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Abstract

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5 Nebulas Rank

5.1 Nebulas Rank Overview

Currently the Blockchain technology and community have grown into a large scale ecosystem. However, people's perception of Blockchain world is still relatively flat; there is no reasonable way to evaluate the entity, such as user's address, on the blockchain yet. Therefore, we try to come up with a universal value measurement. By mining activities occurs on chain, the value of every entity (address) is able to be quantified as **Nebulas Rank**. **Nebulas Rank** is aimed at two goals:

- As a native value measurement, **Nebulas Rank** could become core algorithms for many fundamental scenarios, such as consensus (see §??), DIP (see §??) and Blockchain search engine (see §??), etc.
- **Nebulas Rank** could inspire various value measurements, as well as deeper insights into the blockchain ecosystem.

Based on the goals above, we define the value measurement of **Nebulas Rank** to be three-fold:

- Liquidity, the frequency and scale of transactions, is the first dimension that **Nebulas Rank** considers. Essentially, by means of capital liquidity, financial activity can promote efficient configuration of social resources and promote economy development. Blockchain established a value network. Thus more transactions and larger transaction scale produce better liquidity, and better liquidity further increases more transactions and larger transaction scale, forming a complete mechanism of positive feedback.
- Propagation, the scope and depth of liquidity, is the second dimension that **Nebulas Rank** considers. In social network, the propagation property, i.e. speed, scope and depth of information propagation, is key measurement indicating network quality and users growth. We see same pattern in the Blockchain world. Better propagation means wider and deeper assets liquidity, which improves the quality of assets in the Blockchain world, and increases the scale of assets.
- Interoperability is the third dimension that **Nebulas Rank** considers. During the early stage of Internet, there were just simple websites and isolated information. Nowadays, all kinds of Internet platforms begin to interact with each other and the small information islands begin to disappear. This tendency could be understood as a process of recognizing information from higher dimensional perspective. We believe that Blockchain world also follows the same roadmap, whose development will be faster. There will be more information of users' assets, smart contract and DApp. And also, there will be more frequent interactions among them. Thus better interoperability will become more important.

We choose transaction records on chain as source data for **Nebulas Rank**. Because comparing with real world, the "trajectory" in Blockchain world is more clear and trustworthy: the transaction data on chain loyally records every transferring among addresses and invoking of "smart contracts". But it is not trivial to design rank algorithm for Blockchain transaction data, since comparing with real world, the transactions in Blockchain world are naturally anonymous and bears larger data scale. So we depict three properties for **Nebulas Rank**:

- Truthful. An entity must pay reasonable effort to improve its rank, which assures that the algorithm can identify trusted valuable users. On one hand, in scenarios like consensus and DIP, truthful ranking encourages users to contribute truthfully in order to realize positive feedback. On the other hand, truthful result provides meaningful hierarchy representation of all users, which will be more helpful for decision makers;
- Computable. As a fundamental field, **Nebulas Rank** of every user should be accessible instantly and thus requires low computational complexity;
- Reproducible. Due to consensus and DIP, the running result of **Nebulas Rank** algorithm needs to be identical by any client.

Next we design basic framework of **Nebulas Rank**. First, transaction records are represented in the form of graph. By the definition of transaction graph (entity graph), every node is mapped to one entity, and each edge represents the transferring between two entities[47]. Transaction graph embeds the fact that money transferring among users leads to assets flowing, which helps to represent the concepts of liquidity and propagation defined before. Meanwhile, the form of graph is convenient to formulate the interoperability among contracts. With the derived transaction graph, we rank nodes by their network

centrality. In the scenario of **Nebulas Rank**, LeaderRank[13][26] is a more reasonable measurement and outperforms PageRank and NEM[31].

5.2 Transaction Graph

This subsection introduces how to derive transaction graph from transaction history.

First, we take effective transferring among individual addresses during the past T (generally T is the number of blocks in a month) blocks, denoted by T_{xs} :

$$T_{xs} = \{(st\tau a) | \tau = \#CurrentBlock - T \dots \#CurrentBlock \wedge a > 0\} \quad (1)$$

, where s, t and a are source address, target address and transfer amount.

