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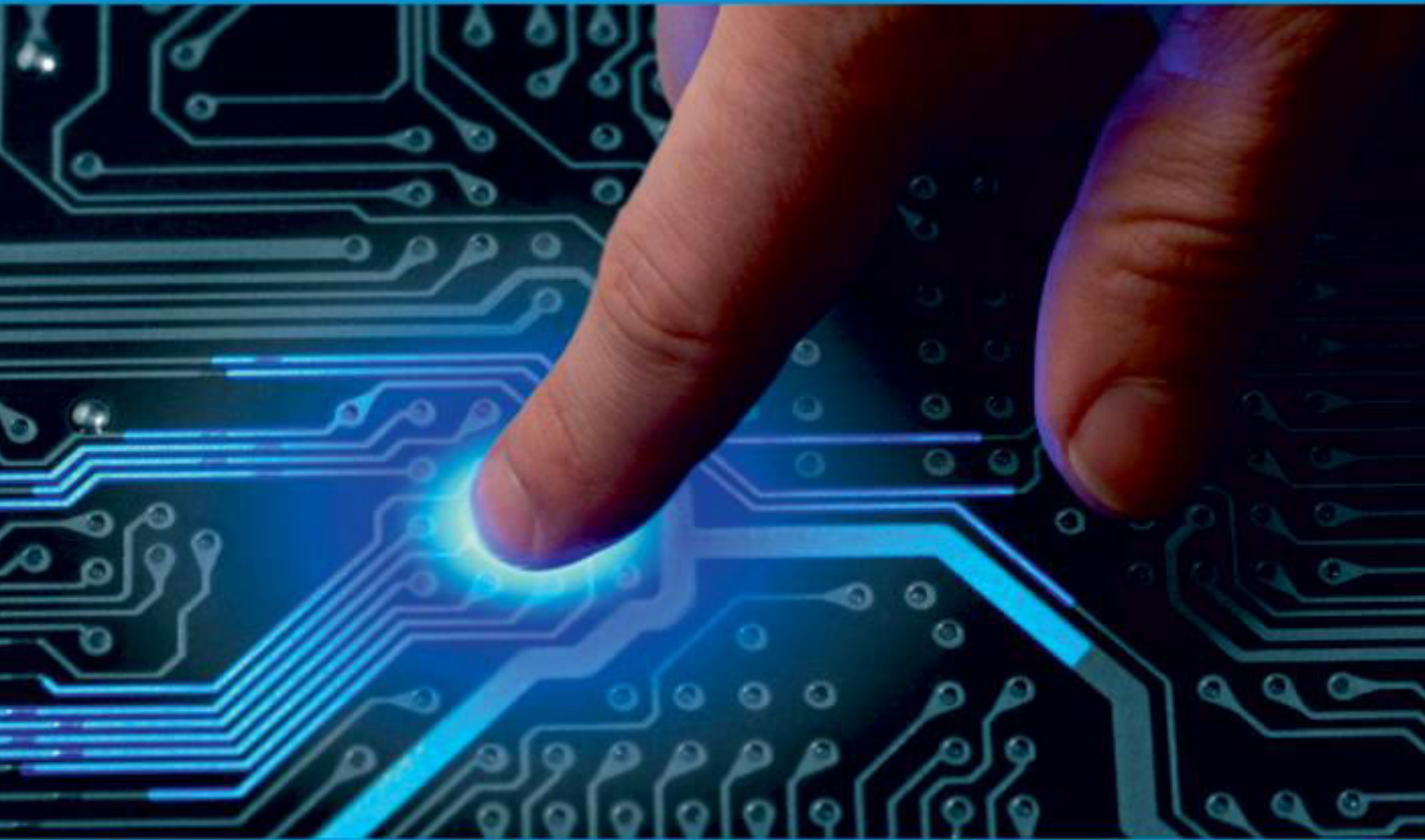

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Earthquake Predictor and Alert Provider System

