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15 ***Abstract*— Natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, storms, and wildfires pose serious threats to human life and**
38 **property. Traditional prediction systems frequently struggle for accuracy and real-time adaptation. The introduction of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has transformed natural hazard prediction by allowing data-driven algorithms to improve forecasting precision and response methods. This paper**
25 **investigates the importance of AI in natural hazard prediction, with an emphasis on machine learning, deep learning, and**
22 **geospatial data analytics. Artificial intelligence techniques such as neural networks, support vector machines, and ensemble learning help early warning systems by processing large datasets from satellites, seismic sensors, and meteorological stations.**

3 **The combination of AI, Internet of Things (IoT), and remote sensing enhances predictive capabilities. However, issues like as data scarcity, model interpretability, and computing limits remain critical. This study also looks at case studies of effective AI applications in catastrophe predicting and explores future research possibilities for improving resilience and mitigation techniques. We can improve disaster preparedness while reducing economic and humanitarian costs by adopting AI-driven models. The paper emphasizes AI's transformational potential in enhancing predictive systems, and calls for more interdisciplinary research to refine these technologies for global**
21 **disaster management.**

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I. Introduction

Natural hazards, including earthquakes, floods, wildfires,
8 and hurricanes, pose significant threats to human life, infrastructure, and economic stability. Traditional methods of disaster prediction rely on historical data, physical modeling,
5 and sensor networks, which often lack the speed and accuracy
18 required for timely warnings. However, with the rapid advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), scientists and disaster management agencies are now leveraging data-driven approaches to enhance predictive capabilities. AI-driven hazard prediction systems analyze vast amounts of geospatial, climatic, and seismic data to identify patterns, forecast disasters, and provide early warnings with unprecedented precision. These systems integrate satellite imagery, IoT sensors, social media feeds, and historical disaster records to train deep learning models, enabling real-time risk assessment and mitigation strategies.

The growing frequency and intensity of natural disasters due to climate change further emphasize the need for AI-powered solutions. For instance, flood prediction models now use convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to process satellite data and predict water levels, while earthquake early warning (EEW) systems employ recurrent neural networks (RNNs) to detect seismic precursors. Similarly, wildfire spread prediction relies on reinforcement learning to simulate fire behaviour under varying weather conditions. Governments and organizations worldwide—such as NASA, Google's Flood Forecasting Initiative, and the USGS ShakeAlert system—have already deployed AI-based tools to minimize disaster impact.

Despite the progress made in science and technology, the obstacles have not gone away. The biggest issue is the lack of data, which is followed by the difficulty in understanding the models, the costs of the calculations, and the cases of false alarms. Furthermore, AI-integration into disaster response systems is in urgent need of collaboration among geologists, data analysts, and policymakers of conflicting disciplines. Ethics in technology, such as data privacy and algorithmic bias, is essential to the equal deployment of these systems.

In this research paper, we have examined AI's predictive power for natural disasters. Furthermore, it includes the key methods, practical applications, even the future direction that AI has been sourced to attend and to meet the emergency. The paper draws on examples and the latest technological solutions in gauging AI's crucial role in disaster preparation, quickening response, and the effective saving of human lives. The results reveal both the possibilities and the obstacles in AI's potential to create societies which are not only resilient but also proactive and reactive to natural disasters..

II. Background to AI driven Hazard prediction systems

For many years natural calamities have been a big potential threat to humans and buildings, and that has always been the case, while traditional methods of forecast have been statistical models and physical simulation that often are not accurate and do not offer real-time predictions. Hurricane or

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earthquake intensity is increasing as a result of global warming. The situation is so bad that there is an urgent need for a solution which has not been seen so much, and the natural outcome of this is the use of artificial intelligence (AI). AI-based tools resort to the techniques of machine learning and deep learning to sort through a conclave of information, which includes data derived from satellites, seismic sensors, weather stations, as well as social media, for an all-inclusive and much quicker disaster forecasting. AI can struggle with real-time high-dimensional data, provoke lightning-speed data processing, and help the system catch routines that are invisible to the eyes of people or traditional algorithms; these are the reasons link to the technique becoming unlike the old ones.

