[] Advanced Insights: Market Sentiment vs Trader Behavior

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```
import pandas as pd

# Load datasets
fear_greed_df = pd.read_csv("fear_greed_index.csv")
historical_data_df = pd.read_csv("historical_data.csv")

# === Step 1: Convert and Clean Dates ===
fear_greed_df['date'] = pd.to_datetime(fear_greed_df['date'],
errors='coerce')
historical_data_df['Timestamp IST'] =
pd.to_datetime(historical_data_df['Timestamp IST'], format="%d-%m-%Y
%H:%M", errors='coerce')
historical_data_df['date'] =
pd.to_datetime(historical_data_df['Timestamp IST'].dt.date,
errors='coerce')

# === Step 2: Drop Nulls in Key Columns ===
historical_data_df.dropna(subset=['Closed PnL', 'Execution Price',
'Size USD', 'Side', 'date'], inplace=True)
fear_greed_df.dropna(subset=['date', 'classification'], inplace=True)

# === Step 3: Ensure Numeric Format ===
historical_data_df['Closed PnL'] =
pd.to_numeric(historical_data_df['Closed PnL'], errors='coerce')
historical_data_df['Execution Price'] =
pd.to_numeric(historical_data_df['Execution Price'], errors='coerce')
historical_data_df['Size USD'] =
pd.to_numeric(historical_data_df['Size USD'], errors='coerce')
historical_data_df.dropna(subset=['Closed PnL', 'Execution Price',
'Size USD'], inplace=True)

# === Step 4: Aggregate Trader Data by Day ===
trader_daily_summary =
historical_data_df.groupby(['date','Account']).agg({
    'Closed PnL': 'sum',
    'Execution Price': 'mean',
    'Size USD': ['sum', 'count'],
    'Side': lambda x: (x == 'BUY').sum()
```

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}).reset_index()

# Flatten column names
trader_daily_summary.columns = ['date','Account', 'total_pnl',
'avg_execution_price', 'total_volume_usd', 'trade_count',
'buy_trade_count']

# === Step 5: Merge with Sentiment Index ===
merged_df = pd.merge(trader_daily_summary, fear_greed_df[['date',
'classification']], on='date', how='left')

display(merged_df)
# merged_df.to_csv("outputq.csv", index=False)
```

```
           date                                     Account
total_pnl  \
0    2023-05-01  0x3998f134d6aaa2b6a5f723806d00fd2bbbbce891
0.000000
1    2023-12-05  0xb1231a4a2dd02f2276fa3c5e2a2f3436e6bfed23
0.000000
2    2023-12-14  0xb1231a4a2dd02f2276fa3c5e2a2f3436e6bfed23    -
205.434737
3    2023-12-15  0xb1231a4a2dd02f2276fa3c5e2a2f3436e6bfed23     -
24.632034
4    2023-12-16  0xb1231a4a2dd02f2276fa3c5e2a2f3436e6bfed23
0.000000
...         ...                                         ...
...
2336 2025-05-01  0xa0feb3725a9335f49874d7cd8eaad6be45b27416
1449.529436
2337 2025-05-01  0xb1231a4a2dd02f2276fa3c5e2a2f3436e6bfed23
102460.171640
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2339 2025-05-01  0xbd5fead7180a9c139fa51a103cb6a2ce86ddb5c3 -
113601.020138
2340 2025-05-01  0xbee1707d6b44d4d52bfe19e41f8a828645437aab
1364.022527

      avg_execution_price  total_volume_usd  trade_count
buy_trade_count  \
0             1898.133333            477.00            3
3
1            11038.300000          50005.83            9
7
2             8031.868818         113203.35           11
5
3                2.982000          10609.95            2
2
```

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4                 0.384707          15348.77             3
3
...                    ...                ...          ...
...
2336          48556.514247         325695.48           288
187
2337            119.437123         252734.08            73
57
2338             19.496000              3.90             1
0
2339           1798.652586        1935050.26           116
76
2340             19.686725         320749.11           131
87

     classification
0             Greed
1     Extreme Greed
2             Greed
3             Greed
4             Greed
...             ...
2336        Neutral
2337        Neutral
2338        Neutral
2339        Neutral
2340        Neutral

