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# Text Analytics for Resilience-Enabled Extreme Events Reconnaissance

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## Abstract

1 Post-hazard reconnaissance for natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes) is important for  
2 understanding the performance of the built environment, speeding up the recovery,  
3 enhancing resilience and making informed decisions related to current and future  
4 hazards. Natural language processing (NLP) is used in this study for the purposes  
5 of increasing the accuracy and efficiency of natural hazard reconnaissance through  
6 automation. The study particularly focuses on (1) automated data (news and social  
7 media) collection hosted by the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research (PEER)  
8 Center server, (2) automatic generation of reconnaissance reports, and (3) use of  
9 social media to extract post-hazard information such as the recovery time. Obtained  
10 results are encouraging for further development and wider usage of various NLP  
11 methods in natural hazard reconnaissance.

## 12 1 Introduction

13 Due to the exponential growth of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies, use of AI methods in  
14 structural engineering, similar to many other disciplines, has seen a reasonable increase in recent  
15 years. Several studies employed Machine Learning (ML) models to predict the structural responses,  
16 fragility parameters or performance limit states of steel and concrete moment frames, steel braced  
17 frames and reinforced concrete walls [6, 12]. Other studies used ML models to predict the values  
18 of structural model parameters (e.g. shear strength, drift capacity) from experimental data [5, 8].  
19 In the category of image-based structural health monitoring, there has been a reasonable number  
20 of ML-based computer vision studies to automatically detect damage from images [1, 4]. Other  
21 studies focused on AI-based damage detection, localization and classification using sensors located  
22 on structures [2, 13].

23 Natural hazards such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and hurricanes, have potential to cause fatalities  
24 and injuries as well as damage to buildings and other infrastructure. Post-hazard reconnaissance is  
25 therefore important to enhance the understanding the performance of the built environment, speed up  
26 the recovery and make informed decisions related to current and future hazards. Although ML-based  
27 methods have been used in natural hazards reconnaissance, relatively few studies have explored  
28 techniques from natural language processing (NLP). NLP techniques can potentially lead to significant  
29 increase of efficiency and accuracy for post-hazard reconnaissance evaluation. In one of the few  
30 NLP related work, Mangalathu and Burton [9] trained a long short-term memory (LSTM) model for  
31 classifying building damage using text based natural language damage descriptions according to the  
32 green, yellow and red tagging categories of ATC-20. Social media data such as tweets have been  
33 used in a few studies to train ML algorithms for direct eyewitness messages in disasters [18] and to  
34 identify themes in social media behavior during hazards [16].

35 In this paper, two applications of NLP are explored in the context of earthquake reconnaissance.  
36 First is the automatic generation of reconnaissance reports, which are an essential part of each

37 field reconnaissance. Automatic report generation aims at decreasing the time to generate a report  
38 and increasing the accuracy and abundance of information by facilitating access to many identified  
39 resources that can be missed otherwise. Second application is the use of social media and crowd-  
40 sourcing to extract information related to earthquake consequences and resilience, such as recovery  
41 time, which is difficult to be obtained using other methods. Considering that this is a new untapped  
42 application field of AI, the preliminary study conducted herein is expected to lead to the initiation of  
43 advances in this area.

44 Following sections of the paper are organized as follows: The automatic data collection approach  
45 used for both applications is described in Section 2. Methodology and applications of the automatic  
46 report generation and recovery time estimation are described in Sections 3 and 4. Finally, concluding  
47 remarks and future directions are listed in the last section.

## 48 **2 Automated Data Collection from News and Social Media Websites**

49 The automatic data collection is performed by using a Python script that communicates with the U.S.  
50 Geological Survey (USGS) Earthquake Hazard Program API (Application Programming Interface) <sup>1</sup>.  
51 The program is scheduled to run every day in the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research (PEER)  
52 server and query new earthquakes from the USGS API. Only earthquakes that have magnitude greater  
53 than or equal to 5 and USGS PAGER alert level in either yellow, orange or red are recorded. When a  
54 new earthquake is detected, the program starts collecting related social media data from Twitter and  
55 related news articles from News API <sup>2</sup>. Tweets are collected over a period of three months using the  
56 keyword “earthquake” and the earthquake location. Tweets are also collected in the local language to  
57 capture local effects more precisely. News articles related to the earthquake are collected for duration  
58 of a week. The news articles data is then used in the automatic report generation and the social media  
59 data is used in the recovery time analysis detailed in the next two sections.

