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## 1 Individual contributions

The following Tasks were performed:

Task	Responsibility
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Generation of the vector field containing the shortest path to an emergency exit (file computeGradientField1.m)	Lukas Bühler
Analysis of the simulation results with different positions of the flight attendants	Lukas Bühler
Calculation of acting forces on passengers (file pedest.m)	Philipp Heer
Programming of Simulation-Algorithm (file pedest.m)	Philipp Heer
Converting matrices from getFile.m into a usable form (file init.m)	Philipp Heer
Analysis of the simulation results with parameters	Philipp Heer

## 2 Introduction and Motivations



Figure 1: Evacuation of an Airbus A320 after the successful emergency landing in the Hudson River, Source: (3)

In January 2009 an Airbus was forced to land in the Hudson River in New York. At this event 150 persons had to leave the plane before it sank to the ground of the river. In this project the evacuation of airplanes is analyzed. After a crash it is possible for an airplane to explode due to ignited fuel or after a water landing to sink. During such an emergency situation it is important to evacuate all passengers and crew members of an airplane in a very short amount of time in order to maintain their survival. Evacuation scenarios were studied before. Emerging fires or earthquakes lead to similar situations in buildings. Even the evacuation of airplanes has already been researched because hundreds of lives could be at stake. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) limited the maximum time of evacuation to 90 seconds for each plane. This time reference has to be proved by each manufacturer before a plane can go into service.

Especially the newer airplaes have even higher decks than older ones. This raises the question whether people fear to jump down the slides in an emergency situation.

Is there a psychological aspect that is not answered by normal pedestrian dynamics adapted on the space of an airplane in an emergency situation? This question led to the fundamental questions for this Project:

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### 3 Description of the Model

It was the aim to implement an easy adaptable model of an aircraft in which the simulations of pedestrian dynamics in an emergency situation could be performed. Therefore, a slightly reworked seat plan image of the airplane can be imported into Matlab to generate the environment of the simulation. Walls, space, passengers, flight attendants, emergency exits and special zones are drawn with different colors in this image. Matlab first generates the shortest path from every point to an exit and generates therefore a vector field in the space of the airplane. Every passenger basically follows this path to the next emergency exit from his position.

The main simulation is then performed with a implementation of the social force model described in (1).

During a simulation passengers interact with each other and can therefore not follow the shortest path given by the vector field. These interacting forces consist of basic physical principles (e.g. that passengers cannot walk through walls or that two passengers cannot stand too close to each other) and social interactions which are introduced because generally persons try to have a free region of space around them to feel comfortable.

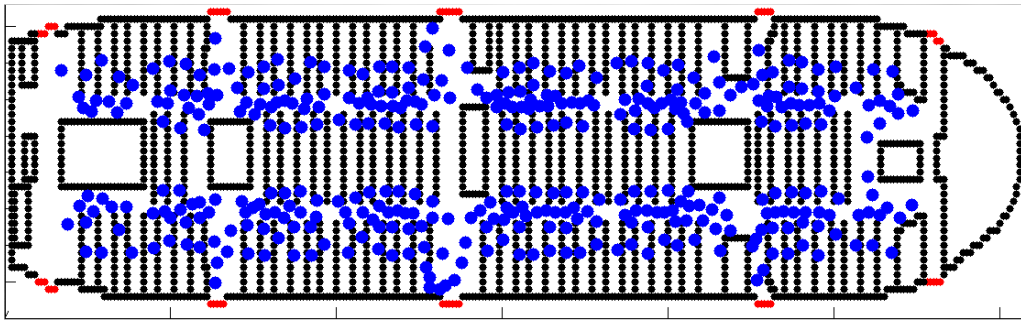


Figure 2: Outputframe of a simulation

## 4 Implementation

The whole program is grouped into two major parts as shown in Figure 3. First the `init.m` file is executed in which the airplane picture can be chosen and the path finding algorithm runs. Also each a matrice for the passengers, the flightattendants and the wallobjects is generated. Secondly, the `pedest.m` file computes the time iteration and generates the output.

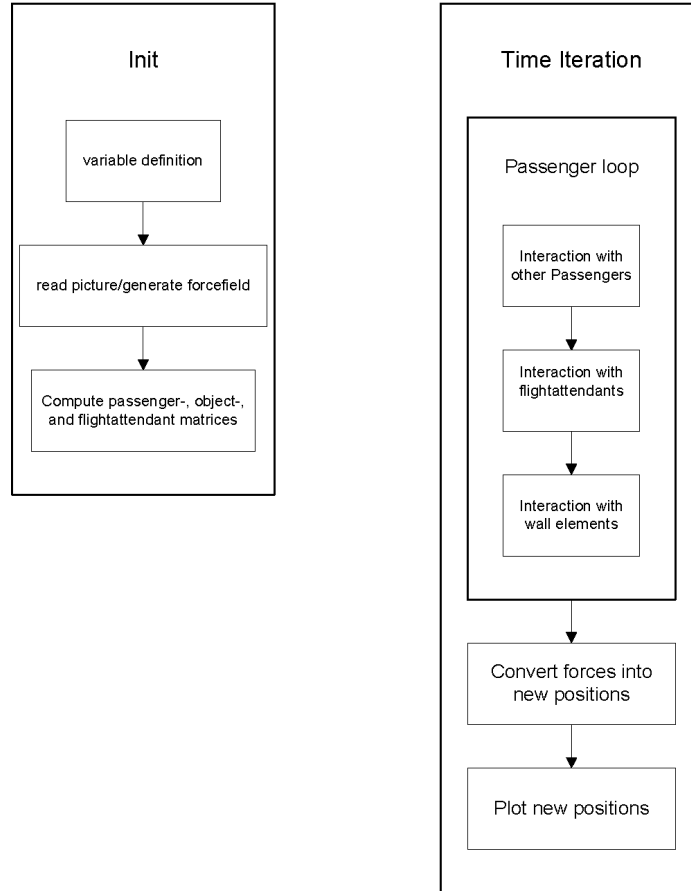


Figure 3: Flow chart of the initialization file (`init.m`) and the time iteration file (`pedest.m`)

## 4.1 Initialisation

On initialization, the space for the simulation containing walls, exits, passengers, special areas and the vector field with the shortest path is generated. These processes are separated in different matlab files. First, an image file is loaded and processed by the file `getFile.m`. It generates a matrix. In the `computeGradientField1.m` file, this matrix is searched for walls and exits and the shortest path from every point to the next exit is generated in a vector field. The passengers in the following simulation basically follow this field.

