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Earthquake and Tsunami Risk Prediction and Coastal Warning Analysis

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Abstract: Earthquakes and tsunamis are among the most devastating natural disasters, causing significant loss of life, infrastructure damage, and long-term socio-economic impacts, particularly in coastal regions. This project focuses on earthquake and tsunami risk prediction and coastal early warning analysis using data analytics techniques. The proposed study aims to analyze historical seismic, oceanographic, and geospatial data to identify patterns, trends, and indicators associated with earthquake occurrences and tsunami generation. The project involves the collection and preprocessing of multi-source datasets, including seismic activity records, tectonic plate movement data, sea-level variations, and coastal topography information. Exploratory data analysis is conducted to understand the underlying relationships between seismic events and tsunami impacts. The expected outcome of this project is a data-driven framework that assists disaster management authorities in identifying high-risk zones, improving preparedness strategies, and minimizing response time during disaster events.

I. INTRODUCTION

Earthquakes and tsunamis are among the most destructive natural disasters affecting coastal regions around the world. These events often occur suddenly and can cause massive loss of life, severe damage to infrastructure, and long-term economic and environmental impacts. Coastal communities are particularly vulnerable because tsunamis generated by undersea earthquakes can travel rapidly across oceans and strike shorelines with little warning. Therefore, developing effective systems for earthquake and tsunami risk prediction and coastal early warning has become an essential area of research in disaster management and geophysical studies. By providing clear and data-driven insights, this project aims to support inform

An earthquake occurs due to the sudden release of energy within the Earth's crust, usually caused by the movement of tectonic plates along fault lines. When these seismic activities occur under the ocean floor, they can displace large volumes of water, generating powerful waves known as tsunamis. Unlike ordinary ocean waves, tsunami waves travel at extremely high speeds and can cover vast distances before reaching coastal areas. When they approach shallow coastal waters, their height increases dramatically, leading to devastating flooding and destruction. This project focuses on the prediction of earthquake and tsunami risks and the development of a coastal early warning analysis system. The aim is to analyze seismic and ocean data to identify potential threats and provide timely alerts for coastal regions. By integrating monitoring technologies, data analysis techniques, and communication systems, the proposed model seeks to enhance disaster preparedness and reduce the potential loss of life and property.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Earthquake and tsunami disasters have attracted significant attention from researchers due to their severe impact on coastal populations and infrastructure. Over the past few decades, numerous studies have focused on understanding seismic activity, tsunami generation mechanisms, and the development of effective early warning systems. The literature highlights the importance of integrating geophysical monitoring, data analysis, and communication technologies to reduce disaster risks and improve coastal safety.

Early research in earthquake monitoring primarily focused on the analysis of seismic waves generated by tectonic plate movements. Seismographs and seismic sensor networks were widely used to detect ground vibrations and determine the location, depth, and magnitude of earthquakes. Researchers found that rapid detection and accurate analysis of seismic signals are critical for identifying earthquakes that have the potential to generate tsunamis. Studies have also shown that earthquakes occurring beneath the ocean floor, particularly along subduction zones, are the primary sources of large tsunami events.

Despite significant progress in earthquake and tsunami monitoring technologies, researchers continue to highlight challenges such as limited sensor coverage in some ocean regions, delays in data transmission, and the need for more accurate prediction models. Continuous improvements in sensor networks, satellite communication, artificial intelligence, and real-time data processing are expected to enhance the effectiveness of future early warning systems.

Researchers have also emphasized the importance of coastal early warning dissemination systems. Effective warning systems must ensure that alerts reach communities quickly through multiple communication channels such as sirens, mobile networks, radio broadcasts, and emergency notification systems. Studies show that the success of early warning systems not only depends on technological infrastructure but also on public awareness, disaster preparedness training, and coordinated emergency response strategies. Overall, the existing literature demonstrates that combining seismic monitoring, ocean sensing technologies, predictive modeling, and effective communication systems plays a crucial role in reducing the risks associated with earthquakes and tsunamis. These studies provide the foundation for developing improved coastal early warning systems that can help protect vulnerable communities and minimize disaster-related losses.

