



TIPS & TRICKS



Special Edition

The best of Solving Benchmarking Challenges

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Benchmarking is a very common task in SAS Visual Analytics

Benchmarking = *comparing something with something else*

Comparison with Average

$$(455 - 512) / 512 = -11 \%$$

Percentage of Total

$$14\,600 / 32\,500 = 0,449231 \text{ (45 \%)}$$

Benchmarking is a very common task in SAS Visual Analytics

Sometimes it is straightforward, sometimes it can be challenging

I want to calculate the total by regions, based on the average for all sites within a region....

I want to have percentage of total... when I add filters, how can I keep my totals?



Commonly used benchmark functions in Visual Analytics

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AND, IF...ELSE, NOT and OR	Boolean Operator	Expression builder	Adding logical control in expressions
AggregateTable	Aggregated Operator	Expression builder	AggregateTable allows us to aggregate data and lock it onto a specific data/aggregation level
Scoped Calculations	Feature	Expression builder	Allows us to add multiple/different expressions into our calculated item
Parameters	Data Item	Data Item	Parameters can fetch a value to be used in a calculated item, filters, ranks etc.
IsSet	Comparison Operator	Expression builder	IsSet function is used to determine if a parameter is set (true) or not (false).
NumMiss	Aggregated Operator	Expression builder	Is used to identify if missing values are present in your aggregation
New data from aggregation...	Data	Data Action	Allows us to create a new aggregated data set in VA, useful when handling advanced aggregations or handling nested aggregated data items
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So, the challenge is to know when and how to use these functions...

Today we have 3 different use-cases/scenarios



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A report filter challenge, how to keep totals intact when using filters



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Functions/operators that we will use...



#30 [Parameters](#) will be used, [IsSet](#) operator introduction and some logic re-thinking creating [new data item](#) 😊



#33 [AggregateTable](#) introduction and a simple example from the field



#34 A more advanced example using [AggregateTable](#)

Solving Benchmarking Challenges

Tips & Tricks # 30

How can I keep my totals intact when using filters?




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Tips & Tricks # 30

Challenge: I have a dashboard with some sale benchmarking metrics and added some filters. However, end-users DO NOT want Sales % of Total to be affected by Product Brand and Line filters.

Sales Benchmark Dashboard 

Product Brand
Product Brand ▾

Product Line

- Bead
- Figurine
- Game
- Gift
- Kiosk
- Plush
- Promo
- Store

Sales Benchmarking per Country

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Product Brand
Novelty

Product Line
 Bead
 Gift
 Kiosk
 Promo
 Store

Sales Benchmarking per Country

Facility Country	Product Sale ▼	Sales % of Total
Spain	635 798	26,9 %
United Kingdom	614 239	26,0 %
Germany	268 801	11,4 %
Sweden	248 131	10,5 %
Italy	158 043	6,7 %
Norway	146 719	6,2 %
France	101 798	4,3 %
Australia	91 390	3,9 %
Denmark	81 484	3,4 %
New Zealand	18 197	0,8 %
Sum:	2 364 599	Total: 100,0 %

According to our end-users, this is not correct!

It should be 2,8 %

$$635\,798 / 23\,021\,376$$



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Preparing data with pre-defined columns with totals is a very common solution, but it might impact flexibility...

Is there any other solution?



How can I keep my totals intact when using filters?

Tips & Tricks # 30 - Solution

We will keep the original data item Product Sale as our total and create a new data item that will be affected by our filters

$$\frac{\text{Product Sale (Filtered)}}{\text{Product Sale}} = \text{Sales \% of Total}$$

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Before we start:

I do recommend to turn off/de-activate filters (including ranks) to avoid confusion 😊

How can I keep my totals intact when using filters?



Tips & Tricks # 30 - Solution Step 2:1: Add two parameters

New Parameter [x]

Name:

Type:

Multiple values

Current value:

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Step 2:2: Assign parameters to my control objects (Product Brand & Line)

Product Brand

Product Brand

Data Roles

Drop-down list - Product Brand 2

- Category
 - Product Brand
- Measure
 - + Add
- Parameter
 - _ProductBrandSelect
- Hidden
 - + Add

Product Line

- Bead
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Data Roles

List - Product Line 2

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Step 3: Create calculated items that is affected by our filters, either we can do a one or two step approach. This is the one step approach:

Calculated data item: **Product Sale (Filtered)**

IF Product Brand **OR** Product Line is selected **RETURN** Product Sales **ELSE** 0

