

Modeling Earthquake Damage

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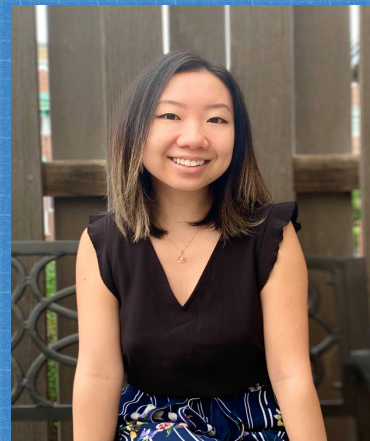
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GORKHA EARTHQUAKE

Date: April 25, 2015

Location: 50 miles
NW of Kathmandu

Intensity: 7.8 on
the Richter scale

Deaths: 8,900

Injuries: 22,000

Homes affected:
over 1,000,000



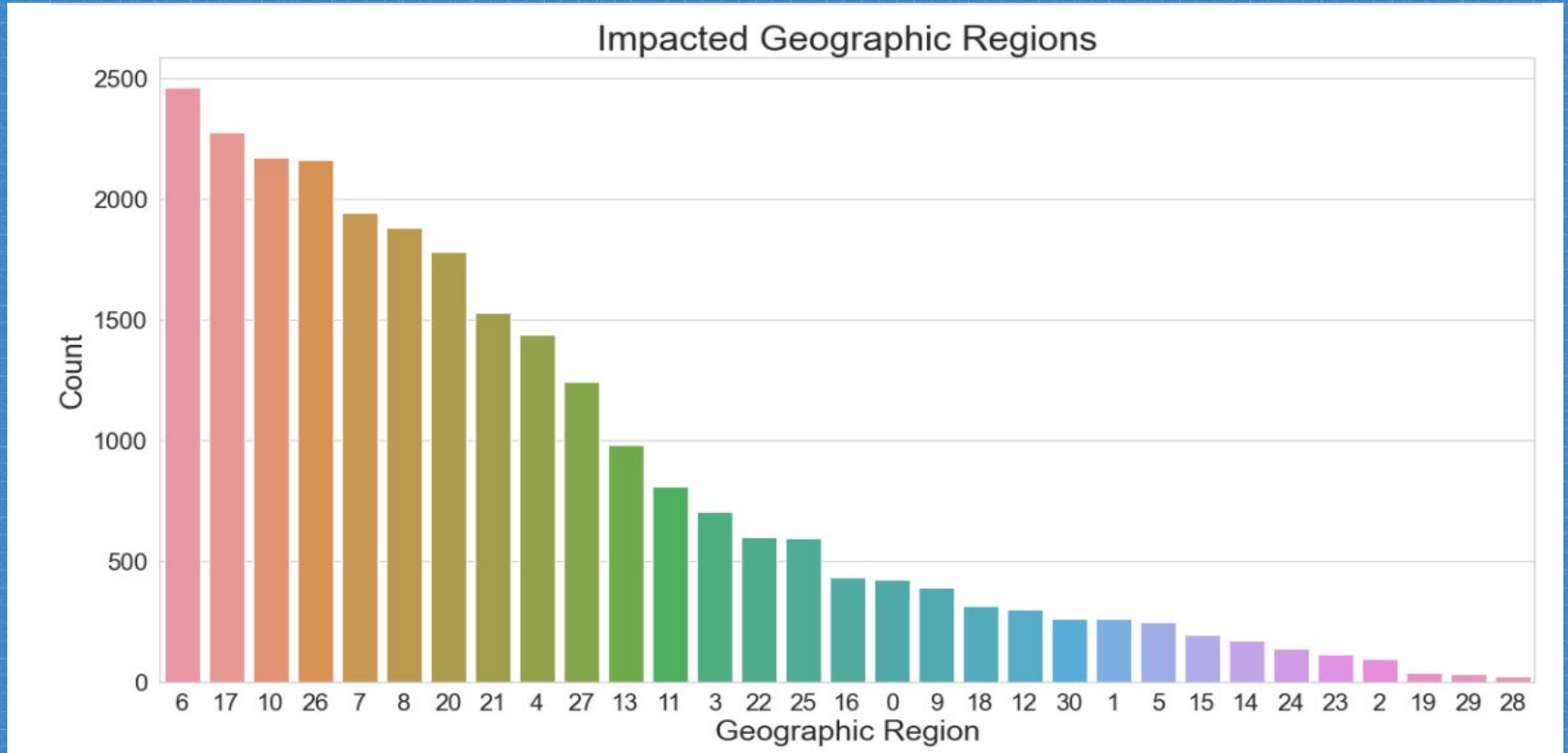
PROBLEM STATEMENT

Is it possible to predict the level of damage sustained by a building in the 2015 Gorkha earthquake in Nepal using classification modeling against the building's features?

