

Detecting fire with drones

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Goal

Prevent fires by:

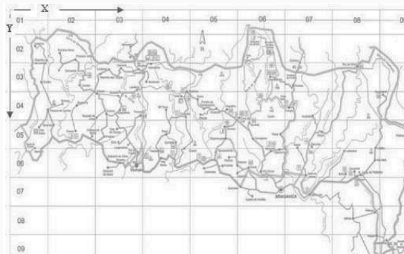
- Providing **tools** to help forest guards.
- Using drones to **automatically patrol vulnerable areas.**



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/98/Simi_Valley_fire_California_USA.jpg

Step 1 – Build a model

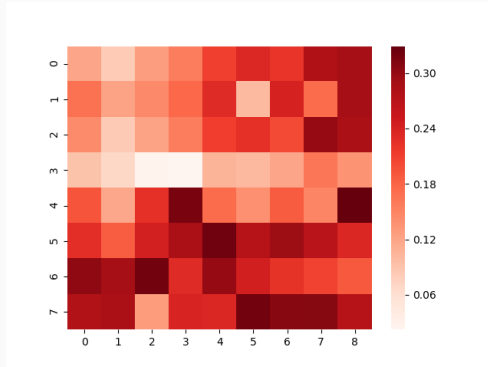
- Find a dataset. **Montesihno Park** contains:
 - Historic information of fire and weather characteristics.
 - Data distributed in a grid.



- Use supervised machine learning (linear regression) to infer a function for the **probability of fire**.

Step 2 – Help forest guards

Use the **model** and the information from the **sensors** in the park to **build a risk map** with probability of fire.



To be used by forest guards to:

- distribute available resources,
- clean the area (e.g., remove dry plants),
- ...

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Future work:

- **take pictures**, to be checked by the forest guards.
- **recognize fire** in the pictures using image recognition algorithms.

Summary – What did we do?

- Found a **dataset** of fires in Mountesihno Park.
- **Processed** the data.
- **Built a model** of the **risk of fire**.
- Built a **visualization tool** for the forest guards.
- Programmed a **patrolling algorithm** (using ROS).