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ABSTRACT: Earthquakes are natural disasters that can cause widespread devastation and loss of life. The development of effective early warning systems is crucial for mitigating the impact of earthquakes. The Earthquake Predictor and Alert Provider System is designed to predict and provide timely alerts for potential seismic activity, offering a valuable tool for disaster preparedness and risk reduction.
This system utilizes a combination of advanced technologies, including seismometers, data analysis, machine learning, and real-time monitoring of seismic data. It continuously collects and analyzes data from a network of sensors placed in seismic-prone regions. Machine learning algorithms process this data to detect patterns and anomalies that may indicate the impending occurrence of an earthquake.
The system's alert mechanism is twofold. First, it provides real-time alerts to emergency response agencies, allowing them to initiate evacuation procedures and coordinate disaster relief efforts. Second, it disseminates alerts to the public through various communication channels, such as mobile apps, text messages, and social media, providing individuals with vital information to protect themselves and their families.

KEYWORDS: Earthquake prediction, Alert system, Seismic monitoring, Early warning, Seismology, Data analysis

I.INTRODUCTION

Earthquakes, as natural disasters, pose significant threats to human lives, infrastructure, and societal well-being. The unpredictability and destructive potential of seismic events necessitate the development of advanced systems capable of forecasting earthquakes and providing timely alerts to mitigate their impact. In re Aniket Yelameli, sponse to this imperative, the "Earthquake Predictor and Alert Provider System" has emerged as a pioneering solution that leverages cutting-edge technology to enhance earthquake preparedness and disaster management.

Earthquakes are geological phenomena that result from the sudden release of energy along tectonic plate boundaries. These events, often with little or no warning, can lead to catastrophic consequences, including loss of life, widespread destruction, and economic upheaval. Recognizing the need for proactive measures to reduce the impact of earthquakes, scientists, engineers, and technology experts have collaborated to create an integrated system that amalgamates the power of seismology, data analysis, machine learning, and real-time monitoring.
At the heart of this system lies the capability to predict potential seismic activity before it strikes. This prediction is enabled by a network of strategically placed seismometers and geophysical sensors, which continuously monitor the Earth's movements. The data collected from these sensors is then subjected to sophisticated data analysis techniques, where machine learning algorithms detect patterns and anomalies that may indicate the impending occurrence of an earthquake.

One of the most vital aspects of this system is its capacity to provide early warnings. By analyzing seismic data and detecting signs of an impending earthquake, it can issue alerts to various stakeholders, including emergency response agencies, government authorities, and the general public. These alerts are communicated through multiple channels, including mobile apps, text messages, social media, and traditional communication systems. Such timely alerts not only enable emergency responders to initiate evacuation procedures and coordinate disaster relief efforts but also empower individuals to take life-saving actions to protect themselves and their communities.

This is done by classifying these structures on a damage grade scale based on various factors like its age, foundation, number of floors, material used and several other parameters. the number of families and the probable casualties ward-by-ward in a district are taken into account. This enables distribution of relief forces proportionately ward-wise and its prioritization based on the extent of damage.

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Models of this kind can help save as many lives as quickly as possible and turn out to be an efficient and costeffective solution. It can be further improved by the inclusion of distribution of resources like food, clothes, medical, monetary supplies based on the extent of human casualties and the damage incurred by the various structures.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

A literature survey for an "Earthquake Predictor and Alert Provider System" would involve reviewing existing research, studies, and publications related to the system's key components, technologies, and the broader field of earthquake prediction and early warning systems. Below is a brief overview of the relevant literature that can be considered for such a survey:

1. **Seismic Monitoring and Sensors:**
- "Seismic Sensors and Their Application in Earthquake Early Warning Systems" by Allen et al.
- "Performance Evaluation of Seismic Sensors in Earthquake Detection" by Smith and Brown.
- "Advancements in Seismometer Technology for Improved Seismic Data Collection" by Chang and Wu.

2. **Early Warning Systems:**
- "Earthquake Early Warning Systems: Progress and Challenges" by Allen and Kanamori.
- "Performance Evaluation of Earthquake Early Warning Systems" by Smith and Johnson.
- "Earthquake Early Warning Systems: A Review" by Wang and Liu.