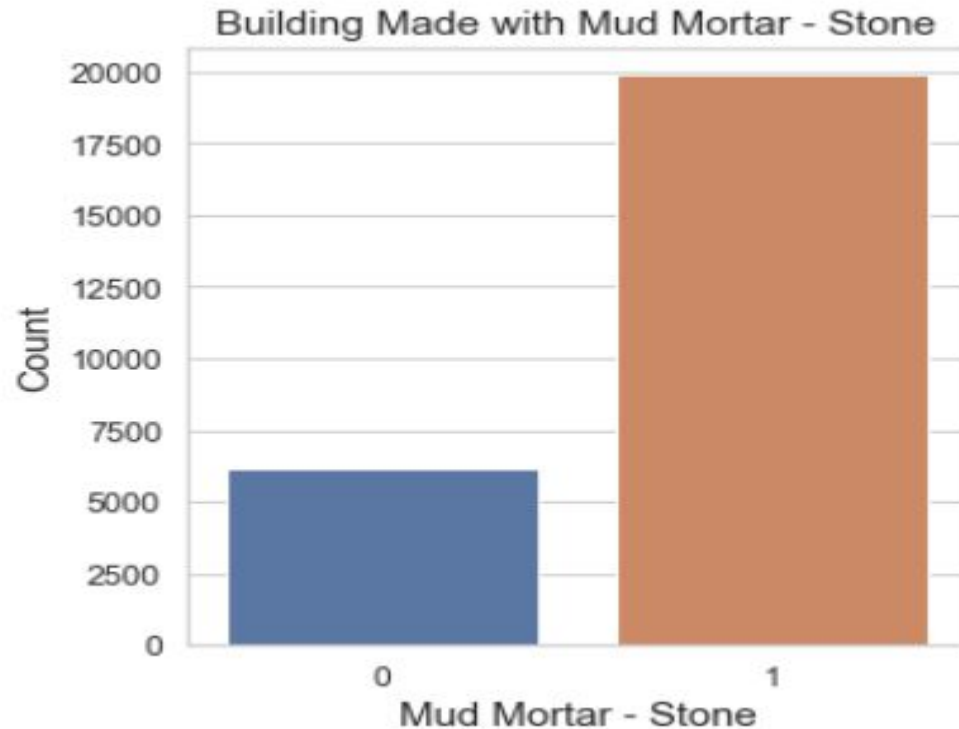
DATA COLLECTION & CLEANING

- Gathered data from `drivendata.org`
- Label Encoded features
- Checked for null values
- Utilized 10% of Dataset

DATA VISUALIZATIONS

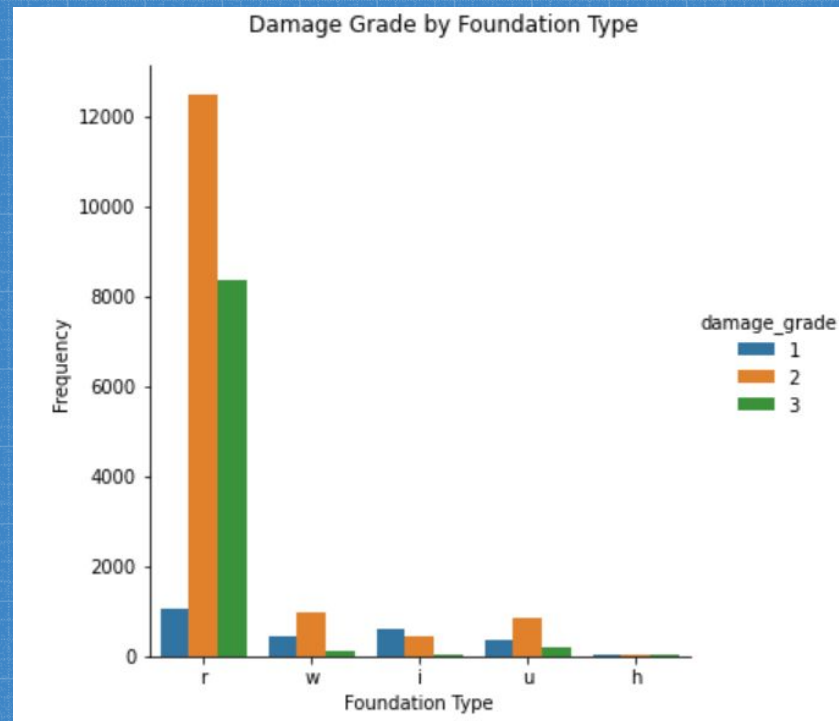
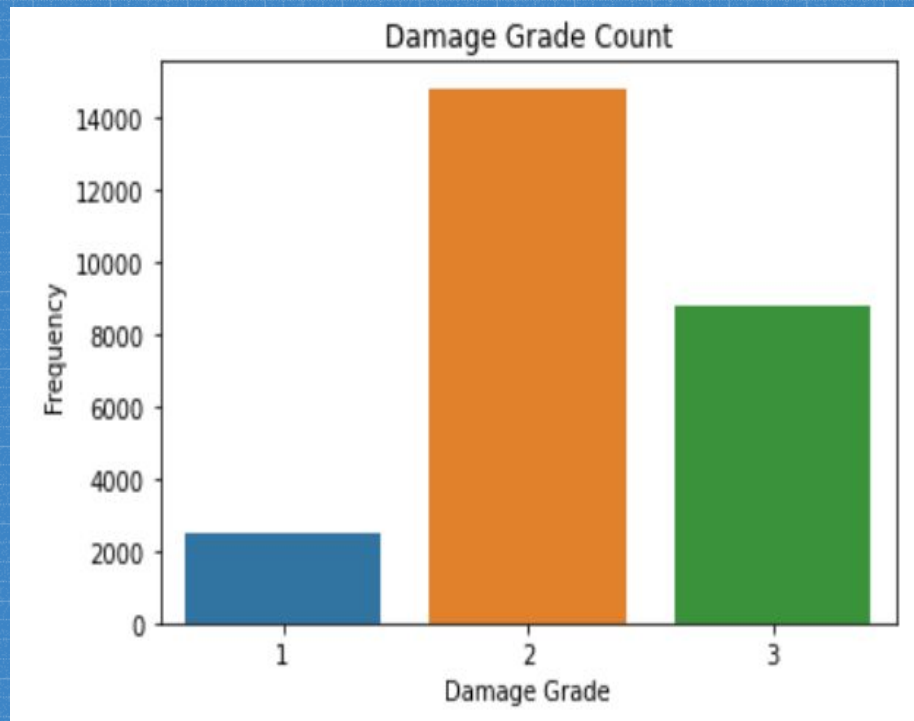


