Lecture 11: CS 5306 / INFO 5306: Crowdsourcing and Human Computation

Amazon Mechanical Turk

Do the "Amazon Mechanical Turk account set-up poll" on Piazza

Readings

- Today: *Infotopia*, Chapter 4
- Thursday (March 10): Infotopia, Chapter 5
- Tuesday (March 15): Infotopia, Chapter 6





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The complexity of price discovery in an efficient market: the stock market reaction to the Challenger crash ☆

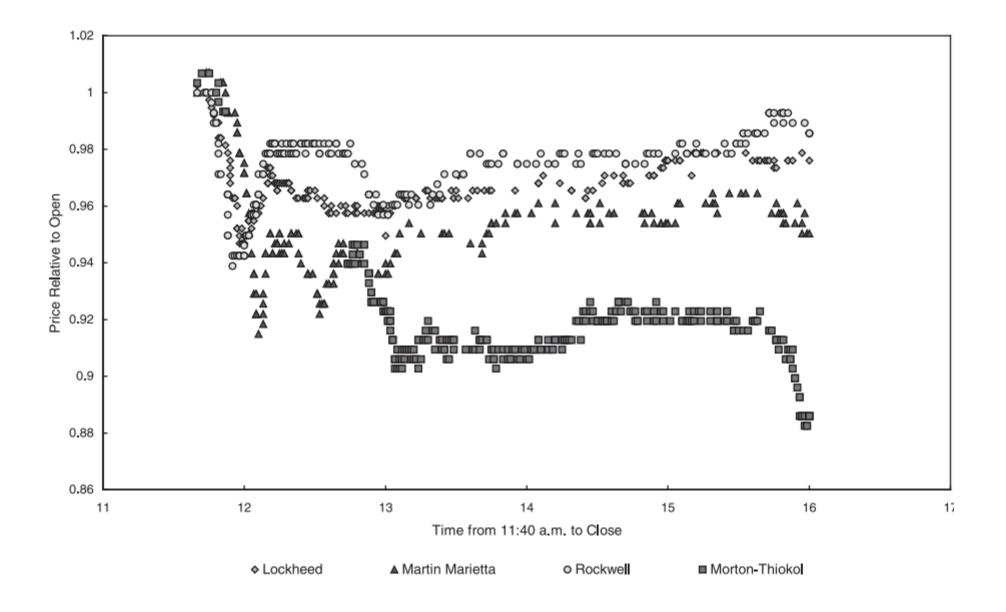
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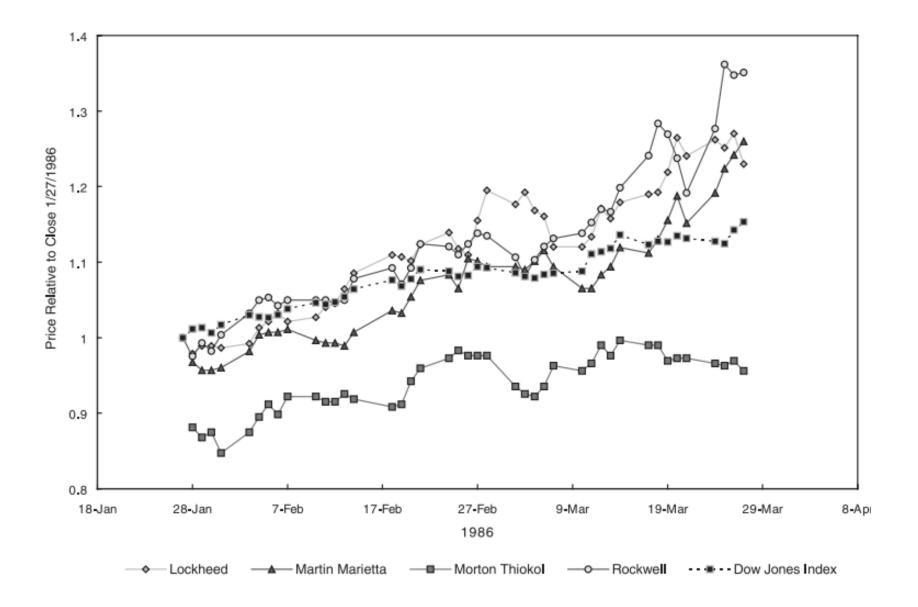
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Abstract