## 60 **3 Automatic Generation of Hazard Briefings**

61 Reconnaissance reports are an essential component of each natural hazard field reconnaissance as  
62 they report all findings, observations and conclusions from the event. These reports can be in the form  
63 of reports from the detailed field assessments or preliminary reports and briefings based on virtual  
64 resources. NLP provides a great venue for automatic generation of hazard briefings as the utilized  
65 information is from news websites and websites that provide the characteristics of the hazard (e.g.  
66 USGS). Furthermore, briefings provide concise information within well-defined sections. In terms of  
67 the hazard type, an event could represent any natural hazard, including earthquake, tsunami, hurricane,  
68 etc. However, the focus in this paper is earthquake briefings, therefore the next two subsections  
69 explain the methodology developed for automatic generation of earthquake briefings along with the  
70 pursued applications.

### 71 **3.1 Methodology**

72 A typical earthquake briefing consists of standard sections of “Introduction”, “Hazard Description”,  
73 “Damage to Buildings”, “Damage to Other Infrastructure” and “Resilience Aspects and Effects on  
74 Community”. The “Introduction” and “Hazard Description” sections include standard contents  
75 with only a few items related to the specifics of the event (e.g. date and time, magnitude, location,  
76 epicentral coordinates). To complete this specific information in the hazard description, a script  
77 is developed that directly communicates with the USGS API and fills out the relevant information  
78 automatically.

79 The remaining sections are generated using information collected from the new articles. For a given  
80 earthquake, the automated data collection script provides us with a set of relevant news articles and  
81 their content. In order to generate contents for each remaining sections, “Damage to Buildings”,  
82 “Damage to Other Infrastructure” and “Resilience Aspects and Effects on Community”, we first  
83 perform a classification task that classify each sentence in the article into one of the four categories,  
84 “building”, “infrastructure”, “resilience” and “other”. Sentences that are classified into the first three

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<sup>1</sup><https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/feed/>

<sup>2</sup><https://newsapi.org/>

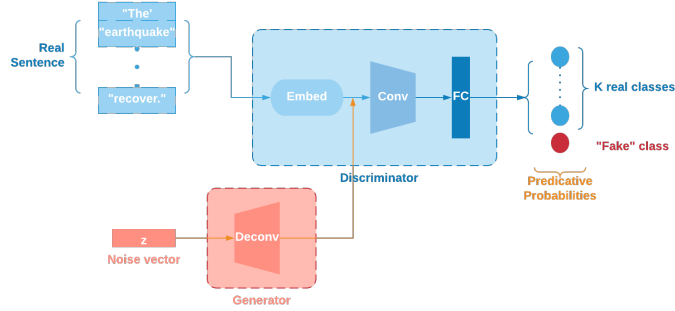


Figure 1: Semi-supervised GAN architecture.

85 classes correspond to the sentences that will later be summarized and added to the "Damage to  
 86 Buildings", "Damage to Other Infrastructure" and "Resilience Aspects and Effects on Community"  
 87 sections. The fourth class corresponds to any sentence that does not fit into any of the three categories  
 88 mentioned earlier. The classification task is then followed by the document summarization task.  
 89 In this task, we employ extractive summarization techniques to condense and summarize all the  
 90 sentences in each section.

### 91 3.1.1 Sentences Classification

92 Five classification methods are used in the classification task, followed by the majority voting to  
 93 determine the resulting class for each sentence. The following algorithms are used in the classification  
 94 task, from simple to complex ones: (1) keyword match, (2) logistic regression (LR), (3) support  
 95 vector machine (SVM), (4) convolutional neural networks (CNN), and (5) semi-supervised generative  
 96 adversarial network (GAN). The keyword match method classifies sentences by matching keywords  
 97 provided by the reconnaissance researchers that are commonly used in the corresponding sections of  
 98 a briefing.

99 **Training data** There is currently no available labeled dataset for our application. Therefore, we  
 100 generate training data using past earthquake briefings and reports that are available. The training  
 101 dataset contains around 200 sentences collected from the past earthquake briefings and reports and  
 102 the data is manually labeled by the reconnaissance researchers.

