

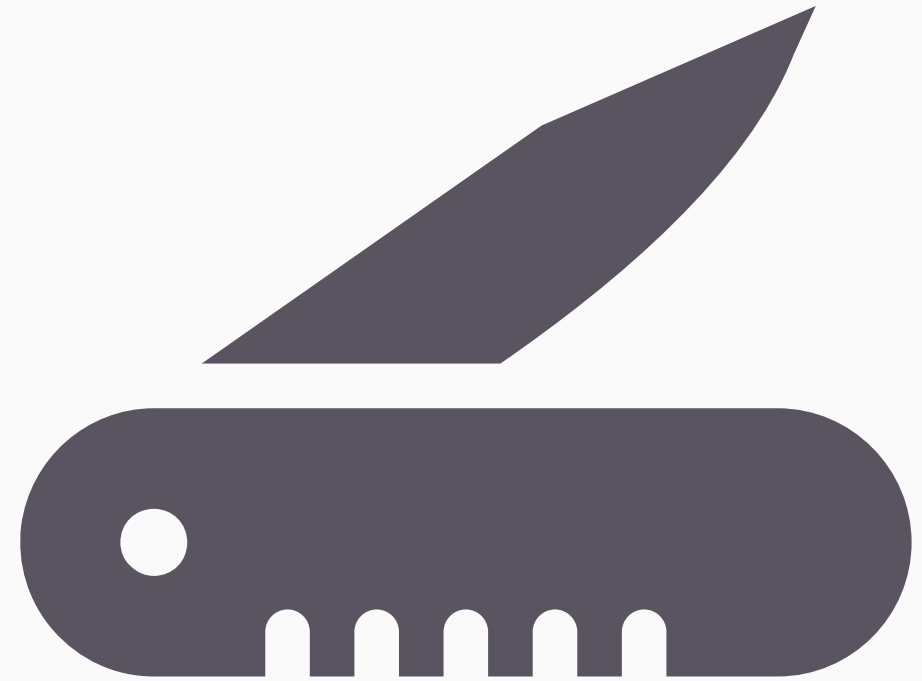
DAX 201: CALCULATE

Unfolding the Swiss Army Knife of DAX Functions

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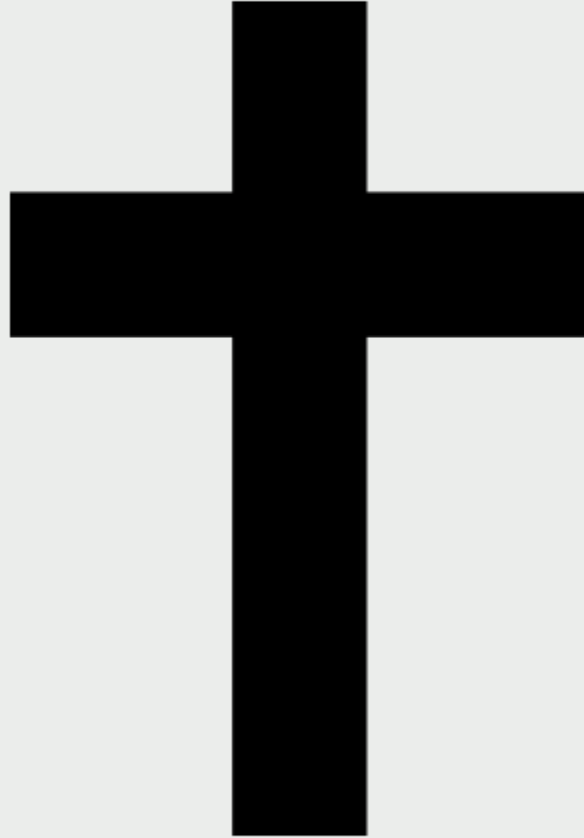
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Unfold the mechanics of CALCULATE

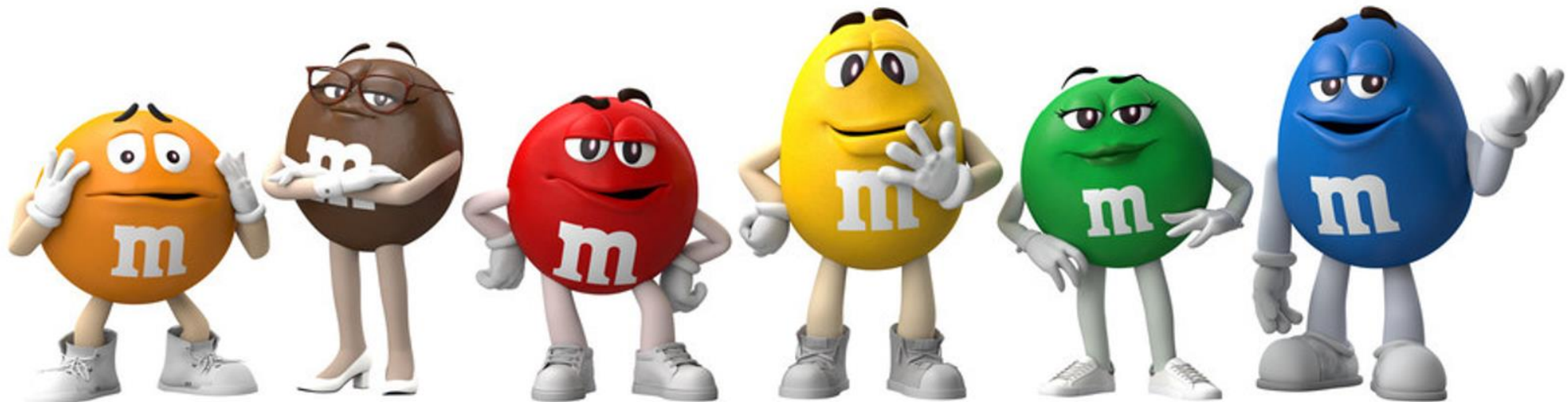
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Understand what CALCULATE is doing
behind the scenes