IsSet function is used to check if Product brand **OR** Product Line is selected

```
IF AND
  [
    _ProductBrandSelect IsSet
    NOT ( _ProductLineSelect IsSet )
  ]
  IF ( Product Brand = _ProductBrandSelect )
  RETURN
  RETURN Product Sale
  ELSE 0
```

```
IF OR
  [
    _ProductBrandSelect IsSet
    _ProductLineSelect IsSet
  ]
  IF Product Line In _ProductLineSelect
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Product Brand: Novelty

Product Line: Bead, Gift, Kiosk, Promo, Store

Sales Benchmarking per Country

Facility Country	Product Sale ▼	Product Sale (Filtered)
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United Kingdom	3 876 165	884 371
Brazil	1 669 142	0
Germany	1 591 235	391 335
Sweden	1 555 995	363 345
Venezuela	1 389 260	0
Peru	1 368 653	0
Chile	1 070 876	0
Norway	1 017 861	234 865
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France	583 330	140 613
Denmark	492 724	120 609
Australia	479 695	121 988





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Step 4: Create Sales % of Total with filter control, based on the calculated item we created in step 3

Calculated data item: Sales % of Total (Filter Control)

```
( Sum  ( Product Sale (Filtered) ) / Sum  ( Product Sale ) )
```

Product Sale (Filtered), is affected by our filters

Product Sale is our original column. As it is never affected by our Product Brand and Line filters, it will keep total sales
Make sure you set aggregation to _ForAll_



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Step 5: Activate necessary filters and filter dependencies

Setup a dependency filter between Product Brand and Line control/filter objects.

Note: All filtering is controlled by parameters and the calculated item we created during step 3.

The screenshot shows a filter control interface. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Product Brand" with a downward arrow. Below it, a green arrow points to a section titled "Product Line". Under "Product Line", there is a list of checkboxes for different product categories: Bead, Figurine, Game, Gift, Kiosk, Plush, Promo, and Store. A red arrow from the text box on the left points to the "Product Brand" dropdown.

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DO NOT use "Automatic actions on all objects"!!! If we do, our regain of total control will be lost 😊

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An AggregateTable Introduction



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AggregateTable - Introduction

Where do I find it?



Data Item Expression Builder

Name: Calculated Item 1