103 **Baseline CNN classifier** We follow the methodology of Kim [7], where the sentences are first  
 104 embedded by randomly-initialized word vectors, *i.e.*,  $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^m, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$   
 105 are the embedding size and vocabulary size respectively. Word embedding vectors are updated through  
 106 back-propagation during training. Three sizes of convolutional filters are used, with heights equal  
 107 to 3, 4, 5 and width equal to the embedding size. Max pooling is also used, followed by a fully  
 108 connected layer with softmax activation.

109 **Semi-supervised GAN classifier** The generative adversarial network consists of two parts, the  
 110 *generator* and the *discriminator*. The generator creates synthetic or "fake" data and the discriminator  
 111 classifies an input sample as "real" or "fake". Our semi-supervised GAN framework is based on  
 112 Salimans et al. [15], which considers both the supervised and unsupervised losses. The unsupervised  
 113 loss measures the discriminator's abilities to distinguish "real" and "fake" data. If a sample is  
 114 categorized as "real", the discriminator also makes a prediction of the sample. The supervised loss  
 115 thus measures the discriminator's ability to correctly label the data when the data is categorized  
 116 as "real". Figure 1 illustrates our Semi-supervised GAN framework. We use the same network  
 117 architecture for the discriminator as in the baseline CNN, except for the output size of the last fully-  
 118 connected layer ( $K$  outputs for CNN and  $K + 1$  outputs for GAN). The detailed GAN architecture is  
 119 summarized in the Appendix.

### 120 3.1.2 Document Summarization

121 After the classification task is completed, the second step for the automatic generation of the earth-  
 122 quake briefing is to condense and synthesize sentences in each section. This is accomplished using

123 techniques from document summarization. Automatic document summarization is the process of  
 124 condensing a set of data computationally in order to create a summary that best represents information  
 125 of the original content. There are two general approaches to document summarization: *extractive*  
 126 *summarization* and *abstractive summarization*. Extractive summarization techniques extract the  
 127 summary from the original data without modifying the sentences or phrases. In contrast, abstractive  
 128 summarization may paraphrase the summary. In this work, we consider unsupervised extractive  
 129 summarization techniques since the briefing generated using NLP is used as a first step to quickly  
 130 provide useful and relevant information to researchers. Extractive summarization methods generally  
 131 have more stable performance compared to abstractive methods, since abstractive methods require  
 132 good performing natural language generation techniques. Furthermore, abstractive methods typically  
 133 require large amount of labeled training data; however, there is currently no labeled hazard briefings  
 134 summarization data available. As a result, an unsupervised extractive summarization method called  
 135 TextRank [10] is used in this work.

### 136 3.2 Application

137 An earlier version of the methodology described above is used to automatically generate summaries  
 138 for three earthquake briefings for the StEER (Structural Extreme Events Reconnaissance) Network  
 139 [17, 3, 11]. In this section, we evaluate the feasibility of the full methodology using Albania  
 140 earthquake as a case study. We generate an earthquake briefing for the 2019 Mw 6.4 Albania  
 141 earthquake, which caused significant damage and disruptions to the local community, using the  
 142 pipeline described above. Around 130 sentences were collected from different news websites. Table  
 143 1 summarizes the performance of the classification algorithms on the training data collected from the  
 144 past briefings and the performance of the algorithms on the news related to Albania earthquake. The  
 145 results show that keywords matching is quite limited as it is difficult to exhaustively list all of the  
 146 possible keywords in each section. The other four methods have relatively high performance and  
 147 therefore in our pipeline we take the majority vote of these four methods as our final classification  
 148 output. In the case of Albania earthquake, we achieve 69% classification accuracy with the majority  
 149 vote. This accuracy is considered sufficient as the automatically generated report is not regarded  
 150 as a final report, but rather an intermediate document that helps the domain experts create the final  
 151 document in an accurate and efficient way. Regardless, this accuracy is attributed to the small number  
 152 of training data used in the training data and is expected to increase with larger number of labeled  
 153 data, which is one of the future agenda of the study. The Albania briefing generated with the full  
 154 pipeline and the ROUGE score evaluation for the summarization are included in the Appendix.

Table 1: Sentence classification accuracy on training data and Albania earthquake test case.

