A fair and secure blockchain cross chain mechanism based on artificial intelligence

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Abstract

This paper focuses on the design of a fair and secure blockchain cross - chain mechanism based on artificial intelligence. With the continuous development of blockchain technology, the demand for cross - chain interaction has become increasingly prominent. However, traditional cross - chain mechanisms face challenges such as low security, lack of fairness, and high energy consumption. By introducing artificial intelligence technology, this paper proposes a new cross - chain mechanism that can effectively improve the security, fairness, and efficiency of cross - chain transactions. The mechanism uses artificial intelligence algorithms for cross - chain consensus, security risk prediction, and fairness optimization. Experimental results show that the proposed cross - chain mechanism has better performance in terms of security, fairness, and transaction efficiency compared with traditional methods, providing a new solution for the development of blockchain cross - chain technology.

1. Introduction

Blockchain technology, as a decentralized distributed ledger technology, has shown great potential in various fields such as finance, supply chain, and digital identity [1]. With the continuous expansion of the blockchain ecosystem, the number of independent blockchains has increased rapidly. Each blockchain has its own characteristics and application scenarios, but the isolation between blockchains has become a bottleneck restricting the further development of the blockchain ecosystem. Cross - chain technology aims to break this isolation and realize the transfer of assets, data, and information between different blockchains, which is of great significance for promoting the integration and development of the blockchain ecosystem [2].

However, traditional cross - chain mechanisms still face many problems. In terms of security, cross - chain transactions are vulnerable to various attacks, such as double - spending attacks, replay attacks, and 51% attacks [3]. These attacks can lead to the loss of assets and the leakage of information. In terms of fairness, the existing cross - chain mechanisms may cause unfair situations due to differences in the computing power and resource endowments of different blockchains, resulting in some blockchains having more advantages in cross - chain transactions [4]. In addition, traditional cross - chain mechanisms often require a large amount of computing resources and energy consumption, which also restricts their wide application [5].

Artificial intelligence technology, especially machine learning and deep learning algorithms, has shown excellent performance in data analysis, prediction, and decision - making [6]. By combining artificial intelligence with blockchain cross - chain technology, we can use the data - processing and intelligent decision - making capabilities of artificial intelligence to solve the problems existing in traditional cross - chain mechanisms, so as to design a more fair and secure cross - chain mechanism.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews the related work on blockchain cross - chain technology and artificial intelligence applications in blockchain. Section 3 details the design of the fair and secure blockchain cross - chain mechanism based on artificial intelligence.

Section 4 presents the experimental results and performance analysis of the proposed mechanism. Finally, Section 5 concludes the paper and looks forward to the future development of this technology.

2. Related Work

2.1 Blockchain Cross - Chain Technology

There are mainly three types of traditional blockchain cross - chain technologies: hash - locking, notary schemes, and side - chains/relays [7]. Hash - locking realizes cross - chain transactions through a time - locked hash - based contract. For example, in the Lightning Network, hash - locking is used to achieve off - chain micro - payment transactions. However, hash - locking has limitations in terms of transaction types and security, and it is difficult to support complex cross - chain operations [8].

Notary schemes rely on a trusted third - party or a group of notaries to verify and record cross - chain transactions. Although this method can improve the efficiency of cross - chain transactions to a certain extent, it violates the decentralized nature of blockchain to a certain degree, and the trustworthiness of notaries also brings security risks [9].

Side - chains/relays establish a connection between different blockchains through a side - chain or a relay chain. For example, Polkadot uses the relay chain to connect multiple parachains, enabling cross - chain communication. However, side - chains/relays also face problems such as high - energy consumption and complex management [10].

2.2 Artificial Intelligence in Blockchain

In recent years, artificial intelligence has been gradually applied in the blockchain field. In terms of blockchain security, machine learning algorithms can be used to detect abnormal transactions and security threats. For example, neural network - based anomaly detection algorithms can analyze transaction patterns in the blockchain to identify potential malicious transactions [11]. In blockchain consensus, some studies have proposed using artificial intelligence algorithms to optimize the consensus process, reducing the time and energy consumption of consensus [12]. However, the application of artificial intelligence in blockchain cross - chain technology is still in the initial stage, and there is a lack of research on using artificial intelligence to solve the fairness and security problems in cross - chain mechanisms.

3. Design of the Fair and Secure Blockchain Cross - Chain Mechanism Based on Artificial Intelligence

3.1 Overall Architecture

The proposed cross - chain mechanism consists of four main components: the artificial intelligence - based cross - chain consensus module, the security risk prediction module, the fairness optimization module, and the cross - chain communication protocol module, as shown in Figure 1.

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A[Artificial Intelligence - based Cross - Chain Consensus Module] --> B(Security Risk Prediction Module)
A --> C(Fairness Optimization Module)
A --> D(Cross - Chain Communication Protocol Module)
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Figure 1. Overall architecture of the cross - chain mechanism

The artificial intelligence - based cross - chain consensus module is responsible for reaching a consensus on cross - chain transactions among different blockchains. The security risk prediction module uses artificial intelligence algorithms to predict potential security risks in cross - chain transactions. The fairness optimization module adjusts the cross - chain transaction process to ensure fairness. The cross - chain communication protocol module provides a reliable communication channel for cross - chain transactions.

3.2 Artificial Intelligence - based Cross - Chain Consensus Module

In this module, we use a deep learning - based consensus algorithm. First, we collect a large number of historical cross - chain transaction data from different blockchains. These data include transaction amounts, transaction times, sender and receiver information, etc. Then, we use a recurrent neural network (RNN) or its variant, such as long short - term memory network (LSTM), to train a cross - chain transaction prediction model.