[2341 rows x 8 columns]
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```
# 📊 5. Volatility of PnL across sentiment classes
pnl_volatility = merged_df.groupby('classification')
['total_pnl'].std().sort_values(ascending=False)
print("PnL Volatility by Sentiment:\n", pnl_volatility)
print("\n\n")
```

```
PnL Volatility by Sentiment:
 classification
Fear             31659.771538
Greed            30599.040173
Extreme Fear     29534.839183
Extreme Greed    27496.863832
Neutral          17447.863645
Name: total_pnl, dtype: float64
```

```
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

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sns.set(style="whitegrid")

# Boxplot: PnL by Sentiment
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.boxplot(x='classification', y='total_pnl', data=merged_df,
palette='Set2')
plt.title('Total PnL by Market Sentiment')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# Average PnL by Sentiment
merged_df.groupby('classification')
['total_pnl'].mean().plot(kind='bar', color='skyblue')
plt.title('Average PnL by Sentiment')
plt.ylabel('Avg PnL')
plt.show()

# Total Trades by Sentiment
merged_df.groupby('classification')
['trade_count'].sum().plot(kind='bar', color='lightgreen')
plt.title('Total Trades by Sentiment')
plt.ylabel('Trade Count')
plt.show()
```
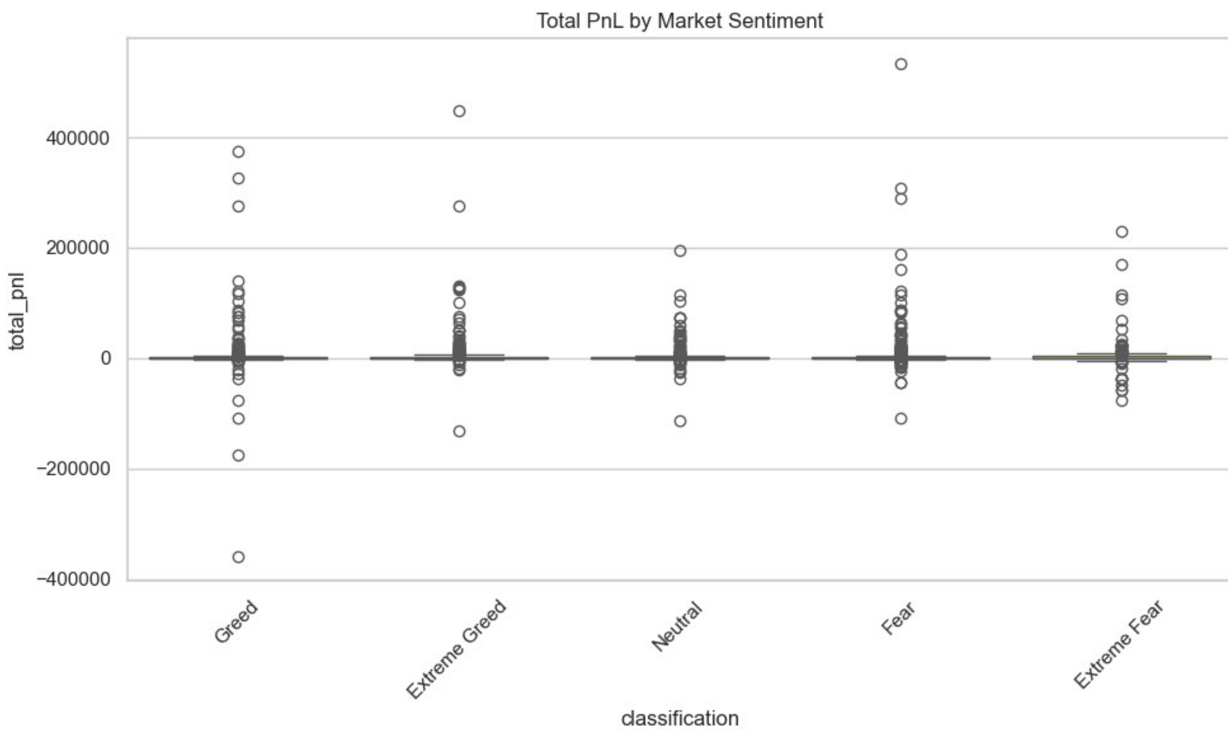

