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This module runs all (available) perils for one country or for a list of countries. First, it allows generating the country assets (10 or 1 km resolution, based on night light intensity¹), second to generate the hazard event sets and second to run all damage calculations.

Currently implemented is the automatic generation of earthquake (EQ), tropical cyclone (TC), torrential rain (TR), storm surge (TS) and European winter storm (WS) hazard event sets. The core function is `country_risk_calc`, which does it all in one go². Instead of whole countries, one can also analyze single states/provinces, see `country_admin1_risk_calc`. The module does contain a series of support functions to calibrate country results – they are named `cr_*`, while the top-level functions of this module are named `country_*` or `country_risk_*`, see function reference below. The batch code `selected_countries_all_in_one` does provide the reference xample about how to use all these functions.

Further, the module calculates the economic loss (i.e. the full range of economic costs in the wake of a natural disaster) associated with the hazard event sets³.

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¹ I.e. the module allows the generate centroids and entities for each country on these (high) spatial resolution.

² The routine `climada_country_risk` allows for processing a list or even all countries. As always, use e.g. `help climada_country_risk` to get a detailed description on the options.

³ See appendix for details on the calculation of economic loss based on the damages in the hazard event set.

Country risk module – basics

The whole module introduces the structure `country_risk`, the core output of `country_risk_calc` and `country_admin1_risk_calc` which contains country results in a standardized way and is therefore input to a series of functions of this module. `country_risk(i).res.hazard(j)` contains the EDS for country `i` and hazard `j` (`country_risk(i).res.hazard(j).EDS`), the name of the peril in `country_risk(i).res.hazard(j).peril_ID`, the name of the entity in `country_risk(i).res.hazard(j).entity_file` and the name of the hazard event set in `country_risk(i).res.hazard(j).hazard_set_file`.

country_risk_calc

Basic procedure implemented in `country_risk_calc` is as follows:

- 1) generate centroids for the country (uses `climada_create_GDP_entity`⁴ or `climada_nightlight_entity`)
- 2) figure which hazards affect the country
- 3) create the hazard event sets, using
 - `climada_tc_hazard_set` (tropical cyclone wind⁵)
 - `climada_tr_hazard_set` (tropical cyclone rain⁶)
 - `climada_ts_hazard_set` (tropical cyclone surge⁷)
 - `eq_global_hazard_set` (earthquake⁸)
 - European winter storm (hazard not generated, just assigned⁹)
- 4) run the risk calculation for all hazards

Next steps are `country_risk_report`, `country_risk_EDS_combine` and `country_risk_EDS2YDS` plus `cr_plot_DFC` or `cr_plot_DFC_aggregate` to plot the resulting country damage frequency curves.

In essence, you define the country and the code runs the generation of centroids, default assets (from nightlight intensity, see `climada` module `GDP_entity`) and the EQ, TC, TR and TS hazard event sets plus checks for WS Europe exposure. It even figures whether the country is exposed to more than one ocean basin and in such a case generates a suite of TC/TS/TR hazard event sets for each ocean basin. The code is ready for upgrade with additional hazards (usually a new hazard is a new `climada` module). That's why the code notifies the user if the specific hazard module is missing (even indicates the github location where to get it from).

Simply call e.g. `country_risk_calc('El Salvador')`

If called without any argument, a list dialog to select the country pops up. See code header for details, i.e. `help country_risk_calc`

⁴ See https://github.com/davidnbresch/climada_module_GDP_entity and further below for `climada_nightlight_entity` which allows to generate a high-resolution entity for any country and state/province.

⁵ Core `climada` contains the basic tropical cyclone hazard, but please add the module https://github.com/davidnbresch/climada_module_tc_hazard_advanced to generate useful probabilistic hazard event sets (see parameter `probabilistic` in `country_risk_calc`). Please consider to run `climada_tc_get_unisys_databases` (`climada` core) in order to download the latest tropical cyclone databases for all ocean basins (core climate comes with TC Atlantic to start with).