### 4.1.1 Importing an airplane Model

There are many so called seating plans of aircrafts available on the internet. They are mostly provided by airlines for their customers in order to choose a seat while booking. Those images are used to generate a realistic model of the environment in a short time in order to perform many simulations with different shapes and conditions of the environment. Adobe Fireworks was used to rework the seating plan. Figure 4 shows a seating plan and the reworked image to import into Matlab. Matlab offers functions to convert an image file into a matrix with every entry representing a pixel of the image.

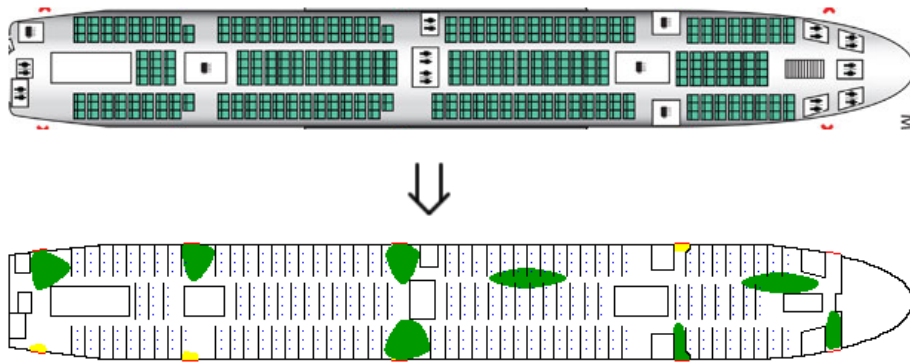


Figure 4: Airplane seating plan and reworked image file to import into Matlab

The image file (bitmap) must contain the in Figure 5 listed colors in order to recognise the different regions.

In the `getFile.m` file, every blue pixel is recognised as a passenger at its start position. The dark green zone is influenced positively by a flight attendant. In yellow areas,

Color	Hex triplet	Description
White	FFFFFF	Space in which the passengers can freely walk
Black	000000	Walls
Red	FF0000	Emergency exit (drain which attracts the passengers)
Blue	0000FF	Every blue pixel is recognised as a passenger
Dark green	009900	Zone which is influenced by the flight attendant
Yellow	FFFF00	Area in which pessangers struggle to continue walking

Figure 5: Colors of the image file and their meaning

passengers walk slower because they struggle to jump down the emergency slides. The output of `getFile.m` is a matrix which contains different numbers for walls, space, exits, passengers and zones.

#### 4.1.2 Path finding algorithm

Every passenger must be guided along the shortest way to the next emergency exit. A vector field has to be found to get the direction to the next exit at every point of the space. Therefore, a fast marching algorithm is used which calculates the distance between every point and the next exit around every obstacle. Hence the problem of finding the shortest way between two points in space is similar to wave propagation problems or spreading fluid, there could be found a suitable implementation in the internet. A toolbox was found from Mathworks.

<http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/6110>

The fast marching algorithm generates a potential field in the space, which contains the distance of every point to the next drain (emergency exit).

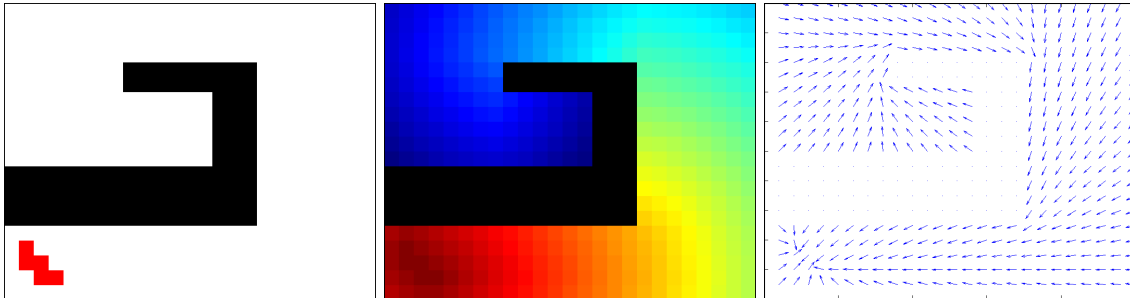


Figure 6: Developement of the vector field containing the shortest path to the next emergency exit

Figure 6 shows the generation of the vector field with the shortest path to an exit. The first image is the image file imported into Matlab with space (white), drain (emergency exit, red) and walls (black). With the fast marching algorithm a potential field is generated. Red represents the closest region to the exit and blue is the furthest. Via the calculation of the gradient of this potential field, the vector field in the right image is generated. The arrows point in the direction of the shortest path from every point to the emergency exit.

For the calculation of the gradient field, the matlab function `gradient_special.m` was written. The standard Matlab function `gradient(X)` could not have been used because of the exeptions it had to consider for walls. The function `gradient(X)` considers the whole matrix and calculates wrong values next to walls, because the distance entry of a wall is 0 in the matrix.

At the end of the calculation, all vectors are normalized to a constant length of 1 because only their direction is being used.

Figure 7 shows the fast marching algorithm applied on an imported aircraft model. It is assumed that the way to the emergency exit in an aircraft is marked so that a passenger always takes the nearest exit from his seat. With this assumption, the fast marching algorithm suits for generating the vector field in an airplane.

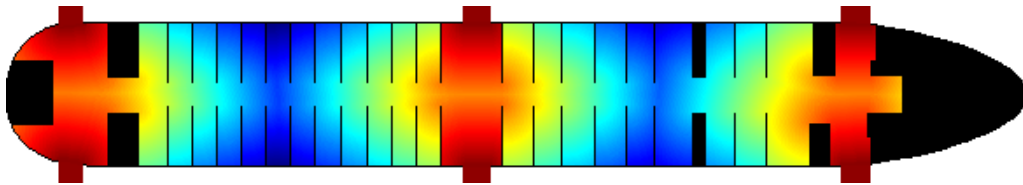


Figure 7: Visualized matrix that contains the distance to the next emergency exit in a Boeing 737

## 4.2 Running Simulation

After the initialisation the simulation begins to run until every passenger has escaped the airplane. Each iteration step can be divided into three groups.