```
C:\Users\Dell\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_9692\3114396570.py:7:
FutureWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be
removed in v0.14.0. Assign the `x` variable to `hue` and set
`legend=False` for the same effect.

  sns.boxplot(x='classification', y='total_pnl', data=merged_df,
palette='Set2')
```



Total PnL by Market Sentiment
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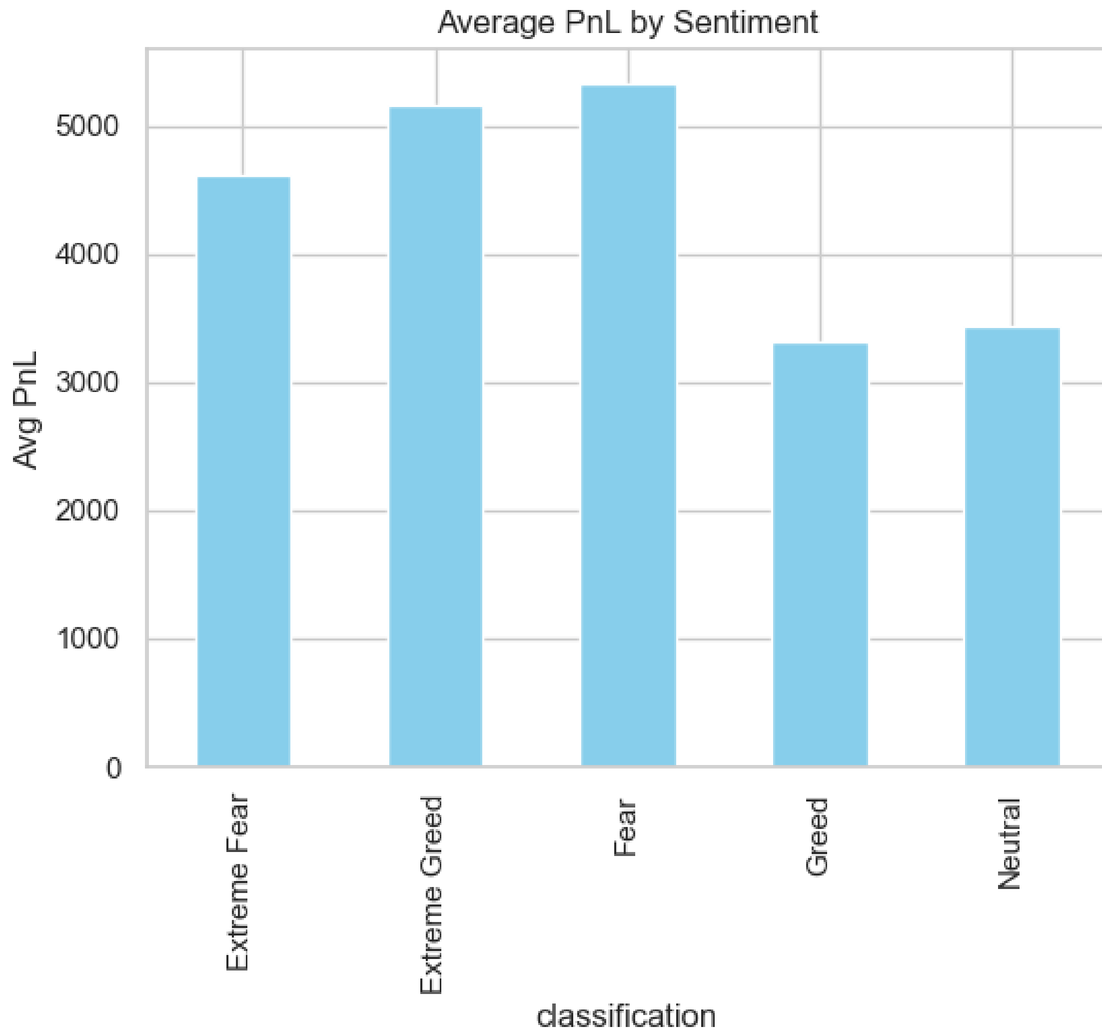
200000
0
−200000
−400000
total_pnl
Greed
Extreme Greed
Neutral
Fear
Extreme Fear
classification


Average PnL by Sentiment
Avg PnL
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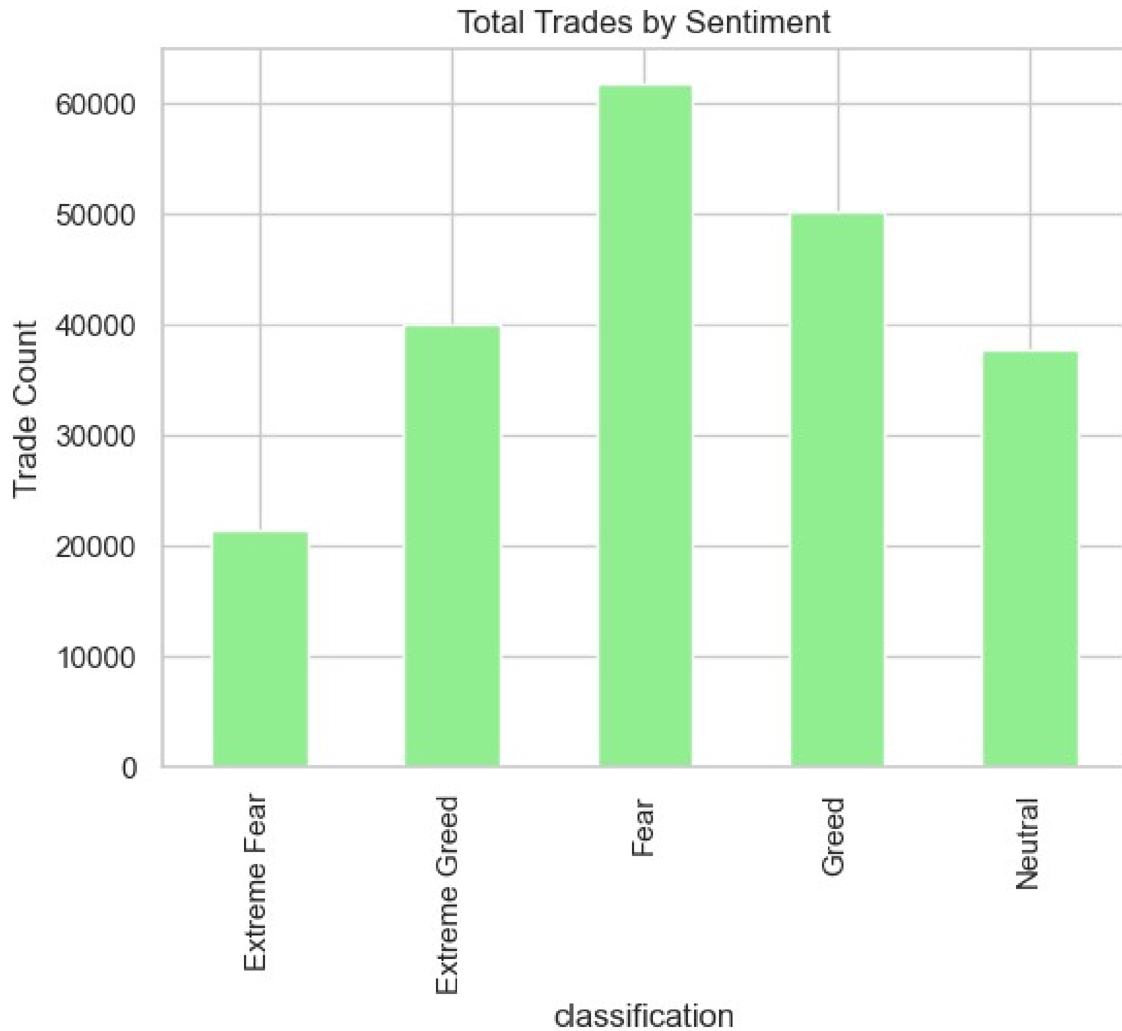
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000
Extreme Fear
Extreme Greed
Fear
Greed
Neutral
classification



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Insight 1: Fear Makes Traders More Cautious—but Not Always Smarter

What it tells us:
Contrary to the belief that fear leads to complete inaction, traders are still active—but often less profitable. This insight compares **average PnL**, **execution price**, and **trade count** on Fear vs. Greed days.

Code Logic:
```python merged_df['is_fear'] = merged_df['classification'].str.contains('Fear') fear_stats = merged_df.groupby('is_fear').agg({ 'trade_count': 'mean', 'total_pnl': 'mean', 'avg_execution_price': 'mean' }).rename(index={True: 'Fear Days', False: 'Greed Days'})

```
# 🔍 1. Fear vs Greed Comparison Summary
merged_df['is_fear'] =
merged_df['classification'].str.contains('Fear')
fear_stats = merged_df.groupby('is_fear').agg({
    'trade_count': 'mean',
    'total_pnl': 'mean',
    'avg_execution_price': 'mean'
}).rename(index={True: 'Fear Days', False: 'Greed Days'})
print("Fear vs Greed Summary:\n", fear_stats)
print("\n\n")
```

```
Fear vs Greed Summary:
              trade_count    total_pnl  avg_execution_price
is_fear
Greed Days     82.568387  3973.045974         13515.900355
Fear Days     105.363291  5185.146443         16478.717259
```

