

Circle Problem

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1 Problem Outline

Suppose that you're given a list of n points in the Cartesian plane, each defined by coordinates (x, y) where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Each point is also associated with a letter tag from the set $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$.

Formally, the data set is $S = \{ (x_i, y_i, l_i) \}_{i=1}^n$

Your task is to write a function that determines the largest valid circle centered at the origin $(0, 0)$, encompassing the maximum number of points such that no two points within or on the boundary of the circle can share the same tag.

1.1 Radius Set Definition

1. Define a "radius set" R , which is a set of values derived from the data points in S . Each element in R denoted as r_i is derived from a unique transformation of the properties of each point (x_i, y_i) in S and doesn't explicitly require each l_i since those aren't necessary for generating radii. Let this transformation be represented by a function f .

Formally, the radius set R can be defined as:

$$R = \{r_i | r_i = f(x_i, y_i), \forall (x_i, y_i, l_i) \in S\}$$

Where $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a transformation function that you design. This function f should uniquely transform the properties of the data points in S into a set of potential radii. Note that uniquely transform here means one-to-one and onto (injective and surjective \iff bijective)

1.2 Circle Definition

- The circle is centered at the origin $(0, 0)$.
- The radius of the circle must be selected from the "radius set" R .

1.3 Point Definition

- Points are represented by (x, y) coordinates.
- Each point is tagged with a letter (non-empty) string.

1.4 Objective

- Find the radius from R that allows the largest valid circle.
- If no valid solution exists within R , the function should indicate this.

1.5 Handling Edge Cases

- If two or more points with the same tag lie exactly on the boundary of a potential circle drawn using a radius from R , the circle is considered invalid.

2 Example

Using the following color-mapping:

Tag	Color
A	Red
B	Blue
C	Green
D	Orange
E	Purple
F	Black

Table 1: Color mapping for labels.

And the following data set:

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0, -5, D), (4, -1, E), (-5, 3, C), (-2, -2, E), \\ (3, 3, E), (-1, 1, B), (-5, -3, C), (3, -2, C), \\ (3, -3, C), (-4, -3, E), (-4, 4, D), (4, 1, C), \\ (-3, 1, F), (2, 4, E), (-4, 3, B), (-5, 0, D), \\ (4, -2, F), (-5, -1, F) \end{array} \right\}$$

We can observe the following examples of a solution circle and an invalid circle

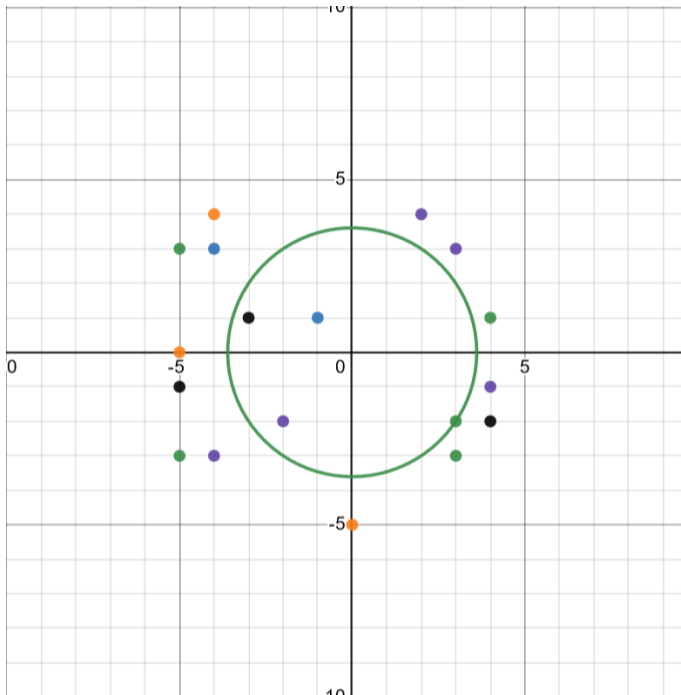


Figure 1: Correct Circle

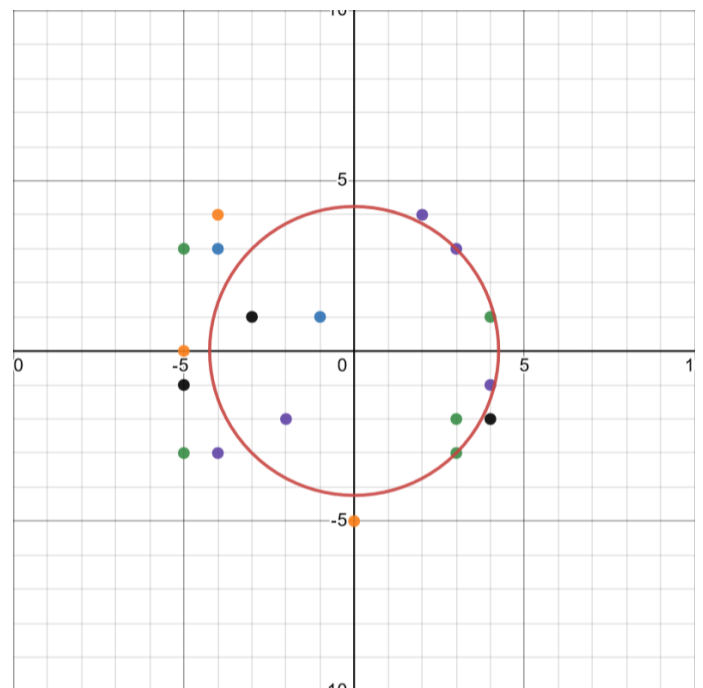


Figure 2: Invalid Circle

As shown in Figure 1 **1**, the circle does not contain any duplicate points and is also the largest circle we can create where its radius $r_i \in R$.

In Figure 2 **2**, we can see that this is not a valid circle because it contains duplicate points.

This example is not exhaustive. Another examples of an invalid circle could be one that doesn't contain duplicate points, but there exists a larger circle.