

# Wayne's Pivot

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Wayne's Pivots is named after Wayne McDonnell who came up with this indicator's pivot trading methodology. Wayne's Pivots are only one part of his methodology, but these pivots are the most critical part. They are frequently applied to supplement other trading methodologies as well. There are 3 key features that separate Wayne's Pivots specifically from every other pivot point indicator out there.

- 1. Midpoint Pivots**
- 2. Biased Pivots**
- 3. Next Period's Pivots**

Understand that this indicator is supposed to be used, according to the methodology, alongside a fundamental bias. If you have not done fundamental research to know if you're a bull or bear on an asset, then you will likely not be using these pivots correctly. They do not tell you which direction the market will move. It tells you how far and how long a trade may go depending on which way you bias the pivots, and if your fundamental view is correct. This is a trade planning tool for your entries and exits.

Breaking each point down:

## **1. Midpoint Pivots**

If you take regular pivots (S#, R#), and get a histogram of every time price closed at or above each level, you generally end up with an even distribution. By adding midpoint levels you are doubling the amount of data, and increasing the resolution of the histogram. While these extra levels don't necessarily give us entries or exits, they do tell us when price doesn't quite reach a major support or resistance level. Midpoint pivot levels are calculated by finding the midpoint between each pivot level, and are labeled from the bottom up starting at M0 (Midpoint 0).

For example,

$$M5 = (R2 + R3) / 2$$

$$M4 = (R1 + R2) / 2$$

$$M3 = (\text{Pivot} + R1) / 2$$

$$M2 = (\text{Pivot} + S1) / 2$$

$$M1 = (S1 + S2) / 2$$

$$M0 = (S2 + S3) / 2$$

## 2. Biased Pivots

The traditional rules for trading pivot points are to buy support levels and sell resistance levels. In Wayne's methodology, we see pivots as a set for entries and take profits depending on our bias. It is known that trading the inverse of traditional pivot point rules means that you can end up with a reasonable strategy. Biased pivots let us focus on only what matters to us by removing all other pivots, lines, and labels. Only showing us pivots is useful to the bias we set.

For example, if you are a bull fundamentally you would set the bullish biased pivots. You would look for an entry in the area between the central pivot and second midpoint ( M2 ), and an exit in the area between R2 and M4.

## 3. Next Period's Pivots

The third major feature of Wayne's Pivots is the "future" pivots. These are really calculated by taking the current HLC data and plotting it in realtime into the future before there's any data there. When we enter a new trading period, let's say the day, we will have little data on the next day's pivots. As the current trading day goes on and gets closer to its close, we start to see the next day's pivot points firm up. It's at this point that future pivots become actionable to create trading plans for the next day. The next period's pivots are exceptionally useful when scaled up to weekly, monthly, quarterly, and yearly timeframes. Daily, weekly, and monthly are the most commonly used within communities trading Wayne's methodology.

# Calculation

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The formulae are public domain information, the normal formulae is

$$\text{Resistance3} = \text{High} + 2 * (\text{Pivot} - \text{Low})$$

$$\text{Midpoint5} = (\text{R2} + \text{R3}) / 2$$

$$\text{Resistance2} = \text{Pivot} + (\text{R1} - \text{S1})$$

$$\text{Midpoint4} = (\text{R1} + \text{R2}) / 2$$

$$\text{Resistance1} = 2 * \text{Pivot} - \text{Low}$$

$$\text{Midpoint3} = (\text{Pivot} + \text{R1}) / 2$$

$$\text{PivotPoint} = (\text{High} + \text{Close} + \text{Low}) / 3$$

$$\text{Midpoint2} = (\text{Pivot} + \text{S1}) / 2$$

$$\text{Support1} = 2 * \text{Pivot} - \text{High}$$

$$\text{Midpoint1} = (\text{S1} + \text{S2}) / 2$$

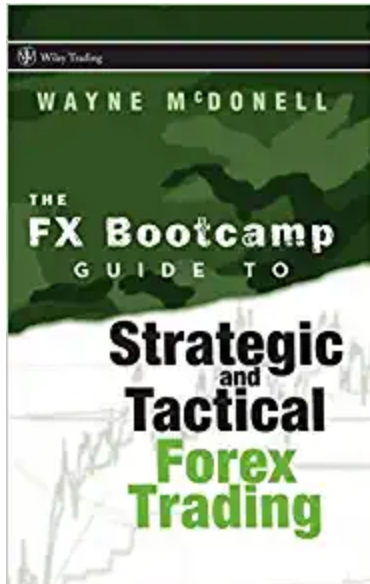
$$\text{Support2} = \text{Pivot} - (\text{R1} - \text{S1})$$

$$\text{Midpoint0} = (\text{S2} + \text{S3}) / 2$$

$$\text{Support3} = \text{Low} - 2 * (\text{High} - \text{Pivot})$$


If the market opens above the pivot point then the bias for the day is **long** trades.