Classification algorithm	Training data	Albania earthquake
Keywords	61%	35%
LR	100%	67%
SVM	100%	67%
CNN	93%	75%
GAN	88%	73%

## 155 4 Social Media for Resilience Analysis

156 In the context of extreme events, recovery time is the time needed after the extreme event to restore the  
 157 functionality of a structure, an infrastructure system (e.g. water supply, power grid, or transportation  
 158 network), or a community, to a desired level that can operate or function the same, close to, or better  
 159 than the condition before the extreme event [14].

160 The determination of recovery time using information from social media is based on the assumption  
 161 that certain keywords related to recovery, (e.g. school, office, transportation, or power outage) appear  
 162 more frequently on the shared posts, tweets, etc., right after an earthquake occurs and the frequency  
 163 of these words reduces as time passes. Using this assumption, the time between the occurrence of  
 164 the earthquake and when these frequencies reduce to pre-earthquake levels is used as a measure of  
 165 recovery time. The methodology to determine the recovery curve and the recovery time follows the  
 166 steps below: (1) Determine factors and keywords related to recovery and assign weights to them  
 167 (schools: 20%, roads: 20%, houses: 20%, offices: 20%, collapse: 20%). (2) Determine the variation

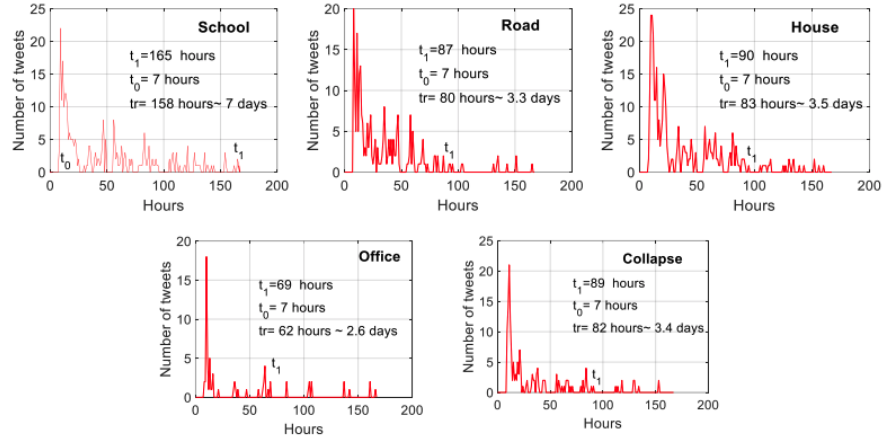


Figure 2: Frequency of social media posts with different keywords over time.

168 of the number of posts containing these keywords with time. (3) Determine the recovery time ( $t_r$ ) for  
 169 each factor from the frequency plots, where  $t_r = t_1 - t_0$ ,  $t_0$  is the earthquake occurrence time, and  
 170  $t_1$  is the time when the number of posts with the considered keyword fall below a certain threshold  
 171 (e.g. 15% of the maximum frequency) and become steady. (4) Plot the recovery curve considering  
 172 the weight and recovery time of each factor.

173 A case study is conducted to compute the recovery time by using Weibo posts collected for the Mw  
 174 6.6 2013 Ya'an, China earthquake. The frequency plots for the considered keywords are shown in  
 175 Figure 2, where  $t_1$ ,  $t_0$  and  $t_r$  are also specified on each plot. Weighted average of  $t_r$  from all factors  
 176 result in an estimated recovery time of 4 days. The actual recovery time is usually not available or  
 177 hard to estimate accurately. To better estimate the recovery time, a focused survey was developed and  
 178 the surveyees were asked if they experienced problems related to several resilience aspects after the  
 179 earthquake (including access to homes, office shutdown, school closure, power and other utilities  
 180 outage, transportation issues, interruptions in hospital, retail, telecommunication services, etc.) and  
 181 how long each lasted. Average responses were considered as the recovery time for each aspect, which  
 182 were processed in the same way as the social media data to more accurately determine the resulting  
 183 recovery time and the recovery curve. An example survey is included in the Appendix. Although  
 184 the focused survey provides much more accurate information, it is generally hard to disseminate  
 185 these survey to all the local communities and therefore the number of survey responses can be small  
 186 compared to the amount of data from social media. Future studies will incorporate events with known  
 187 recovery times to further explore the approach of combining the information from social media and  
 188 the high quality information from the focused survey.

