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(54) **ADAPTABLE SHOE UPPER AND ADAPTABLE SOLE**

(57) The present invention relates to a shoe upper (12) for a shoe (11), in particular a sports shoe, comprising (a.) a first layer (13); (b.) a second layer (14) connected to the first layer in a fixed way, wherein (c.) the second layer comprises at least two regions (14a, 14b) separated from each other, and wherein (d.) the first layer comprises a higher elasticity in a region not covered by the at least two regions of the second layer than the second layer. A further aspect of the present invention relates to a sole

(42), in particular a sole for a sports shoe, comprising (a.) a first layer (43); (b.) a second layer (44) connected to the first layer in a fixed way, wherein (c.) the second layer comprises at least two regions (45, 46a, 46b) separated from each other, and wherein (d.) the first layer comprises a higher elasticity at least in a region not covered by the at least two regions of the second layer than the second layer.

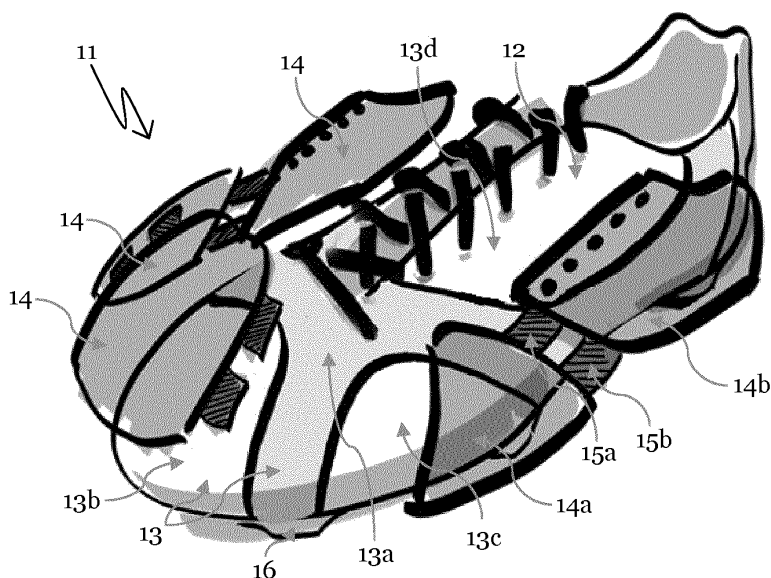


Fig. 1



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Reason for the limitation of the search:

In the response to the invitation pursuant to Rule 62a(1) EPC, the applicant requested that the search be carried out on the basis of the entire claim set. However, the examiner maintains the opinion that the claims do not comply with Rule 43(2) EPC, since independent claim 1 relates to a shoe upper whereas independent claim 12 relates to a sole, i.e. these are two separate entities. The search report has therefore been drawn up on the basis of the applicant's auxiliary request, that the search be carried out on the basis of claims 1 to 11. This means that present claims 12 to 15 are directed to subject-matter that was not searched.

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