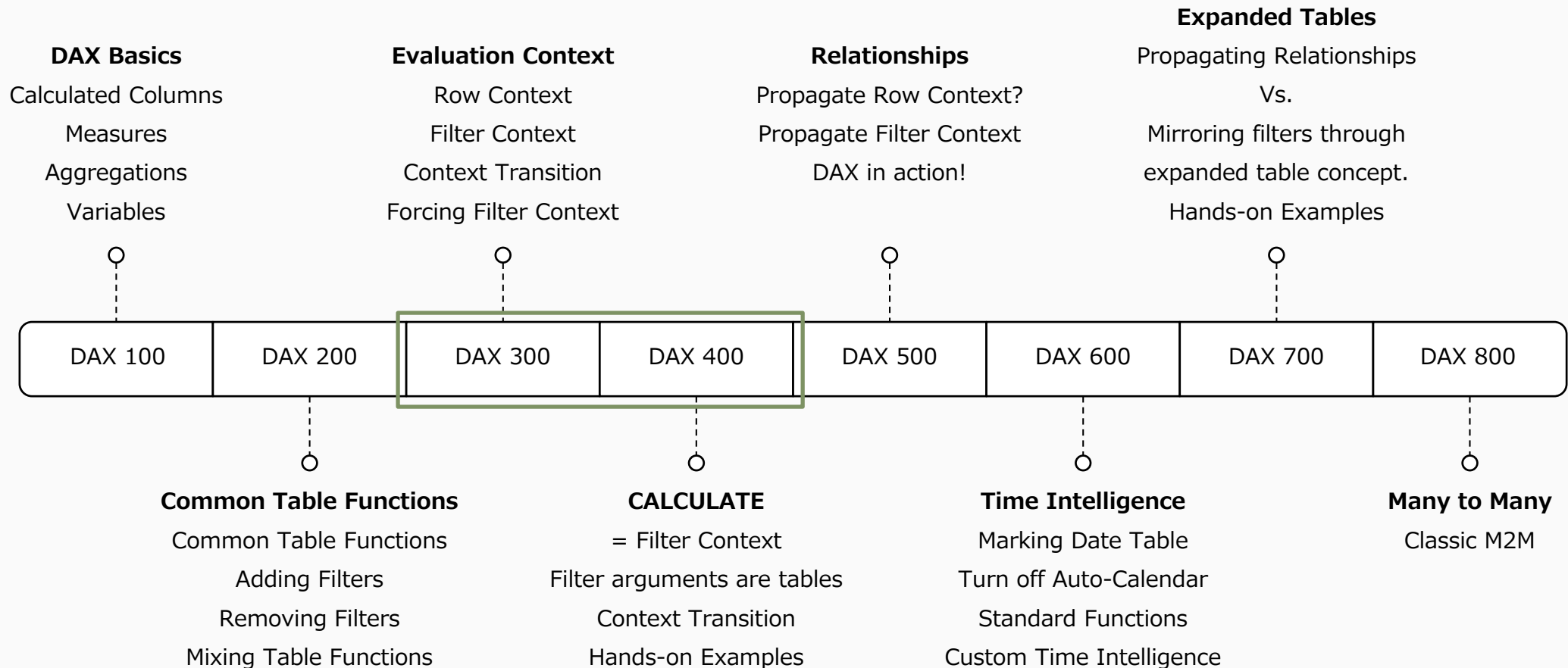


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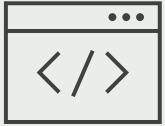
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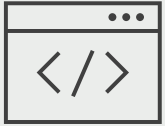
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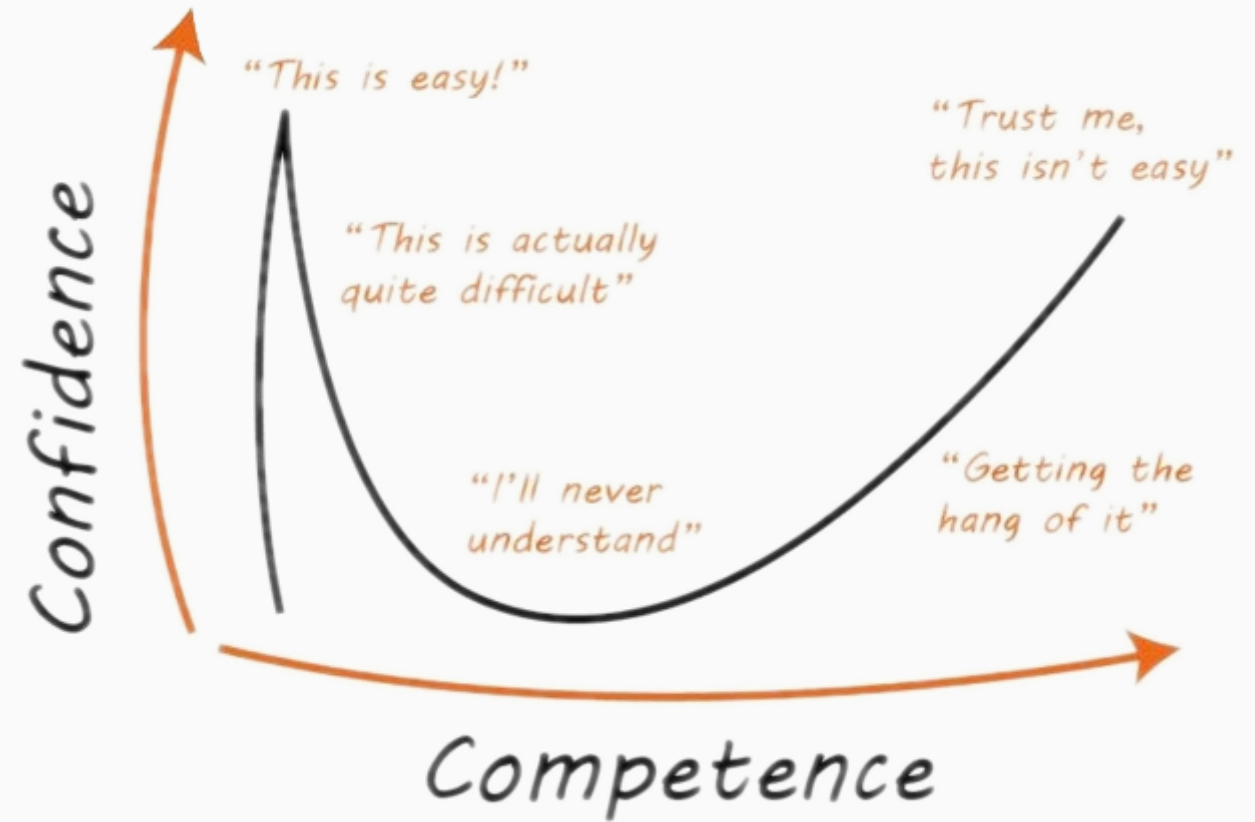
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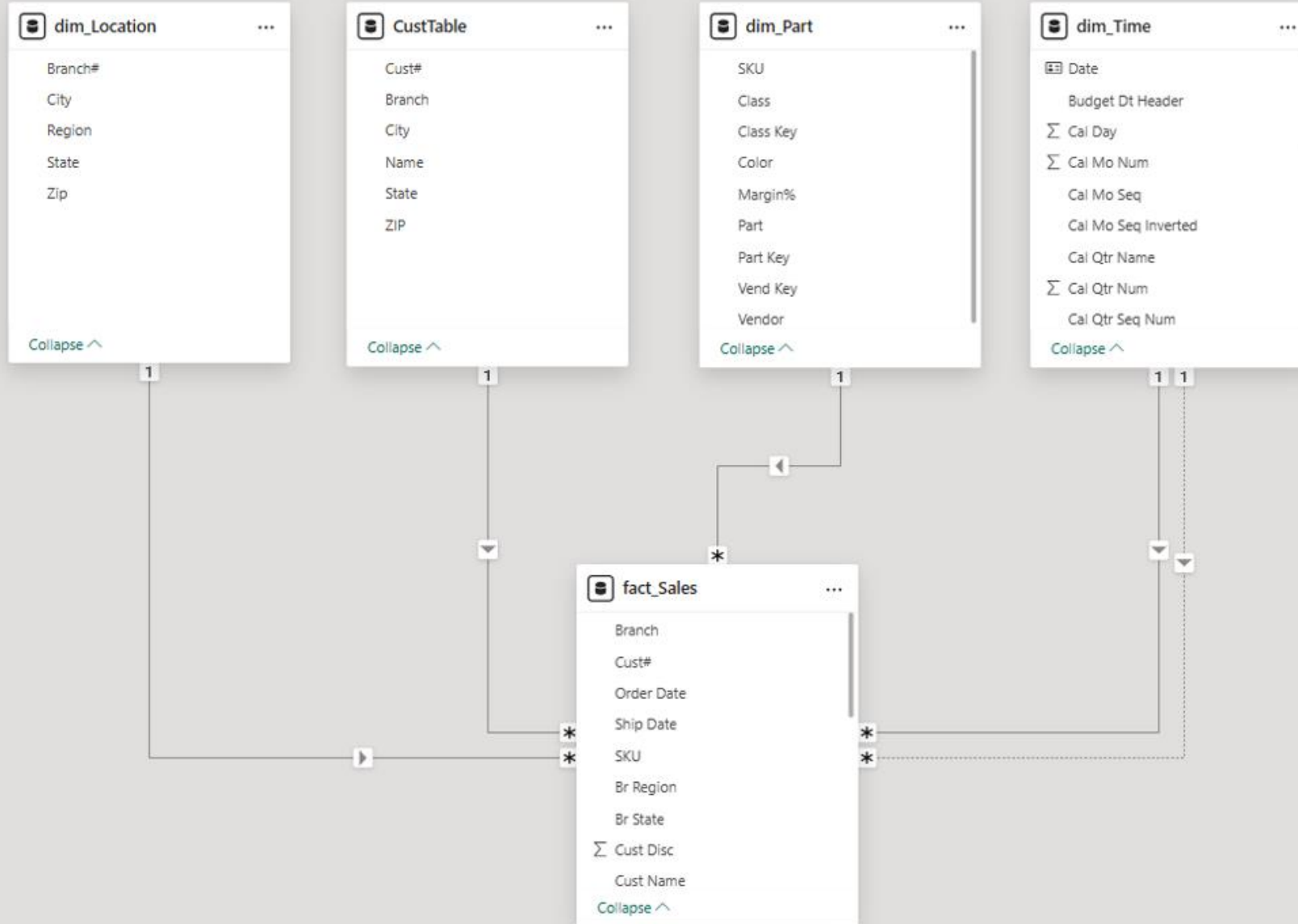
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Star Schema Model in Power BI

Single fact table and four dimension tables filter Sales



How do
we go
from
this...