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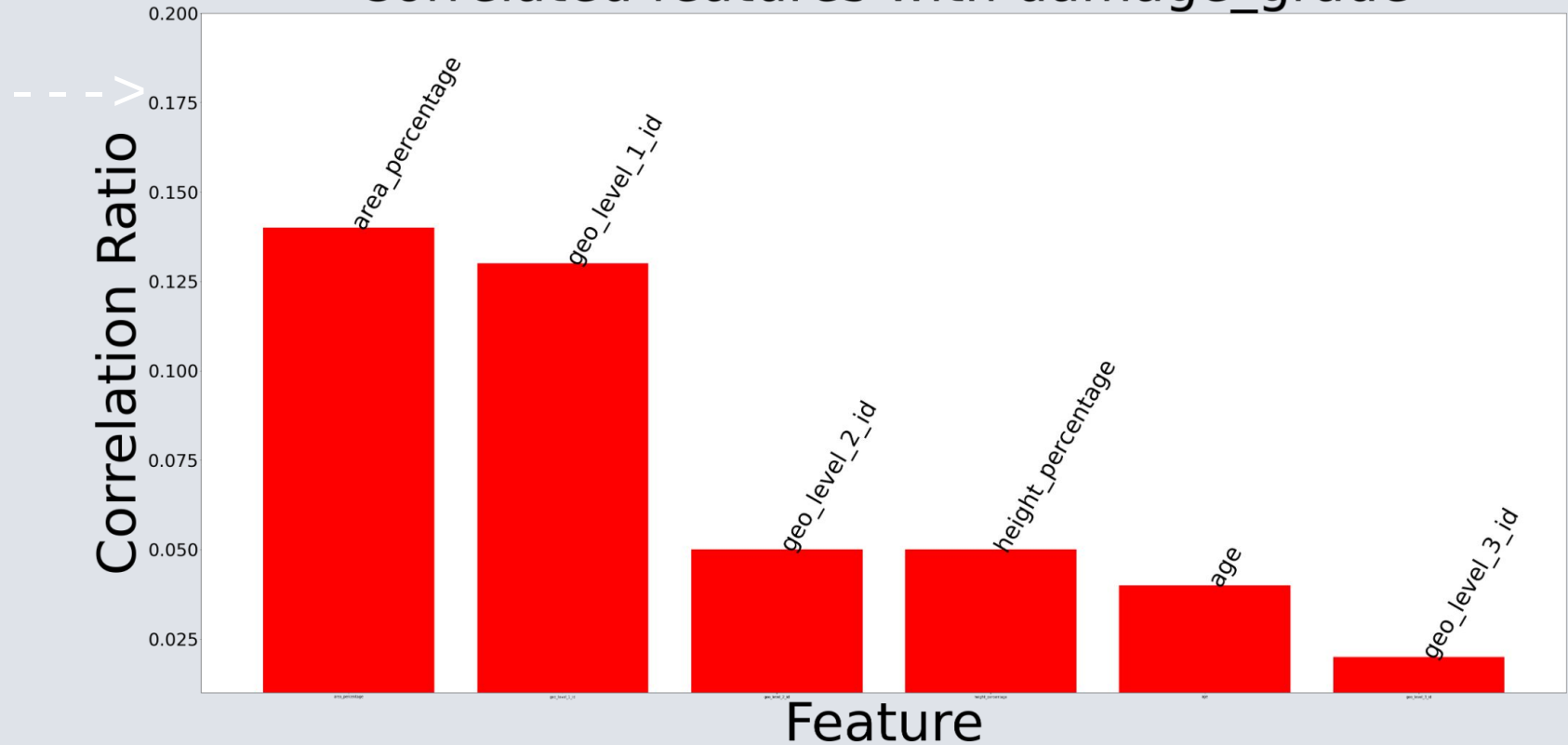
Sample size = 26,000
Mud Mortar-Stone = 20,000
Remainder = 6,000