We have come a long way since the idea of AI being used in disaster management was regarded as naive science fiction the scope and autonomy of the models developed at that time for prediction was rather limited- up to date, more complex tasks like trend prediction or the regenerative purpose of societal systems have been solved by numerous machine learning-based models, which has led to the new context. This alteration of the approach seen in AI has marked a significant transformation of the research that is intended to resolve the problem of natural disasters with the use of the latest techniques of CNNs and LSTMs. The explanations and different aspects in the diction area are clearly separated in the case of the image-based flood mapping models where CNNs are in charge of making predictive decisions based on the land cover, and LSTMs are required to access different points in the changing stream of seismic data and to carry out the task of comparing each point to itself as well as to the next and the previous points.

A. *AI Technologies in Hazard Prediction*

Several AI techniques contribute to hazard prediction, each tailored to different disaster types and data sources. Some of the most commonly used AI-driven methods include:

- ***Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL):*** Machine learning algorithms, which include both supervised and unsupervised learning models, analyze large datasets to identify patterns and connections. Supervised machine learning (ML) approaches such as decision trees, support vector machines (SVMs), and random forests are trained on labeled historical data to categorize risk levels and forecast hazard events. Unsupervised machine learning, such as clustering algorithms, aids in the detection of anomalies in seismic activity, atmospheric pressure, and oceanic currents that could suggest an approaching calamity.

  Deep learning is a subset of machine learning that analyzes complicated datasets using artificial neural networks (ANNs). CNNs handle spatial data from satellite images to detect flood-prone areas and wildfire outbreaks, whereas RNNs and LSTM networks examine sequential data to predict storms and earthquakes.

- ***Remote Sensing and AI-Driven Geospatial Analytics:*** Remote sensing technology such as satellites, drones, and ground-based sensors create massive amounts of geographical data that is critical for hazard prediction. AI systems analyze and interpret this data in order to detect environmental changes and predict threats. Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) and Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data, paired with AI models, can assist detect landslide-prone areas and monitor glacier movements that could cause avalanches or flooding.

- ***Internet of Things (IoT) and Real-Time Sensor Networks:*** IoT-enabled hazard monitoring systems use networked sensors to gather real-time information on seismic activity, temperature variations, wind speed, and water levels. AI systems evaluate sensor data to provide early warnings. For example, AI-powered IoT networks placed in earthquake-prone locations assess ground vibrations and send out alerts before large earthquakes occur, allowing people to evacuate and authorities to take precautions.

- ***Big Data Analytics and Cloud Computing:*** The integration of AI, big data analytics, and cloud computing improves hazard prediction skills by allowing for real-time data processing and scalability. Cloud-based platforms collect data from a variety of sources, such as weather stations, social media feeds, and emergency reports, while AI-powered algorithms extract valuable information. This method improves catastrophe preparedness and the effectiveness of emergency response efforts.

B. *AI-Powered Systems for Natural Hazard Prediction*

- **Earthquake Prediction Systems**: Because seismic activity is complicated and unpredictable, earthquake prediction remains one of the most difficult aspects of hazard forecasting. AI models use seismic patterns, subsurface stress accumulation, and microseismic signals to identify early warning indicators. For example:

  i. **Japan's AI-based Earthquake Early Warning System** utilizes neural networks to analyze seismic waves and issue alerts within seconds of initial tremors.

  ii. **Google's Android Earthquake Alerts System** uses smartphone accelerometers as mini seismometers, collecting data globally to enhance earthquake prediction models.

- **Flood Prediction Systems:** Floods cause extensive damage to infrastructure and human settlements, necessitating accurate forecasts and early warning systems. Artificial intelligence-based flood prediction systems estimate flood hazards using hydrological models, meteorological data, and satellite imagery. Notable systems include:

  i. **IBM's AI Flood Forecasting System**, which integrates ML models with weather data and topographical analysis to predict flood levels days in advance.

  ii. **Google Flood Forecasting Initiative**, which employs deep learning models trained on historical and real-time hydrological data to provide accurate flood warnings in vulnerable regions.