We provide evidence on the speed and accuracy of price discovery by studying stock returns and trading volume surrounding the crash of the space shuttle Challenger. While the event was widely observed, it took several months for an esteemed panel to determine which of the mechanical components failed during the launch. By contrast, in the period immediately following the crash, securities trading in the four main shuttle contractors seemingly singled out the firm that manufactured the faulty component. We show that price discovery occurred without large trading profits and that much of the price discovery occurred during a trading halt of the firm responsible for the faulty component. Finally, although we document what are arguably quick and accurate movements of the market, we are unable to detect the actual manner in which particular informed traders induced price discovery.





• Tote board:



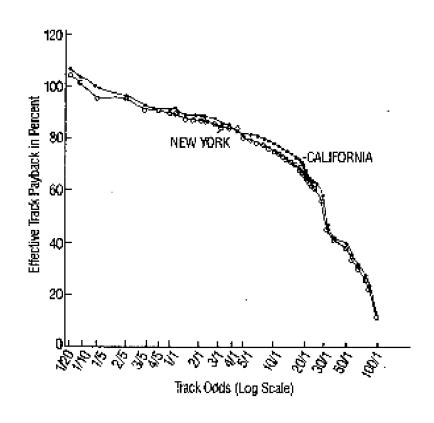
- Horse h₁, ..., h_n
- Totals wagers for each horse w₁, ..., w_n
- Total wagers across all horses W = $\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i$
- House take r×W ($r = ^17\%$)
- Each horse h_i returns $\frac{(1-r)\times W}{W_i}$ per dollar if it wins

Gamblers (collectively) are good predictors of race outcomes

	N. C	Odds Rank of Horse											
No. of Entries	No. of Races	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5	69	2.1	2.4	2.9	3.4	4.1							
6	181	2.2	2.9	3.2	3.6	4.2	4.9						
7	312	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.6	5.4					
8	352	2.8	3.2	3.9	4.2	4.7	5.1	5.7	6.4				
9	283	3.1	3.6	4.1	4.6	5.1	5 .3	6.0	6.4	7.1			
10	241	3.1	4.0	4.3	5.1	5.3	5.6	6.2	6.5	7.0	7.9		
11	154	3.8	4.0	4.7	5.2	5.7	5.8	6.3	6.9	7.2	7.8	8.5	
12	233	3.9	4.6	5.1	5.4	6.0	6.2	6.7	7.2	7.6	7.7	8.7	9.1

Source: Hoerl and Fallin (1974); data are from all 1,825 races run at Aqueduct and Belmont Park (NY) in 1970.

- Humans are biased estimators
- Favorite Long-Shot Bias:
 People have a preference away from low-return bets and toward "long shots"



Ziemba and Hausch 1986

- Favorite Long-Shot Bias Explanations:
 - Cognitive:
 - Misestimating probabilities
 - Preference for risks
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 - Economic:
 - Large bettors would damage their return if they bet all on one horse
 - "Insider" bookmakers placing bets to entice bets on losers
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- Would you buy it if someone offered to sell it at
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 - o \$3?

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 - How much would you buy this stock for?
 - = Price of the stock

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- Imagine 100 people (including you) owned this stock, and each gets a (private) opportunity to flip the coin 10 times before setting a price

What would you buy/sell the stock for? Would you get it?

Predict Markets

- Traditional stock market:
 - Buy and sell pieces of companies
 - Prices reflects collective sense of the value of the companies
- Prediction markets:
 - Buy and sell stocks whose value is determined by some unknown future event
 - Example: A stock that pays \$10 if the Republican candidate wins the US Presidency

IEM Iowa Electronic Markets



ABOUT THE IEM

ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE

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CURRENT QUOTES

LOGIN AND TRADE

OPEN AN ACCOUNT

What is the IEM?