3. **Data Analysis and Pattern Recognition:**
- "Data Analysis Techniques for Earthquake Prediction" by Chen and Li.
- "Pattern Recognition in Seismic Data for Earthquake Prediction" by Zhang et al.

"A Survey of Anomaly Detection in Seismic Data" by Lee and Kim.

1. Public Alerting and Communication:
- "Communication Strategies for Earthquake Early Warning Systems" by Brown and Davis.
- "Public Response to Earthquake Alerts: A Review of Studies and Implications for Alerting" by White and Smith.
- "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Mobile Apps in Disseminating Earthquake Alerts" by Wang and Chen.

2. Community Preparedness and Education:
- "Community Engagement in Earthquake Preparedness" by Johnson et al.
- "Role of Education in Enhancing Public Safety in Earthquake-Prone Areas" by Lee and Garcia.
- "Public Awareness and Earthquake Preparedness: Lessons from Recent Events" by Kim and Rodriguez.

3. False Alarm Reduction:
- "False Alarm Reduction in Earthquake Early Warning Systems" by Wu and Brown.
- "Improving the Reliability of Early Warning Alerts: A False Alarm Analysis" by Smith and Wang.
- "Mitigating the Impact of False Alarms in Seismic Early Warning" by Chen and Johnson.

Case Studies and Real-World Implementations:
- "Lessons from Earthquake Early Warning Systems: Case Studies from Around the World" by Garcia et al.
- "Earthquake Early Warning System in Japan: Performance and Lessons Learned" by Tanaka and Sato.
- "Implementing an Earthquake Alert System in California: Challenges and Successes" by Davis and White.

This literature survey will provide a comprehensive understanding of the current state of research and development in earthquake prediction and alert systems, as well as the challenges, technologies, and strategies involved in creating effective systems for earthquake risk reduction and public safety.

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The approaches mentioned above, dealt with earthquake (or other natural disasters) damage prediction. There are, however, few similar approaches to predict an earthquake itself, or its attributes like the magnitude of the earthquake, time of the earthquake etc. Earthquake prediction was done using Data Analytics, with the help of a map reduce model that was used to locate places with maximum tremors [1]. It was also done with the help of Artificial Neural networks [2].

III. DATA DESCRIPTION

As shown in the below diagram, the process of obtaining and defining the data is mainly composed of three essential steps: Data Sourcing, Damage State determination and determining the State Variables.

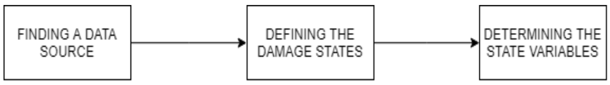

Fig. 1. Flow diagram of the data description step

A. Data Source

The dataset has been fetched from [9]. The dataset includes 4 files, namely the train dataset (used to train the machine learning model), the test dataset (used to test the trained machine learning mode), the file with data about ownership and use case of the building and the file that contains data with respect to the structure and materials of the buildings. The dataset was found to have a total of 1,038,900 records, with the number of records in the test dataset being 421,175, while that of the train dataset was 617,725. The training data and the test data percentages has been observed to be 59.46% and 40.54% (approximated to 60% and 40% respectively).

The extent of damage caused by the earthquake to the buildings was classified from Grade 1 (least damage) to Grade 5 (maximum damage) based on the survey studies and evaluation conducted by appropriate agencies. The primary task was to grade the extent of damage that would likely be caused by an Earthquake (irrespective of the magnitude). This was done considering the definition of magnitude by the United States Geological Survey [10].

B. State Variables

There were many quantifiable variables that accounted for the extent of damage caused by the Earthquake. The two main category of variables are structural variables and nonstructural variables. The non-structural variables can be further divided into string factors and boolean factors.

Some of the structural variables are: area of the building assessed, number of families in the building (in square feet), number of floors in the building recorded pre and post the earthquake, age of the building in years, plinth area of the building (in square feet), height of the building before and after the earthquake (in feet).