## 189 5 Concluding Remarks and Future Directions

190 This study explored the usage of NLP in natural hazards reconnaissance, particularly for earthquake  
 191 briefing generation and to extract key information related to earthquake consequences. Results of  
 192 the conducted study are encouraging for potential advances and more widespread usage of the NLP  
 193 technologies in natural hazard reconnaissance. Arrived conclusions are: (1) Reasonable accuracy  
 194 levels were achieved for the classification of sentences. (2) Briefing sections automatically generated  
 195 using NLP were similar to the briefings developed by earthquake engineering experts. (3) It was  
 196 demonstrated that it is possible to estimate recovery time and curve using information from social  
 197 media and the focused surveys.

198 Future studies and research agenda to this work are considered as follows: (1) Expand and potentially  
 199 open-source the dataset used for sentence classification to increase accuracy and related research. (2)  
 200 Include auto-extraction of pictures, photos and descriptions from the news websites in the automatic  
 201 briefing generation pipeline. (3) Perform sentiment analysis for social media data to enhance the  
 202 recovery time analysis. (4) Open-source the software for further development and wider usage of  
 203 various NLP methods in natural hazard reconnaissance.

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## 252 A Albania Earthquake Briefing Case Study

### 253 A.1 Example briefing generated by the algorithms

254 **Damage to Buildings** A 20-year-old woman, in a coma after she was injured by a falling brick  
255 while leaving her apartment in Tirana, died, the health ministry said on Saturday. Rama said on  
256 Saturday that preliminary figures showed more than 1,465 buildings in the capital, Tirana, and about  
257 900 in nearby Durres were seriously damaged in Tuesday’s 6.4-magnitude predawn earthquake.  
258 Rescuers in Albania dug through the rubble of collapsed buildings in search of survivors on Tuesday,  
259 after a 6.4-magnitude earthquake struck the Balkan nation, killing at least 23 people and injuring  
260 650. In Durres, hundreds of residents as well as Rama and President Ilir Meta attended the funeral  
261 of nine members of a single extended family who were killed when a four-storey villa collapsed.  
262 Earthquake damage is being checked by civil engineers from the European Union, United States and  
263 local experts to assess whether buildings are structurally sound, unsafe and required demolition or  
264 just needed replastering. He said more than 1,465 buildings in Tirana and about 900 in nearby Durres  
265 had been seriously damaged. Durres castle walls damaged by the earthquake In Albania, a large  
266 proportion of the earthquake damage has been blamed on corruption, violations of the building code  
267 and substandard construction following the demise of communism during the early 1990s. About  
268 2,500 people from damaged homes have been sheltered in hotels. The earthquake struck at 3:54 a.m.  
269 near the Adriatic coast, about 19 miles west of Tirana, home to nearly 900,000 people. Four buildings,  
270 including a five-storey apartment block, collapsed in Kodër-Thumanë and the town was hardest hit  
271 from the earthquake. Of those, more than 3,000 people were injured, 14,000 became homeless and  
272 throughout Albania 14,000 buildings were damaged of which 2,500 are rendered uninhabitable. In  
273 Elbasan, a town about 35 miles from Durres, Olsi Shehi, a 39-year-old cook, said a four-story house  
274 had fallen, trapping people inside. Everything was moving in an unbelievable rhythm, I could hear  
275 the walls cracking, dishes and glass breaking. Videos and pictures shared on social media showed  
276 chaotic scenes of residents rummaging through the rubble, or trying to extricate people trapped under  
277 collapsed buildings.

278 **Damage to Other Infrastructure** In early February 2020, the Albanian government publicised  
279 figures that earthquake damage to private and public properties cost a 844 million.