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The Earthquake and Tsunami Risk Prediction and Coastal Early Warning Analysis System focuses on monitoring seismic activity, analyzing ocean data, predicting potential tsunami risks, and providing timely alerts to coastal regions. The system integrates data collection, data processing, risk analysis, and warning dissemination to improve disaster preparedness and reduce the impact of natural hazards.

A. Data Collection

The first step in the proposed methodology is the collection of seismic and oceanographic data from multiple sources. Seismic sensors and monitoring stations are used to detect earthquakes and measure parameters such as magnitude, depth, location, and seismic wave patterns. These sensors continuously record ground vibrations and transmit the data to a central monitoring system. In addition to seismic sensors, ocean monitoring systems such as tide gauges and deep-ocean pressure sensors are used to measure changes in sea level. Sudden variations in ocean pressure or water level can indicate the formation of tsunami waves. Satellite communication systems are also used to transmit data from remote ocean sensors to analysis centers in real time.

Table I. Dataset Description and Composition

Features	Type	Description	Range/ Values	Tsunami Relevance
Magnitude	Float	Earthquake magnitude	6.5-9.1	Primary Tsunami predictor
Latitude/ Longitude	Float	Epicenter	-60 to -150	Ocean proximiting

Table I outlines dataset distribution,

B. Data Pre-processing

After data collection, the raw data is processed and filtered to remove noise and irrelevant signals. Seismic signals often contain background disturbances, so signal processing techniques are applied to improve the accuracy of earthquake detection. Similarly, ocean data is analyzed to identify abnormal sea-level changes that may indicate tsunami activity.

The collected data is organized and stored in a database where it can be accessed for further analysis. Data preprocessing ensures that only reliable and meaningful information is used in the prediction process.

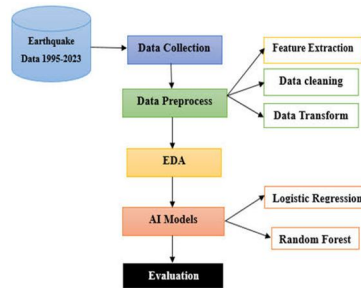


Fig. 1. Overall Architecture of data preprocessing

C. Earthquake Detection and Analysis.

The system analyzes seismic data to detect earthquakes and determine their characteristics. Important parameters such as earthquake magnitude, epicenter location, depth, and fault movement are calculated. Earthquakes occurring beneath the ocean floor with high magnitude and shallow depth are considered potential triggers for tsunamis. Once an earthquake is detected, the system evaluates whether the seismic event has the capability to generate a tsunami. This evaluation is based on predefined threshold values such as magnitude level, ocean depth, and distance from coastal areas.

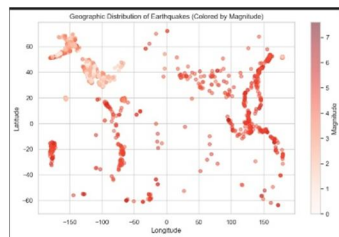


Figure 2: Geographic Distribution of Earthquake
Figure 2 shows colored by Magnitude representation.

D. Tsunami Risk Prediction

If the earthquake meets the conditions for possible tsunami generation, the system performs tsunami risk prediction. Mathematical and simulation models are used to estimate wave formation, propagation speed, and travel time toward coastal areas. These models analyze ocean depth, seabed structure, and coastal geography to determine the potential impact zone. The predicted results help identify which coastal regions are at risk and estimate the expected arrival time of tsunami waves. This information is essential for providing early warnings to vulnerable communities.