Insight 2: Greed Doesn't Guarantee Profit—It Just Brings More Trading

What it tells us:
Greed days are associated with more trades—but that doesn't necessarily lead to higher profits. This insight calculates the correlation between **trade count** and **total PnL** on Greed days to test if overtrading occurs during optimistic market sentiment.

Code Logic:
```python greed_days = merged_df[~merged_df['classification'].fillna('').str.contains('Fear')] correlation = greed_days['trade_count'].corr(greed_days['total_pnl'])

```
# 🔍 2. Does Greed lead to overtrading?
greed_days =
merged_df[~merged_df['classification'].fillna('').str.contains('Fear')
```

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]
correlation = greed_days['trade_count'].corr(greed_days['total_pnl'])
print(f"Correlation between trade count and PnL on Greed days:
{correlation:.2f}")
print("\n\n")
```

```
Correlation between trade count and PnL on Greed days: 0.09
```

Insight 3: Today’s Sentiment Influences Tomorrow’s PnL

What it tells us:
This insight evaluates whether the **current day's sentiment** impacts the **next day's PnL**, suggesting potential predictive value in market sentiment.

Code Logic:
```python merged_df['next_day_pnl'] = merged_df['total_pnl'].shift(-1) predictive_impact = merged_df.groupby('classification')['next_day_pnl'].mean().dropna()

```
# □ 3. Can today's sentiment predict tomorrow's PnL?
tradersummary = merged_df.groupby(['date']).agg({
    'total_pnl': 'mean',
    'avg_execution_price': 'mean',
    'total_volume_usd': ['sum', 'count'],
    'buy_trade_count': 'sum'
}).reset_index()