First - for each passenger - its actual position is analyzed. If it is in a zone which is influenced by a flight attendant it will behave differently from being in an area close to an exit. If the passenger is in an exit area it will be taken out of the simulation and is "free".

Secondly, the new position is calculated. For that wall elements and other passengers close to it self are looked at.

### 4.2.1 Generation of Interaction forces

These forces are divided into three parts. The first force to introduce is the so called physical force. It allows each passenger to have an area of space in which no one else can enter. It states for the body volume of a passenger. It is implemented as exponential function which decays fast and only is taken into consideration if two passengers are situated closer than one meter from each other.

Secondly, a social force is introduced which is over all weaker than the physical force but it decays slower and has a radius of action of six meters. Furthermore it is not isotrop. With an increasing variable  $\lambda$  the passenger reacts stonger to intrusions in front of it than behind of it.

Basically both the physical and the social force base on the principle the force increases the closer two passengers are together. This is achieved by using an exponential approach:

For the physical force between passenger  $a$  and  $b$  applied to  $a$

$$\vec{F}_{a-b}^{phy} = A_a^{phy} \cdot e^{\frac{r_a + r_b - d_{a-b}}{B_a^{phy}}} \cdot \vec{n}_{a-b}$$

is applied and for the social force

$$\vec{F}_{a-b}^{soc} = (\lambda + (1 - \lambda) \frac{1 + \cos \phi_{a-b}}{2}) \cdot A_a^{soc} \cdot e^{\frac{r_a + r_b - d_{a-b}}{B_a^{soc}}} \cdot \vec{n}_{a-b}$$

holds true, where  $\vec{n}_{a-b} = \frac{\vec{r}_a - \vec{r}_b}{\|\vec{r}_a - \vec{r}_b\|}$ .  $\phi_{a-b}$  is the angle between  $\vec{n}_{a-b}$  and the direction of movement of  $a$ .  $A_a$  is the interaction strength and  $B_a$  the range of the interaction force. Both  $A_a$  and  $B_a$  depend on  $a$  as these parameters depend on the passenger e.g. on the size age, cultural background and so forth.

Figure 8 shows the equiforcelines of a passengers social force located at (0,0) headed in y-direction with a  $\lambda < 1$ .

As a third essential element a force has to be introduced which unables passengers to walk through walls. Whereas the forcefield generated by the pathfinder does not

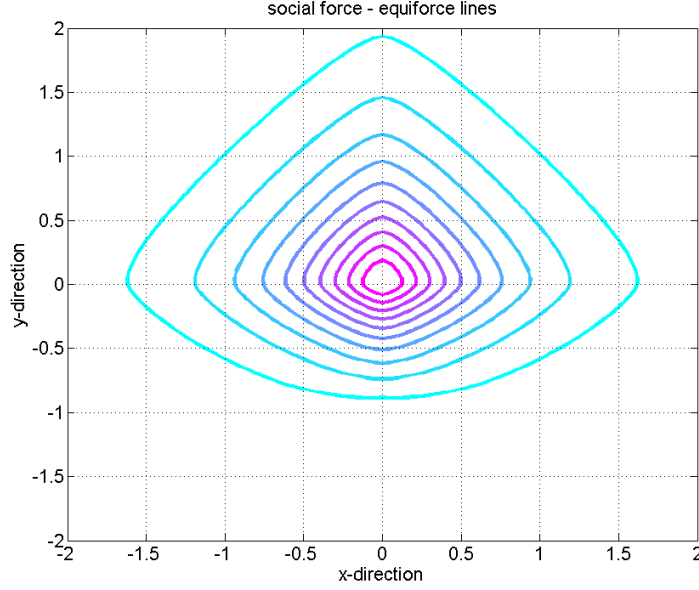


Figure 8: Unisotropic social force

point towards an obstacle as a wall but the other two mentioned forces could force a passenger right through a wall. For that reason each passenger too close to a wall element is pushed in normal direction to the orientation of the wall.

In a next step the new position of each passenger is calculated with Eulers Method applied on Newtons Laws of Motion.

$$\vec{F}_{total} = \sum_i \vec{F}_i = m \cdot \vec{a} = m \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}} \approx m \cdot \frac{\dot{r}(kT) - \dot{r}(T(k-1))}{dt}$$

with  $\dot{r}(kT) = \frac{r(kT) - r(T(k-1))}{dt}$  ;  $r(kT) = \begin{pmatrix} x(kT) \\ y(kT) \end{pmatrix}$  ;  $k \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $T = dt$

After that the new positions are plotted and - if there are still passengers fleeing - a next iteration is executed.

### 4.3 Output

In each time step the plotted passengerformation is as a frame added to a moviestream. After the sumulation finished the result can be watched as ".avi"-moviefile.

## 5 Simulation Results and Discussion

For the sake of analyzing different scenarios in simulations the system is built up (mostly) deterministic. The only random generated value is the weight of each passenger. A (more) real system would embody much more uncertainties. For example the decay rate and the amplification of the social force would vary due to different cultural backgrounds or behaviours. This is similarly true for the parameter tuple for the physical force where varying volumina of people would lead to varying parameters but not necessarily corresponding masses.

### 5.1 Parameter identification

The aim of the first simulations was to figure out physically correct parameters. And there were a lot of parameters to define among them obvious ones like the size of one time step  $dt$  or the weighting of each force  $\vec{F}_i$ . But on the other hand there are such subtle parameters as the decay rates of the wall-, social-, and physical-forces or the radius of influence for these forces.

For a "smooth" simulation a small step size close to zero would be optimal. But for the sake of computational effort a value of  $dt = 0.3$  is chosen. Other variables regarding smoothness are decay rate of forces and radius of influence of these forces. If a passenger enters an area of influence in which it suddenly will experience a strong change of forces, the passenger could behave "unstable" in the sense of being pushed through walls.

If those two tuples are set the other parameters can be chosen relatively freely.

### 5.2 Influence of Social force

The social force model was introduced to describe the behaviour of pedestrians on pavement or in rooms. Airplanes could be considered very small rooms or better corridors. Beforehand there was the concern that this force applied on a lot of passengers concentrated in a small area could lead to an unnatural behaviour during simulation. This turned out to be partially true.

As the social force tendentially enables a passenger to follow its shortest path to an exit one can expect a longer lasting evacuation than without an implemented force. Several runs of the simulation confirmed this.