280 **Resilience Aspects and Effects on Community** In the immediate aftermath, 2,500 people became  
281 displaced by the earthquake and are temporarily being accommodated either in the Niko Dovana  
282 Stadium of Durres in tents or in hotels. A state of emergency lasting 30 days was declared by  
283 the Albanian government for Durres, Thumanë and Tirana and later extended to Lezhë and LaAS.  
284 Subsequently, rescue crews with specialised equipment, sniffer dogs and emergency supplies came  
285 to Albania from neighbouring countries and other European nations to help in the search efforts  
286 and provide for those left homeless. Prime Minister Rama said that the state budget was being  
287 reconfigured to manage the situation following the earthquake. Blue and white coloured emergency  
288 tents for displaced people near stadium in Durres The EU office in Albania estimated that some  
289 1.9 million people out of a total population of 2.8 million have been affected by the earthquake.  
290 The search-and-rescue operation for earthquake survivors in Albania has ended, with the death toll  
291 standing at 51 and no more bodies believed to be in the ruins, Prime Minister Edi Rama said. On 30  
292 November Prime Minister Rama announced the end of the search and rescue operation, as no more  
293 bodies were expected to be under the rubble. Some students from Tirana went to assist relief efforts  
294 in Durres and delivered hundreds of meals to earthquake affected people. Hundreds of Albanians in  
295 Albania and Kosovo opened their homes to people displaced by the earthquake. In accordance with  
296 the Albanian constitution regarding an emergency situation, the Albanian parliament granted Prime  
297 Minister Edi Rama state of emergency powers to deal with earthquake aftermath.

Table 2: ROUGE F1-score for summarization results of each section

Section	ROUGE-1	ROUGE-2	ROUGE-L
Damage to Buildings	33.3	7.4	21.4
Damage to Other Infrastructure	13.3	0.0	12.5
Resilience Aspects and Effects on Community	39.9	14.7	31.4

298 **A.2 Albania earthquake briefing generated by domain experts**

299 **Damage to Buildings** Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama indicated that more than 1,465 buildings  
300 in Tirana and about 900 in the nearby city Durres had been seriously damaged. Many reinforced  
301 concrete (RC) and masonry buildings experienced collapse and severe damage. Two hotels and  
302 two apartment blocks collapsed in Durres. Four buildings, including a five-story apartment block,  
303 collapsed in Thumane. At the time this briefing was authored, many people were still trapped in  
304 the remains of the ruined buildings. An illustration of insufficient detailing from a collapsed RC  
305 building is provided by figure: the exposed vertical element shows a lack of transverse reinforcement  
306 and failure in a diagonal plane associated with shear damage; the horizontal element in this figure  
307 is observed to have adequately anchored transverse reinforcement with only 90-degree hooks in  
308 place of the 135-degree seismic hooks necessary for confinement. These and other non-ductile  
309 features such as the presence of strong-beam/weak-column proportions, lack of confinement at  
310 member ends and connections and weak/soft stories potentially contributed to the observed collapses.  
311 One of the commonly observed damage types of RC buildings in this earthquake is the In-Plane  
312 (IP)/Out-of-Plane (OOP) failures of infill walls. Fortunately, the damage in these photos was limited  
313 to the infill failures and did not result in the formation of weak and soft stories and consequent story  
314 collapses. However, infill wall failures may have contributed to other building collapses, similar to  
315 those observed during previous earthquakes in Europe. Infill wall failures also present a high risk of  
316 injury or death due to falling masonry rubble. Related to the damage in masonry buildings, photos  
317 show the presence of multicell clay blocks. These blocks are not only very brittle but they afford no  
318 options for reinforcing or grouting the cells to increase the wall strength and ductility. The use of  
319 such brittle material should be outlawed in all earthquake-prone areas, including Albania and other  
320 countries around the region.

321 **Damage to Other Infrastructure** Because the earthquake caused significant building damage,  
322 collapses and consequent fatalities, almost all of the preliminary information is on buildings. At the  
323 time this briefing was authored, there was not much information available related to the damage of  
324 other infrastructure, though the photo shows significant road damage in the capital city Tirana.

325 **Resilience Aspects and Effects on Community** USGS PAGER tool estimated the fatalities to be  
326 between 1 and 10 with a probability of 12%, between 10 and 100 with a probability of 37%, between  
327 100 and 1,000 with a probability of 37% and between 1,000 and 10,000 with a probability of 12%.  
328 At the time this briefing was authored, the number of deaths as a consequence of the earthquake  
329 was reported as 51 and there were approximately 2,000 injuries. Damages were expected to be  
330 between \$1 million and \$10 million, between \$10 million and \$100 million, and between \$100  
331 million and \$1,000 million with probabilities of 8%, 25% and 36%, respectively. Furthermore, there  
332 were probabilities of 22% and 6% of the economic loss to be between \$1,000 million and \$10,000  
333 million and between \$10,000 million and \$100,000 million, respectively. Given the severity of the  
334 situation, Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama declared a state of emergency in Tirana and Durres  
335 during December. Recovery efforts are currently continuing in the rubble of collapsed buildings,  
336 where residents and emergency crews in cities across the country rescued 45 people from some of  
337 the collapsed buildings. Considering the state of emergency and current situation, the recovery and  
338 reconstruction process after this earthquake is likely to be lengthy. The earthquake left around 4,000  
339 people homeless. Similar to many previous earthquakes, even the residents of houses and buildings  
340 that were still standing, which performed well, remained outside after the earthquake. One of the  
341 residents in the capital Tirana indicated he did not know where he would live and described his  
342 apartment as “uninhabitable.” An estimated 2,500 people have been displaced by the earthquake and  
343 are temporarily being sheltered either in the Niko Dovana Stadium of Durres in tents or in hotels.