- **Hurricane and Cyclone Prediction Systems:** Hurricanes and cyclones are among of the most damaging natural catastrophes, demanding sophisticated forecasting techniques. Artificial intelligence improves cyclone prediction by evaluating air pressure, sea surface temperatures, and wind patterns. Systems like these:
    i. **NOAA's AI-powered Hurricane Forecast Model**, which improves the accuracy of hurricane path prediction using deep learning techniques.
    ii. **IBM's Deep Thunder**, which employs AI to provide hyper-local weather predictions and improve disaster preparedness.
- **Wildfire Detection and Prediction Systems:** Climate change has led to an increase in the frequency of wildfires, necessitating proactive monitoring and response systems. AI-powered wildfire prediction systems use satellite photos, weather data, and vegetation patterns to pinpoint fire-prone locations. Examples include:
    i. **NASA's FIRMS (Fire Information for Resource Management System)**, which uses AI-enhanced remote sensing to detect and track wildfires in near real-time.
    ii. **California's AI Wildfire Prediction Model**, which processes geospatial data to forecast wildfire outbreaks and optimize firefighting strategies.

AI-powered natural hazard prediction systems have transformed disaster forecasting by increasing accuracy, lowering false alarms, and allowing for real-time decision-making. These systems use a variety of data sources, including satellite images, sensor networks, and meteorological data, to identify risk indicators and provide early warnings. AI breakthroughs such as deep learning, geospatial analytics, and big data integration have dramatically improved predictive skills across a wide range of danger kinds.

Despite their success, AI-based hazard prediction systems confront a number of hurdles, including data quality issues, computing constraints, and ethical concerns about data privacy and access. Furthermore, assuring the interpretability and dependability of AI models is an important topic of research. Moving forward, interdisciplinary collaboration, increased investment in AI-driven disaster resilience, and the integration of AI with community-based disaster preparedness initiatives will be critical in mitigating the catastrophic effects of natural disasters.

This article delves deeper into these AI-driven developments, examining their techniques, uses, and future prospects. Understanding the potential of AI in hazard prediction allows us to build more effective solutions to protect people and infrastructure from natural disasters.

III. Literature Survey

Emerging technology have substantially enhanced disaster management tactics, particularly in nations such as India, which face a wide range of geographical problems and a dense population. Artificial intelligence (AI), geographic information systems (GIS), mobile communication, and drones have all helped to improve disaster preparedness, response, and recovery [1]. AI-powered systems use data from satellite images, sensor networks, and social media to help authorities predict disasters, optimize resource distribution, and improve relief coordination [2]. These technologies shorten response times and boost the efficacy of disaster mitigation efforts, especially in large-scale occurrences like floods, cyclones, and pandemics.

Big data analytics, when paired with AI, has enhanced natural disaster prediction and prevention by extracting patterns from multiple datasets. This improvement overcomes shortcomings in traditional disaster forecasting systems by improving real-time monitoring and early warning capabilities for earthquakes, floods, and landslides [3]. Despite these technical developments, obstacles remain, such as fragmented data access, legal barriers, and poor infrastructure, particularly in developing countries like India [1]. Recent research has also demonstrated the potential of Large Language Models (LLMs) in disaster management. LLMs can use advanced rapid engineering approaches to iteratively enhance solutions to changing crisis scenarios, boosting decision-making accuracy and response efficacy [4]. Experimental assessments across several AI platforms show that these models greatly improve disaster communication techniques when compared to traditional ways.

While AI-powered disaster management has transformative potential, resolving ethical problems, interdisciplinary collaboration, and policy changes are critical for realizing its benefits. Future research should concentrate on adaptable AI solutions customized to various crisis scenarios, promoting increased collaboration between government agencies, business entities, and technical advancements [1][3].Advances in multi-criteria decision-making, machine learning, and big data analytics have greatly improved natural hazard prediction and risk assessment. The Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) has been useful in mapping catastrophe susceptibility, finding that 30% of India's land and 40% of its people live in high-risk areas [5]. While AHP efficiently incorporates environmental, social, and economic elements, current models lack region-specific precision, demanding further refining for greater catastrophe preparedness.

Machine learning models, namely artificial neural networks, improve hazard prediction accuracy. The HIM-STRAT model, developed for snow cover simulation and avalanche forecasting in the North-West Himalayas, surpassed standard methods, with an 86.5% accuracy rate in snow cover prediction and 82.3% in avalanche forecasting [6]. Similarly, GIS-based models have shown effective in disaster risk mapping, with Fuzzy Logic outperforming AHP and Frequency Ratio approaches by detecting high-risk forest fire zones with 85% accuracy [7].