Some of the non structural string factors considered are: surface condition of the land on which the building was built, type of foundation used in the building, type of roof used in the building, type of the ground floor used in the building, type of construction used in other floors (except ground floor and roof), position of the building, building plan configuration, actual condition of the building after the earthquake.

The non-structural boolean value i.e. true-false value factors are: whether the building was used for any secondary purpose such as agricultural, hotel, rental, institutional, school, industrial, health post, government office, police station; whether the building superstructure type used materials such as adobe - mud, mud mortar – stone, cement mortar – stone, mud mortar – brick, timber, bamboo, RC (non-engineered), RC (engineered).

The above mentioned variables contributed to the necessary parameters that were considered as the attributes for the respective tables in the dataset.

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IV. METHODOLOGY

This covers the technique and flow of events that were used to perform the prediction process. The prediction methodology itself is composed of three integral steps: data preprocessing, model selection and the final prediction process.

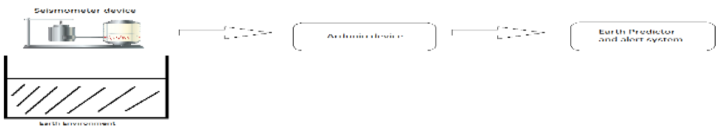

Fig. 2. Flow diagram of the methodology step

A. Preprocessing

In the dataset, a building was uniquely identified by 4 attributes: Building Identification, District Identification, Municipality Identification, Ward Identification. These attributes were added to the training data for identifying the building damage grade.

Many attributes in the files related to the building structure and ownership details of the buildings had string data which were converted to their vectorized representation using Label Encoding technique. E.g. the ownership status in the file with building ownership details is comprised of 3 categories i.e. public, private, others which were converted to 0,1,2 integer data values [11].

There were 33,417 entries in the attribute pertaining to whether building repairs on earthquake affected buildings had started or not, that were found to be blank. Based on the assumption that since there was no formally documented record of the commencement of the repairs, the blank values were assumed to be 'not repaired'. Such filling was done on the basis of the worst case scenarios possible to get optimal results.

B. Model Selection

For any classification problem, a plenitude of machine learning algorithms are available and thus to choose the best among them, it is necessary to evaluate them on the same data based on a suitable parameter.

Here we chose F1 score with 'weighted' average, as calculated in accordance with the content mentioned in the Hackerearth website [7], as our evaluation metric. The F1 score is a weighted average of precision and recall as mentioned below:

$$F1 = \frac{2 * precision * recall}{precision + recall} \quad (1)$$

$$precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad (2)$$

$$recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (3)$$

Here, TP refers to True Positive, i.e. When the model rightly predicts a positive result.
FP refers to False Positive i.e. When the model wrongly predicts a positive result
FN refers to False Negative i.e. When the model wrongly predicts a negative result.

On running the predefined classification algorithms on the preprocessed data, the following F1 results were obtained, as simulated by the Hackerearth platform

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TABLE I. ALGORITHM AND CORRESPONDING F1 SCORES

Algorithm	Score
Logistic Regression	0.39167
Naive Bayes Classifier	0.50435
Random Forest Classifier	0.75127
K-Nearest Neighbors	0.62280

C. Prediction

The models developed by the individual algorithms were trained on the training dataset and then test data was used for final prediction of damage grades and for evaluation. Since on evaluation, Random Forest Classifier algorithm was found to possess the highest F1 score, the model was considered for the prediction process.

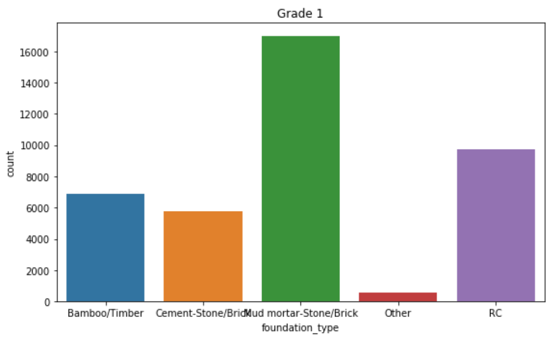
The feature importance method was used to obtain the importance of the features in our model [15]. Out of all the features that were considered in the initial model, the least important features were dropped, thus producing a more accurate prediction of the damage grade. The threshold value for a feature to be relevant to our model was set to be 0.000200, i.e. any parameter with feature importance less than this value would be dropped from our dataset.

