Fire Sim: Fall 2020 CSS600 Group Ten Project

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Fire Sim models emergency evacuation of a chosen floorplan, for example in the case of fire.

The environment patches include rooms, corridors, and exit areas, as well as patches in normal, burning, and burnt states.

Agents are randomply placed people moving at various speeds and directions, but which can die and block each other.

Maps are editable for layout, patch flammability, number of agents, initial fire locations, agent speed range and plancement.

Research Goals:

- Evaluate the affect of floor plans and exit doors on escape rates
- Determine maximum occupancies as function of design and area
- Evaluate the impact of fire spread on escape rates
- Stretch Goals
 - Evaluate agent evacuation strategies
 - Evaluate propagation of knowledge of fire
 - Simulate smoke propogation

Prior art for this project includes, but is not limited to:

- Crowd Simulation Modeling Applied to Emergency and Evacuation Simulations using Multi-Agent Systems https://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/1303/1303.469
- Simulation of pedestrian evacuation route choice using social force model in large-scale public space: Comparison of five evacuation strategies https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6730895/
- Agent Pathing http://www.cs.us.es/fsancho/?e=131
- A Novel Algorithm for Real-time ProceduralGeneration of Building Floor Plans https://arxiv.org/pdf/1211.5842.pdf

HOW IT WORKS

Simulation Req's:

Environment- patches

exit area

Flammable patches

- walls
- floors
- grass

Burning

burnt

Agent actions

agents have variable speeds

agents can die

agents move towards exit area

agents cant move through each other

the number of agents is variable

agents are randomly placed on floor patches

is there a way to specify agent placement through the UI?

Sim UI features:

can specify the map

can control flamability of patches

number of agents

starting fire spots

agent speed distribution