Big data analytics have increased natural hazard detection, increasing flood prediction accuracy to 87% and landslide detection to 79%, while enhancing early warning efficiency by 23% when compared to traditional algorithms [8]. Despite these advancements, combining several data sources remains a barrier for predicting reliability. On a worldwide scale, risk assessment approaches have evolved toward multi-hazard frameworks, highlighting climate change's impact on catastrophe frequency. According to research, 1.5 billion people live in high-risk locations, and disaster-related economic losses reach $250 billion each year. Flood frequency is expected to increase by 30% by 2050 owing to 10 climate change, emphasizing the critical need for standardized and scalable risk assessment techniques [9]. Addressing these issues through interdisciplinary collaboration and improved policy frameworks is critical for increasing disaster resilience globally.

Recent research emphasizes the revolutionary impact of artificial intelligence in catastrophe risk assessment, emergency response, and infrastructure resilience. AI-powered deep learning models have proven helpful in assessing natural catastrophe damage to buildings. Using the xBD dataset, researchers proved that high-resolution satellite imagery (less than 1 meter) considerably increases classification accuracy, however issues remain in generalizing models across other disaster occurrences [10]. Similarly, AI improves thunderstorm forecasting by combining many hazard data sources like weather radar, lightning detection, 42 and numerical weather prediction. The model gives real-time hazard probabilities on a 1 km grid, increasing short-term forecasting with explainable AI algorithms that ensure dependability [11].

In earthquake-prone smart cities, AI-powered soil 27 liquefaction prediction models using machine learning techniques such as gradient boosting and neural networks obtained classification accuracy of more than 96%. These models provide high-resolution risk maps, which help with urban planning and catastrophe preparedness [12]. AI also 5 plays an important role in environmental health and emergency management, with models used to anticipate disasters, diagnose mental health, and distribute humanitarian relief. In 2021 alone, AI applications assisted in the 26 management of 432 natural disasters, affecting 101.8 million 17 people and causing $252.1 billion in economic loss [13].

AI has also helped in infrastructure vulnerability 36 assessment, particularly in determining the susceptibility of data centers to natural disasters and power outages. A statewide survey of 2,660 data centers in the United States identified tornadoes, hurricanes, and earthquakes as primary risks, while spatial analytic approaches revealed low-risk zones, giving decision-makers with practical information to improve resilience [14].These findings highlight AI's growing importance in disaster management by boosting prediction 16 accuracy, streamlining emergency response, and strengthening infrastructure resilience. Future research should concentrate on improving AI models for different environments, combining interdisciplinary techniques, and resolving ethical concerns in order to optimize AI's impact on disaster preparedness.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming increasingly important in natural disaster prediction, management, and environmental monitoring. In landslide-prone areas such as the Garhwal Himalaya, Support Vector Machines (SVMs) 35 outperform classic statistical models. The L2-SVM-MFN model, with an AUC value of 0.829, efficiently maps landslide susceptibility, facilitating risk assessment in data-scarce areas 32 [15].A comprehensive analysis of AI applications in disaster management identifies six types of AI-powered models and discusses their impact on early warning systems. AI-enhanced EWSs increase predicting accuracy by 30-40% while reducing catastrophe reaction times by 20%. However, obstacles with data availability and ethical considerations continue, with 60% of research identifying data quality issues and 25% highlighting ethical concerns [16].

Emerging technologies such as wireless sensor networks (WSNs), unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and Internet of Things (IoT) are transforming multi-hazard disaster response. WSNs reduce monitoring costs by 70%, whereas UAVs increase situational awareness and reduce response times by 25%. Over 150 countries have implemented satellite-based monitoring to ensure more efficient disaster response and mitigation measures [17].AI-driven prediction systems have improved disaster predictions, such as earthquakes and floods. CNN-based models, for example, improved earthquake prediction accuracy by 23%. However, 40% of failures are due to old or missing datasets. Explainable AI (XAI) and Federated Learning are the future of AI-driven catastrophe management, with the potential to increase real-time prediction efficiency by 50% [18].

Artificial intelligence and data fusion techniques, such as Deep Convolutional Neural Networks (DCNNs), have transformed remote sensing applications in the environment. Case studies show classification accuracies of more than 98% in monitoring land use changes and environmental implications. The study recommends developments in XAI to increase model transparency and decision-making procedures [19]. These studies jointly highlight AI's enormous potential for disaster preparedness, response, and environmental sustainability. Addressing data restrictions, improving model explainability, and combining interdisciplinary techniques will be critical for increasing AI's influence on natural disaster mitigation.

