Table manipulation functions

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Table manipulation functions overview

Previously seen functions

```
DISTINCT( | )
```

Removes duplicate rows from a table or values from a column

```
SELECTCOLUMNS(, <name>, <expression>)
```

Returns the selected columns from another table as a new table

New functions

```
ADDCOLUMNS(, <name>, <expression>)
```

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SELECTCOLUMNS(Fact_table,	
"Profit",	
Revenue - Costs)	

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          Amounts[Year],
          Amounts[Category],
          "Total Amount",
          SUM(Amounts[Amount]))
```

Year	Category	Amount
2019	Tickets	50
2019	Postcards	500
2020	Tickets	200
2020	Tickets	400

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SUMMARIZE() best practices

 Created columns of SUMMARIZE() can give unexpected results based on context

```
SUMMARIZE(Amounts,
          Amounts[Year],
          Amounts[Category]),
          "Total Amount",
          SUM(Amounts[Amount])
```

Best practice is to wrap ADDCOLUMNS()
 around SUMMARIZE() when creating new
 columns

```
ADDCOLUMNS(
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Amounts[Year],
Amounts[Category]),
"Total Amount",
SUM(Amounts[Amount])
)
```

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Table manipulations using DAX

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