The introduction of the social force led also to a more "decent" behaviour of the passengers. The passengers lined up in a row and fewer tried to overturn others were attempted. This can be seen in Figure 9 and Figure 10.



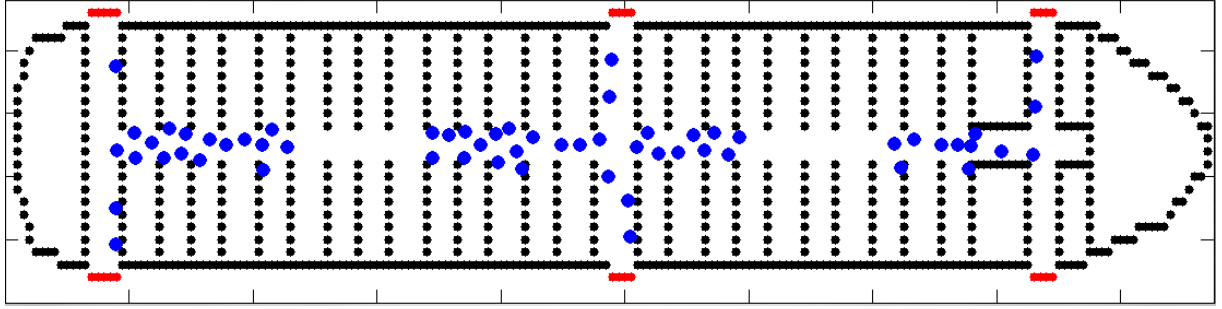


Figure 9: Simulation without social force

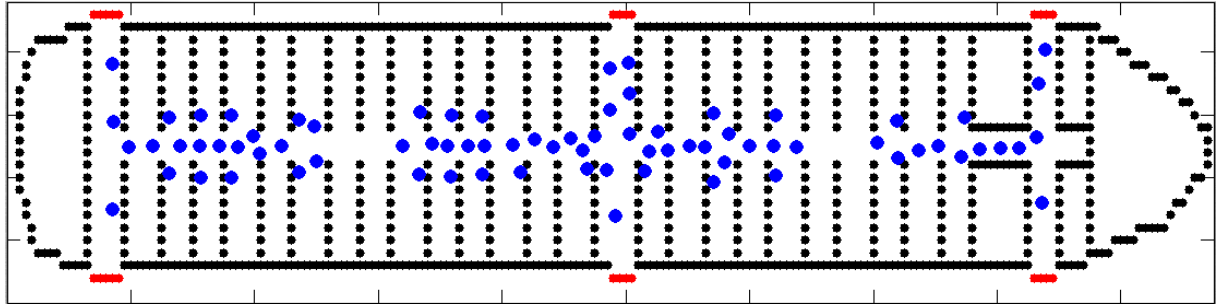


Figure 10: Simulation with social force

### 5.3 Simulated situations

There were different simulations performed to analyze and verify the model. Two different airplanes were simulated: A smaller Embraer 190 with 100 passengers and an Airbus 380. For the Airbus, only the lower economy class deck with 402 passengers was simulated.

Usually, bigger aircrafts are more difficult to evacuate simply because of the many passengers to be brought out of the airplane within the required 90 seconds. To see the differences, the smaller Embraer 190 and the biggest passenger jet of the world, the A380 were simulated.



Figure 11: Embraer 190 and Airbus A380, Source: (4)

### 5.3.1 Airbus A380

Figure 12 shows the model of the Airbus A380. Flight attendants marked with green were placed either at the exits or in the corridor. At the exits where no flight attendant is, the area is marked yellow which means that passengers there hesitate to jump and therefore walk slower within this area.

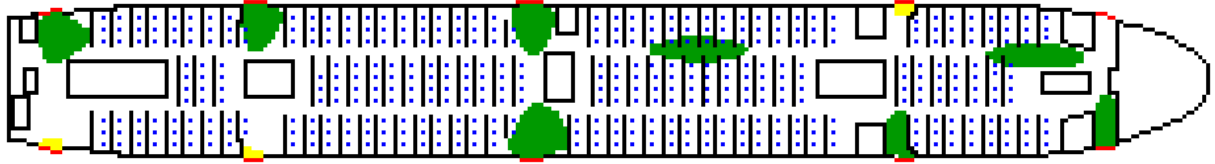


Figure 12: A380 Model

### 5.3.2 Embraer 190

For the model of the smaller Embraer 190, two simulations were performed. The initial situation is shown in Figure 13. In the first simulation (SIM 1), the flight attendants were placed in the corridor. For the second simulation (SIM 2), they were placed next to the emergency exit on the left side of the plane. At exits where no flight attendant is, the area is again marked yellow meaning that the passengers walk slower there.

SIM 1:



SIM 2:

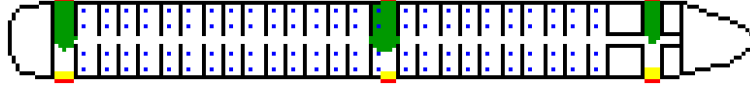


Figure 13: Embraer 190 Model

## 5.4 Results

### 5.4.1 Positioning of the flight attendants

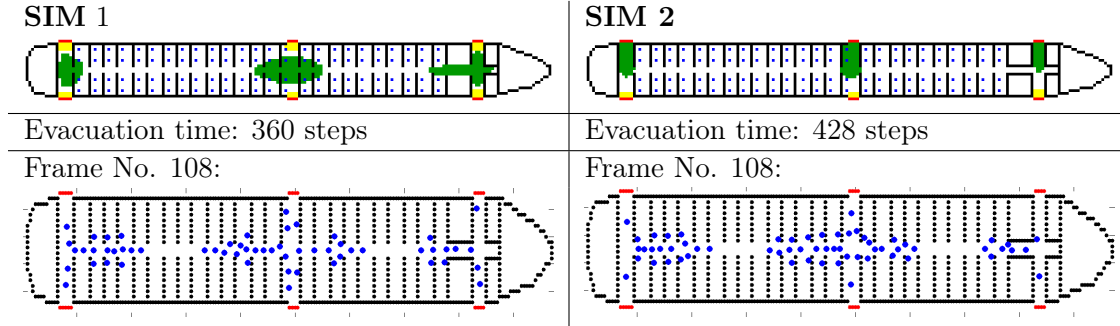


Figure 14: Embraer 190 results

Figure 14 compares the simulated situation for the Embraer 190. The simulation SIM 1 takes 360 steps compared to 428 steps for SIM 2. This means that the evacuation takes about 1.4 times longer in SIM 2. The reason for that is obvious to see in Frame 108. The flow in SIM 1 is heavily improved by the presence of a flight attendant in the corridor in the center of the plane. There are about 56 passengers willing to leave the plane through the exits in the middle. The exits themselves are much wider than the corridor of the plane. The most critical point is at the center of the plane where passengers turn to the exits.