Flood-prone areas such as the Middle Ganga Plain (MGP) require precise forecasting models for catastrophe mitigation. A study used 12 flood-conditioning parameters to evaluate the Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS) and its metaheuristic ensembles—ANFIS-GA, ANFIS-DE, and ANFIS-PSO. ANFIS-GA surpassed other models in terms of AUC scores (0.922 success rate, 0.924 prediction rate) and validation accuracy (0.883), making it the most effective for mapping flood susceptibility in low-altitude locations [20]. A broader review investigates data mining approaches in natural catastrophe prediction and management, focusing on machine learning, geological observatories, satellites, and social media data for real-time analysis. The study recommends a disaster management database for India built on an open-source Big Data platform such as Hadoop, with the goal of improving preparedness in a country that ranks among the top five in the world for disaster-related mortality [21]. These advancements underscore AI's critical role in improving disaster resilience.

TABLE I. COMPARING DIFFERENT AI MODELS IN DISASTER PREDICTION

AI Model	Strengths	Weaknesses	Best Applications
Decision Trees (DT) & Random Forest (RF)	Simple, interpretable, effective for structured data	Prone to overfitting, limited in complex datasets	Landslide prediction, wildfire spread modeling

Support Vector Machines (SVM)	Effective for non-linear data, good for small datasets	Computationally expensive for large datasets	Earthquake damage assessment, storm classification
K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)	Easy to implement, minimal training required	Inefficient for large datasets	Flood risk estimation, localized hazard assessment
Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)	High accuracy, adaptable to multiple data types	Requires large datasets, lacks interpretability	Tsunami detection, hurricane prediction
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)	Excellent for image-based hazard prediction	Requires large labeled datasets	Satellite-based wildfire detection, flood mapping
Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) & LSTMs	Effective for time-series hazard prediction	Difficult to train, requires large data	Weather forecasting, seismic activity prediction
Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)	Can generate realistic disaster simulations	Computationally demanding	Disaster scenario generation, climate modeling
Hybrid AI Models	Combines strengths of multiple models	Complex implementation	Flood prediction, multi-hazard assessment

IV. Model

In this study, three widely used supervised learning algorithms were implemented to classify natural hazards based on historical impact data: **Decision Tree Classifier**, **K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)**, and **Support Vector Machine (SVM)**. Each model was selected based on its distinct methodological advantages and applicability to multi-class classification tasks inherent in disaster prediction systems.

A. *Decision-Tree Classifier*

The Decision Tree Classifier is an algorithm that is based on rules. It divides the dataset into subsets by splitting the feature values repeatedly and finally creates a tree structure that connects the input features with the class labels. The given technique was picked for its interpretability and transparency reasonableness, which are very important in the realm of disaster management, where the decision-makers need the reasons for the model outputs in a straightforward way. The tree structure also serves the purpose of intelligible visualization of the decision-making procedure, therefore, the experts in that domain can easily find out how certain features (e.g. fatality counts, economic losses) lead to the classification of disaster types such as floods, earthquakes, or wildfires. Also, the model can be used to represent the relationships which are not linear in nature without the need for tuning the parameters. In this study, in order to avoid a situation where the model was becoming too complex and capable to represent the training data too well, a maximum depth restriction was assigned.

