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Position sizing



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"The share market can seem mystical and almost like black magic; but with the right support and assistance, it just seems like magic."

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Position size?

When trading / investing in shares:

- 1) Should we use a fixed position size every time (ie. same dollar amount)?
- 2) Is there a minimum position size to use (ie. minimum dollar value)?
- 3) Is there a maximum position size to use?
 - 4) Does it matter?

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Today's agenda

- Is it possible to "optimise" the position size?
- Does it make any difference?
- Let's consider some options.



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Let's consider three options:

We have \$100,000 to invest:-

- (a) Invest a small portion (eg. \$1,000)
- (b) Invest a large portion (eg. \$70k)
- (c) Equal size positions

Is one of these any better than the others?