The IEM is an online futures market where contract payoffs are based on real-world events such as political outcomes, companies' earnings per share (EPS), and stock price returns. The market is operated by University of Iowa Henry B. Tippie College of Business faculty as an educational and research project. More...

Who can participate in the IEM?

Are the participants playing with real money?

Can markets predict the future?

Can I get historical data from the IEM?

How do I start trading?

I need more information about the IEM...

IEM in the News

View All

February 1, 2016 Iowa Caucuses Throw Presidential Predictions into a Tizzy: Cruz Upsets Trump

January 29, 2016 **Iowa Nomination Betting Market Opens**

January 27, 2016 <u>Iowa Electronic Markets Opens Presidential Predictions</u>

November 12, 2015 See? I Was Right **SEARCH**

Current Markets

2016 U.S. Presidential Election Markets



opened markets in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election markets. The IEM 2016 U.S. Presidential Election Markets are real-money futures markets where contract payoffs will be determined by the popular vote cast in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.

2016 U.S. Congressional Election Markets



On Wednesday, November 19, The IEM opened a market in the 2016 U.S. Congressional elections. The IEM 2016 Congressional Control market is a realmoney futures markets where contract payoffs will be determined byt the outcomes of the 2016 U.S. Congressional elections.

Market PRES16_STA

- You pay \$1
- You get two "assets"
 - DEM16_WTA pays off \$1 if Democrat wins
 - REP16_WTA pays off \$1 if Republican wins
 - Only 1 option will win, so the market pays out the same amount that it takes in
 - You can sell the "assets" independently

Market Information: PRES16_WTA

| Assets | Bundles | Prospectus | Price History | Graph | Other Information |

** You must read the prospectus before trading **

Market:

Name: PRES16 WTA

Description: 2016 US Presidential Election Winner-Takes-All Market

Open Date: 11/19/14 11:30 AM

Close Date:

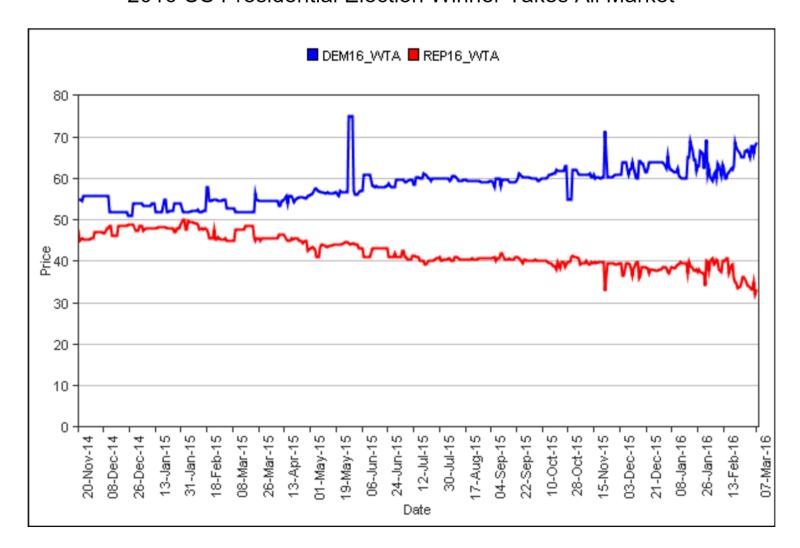
Assets:

Name	Description
DEM16_WTA	\$1 if the Democratic Party nominee receives the majority of popular votes cast for the two major parties in the 2016 U.S. Presidential election, \$0 otherwise
REP16_WTA	\$1 if the Republican Party nominee receives the majority of popular votes cast for the two major parties in the 2016 U.S. Presidential election, \$0 otherwise

Bundles: (To buy or sell bundles, select the bundle from the -Market Orders- list in your trading console. You may need to use the slide bar on the select box to see the bundle names.)