⁶ See `climada` module https://github.com/davidnbresch/climada_module_tc_rain

⁷ See `climada` module https://github.com/davidnbresch/climada_module_tc_surge which also requires the module https://github.com/davidnbresch/climada_module_etopo

⁸ See `climada` module https://github.com/davidnbresch/climada_module_eq_global

⁹ See `climada` module for European winter storm, which contains the hazard sets https://github.com/davidnbresch/climada_module_ws_europe

Behind the scenes, the code `centroids_generate_hazard_sets` does the heavy lifting, i.e. steps 2) and 3) from above. This way one can generate all relevant hazard sets with one call to `centroids_generate_hazard_sets` for any set of centroids (e.g. only a part of a country, a region, a city...¹⁰):

```
centroids_hazard_info=...
centroids_generate_hazard_sets(centroids,force_recalc,check_plots)
```

The resulting structure `centroids_hazard_info` contains the names of the generated hazard sets (or the ones generated earlier if just called to check for step 2) in `centroids_hazard_info.res.hazard(i).hazard_set_file` (the somewhat complicated nested structure is due to the flexibility required by `country_risk_calc`).

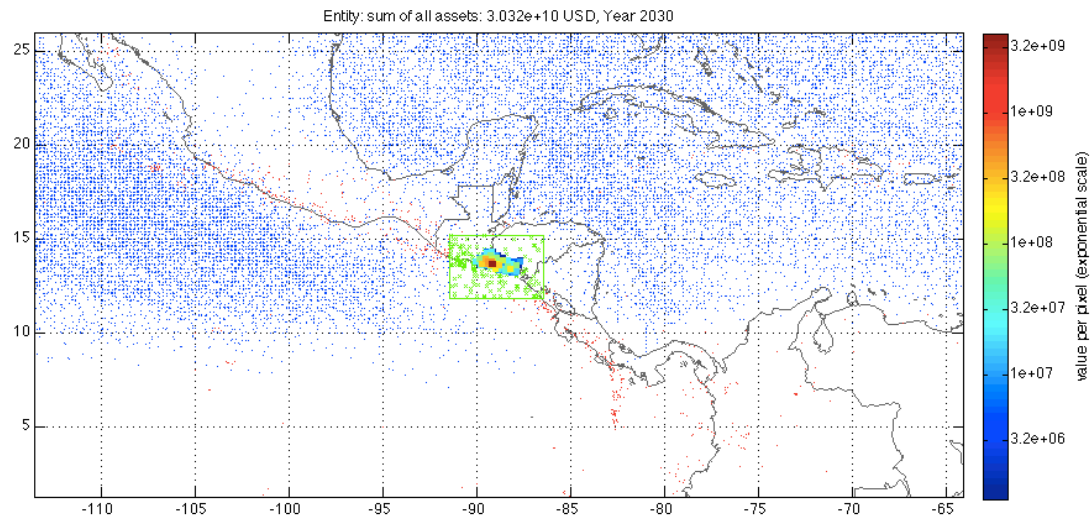


Figure: Step 1 (generate centroids, assets distribution, color scale indicates value per centroid) and step 2 (hazard selection). The green box shows the selection area around the country, the blue dots are all the TC track nodes (historic) and the red dots the epicenters (historic). This figure is generated if `check_plot=1` in the call, e.g. `country_risk_calc('El Salvador',0,0,1)`.

¹⁰ See e.g. the code `climada_cut_out_GDP_entity` from https://github.com/davidnbresch/climada_module_GDP_entity and also `country_admin1_risk_calc` and `climada_nightlight_entity` further below (part of module `country_risk`)

