

Numerical studies of Personnel Evacuation Model Based on Graphic Theory Model and Floyd Algorithm

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Abstract: This paper introduces a new Louvre tourist safety escape model. The model can be divided into two parts: a basic model without considering some special actual circumstances, an improved model considering the evacuation of tourists under some multiple scenarios. The model mainly uses the graphic theory model and the Floyd algorithm. In order to simplify the construction entities, we introduced the graphic theory model. Firstly, we divide the guide map of the Louvre into many small unit regarding each exhibition hall marked with a number as a mobile unit, so it can be treated as a point unit in the graphic theory model and the time cost between any two points can be taken as the line in the graphic theory model. Based on those, introducing the Floyd algorithm, we can calculate the best escape path of each mobile unit. After this, some special circumstances are considered into this model to make the model more reasonable and specific. This technique is highly promising to solve personnel safety evacuation problem when an emergency occurs.

1. Introduction

The increasing number of terror attacks in France requires a review of the emergency evacuation plans at many popular destinations. The Louvre is one of the world's largest art museum, receiving more than 8.1 million visitors in 2017. The number of guests in the museum varies throughout the day and year, which provides challenges in planning for regular movement within the museum. The diversity of visitors will make personnel evacuation in an emergency even more challenging. However, for a certain tourist attraction, especially a high-rise building like the Louvre, there are not so many people who are studying the evacuation of people in these areas. Moreover, there are yet not any effective evacuation measures for a famous museum. In any event of an emergency, the situation may be extremely dangerous and even threatens the safety of personnel.

In conclusion, the Louvre is urgently demanding an emergency evacuation assessment and new evacuation strategies. With the aim of solving these problems, the purpose of this study is to provide some good strategies to improve the evacuation efficiency, for quick guidance of tourists to specific safe destinations, in a broad range of areas. The model can be divided into two parts: a basic model without considering some special actual circumstances, an improved model considering the evacuation of tourists under some multiple scenarios. With the help of this model, every independent exhibition hall in the Louvre can be designed an optimal path for visitors to escape to a safe destination.

1.1. BASIC MODEL

The whole evacuation process can be divided in to four steps: Reacting to alarm broadcast、Move within the same floor、 Move between floors、 Leaving out through a gate, and the solution of these

four steps are as follows: 1. Reacting Time; 2. Moving Time Within a Floor; 3. Moving Time Between Floors; 4. Leaving Gate Time.

1.2. Reacting Time

Under general situation, native visitors can response to the emergency broadcast immediately, although there may be a short delay before they are aware of the emergency, the delays are so short that it can be neglected. therefore, we define that the reacting time(t_d) is 0s.

1.3. Moving Time Within a Floor

We know that time is determined by the distance and the velocity as the following formula:

$$t = \frac{d}{v} \tag{1}$$

Thus, we have to calculate the values of parameter “d” and “v”.

To get the distance(d), the physical sizes of each hall in the Louvre are needed. Therefore, we have set up a model to represent the real sizes, that’s: the characteristic model of exhibition halls, which is shown below.

1.4. The Characteristic Model of Exhibition Halls

It is known that each exhibition halls have its specific characteristics: length, width, tourist density, evacuation time. To determine these parameters, we need the following steps:

First, we can know the Louvre covers an estimated 253011 square meters. After processing the floor plan of the Louvre with gridding method, we can depict gridding on the tour map of the Louvre¹² and the whole picture can be divided into 2352 grids, each of them cover 107.6 square meters. The image of the 2nd floor is shown below:

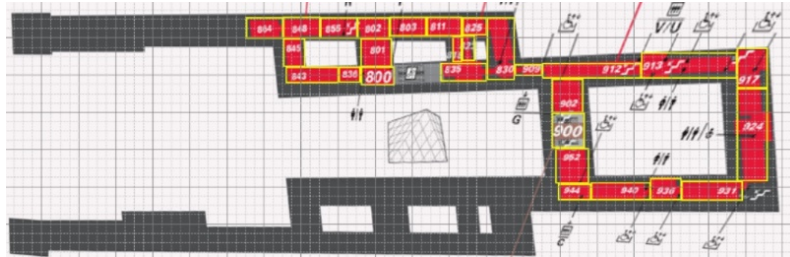


Figure 1. Tour Map of the 2nd Floor.