Name	BundleType	Price	Net Issued	Description
PRES16_WTA	Fixed Price	1.000	22,647	One of each contract in the PRES16_WTA market
PRES16_WTA	Market Price			One of each contract in the PRES16_WTA market

Pres16_WTA
2016 US Presidential Election Winner Takes All Market



Market Information: PRES16_VS

| Assets | Bundles | Prospectus | Price History | Graph | Other Information |

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Market:

Name: PRES16_VS

Description: 2016 US Presidential Vote Share Market

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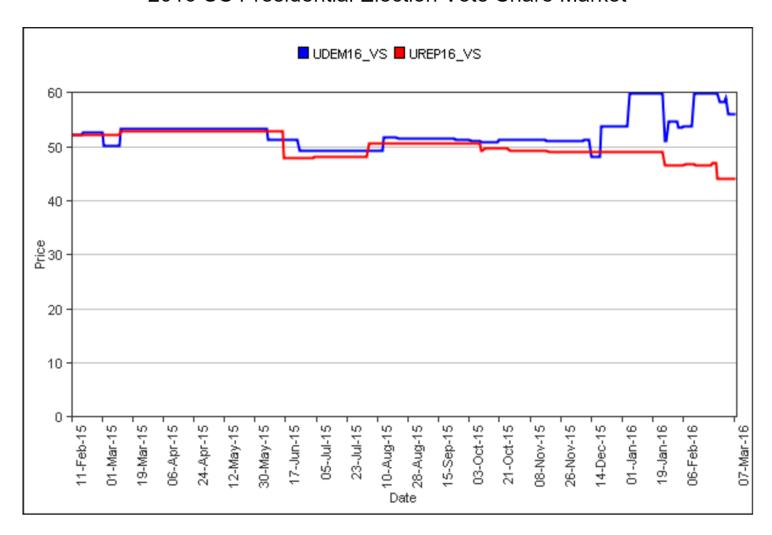
Assets:

Name	Description
UDEM16_VS	\$1 times the Unnamed Democratic Nominee share of the two-party popular vote in the 2016 U.S. Presidential election
UREP16_VS	\$1 times the Unnamed Republican Nominee share of the two-party popular vote in the 2016 U.S. Presidential election

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Pres16_VS 2016 US Presidential Election Vote Share Market



Iowa Electronic Markets

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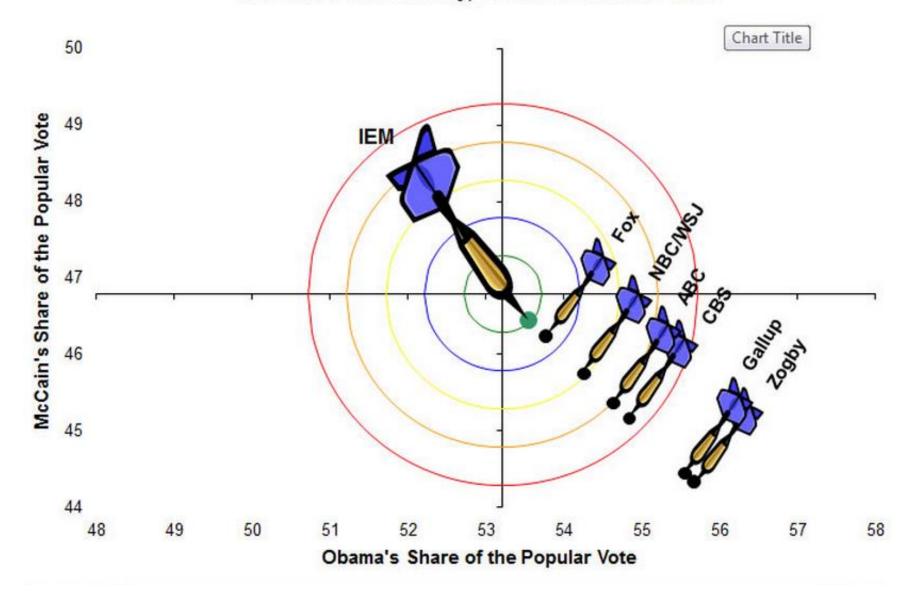
- 2016 U.S. Presidential Election Markets
- 2016 U.S. Presidential Nomination Markets
- 2016 U.S. Congressional Control Market