Vendor

☒ KARPARTS

☒ TOPCLEAN

Class

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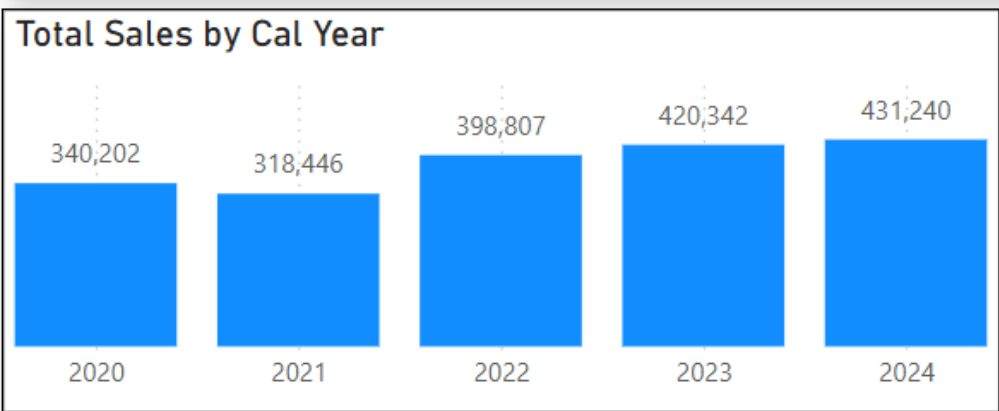
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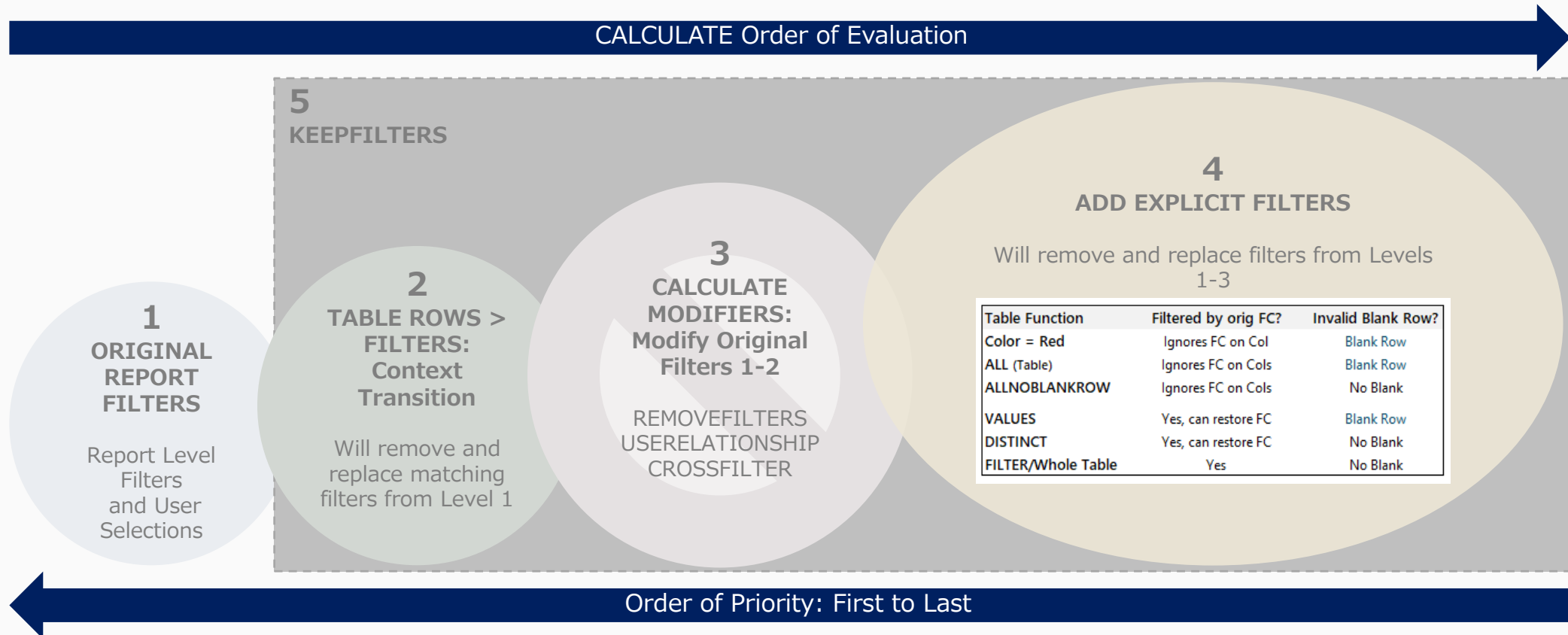


To this?





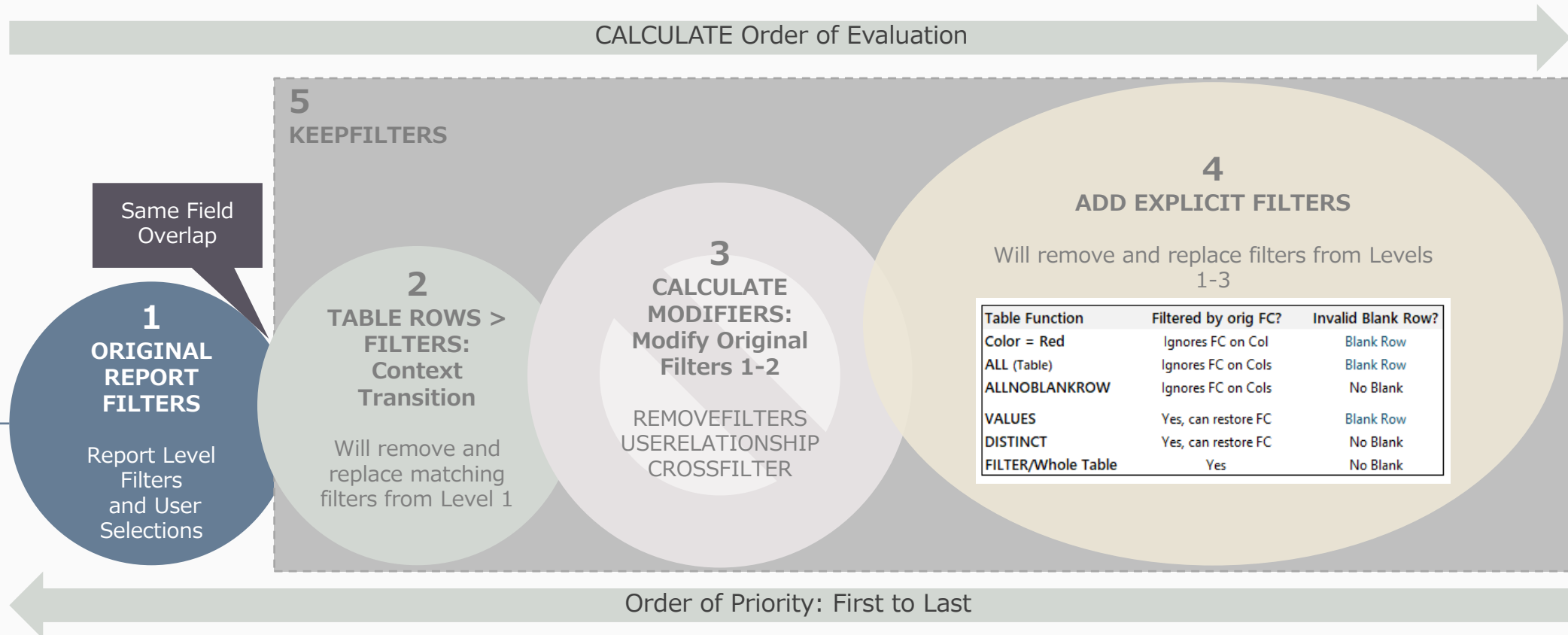
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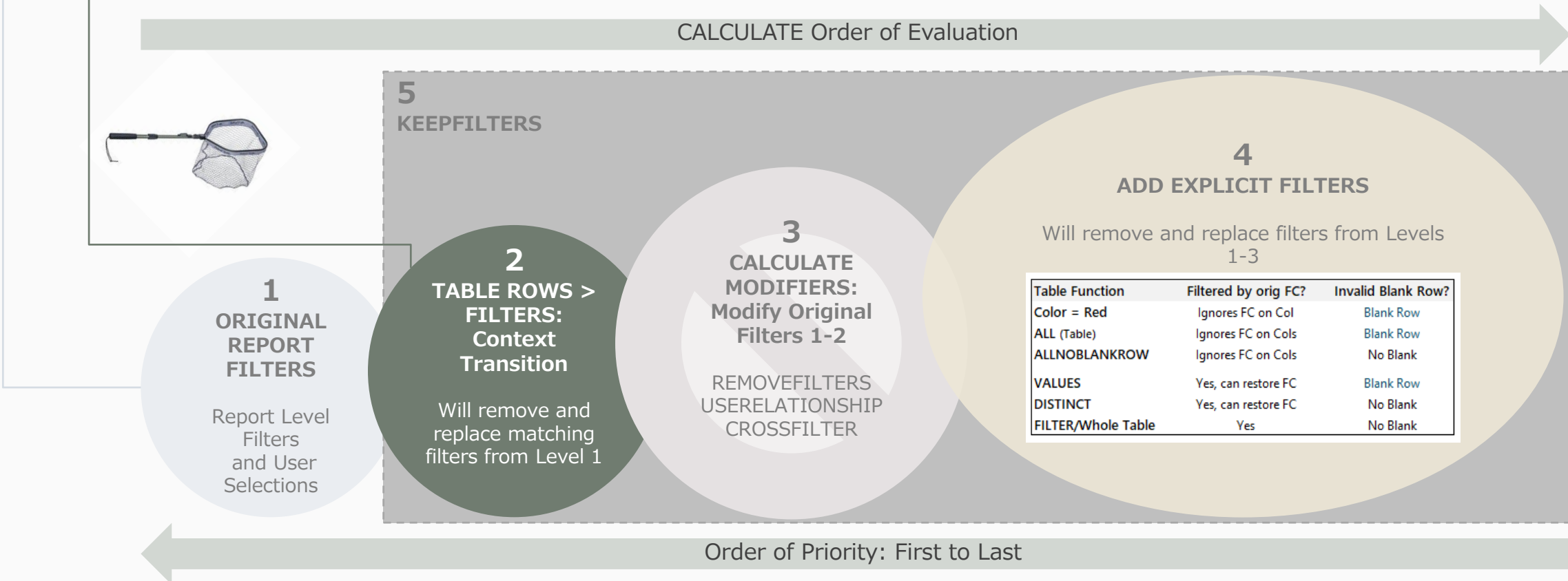