DATA VISUALIZATIONS (CONT'D)



FEATURE CORRELATIONS

Correlated features with damage_grade

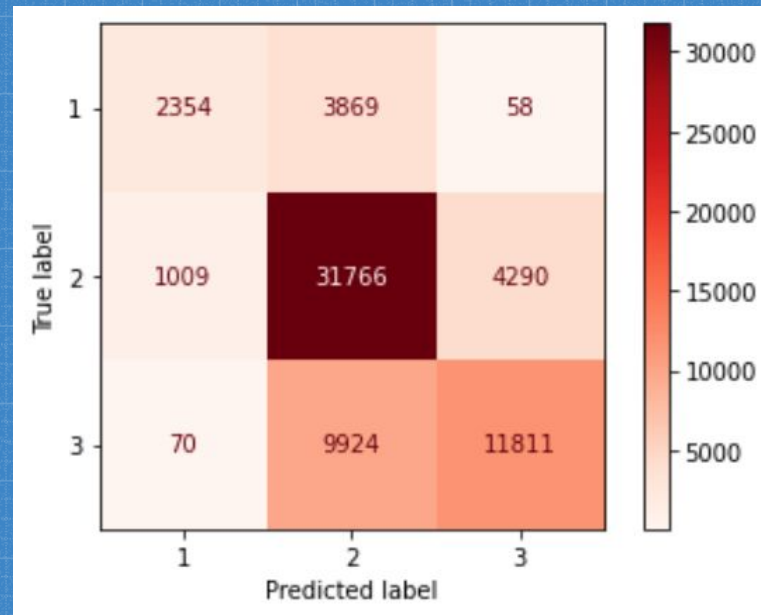


CLASSIFICATION MODELS TESTED

MODEL NAME	ACCURACY SCORE
Logistic Regression	0.583
KNearestNeighbors	0.571
Random Forest Classifier	0.689
Extra Trees Classifier	0.678
Decision Tree Classifier	0.665
Bagging Classifier	0.668
AdaBoost Classifier	0.660
Neural Network	0.568
<i>Baseline Accuracy Model</i>	<i>0.567</i>

BEST MODEL

- **Random Forest Classifier**
70% Accuracy Score (All Data)
- Label Encoding
- Standard Scaler
- GridSearchCV -- Best Params
 - Max_depth = 11
 - Max_features = 35



BEST MODEL (CONT'D)

Feature Importances
Geo Level ID 1
Geo Level ID 2
Geo Level ID 3
Superstructure Mud Mortar Stone
Age

Permutation Feature Importances
Foundation Type
Age
Roof Type
Count Families
Superstructure Mud Mortar Stone

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Streamlit Demo

CONCLUSIONS

- Neural Networks, KNN models did not perform well
- Logistic Regression, Boosting, Tree models did perform better
- Random Forest Classifier best classified the earthquake damage grade based off the features modeled
- Most important features: foundation type, building age, roof type, family count, mud mortar/stone superstructure

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Emphasize proper roof/foundation type for new construction
- Avoid mud mortar/stone superstructures
- Reinforce older buildings
- Reinforce multi-family housing buildings
- Focus efforts on heavily-impacted geographic areas

LIMITATIONS & FUTURE PROJECT REFINEMENTS

- Data Dictionary was limited in description
- Integrate imbalanced learning strategies
 - SMOTE, ADASYN, RandomOverSampler
- Integrate Boosting across the other tested models
 - AdaBoost, GradientBoost, HistGradientBoost

RESOURCES

- Project and Data source
 - Richter's Predictor: Modeling Earthquake Damage
 - <https://www.drivendata.org/competitions/57/nepal-earthquake/page/134/>
- GA Instructional Team
 - Jeff Hale
 - Jacob Koehler
 - Eric Bayless

THANK YOU!
Questions?

Appendix