Data Items Operators Visual Text

Search

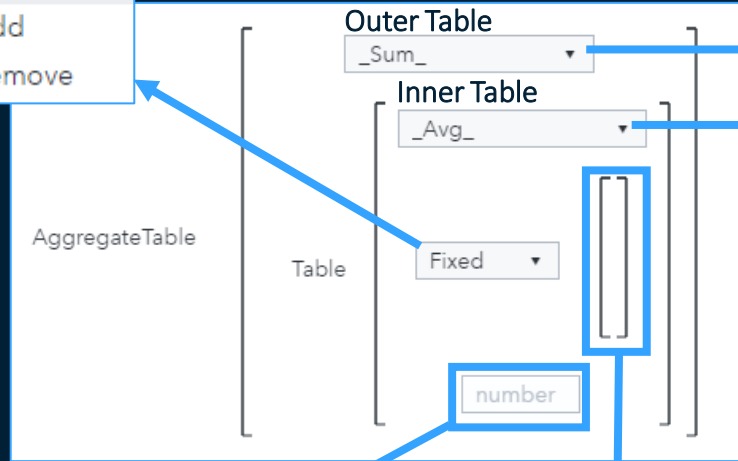
- > Numeric (simple)
- > Comparison
- > Boolean
- > Numeric (advanced)
- > Date and Time
- > Text (simple)
- > Text (advanced)
- > Aggregated (simple)
- > Aggregated (periodic)
- > Aggregated (advanced)
- ▼ Aggregated (tabular)
 - ⊕ AggregateCells
 - ⊕ **AggregateTable**
 - ☰ Table

AggregateTable - Introduction

Specify aggregation

Group-by
Category
options

Fixed
Add
Remove



Measure to aggregate

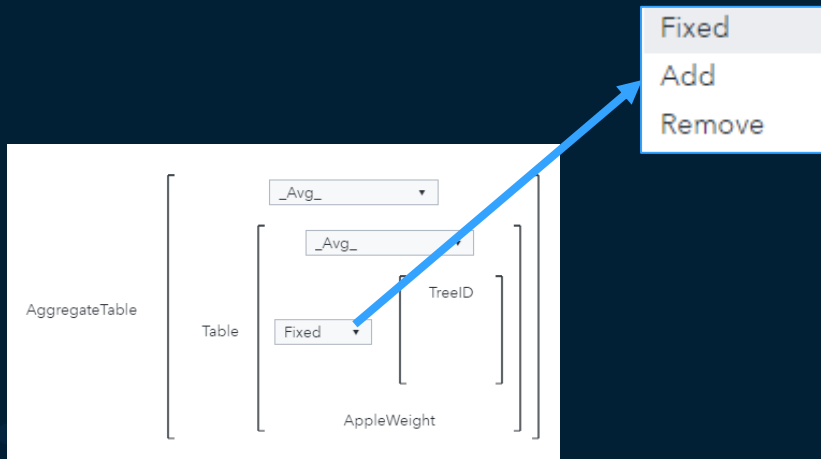
Group-by Category
data items

- _Avg_
- _CoeffVar_
- _Count_
- _CountDistinct_
- _CountMissing_
- _CSS_
- _Kurtosis_
- _Max_
- _Median_
- _Min_
- _PValT_
- _Q1_
- _Q3_
- _Skew_
- _StdDev_
- _StdErr_
- _Sum_**
- _TStat_
- _USS_
- _Var_

AggregateTable - Introduction

Group-by Category options

Important: Keep in mind, data items that you are using in your visualization will impact the outcome when AggregateTable is used. This is the reason why you can set different group-by category options.



Fixed: Most common used option, we simply want the inner table to be fixed by specified category data item(s), in this case “lock” it by TreeID and TreeID must be part of our visualization.

Add: This options allow us to add specified category data item(s) to our inner table without the need to visualize it/them.

Remove: This options allow us to remove specified category data item(s) to our inner table when we want to visualize it/them.

Bonus Use-Case

Group-by Category options

- Fixed
- Add
- Remove



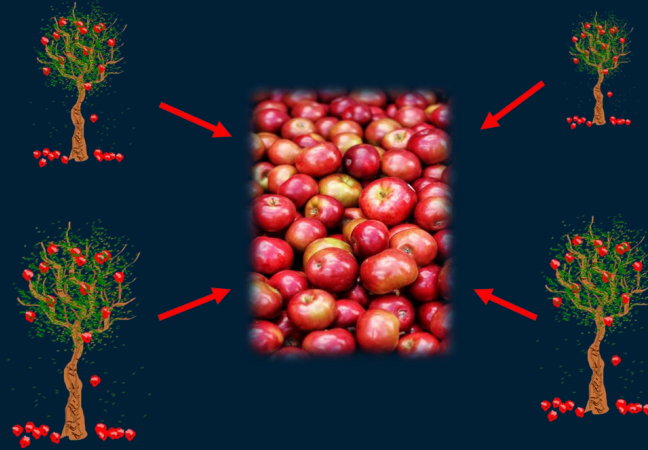
#35 Engineers want to review average milage by car model and production year, based on service data

A great example where the “add” option is needed

ProductionPeriod	ProductionYear	ChassiID	CarModel	ServiceDate	CarReadoutKM
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2020-07-12	4560
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2020-11-17	7650
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-11-30	10805
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-10-25	15870
202007	2020	A10023	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-09-01	11900
202007	2020	A10023	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-10-10	12345
202007	2020	A10023	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-06-30	18700
202008	2020	A10044	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-11-13	9055
202008	2020	A10044	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-06-12	15890
202008	2020	A10049	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-01-16	15600