Closed Markets

- Twilight Movie Box Office Market
- Disney Price Level Market
- Computer Industry Returns Market
- Mexican Peso Market

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IEM and Poll Accuracy, 2008 Presidential Race



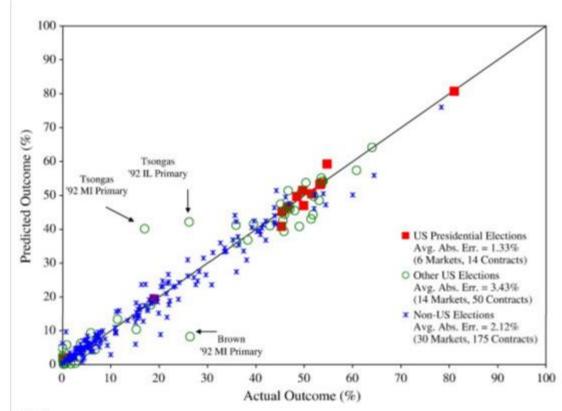


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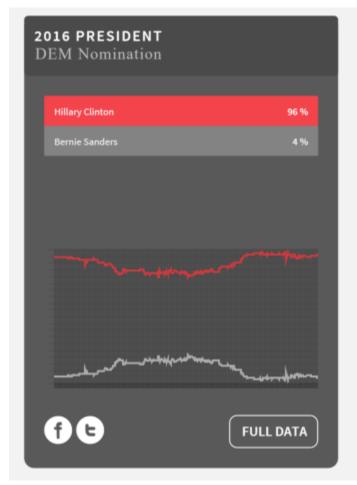
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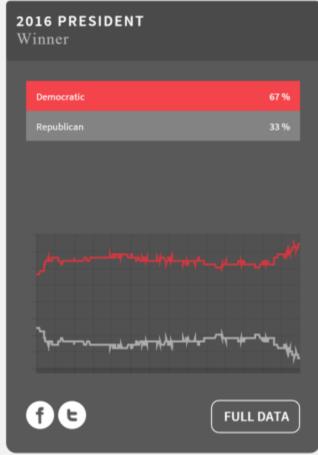


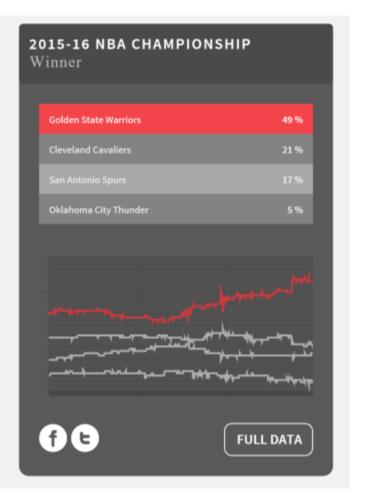
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2016 PRESIDENT GOP Nomination