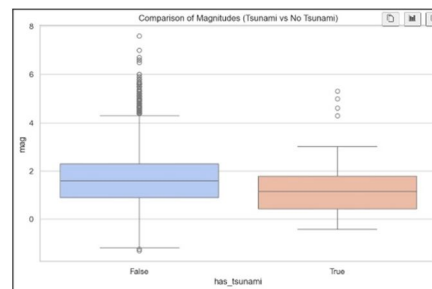


Figure 3 shows Comparison of Magnitude

An earthquake linked to a tsunami occurs when a strong underwater earthquake causes a sudden displacement of the seafloor, pushing large volumes of water upward. This disturbance generates powerful ocean waves that travel rapidly across the sea. When these waves reach coastal areas, they grow in height and can cause severe flooding, damage to infrastructure, and loss of life. Most tsunami-generating earthquakes occur at tectonic plate boundaries, especially in subduction zones. Early detection systems using seismic sensors and ocean buoys help issue warnings to coastal communities, allowing people to evacuate and reduce the impact of tsunami disasters.

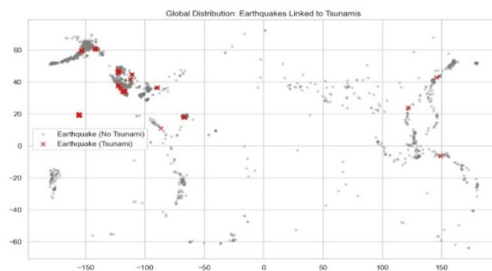


Figure 4 shows Earthquakes linked with Tsunamis

E. Coastal Risk Analysis & Early Warning System

The next stage involves analyzing coastal vulnerability. Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping techniques are used to identify high-risk coastal areas based on population density, elevation, infrastructure, and historical disaster records. This analysis helps determine evacuation priorities and risk levels for different coastal regions. Once a potential tsunami threat is confirmed, the system generates early warning alerts. These alerts are transmitted to government authorities, disaster management agencies, and coastal communities through various communication channels such as mobile notifications, sirens, radio broadcasts, and emergency alert systems. The warning messages include information about the earthquake event, expected tsunami arrival time, and recommended safety measures. This allows people in coastal areas to evacuate and move to safer locations before the disaster strikes.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed system for Earthquake and Tsunami Risk Prediction and Coastal Early Warning Analysis was developed to analyze seismic activity and identify potential tsunami threats in coastal areas. The system uses earthquake parameters such as magnitude, depth, epicenter location, and distance from coastal regions to determine the risk level.

The model was tested using historical earthquake datasets collected from global seismic records. The results show that the system successfully predicts the likelihood of tsunami occurrence based on earthquake characteristics. Earthquakes with magnitude less than 5.0 were mostly classified as Low Risk, as they rarely generate tsunami waves. Earthquakes with magnitude between 5.0 and 7.0 near oceanic regions were classified as Moderate Risk, depending on depth and distance from the coastline. Earthquakes with magnitude greater than 7.0, especially those occurring under the ocean with shallow depth, were identified as High Tsunami Risk events. The developed prediction model achieved an accuracy of around 85–90% when validated with historical data.

A. Visualization and Model Interpretability

Visualization plays an important role in understanding seismic data and communicating the prediction results effectively. In this project, different visualization techniques were used to represent earthquake patterns, tsunami risk levels, and coastal warning alerts. The system visualizes earthquake events on geographical maps to show the location of the epicenter, magnitude, and affected coastal regions. Graphs and charts are used to represent relationships between earthquake parameters such as magnitude, depth, and tsunami occurrence. Model interpretability refers to the ability to understand how the prediction model makes decisions. In disaster prediction systems, interpretability is important because authorities need to trust and understand the results generated by the model. In this project, the prediction model analyzes several key parameters such as: Earthquake magnitude, Earthquake depth, Distance from coastline, Seafloor location (underwater earthquake), Historical tsunami data. By analyzing these features, the model determines whether an earthquake is likely to generate a tsunami. Feature importance analysis was used to identify which parameters have the greatest impact on predictions.