202012	2020	A10102	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-12-12	4570
202012	2020	A10102	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-03-25	7650
202012	2020	A10102	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-10-10	8700
202103	2021	A10129	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-01-13	9800
202104	2021	A10141	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-06-12	1560
202104	2021	A10141	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-08-09	6790
202104	2021	A10145	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-09-12	13450
202106	2021	A10147	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-09-18	14560
202110	2021	A10161	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-02-03	5675
202110	2021	A10161	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-10-19	11900
202111	2021	A10189	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-11-10	8045
202112	2021	A10212	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-03-15	15605
202112	2021	A10212	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-11-09	21890

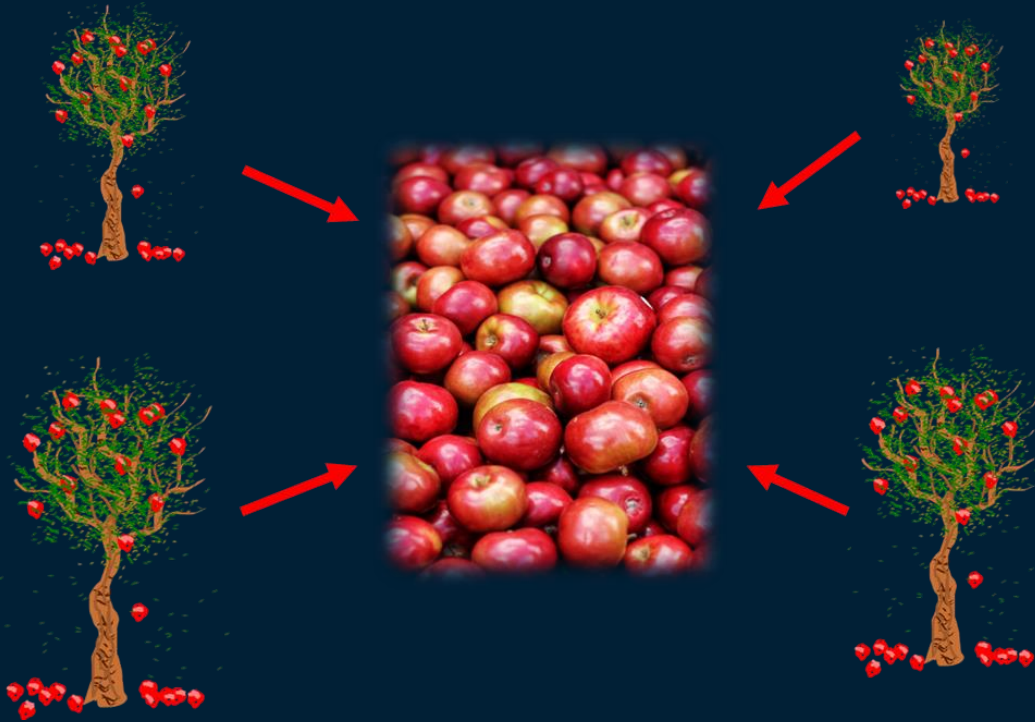
CarModel	ProductionYear ▲	Average Readout Km
Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2020	14 952
Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021	12 348

The Apple Pile Example



AggregateTable - Introduction

The Apple Pile Example



Apple ID	TreeID	AppleWeight
A1	Tree 1	155
A2	Tree 1	145
A3	Tree 1	156
A4	Tree 1	143
A5	Tree 1	156
A6	Tree 1	149
A7	Tree 1	159
A8	Tree 2	164
A9	Tree 2	161
A10	Tree 2	159
A11	Tree 2	170
A12	Tree 2	177
A13	Tree 3	171
A14	Tree 3	167
A15	Tree 3	164
A16	Tree 3	157
A17	Tree 3	159
A18	Tree 3	155
A19	Tree 3	167
A20	Tree 4	188
A21	Tree 4	178
A22	Tree 4	191
A23	Tree 4	178
A24	Tree 4	176
A25	Tree 4	181

AggregateTable - Introduction

The Apple Pile Example

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Apple benchmark Use-case:

- Simple Apple weight comparison
- For a fairer comparison, apple weight is compared to average apple weight for each tree

AppleWeight – AVG(AppleWeight) by TreeID

AggregateTable - Introduction

The Apple Pile Example

AppleWeight – AVG(AppleWeight) by TreeID

Apple ID	TreeID	AppleWeight	Average Apple Weight by TreeID
A1	Tree 1	155	152
A2	Tree 1	145	152
A3	Tree 1	156	152
A4	Tree 1	143	152
A5	Tree 1	156	152
A6	Tree 1	149	152
A7	Tree 1	159	152
A10	Tree 2	159	166
A11	Tree 2	170	166
A12	Tree 2	177	166
A8	Tree 2	164	166
A9	Tree 2	161	166
A13	Tree 3	171	163
A14	Tree 3	167	163
A15	Tree 3	164	163
A16	Tree 3	157	163
A17	Tree 3	159	163
A18	Tree 3	155	163
A19	Tree 3	167	163