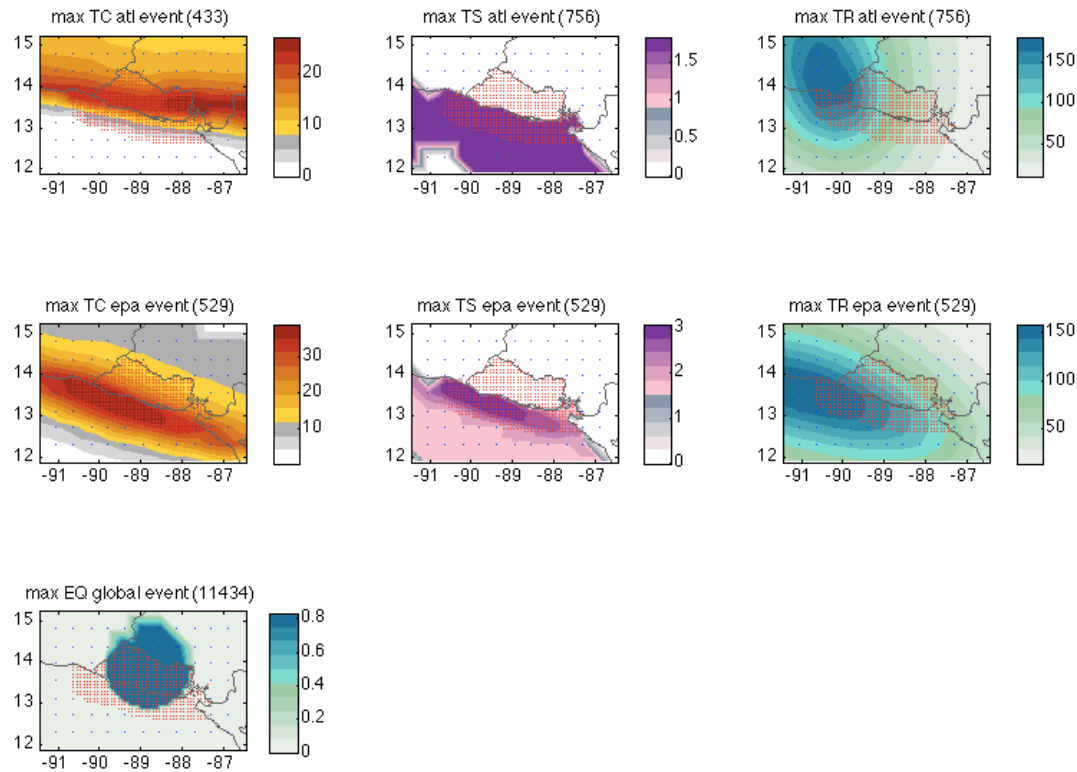


Figure: The most intense single event for all hazard generated for El Salvador (Step 3). Note that El Salvador is both exposed to tropical cyclones from the East and West, that's why there are two hazard events sets for TC/TS/TR, one for the Atlantic side (atl for Atlantic), one for the Pacific side (epa for East Pacific Ocean). The earthquake model is global. Note further the nice feature of hazard (or peril) – dependent color scales; and the coarser resolution of centroids (blue) around the country (with red dots at high-density centroids) to support plotting hazard intensities around the country, too. This figure is generated if `check_plot=1` in the call, e.g. `country_risk_calc('El Salvador',0,0,1)`