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Alter filters – CALCULATE Modifiers

CALCULATE Order of Evaluation

5
KEEPFILTERS

2
TABLE ROWS >
FILTERS:
Context
Transition

1
ORIGINAL
REPORT
FILTERS

Report Level
Filters
and User
Selections

Will remove and
replace matching
filters from Level 1

3
CALCULATE
MODIFIERS:
Modify Original
Filters 1-2

REMOVEFILTERS
USERELATIONSHIP
CROSSFILTER

4
ADD EXPLICIT FILTERS

Will remove and replace filters from Levels
1-3

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ALL (Table)	Ignores FC on Cols	Blank Row
ALLNOBLANKROW	Ignores FC on Cols	No Blank
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DISTINCT	Yes, can restore FC	No Blank
FILTER/Whole Table	Yes	No Blank

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Filter Modifier – KEEPFILTERS

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Standalone Protection

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Report Level Filters and User Selections

2
TABLE ROWS > FILTERS: Context Transition

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USERRELATIONSHIP vs. TREATAS()

```
1 USEREL L3 = CALCULATE([Total Sales],  
2 | | | USERELATIONSHIP(fact_Sales[Order Date],dim_Time[Date]))
```

Total Sales Report

Date	Total Sales	USEREL L3
01/01/2024	4,252	\$3,570
01/02/2024	3,679	\$3,164
01/03/2024	3,005	\$2,568
01/04/2024	2,886	\$2,509
01/05/2024	2,592	\$2,487
01/06/2024	2,677	\$2,967
01/07/2024	2,109	\$1,855
01/08/2024	3,073	\$2,958
01/09/2024	2,929	\$3,563
01/10/2024	2,073	\$3,462
01/11/2024	3,207	\$2,698





PREVIEW #1

USERELATIONSHIP vs. TREATAS()

```
1 TREATAS L4 = CALCULATE([Total Sales],TREATAS(VALUEs(dim_Time[Date]),fact_Sales[Order Date]))
2 -- What is unseen here that is causing unexpected results with TREATAS?
```

Total Sales Report

Date	Total Sales	USEREL L3	TREATAS L4
01/01/2024	4,252	\$3,570	\$519
01/02/2024	3,679	\$3,164	\$567
01/03/2024	3,005	\$2,568	\$360
01/04/2024	2,886	\$2,509	\$519
01/05/2024	2,592	\$2,487	\$349
01/06/2024	2,677	\$2,967	\$310
01/07/2024	2,109	\$1,855	\$214
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01/11/2024	3,207	\$2,698	\$592





PREVIEW #2

SLICER NOT FILTERING LARGE ORDERS?

1 Order > 250 Bad = `CALCULATE([Total Sales], fact_Sales[Total Sales]>250)`

Total Sales Report		
Vendor	Total Sales	Order > 250 Bad
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<input type="checkbox"/> Accessories	117,124	\$66,851
<input type="checkbox"/> Cleaner	865,827	\$26,820
<input type="checkbox"/> Interior	1,267,095	\$1,178,168
<input type="checkbox"/> Liquids	44,271	\$19,380
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect	499,794	\$5,796
<input type="checkbox"/> Repair	88,929	\$2,349
Total	2,883,041	\$1,299,364
<input type="checkbox"/> SAFTEYSTAR	1,151,000	\$202,801
<input type="checkbox"/> TOPCLEAN	1,353,488	\$217,469
Total	5,387,528	\$1,719,634

+ Filter on sales range

32%

Order% Bad

Total Sales

\$8

\$1,350





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<input type="checkbox"/> Interior	26,580	\$1,178,168
<input type="checkbox"/> Liquids	14,293	\$19,380
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect	217,524	\$5,796
<input type="checkbox"/> Repair	49,067	\$2,349
Total	802,444	\$1,299,364
<input type="checkbox"/> SAFTEYSTAR	605,972	\$202,801
<input type="checkbox"/> TOPCLEAN	868,454	\$217,469
Total	2,276,870	\$1,719,634

Shows sales orders above \$250?

Filters lower order sizes.

76%
Order% Bad

Total Sales

\$8

\$150



CALCULATE
In SLOW motion!



Vendor

- ☒ KARPARTS
- ☒ TOPCLEAN

Class

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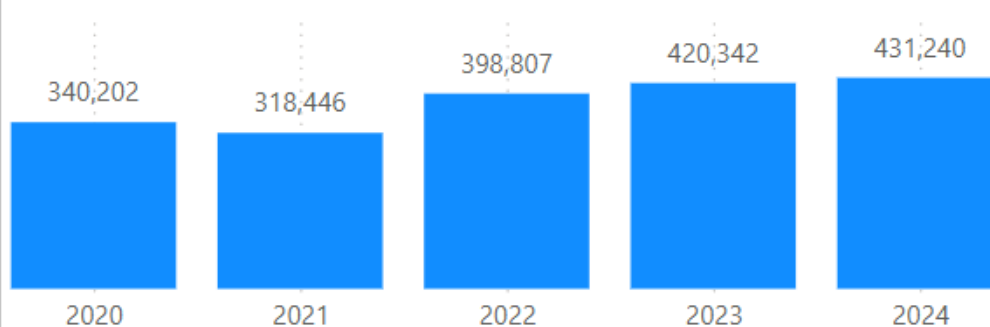
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Total Sales by Cal Year



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We write a measure to total sales:

```
SUM(SalesFact[Sales])
```

(row context)



CALCULATE IN
SLOW MOTION



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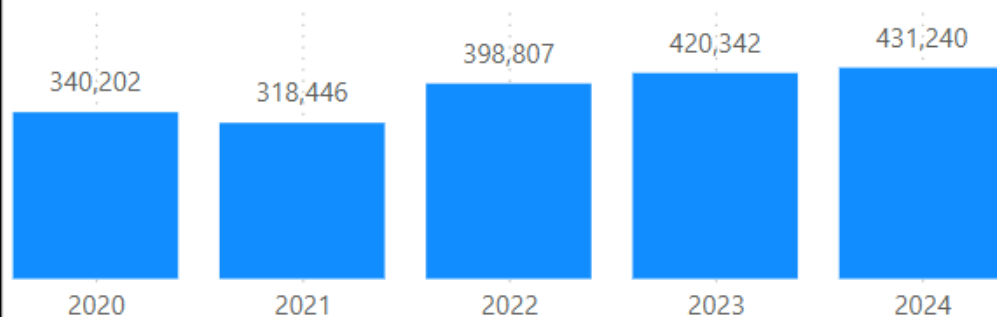
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Under the hood iterator:

```
SUMX(SalesFact,  
SalesFact[Sales])
```

