Practical session for blockchain (5) Prediction Market

Jungyoon Song¹ Giyeong Lee¹

¹Financial Risk Engineering Lab. Seoul National University

May 2, 2022





- DeFi
- 2 Examples of DeFi
- 3 Implementation: Prediction Market





DeFi: Decentralized Finance

- **DeFi** offers a financial instrument without intermediary, brokerage, or bank by using smart contracts on a blockchain.
- There are many categories of DeFi: Dexes, lending, bridge, liquid staking, etc.
 cf. https://defillama.com/categories
- The most common blockchain for DeFi is Ethereum. (approximately 70%)





DeFi Market Size

- Total Value Locked(TVL)
 : The sum of all crypto staked, loaned, or used for other financial actions across all of DeFi.
- TVL across DeFi blockchains: \$227.8B as of March 30, 2022

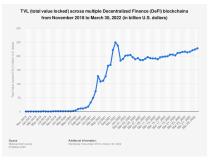


Figure: DeFi TVL history 2018-2022, Statista.



- DeFi
- 2 Examples of DeFi
- 3 Implementation: Prediction Market





Decentralized EXchange

- DEX is a type of crypto exchange that allows investors to trade without intermediaries.
- Advantages
 - Reduced risk due to exchange hacking
 - Preventing price or trading volume manipulation
- Disadvantages
 - Higher TX cost in general
 - No way to revert TXs: increased risk due to leakage of password





Decentralized EXchange

Dexes TVL rankings (as of April 27, 2022)

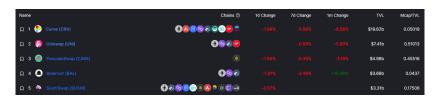


Figure: Top 5 Dexes, Defi Llama.





Liquid Staking

- Unlike proof-of-work, proof-of-stake(PoS) uses randomly selected miners to validate transactions.
- Staking is the process of <u>locking up</u> a certain amount of PoS-based crypto holdings to earn rewards.
 - Investors engaging in staking cannot respond timely to the fluctuation of the price of crypto.
- Liquid staking allows for investors to stake and unstake effectively.
 - It can be regarded as a sort of fund on the staked crypto.





Liquid Staking

• Liquid staking TVL rankings (as of April 27, 2022)



Figure: Top 5 Liquid Staking, Defi Llama.





Prediction Market

- Prediction market is a market for trading contracts that pay based on the outcome of future events.
 - cf. Weather derivatives
- The market price of a contract traded in a prediction market can indicate the probability of an event that people think it is.
 - The sum of prices of outcomes of a given topic is (\$)1.
- Prediction markets aggregate people's thoughts and information.
 - It can be regarded as collective intelligence.





Prediction Market

• Prediction market TVL rankings (as of April 27, 2022)



Figure: Top 5 Prediction Market, Defi Llama.





Prediction Market

• Examples of topics traded in a prediction market

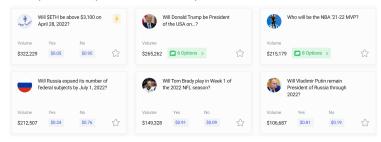


Figure: Popular Topics, PolyMarket





- 1 DeF
- 2 Examples of DeFi
- 3 Implementation: Prediction Market





Floating-point Arithmetic in Solidity

- Solidity does not fully support arithmetic for non-integers.
- When an operation such as division produces a non-integer value, the fractional part is usually dropped.
 - Check the official documentation for more details: https://docs.soliditylang.org/en/latest/types.html
- Many other cryptos have similar flaws. Units in cryptos are usually set to very large values for this reason.





Simplified Scenario

- Prediction markets operate in a similar manner to the stock market.
- In order to implement this structure, we have to write code that functions to buy/sell, market clearing, etc.
- Instead, we simplify the prediction market into the betting platform.





State Variables for Prediction Market

- Information about the prediction market itself
 - organizer, closing time, etc.
- Possible outcomes of the event
- Information about bettings
 - How much money betted (on each option) was, who bets how much, etc.