Then based on T_{xs} , a directed weighted simple graph is constructed, denoted as $G = (VEW)$, where node set, edge set and edge weights are denoted by V, E and W respectively. Additionally, let $N = |V|, M = |E|$. For simplicity, every node is represented by an integer between 1 and N .

Let w_e

$$w_e = \sum_{i=1}^K a_i s.t. a_i \in \{a | (st\tau a) \in T_{xs}\} \wedge a_1 \geq a_2 \dots \quad (2)$$



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5.3 Ranking Algorithm

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$$\forall v \in V, w_{(v, \mathcal{G})} = \alpha A_v \quad (3)$$

$$\forall v \in V, w_{(\mathcal{G}_v)} = \beta B_v \quad (4)$$

$$\forall v \in V, A_v = \left\{ \sum_{(u,v) \in E} w_{(u,v)} - \sum_{(v,u) \in E} w_{(v,u)} \right\} + \lambda C \quad (5)$$

$$\forall v \in V, B_v = \sum_{(u,v) \in E} w_{(u,v)} + \mu C \quad (6)$$

$$C = \text{median}\{w_e | e \in E\} \quad (7)$$

$\alpha, \beta, \mu, \lambda$ Ground Ground LeaderRank PageRank Ground PageRank damping factor [10][38](9) $H(8)(10)$ Ground

$$P^{t+1} = H \times R^t P^1 = [\frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{N} \dots \frac{1}{N} 0]^T \quad (8)$$

$$h_{ij} = \frac{w_{(ji)}}{\sum_k w_{(jk)}} \quad (9)$$

$$\forall v \in V P_v^* \leftarrow P_v^* + \frac{P_{\mathcal{G}}^*}{N} \quad (10)$$

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²: Etherscan[etherscan]

Table 1: **Nebulas Rank**

		Nebulas Rank		(Ether)	(Ether)
1	0x267be1c1d684f78cb4f6a176c4911b741e4ffdc0	0.449275	Kraken_4	3214232.06	350008.00
2	0xd4c5867cec094721aab	0.093798		58000.00	100947.00
3	c3c4d0fd2f2ac7878c79a	0.049277	QuadrigaCX	207440.11	65606.40
4	0x027beefcbad782faf69f	0.046831		56465.00	60087.96
5	ad12dee97ed894c68549	0.037628		1071105.93	1434106.72
6	0x0ee4e2d09aec35bdf08	0.033488		7764.68	3201.00
7	083b649033ac0a41aa75e	0.033481		3307.00	7731.30
8	0xc257274276a4e539741	0.026343		10863.87	2315.69
9	ca11b590b9447b26a8051	0.024970		12938.58	15858.90
10	0xa53e0ca7d246a764993	0.021670		263000.00	364793.49
16	f010d1fde4ad01189f4e6	0.004995	Bitfinex_1	360000.00	1435858.40
51	0xf259e51f791e9ed26e8	0.000868	yunbi_1	1179224.74	1202539.53
64	9b6cae4a7c6296bfb0b8	0.000590	Shapeshift	52501.81	651933.49

Nebulas RankBorgatti [6]Nebulas Rank3Nebulas Rank

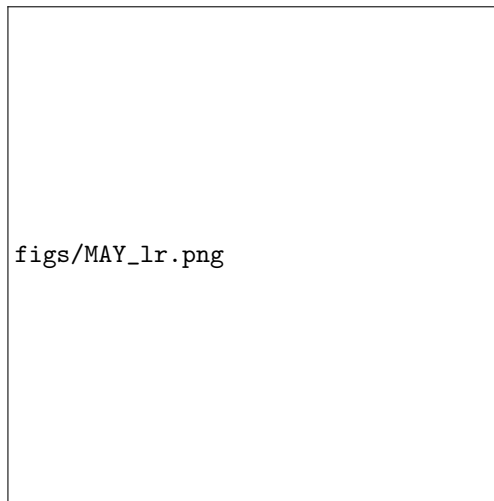


Figure 3: Nebulas Rank v.s.