Secondly, we calculate the number of grids covered by the entire exhibition hall and the number of grids covered by each exhibition hall to figure out that the areas of all halls are added up to 103323.6 square meters. Using this data, we can count the number of grids that each hall has and calculate the real size according to the map scale. Because the data is kept secret, we can't find it, we define that the width of each hall is 15 square meters, so the length of each hall can be calculated via the following formula:

$$\text{length} = \frac{\text{area}}{\text{width}} \tag{2}$$

Thirdly, according to the reference¹, the velocity of the visitors can be determined by the density of the people in an exhibition hall. The formula is as follows:

$$v = -0.516 \times \ln(\rho) + 1.5499 \tag{3}$$

Where the parameter “p” is crowded density. To get the density of visitors, we can know the information that the number of visitors of the Louvre is estimated ten million¹¹, and from the “Affluence” application, we can get the schedule of the Louvre, which is shown below:

Table.1. Schedule of the Louvre.

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Mon. Thur. Sat. Sun. | 9: 00-18: 00 |
| Wed. Fri. | 9: 00-21: 45 |

Given that visitors need time to enter the museum and spread among exhibition halls, the effective duration can be regarded as 11 hours on Wed. and Fri. and 7 hours on Mon. Thur. Sat. and Sun. and the average time (t_{av}) is 8.3h. The time of Louvre opening to the public is 312 of 365 days each year, and it opens about 8.3 hours on average. So, the average number of visitors per day is about 31963 persons and the average number of visitors per hour is about 3851 persons. Assuming that the average sightseeing time duration of visitors is 7 hours, so the number of visitors in the Louvre is about 26957 persons at a certain time. The total area of all halls is 103323.6 m², so the crowded density of the galleries in the Louvre can be calculated to be 0.26 persons/ m².

Because some of the artworks in the exhibition halls are so famous that will attract more people to visit, the crowded density in this hall is higher than the average level of 0.26. So, these halls can be thought as very crowded.

Further, relevant research shows the personnel density of buildings with different functions¹⁰. By searching for information, we can know that the value of ρ for “very crowded” is 1.2 to 2.0. Thus, the visitor density can be regarded as 1.2 of the halls which are very crowded.

Table.2. Personnel Density of Buildings with Different Functions.

| Function | Personnel Density | Entertaining | Educational | Restaurant | Office | Residential |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------|-------------|
| Personnel Density | 1.2-2.0 | 0.4-1.0 | 0.7-1.0 | 0.5-0.8 | 0.2-0.5 | 0.1-0.2 |

Table.3. The very crowded exhibition halls of 2nd floor.

| Floor | Exhibition Hall Number | | | | | | | |
|-------|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2F | 801 | 822 | 837 | 811 | 912 | 917 | 940 | 952 |

Finally, based on the parameter we discussed above, we can obtain the evacuation time that crossing a particular hall cost using the *Formula-1*, *Formula-3*. All the characteristics of each hall is listed in the following table:

Table.4. The characteristics of each hall.

| Characteristics | Formula & Value |
|---------------------|--|
| Width | 15m |
| Length | area / 15m |
| Visitor Density | 0.26 & 1.2 |
| Evacuation Velocity | $v = -0.516 \times \ln(\rho) + 1.5499$ |
| Evacuation Time | $t = \text{length}/v$ |

With this characteristic model, we can figure out the evacuation time within an exhibition hall, that is, how much time a visitor will cost while crossing a hall. In order to evacuate safely, visitors have to move among different halls and different floors. Based on this, we introduce graphic theory and establish a graphic theoretic model to calculate the time during those periods, with which we can regard each exhibition hall as a mobile unit, and calculate the time when visitors are moving among different halls within a floor.

We just take the 2nd floor as an example, and part of the characteristics of each exhibition halls are listed below:

Table.5. Partial values of each characteristic of each hall.

| Hall Number | Grids Number | Area(a) | Length | Visitor Density | Velocity | Evacuation Time |
|-------------|--------------|---------|--------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| 864 | 6 | 645.6 | 43.0 | 0.26 | 1.76 | 24.45 |
| 843 | 12 | 1291.2 | 86.1 | 0.26 | 1.76 | 48.91 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

The outdoor height of the Louvre is about 28 meters, the wall thickness is about 0.6 meters, and the dome is about 3m. So, the indoor net height of the Louvre is $28 - 3 - 0.6 \times 3 = 23.2\text{m}$

Besides, there are three floors above the ground, so that the average net height of each floor is about $23.2/3 = 7.7$ meters. As we all known, it's obvious that the height of each stairs is equal to the average net height of each floor, so the height of each stair is 7.7 meters. Because the indoor stair inclination is optimally 20° to 45° and there is no access for us to know the stair inclination of the Louvre, so we just assume that the inclination is 30° , so the length of the inclined plane is $7.7/\sin(30^\circ) = 15.4\text{m}$.

