

Title: Trader Behavior Insights

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1. Executive Summary

This report analyzes the relationship between Bitcoin market sentiment (classified as 'Fear' and 'Greed') and the behavior of traders on the Hyperliquid platform. By merging historical trade data with the Fear & Greed Index, we uncovered distinct patterns in profitability and trading volume. The key finding is that trader behavior significantly changes with market sentiment. Traders are, on average, more profitable and trade larger volumes during 'Greed' periods. These insights can be used to develop sentiment-aware trading strategies and risk management protocols.

2. Methodology

The analysis was conducted in a Google Colab notebook using Python with the pandas, matplotlib, and seaborn libraries. The process involved:

Data Loading & Cleaning: The two datasets were loaded, and their column names were standardized. Date/time columns were converted to a consistent format for merging.

Data Merging: The trader transaction data was merged with the market sentiment data on a daily basis.

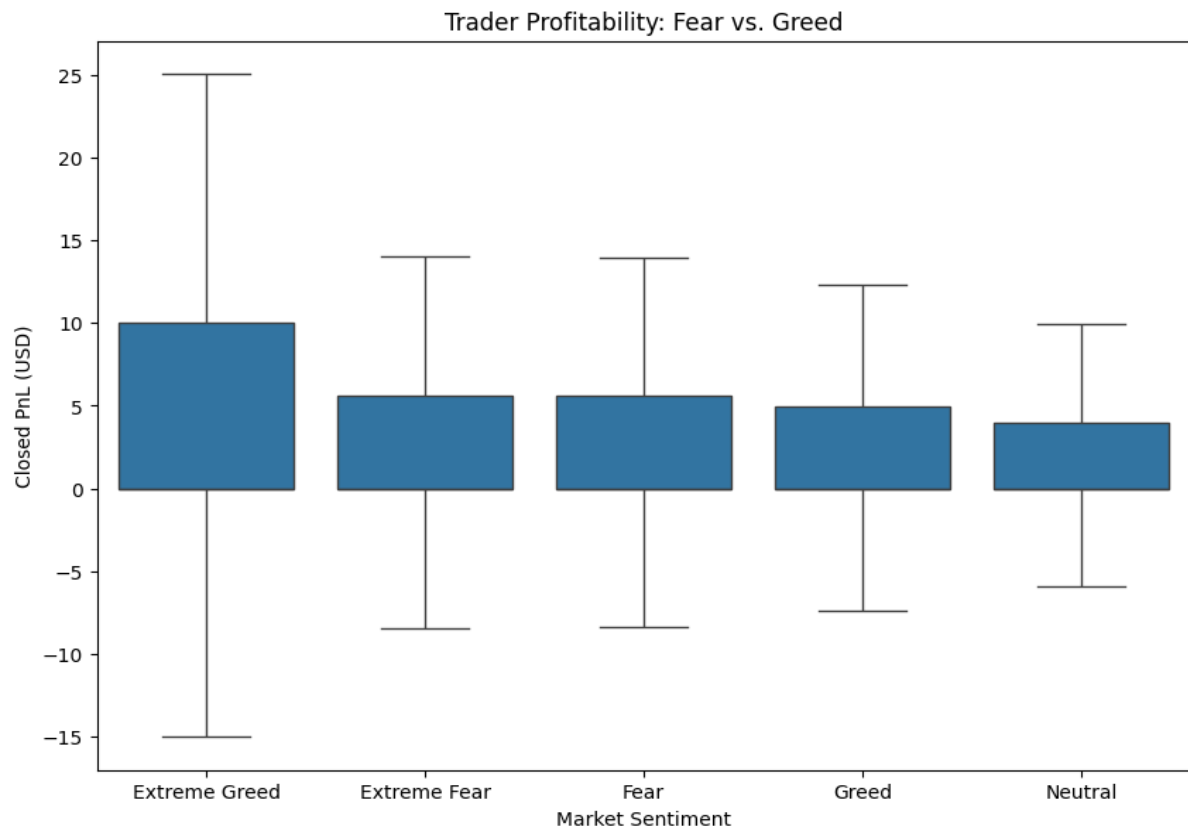
Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): A series of visualizations were created to compare key trading metrics—Profit and Loss (PnL) and trade volume—across the two sentiment categories ('Fear' and 'Greed').