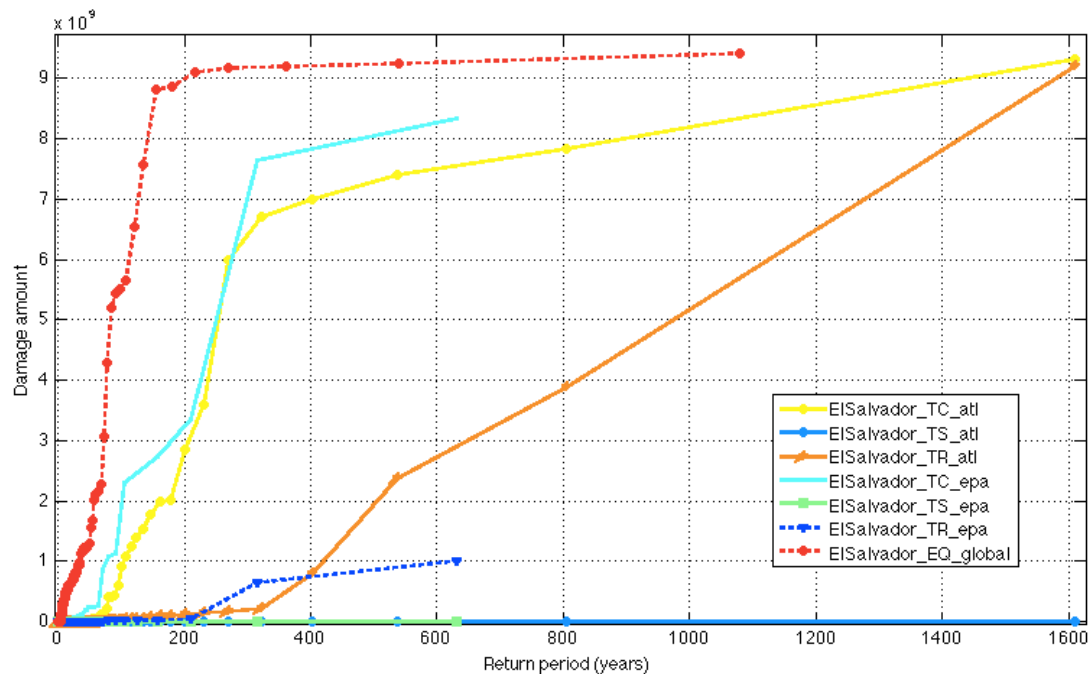


Figure: The resulting damage frequency curves (DFC) for all seven (!) hazards affecting El Salvador (values just for illustration, based on dummy damage functions). This figure is generated with `check_plot=1` in the call, e.g.

```
country_risk_report(country_risk_calc('El Salvador',1,1),0,1)
```

country_risk_report

Comes in handy if one runs some select countries, e.g:

```
country_risk=country_risk_calc('Barbados')
country_risk(2)=country_risk_calc('El Salvador')
country_risk(3)=country_risk_calc('Costa Rica')
```

And then `country_risk_report(country_risk,0)` results in the following output (to stdout, also an Excel or .csv file is written¹¹):

```
Barbados (1)
TR EL=36572051.496470      (8.481508%)      Barbados_TR_atl
TC EL=23083330.494007      (5.353308%)      Barbados_TC_atl
TS EL=7531.966739          (0.001747%)      Barbados_TS_atl
EQ EL=0.000000             (0.000000%)      Barbados_EQ_global
ElSalvador (2)
EQ EL=415631535.361110     (17.943889%)     ElSalvador_EQ_global
TR EL=141613002.072040     (6.113800%)     ElSalvador_TR_epa
TC EL=59386249.565168      (2.563858%)     ElSalvador_TC_atl
TC EL=16152772.894979      (0.697357%)     ElSalvador_TC_epa
TR EL=621784.438763        (0.026844%)     ElSalvador_TR_atl
TS EL=0.000000             (0.000000%)     ElSalvador_TS_epa
TS EL=0.000000             (0.000000%)     ElSalvador_TS_atl
Costa Rica (3)
EQ EL=523833928.441207     (12.396559%)     Costa Rica_EQ_global
TR EL=1530537.767294       (0.036220%)     Costa Rica_TR_epa
TC EL=73978.520263         (0.001751%)     Costa Rica_TC_epa
TR EL=5765.009179          (0.000136%)     Costa Rica_TR_atl
TS EL=1689.347413          (0.000040%)     Costa Rica_TS_atl
TC EL=60.830655            (0.000001%)     Costa Rica_TC_atl
TS EL=0.000000             (0.000000%)     Costa Rica_TS_epa
```

¹¹ The report does contain the annual expected damage (ED) as well as defined return periods (such as 100 and 250 years). In case writing an Excel file fails, a .csv file is written.