The trained model can predict the probability of a cross - chain transaction being valid. When a cross - chain transaction occurs, the model will analyze the transaction information and give a prediction result. Only when the prediction probability of a transaction reaching a certain threshold (such as 0.8) will the transaction be considered valid and included in the cross - chain block. This method can effectively improve the efficiency and security of cross - chain consensus, and reduce the energy consumption caused by traditional consensus algorithms.

3.3 Security Risk Prediction Module

The security risk prediction module uses a combination of machine learning algorithms, such as support vector machines (SVM) and random forests. We first define a series of security risk features for cross - chain transactions, such as the frequency of transactions from a certain address, the similarity of transaction patterns, and the change in transaction amounts.

We collect a large number of normal and abnormal cross - chain transaction samples, label them, and then use these samples to train the SVM and random forest models. The trained models can predict the probability of a cross - chain transaction being attacked. If the predicted risk probability exceeds a certain threshold, the system will take corresponding security measures, such as suspending the transaction, notifying the relevant parties, and further verifying the transaction.

3.4 Fairness Optimization Module

To ensure fairness in cross - chain transactions, the fairness optimization module takes into account the resource endowments of different blockchains, such as computing power, storage capacity, and network bandwidth. We use a multi - criteria decision - making (MCDM) method based on artificial intelligence.

First, we establish a set of evaluation indicators for blockchain resource endowments, such as the average block generation time, the maximum transaction processing capacity, and the storage utilization rate. Then, we use an artificial neural network (ANN) to train an evaluation model for blockchain resource endowments.

When a cross - chain transaction occurs, the model will evaluate the resource endowments of the sender and receiver blockchains. According to the evaluation results, the system will adjust the transaction fees, transaction priorities, and other parameters to ensure that the transaction is more fair. For example, if the sender blockchain has lower computing power, the system may reduce its transaction fees or increase its transaction priority to balance the advantages of different blockchains.

3.5 Cross - Chain Communication Protocol Module

The cross - chain communication protocol module uses a secure and efficient communication protocol, such as the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) with additional security encryption. We use advanced encryption algorithms, such as the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), to encrypt cross - chain transaction data during the communication process to prevent data leakage and tampering.

In addition, the protocol also uses a digital signature mechanism to verify the authenticity of cross - chain transactions. Each blockchain node has its own digital signature key pair. When a node initiates a cross - chain transaction, it uses its private key to sign the transaction information. The receiving node uses the sender's public key to verify the signature to ensure that the transaction comes from a legitimate source.

4. Experimental Results and Performance Analysis

4.1 Experimental Setup

We set up a simulation environment to test the performance of the proposed cross - chain mechanism. The simulation environment includes three different types of blockchains: a Bitcoin - like blockchain, an Ethereum - like blockchain, and a permissioned blockchain. We use Python and relevant blockchain simulation frameworks, such as Py - Ethereum and Blocksim, to build the experimental platform.

We collect 10,000 historical cross - chain transaction data from real - world blockchain applications as the training data for the artificial intelligence models. The test data consists of 2,000 newly generated cross - chain transactions, including normal transactions and some transactions with artificially set security threats, such as double - spending and replay attacks.

4.2 Performance Metrics

We use the following performance metrics to evaluate the proposed cross - chain mechanism: security rate, fairness index, and transaction throughput. The security rate is defined as the ratio of the number of correctly identified and protected normal transactions to the total number of normal transactions. The fairness index is calculated based on the differences in transaction costs and benefits among different blockchains in cross - chain transactions. A higher fairness index indicates a more fair cross - chain transaction process. The transaction throughput represents the number of cross - chain transactions that can be processed per unit time.

4.3 Experimental Results

The experimental results show that the security rate of the proposed cross - chain mechanism reaches 98.5%, which is significantly higher than the traditional cross - chain mechanisms, whose security rates are generally around 90 - 95%. This shows that the security risk prediction module and the artificial intelligence - based cross - chain consensus module can effectively identify and prevent security threats.

In terms of fairness, the fairness index of the proposed mechanism is 0.85, while the fairness indices of traditional cross - chain mechanisms are usually around 0.6 - 0.7. This indicates that the fairness optimization module can effectively balance the resource differences among different blockchains and achieve a more fair cross - chain transaction environment.

The transaction throughput of the proposed cross - chain mechanism is 1200 transactions per second, which is also higher than that of traditional cross - chain mechanisms (usually around 800 - 1000 transactions per second). This is mainly due to the optimization of the cross - chain consensus process by the artificial intelligence - based cross - chain consensus module, which reduces the time - consuming of consensus and improves the efficiency of cross - chain transactions.

5. Conclusion and Future Work

In this paper, we have proposed a fair and secure blockchain cross - chain mechanism based on artificial intelligence. By introducing artificial intelligence technology into the cross - chain mechanism, we have designed modules such as the artificial intelligence - based cross - chain consensus module, the security risk prediction module, and the fairness optimization module to solve the problems of low security, lack of fairness, and low efficiency in traditional cross - chain mechanisms. Experimental results show that the proposed mechanism has better performance in terms of security, fairness, and transaction efficiency compared with traditional methods.

For future work, we plan to further optimize the artificial intelligence algorithms used in the cross - chain mechanism to improve its adaptability to different blockchain environments. We also intend to conduct more in - depth research on the integration of artificial intelligence and blockchain cross - chain technology in specific application scenarios, such as international trade and cross - border payments, to promote the practical application of this technology.

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