## 344 B Focused Survey Questions for Recovery

- 345 1. Where are you located? Country/States/City
- 346 2. Did you have power outage at home?
- 347 3. If yes, how many hours, days or weeks did it last?
- 348 4. Was your office shut down?
- 349 5. If yes, how many hours, days or weeks did it last?
- 350 6. Was your or your children’s school closed?
- 351 7. If yes, how many hours, days or weeks did it last?
- 352 8. Did you have any increase in your commute time after the earthquake?
- 353 9. If yes, how much was the increase (in %)?
- 354 10. If yes, how many hours, days or weeks did the increase commute time last?
- 355 11. Was there any slow down in the hospital services?
- 356 12. If yes, how many hours, days or weeks did it last?
- 357 13. Is your daily life impacted by the hazard?
- 358 14. If yes, how many hours, days or weeks did the impact last?
- 359 15. Do you have relocation, rental or income losses?
- 360 16. If yes, please describe the type and the degree of losses.
- 361 17. Is your business impacted by the hazard?
- 362 18. If yes, what is your business sector and please describe how it is impacted by the hazard.
- 363 19. Is your daily life impacted by the hazard?
- 364 20. If yes, please describe how your daily life is impacted by the hazard.
- 365 21. Any other damages or observations about the hazard?

## 366 C Semi-supervised GAN

367 We summarize the GAN training procedure as such:

- 368 1. For a  $K$  real class dataset, given a real sentence  $s = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  with real label  $k \in 1, \dots, K$ , for each word  $w_i$ , the discriminator embedding layer outputs a vector  $v_i = [v_1^{(i)}, \dots, v_m^{(i)}]^T$ , where  $m$  is the embedding size. An embedding matrix  $M = [v_1, \dots, v_n]^T$ ,  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is fed into subsequent convolutional and max-pooling layers, and finally reaches the fully-connected layer, which outputs a logit vector for this sentence sample  $l = [l_i, \dots, l_{K+1}]$ , where  $l_{K+1}$  signifies the logit for the “fake” class. The predictive probabilities are calculated by the softmax function, *i.e.*,  $p(\hat{y} = i | s) = \frac{\exp(l_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{K+1} \exp(l_j)}$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, K + 1\}$ .
- 376 2. Randomly sample a latent noise vector  $z$  from the standard Gaussian distribution with an arbitrary length (e.g., 100) and feed it into the deconvolutional layers in the Generator, which outputs a “fake” sentence embedding matrix  $M_{\text{fake}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ . Feed  $M_{\text{fake}}$  directly into the convolutional layers of the discriminator, bypassing the embedding layer. The discriminator outputs the predictive probabilities  $p(\hat{y} = i | M_{\text{fake}})$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, K + 1\}$ .
- 381 3. Update the discriminator and generator parameters through back-propagation using  $L^{(D)}$  and  $L^{(G)}$  (Eq.1 and Eq. 5)

383 In the case where real data are labeled, the Discriminator also makes a prediction on individual  
384 classes on top of predicting the data as “real” or “fake”. The loss function defined as followed:

$$L^{(D)} = L_{\text{unsupervised}}^{(D)} + L_{\text{supervised}}^{(D)} \quad (1)$$

$$L_{\text{unsupervised}}^{(D)} = -E_{x \sim P_{\text{data}}} \log(1 - p_{\text{model}}(y = K + 1 | x)) \quad (2)$$

$$-E_{x \sim P_{\text{generator}}} \log(p_{\text{model}}(y = K + 1 | x)) \quad (3)$$

$$L_{\text{supervised}}^{(D)} = -E_{x, y \sim P_{\text{data}}(x, y)} \log(p_{\text{model}}(y | x, y < K + 1)) \quad (4)$$

385 where  $K$  is the total number of real classes (3 in our case for “building,” “infrastructure,” and  
 386 “resilience”) and  $K + 1$  denotes the “fake” class in which, all data are synthesized by the generator.