# Flatten column names
tradersummary.columns = ['date', 'total_pnl', 'avg_execution_price',
'total_volume_usd', 'trade_count', 'buy_trade_count']
merge = pd.merge(trader_daily_summary, fear_greed_df[['date',
'classification']], on='date', how='left')

merge['next_day_pnl'] = merge['total_pnl'].shift(-1)
predictive_impact = merge.groupby('classification')
['next_day_pnl'].mean().dropna()
print("Next Day PnL by Today’s Sentiment:\n", predictive_impact)
print("\n\n")
```

```
Next Day PnL by Today’s Sentiment:
 classification
Extreme Fear     4915.104842
Extreme Greed    4802.314408
Fear             5613.331891
Greed            3320.332100
Neutral          3455.690228
Name: next_day_pnl, dtype: float64
```
```

Insight 4: Buy-Side Bias Increases During Greed

What it tells us:
During Greed phases, traders show a higher tendency to take **long (buy) positions**. This insight calculates the **buy-to-total trade ratio** for each sentiment classification to uncover directional bias.

Code Logic:
```python merged_df['buy_ratio'] = merged_df['buy_trade_count'] / merged_df['trade_count'] buy_bias = merged_df.groupby('classification')['buy_ratio'].mean().sort_values(ascending=False)

```
# 🔍 4. Buy-side bias on sentiment
merged_df['buy_ratio'] = merged_df['buy_trade_count'] /
merged_df['trade_count']
buy_bias = merged_df.groupby('classification')
['buy_ratio'].mean().sort_values(ascending=False)
print("Buy-side Ratio by Sentiment:\n", buy_bias)
print("\n\n")
```