From the following chart, which is obtained from the reference7, we can know that while evacuating, the speed of the visitors is between 0.82-1.12m/s. Neglecting the negative effects of some extreme situations, we define the moving velocity of the crowd as 0.97 m/s.

Table.10. Personnel Movement Parameters in Different Situations.

| Mobile Mode | Velocity (m/s) |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Evacuation Horizontal Movement | 1.1-1.467 |
| Evacuation Staircase Movement | 0.82-1.12 |

Therefore, the time that moving across a single stairway cost is $15.4/0.97=16.0\text{s}$.

1.7. Leaving Gate Time

The leaving gate time represents the time that costs when a visitor go through the evacuating gates of the Louvre, which is the last step of the whole evacuation process. According to our assumption 8, there are four available exits.

Since visitors can directly leave the building through the Lion Gate and the Arch Gate on the ground floor of the Syrian Gallery, we define that the leaving gate time of these two exits is 0 s.

For hall NO.424, hall NO.312 and hall NO.388, visitors can leave the Louvre directly. Therefore, using the Floyd algorithm mentioned above, we can know the visitors that can directly leave the building.

For visitors in other halls, they can only leave the Louvre by moving to the lower ground floor. According to the principle of the shortest time, those visitors will go through hall NO.100, hall NO.170 and hall NO.131. These visitors will convergence at the Napoleon Hall and leave the Louvre through the subway station and pyramid exit.

There will be an obvious confluence effect for visitors who move from the lower ground floor to the Napoleon Hall. For the visitors in the lower ground floor, except for those who leave the Louvre moving through hall NO.424, NO.312, NO.338, all the rest of people will gather at the Napoleon Hall to leave the museum. The hall numbers are:

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|
| Hall Number | 160 | 169 | 164 | 183 | 181 | 180 | 179 | 170 |
| Visitor Density | 0.26 | 1.2 | 0.26 | 1.2 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 1.2 |
| Grid Number | 8 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 7.5 |

Base on the characteristic model of exhibition halls, we know the following information of the

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Hall Number | 174 | 173 | 130 | 132 | 102 | 105 | 100 |
| Visitor Density | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 1.2 | 0.26 | 0.26 |
| Grid Number | 4.5 | 2 | 8 | 12 | 10.5 | 8 | 2 |

Napoleon Hall:

Table.11. Characteristics of the Napoleon Hall.

| Hall Number | Exit | Corridor | Stairway |
|-------------|------|----------|----------|
| Grid Number | 27 | 11 | 52 |

While evacuating from the pyramid Exit, the visitor density is:

$$\rho = \frac{\sum_{n=100}^{183} g(n) \times \rho(n)}{g(NH)} = 1.03 \quad (4)$$

Based on *Formula-3*, we can calculate the corresponding velocity which is 1.545 m/s. Observing the floor plan of the characteristic model of exhibition halls, we can get the effective length of the stairway on the Napoleon Floor is about 60 meters. Therefore, the time that visitors on this floor spend to leave the Louvre through pyramid exit is $60/1.545=38.83s$

According to the assumption 10, the spiral stair's length is twice as much as normal stairways, so that the time spent on passing the spiral stairway is twice as much as normal ones, that is 32s. Therefore, visitors who choose to leave the Louvre through the pyramid entrance will totally spend $38.83+32=70.83s$.

When visitors choose to leave the Louvre by Subway Station Exit, the visitor density will be:

$$\rho = \frac{\sum_{n=100}^{183} g(n) \times \rho(n)}{g(NH) + g(CR) + g(PE)} = 0.6 \quad (5)$$

With the help of *Formula-3*, we can obtain the corresponding velocity: 1.63m/s. Observing the floor plan in the characteristic model of exhibition halls, we know the effective length from the stairways to the entrance is about 140 meters. Therefore, visitors who use Subway Station Exit will totally spend $140/1.63=85.91s$.