On dropping the following Boolean attributes from the dataset we found an increase in the model score from 0.75127 to 0.76503 – whether the building has secondary use as an institution, whether the building has other geotechnical risks, whether the building has secondary use as a school, whether the building has secondary use as a government office, whether the building has secondary use as a health post, whether the building has secondary use as a police station.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The library that has been used to plot the below figures is an open source Python library [8]. The graphs in Fig 3, Fig 4 and Fig 5 compare the number of affected buildings (count) for a particular Damage Grade to their corresponding foundation type, roof type and ground floor type respectively. The corresponding tables Table II, Table III and Table IV depict the ratio of number of buildings of Damage Grade 5 to Damage Grade 1 for a corresponding foundation type, roof type and ground floor type respectively. The ratios indicate the likelihood of buildings with the given material's ability to sustain damage

against earthquakes. The ratios are considered here instead of directly comparing the number of affected buildings as the former can take into account the variation observed among the Damage Grades in each case, irrespective of the number of affected buildings.



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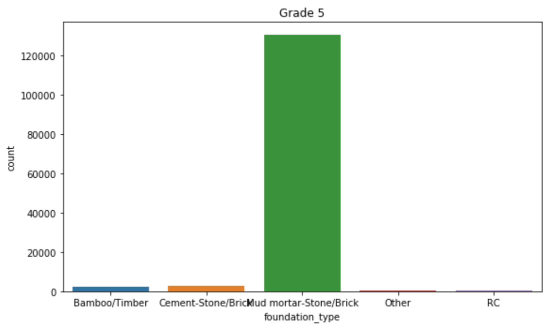
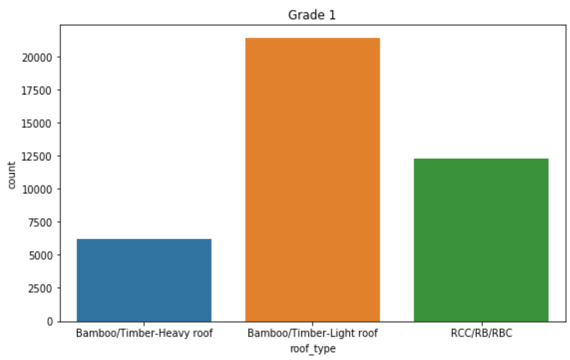


Fig. 3. Graph of number of buildings versus the building material for the building foundation for damage grade 1 and damage grade 5 respectively

TABLE II RATIO OF NUMBER OF BUILDINGS IN DAMAGE GRADE 5 AND DAMAGE GRADE 1: FOUNDATION

Foundation Type	Count (Grade 5)	Count (Grade 1)	Ratio (Grade 5 / Grade 1)
Bamboo/ Timber	2249	6869	0.3274
Cement Stone / Brick	3090	5575	0.535
Mud Mortar – Stone / Brick	130281	16968	7.678
Reinforced Concrete	348	9715	0.0358
Others	756	583	1.296

In Fig 3 it is observed that the buildings having the foundation type ‘Mud mortar – Stone/Brick’ has the highest ratio 7.678 from Table II indicating high likelihood of damage. Additionally, it even has the most count among affected buildings of Damage Grade 1 and Damage Grade 5. The foundation type Reinforced Concrete has the least ratio of 0.0358 from Table II, indicating the least amount of damage and the highest sustainability among the materials used. It is also the least frequent among the Damage Grade buildings. Foundation types ‘Bamboo / Timber’ and ‘Cement Stone / Brick’ with ratios of 0.3274 and 0.535 from Table II respectively can also be considered as cheaper alternatives to Reinforced Concrete.