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Figure 4:

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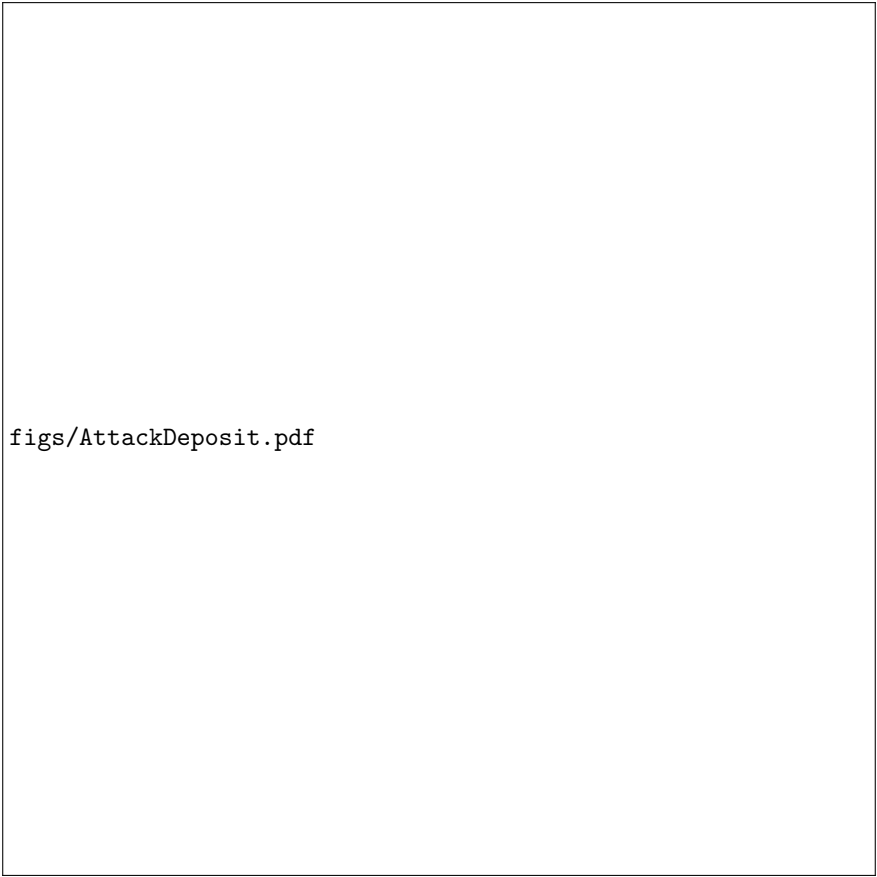


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5.4 Related Works

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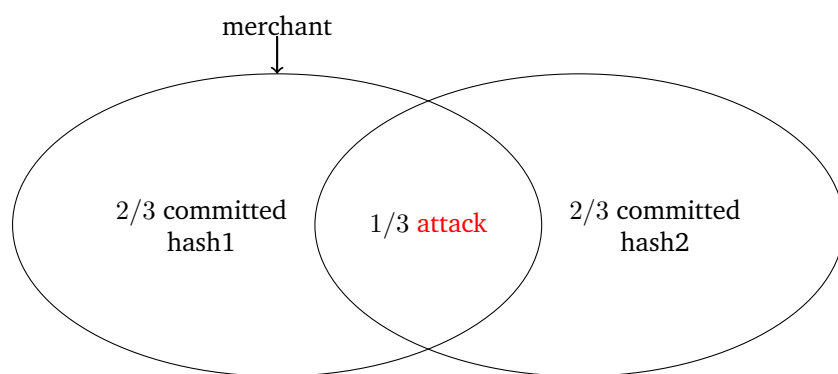


Figure 6: Attack

7 DIP

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8 Nebulas Force

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9 Smart Contract

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10 Infrastructure and Developing Tools

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