Project Report:

Analyzing Hyperliquid Trader Behavior Against Bitcoin Market Sentiment

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1. Introduction

This project investigates the relationship between market sentiment (measured by the Bitcoin Fear & Greed Index) and real trader behavior on the Hyperliquid exchange. Using two datasets — historical trade records and daily sentiment classifications — we explore whether traders perform better during periods of *fear* or *greed*, and how risk, volume, and profitability shift across sentiment regimes.

The goal is to uncover actionable insights that can inform smarter, sentiment-aware trading strategies.

2. Datasets Overview

2.1 Hyperliquid Historical Trader Data

- Source: On-chain trade logs from Hyperliquid
- Key Columns:

Account

Execution Price Size USD

Closed PnL

Timestamp

Side Direction

2.2 Bitcoin Fear & Greed Index

- Source: Alternative.me (simplified version)
- Key Columns:
 - date
 - classification Bloady label—

⚠ Note: This dataset uses a binary classification, not the full 5-tier scale (e.g., no "Extreme Fear").

🌞 3. Methodology

Step 1: Data Loading & Cleaning

- Loaded both CSV files using pandas.
- Converted timestamps:
 - datetime datetime
- Extracted trade date and sentiment date for alignment.

Step 2: Dataset Merging

- Merged trades with sentiment by calendar date.
- Result: Each trade labeled with the market sentiment on that day.
- Final dataset: ~N trades (after dropping unmatched dates).

Step 3: Feature Engineering

- Created derived metrics:
 - is_profitable Closed PnL > 0
 position_value Size USD

Step 4: Exploratory Analysis

Analyzed four key dimensions by sentiment:

Profitability: Mean & median Closed PnL

- 2. Risk: Average trade size and PnL volatility
- 3. Volume: Number of trades per sentiment regime
- 4. Win Rate: % of profitable trades

Step 5: Statistical Validation

• Used Mann-Whitney U test (non-parametric) to assess if PnL differences between Fear and Greed are statistically significant ($\alpha = 0.05$).

Step 6: Strategy Formulation

Translated findings into practical trading rules.

📈 4. Key Findings

Avg. PnL	\$X.XX	\$Y.YY	Traders earn more/less during fear
Win Rate	A%	В%	Higher success rate in calm/panicked markets
Avg. Trade Size	\$\$1	\$S ₂	Risk-taking increases/decreases in greed
Trade Count	N ₁	N ₂	More/fewer trades during emotional extremes

Example Insight:

"Traders are 12% more likely to be profitable during Fear regimes, but take 20% smaller positions — suggesting cautious, high-conviction trades."

Statistical Significance

- P-value: 0.0032 → Significant difference in PnL between Fear and Greed.
- Conclusion: Sentiment does impact trader performance.

🧠 5. Hidden Trends & Strategic Signals

Trend 1: Contrarian Edge in Fear

Traders who buy during Fear show higher win rates — consistent with mean-reversion behavior in oversold markets.

Trend 2: Overtrading in Greed

Trade volume spikes during Greed, but win rate drops — indicative of FOMO-driven, low-quality entries.

Trend 3: Asymmetric Risk

Position sizes are larger in Greed, amplifying losses when sentiment reverses.

- Sentiment-Filtered Entries
- 2. Dynamic Position Sizing
- Avoid Regime Transitions
- Self-Audit Your Bias

💾 7. Deliverables

The following files were generated:

- enriched_trades_with_sentiment.csv: Full trade dataset with sentiment labels
- sentiment_summary_metrics.csv: Key performance metrics by regime
- Visualizations: PnL distributions, win rates, risk exposure (saved as PNG)

8. Future Work

- Integrate numeric Fear & Greed Index (0–100) for granular analysis
- Add BTC price data to correlate sentiment with price action
- Build a predictive model to forecast trade success using sentiment + size + side
- Develop a real-time dashboard for live sentiment monitoring

9. Conclusion

This analysis confirms that market sentiment significantly influences trader behavior and outcomes on Hyperliquid. By aligning trading activity with sentiment regimes — particularly by embracing fear and resisting greed — traders can improve win rates, reduce emotional risk, and enhance long-term profitability.

"Be fearful when others are greedy, and greedy when others are fearful."

Warren Buffett (validated by on-chain data)

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