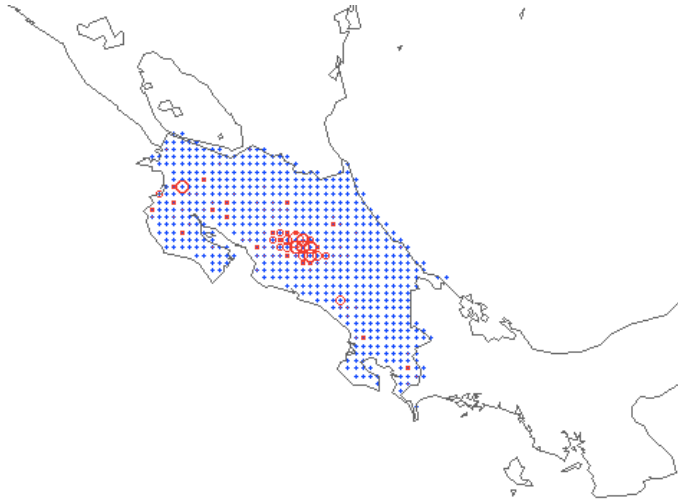


Figure: The local damage for a given peril (here EQ) for one country (here Costa Rica) in spatial resolution (e.g. at each centroid). Produced by the call (following from above resulting structure `country_risk`):

```
country_i=3; hazard_i=712;
climada_circle_plot(...
country_risk(country_i).res.hazard(hazard_i).EDS.ED_at_centroid,...
country_risk(country_i).res.hazard(hazard_i).EDS.assets.Longitude,...
country_risk(country_i).res.hazard(hazard_i).EDS.assets.Latitude)
```

country_admin1_risk_calc

Same as `country_risk_calc`, but for a state or province (admin1 level) of any given country. Run the all (available) perils for one country's admin1 level. Obtain the admin1 boundaries (from www.natureearthdata.com, shape files already part of the data that comes with the country risk module) and carve out the respective centroids (set Value at all others to zero). Run the risk calculation for each admin1 for all hazards. In case one would like to skip hazards, just (temporarily) remove the respective {country_name}_*.mat hazard event sets. ONLY makes sense if `country_risk_calc` has been run for the respective country (we keep it like this, as automatic mode might trigger lots of un-wanted calculations). If not, the code terminates with the respective messages (no entity found, no hazard set(s) found...). But one can run `country_admin1_risk_calc` for more than one country, if the respective countries have been run as `country_risk_calc`. NOTE: Before using this code, make yourself familiar with `country_risk_calc` and `country_risk_report` (same format as `country_risk_calc`).

climada_nightlight_entity

Construct an entity file based on high-res (1km!) night light data¹³. Reads an image file with nightlight density¹⁴ and matches it to the local geography. Prompts for country (admin0) and

¹² Note that the number seven here corresponds to the 7th hazard analyzed (EQ). The report to stdout shows EQ as the first result, since `country_risk_report` sorts by descending damage, unless it is called with the second parameter (`print_unsorted`) set to 1.

¹³ One can also run it at moderate (10x10km) resolution, see parameter selections, i.e. type `help`

`climada_highres_entity`

¹⁴ The `climada` module `country_risk` comes with the .mat file `F182012.v4c_web.stable_lights.avg_vis.mat` (24MB), since the .tif image is about 700MB. See <http://ngdc.noaa.gov/eog/dmsp/downloadV4composites.html#AVSLCFC3> to obtain the file http://ngdc.noaa.gov/eog/data/web_data/v4composites/F182012.v4.tar and unzip the file `F182012.v4c_web.stable_lights.avg_vis.tif` in there to the /data folder of `country_risk` module. As the .tif is so much larger, the `climada` module `country_risk` comes with the .mat file, but does not contain the original (.tif). Should the

state/province (admin1), constrains the active centroids (with values>0) to the selected country or admin1 and saves the entity. Since we're dealing with admin1, no automatic scaling or allocation of GDP to centroids is performed (for this, see `climada_create_GDP_entity`¹⁵).