If the market opens below the pivot point then the bias for the day is for **short** trades.



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## pivots

- Use this leading indicator to identify potential Entry and Exhaustion points.

**Note:** M1, Central Pivot and M4 lines are Key Areas to watch.

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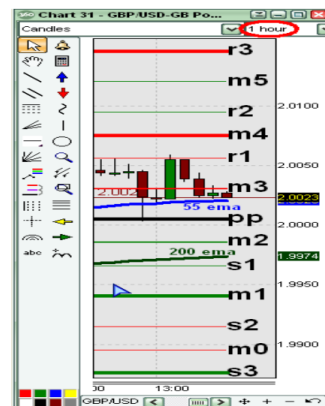


## Pivot Points – Why They Work

### A “self-fulfilling prophecy”

Many market players  
use them:

- Professional Traders
- Hedge Funds
- Bankers
- Automated Trading Systems



## Pivot formula

- Calculation:

$$PP = (HIGH + LOW + CLOSE) / 3$$

$$S1 = (2 \times PP) - HIGH$$

$$S2 = PP - RANGE$$

$$S3 = S2 - RANGE$$

$$R1 = (2 \times PP) - LOW$$

$$R2 = PP + RANGE$$

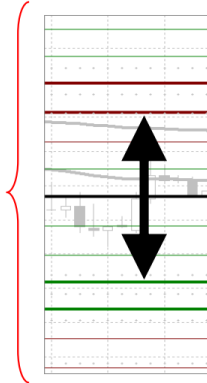
$$R3 = R2 + RANGE$$

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R3  
M3  
R2  
M4  
R1  
M3  
PP (Central Pivot Point)  
M2  
S1  
M1  
S2  
M0  
S3

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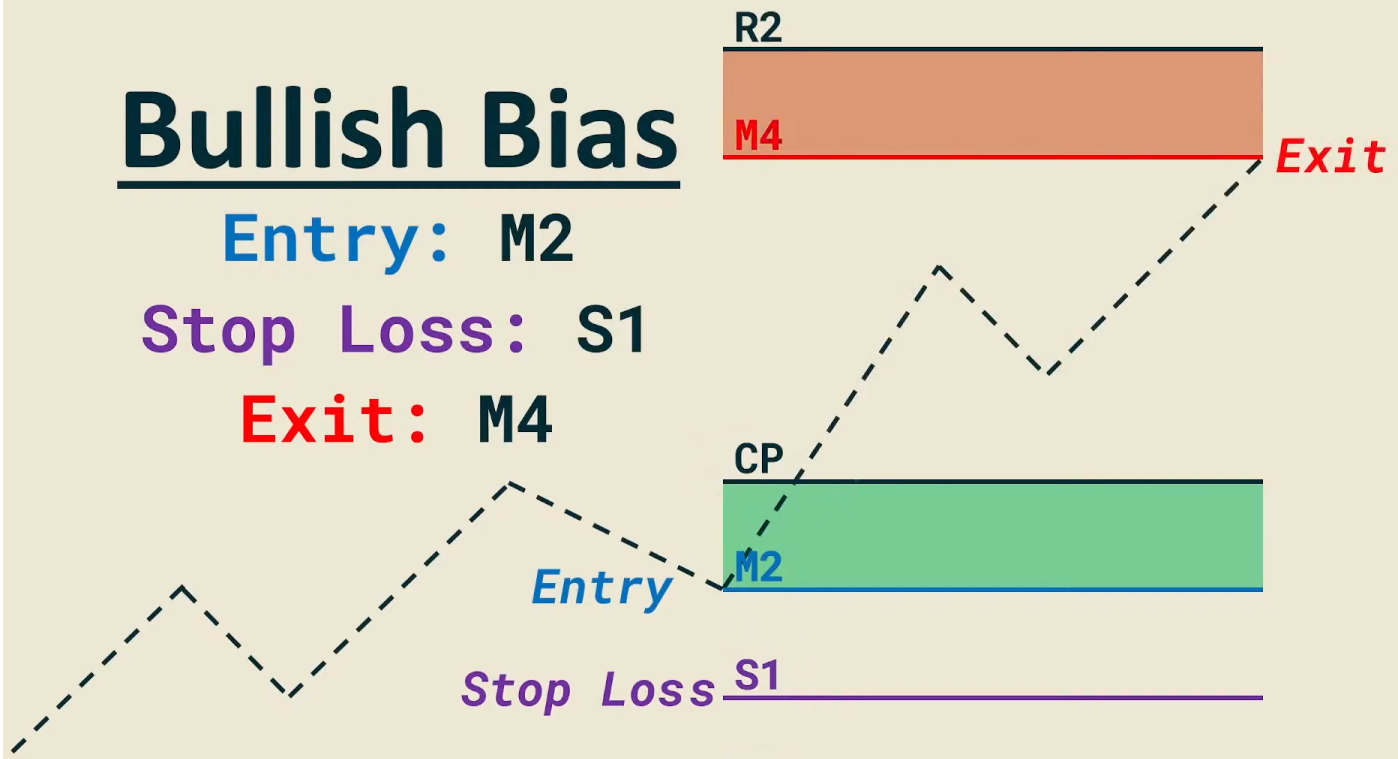
There are two ways to enter the **bull** market:

# Bullish Bias

**Entry:** M2

**Stop Loss:** S1

**Exit:** M4

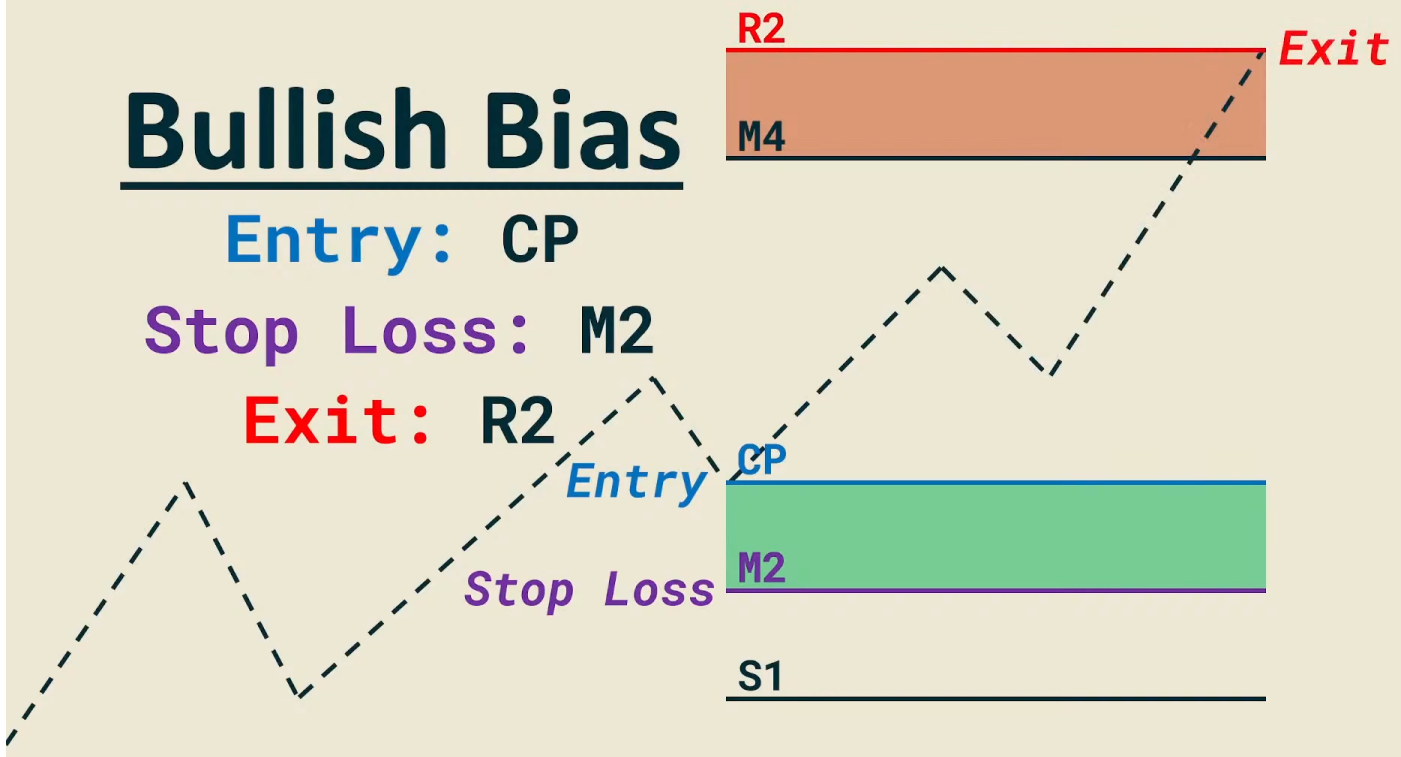


# Bullish Bias

**Entry:** CP

**Stop Loss:** M2

**Exit:** R2





# Range Bias

Entry: M3

Stop Loss: R1

Exit: S1

M4

R1

M3

CP

M2

S1

M1



Then, there are 2 ways to enter the **bear** market:

# Bearish Bias

Entry: M3

Stop Loss: R1

Exit: M1

R1

M3

CP

M1

S2

Exit



# Bearish Bias

**Entry:** CP

**Stop Loss:** M3

**Exit:** S2