A20	Tree 4	188	182
A21	Tree 4	178	182
A22	Tree 4	191	182
A23	Tree 4	178	182
A24	Tree 4	176	182
A25	Tree 4	181	182

To be able to calculate the comparison by Tree, we need to calculate the average apple weight by TreeID...

Do I need to create another column before loading data to VA?

Or can we do this directly in VA?

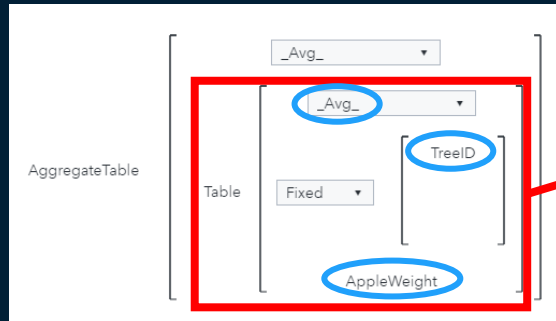
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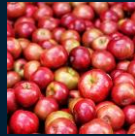
Yes, we can achieve this by using the AggregateTable operator/function

Inner table aggregation

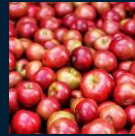
Average Apple Weight by TreeID



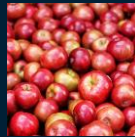
Avg. AppleWeight
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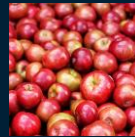
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Tree 2



Avg. AppleWeight
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Avg. AppleWeight
Tree 4



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A15	Tree 3	164	163
A16	Tree 3	157	163
A17	Tree 3	159	163
A18	Tree 3	155	163
A19	Tree 3	167	163
A20	Tree 4	188	182
A21	Tree 4	178	182
A22	Tree 4	191	182
A23	Tree 4	178	182
A24	Tree 4	176	182
A25	Tree 4	181	182

AggregateTable - Introduction

The Apple Pile Example

Apple Weight Diff by Tree Average



Apple ID	TreeID	AppleWeight	Average Apple Weight by TreeID	Apple Weight Diff by Tree Average
A1	Tree 1	155	152	3
A2	Tree 1	145	152	-7
A3	Tree 1	156	152	4
A4	Tree 1	143	152	-9
A5	Tree 1	156	152	4
A6	Tree 1	149	152	-3
A7	Tree 1	159	152	7
A10	Tree 2	159	166	-7
A11	Tree 2	170	166	4

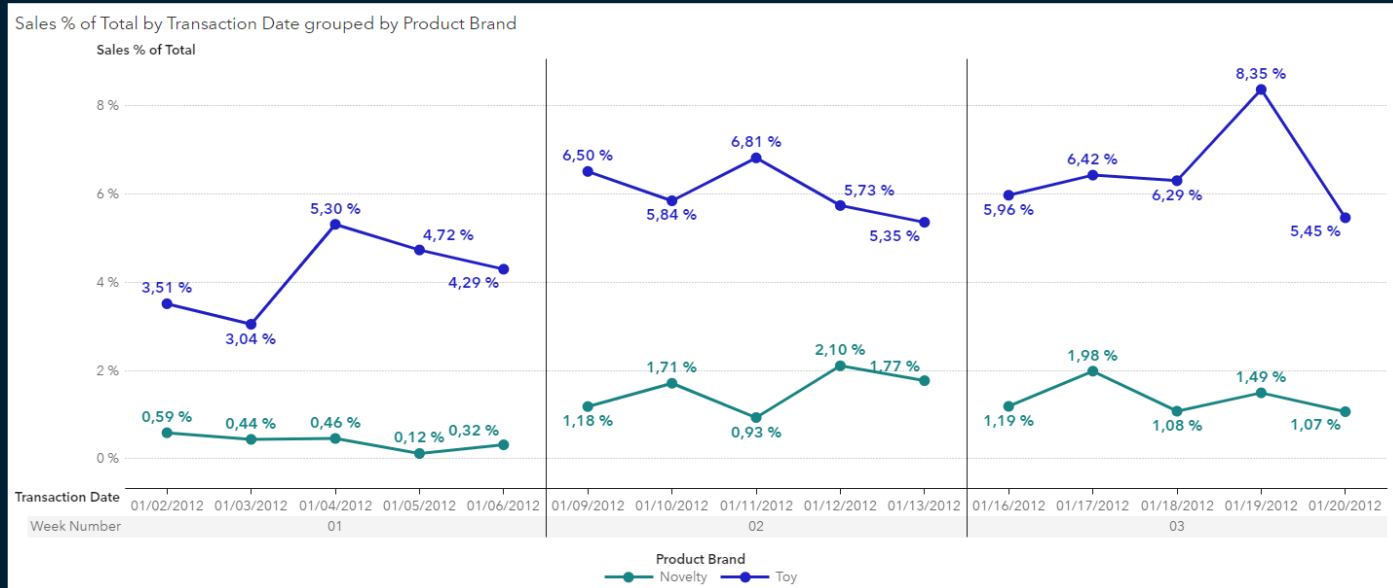
AggregateTable – Use-case #33

Locking totals on specific levels in your data



#33 End users want to see sales % of total, while comparing it between selectable weeks and by Product Brand

A classic sub-totals and/or by-groups challenge



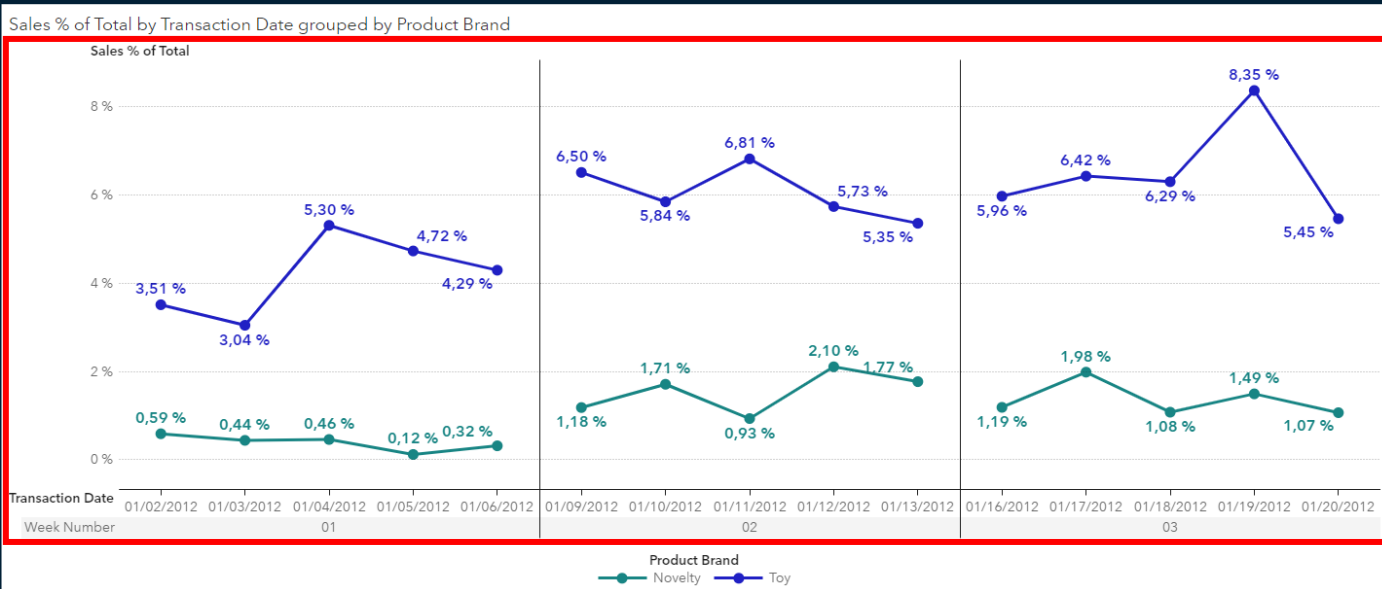


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Sales % of Total

(Sum (Product Sale) / Sum (Product Sale))



Challenge:
End users want to see sales % of total by week, not all weeks displayed...

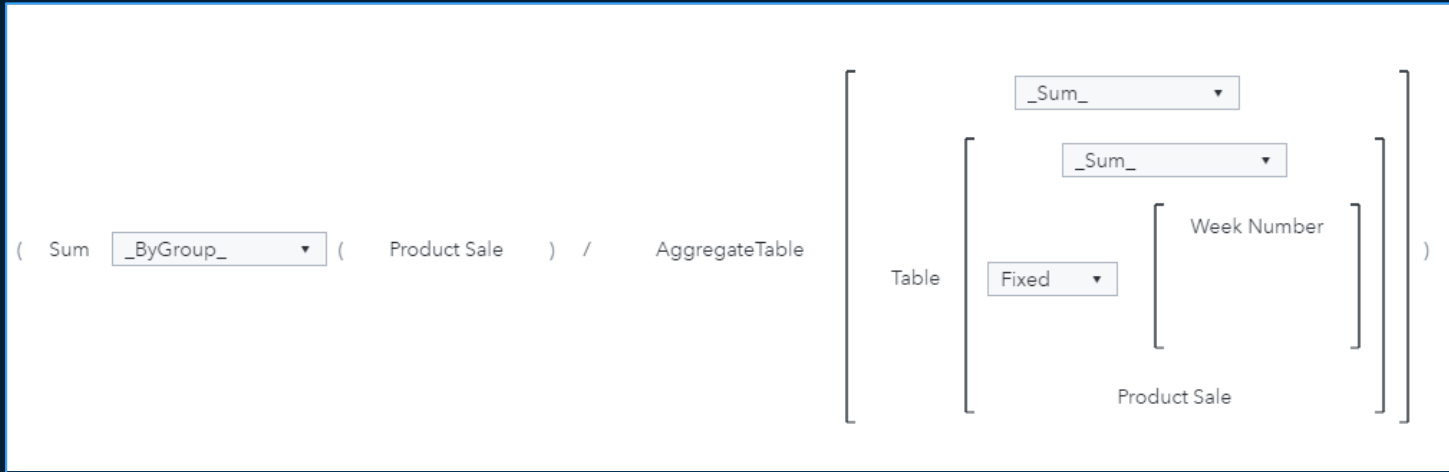


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Solution

Sales % of Total by Week





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% of totals are now calculated by week (100% per week)

AggregateTable - Use-case #34

Outer vs. Inner Table



#34 Creating a KPI for Average Sales by Continent based on Total Sales by country
A very good example explaining how inner and outer table works

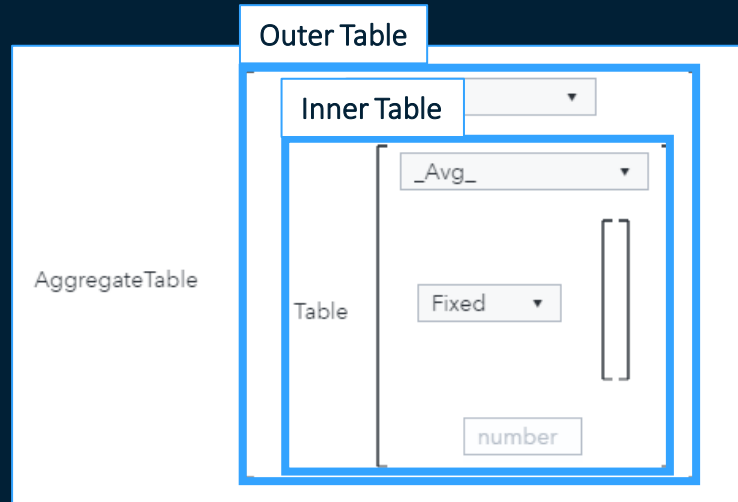
