, MAXX, etc.)

NOTE :- Instead of using RELATED TO
create extra columns (which increase
file size.), nest it within measure
like FILTER or SUMX.

The CALCULATE Function

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- CALCULATE :- Evaluates an expression in a context that is modified by filters.

= CALCULATE([Expression], [Filter1], [Filter2])

Name of an existing measure or a DAX formula for a valid measure.

e.g. :- . [Total orders]

• SUM('Returns Data'[Return Quantity])

A Boolean (True/False) expression or a Table expression that defines a filter.

NOTE :- these requires fixed values or aggregation functions that return a scalar value. (you cannot create filter based on measure).

e.g. :- • 'Territory Lookup'[Country] = "USA"
• Calendar[Year] <gt; MAX(Calendar[Year])

NOTE :- Think of CALCULATE as a filter context modifier ; it allows you to overrule existing report filters and "force" new filter context.

* The CALCULATE function modifies and overrules any competing filter context !

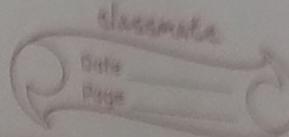
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Measures total may seem incorrect or inconsistent depending on how they ~~are~~ are calculated, because they don't simply add up the visible values in the report.

The ALL Function



• ALL :- Returns all rows in a table, or all values in a column, ignoring any filters that have been applied.

= ALL (Table or column), [Column 2], [Column 3]
[] , ...)
↓

The table or column

that you want to clear filters on

e.g:- • Transactions

• Products [category]



Additional columns that you want to clear filters on (optional)

• Cannot specify columns if your first parameter is a table.

• All columns must include the table name and come from the Same table.

e.g. • 'Customer Lookup'[city], 'Customer Lookup'[country]

• Products [Product Name]

The FILTER Function

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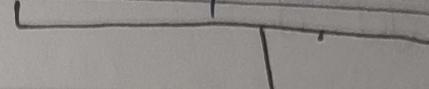
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FILTER :- Returns a table that represent a subset of another table or expression.

= FILTER (Table, FilterExpression)



Table to be
filtered



A Boolean (True/False)

- eg:- • Territory Lookup

filter expression to
be evaluated for
each row of the
table.

- Customer Lookup

Note :-

Since FILTER iterates through each row in a table, it can be slow and computationally expensive; only use FILTER if a simple CALCULATE function won't get the job done!

Iterator function

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- Iterator (or "x") function allows you to loop through the same expression on each row of a table, then apply some sort of aggregation to the result (SUM, MAX, etc.)

= SUMX(Table, Expression)



Aggregation to apply to calculated rows* Table in which the expression will be evaluated.

e.g.: - • SUMX

• COUNTX

• AVERAGEX

• RANKX

• MAXX/MINX

e.g.: - • Sales

• FILTERS(Sales,

RELATED(Products[Category])

"Clothing")

Expression to be evaluated for each

row of the given table.

e.g.: - • [Total orders]

• Sales[RetailPrice]*

Sales[Quantity]