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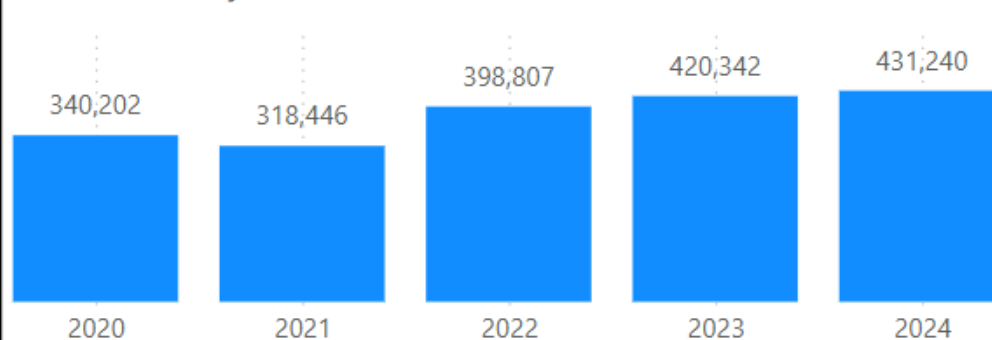
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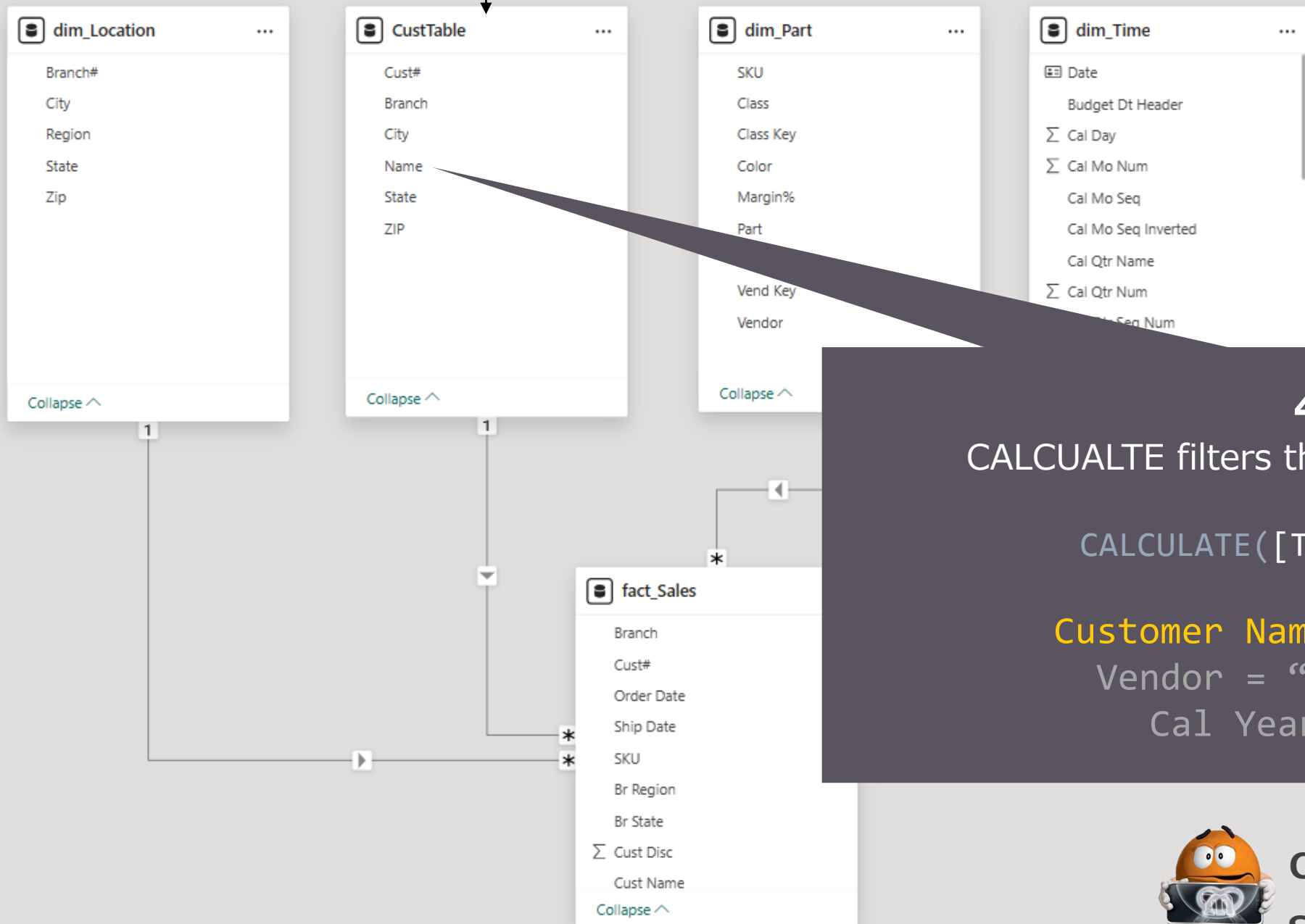
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CALCULATE IN
SLOW MOTION



Chris



4

CALCULATE filters the dimension tables:

```
CALCULATE([Total Sales],  
Customer Name = "Chris",  
Vendor = "KARPARTS",  
Cal Year = 2024)
```



**CALCULATE IN
SLOW MOTION**



Chris

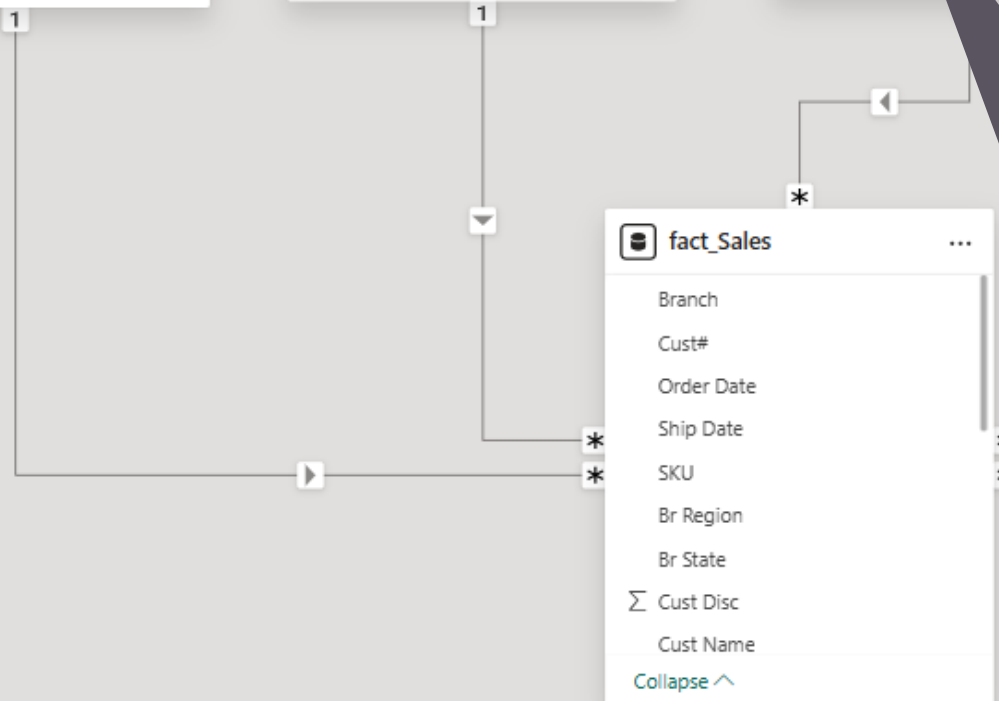
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Branch#
City
Region
State
Zip

CustTable
Cust#
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Class
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Vendor

dim_Time
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Σ Cal Year



5

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`Customer Name = "Chris",`

`Vendor = "KARPARTS",`

`Cal Year = 2024)`



**CALCULATE IN
SLOW MOTION**



Chris

KARPARTS

2024

dim_Location

Branch#
City
Region
State
Zip

Collapse ^

CustTable

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Branch
City
Name
State
ZIP

Collapse ^

dim_Part

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Σ Cal Year

Collapse ^

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CALCULATE filters the dimension tables:

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Vendor = "KARPARTS",
Cal Year =2024)

Cust Name

Collapse ^



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KARPARTS

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fact_Sales
Branch
Cust#
Order Date
Ship Date
SKU
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Σ Cust Disc
Cust Name

7

Dims filter SalesFact through moving
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Only Sales rows that match filters survive:

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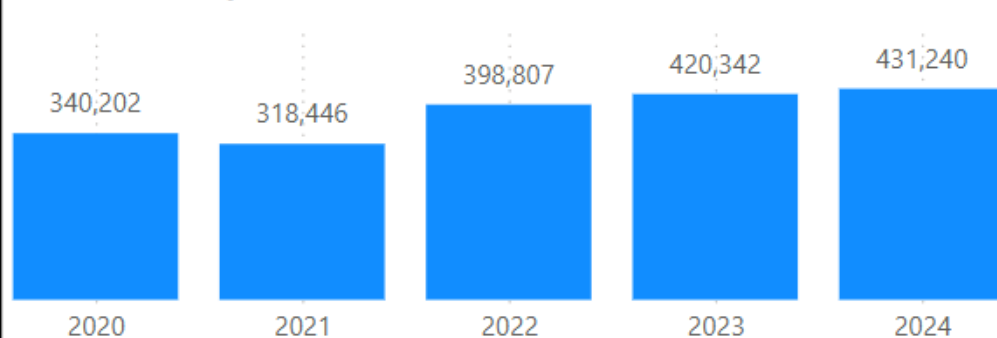
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CALCULATE returns the **new filter context** back to the visual under the original filter context.