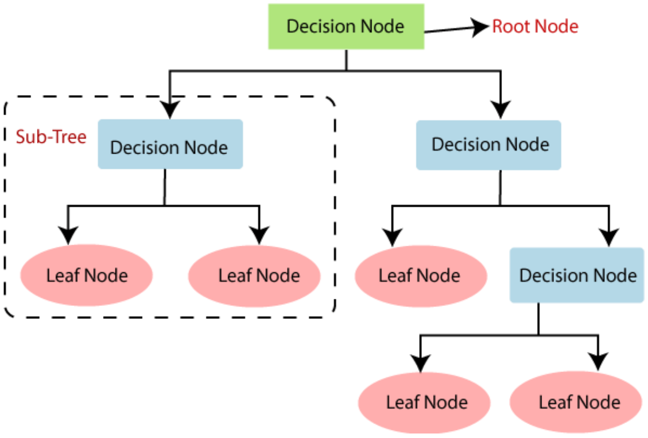

Fig. 1. Decision Tree Model Architecture

B. *K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)*

The KNN is an instance-based, non-parametric learning algorithm that classifies new data points by finding the most frequent class among their 'k' neighbors in the feature space. The KNN method is very successful in applications where different disaster types have common (overlapping) characteristics, e.g., infrastructure damage, or regional impact, which may not be linearly separable. The algorithm is based on a similar event of the disaster that would happen to be in a cluster in the feature space, thus making it a good fit. This technique is still sound for the datasets whose boundaries of the categories can hardly be determined and do not have linear separability. Although the KNN algorithm is known for being complex in terms of computing when large datasets are used, considering its simplicity and its ability to perform well on structured data, it can be a method of choice for multi-class disaster classification.

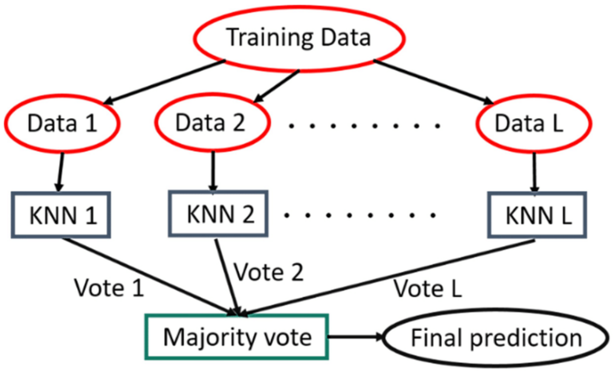

Fig. 2. Knn Model Architecture.

C. *Support Vector Machine (SVM)*

SVM is a potent tool that is designed to decide the optimal hyperplane that will considerably align with the classes in the feature space. With these features, we can use kernel functions to produce non-linear decision boundaries with SVM, so it is useful for high dimensional and intricate datasets. SVM can be used to find the best disaster type suitable for disasters with hardly recognizable differences from the location, disaster scale, and socio-economic impact. The model can be still a powerful tool for datasets with well-separated clusters regardless of the fact that it will not perform well on the imbalanced or heavily overlapping class situation. The strong theoretical basis and high-level robustness of SVM render it an ideal candidate for classification tasks when precision and boundary clarity are indispensable.

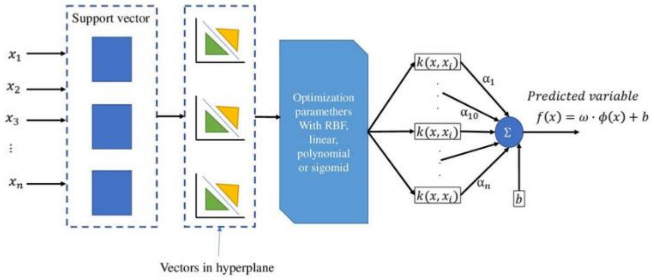

Fig. 3. SVM Model Architecture.

V. Methodology

An AI-powered natural hazard forecasting system that is useful was designed by testing many supervised machine learning models. The means adopted a process of data cleansing, model training, and the use of standard evaluation metrics for performance assessment. This part of the paper explains features of the dataset, method of modeling, and the comparison of three Decision Tree, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifiers.

A. Dataset Description and Preprocessing:

- One of the aspects of natural hazards contained in the dataset was the number of fatalities, economic loss, geographic location, and the year of occurrence.
- The predictive variable is the name of the natural calamity, e.g., flood, earthquake, wildfire, hurricane).
- The data was preprocessed by normalizing it, as well as by encoding the categorical variables and imputing the missing values to make the model ready.
- 80:20 split was made in such a way that 80 percent of the dataset was in the training set and the rest was in the testing set to check the generalization from the training phase.