The presence of flight attendants optimises the flow at this point as seen in SIM 1. The passengers in SIM 1 are grouped more in a column than in a crowd which means that they don't obstruct each other too much. This results in a constant flow and hence a faster evacuation.

The evacuation of the Airbus A380 is shown in Figure 15. It showed up that the

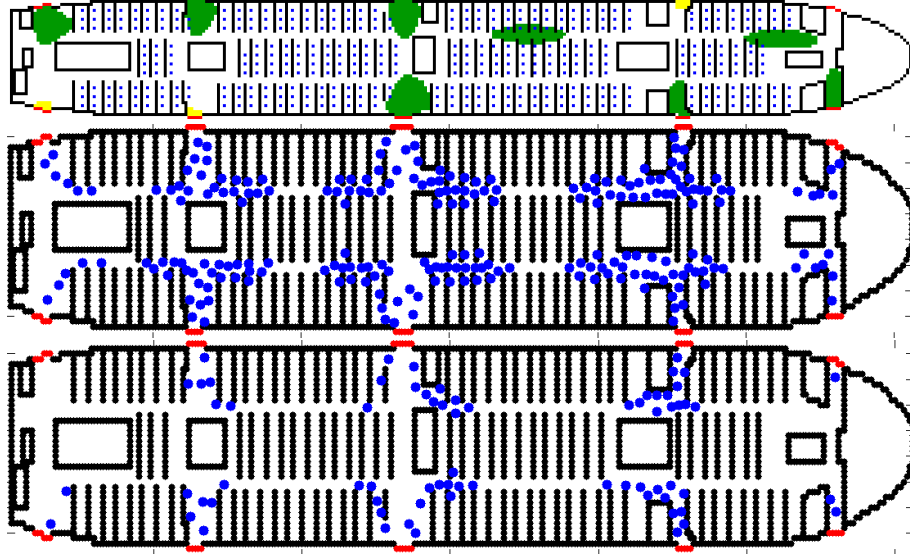


Figure 15: A380 Simulation frame No. 120 and frame No. 236

center exits had to swallow the most passengers. The last passenger that leaves the rear exit does that after 220 time steps while the last passenger over all leaves the plane after 428 time steps through the second exit from the front.

By looking at frame No. 120 and 236 shown in Figure 15, one can see that a flight attendant at a wide exit has hardly any effect, whereas a flight attendant at the second exit from the front on the right really brings a benefit. The passengers leaving the plane through this exit are faster than on the left side.

As already seen in the simulation of the Embraer 190, the flight attendants are the most efficient if they were placed at bottle necks.

#### 5.4.2 Hesitation at the exits

The question was raised whether the social force model is reliable to simulate the situation in which passengers hesitate to jump down the slides at the exits. In nearly all simulated situations, the most critical parts were not the exits themselves, but the narrow corridors or corners. It showed up that the flow got slow always where passengers of many rows had to leave through a narrow bottle neck. Even with more hesitation time at exits meaning slower speed of passengers in yellow zones, the problem kept at the narrow bottle necks. The social force model is suitable to

simulate this situation although it might be slightly different to the reality at the exits. The much bigger problem showed up at narrow bottlenecks. Eventually, the construction of the airplane seemed to be the much bigger problem than the aspect of hesitation with respect to the efficiency of evacuation.

## **5.5 Comparison to real live experiments**

If one analyzes the real live experiments made with an Airbus A380 (5) that there are several differences to the resulted simulations.

Firstly, some of the personnel in the experiment does not have a constant position as in the simulation. Also there is an attendant at each exit preventing a "bottleneck" situation. Further on, one can conclude that real live personnel can intervene more diversely than simulated staff.

But apart from the dynamic behaviour of the staff their influence is very similar to the simulated one. Also the behaviour of the passengers diverges very little admittedly with fewer influence as expected of social force attributes.

## 6 Summary and Outlook

### 6.1 Identification of parameters

The parameters mentioned in 5.1 can be further optimized to complete the model. Further on, the implementation of individually behaviours of forces could lead to a more realistic model.

### 6.2 Adapted social force

Another possible extension could a speed dependent social force model be. Similarly to cars - where one also tries to have a free region of space in front of/around one to feel comfortable in - the effect could weaken at increased speeds e.g. when fluently driving on the autobahn fewer space is tolerated.

### 6.3 Simulation

The simulation showed that the social force model suits well for the simulation of an airliner. The effect of hesitation at the exits was overestimated. It showed up that the flow of people is mostly disturbed by bottle necks due to the construction of the aircraft. If flight attendants were placed there, the flow could be optimised which resulted in an overall better performance.

For further simulations, an interesting field of studies would be to perform tests with different shapes of corridors and eliminated bottle necks. For airplane manufacturers, there is always the balancing act between building jets carrying as many passengers as possible and safety aspects.

### 6.4 Conclusions

Over all one can say that the fundamental questions raised in ?? were answered by running simulations described in ?? and in ??.

Also one referred to the expected results stated in ?? by comparing real live experiments with the gained insights of the simulation in 5.5. The analysis of the influence of the personal is stated in section ??.

