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Let's say all buy/sell pairs are represented as  $(b_1, s_1), (b_2, s_2), \dots (b_n, s_n)$  then what we are looking for is  $(s_1 - b_1) + (s_2 - b_2) + \dots (s_n - b_n)$ . Because of associativity we can remove all parenthesis and shuffle all operands any way we want without affecting the final sum, so there is no need to pick up the buy price for the corresponding sell price.

```
SELECT stock_name, SUM(  
  CASE  
    WHEN operation = 'Buy' THEN -price  
    ELSE price  
  ) AS capital_gain_loss  
FROM Stocks  
GROUP BY stock_name
```

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Can you please explain how this works ? As in how does the logic pick up the buy price for the corresponding sell price.

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As a beginner to SQL, learned something new today - the CASE statement used in SUM is cool!

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