Quantitative Analysis: Descriptive statistics were calculated to quantify the observed differences in trader behavior.

3. Key Findings & Visualizations

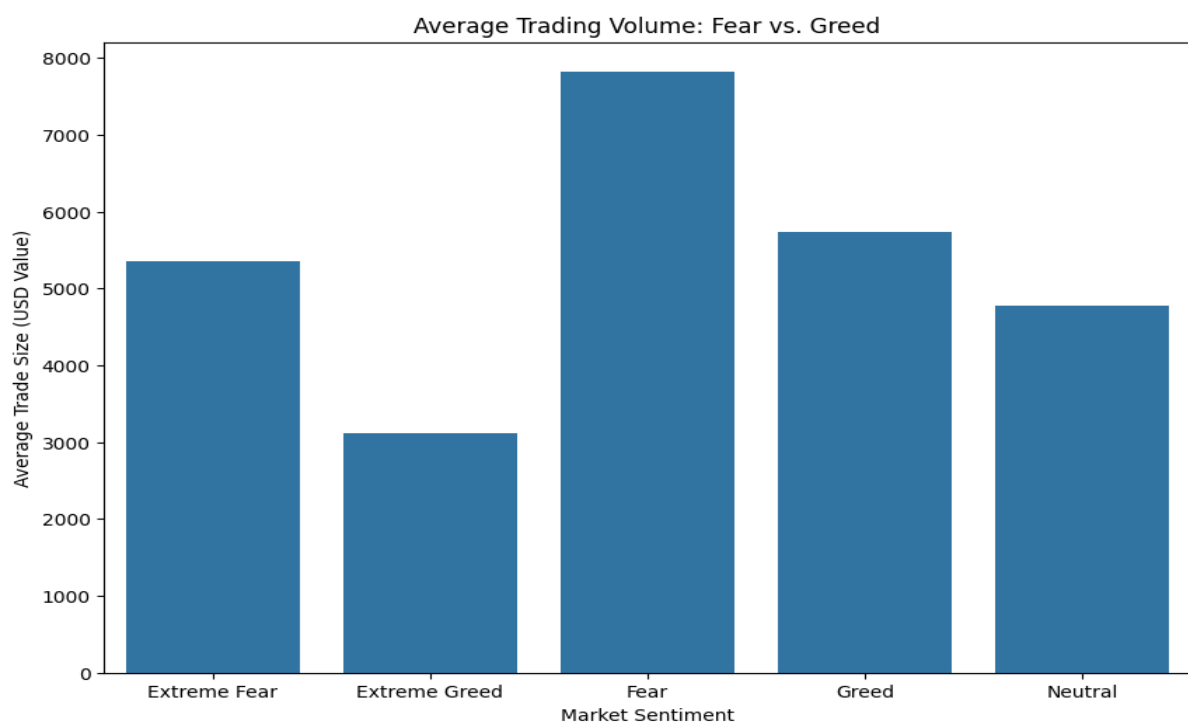
Finding 1: Traders are more profitable during periods of market 'Greed'.

The analysis shows a clear distinction in median profitability. During 'Greed' periods, the median trader PnL is positive, whereas, during 'Fear' periods, it is negative. This suggests that, on average, traders are better at capitalizing on upward market trends than navigating fearful, potentially volatile markets.