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## A Research Plan

# MATLAB FS11 – Research Plan

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### COMMENTS:

- Overall, the plan is interesting and well structured. It tries to answer more real-world, rather than fundamental questions, but it is perfectly fine.
- The only thing you could add is an explicit reference to the benchmarks you want to validate your model against (eg. the 90 seconds? )

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## B Matlab program code

### B.1 pedest.m

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%Lecture with Computer Exercises
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%Projects: Pedestrian Dynamics
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%file: pedest.m

%run matrix description
run init

mov1 = avifile('planeS_1new.avi');

%time loop
for t=0:dt:T
    %reset seen phy_, obi_ & soc_forces
    pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,8:11)=0;
    pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,17:20)=0;

    %passenger loop
    for i=1:NrOfpassenger
        if pasMat(i,3)==1

            %calculation integer matrix indices
            xint=real(int16(pasMat(i,1)));
            yint=real(int16(pasMat(i,2)));
            %errorcatcher
            if xint<=0 || xint >= n || yint <=0 || yint >=m
                pasMat(i,3)=0;
            end
            end
            if pasMat(i,3)==1
                %passenger in exit-area
                if f(yint,xint)==Inf || f(yint+1,xint)==Inf || f(yint-1,xint)==Inf || f(yint+2,xint)==Inf || f(yint-2,xint)==Inf
                    pasMat(i,3)=0;
                    pasMat=sortrows(pasMat,3);
                    passengerflee=passengerflee+1;
                end

                %passenger in "about to leave the plane"-area
                if f(yint,xint)==3 && crewflee==0
                    pasMat(i,12)=FX(yint,xint)*fear_force_factor;
                    pasMat(i,13)=FY(yint,xint)*fear_force_factor;

                    %passenger in flightattendant-area
                    elseif f(yint,xint)==6 && crewflee==0
                        pasMat(i,12)=FX(yint,xint)*flee_force_factor;
                        pasMat(i,13)=FY(yint,xint)*flee_force_factor;

                        %passenger in no special area
                        else
                            pasMat(i,12)=FX(yint,xint)*force_factor;
                            pasMat(i,13)=FY(yint,xint)*force_factor;
                        end
                    end
                end
            end
        end
    end
end
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e_a=pasMat(i,12:13)/norm(pasMat(i,12:13)+[epsilon 0]);

%influence of other passenger
for j=1:NrOfpassenger
    if i~=j && pasMat(j,3)==1
        fv=[pasMat(i,1)-pasMat(j,1);pasMat(i,2)-pasMat(j,2)];
        if norm(fv)<pas_soc_influence_area
            n_ab=(pasMat(i,1:2)-pasMat(j,1:2))/norm(pasMat(j,1:2)-pasMat(i,1:2));

            %calculation f_phy
            if norm(fv)<pas_phy_influence_area
                pasMat(i,8:9)=pasMat(i,8:9)+A_phy*exp((1-norm(pasMat(i,1:2)-pasMat(j,1:2))/B_phy).*n_ab;
            end

            %calculation f_soc
            %phi_alphabeta = angle between passenger i and j
            phi_alphabeta=acos(dot(e_a,n_ab));
            pasMat(i,10:11)=pasMat(i,10:11)+((lamda+(1-lamda)*(1+cos(phi_alphabeta))/2))*A_soc*exp(1-norm(pasMat(i,1:2)-pasMat(j,1:2))/B_soc).*n_ab;
        end
    end
end

%influence of wall_objects
for j=1:NrOfObi
    %fv=vector between pas and wallelement
    fv=[pasMat(i,1)-obiMat(j,1);pasMat(i,2)-obiMat(j,2)];

    if norm(fv)<wall_influence_area
        wall_force=A_wall*exp(-norm(fv)/B_wall);

        if abs(obiMat(j,19))< abs(obiMat(j,20)) % wall in y-direction
            if obiMat(j,20)==[2.2] %only a wallelem above
                if pasMat(i,2)< obiMat(j,2)
                    pasMat(i,12)=pasMat(i,12)+3*FX(yint-1,xint)*force_factor;
                else
                    pasMat(i,17)=pasMat(i,17)+1.5*sign(fv(1))*wall_force;
                end
                pasMat(i,18)=-100;
            elseif obiMat(j,20)==[-3.3] %only a wallelem below
                if pasMat(i,2)> obiMat(j,2)
                    pasMat(i,12)=pasMat(i,12)+3*FX(yint+1,xint)*force_factor;
                else
                    pasMat(i,17)=pasMat(i,17)+1.5*sign(fv(1))*wall_force;
                end
                pasMat(i,18)=100;
            else
                pasMat(i,17)=pasMat(i,17)+1.5*sign(fv(1))*wall_force;
            end

            else % wall in x-direction

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if obiMat(j,19)==[2.2] %only a wallelem on the righth
    if pasMat(i,1) < obiMat(j,1)
        pasMat(i,13)=pasMat(i,13)+3*FY(yint,xint-1)*force_factor;
    else
        pasMat(i,18)=pasMat(i,18)+1.5*sign(fv(2))*wall_force;
    end
    pasMat(i,17)=-100;

elseif obiMat(j,19)==[-3.3] %only a wallelem on the left
    if pasMat(i,1) > obiMat(j,1)
        pasMat(i,13)=pasMat(i,13)+3*FY(yint,xint+1)*force_factor;

    else
        pasMat(i,18)=pasMat(i,18)+1.5*sign(fv(2))*wall_force;
    end
    pasMat(i,17)=100;

else
    pasMat(i,18)=pasMat(i,18)+1.5*sign(fv(2))*wall_force;
end
end
break;%only look at one wall-obj
end
end

else
    pasMat(i,8:15)=0;
    pasMat(i,4:5)=0;
end
end

%calculate f_tot
pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,14:15)=(pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,8:9)+pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,10:11)+...
    pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,12:13)+pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,17:18)+pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,19:20));

%calculate x'' and x'
pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,4:5)=dt.*pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,14:15)./[pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,16) pasMat(1:
NrOfpassenger,16)];

%calculate x
pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,6:7)=pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,1:2);
pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,7)=pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,7)+epsilon;
pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,1:2)=dt.*pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,4:5)+pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,1:2);
pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,4)=pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,4)+epsilon;
allMat=[pasMat;obiMat2];

%newplot
plot(allMat(NrOfpassenger+1:NrOfpassenger+NrofObi2,1),allMat(NrOfpassenger+1:NrOfpassenger+NrofObi2,2),
'k','MarkerSize', 20);
hold on
plot(exiMat(:,1),exiMat(:,2),'.r','MarkerSize', 20);
plot(allMat(1+passengerfled:NrOfpassenger,1),allMat(1+passengerfled:NrOfpassenger,2),'.bl','MarkerSize', 30);
xlim([000 n]);
ylim([0 m]);

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%handle movie
FF1 = getframe(gca);
mov1=addframe(mov1,FF1);

clf('reset')

%if all passengers are gone -> allow crew to flee
if sum(pasMat(1:NrOfpassenger,3))==0
    break;
end
end
%end movie
mov1=close(mov1);
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## B.2 init.m

