

Predicting earthquake building damage

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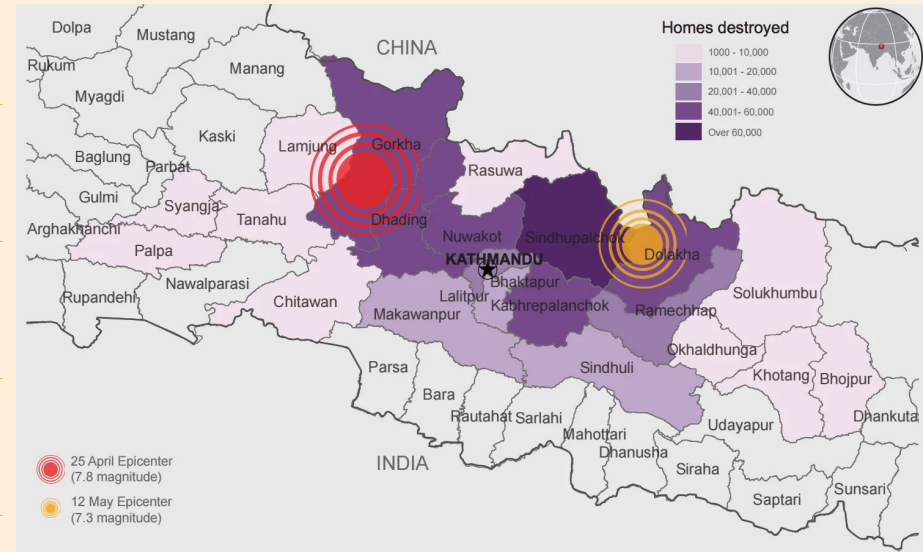
Motivation

In 2015 a 7.8 Mw Gorkha Earthquake occurred on April 25, 2015 in Nepal

- Economic cost = **\$10 billion** nearly half of its GDP of \$19billion
- **9,000 lives lost**

Goal:

Use machine learning classification to predict building damage



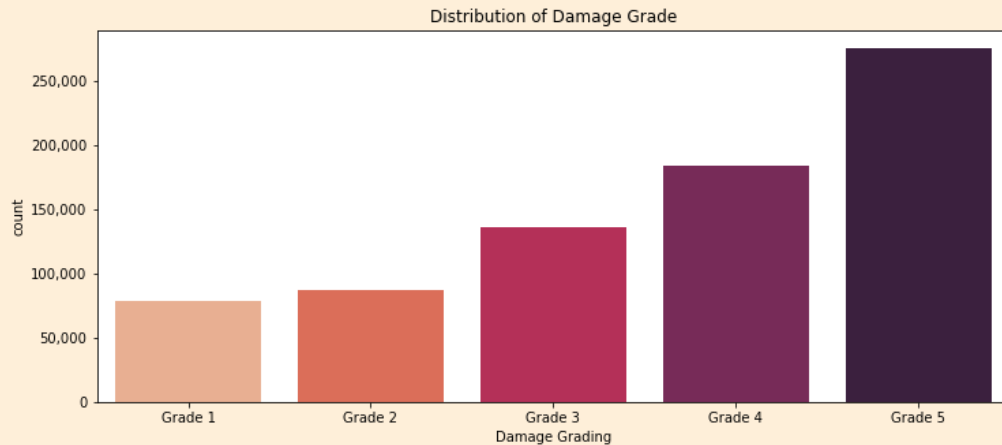
Data

Nepal carried out a household survey for 11 severely affected districts to assess building damage.

- 750k +rows , 42 features
- Target: Damage Grade
- Features: Building data

Examples:

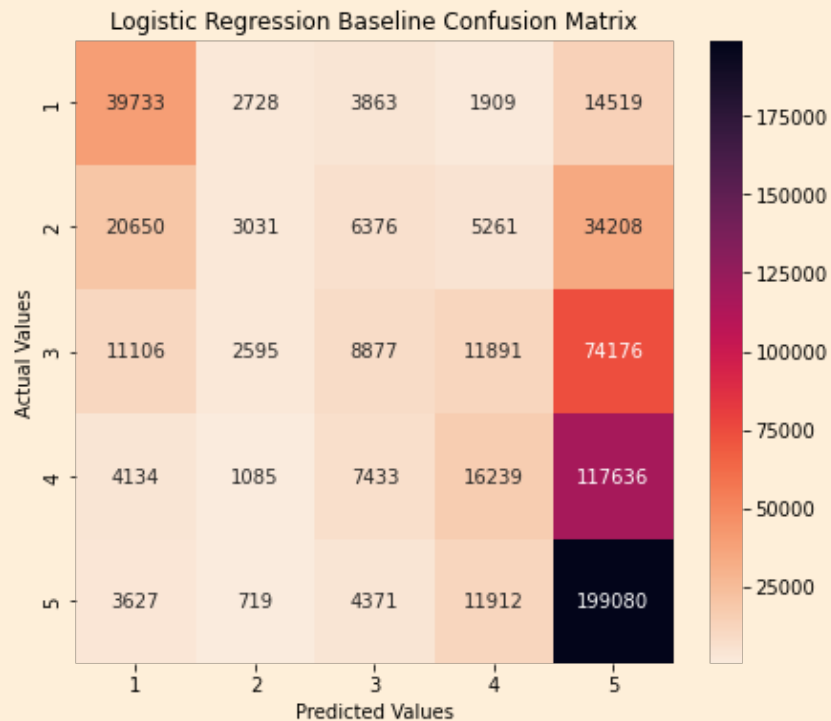
- Year built
- Construction material
- Building height & floor area
- Land surface



Grade 1	Thin cracks in plaster
Grade 2	Cracks in many walls
Grade 3	Large and extensive cracks
Grade 4	Walls collapse, failure of roof/floor
Grade 5	Total or near collapse

Baseline model

Logistic Regression



Log loss score:
1.32

Should we consider Binary model?

Multiclass

Class	Description	Low	High	Midpoint
Grade 1	no need/some minor	-	1,000	500
Grade 2	minor repair	1,000	5,000	2,000
Grade 3	major repair	5,000	10,000	2,500
Grade 4	reconstruction/some	10,000	50,000	20,000
Grade 5	reconstruction	50,000	100,000	25,000

Class	Count of Predicted	Predicted Cost	Count of Actual	Actual Cost
Grade 1	79,250	\$40m	62,752	\$31m
Grade 2	10,158	\$20m	69,526	\$139m
Grade 3	30,929	\$77m	108,645	\$272m
Grade 4	47,212	\$944m	146,536	\$2,931m
Grade 5	439,619	\$10,990m	219,709	\$5,493m
	607,168	\$12,072m	607,168	\$8,865m

Model miss: \$3billion

Binary

Class	Description	Low	High	Midpoint
0	No need/Minor repair	-	5,000	2,500
1	Major repair/reconstruction	5,000	100,000	47,500

Class	Count of Predicted	Predicted Cost	Count of Actual	Actual Cost
0	89,408	\$224m	132,278	\$66m
1	517,760	\$24,594m	474,890	\$950m
	607,168	\$24,817m	607,168	\$1,016m

Model miss:
\$23billion

Comparison stage 1

Classifiers

	Log loss score
Logistic Regression (baseline)	1.32
Logistic Regression (One v Rest)	1.31
Random Forest Classifier (SMOTE)	1.24
XG Boost Classifier (SMOTE)	1.27

Regressors

	RMSE
Linear Regression (baseline)	1.12
Random Forest Regressor (SMOTE)	0.99
XG Boost Regressor (SMOTE)	1.02

Comparison stage 2

Classifiers

**F1 score
(micro)**

**Random Forest Classifier
(SMOTE)**

0.54

Regressors

**F1 score
(micro)**

**Random Forest
Regressor (SMOTE)**

0.43

**Random Forest Classifier
F1 score on final holdout :
0.45**

Ensemble

**F1 score
(micro)**

**RF Regressor (SMOTE)
RF Classifier (SMOTE)
XGB Regressors (SMOTE)
XGB Classifier (SMOTE)**

0.45

Model Deployment

Top 6 features were used to deploy a simple proof of concept model

Please visit at :

https://share.streamlit.io/amyunekim/course_4_classification/main/app/app.py

Predicting building damage for Nepal

Building Height in ft

200.00 - +

Number of floors

5.00 - +

Building Age

4.00 - +

Area in square feet

1000.00 - +

Has timber superstructure?

Yes ▾

Has mud/mortar/stone superstructure?

Yes ▾

Predict

Your likely damage grade is Grade 2: cracks in many walls, damage to non structural parts

Future development

- Further tuning of hyperparameters
- Use cloud computing for faster processing on large data sets



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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