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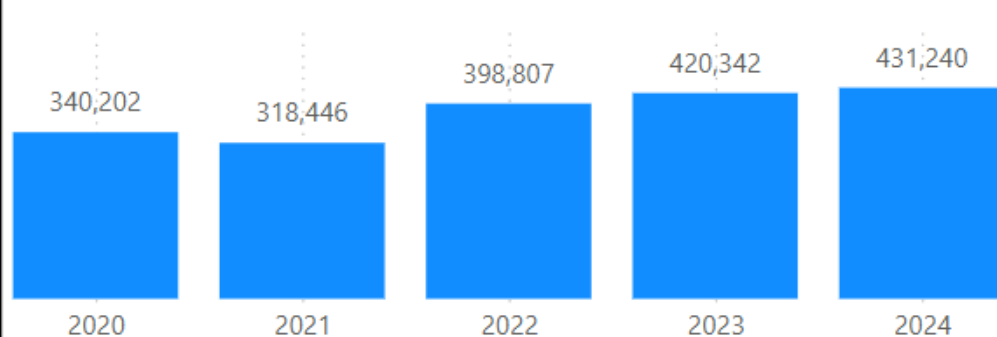
Color

- ☐ Blue
- ☐ Green
- ☐ Red

Total Sales Report

Name	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Amy					
KARPARTS	12,074	10,088	7,965	8,070	5,419
TOPCLEAN	14,643	10,551	8,571	10,867	6,074
Total	26,716	20,639	16,537	18,937	11,493
Chris					
KARPARTS	10,932	9,782	8,214	7,494	3,520
TOPCLEAN	14,067	11,423	8,476	9,506	5,448
Total	25,000	21,205	16,690	17,000	8,969
Dan					
KARPARTS			890	2,785	1,098
TOPCLEAN			473	3,628	501
Total			1,364	6,412	1,598
Total	340,202	318,446	398,807	420,342	431,240

Total Sales by Cal Year



CALCULATE([Total Sales] ,
Customer Name = "Chris",
Vendor = "KARPARTS",
Cal Year =2024)

CALCULATE([Total Sales] ,
Customer Name = "Dan",
Vendor = "TOPCLEAN",
Cal Year =2023)

CALCULATE = Filter Context

Reusable and dynamic results to our visuals



CALCULATE IN
SLOW MOTION





THE MOST IMPORTANT CONCEPT TO KNOW IN DAX

Row Context:

Tables associate with Row Context

Evaluates row-by-row.

Row context does not propagate over filters.

Evaluates each row for math or conditions (**horizontal**).

ROW



Row and Filter Context
work together!

Filter Context:

Measures associate Filter Context through **CALCULATE**

CALCULATE collects filters over columns and tables.

Filters propagate through relationships.

Aggregating columns (**vertical**).



```
SUMX(SalesFact,[Sales])  
(Row Context)
```



```
CALCULATE( [Sales] ,  
  Customer Name = "Chris",  
  Vendor = "KARPARTS",  
  Cal Year =2024 )
```

(Filter Context)





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1
ORIGINAL
REPORT
FILTERS

Report Level
Filters
and User
Selections

Order of Priority: First to Last






EXAMPLE: CALCULATE MODIFIER

REMOVEFILTERS() - RATIOS

Use of ALL() or REMOVEFILTERS() – As a modifier

1. Remove filters is not a table; it is a modifier that removes filters from our model.
2. Measures are required for computing ratios.
3. ALL() or REMOVEFILTERS() as a CALCULATE argument removes filters placed on columns.

```
1 REMOVE VenClass =  
2  
3 var __removeVen = CALCULATE([Total Sales],REMOVEFILTERS(dim_Part[Vendor]))  
4  
5 var __removeVenClass = CALCULATE([Total Sales],REMOVEFILTERS(dim_Part[Vendor],dim_Part[Class]))  
6  
7 return  
8 __removeVenClass
```

Two green arrows pointing upwards. One points to the 'dim_Part[Vendor]' argument in the first CALCULATE function, and the other points to the 'dim_Part[Class]' argument in the second CALCULATE function.



EXAMPLE: CALCULATE MODIFIER

REMOVEFILTERS() -
Ratios

Total Sales Report

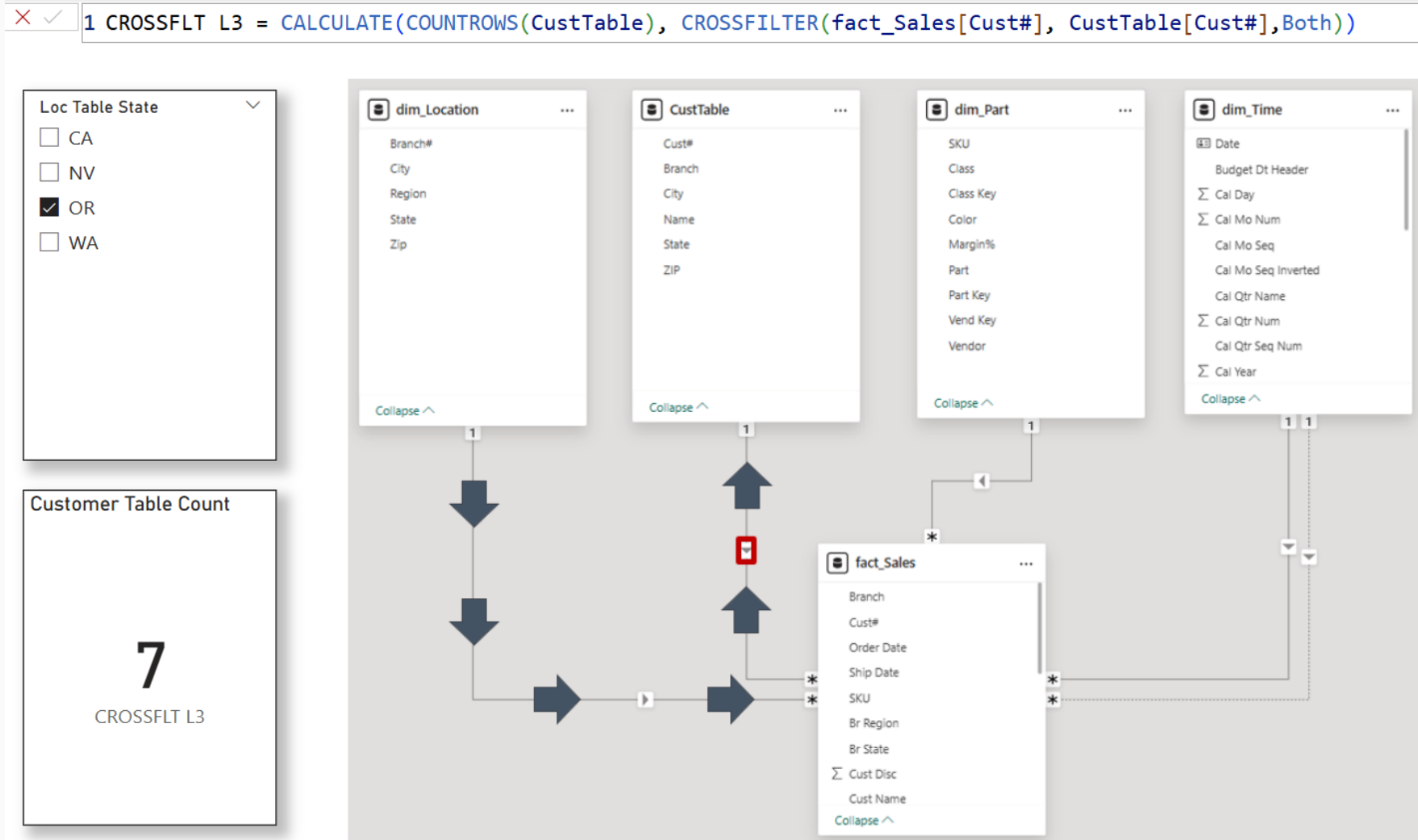
Cal Year	2023		2024	
Vendor	Total Sales	REMOVE VenClass	Total Sales	REMOVE VenClass
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KARPARTS				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessories				
Blue	6,025	\$358,843	6,528	\$371,291
Green	10,623	\$247,220	11,792	\$255,309
Red	7,837	\$566,394	8,967	\$595,861
Total	24,484	\$1,172,457	27,286	\$1,222,462
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleaner				
Blue	192,278	\$358,843	194,858	\$371,291
Total	192,278	\$1,172,457	194,858	\$1,222,462
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interior				
Red	271,435	\$566,394	288,353	\$595,861
Total	271,435	\$1,172,457	288,353	\$1,222,462
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liquids				
Blue	7,447	\$358,843	6,795	\$371,291
Total	1,172,457	\$1,172,457	1,222,462	\$1,222,462