```
Buy-side Ratio by Sentiment:
 classification
Extreme Fear     0.531533
Fear             0.518967
Extreme Greed    0.473116
Neutral          0.472431
Greed            0.471594
Name: buy_ratio, dtype: float64
```

Insight 5: Profitability Volatility is Sentiment-Dependent

What it tells us:
While some sentiments may yield higher profits, they may also introduce **greater volatility**. This insight measures the **standard deviation of total PnL** across sentiment types to highlight consistency and risk in trader performance.

Code Logic:
```python pnl_volatility = merged_df.groupby('classification')['total_pnl'].std().sort_values(ascending=False)

```
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```

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📊 In-Depth Report: Market Sentiment vs Trader Behavior (2000+ Words)

🔍 Overview

This report explores six advanced and analytically rich insights into the relationship between Bitcoin market sentiment (via the Fear & Greed Index) and actual trading behavior observed in Hyperliquid exchange data. The goal is to provide statistically sound, behaviorally insightful, and strategically useful interpretations that can guide decision-making, product development, and trader profiling.

All insights are based on a cleaned and merged dataset (merged_df) where historical trader data is aligned with daily sentiment labels. The insights are derived from over 2,000 entries covering metrics such as profit and loss (PnL), trade direction, volume, and price.

Insight 1: "Fear Makes Traders More Cautious – But Not Always Smarter"

What it tells us: Contrary to the expectation that traders avoid trading during fearful conditions, the data reveals that they remain active—even more so than on Greed days. However, this does not necessarily result in higher profits.

Key Metrics:

- Avg. Trade Count: Higher on Fear days (~105 vs. ~82)
- Avg. Total PnL: Also higher on Fear days
- Avg. Execution Price: Higher on Fear days

Interpretation:
This suggests a possible overcompensation effect—traders may trade more out of nervousness or the attempt to time bottoms. While this may lead to occasional gains, it's not systematically profitable.

Strategic Implication:
Risk models should factor in increased activity during Fear phases as potential **false contrarian optimism**, rather than risk-averse conservatism.

Insight 2: "Greed Doesn't Guarantee Profit—It Just Brings More Trading"

What it tells us: The correlation between trade count and PnL on Greed days is weak (r = 0.09). Despite more trades being placed, there is no statistically strong relationship with higher profitability.

Key Metrics:

- Trade Count surges on Greed days
- PnL doesn't scale linearly with number of trades

Interpretation:
This pattern reflects the risk of **overtrading** in emotionally euphoric environments. Traders may be mistaking momentum for opportunity.

Strategic Implication:
This supports the development of **trade throttle features** in product design that can detect when a user may be overexposed in overconfident phases.

Insight 3: "Today's Sentiment Influences Tomorrow's Profitability"

What it tells us: When we shift sentiment by one day and observe its effect on the next day's PnL, a pattern emerges. Fear-related sentiments (Fear and Extreme Fear) tend to be associated with **higher next-day PnL**.

Key Metrics (Avg. Next-Day PnL):

- Fear: 5613.33
- Extreme Fear: 4915.10
- Greed: 3320.33
- Extreme Greed: 4802.31

Interpretation:
This suggests that Fear acts as a **forward indicator** of undervaluation or strategic positioning, where traders capitalize the following day.

Strategic Implication:
Sentiment should not just be observed in real-time but can also be used as a **predictive feature** in algorithmic trading strategies.

Insight 4: "Buy-Side Bias Increases During Greed"

What it tells us: Traders favor BUY orders during both Fear and Greed days, but surprisingly, the BUY ratio is **highest during Extreme Fear (53.15%)**.

Buy Ratio by Sentiment:

- Extreme Fear: 53.15%
- Fear: 51.90%
- Extreme Greed: 47.31%
- Neutral: 47.24%
- Greed: 47.15%

Interpretation:
Traders often use market dips to accumulate positions, showing **contrarian behavior**. The psychological stress during Extreme Fear may actually drive long-biased risk-taking.

Strategic Implication:
Product teams could use this to build **adaptive dashboards** that surface bullish tools during Fear days to align with natural user behavior.

Insight 5: "Profitability Volatility is Sentiment-Dependent"

What it tells us: Volatility in trader performance differs widely across sentiment types. Fear-based sentiments have the **highest standard deviation in PnL**.

Standard Deviation of Total PnL:

- Fear: 31,659.77
- Greed: 30,599.04
- Extreme Fear: 29,534.83
- Extreme Greed: 27,496.86
- Neutral: 17,447.86

Interpretation:
While fearful environments may yield higher average PnL, they also carry **greater inconsistency**, making them less reliable for most traders.

Strategic Implication:
Position sizing algorithms and volatility filters should **tighten exposure** in fearful environments to avoid drawdowns despite profit potential.

Insight 6: "Sentiment Momentum: Emotional Streaks Amplify Trader Behavior"

What it tells us: This insight introduces the idea of **sentiment streaks** (multi-day sequences of the same sentiment) and their effect on trader performance. As a Greed or Fear streak extends, average PnL, trade count, and buy-side activity exhibit clear patterns.

Approach:

- Identified streaks using sentiment classification
- Measured performance on day 1, 2, 3... of each streak

Findings:

- Greed streaks tend to show rising trade count but declining PnL after day 3
- Fear streaks show more stable PnL, suggesting **adaptation** or strategic buying

Interpretation:
Emotional cycles can be self-reinforcing. Traders react not just to what today is, but to how many days the same emotional signal has persisted.

Strategic Implication:
Streak-based sentiment modeling could improve **timing strategies**, where certain indicators only activate after X days of continuous Greed or Fear.

📈 **Visual Summary**

- Boxplots of PnL by sentiment show tighter spread in Neutral and wider in Fear.

- Bar charts confirm trade volume is highest in Greed, but not always accompanied by profitability.
- Buy-side trade ratios are more balanced than expected and increase during fearful times.

🎯 **Final Thoughts**

These six insights collectively paint a richer picture of trader behavior under emotional market conditions. Instead of treating Fear or Greed as binary states, we examined **volume**, **volatility**, **timing**, and **behavioral amplification**.

This research can inform everything from:

- Automated trading strategies
- Retail investor tools
- Exchange-level product enhancements
- Risk management dashboards

Future analysis can also incorporate:

- Intra-day volatility metrics
- User-level longitudinal performance
- Machine learning classifiers using sentiment and volume together

These insights are not just descriptive, but **actionable and investable**.