[Ex. 1] Prediction Market (1) State Variables

```
pragma solidity >0.7.0 <0.8.0;
contract PredictionMarket{
    enum Result{DEFAULT, draw, winA, winB}
    struct Betting{
        Result option:
        uint betted:
    address private owner:
    uint public closingTime:
    mapping(address => Betting) private bettings:
    address[] private participants;
    uint public totalBetted;
    uint[4] public totalBettedOn;
    string public result = "DEFAULT";
    Result private resultInternal;
    uint public rewardMultiplier: // 10000 means 100.00%
    bool public isResultRealsed:
    bool public isSettled:
```





[Ex. 1] Prediction Market (2) Modifiers & Constructor





[Ex. 1] Prediction Market (3) Betting function

```
function bet(uint8 _option) public payable onlyBeforeClosing {
    require(msg.value > 0, "You must bet any amount.");
    require(_option < totalBettedOn.length, "Invalid option.");
    require(_option > 0, "You cannot bet on the default option.");
    participants.push(msg.sender);
    bettings[msg.sender].option = Result(_option);
    bettings[msg.sender].betted = msg.value;
    totalBetted += msg.value;
    totalBettedOn[_option] += msg.value;
}
```





[Ex. 1] Prediction Market (4) Cancel function

```
function cancel() public onlyBeforeClosing {
   require(bettings[msg.sender].betted > 0, "You did not make a bet.");
   uint refund = bettings[msg.sender].betted;
   if (payable(msg.sender).send(refund)) {
      totalBetted -= refund;
      Result option = bettings[msg.sender].option;
      totalBettedUn[uint8(option)] -= refund;
      bettings[msg.sender].betted = 0;
   }
}
```





[Ex. 1] Prediction Market (5) Settlement function

```
function settle() public onlyAfterClosing {
    require(isResultRealsed, "The result is not released yet.");
    uint numParticipants = participants.length;
    for (uint i = 0; i < numParticipants; i++){
        address participant = participants[i];
        Betting storage betting = bettings[participant];
        if (betting.option == resultInternal) {
            uint reward = betting.betted * rewardMultiplier / 10000;
            if (payable(participant).send(reward)){
                totalBettedOn[uint8(resultInternal)] -= betting.betted:
                bettings[participant].betted = 0;
    if (totalBettedOn[uint8(resultInternal)] == 0){
        // 'address(this).balance' is the balance of this contract
        payable(owner).transfer(address(this).balance);
        isSettled = true;
}
```





[Ex. 1] Prediction Market (6) Misc.

```
function release() public onlyOwner onlyAfterClosing {
    require(!isResultRealsed, "The result is already released.");
    // WARNING: The value generated from this code is not a random number,
                nor does it meet the requirements to be a pseudo-random number.
    uint num = block.timestamp % 3 + 1:
    resultInternal = Result(num):
    if (num == 1) {
        result = "Draw":
    } else if (num == 2) {
        result = "A wins":
    } else if (num == 3) \frac{1}{4}
        result = "B wins":
    rewardMultiplier = totalBetted * 10000 / totalBettedOn[uint8(resultInternal)]:
    isResultRealsed = true:
// WARNING: For practice, just for in this lecture.
function imforceClosing() public onlyOwner {
    closingTime = 0;
```





Execution: Prediction Market



- Set the value you want to send.
- Set the option that the selected account bets on, and bet.
 - What happens if you set the option=0 and run?
- Use totalBetted and totalBettedOn to check bets are correctly placed.





Execution: Prediction Market (Cont.)



- Select an account to cancel.
- Use cancel and check if the bet is correctly canceled.





Execution: Prediction Market (Cont.)



- After *closingTime*, realse the result.
- You can use *imforceClosing*.
- Make a settlement using settle.





References

- Solidity official documentation, https://docs.soliditylang.org/en/latest/types.html
- Statista. https://www.statista.com
- Defi Llama. https://defillama.com
- Polymarket. https://polymarket.com