EXAMPLE: CALCULATE MODIFIER

CROSSFILTER()





The screenshot displays a Power BI report with two main components:

- Loc Table State:** A table with four rows representing different states: CA (checked), NV, OR, and WA.
- Customer Table Count:** A card visual showing the count of rows in the Customer table, which is 8.

The data model diagram shows the following tables and their relationships:

- dim_Location:** Contains Branch#, City, Region, State, and Zip. It is connected to fact_Sales via a one-to-many relationship.
- CustTable:** Contains Cust#, Branch, City, Name, State, and ZIP. It is connected to fact_Sales via a one-to-many relationship.
- dim_Part:** Contains SKU, Class, Class Key, Color, Margin%, Part, Part Key, Vend Key, and Vendor. It is connected to fact_Sales via a one-to-many relationship.
- dim_Time:** Contains Date, Budget Dt Header, Cal Day, Cal Mo Num, Cal Mo Seq, Cal Mo Seq Inverted, Cal Qtr Name, Cal Qtr Num, Cal Qtr Seq Num, and Cal Year. It is connected to fact_Sales via a one-to-many relationship.
- fact_Sales:** The central fact table containing Branch, Cust#, Order Date, Ship Date, SKU, Br Region, Br State, Cust Disc, and Cust Name.





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EXAMPLE: COLUMN FILTER PREDICATE

WHICH TWO ARE THE SAME?

Simple filters Ignore other filters on the visual (Color = "Red")

Which variables below are identical in evaluation?

```
1 Color Red (L4) combo =  
2  
3 var __filter1 = CALCULATE([Total Sales],dim_Part[Color]="Red")  
4  
5 var __filter2 = CALCULATE([Total Sales],FILTER(ALL(dim_Part[Color]),dim_Part[Color]="Red"))  
6  
7 var __filter3 = CALCULATE([Total Sales],FILTER(VALUES(dim_Part[Color]),dim_Part[Color]="Red"))  
8
```



Table Iterator

Table Function

Expression





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Total Sales Report				
Cal Year	2024			
Vendor	Total Sales	Color Red (L4)	Color ALL Red (L4)	Color VALUES Red (L4)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KARPARTS				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessories				
Blue	6,528	\$8,967	\$8,967	
Green	11,792	\$8,967	\$8,967	
Red	8,967	\$8,967	\$8,967	\$8,967
Total	27,286	\$8,967	\$8,967	\$8,967
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleaner				
Blue	194,858			
Total	194,858			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interior				
Red	288,353	\$288,353	\$288,353	\$288,353
Total	288,353	\$288,353	\$288,353	\$288,353





EXAMPLE: RESOLVING FILTER CONFLICTS

PREDICATE TABLES

First Example: Competing Filters – Impossible ‘and’ set

```
1 Color Red Blue (L4) =  
2  
3 var __filter4 = CALCULATE([Total Sales], dim_Part[Color] = "Red", dim_Part[Color] = "Blue")  
4  
5 return
```



Cal Year	2024	
Vendor	Total Sales	Color Red Blue (L4)
⊟ KARPARTS		
⊟ Accessories		
Blue	6,528	
Green	11,792	
Red	8,967	
Total	27,286	





TREATAS()

Technically **not a CALCULATE modifier**, but a Table expression.
Gives us flexibility to assign lists of values from other columns.
It transfers column values as filters to other columns through virtual relationships.
TREATAS creates virtual relationships that transfer lineage.

TREATAS assigns the data lineage of the columns returned by the expression using the columns in the following arguments. The result can be assigned to a variable, because TREATAS is not a filter modifier. The first argument must be a table expression.

TREATAS DAX Function (Table manipulation)

[≡ Syntax](#) | [Return values](#) | [Remarks](#) | [Examples](#) | [Articles](#) | [Related](#)

Treats the columns of the input table as columns from other tables. For each column, filters out any values that are not present in its respective output column.





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(IN = OR)

Second Example: Competing Filters and Nested CALCULATES?

Nested filters conflict

1. Multiple filters in CALCULATE 'merge'
2. Nested CALCULATE(s); **inner OVERWRITES** the outer (first evaluated CALC filters).
3. Use **KEEPFILTERS** to 'keep' the inner filter from replacing the outer filter. Intersect.

```
1 Compete Filters (L4) combo =
2
3 var __Compete1 = CALCULATE([Total Sales], dim_Part[Color] = "Red", dim_Part[Color] = "Blue")
4
5 var __Compete2 = CALCULATE(
6     CALCULATE([Total Sales], dim_Part[Color] IN {"Red", "Blue"}),
7     dim_Part[Color] IN {"Green", "Blue"})
8
9 var __Compete3 = CALCULATE(
10    CALCULATE([Total Sales], KEEPFILTERS(dim_Part[Color] IN {"Red", "Blue"})),
11    dim_Part[Color] IN {"Green", "Blue"})
12 return
13 __Compete1
```





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Total Sales Report				
Cal Year	2024	Red & Blue?	IN Red & Blue!	Merge Blue & Blue
Vendor	Total Sales	Compete Filters1 (L4)	Compete Filters2 (L4)	Compete Filters3 (L4)
[-] KARPARTS				
[-] Accessories				
Blue	6,528		\$15,495	\$6,528
Green	11,792		\$15,495	\$6,528
Red	8,967		\$15,495	\$6,528
Total	27,286		\$15,495	\$6,528
[-] Cleaner				
Blue	194,858		\$194,858	\$194,858
Total	194,858		\$194,858	\$194,858
[-] Interior				
Red	288,353		\$288,353	
Total	288,353		\$288,353	





CHALLENGE #1

USERRELATIONSHIP vs. TREATAS()

```
1 USEREL L3 = CALCULATE([Total Sales],  
2 | | | USERELATIONSHIP(fact_Sales[Order Date],dim_Time[Date]))
```

Total Sales Report

Date	Total Sales	USEREL L3
01/01/2024	4,252	\$3,570
01/02/2024	3,679	\$3,164
01/03/2024	3,005	\$2,568
01/04/2024	2,886	\$2,509
01/05/2024	2,592	\$2,487
01/06/2024	2,677	\$2,967
01/07/2024	2,109	\$1,855
01/08/2024	3,073	\$2,958
01/09/2024	2,929	\$3,563
01/10/2024	2,073	\$3,462
01/11/2024	3,207	\$2,698





CHALLENGE #1

USERELATIONSHIP vs. TREATAS()

```
1 TREATAS L4 = CALCULATE([Total Sales],TREATAS(VALUES(dim_Time[Date]),fact_Sales[Order Date]))
2 -- What is unseen here that is causing unexpected results with TREATAS?
```

Total Sales Report

Date	Total Sales	USEREL L3	TREATAS L4
01/01/2024	4,252	\$3,570	\$519
01/02/2024	3,679	\$3,164	\$567
01/03/2024	3,005	\$2,568	\$360
01/04/2024	2,886	\$2,509	\$519
01/05/2024	2,592	\$2,487	\$349
01/06/2024	2,677	\$2,967	\$310
01/07/2024	2,109	\$1,855	\$214
01/08/2024	3,073	\$2,958	\$554
01/09/2024	2,929	\$3,563	\$496
01/10/2024	2,073	\$3,462	\$409
01/11/2024	3,207	\$2,698	\$592