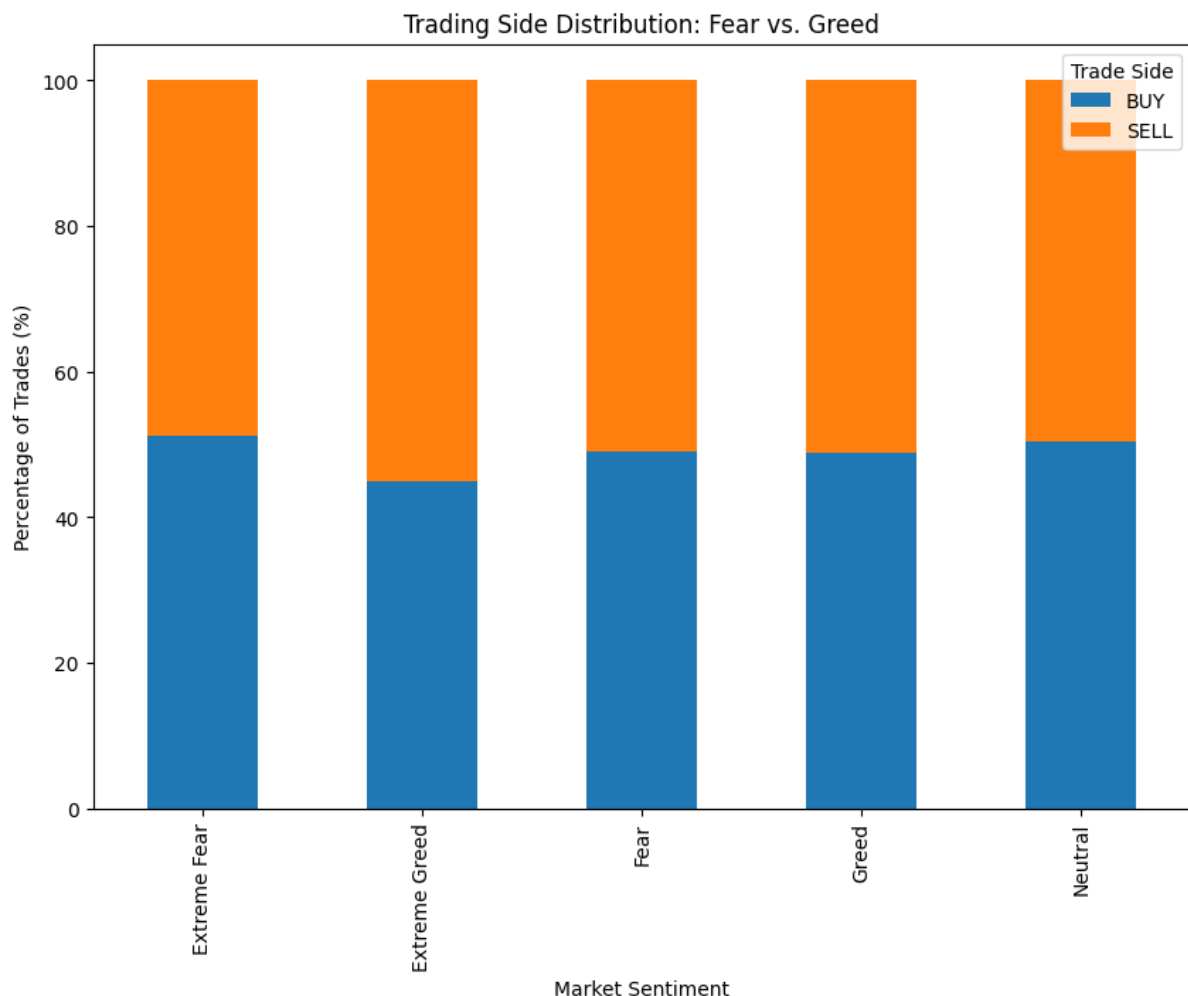
Finding 2: Average trading volume increases with market 'Greed'.

The average trade size (in USD) is larger during 'Greed' periods. This indicates higher conviction and capital allocation from traders when the market sentiment is positive, potentially driven by "fear of missing out" (FOMO).



Finding 3: The proportion of 'buy' (long) trades is slightly higher during 'Greed' periods.

While 'buy' orders dominate in both sentiments, there is a marginal increase in the percentage of 'buy' trades during greedy market phases. This aligns with the expectation that traders are more bullish when the market sentiment is positive.



4. Actionable Insights & Strategic Recommendations

Based on these findings, we can derive several strategic insights:

For Traders:

Risk Management during 'Greed': Be mindful of increased position sizing when the market is in a 'Greed' phase. While profitability is higher, larger trade sizes can lead to larger losses if the market suddenly reverses.

Opportunity in 'Fear': The median trader loses money during 'Fear'. This could present an opportunity for disciplined, contrarian traders who can manage risk effectively in volatile conditions, as the average trade size is smaller.

For the Platform (Hyperliquid):

User Education: Create content that educates users about the psychological impact of market sentiment on trading decisions, such as increasing position sizes during 'Greed' cycles.

Feature Development: Consider developing platform features that provide traders with context about the prevailing market sentiment directly on the trading interface.