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AggregateTable - Introduction

Outer vs. Inner Table

Aggregate data using different aggregation types in one calculation 😊

Outer Table is our final aggregated data we want to use in our visualization.



Inner Table is what we want to pre-aggregate.

Remember: Average Apple weight by TreeID



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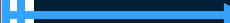
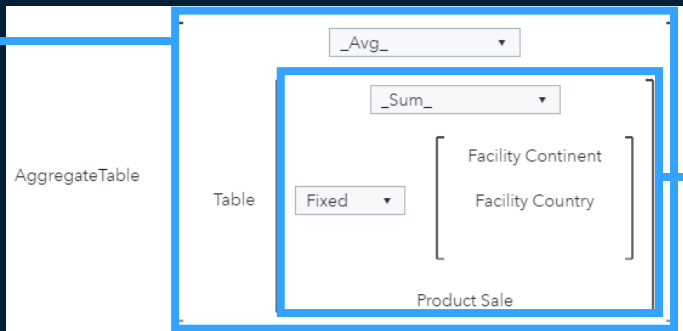
Solution

Outer Table

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Inner Table

Facility Country	Total Sales
Egypt	207 747
Nigeria	277 147
Morocco	239 816
South Africa	237 676
South Korea	63 147
Russia	195 588
Israel	65 226
Saudi Arabia	61 040
Singapore	63 078
China	140 487
Indonesia	59 034
Japan	121 247
India	56 696
Spain	4 026 412
Denmark	492 724





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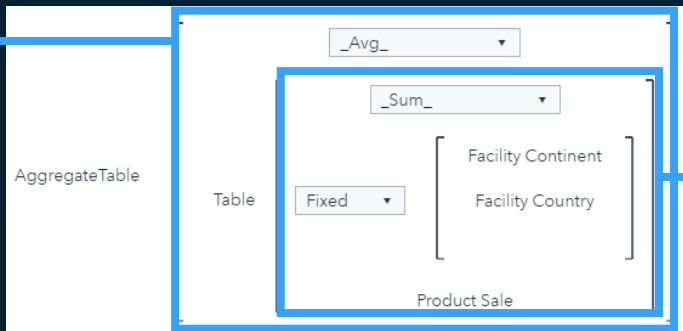
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Why do we need Facility Continent in our inner table?

Answer: Because we are using Facility Continent in our final visualization (outer table)



Summary: Tips using AggregateTable

- It is a very powerful function, training is key – use my use-cases to get started
- Could be an option to avoid creating unnecessary pre-calculated columns in our data
- Remember WYSIWYG 😊 - What you visualize might impact the result
 - Outer table is what you want to visualize
 - Use group-by options Fixed, Add or Remove
 - Hidden role can be useful as well



Fantastic article by Renato Luppi

SAS Visual Analytics Advanced Calculations (part 2 of 4): AggregateTable

<https://communities.sas.com/t5/SAS-Communities-Library/SAS-Visual-Analytics-Advanced-Calculations-part-2-of-4/ta-p/538541>

Q&A

Bonus Use-Case

Group-by Category options

- Fixed
- Add
- Remove



#35 Engineers want to review average milage by car model and production year, based on service data

A great example where the “add” option is needed

ProductionPeriod	ProductionYear	ChassiID	CarModel	ServiceDate	CarReadoutKM
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2020-07-12	4560
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2020-11-17	7650
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-11-30	10805
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-10-25	15870
202007	2020	A10023	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-09-01	11900
202007	2020	A10023	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-10-10	12345
202007	2020	A10023	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-06-30	18700