387  $L_{\text{unsupervised}}^{(D)}$  measures the discriminator’s abilities to recognize “real” and “fake” data (corresponding  
 388 to the first and second term respectively).  $L_{\text{supervised}}^{(D)}$  measures the discriminator’s ability to correctly  
 389 label data in their respective “real” classes (hence the  $y < K + 1$  condition).

390 The generator’s goal is to “undermine” the discriminator’s performance by creating realistic-looking  
 391 data. This goal can be reflected in two parts of the generator loss function: the game loss, and the  
 392 feature matching loss.

$$L^{(G)} = L_{\text{game}}^{(G)} + L_{\text{feature-matching}}^{(G)} \quad (5)$$

$$L_{\text{game}}^{(G)} = -E_{z \sim p_z} \log[1 - p_{\text{model}}(y = K + 1 | G(z))] \quad (6)$$

$$L_{\text{feature-matching}}^{(G)} = \left\| E_{x \sim p_{\text{data}}(x)} f(x) - E_{z \sim p_z(z)} f(G(z)) \right\|_2^2 \quad (7)$$

393 The  $L_{\text{game}}^{(G)}$  term is a direct reflection of “how bad” the discriminator is when facing a realistic,  
 394 generated sample (by mislabeling it as “real”). The  $L_{\text{feature-matching}}^{(G)}$  term measures the similarities  
 395 between the intermediate layer activations ( $f(x)$ ) between real and fake data (we choose  $f(x)$  to be  
 396 the ReLU-activated feature map output by the last convolutaional layer in the Discriminator).

Table 3: Configurations of the discriminator and generator of the Semi-supervised GAN

<b>Discriminator</b>				
<b>Layer</b>	<b>Precedent Layer</b>	<b>Activation</b>	<b>Output Shape</b>	
Real Input	-	-	$(N, 64)$	
Real Embed	Real Input	-	$(N, 64, 80)$	
Fake Embed	-	-	$(N, 64, 80)$	
Conv-1 3 filters size= $3 \times 80 \times 1$	Real or Fake Embed	Leaky ReLU	$(N, 62, 1, 3)$	
MaxPool-1 kernel size= $62 \times 1 \times 1$	Conv-1	-	$(N, 1, 1, 3)$	
Conv-2 3 filters size= $4 \times 80 \times 1$	Real or Fake Embed	Leaky ReLU	$(N, 61, 1, 3)$	
MaxPool-2 kernel size= $61 \times 1 \times 1$	Conv-2	-	$(N, 1, 1, 3)$	
Conv-3 3 filters size= $5 \times 80 \times 1$	Real or Fake Embed	Leaky ReLU	$(N, 60, 1, 3)$	
MaxPool-3 kernel size= $60 \times 1 \times 1$	Conv-3	-	$(N, 1, 1, 3)$	
Concat	MaxPool-1,2,3	-	$(N, 1, 1, 9)$	
Dropout (rate = 0.25)	Concat	-	$(N, 1, 1, 9)$	
Flatten	Dropout	-	$(N, 9)$	
Fc-layer	-	Softmax	$(N, K + 1)$	

<b>Generator</b>				
<b>Layer</b>	<b>Filter size (#)</b>	<b>Activation</b>	<b>Output Shape</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Input	-	-	$(N, 100)$	From Normal distribution
Fc-layer	-	ReLU	$(N, 40,960)$	$40,960 = 16 \times 20 \times 128$
Reshape	-	-	$(N, 16, 20, 128)$	-
Deconv	$3 \times 3$ (128)	ReLU	$(N, 32, 40, 64)$	Stride = 2
BatchNorm	-	-	$(N, 32, 40, 64)$	Momentum = 0.8
Deconv	$3 \times 3$ (64)	ReLU	$(N, 64, 80, 3)$	Stride = 2
BatchNorm	-	-	$(N, 64, 80, 3)$	Momentum = 0.8
Deconv	$3 \times 3$ (3)	-	$(N, 64, 80, 3)$	Stride = 1