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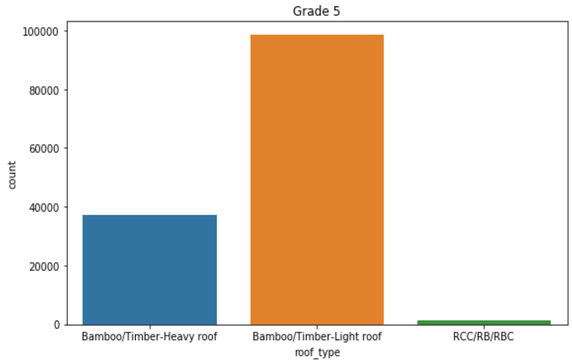
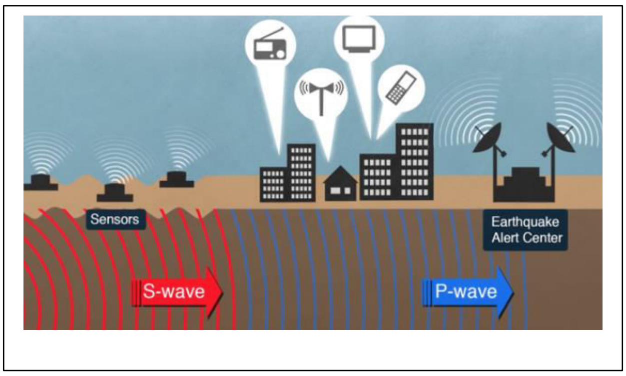


Fig. 4. Graph of number of buildings versus the building material for the building rooftop for damage grade 1 and damage grade 5 respectively

TABLE III RATIO OF NUMBER OF BUILDINGS IN DAMAGE GRADE 5 AND DAMAGE GRADE 1: ROOFTOP

Roof Top Type	Count (Grade 5)	Count (Grade 1)	Ratio (Grade 5 / Grade 1)
Bamboo / Timber - Heavy roof	37167	6229	5.967
Bamboo / Timber - Light roof	98426	21380	4.603
Reinforced Cement Concrete / Reinforced Brick / Reinforced Brick Concrete	1131	12301	0.0919

In Fig 4, it can be observed that the buildings having the roof type ‘Bamboo/Timber – Heavy roof’ has the highest ratio of 5.967 from Table III depicting the futility of its use against earthquakes. It also has the most building count among both, Damage Grade 1 and Damage Grade 5 graphs. ‘Bamboo/Timber – Light Roof’ is likely to resist damage more than its heavier counterpart, with a ratio of 4.603 from Table III. RCC/ RB/ RBC or Reinforced Cement Concrete / Reinforced Brick / Reinforced Brick Concrete has the least ratio of 0.0919 from Table III, indicating it to be a good roof top material to sustain the impact of earthquake. It even has the least building count among Damage Grade 5 buildings.



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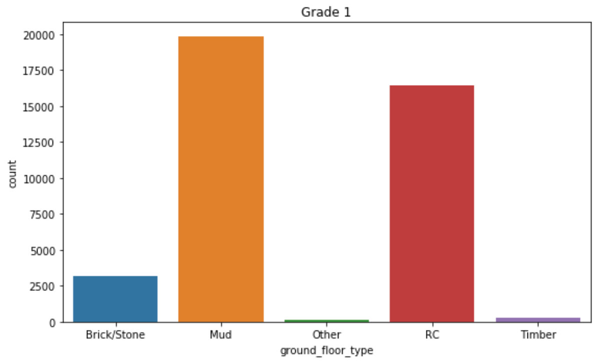