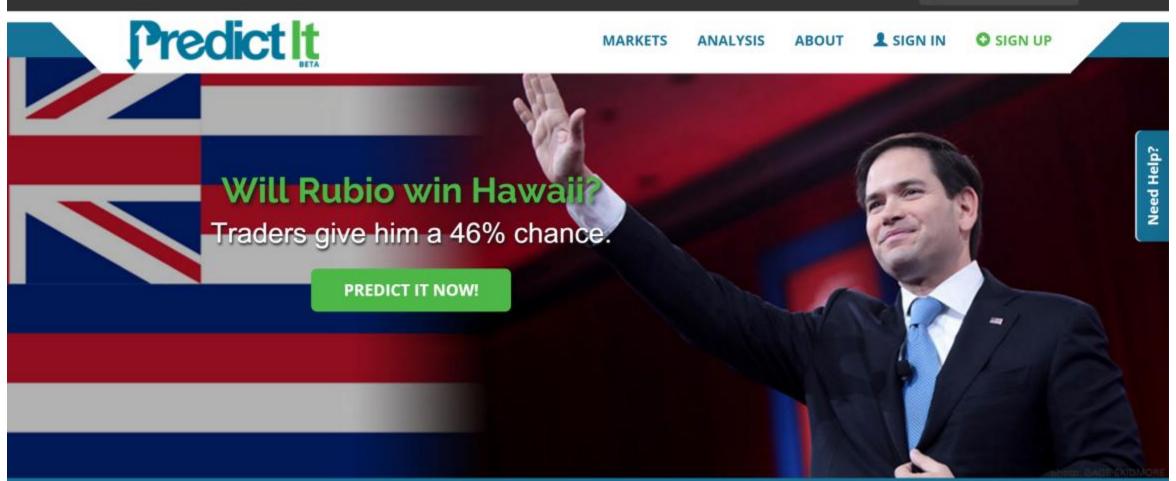
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DURATION 10 YEARS 02008-02017

"Over a ten-year period commencing on January 1, 2008, and ending on December 31, 2017, the S&P 500 will outperform a portfolio of funds of hedge funds, when performance is measured on a basis net of fees, costs and expenses."

PREDICTOR
Warren Buffett

CHALLENGER Protege Partners, LLC

STAKES \$1,000,000

will go to Girls Incorporated of Omaha if Buffett wins, or Friends of Absolute Return for Kids, Inc if Protege Partners, LLC wins.

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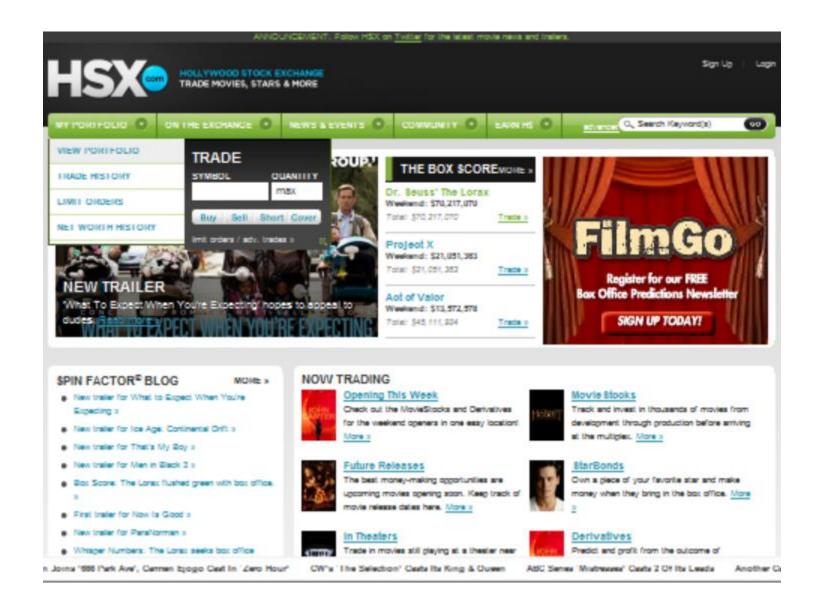
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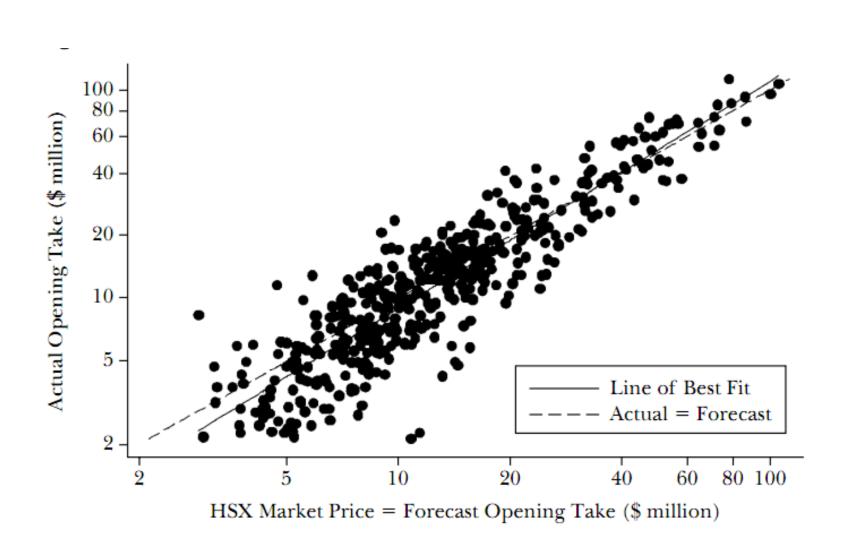
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NO.	PREDICTION	DURATION	STAKES	PREDICTOR	CHALLENGER
704.	During the 500 years between 02015 and 02515, the Farsight Fund will return much less than what it has historically. Past performance would suggest 3-4% real (after inflation) annual return on investment, but it will be 2% or less.	500 years 02015-02515	\$1,000 \$500	Sandra j Ewen	Sandra Ewen
601.	The original URL for this prediction (www.longbets.org/601) will no longer be available in eleven years.	11 years 02011-02022	\$1,000 \$500	Jeremy Keith	Matthew A Haughey
395.	The first true interstellar mission, targeted at the closest star to the Sun or even farther, will be launched before or on December 6, 2025 and will be widely supported by the public.	17 years 02008-02025	\$1,000 \$500	Tibor Pacher	Paul A Gilster
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Hollywood Stock Exchange