Therefore, we can get those movement date for those people who leave the Louvre through the Subway Station Exit and the pyramid exit and the date as follows:

Table.12. Evacuation Information of the Subway Station and Pyramid Entrance.

| | Visitor Density (m ² /person) | Velocity (m/s) | Effective Length(m) | Effective Time of Evacuation | Time Spent on Stairways | Leaving Exit Time |
|---------------------|--|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Pyramid Exit | 1.03 | 1.545 | 60 | 38.83 | 32 | 70.83 |
| Subway Station Exit | 0.6 | 1.63 | 140 | 85.91 | 0 | 85.91 |

We can know from the chart above that: while evacuating from the Napoleon Hall, the path towards the pyramid exit is shorter but more crowded, thus people move more slowly. Whereas the path towards the subway station is longer but less crowded, thus people move more quickly. Such difference is reasonable in reality.

The values of those two leaving time for these two paths are quite close (70.83s&85.91s), to simplify our calculation, we use both of their average value 78.37s.

Based on the characteristic model of exhibition halls and the graphic theoretic model, we can integrate the basic model in this paper which can solve the evacuation program and calculate the total evacuation time.

In this way, we have gained the shortest time, and the corresponding evacuation path:

Table.13. Total Evacuation Time of Each Exhibition Hall of the 2nd Floor.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2F | Hall Number | 864 | 843 | 836 | 845 | ... | 952 | 818 | 900 | 803 | 924 |
| | Evacuation Time | 251.7s | 308.7s | 276.2s | 249.7s | ... | 205.3s | 154.4s | 79.07s | 252.7s | 125.6s |

Table.14. Matching Table 1.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2F | Hall Number | 864 | 843 | 836 | 845 | ... | 952 | 818 | 900 | 811 | 936 |
| | Target Hall | 855 | 800 | 800 | 855 | ... | 931 | 835 | 900 | 835 | 931 |

Table.15. Matching Table 2.

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2F | 1F | GF | LGF |
| | 535 | 200 | 102 |
| 855 | 557 | 218 | 102 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 800 | 500 | - | |

The least time is shown in Matching Table 1 moving within a floor, and the corresponding relationship between the exhibition halls connected by stairs are listed in Matching Table 2. To utilize those two tables, there are 3 steps:

Find the position of the original hall (NO.1) and its best path matching to the hall (NO.2) in the below in Matching Table 1

Find the position of the target hall (NO.2) matching the original hall (NO.3) in Matching Table 2

Find the position of the hall (NO.3) found in table 2 in Matching Table 1 again.

Then, repeating the step 2 and 3 until arriving at one of the exits.

We can know from the following table: *Total Evacuation Time of Each Exhibition Hall* that the slowest visitor is the one in hall 843, who totally spends 308.7s. Since the evacuation time of the Louvre should be the time when the last person successfully leaves the building. Therefore, generally the evacuation time of the Louvre is 308.7s.

2. Improved model

With the basic model mentioned above, we are able to describe the evacuation process and evaluate it. Because our work is based on the assumption of a huge fire, Thus the available safe egress time(ASET) of the fire can be applied to our model. The average area of a single exhibition hall is about 702.8 square meters, and the dangerous height of the smoke is 2 meters¹². So the ASET of the Louvre can be got :

$$ASET = \frac{702.8 \times 2}{2} = 702.8s \quad (6)$$

In order to make our model more flexible and more widely suitable, we establish the improved model .

We employ AHP model to calculate all values.

Situation Y_0 : There are three factors that can account for the influences: the percentage of the disabled or special people (PD), the degree of physical strength (PS) and the panic level (PL).

We employ 1-9 scale in the pairwise comparison matrixes to assess the influences of these three factors. It is easy for us to know that the influences of PS are bigger than the influences of PD and the influences of PL are bigger than the influences of PS. So, the pairwise comparison matrix can be shown as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{8} \\ 4 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 8 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

With the eig () function in MATLAB function library, we obtain the characteristic value and the feature vector of the pairwise comparison matrix, which is shown as follows:

$$w = [0.077 \ 0.308 \ 0.615] \quad \lambda = 3 \quad (7)$$

In addition, we use consistency indicators to test the matrix. When the test fails, it is required to make a new paired comparison or to modify the existing paired comparison matrix.

$$CI = \frac{(\lambda - n)}{(n - 1)} = 0 \quad (8)$$

The parameter n is the matrix order, which is 3 and the corresponding random consistency index $RI = 0.58$, $CI < RI$ thus the result in can serve as the weight vector.

