HOW GOOD IS MY HAZARD MAP?



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Motivation

- Spatial databases of categorical- and continuousvalue maps can be used to represent typical settings of occurrence of specific type of slope failure and to generate hazard maps.
- How to interpret such maps?
 How good is my hazard map?
- Goodness relative to quality of spatial database? Relative to robustness, effectiveness and number of hazard classes?
- Cross-validation more important than the prediction models!



Case-study in Portugal part of training material in Spatial Prediction Modeling of natural hazard



- 1. Volcanics,
- 2. Sandstones,
- 3. Marls and marly limestones,
- 4. Limestones,
- 5. Lacustrine limestones,
- 6. Conglomerates and sandstones,
- 7. Fault (dashed where uncertain),
- Shallow translational landslides (Gray boundary for 43 pre-1959 landslides and black boundary for 49 post-1980 landslides) (after Zêzere et al., 2004).



Shallow translational slide triggered in November 993 in the East slope of the Trancão Valley

- 1. Study area 17.36 km²; within a 760x700 pixel of 5m resolution.
- Causal map layers: elevation, slope, aspects, geology (6 units), surficial deposits (7), land use (5);
- Database documented in 1998 (EC Project NEWTECH, Corominas et al., 1998) derived from a study region of University of Lisbon, (Zêzere, 1996a, 1996b, 1997). Start of GIS application at the Department of Geography;
- 4. Construction time 4-5 months using ILWIS GIS.

Source: Zêzere et al. (2005)





Two geomorphological input data layers for prediction models, Fanhões-Trancão area, Portugal

Caegorical Data Layer: Surficial materials Continuous Data Layer: Slope angles



Land-use maps, forest-coverage maps, bedrock geology maps, etc

Aspect angles, elevations, concavity/convexity measures, etc



Construction of a prediction target map for future landslide hazard



Proposition Fp: p will be a part of Trigger areas of future landslides



Purpose

- Fuzzy Set, EFZ, and Empirical Likelihood Ratio, ELR, application to a database with "strong" supporting patterns
- Interpretation of results of spatial prediction model by blind tests
- Establishment of quality of predictions

What is a blind test ? Pretend that part of the known events is unknown, use the rest to predict, and the unknown events to validate...the <u>prediction</u> NOT the *model*!

E. Likelihood Ratio function as $g(Y=1 \text{ or } Z=1 | c_1, ..., c_m)$ Basic mathematical idea

 \mathbf{M}_{p} : p comes from the area affected by landslides, \mathbf{M}_{p} : p comes from the area not affected by landslides, $\overline{\mathbf{M}}_{p}$

 $f\{c_1, \dots, c_m \mid M_p\}$: distribution function of area affected by landslides $f\{c_1, \dots, c_m \mid \overline{M}_p\}$: distribution function of area not affected by landslides

> Likelihood ratio function: It highlights the differences between two functions.

$$\lambda_{p}(\mathbf{c}_{1},\cdots,\mathbf{c}_{m}) = \frac{f\{\mathbf{c}_{1},\cdots,\mathbf{c}_{m} \mid \mathbf{M}_{p}\}}{f\{\mathbf{c}_{1},\cdots,\mathbf{c}_{m} \mid \overline{\mathbf{M}}_{p}\}}.$$

Favourability function target mapping g (Y=1 or Z=1 : given m causal factors $X_k(p)$, k=1,..., m)

Fuzzy Set EFZ prediction hazard map of the Fanhões-Trancão study area in Portugal

Using all 92 shallow translational landslides and six data layers, geology, landuse, surficialmaterials, elevation, aspect and slope. Trigger zones shown as black contours.

211,097.5m N

110,697.5m E

114,497.5m E

ELR prediction hazard map of the Fanhões-Trancão study area in Portugal

Using all 92 shallow translational landslides and six data layers, geology, landuse, surficialmaterials, elevation, aspect and slope. Trigger zones shown as black contours.

211,097.5m N

Two time periods of trigger zones of 92 shallow translational landslides in the Fanhões-Trancão study area in Portugal .

EFZ-ELR prediction patterns using 92 and 43 pre-79 lqandslides

EFZ92

Fuzzy Set EFZ43 prediction hazard map of the Fanhões-Trancão study area in Portugal

Using only the 43 pre-79 shallow translational landslides and six data layers, geology, landuse, surficialmaterials, elevation, aspect and slope. Trigger zones shown as black contours.

Prediction-rate histograms of highest 30% study area using 43-pre79 to predict 49-post80

EFZ-ELR cumulative prediction-rate curves

EFZ-ELR cumulative curves for highest 30% of study area

Assuming not to know the time of occurrence of the 49-post80 landslides

- We only expect 49 new landslides of the 92 to occur in a second time period.
- Select at random 43 landslides to predict the remaining 49.
- Repeat the random selection of 43 n times, say 16 or ... 160.
- Generate 16 to ... 160 prediction patterns and that many average prediction-rate curves.
- How good are the new prediction-rate curves?
 Better or worse than the previous ones?
 For EFZ43 and ELR43?

The Spatial Prediction Modeling system SPM

Prediction-rate curves for landslide hazard in the Fanhões-Trancão study area, Portugal.

Comparison of prediction-rate curves: EFZ-ELRrs43 overestimate!

Concluding remarks

- Interpreting the quality of prediction results?
- Either ignored or misunderstood!
- Relative "goodness" of hazard map? UNKNOWN!
- Model is less important than validation strategy...
- .: A hazard map is as good as its prediction-rate curve...
- The implications of this are far reaching in hazard prediction and risk assessment.