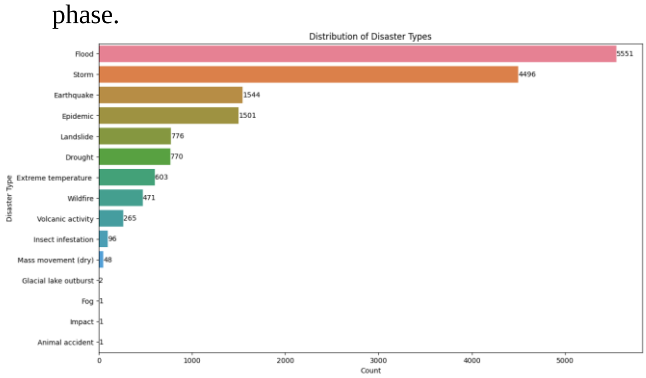

Fig. 4. Distribution of Disaster Types in Dataset

B. Model Evaluation Criteria:

The performance of each classification model was assessed using:

- Accuracy: Overall correctness of the model.
- Precision: The proportion of true positives among predicted positives.
- Recall: The proportion of true positives among actual positives.
- F1-Score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall, suitable for imbalanced data.

All metrics were calculated using weighted averages to accommodate class imbalance in the dataset.

C. Model Selection:

The machine learning model choice was mostly due to the necessity for keeping a balance in interpretability, computational efficiency, and classification performance across various disaster categories. Decision Tree, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Support Vector Machine (SVM) were preferred mostly because of their successful history in supervised classification tasks and because they have different advantages. Decision Tree has very good interpretability and can model relationships that are not necessary to be linear, which is extremely useful for decision support systems. KNN is the best option for simplicity and for the ability to find out local patterns in data, which is highly valuable when disaster events have the clustering behavior. SVM has the ability to operate stably even in the case of the high-dimensionality and non-linearity of feature spaces and to scan most of the data with characteristics of high precision, which is particularly important in such applications where false alarms need to be minimized. Thus, these models take the lead in terms of adoption in the classification methods field of natural hazard prediction.

VI. Results

This section presents the performance outcomes of the machine learning models applied for natural hazard classification. Each subsection provides a detailed analysis of evaluation metrics, visual interpretation of results, and comparative insights among the models tested.

A. Feature Correlation Analysis

A correlation matrix was produced with the aim of exploring any interconnections between the numerical features in the dataset. The matrix showed that the fatalities and economic damage had very strong correlation coefficients, thus, the conclusions by us were "Disasters with the largest scope seem to both have more money losses and involve many people who are dead." Furthermore, those variables of temporal and geographic nature were found, in some cases, to be moderately associated with given disaster types, with this information possibly suggesting the existence of certain regional or seasonal patterns. Realizing these relations is crucial for both feature selection and model interpretability. Those features that were highly correlated were selected to keep as many information as possible. However, the normalization was implemented to avoid the distraction from the features that may considerably dominate during model training because of their disproportion. The exploration of the correlations has been instrumental in identifying and setting the selected features as well as in the decision on which features to give the highest priority during the process of classification with machine learning models.

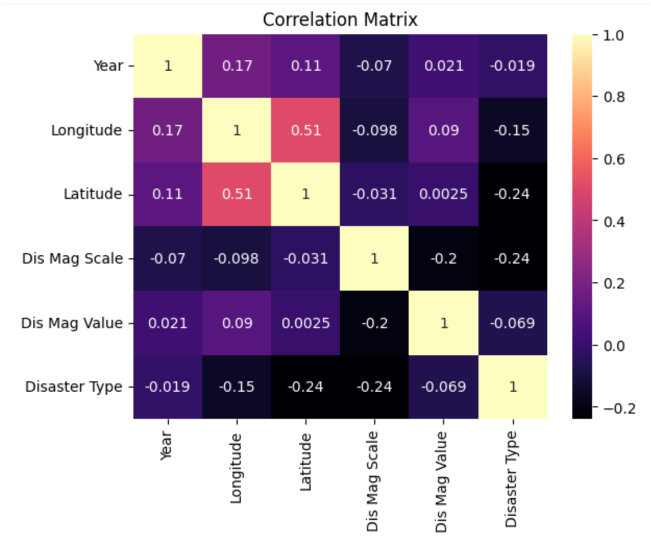

Fig. 5. Correlation Matrix on Disaster type and Its Scale and Magnitude.

B. *Evaluation Metrics:*

The models were assessed using **Accuracy**, **Precision**, **Recall**, and **F1-Score**, calculated as weighted averages due to class imbalance in the dataset.