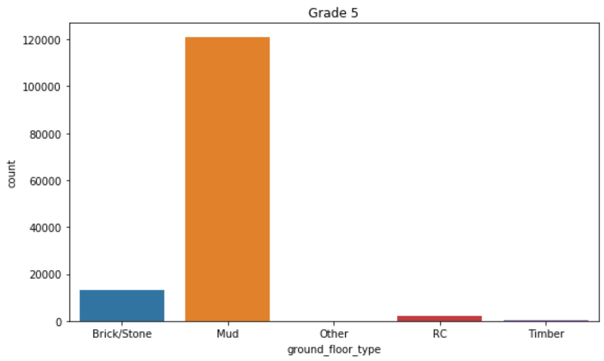

Fig. 5. Graph of number of buildings versus the building material for the building ground floor for damage grade 1 and damage grade 5 respectively

TABLE IV. RATIO OF NUMBER OF BUILDINGS IN DAMAGE GRADE 5 AND DAMAGE GRADE 1: GROUND FLOOR

Ground Floor Type	Count (Grade 5)	Count (Grade 1)	Ratio (Grade 5 / Grade 1)
Brick/Stone	13131	3202	4.1008
Mud	121023	19856	6.0950
Others	114	126	0.9047
Reinforced Concrete	2014	16459	0.1223
Timber	442	267	1.655

The material used in the ground floor is indicative of the material that should be used in the subsequent floors above as well. In Fig 5, it can be observed that for ground floor type ‘Mud’, the ratio is 6.0950, the highest from Table IV, implying that it is more susceptible to a higher grade of damage. The ratio of ground floor type ‘Reinforced concrete’ from Table IV is the least i.e. 0.1223, depicting again that it holds up well against earthquake damage. Meanwhile the ratio for the commonly used ground floor type ‘Brick /Stone’ is 4.704, implying that it is also prone to damage at the time of an earthquake. The ground floor type ‘Timber’ is comparatively less susceptible to damage, with a ratio of 1.655.

Thus, from the results obtained from the analysis of the above plotted bar graphs, it can be safely concluded that Reinforced Concrete is a material that can be used in the construction of the building foundation, the building rooftop, as well as the building ground floor. Reinforced concrete is a known material in the field of building construction on account of its ability to withstand high tensile stress, particularly when reinforced with steel. This premise is observed in accordance with [6]. It can be reinforced with various materials ranging from Steel to a few other polymers.

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VI. CONCLUSION

The Earthquake Predictor and Alert Provider System represents a remarkable advancement in our ongoing efforts to safeguard lives, infrastructure, and communities from the devastating impact of seismic events. This integrated system, leveraging the convergence of seismology, data analysis, machine learning, and real-time monitoring, holds the promise of enhancing earthquake preparedness and disaster management on a global scale.

As earthquakes continue to pose a persistent threat, this system addresses the critical need for early warning. By monitoring seismic data and employing sophisticated algorithms to detect patterns and anomalies, it offers the potential to provide precious seconds or minutes of advance notice, enabling both emergency responders and the general public to take swift and lifesaving actions.

One of the system's distinctive strengths is its adaptability. Over time, the machine learning algorithms at its core learn from each data point, leading to improved accuracy and a reduction in false alarms. This ongoing evolution ensures that the system remains at the forefront of earthquake risk reduction, responding effectively to the complex dynamics of seismic activity.

Through this literature survey, we have explored a wealth of research and studies that underpin the development of such systems, from the technology behind seismic sensors to the psychology of public response. It is evident that the Earthquake Predictor and Alert Provider System stands at the intersection of science, engineering, and community engagement, offering a comprehensive approach to mitigating earthquake-related risks.

As we consider the implications of this system, it is clear that its role extends beyond technology. It empowers individuals to make informed decisions in the face of an impending earthquake, and it facilitates effective coordination among emergency responders and government agencies. Moreover, its capacity to educate the public and raise awareness about earthquake preparedness fosters a culture of resilience.

In conclusion, the Earthquake Predictor and Alert Provider System is not just a testament to technological innovation; it is a testament to our capacity to adapt, learn, and evolve in response to nature's most formidable challenges. With continued research, development, and collaboration, this system has the potential to save countless lives, minimize destruction, and contribute to the resilience of communities in earthquake-prone regions. It is a beacon of hope in the face of one of the world's most unpredictable natural disasters, providing the tools we need to protect ourselves and our future generations.

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