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%Projects: Pedestrian Dynamics  
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%file: init.m
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%Init  
clear all;  
clc
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%variable definition  
pas_phy_influence_area=3;  
pas_soc_influence_area=10;  
att_soc_influence_area=10;  
A_phy=80;  
A_soc=40;  
A_wall=1000;  
B_phy=1;  
B_soc=2;  
B_wall=.5;  
lamda=0.2;  
dt=0.3;  
epsilon=1e-10;  
T=200/dt;  
wall_influence_area=1.2;  
wallrelevance_area=10;  
heavy=1e10;  
fear_force_factor=20;  
force_factor=40;  
flee_force_factor=60;  
walelem=1;  
paselem=1;  
exielem=1;  
crewflee=0;  
passengerflee=0;  
gone=0;
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%allocation of matrices  
pasMat=zeros(10,20);  
obiMat=zeros(700,20);  
obiMat2=[];
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%read picture/generate forcefield  
f = getFile();  
[FX,FY]=computeGradientField1(f);  
[m n]=size(FX);
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%integration into matrices  
for mm=1:m  
    for nn=1:n  
        %pas integration  
        if f(mm,nn)=='2';  
            pasMat(paselem,2)=mm;
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        pasMat(paselem,1)=nn;
        paselem=paselem+1;
    end

    %wall integration
    if f(mm,nn)==0;
        obiMat(walelem,2)=mm;
        obiMat(walelem,1)=nn;
        walelem=walelem+1;
    end
    %exit integration
    if f(mm,nn)==Inf;
        exiMat(exielem,2)=mm;
        exiMat(exielem,1)=nn;
        exielem=exielem+1;
    end
end
end

%IT'S ALIVE MUAHAHAH!!
pasMat(:,3)=1;

%'previous' place
pasMat(:,6)=pasMat(:,1);
pasMat(:,7)=pasMat(:,2)+epsilon;
pasMat(:,4)=epsilon;
[NrOfpassenger entries]=size(pasMat);
[NrOfObi Obientries]=size(obiMat);
%random weigth
pasMat(:,16)=unidrnd(70,NrOfpassenger,1)+50;
obiMat(:,16)=heavy;

%set walldirection
for mn=2:NrOfObi

    %there is a wallelem above
    if f(obiMat(mn,2)+1,obiMat(mn,1))==0
        obiMat(mn,20)=[2.2];
    end
    %there is a wallelem below
    if f(obiMat(mn,2)-1,obiMat(mn,1))==0
        obiMat(mn,20)=obiMat(mn,20)-3.3;
    end
    %there is a wallelem on the right
    if f(obiMat(mn,2),obiMat(mn,1)+1)==0
        obiMat(mn,19)=[2.2];
    end
    %there is a wallelem on the left
    if f(obiMat(mn,2),obiMat(mn,1)-1)==0
        obiMat(mn,19)=obiMat(mn,19)-3.3;
    end
end
end

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%Simplify obiMat -> leave out useless wall elements
for j=1:exielem-1
    obiMat1=obiMat;
    [NrOfObi Obientries]=size(obiMat);
    gone=0;
    for i=1:NrOfObi
        fv=abs([obiMat1(i-gone,1)-exiMat(j,1);obiMat1(i-gone,2)-exiMat(j,2)]);
        NrOfObi=NrOfObi-gone;
        if abs(obiMat1(i-gone,19)) > abs(obiMat1(i-gone,20))
            if abs(norm(fv)) > wallrelevance_area
                obiMat1(i-gone,:)=[];
                gone=gone+1;
            end
        end
    end
    obiMat2=[obiMat2;obiMat1];
end

obiMat3=unique(obiMat2,'rows');
clear obiMat2;

[NrOfObi Obientries]=size(obiMat);
for i=1:NrOfObi
    if abs(obiMat(i,19)) > abs(obiMat(i,20))
        if obiMat(i,2) < 7 || obiMat(i,2) > m-7
            else
                obiMat3=[obiMat3;obiMat(i,:);
            end
        end
    end
end
obiMat2=obiMat;
obiMat=obiMat3;
clear obiMat4;
clear obiMat1;
clear obiMat3;
[NrOfObi Obientries]=size(obiMat);
[NrOfObi2 Obientries2]=size(obiMat2);

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### B.3 getFile.m

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function [F] = getFile()
%getFile: Conversion of an bmp-image to a matrix
% This function converts a bmp-file to a matrix and returns it. There
are
% only the following colors with their corresponding interpretation
% allowed:
%
% Color      Hex triplet   Description
% White      FFFFFFFF     Space in which the passengers can freely
%              walk
% Black      000000       Walls
% Red        FF0000       Emergency exit
% Blue       0000FF       Every blue pixel is recognised as a
%              passenger
% Light green 00FF00       Every light green pixel is recognised as
a
%              flight attendant
% Dark green 009900       Zone which is influenced by the flight
%              attendant
% Yellow     FFFF00       Special zones, in which passengers
%              struggle to continue walking
%
% The output matrix contains the following entries:
% 0=wall, 1=space, 2=passenger, 3=hesitation area, 4=flightattendant,
% 6=flightattendantarea, Inf=emergency exit

exit=0;
while exit==0
    [FileName,PathName] = uigetfile('*.bmp', 'Select a Bitmap File')
    I=imread(strcat(PathName,FileName));
    exit=1;
    if (find(I>6))
        exit=0;
        uiwait(msgbox('Wrong file'));
    end
end

space=find(I==5);
goSlow=find(I==4);
exit=find(I==2);
passenger=find(I==1);
flightattendant=find(I==3);
flightattendantarea=find(I==6);
wall=find(I==0);
[n,m]=size(I);
F=zeros(n,m);
F(space)=1;
F(goSlow)=3;
F(exit)=Inf;
F(passenger)=2;
F(flightattendant)=4;
F(wall)=0;
F(flightattendantarea)=6;
F=flipud(F)

end
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## B.4 gradient\_special.m

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function [FFX FFY] = gradient_special(M)
%GRADIENT_SPECIAL Special gradient function which excludes matrix entries
%which are Inf
% Input is a matrix m with a potential field and Inf entries
representing
% walls. This function generates a vector field representing the
gradient
% field of m, but ignores all Inf entries.
[a b]=size(M);

