Plinko

Plinko is an example implementation of the popular casino game. The Plinko game on Sui incorporates advanced cryptographic techniques to ensure fairness and transparency. Players drop Plinko balls onto a pegged board, where they randomly fall into slots representing different multipliers. This document details the game's mechanics, cryptographic features, and the methodology for calculating trace paths and verifying signatures.

Building an on-chain Plinko game shares a lot of similarities with the <u>Coin Flip</u> game and <u>Blackjack</u> game. For that reason, this example covers only the smart contracts (Move modules) and frontend logic.

You can find the source files for this example in the Plinko repo on GitHub.

A version of the game is also deployed at Mysten Plinko.

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The game mechanics involve a player starting a game by specifying the number of balls and staking a certain amount. The backend generates a BLS signature for the game's randomness source, which is verified on-chain to ensure it's untampered. The game uses a Counter NFT for each round to generate a unique VRF input, ensuring each game's randomness is distinct and cannot be predicted or repeated. The number of Plinko balls, chosen by the player, directly influences the game's complexity and potential payout, as each ball's final position is determined by traversing a cryptographic trace path generated from the hashed BLS signature extended to accommodate the total number of balls.

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