In the basic model, we assume that the visitors are all healthy and full of energy and the panic level is medium. This situation is named as situation Y_0 . For the improved model, we aim at these two situations and regard them as special situations :

Situation Y_1 : The Louvre has a large number of disabled people who need to be evacuated;

Situation Y_2 : The Louvre has a large number of old people who need to be evacuated;

We set up pairwise comparison matrix for each of these situations and the calculation process is the same as the basic model Y_0 .

Situation Y_1 : Since the disabled move slower than physically health people, thus their presence will render slow down the evacuation speed of the whole group slower.

When there are more disabled people than normal, their PS will decrease a fraction and their PC will increase. We make comparisons between Y_0 and Y_1 :

$$B1(PC) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{9} \\ 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B2(PS) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B3(PD) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

B1 means the ratio of PC in Situation 1 to that in normal situations is 9:1 , and the results are shown below.

We can know from the TABLE 15. that all the CI_k s can pass the consistency indicators test. The combination weight of the Situation Y_1 is 0.68771. And the combination weight of the basic model is 0.31229. Therefore, the delay coefficient of Situation Y_1 is: $0.68771/0.31229=2.2$

Situation Y_2 : When there are more old people than normal, their PS will decrease whereas the PC remains a relatively stable standard, their PL increase a fraction. We make comparisons between Y_0 and Y_2 :

$$B1(PC) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B2(PS) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{9} \\ 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B3(PD) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

B2 means that the ratio of PS in Situation 2 to that in normal circumstances is 9:1 , the calculation results are shown below.

We can know from the TABLE 15. that all the CI_k s can pass the consistency indicators test. The combination weight of the Situation Y_2 is 0.72775. And the combination weight of the basic model is 0.27225. Therefore, the delay coefficient of Situation Y_2 is: $0.72775/0.27225=2.67$.

Table.16. Weight Vector Result of Situation 1, Situation 2.

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|
| k | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| w_k | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.33 | 0.1 | 0.33 | 0.33 |
| | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.67 | 0.9 | 0.67 | 0.67 |
| λ_k | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| CI_k | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

The delay coefficients k of the three situations are :

| | Situation 1 | Situation 2 | Normal Situation |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Delay Cefficient | 2.2 | 2.67 | 1 |
| The Shortest Evacuation Time(s) | 319.5 | 263.2 | 702.8 |

The meaning of the relative relationship between the velocity of tourists under special situations and that under normal circumstances is obtained by weighting calculation. Since the delay coefficient is the ratio of the combination weight under special situations to that under normal circumstances, its reciprocal is also the ratio of the speed of tourists under special circumstances to that under normal circumstances. In special cases, the effective length of the traveler's path remains unchanged, so the delay coefficient is the ratio of the shortest evacuation time in special cases to the shortest evacuation time in normal conditions. the time is : $T_a = t_a \times k$ when in the three cases,

The ASET is 702.8s, thus the shortest evacuation time of these three situation is:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Situation 1 Y_1 / Situation 2 Y_2 | $702.8/k=319.5s/702.8/k=263.2s$ |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|

The exhibition halls with unsatisfactory condition one does not exist, that is, the proportion of the disabled among visitors to the Louvre will not affect the safe evacuation of other visitors in the Louvre.

Under the second situation, in case of emergency, PS visitors are visiting the above hall, they will not be able to evacuate safely. In order to solve this problem, it can be seen from the observation that

these halls are concentrated on the second floor of Recheleu hall, and the museum leaders should be considered to set up special passage for the elderly in Recheleu hall, or to add simple stairs under emergency situations in these halls.

The exhibition halls that are not satisfied with the second situation are as follows :

| | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Exhibition Halls | 843 | 836 | 801 | 564 |
| Evacuation Time(s) | 308.7 | 276.1 | 263.8 | 279.5 |

3. Conclusion

Based on the escape route in our model, the total evacuation time of the Louvre is 308.7s when the disabled are not considered and the panic level is medium. The ASET of the Louvre is 702.8s, all visitors can escape safely. When these special circumstances are taken into consideration, successful evacuation can still be accomplished.

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