FX=zeros(a,b);
FY=zeros(a,b);
caseX=0;
caseY=0;

%Cases: W=Wall °=Point to be handled
% 1. W ° W
% 2. W ° °

for m = 1:a %y-direction
    for n = 1:b %x-direction

        %X-Direction
        if (M(m,n)~=Inf) %Point is no wall element
            if(n>1 && n<b) %No element at the boarder of the matrix
                if(M(m,n-1)==Inf && M(m,n+1)==Inf)
                    caseX=1;
                elseif (M(m,n-1)==Inf)
                    caseX=2;
                elseif (M(m,n+1)==Inf)
                    caseX=3;
                else
                    caseX=4;
                end
            elseif (n<b) %Element at the lower boarder of the matrix
                if(M(m,n+1)==Inf)
                    caseX=1;
                else
                    caseX=2;
                end
            else %Element at the upper boarder of the matrix
                if(M(m,n-1)==Inf)
                    caseX=1;
                else
                    caseX=3;
                end
            end
        end

        else %Point is a wall element
            if(n>1 && n<b) %No element at the boarder of the matrix
                if(M(m,n-1)==Inf && M(m,n+1)==Inf)
                    caseX=5;
                elseif (M(m,n-1)==Inf)
                    caseX=6;
                elseif (M(m,n+1)==Inf)
                    caseX=7;
                else
                    caseX=8;
                end
            end
        end
    end
end
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        end
    elseif (n<b) %Element at the lower boarder of the matrix
        if (M(m,n+1)==Inf)
            caseX=5;
        else
            caseX=6;
        end
    else %Element at the upper boarder of the matrix
        if (M(m,n-1)==Inf)
            caseX=5;
        else
            caseX=7;
        end
    end
end

end

switch caseX
    case 1
        FX(m,n)=0;
    case 2
        FX(m,n)=(M(m,n)-M(m,n+1));
    case 3
        FX(m,n)=(M(m,n-1)-M(m,n));
    case 4
        FX(m,n)=(M(m,n-1)-M(m,n+1))/2;
    case 5
        FX(m,n)=0;
    case 6
        FX(m,n)=0;
    case 7
        FX(m,n)=0;
    case 8
        FX(m,n)=0;
end

%FX(m,n)=caseX;

%Y-Direction
if (M(m,n)~=Inf) %Point is no wall element
    if (m>1 && m<a) %No element at the boarder of the matrix
        if (M(m-1,n)==Inf && M(m+1,n)==Inf)
            caseY=1;
        elseif (M(m-1,n)==Inf)
            caseY=2;
        elseif (M(m+1,n)==Inf)
            caseY=3;
        else
            caseY=4;
        end
    elseif (m<a) %Element at the lower boarder of the matrix
        if (M(m+1,n)==Inf)
            caseY=1;
        else
            caseY=2;
        end
    end
end

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else %Element at the upper boarder of the matrix
    if(M(m-1,n)==Inf)
        caseY=1;
    else
        caseY=3;
    end
end

else %Point is a wall element
    if(m>1 && m<a) %No element at the boarder of the matrix
        if(M(m-1,n)==Inf && M(m+1,n)==Inf)
            caseY=5;
        elseif (M(m-1,n)==Inf)
            caseY=6;
        elseif (M(m+1,n)==Inf)
            caseY=7;
        else
            caseY=8;
        end
    elseif (m<a) %Element at the lower boarder of the matrix
        if(M(m+1,n)==Inf)
            caseY=5;
        else
            caseY=6;
        end
    else %Element at the upper boarder of the matrix
        if(M(m-1,n)==Inf)
            caseY=5;
        else
            caseY=7;
        end
    end
end

switch caseY
case 1 % W ° W
    FY(m,n)=0;
case 2 % W ° °
    FY(m,n)=(M(m,n)-M(m+1,n));
case 3 % ° ° W
    FY(m,n)=(M(m-1,n)-M(m,n));
case 4 % ° ° °
    FY(m,n)=(M(m-1,n)-M(m+1,n))/2;
case 5 % I I I
    FY(m,n)=0;
case 6 % I I °
    FY(m,n)=0;
case 7 % ° I I
    FY(m,n)=0;
case 8 % ° I °
    FY(m,n)=0;
end
% Current Point: ° Wall: W Infinity:I

%FX(m,n)=caseX;

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end
end

%Normalization of the vector length
[a,b]=size(FX);

for m = 1:a
    for n = 1:b
        if (FX(m,n)~=0 && FY(m,n)~=0)
            FFX(m,n)=(FX(m,n)/(sqrt(FX(m,n)^2+FY(m,n)^2)));
            FFY(m,n)=(FY(m,n)/(sqrt(FX(m,n)^2+FY(m,n)^2)));
        elseif(FX(m,n)~=0)
            FFX(m,n)=(FX(m,n)/abs(FX(m,n)));
            FFY(m,n)=0;
        elseif(FY(m,n)~=0)
            FFX(m,n)=0;
            FFY(m,n)=(FY(m,n)/abs(FY(m,n)));
        end
    end
end

end
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## B.5 computeGradientField1.m

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function [FX, FY] = computeGradientField1(F)
%UNTITLED2 This function computes the shortest path from every point to
the
%next emergency exit.
% The input matrix F contains a space described in the file getFile.m.
% This function calculates a vector field containing the shortest path
% from every point in the space to the next emergency exit.

%Find the Exits
[rowE,colE,v] = find(F==Inf);

%Create a new Space with only 1(Space) and 0(Wall) as entries
[sx,sy]=size(F);
NewF=ones(sx,sy);
Wall=find(F==0);
NewF(Wall)=0;

Exits(1,:)=rowE';
Exits(2,:)=colE';

options.nb_iter_max = Inf;
[D,S] = perform_fast_marching(NewF, Exits, options);
[FX,FY] = gradient_special(D);

D(D==Inf)=0; % Make infinity entries of D to 0

%Plot Contour
contour(D);
hold on;

%Plot Vectorfield
quiver(FX,FY,0.1);
hold on;

%Plot Walls
[rowW,colW,v] = find(NewF==0);
for n=1:size(rowW)
    h = plot(colW(n),rowW(n), '.b'); set(h, 'MarkerSize', 10);
end

%Plot Exits
for n=1:size(rowE)
    h = plot(colE(n),rowE(n), '.r'); set(h, 'MarkerSize', 20);
end
end
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