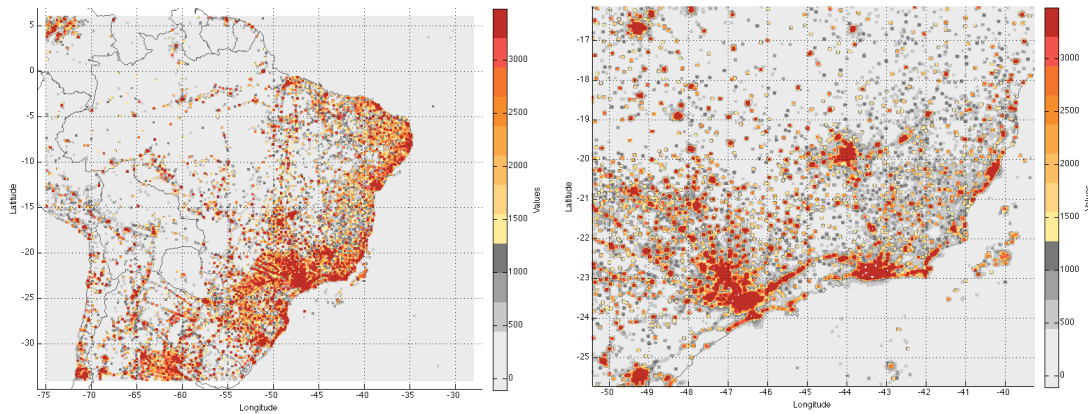


Figure: Brazil value distribution on 1km (!) resolution (left, zoomed in right) as generated by `climada_nightlight_entity('Brazil','','2')`.

cr_economic_loss_calc

Major natural disasters can and do have severe negative short-run economic impacts, the severity of which depends on the affected country's resilience, or ability to recover.

`cr_economic_loss_calc` calculates the economic damages resulting from the simple property damages in the hazard event set, taking into account socio-economic data on the country's financial strength, supply chain risk profile, resilience and preparedness for natural disasters (see appendix for details).

Country and peril calibration

country_risk_calibrate

Calibrate a given country (or a list of countries). Make sure you called `country_risk_calc` before (not necessarily in the same session, but the country entities need to exist – at least the ones for present (`{ISO}_{CountryName}_entity.mat`)).

The most common use therefore looks like (as an example, generate the asset distributions for listed countries and all the probabilistic hazard sets for all perils that affect any of these countries):

```
country_list={'Colombia','Costa Rica','Dominican Republic','United States'};
country_risk=country_risk_calc(country_list,-3);
country_risk_calibrate(country_list); % calibrate all countries
```

.mat file not exist, `climada_nightlight_entity` creates it on first call. Please note that the `GDP_entity` could also deal with such a high-res dataset (see respective documentation).

¹⁵ See footnote 8 above

Standard procedure is that the switch statement in the function `country_risk_calibrate` has entries for countries (and lists of countries) and hence performs the specific adjustments, primarily to the damage function(s).

In case you consider editing this function, be careful to check for repetitious application. The code sets the field `entity.calibrated=1` the first time a country is treated, but since one might need to re-calibrate, one should rather assign absolute values to e.g. `entity.damagefunctions.MDD`, since a mere multiplication of existing values might lead to troubles on subsequent calls. Luckily, `country_risk_calibrate` calls `climada_damagefunctions_replace`, which does indeed not replace on repetitious calls if the result would be exactly the same.

See also `cr_country_hazard_test` in order to *test* country calibration.

cr_country_hazard_test

Given a `country_risk` results structure (see above, generated by `country_risk_calc`), experiment with one country and hazard to test different damage function settings etc.

This code is MOST LIKELY to be edited by the user, i.e. to set damagefunction parameters etc. It provides merely a TESTBED for efficient calibration of country results.

Process:

- Run `country_risk_calc` for either one or a set of countries. A set makes particularly sense for e.g. a peril region, such as TC atl, in order to ensure (neighboring) countries in that region have similar damagefunction settings. Hence you might e.g. run

```
country_list={'Colombia','Costa Rica','Dominican Republic','United States'};
peril_ID=['atl_TC','atl_TS']; % TC and TS in Atlantic region
country_risk=country_risk_calc(country_list,-7,0,0,peril_ID);
```

- call `cr_DFC_plot` to get a first overview by country, e.g.

```
cr_DFC_plot(country_risk)
```

- call `cr_DFC_plot_aggregate` to get a first overview or the combined results of all countries, e.g. (note that the code does combine sub-peril EDSs himself)

```
cr_DFC_plot_aggregate(country_risk)
```

- Note that especially the comparison with EM-DAT makes only sense for either larger countries or a group of smaller ones - otherwise it might be too much due to chance whether a country got hit in the past years or not.
- Now, call `cr_country_hazard_test` to test different damagefunction settings (or modifications) for one country and peril, e.g. (for above `country_list` and perils, 2 points to Costa Rica, and 1 is the first peril in this country, i.e. TC):

```
country_risk=cr_country_hazard_test(country_risk,2,1)
```