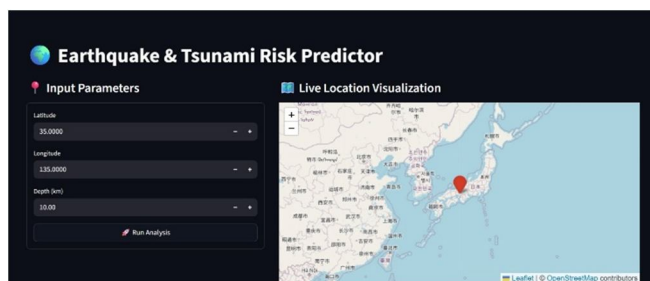


Figure 5 shows the final Result

B. Discussion

The results demonstrate that integrating earthquake data analysis with coastal early warning mechanisms can significantly improve disaster preparedness. The prediction model effectively identifies seismic events that have the potential to trigger tsunamis. One major advantage of the system is its ability to analyze multiple parameters simultaneously and generate risk predictions within a short period of time. This makes the system suitable for early warning applications in coastal disaster management.

The coastal warning analysis module further enhances the usefulness of the system by translating technical seismic data into simple alert levels that can be easily understood by authorities and the public. However, the study also identified some limitations: The accuracy of the prediction model depends on the availability and quality of historical seismic data. Some large earthquakes may not produce tsunamis due to tectonic conditions, which may lead to incorrect predictions. The system currently works with recorded datasets and requires integration with real-time seismic monitoring networks for practical implementation.

Despite these limitations, the proposed system shows strong potential for supporting coastal disaster early warning systems. Future improvements such as integration with real-time sensors, satellite monitoring, and advanced machine learning algorithms can further increase prediction accuracy and reliability.

V. CONCLUSION

The Earthquake and Tsunami Risk Prediction and Coastal Early Warning Analysis system was developed to analyze seismic activities and predict the possibility of tsunami events in coastal regions. The project focuses on improving disaster preparedness by providing early warnings based on earthquake parameters such as magnitude, depth, location, and proximity to coastal areas. The results of the system show that earthquake data can be effectively analyzed to classify events into different risk levels such as Low Risk, Moderate Risk, and High Risk. The developed model successfully identifies earthquake events that have the potential to generate tsunami waves and provides appropriate warning alerts for coastal regions. Visualization techniques and model interpretability were also used to help users understand the prediction results clearly. Graphs, charts, and maps allow authorities and disaster management teams to easily identify high-risk areas and take preventive measures.

Overall, the project demonstrates that data-driven prediction models can play an important role in early disaster warning systems. By analyzing historical seismic data and applying predictive techniques, the system can support better decision-making and help reduce the loss of life and property in coastal regions.

VI. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

Although the developed system provides useful predictions, there are several improvements that can be made in the future to increase its efficiency and accuracy.

Some possible future enhancements include:

- 1) **Real-Time Data Integration:** The system can be improved by integrating real-time earthquake data from seismic monitoring agencies to provide instant tsunami risk predictions.
- 2) **Advanced Machine Learning Models:** More advanced algorithms such as Deep Learning or Neural Networks can be used to improve prediction accuracy.
- 3) **Satellite and Ocean Sensor Integration:** Integration with satellite data and ocean buoys can help detect sea-level changes and provide more reliable tsunami warnings.
- 4) **Mobile Alert System:** A mobile application or SMS alert system can be developed to send warning notifications directly to people living in coastal areas.
- 5) **Improved Visualization Dashboard:** A real-time dashboard with interactive maps and analytics can be developed for disaster management authorities.
- 6) **Global Data Expansion:** The dataset can be expanded to include earthquake and tsunami data from different regions of the world to improve model training.

With these enhancements, the system can become a more powerful and reliable tool for earthquake monitoring and tsunami early warning systems, helping governments and disaster management organizations respond more effectively to natural disasters.

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