Technicalities

- Person i makes a "bid order" to buy m units at price p
- Person j makes an "ask order" to sell n units at price q
- Match up trades:
 - If p>q then i gets min(m,n) units from j at some cost between p and q
 - There are various approaches to deciding on which i and j and at what cost

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 - If p<q for all i and j, then the market has reached equilibrium no more trades
 - Max p and Min q bound the value of the unknown variable

Types of Markets

- Call markets
- Continuous double-auction
- Pari-mutuel
- Bookmaker

Market maker

What Can You Buy and Sell?

- Winner-Take-All:
 - \$1 if Cornell men's hockey beats Princeton, \$ otherwise
- Index:
 - \$X if Cornell men's hockey scores a proportion X of the final score
- More generally:
 - \$f(X) for random variable X
- Combine multiple markets to estimate other quantities (e.g., histograms, distributions, variance) Spread betting
- (Real or fake money)

Why Use Prediction Markets

- Expected value of a random variable:
 Integrate information about an unknown event
- Manage risk:
 If event is "Snow storm in October", can buy stocks that pay you if it happens you make money from the event, presumably to make up for money you'd lose if such an event happens (if it doesn't, you've presumably only spent a little money)

What Can Prediction Markets Compute?

- Numerical quantities:
 - Probabilities
 - Means
 - Medians
 - Distributions
 - Histograms
 - Standard deviations
- Contingent outcomes
- "Meta" questions:
 - If the market "New Hires in Q305" is run, will it attract interest?"

Using Prediction Markets to Track Information Flows: Evidence from Google 1

Bo Cowgill Google Justin Wolfers Wharton, U. Penn NBER, CEPR, IZA Eric Zitzewitz Dartmouth College

January 2009

Abstract

In the last three years, Google has conducted the largest corporate experiment with prediction markets we are aware of. In this paper, we illustrate how markets can be used to study how an organization processes information. We document a number of biases in Google's markets, most notably an optimistic bias. Newly hired employees are on the optimistic side of these markets, and optimistic biases are significantly more pronounced on days when Google stock is appreciating. We find correlated trading among employees who sit within a few feet of one another and employees with social or work relationships. The results are interesting in light of recent research on the role of optimism in entrepreneurial firms, as well as recent work on the importance of geographic and social proximity in explaining information flows in firms and markets.