- Once you're happy with the country DFC – i.e. it compares well to either EM-DAT, other models etc., occasionally call `cr_DFC_plot_aggregate(country_risk)` to show

- the aggregate result. Note that `cr_DFC_plot_aggregate` does the aggregation itself.
- In case you'd like to experiment only with TC, but want to compare TC and TS combined, proceed as follows (say hazard 1 is TC, hazard 2 TS)

```
country_risk=cr_country_hazard_test(country_risk,2,1)
[country_risk_agg,EDC]=country_risk_EDS_combine(country_risk);
cr_DFC_plot(country_risk_agg,1,1)
```

or simply

```
cr_DFC_plot(country_risk_EDS_combine(country_risk),1,1)
```

- And then run e.g. `cr_country_hazard_test` with slightly different settings for the particular country and repeat the process.

In order to avoid troubles with GitHub, please make your copy of the function `cr_country_hazard_test`, name it e.g. `cr_country_hazard_mytest`, and experiment with different damage function settings for a given country and region (group of countries). In special cases, you might also consider adjusting hazard event sets.

Next step: put your final adjustments in `country_risk_calibrate` (and if you're really of the opinion they are an improvement of `climada`, please check these changes in).

Function reference

Use `help {function name}` to get a detailed description and input/output specification

Top level functions

`country_risk_calc`: generate assets and hazard sets for a given country (i.e. `admin0`, or a list of countries). This function provides a convenient way to get started for any given country.

`country_admin1_risk_calc`: Once `country_risk_calc` has been run for a country (or a series of), calculate the `admin1` (state/province) level results.

`country_risk_EDS_combine`: combine sub-peril EDSs in `country_risk` structure, such as TC and TS – helpful to reduce the complexity of results.

`country_risk_EDS2YDS`: convert event event damage sets to year damage sets

`country_risk_report`: produce a report given output from `country_risk_calc`, `country_admin1_risk_calc` or `cr_economic_loss_calc` (see also `cr_loss_multiplier_plot`).

`country_risk_calibrate`: for many countries, `climada` has been calibrated (to some extent) and this code does modify the damagefunctions of a given country accordingly. Just call this code with the full list of countries you've processed once with `country_risk_calc` – and `climada` does automatically apply all calibrations to all countries (and all hazards).

`climada_nightlight_entity`: Generate the (high-resolution) asset distribution for any country (`admin0`) and any state/province (`admin1`) within.

Plotting functions

`cr_DFC_plot`: plot damage frequency curves (DFC) for all countries and perils in `country_risk`

`cr_DFC_plot_aggregate`: plot combined peril damage frequency curves (DFC) for all countries and also plot the peril region aggregate as well as the global aggregate DFC.

Support-level functions

`cr_economic_loss_calc`: given (property damage) output from `country_risk_calc`, calculate total economic loss

`cr_EDS_emdat_adjust`: given an event damage set, adjust such that it matches best the EM-DAT damage history of a given country and hazard (see also `emdat_read`)

`emdat_read`: read the EM-DAT global damage database (www.emdat.be, by country and peril)

`cr_country_hazard_test`: given a `country_risk` results structure, experiment with one country and hazard to test different damage function settings etc. Make your own copy before using this code, as you will need to edit it.

Also useful

`climada_entity_value_GDP_adjust`: given an entity with assets for a country, adjust total asset value to represent country assets (a simple formula based on GDP and country development index).

`climada_damagefunctions_plot`: plot damage functions

`climada_create_GDP_entity`: create an entity (asset distribution) based on night light intensity (climada module `GDP_entity`).

Appendix

A. Calculation of economic damage in `cr_economic_loss_calc`

Starting point for the economic loss calculation is `damage(event_i)`, i.e. the property damage calculated by `climada_EDS_calc`. The economic loss then also includes secondary losses to an economy including e.g. lost output, retail sales, wages, costs to business from rerouting goods and services around the affected area, reduced taxable receipts, etc.

The underlying rationale of the calculation is that a property damage resulting from a natural disaster does not have a major impact on a country's economy as long as the damage is small compared to the country's GDP, and as long as adequate financing and national resources exist. However, if a damage is big, it will be exacerbated depending on how well a country is "in shape" to deal with major shocks.