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```

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TimeTable

Date

Budget Dt Header

Σ Cal Day

Σ Cal Mo Num

Cal Qtr Name

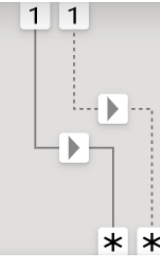
Σ Cal Qtr Num

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Σ Cal Year

Σ Date Seq Num

Collapse ^



SalesFact

Branch

Cust#

Order Date

Ship Date

SKU

Class

Σ Cost

Σ Disc

Σ Kev Zip

Collapse ^





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2 -- What is unseen here that is
```

Total Sales Report

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Filters follow lineage:
Eliminate original report filter to ensure only one filter from Date[Date] dim.



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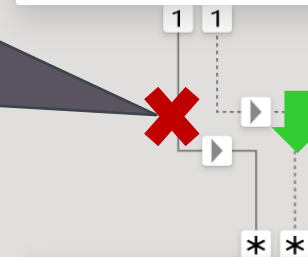
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```
1 TREATAS L4 RF = CALCULATE([Total Sales], [?](dim_Time[Date]),  
2 | | | TREATAS(VALUES(dim_Time[Date]),fact_Sales[Order Date]))  
3 -- TimeTable(Date) tranfers filters to Ship & Order date at the same time.
```

Total Sales Report

Date	Total Sales	USEREL L3	TREATAS L4	TREATAS L4 RF
01/01/2024	4,252	\$3,570	\$519	\$3,570
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```
1 TREATAS L4 RF = CALCULATE([Total Sales], REMOVEFILTERS(dim_Time[Date]),  
2 | | | | TREATAS(VALUES(dim_Time[Date]), fact_Sales[Order Date]))  
3 -- TimeTable(Date) transfers filters to Ship & Order date at the same time.
```

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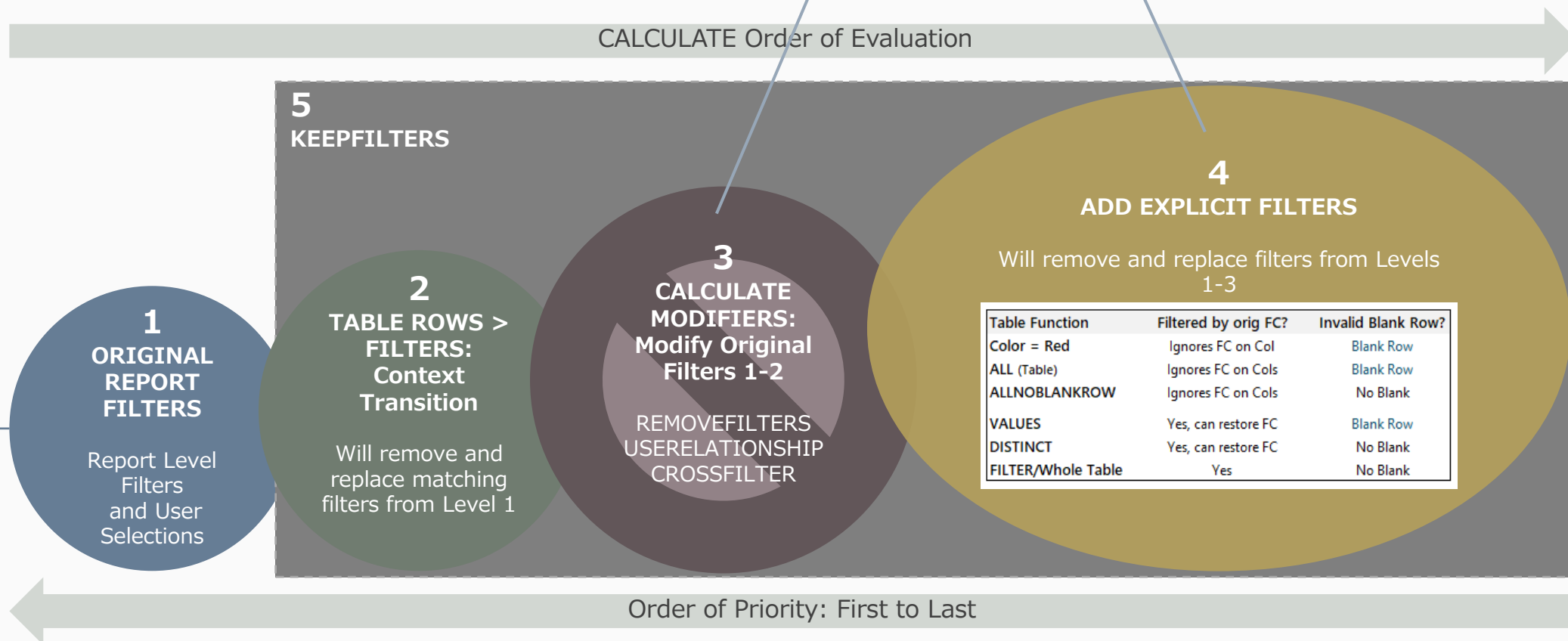


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2 | | | | TREATAS(VALUES(dim_Time[Date]),fact_Sales[Order Date]))
3 -- TimeTable(Date) tranfers filters to Ship & Order date at the same time.

```

Attract original report filters (Outer & Inner)





CHALLENGE #2

SLICER NOT FILTERING LARGE ORDERS?

1 Order > 250 Bad = `CALCULATE([Total Sales], fact_Sales[Total Sales]>250)`

Total Sales Report		
Vendor	Total Sales	Order > 250 Bad
KARPARTS		
+ Accessories	117,124	\$66,851
+ Cleaner	865,827	\$26,820
+ Interior	1,267,095	\$1,178,168
+ Liquids	44,271	\$19,380
+ Protect	499,794	\$5,796
+ Repair	88,929	\$2,349
Total	2,883,041	\$1,299,364
SAFTEYSTAR	1,151,000	\$202,801
TOPCLEAN	1,353,488	\$217,469
Total	5,387,528	\$1,719,634

+ Filter on
sales range

32%

Order% Bad

Total Sales

\$8

\$1,350





CHALLENGE #2

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1 Order > 250 Bad = `CALCULATE([Total Sales], fact_Sales[Total Sales]>250)`

Total Sales Report		
Vendor	Total Sales	Order > 250 Bad
KARPARTS		
+ Accessories	16,379	\$66,851
+ Cleaner	478,602	\$26,820
+ Interior	26,580	\$1,178,168
+ Liquids	14,293	\$19,380
+ Protect	217,524	\$5,796
+ Repair	49,067	\$2,349
Total	802,444	\$1,299,364
SAFTEYSTAR	605,972	\$202,801
TOPCLEAN	868,454	\$217,469
Total	2,276,870	\$1,719,634

Still shows sales orders above \$250?

Filters lower order sizes.

76%

Order% Bad

Total Sales

\$8

\$150





CHALLENGE #2

SLICER NOT FILTERING LARGE ORDERS?

```
1 Order > 250 Good = CALCULATE([Total Sales],  
2 [Slicer] (fact_Sales[Total Sales]>250))
```

Total Sales Report

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(Blank)

Order% Good

Total Sales

\$8

\$150





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```
1 Order > 250 Good = CALCULATE([Total Sales],  
2 [Vendor], [Order > 250 Bad], [Order > 250 Good])
```

Total Sales Report

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Filters sales orders only up to \$150?

Filters list of lower order sizes.

(Blank)

Order% Good

Total Sales

\$8

\$150





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KEEPFILTERS**

**2
TABLE ROWS >
FILTERS:
Context
Transition**

Will remove and replace matching filters from Level 1

**3
CALCULATE
MODIFIERS:
Modify Original
Filters 1-2**

REMOVEFILTERS
USERELATIONSHIP
CROSSFILTER

**4
ADD EXPLICIT FILTERS**

Will remove and replace filters from Levels 1-3

Table Function	Filtered by orig FC?	Invalid Blank Row?
Color = Red	Ignores FC on Col	Blank Row
ALL (Table)	Ignores FC on Cols	Blank Row
ALLNOBLANKROW	Ignores FC on Cols	No Blank
VALUES	Yes, can restore FC	Blank Row
DISTINCT	Yes, can restore FC	No Blank
FILTER/Whole Table	Yes	No Blank

**1
ORIGINAL
REPORT
FILTERS**

Report Level
Filters
and User
Selections

Order of Priority: First to Last





UNFOLDING THE MECHANICS OF CALCULATE

Attract original report filters (Outer & Inner)

Attract original table filters - Context Transition

Alter filters – CALCULATE Modifiers

Add new table filters

Filter Modifier – KEEPFILTERS

CALCULATE Order of Evaluation

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