202008	2020	A10044	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-11-13	9055
202008	2020	A10044	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-06-12	15890
202008	2020	A10049	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-01-16	15600
202012	2020	A10102	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-12-12	4570
202012	2020	A10102	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-03-25	7650
202012	2020	A10102	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-10-10	8700
202103	2021	A10129	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-01-13	9800
202104	2021	A10141	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-06-12	1560
202104	2021	A10141	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-08-09	6790
202104	2021	A10145	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-09-12	13450
202106	2021	A10147	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-09-18	14560
202110	2021	A10161	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-02-03	5675
202110	2021	A10161	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-10-19	11900
202111	2021	A10189	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-11-10	8045
202112	2021	A10212	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-03-15	15605
202112	2021	A10212	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-11-09	21890

CarModel	ProductionYear ▲	Average Readout Km
Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2020	14 952
Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021	12 348



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Using option “Fixed” will generate an average on max Km readout for all ChassiID’s, but we want average by Production Year...

ProductionPeriod	ProductionYear	ChassiID	CarModel	ServiceDate	CarReadoutKM	MaxReadout
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2020-07-12	4560	
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2020-11-17	7650	
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-11-30	10805	
202003	2020	A10001	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-10-25	15870	15870
202007	2020	A10023	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-09-01	11900	
202007	2020	A10023	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-10-10	12345	
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202008	2020	A10044	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-11-13	9055	
202008	2020	A10044	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-06-12	15890	15890
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202103	2021	A10129	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-01-13	9800	9800
