

# Simulation of Crowd Movement

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## 1 Model with no obstacles

We consider  $n$  agents in a room with one exit, agent  $i$  is modelled by a disk with center  $M_i(x_i, y_i)$  and radius  $r_i$  moving by a discrete step  $p$  during time  $\tau$ .  $S(x_s, y_s)$  is the exit. The following two figures present the parameters used to describe the movement of agent  $i$ :

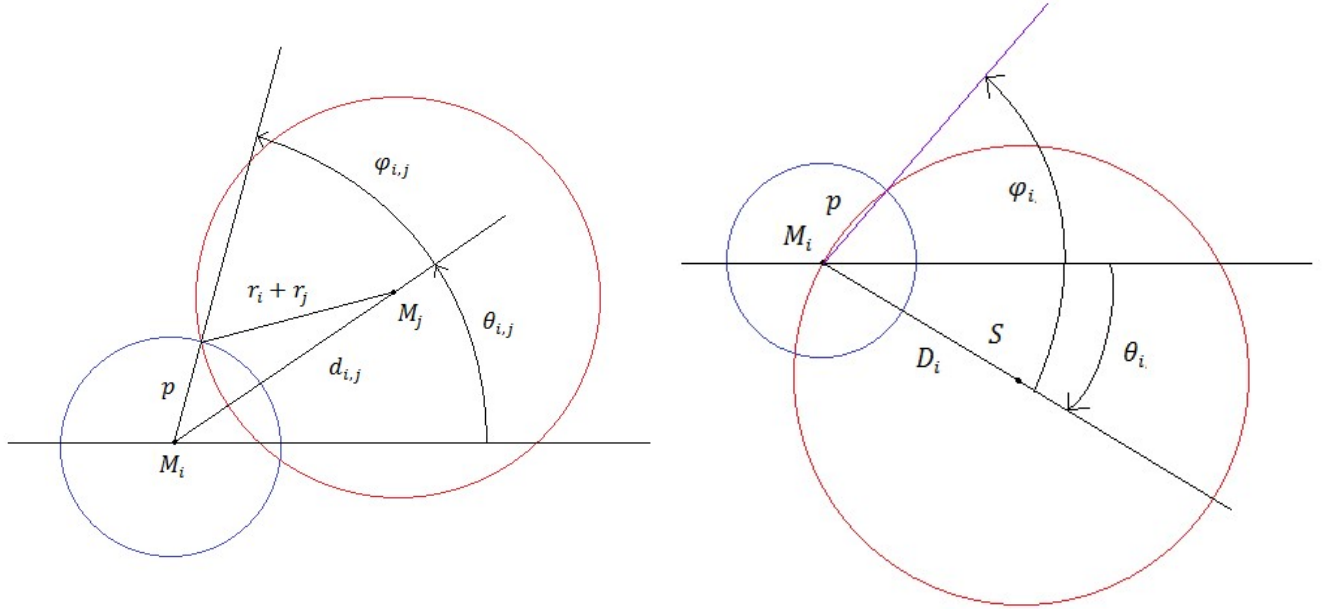


Figure 1: Parameters of the interaction between agents  $i$  and  $j$

We find the following formulas:

$$\theta_i = \arctan\left(\frac{y_s - y_i}{x_s - x_i}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_i = \arccos\left(\frac{p}{2D_i}\right)$$

And if  $p + r_i + r_j > d_{i,j}$ :

$$\theta_{i,j} = \arctan\left(\frac{y_j - y_i}{x_j - x_i}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_{i,j} = \arccos\left(\frac{p^2 + d_{i,j}^2 - (r_i + r_j)^2}{2d_{i,j}p}\right)$$

If for agents  $i$ , and  $j$  we have  $p + r_i + r_j > d_{i,j}$  we say that  $j$  blocks  $i$ .

We consider the case where  $i$  is blocked by multiple agents  $K_i = \{k_1, \dots, k_m\}$  ( $K_i$  could be empty), and we define:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{i,j} &= [\theta_{i,j} - \phi_{i,j}, \theta_{i,j} + \phi_{i,j}] \\ I_i &= [\theta_i - \phi_i, \theta_i + \phi_i] \\ S_i &= (I_i \cap [-\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}]) \setminus \cup_{j \in K_i} I_{i,j} \end{aligned}$$

If  $S_i$  is not empty, then, the optimal angle is:

$$\theta_m = \operatorname{argmin}_{\alpha \in S_i} |\alpha - \theta_i|$$

I devised an algorithm for calculating this optimal value

## 2 Algorithm for Calculating the best direction

In this section, we write for calculating  $\theta_m$  in the case of  $K_i \neq \emptyset$ . The other case is trivial, since we just have to choose  $\theta_m = \theta_i$ .

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### Algorithm 1 Optimal angle calculation

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initialize  $u, l, upper, lower = \theta_i$  and  $C = True$ :
while  $C$  do
     $C = False$ 
    for  $k$  in  $K_i$  do
        if  $\theta_{i,k} - \phi_{i,k} \leq upper$  and  $u < \theta_{i,k} + \phi_{i,k}$  then
             $u = \theta_{i,k} + \phi_{i,k}$ 
             $C = True$ 
        end if
        if  $\theta_{i,k} - \phi_{i,k} < l$  and  $lower \leq \theta_{i,k} + \phi_{i,k}$  then
             $l = \theta_{i,k} - \phi_{i,k}$ 
             $C = True$ 
        end if
    end for
     $upper = u$ 
     $lower = l$ 
end while
if  $|upper - \theta_i| < |lower - \theta_i|$  then
    return  $upper$ 
else
    return  $lower$ 
end if

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I explored and implemented the Fast Marching Method in the case of obstacles but limited the interactions between agents to simple point collisions (the problem is solved on a regular grid, and it's hard to shift between the discrete space of positions and the continuous space of directions).

I used the **tkinter** Python library to create an interactive interface for the simulations.