`cr_economic_loss_calc` intends to estimate the economic damage as it manifests itself about 3-6 months after a disaster occurred. This first-round effect of natural disasters is usually that income and output (GDP) fall. What happens in the next round then depends on the way the country or region responds to the crisis. For example, Japan is a strong economy and has the resources to start rebuilding quickly, while smaller and badly managed countries such as Haiti can suffer severe long-term effects. It should be noted that `cr_economic_loss_calc` only calculates the temporary dip following the first months after a disaster (see Figure).

After that initial dip, different scenarios can lead to no, positive or negative follow-on effects over the long run. In particular, a natural disaster can even positively affect total factor productivity, e.g. when it leads to the replacement of damaged, outdated production facilities and physical infrastructure with state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure. However, as noted above, `cr_economic_loss_calc` only deals with the calculation of the initial impact, not with the long-term scenarios.

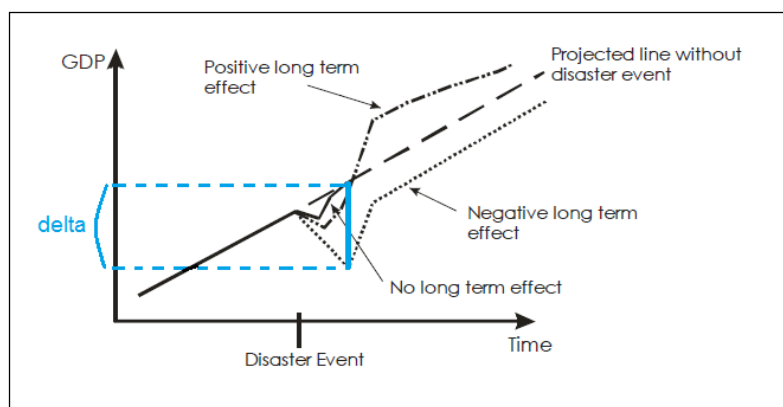


Figure: Possible trajectories of GDP after a disaster¹⁶. The delta is the initial temporary dip `cr_economic_loss_calc` provides an estimate for.

¹⁶ Source: Hochrainer, 2006

<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/4162/WPS4968.pdf?sequence=1>

In `cr_economic_loss_calc`, the economic loss caused by the natural disaster is calculated according to:

```
economic_loss(event_i) = damage(event_i) * loss_multiplier
```

where `loss_multiplier` is defined by:

```
loss_multiplier =  
1 + cr_get_damage_weight(damage(event_i)/GDP) * country_damage_factor
```

with:

`cr_get_damage_weight`: function that determines how much weight a damage should be given based on its ratio to GDP

```
country_damage_factor = 1/financial_strength ...  
                        + BI_and_supply_chain_risk ...  
                        + natural_hazard_economic_exposure ...  
                        - disaster_resilience
```

Hence, `country_damage_factor` consists of four terms:

- `financial_strength` measures a country's economic health and ability to finance the recovery.

```
financial_strength = total_reserves/GDP ...  
                  + insurance_penetration ...  
                  + income_group ...  
                  - central_government_debt
```

- `BI_and_supply_chain_risk` measures a country's risk of disaster-related business and supply chain interruption

```
BI_and_supply_chain_risk = GDP_industry ...  
                        + FM_resilience_index_supply_chain/100
```

- `natural_hazard_economic_exposure` assesses which countries have a concentration of their total economic output exposed to natural hazards

```
natural_hazard_economic_exposure = ...  
                                1 - Natural_Hazards_Economic_Exposure/10
```

- `disaster_resilience` measures the quality of a country's natural hazard risk management, i.e., the country's "preparedness" to deal with the consequences of a disaster

```
disaster_resilience = FM_resilience_index_risk_quality/100 ...  
                    + (global_competitiveness_index-1)/6
```

See `economic_indicators_mastertable.xls` (in the data folder of the `country_risk` module¹⁷) for more information on the four components of `country_damage_factor` (and their respective subcomponents).

¹⁷ Download: https://github.com/davidnbresch/climada_module_country_risk