202104	2021	A10141	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021-06-12	1560	
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202104	2021	A10145	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-09-12	13450	13450
202106	2021	A10147	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-09-18	14560	14560
202110	2021	A10161	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-02-03	5675	
202110	2021	A10161	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-10-19	11900	11900
202111	2021	A10189	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-11-10	8045	8045
202112	2021	A10212	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-03-15	15605	
202112	2021	A10212	Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2022-11-09	21890	21890
					AverageMaxReadout All Cars:	13433

This is wrong!!!

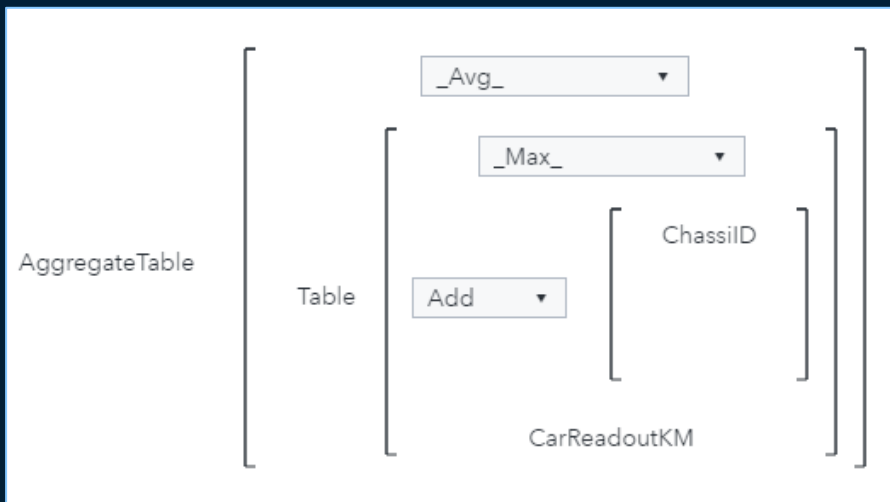
CarModel	ProductionYear ▲	Average Readout Km
Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2020	13 433
Audi A3 Sportsback 45 TFSI e	2021	13 433



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A great example where the “add” option is needed

Solution



Think like this:

Option “Add” adds ChassiID into our inner table calculation, without the need to visualize it 😊

Or, adding a new non-visual dimension into our calculation 😊



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Solution



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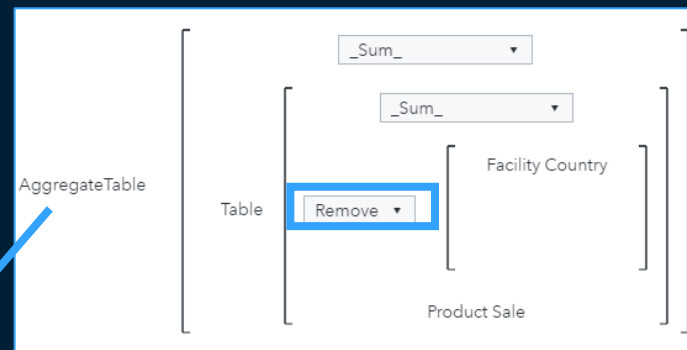
AggregateTable – Example using Remove

Group-by Category options

Fixed
Add
Remove

Option Remove means that we are removing Facility Country from our inner table calculation

Facility Continent	Facility Country	Product Brand	Product Sale	AggregateTable: Product Sale by Country (Remove)
Europe	Denmark	Novelty	202 747	5 590 681
		Toy	289 977	8 557 184
	France	Novelty	245 680	5 590 681
		Toy	337 650	8 557 184
	Germany	Novelty	640 820	5 590 681
		Toy	950 415	8 557 184
	Italy	Novelty	411 230	5 590 681
		Toy	592 913	8 557 184
	Norway	Novelty	390 460	5 590 681
		Toy	627 400	8 557 184
	Spain	Novelty	1 602 235	5 590 681
		Toy	2 424 177	8 557 184
	Sweden	Novelty	619 261	5 590 681
		Toy	936 735	8 557 184
	United Kingdom	Novelty	1 478 247	5 590 681
		Toy	2 397 918	8 557 184



Benchmark use-case, calculating Product Sale % of total by Product Brand only, but we still want to use Facility Continent and Country in our crosstab:

```
( Sum  ( Product Sale ) / AggregateTable: Product Sale by Country (Remove) )
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