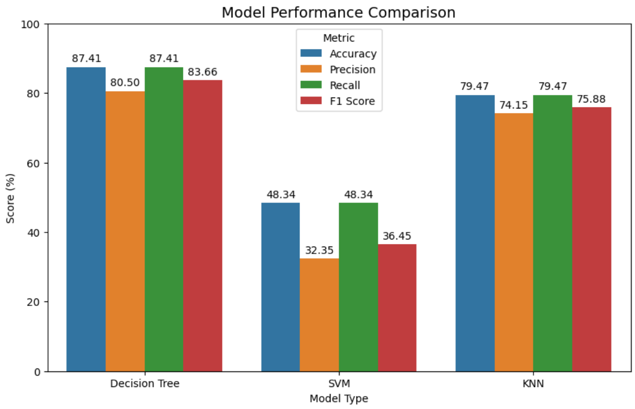

Fig. 6. Model Performance Comparison

C. *Comparative Performance:*

- Based on all four metrics, Decision Tree turned out to be the best model, and this suggests that it is the most suitable in cases where both interpretability and accuracy are important.
- What the analysts found was that the precision of SVM was so high that its use in systems should focus on minimizing false positives, e.g., public alert systems.
- Even with lower accuracy, KNN is still useful when data structures are more local and/ or when computer simplicity is required.

D. *Error Analysis:*

- These classes had more errors, mainly because of KNN when their feature distributions overlapped.
- Even all the models sometimes wrongly classified the disaster types with fewer occurrences, which shows the importance of data balancing or synthetic augmentation strategies in the future.
- An ensemble of models or the use of feature selection techniques would help in improving this model if model performance is just the issue of noise.

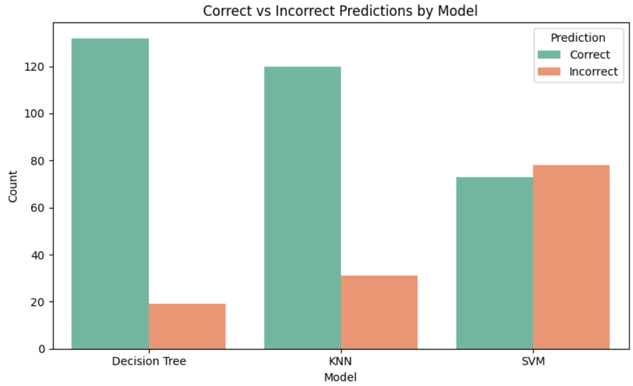

Fig. 7. Error analysis

E. *Summary of Findings:*

- A Decision Tree classifier counts as the study's most effective and understandable method of multi-class natural hazard prediction.
- An SVM guarantees high precision and ability for generalization while KNN ensures modest performance with simplicity.
- From the results, it is deduced that a combination of various models will be able to not only exploit the unique advantages of each individual classifier but also significantly improve the predictive capability and system reliability.

VII. Conclusion and Future Scope

This work focused on the utilization of machine learning algorithms in the identification of natural disaster events with semi-structured, disaster-related data. Three models, namely Decision Tree, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Support Vector Machine (SVM), were designed and applied to a pre-processed dataset that mostly contained attributes such as fatalities, economic losses, and geographic data. Decision Tree was the most accurate out of these classifiers and it also turned out to be very suitable for data of a complex rule-based nature and with varying categories. The values of the error function and the accuracy of the models were used to further study the generalization abilities of models as well as exceptions that can come with the assumption of overlapping class distributions and imbalanced data.

The findings emphasize the potential of AI in building early warning systems and decision-support tools for disaster risk management. By automating hazard classification, such models can assist policymakers, emergency response teams, and humanitarian organizations in timely resource allocation and risk assessment. Moreover, incorporating interpretability mechanisms into these models—especially tree-based classifiers—can enhance trust and transparency in high-stakes disaster scenarios.

However, this research also acknowledges several limitations and paves the way for future work. The dataset, while comprehensive, may not fully represent rare or extreme hazard events due to class imbalance. Addressing this through synthetic data generation (e.g., SMOTE, GANs) could improve the robustness of the models. Additionally, integrating temporal trends, satellite imagery, or real-time sensor data may lead to more context-aware and dynamic prediction systems. Future studies could also explore ensemble learning, deep learning architectures, or hybrid AI models to further enhance predictive performance.

In conclusion, AI-driven approaches hold immense promise in transforming natural hazard forecasting. With the right combination of data, model interpretability, and real-time integration, they can significantly improve the accuracy, efficiency, and responsiveness of disaster management strategies in the coming years.

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