

# Profit/Loss for Open Positions

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This vignette shows how the `vprice` argument of function `pl` can be used.

## 1 How to use `vprice`

### When timestamp is not used

If no timestamp information is used, i.e. if `along.timestamp` is FALSE, `vprice` is used to value an open position (or, if you prefer, to simulate the close of an open position). So for a single asset, it should be vector of length one; for  $N$  assets, it should be a named vector of length  $N$ .

### When timestamp is used

If `along.timestamp` is TRUE, `vprice` is used to close the final, open position. So for a single asset, it should be vector of length one; for  $N$  assets, it should be a named vector of length  $N$ .

If `along.timestamp` is a vector of timestamps, `vprice` is used to value any open position along those timestamps. For a single asset, it should then be a vector of prices, with length equal to that of `along.timestamp`. For  $N$  assets, it should be a matrix with `length(along.timestamp)` rows and  $N$  named columns.

## 2 Examples

With a single asset.

```
> j <- journal(amount = 1, price = 20)
> pl(j)
```

```
P/L total      NA
average buy    20
average sell   NaN
cum. volume    1
```

'P/L total' is in units of instrument;  
'volume' is sum of /absolute/ amounts.

```
> pl(j, vprice = 21)
```

```
P/L total      1
average buy    20
average sell   21
cum. volume    1
```

'P/L total' is in units of instrument;  
'volume' is sum of /absolute/ amounts.

```
> j <- journal(amount = c(1, -1),
                 price = c(102, 109),
                 timestamp = c(2.5, 9))
> pl(j, vprice = 101:110, along.timestamp = 1:10)
```

```

timestamp      1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10
P/L total      0   0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   7
__ realised    0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   7   7
__ unrealised  0   0   1   2   3   4   5   6   0   0
average buy    102
average sell   109
cum. volume    0   0   1   1   1   1   1   2   2

```

'P/L total' is in units of instrument;  
 'volume' is sum of /absolute/ amounts.

With several assets.

```

> j <- journal(amount = c(1, -1, 1),
                 instrument = c("A", "A", "B"),
                 timestamp = c(1, 2, 1),
                 price = c(100, 103, 10))
> P <- cbind(A = c(100, 102, 105),
               B = c( 10,   5,  11))
> pl(j, vprice = P,
      along.timestamp = 1:3)

```

A

```

timestamp      1   2   3
P/L total      0   3   3
__ realised    0   3   3
__ unrealised  0   0   0
average buy    100
average sell   103
cum. volume    1   2   2

```

B

```

timestamp      1   2   3
P/L total      0  -5   1
__ realised    0   0   0
__ unrealised  0  -5   1
average buy    10
average sell   NaN
cum. volume    1   1   1

```

'P/L total' is in units of instrument;  
 'volume' is sum of /absolute/ amounts.

```

> pl(j, vprice = P,
      along.timestamp = 1:3, do.sum = TRUE)

```

```

timestamp      1   2   3
P/L total      0  -2   4
__ realised    0   3   3
__ unrealised  0  -5   1
average buy    NA
average sell   NA
cum. volume    2   3   3

```

'P/L total' is in units of instrument;  
'volume' is sum of /absolute/ amounts.