A Market in the Future of the Middle East



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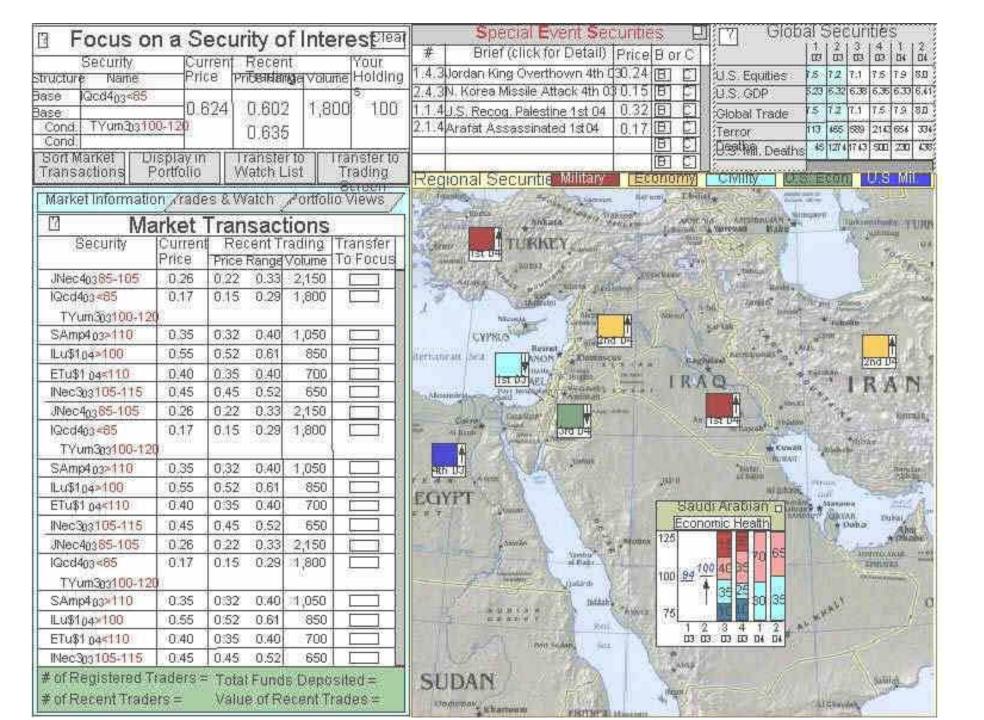
The Organizations behind PAM

> Becoming a PAM Trader

A Market in the Future of the Middle East

The Policy Analysis Market will provide insight into the interactions among Middle Eastern and U.S. interests and policy decisions.

Trading begins October 1, trader registration begins August 1.



July 28, 2003

- Senator Ron Wyden (D): "The idea of a federal betting parlor on atrocities and terrorism is ridiculous and it's grotesque"
- Senator Byron Dorgan (D): "useless, offensive and unbelievably stupid"

July 29, 2003

- Program canceled
- John Poindexter (R) resigns

Problems for Prediction Markets

- Information cascades
- Matters with hidden information
- Manipulation?
- Low numbers
- Legal barriers
- Moral qualms

Problems for Prediction Markets

- Cognitive barriers
 - Favorite-longshot bias low probability events
 - In-group bias
 - Optimism bias
 - Confirmation bias
 - Risk-seeking
 - Speculative bubbles

Comparison to Voting

- Those without information will not participate
- You ask subjects about their prediction of the outcome, not their vote (as is done with polling)
- You can "change" your vote over time
- Can have most people who are random, as long as a minority have the information to set the right price