Web3 Trading — Trader Behavior Insights

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Objective

Explore how trader performance (profitability, risk, volume, leverage) aligns or diverges from Bitcoin market sentiment (Fear vs Greed) and extract actionable insights for smarter trading strategies.

Datasets

- 1. Historical Trader Data Hyperliquid (columns include account, symbol, execution price, size, side, time, start position, event, closedPnL, leverage, etc.)
- 2. Bitcoin Fear & Greed Index daily classification (Fear / Greed)

Methods

- Data cleaning and datetime alignment.
- Feature engineering: notional (size * price), pnl_pct, win flag, daily aggregation.
- EDA: distribution plots, boxplots, daily aggregations.
- Statistical comparisons: mean/median comparisons across sentiment groups.
- (Optional) simple logistic regression to check predictive signals.

Key Visuals

- Sentiment counts (sentiment_counts.png)
- PnL distribution by sentiment (pnl_distribution.png)
- Trading volume (notional) vs sentiment (trading_volume_vs_sentiment.png)
- Leverage vs sentiment (leverage vs sentiment.png) if available

Key Findings

- Finding 1: [short, quantified statement e.g., "Avg leverage is \sim X% higher on Greed days (p = 0.03)."1
- Finding 2: [e.g., "Median closed PnL is higher/lower under Fear median PnL for Fear = \$..., Greed = \$...."]
- Finding 3: [e.g., "Daily notional (volume) increases by an average of ... before sentiment flips."]

Actionable Recommendations

- 1. Risk control: Reduce position size or set stricter stop rules during Greed spikes when leverage increases.
- 2. Strategy signal: Consider momentum strategies when volume spikes pre-flip; validate with backtest.
- 3. Monitoring: Combine on-chain price action with sentiment signal for trade sizing adjustments.

Limitations & Next Steps

- Limited to dataset timeframe and granularity. Merge with price time-series (OHLC) and on-chain liquidity would strengthen analysis.
- Backtest recommended strategies over multiple market regimes.

Appendix

Links:

- Colab notebook:

https://colab.research.google.com/drive/17EKiZ02N8c0z3Gq5R1A aPm358Xw8ddo?usp=sharing - GitHub link: https://github.com/kalex0000/ds Web3-Trading