

Circle Rendering

Idea: Pigeonhole principle to find nearest neighbour points :

Principle:

“If n items are put in m boxes where $n > m$, then one box must contain more than one item”.

In circle rendering algorithm, the first objective is to find the nearest grid points for a given point of a circle. Consider the circle shown in Figure 1. Suppose the length of the square region of search area is l_1 and the length of the square formed by using four nearest grid points is l_2 . Now, if $l_1 = l_2$ then, according to pigeonhole principle, the maximum number of grid points inside the search area will always ≤ 4 (constant). In the algorithm, the circle points are calculated by varying angle in the first quadrant starting with 0 and interval of 10. The other points of a circle points are calculated by changing the sign of sine and cosine functions and using symmetric distance criteria.

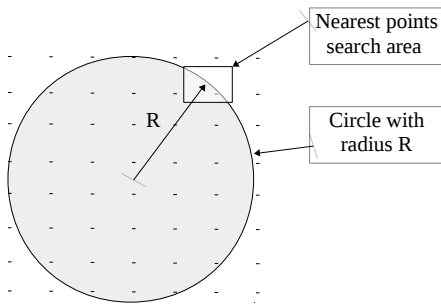


Figure 1. Sample example of circle with radius R.

Algorithms :

Algorithm : Circle_rendering(image)

Initialization:

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/* Initialize image with RGB(0,0,0)
divide image by grid of equal size
center_xy = get_xy on mouse_press */
if (mouse_event == true) do:
    while(mouse_drag == true) do:
        current_xy = get_xy on mouse_drag
        curr_radius = sqrt ( (current_xy-center_xy) ^ 2)
        inner_radius= outer_radius=curr_radius;
        Point P;
        for theta in 0-90 do:
            P.x= r * cos(theta);
            P.y= r * sin(theta);
            /* call the following function */
            calculate_nearest_neighbours(P);
            update_inner_outer_radius(P);
            theta = theta + 10;
            draw_circle(xy_center,radius);
            draw_innecircle(xy_center,inner_radius)
            draw_outercircle(xy_center,outer_radius)
            update QLabel with image
        if(mouse_release==true) do:
            delete circles;
            show_nearest neighbour points
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Algorithm_1_1 : calculate_nearest_neighbours (Point)

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xloc[ ] = locations of first row grid points
yloc[ ] = locations of first column grid points

for i in 0 to grid_size-1 do:
    if (Point.x >= xloc[i] && Point.x <= xloc[i+1])
        found_x= xloc[i];
    if (Point.y >= yloc[i] && Point.y <= yloc[i+1])
        found_y=yloc[i];
    /* calculate four grid points starting with p (found_x,found_y) and store in points[ ] */
for i in 0 to 4 do:
    if (search_area contains points[i])
        store point[i] as candidate nearest point
        update_inner_outer_radius(Point)
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Algorithm Condition : update_inner_outer_radius(Point)

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distance = /*euclidean distance from Point to the center of curr_circle */
if ( distance < radius && distance < inner_radius )
    inner_radius=dist;
if ( distance > radius && distance > outer_radius )
    outer_radius=dist;
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Running Time Analysis :

- In the circle rendering algorithm, the for loop executes 10 times with increment of theta by 10(constant). Suppose this constant is c_1 .
- Now, for each point calculated in the circle rendering algorithm, one need to find the nearest points of it. Here, inside the nearest_neighbour algorithm, the first for loop executes $grid_size$ times. Note that, in the given problem, the $grid_size = 20$. One need to consider the $grid_size = n$ for running time analysis.
- The other for loop of the same function executes 4 times(constant) and suppose this constant is c_2 . The update condition of inner and outer radius takes constant time $O(1)$.
- Thus the running time of an algorithm is $O(c_1 * c_2 * n) = O(n)$ where $n = grid_size$

Implimentation Detail :

- This algorithm is developed in C++ with QT 5.7 framework in Ubuntu 16.04 LTS.
- To Display and update the image QLabel is used with custom propey.

Results :

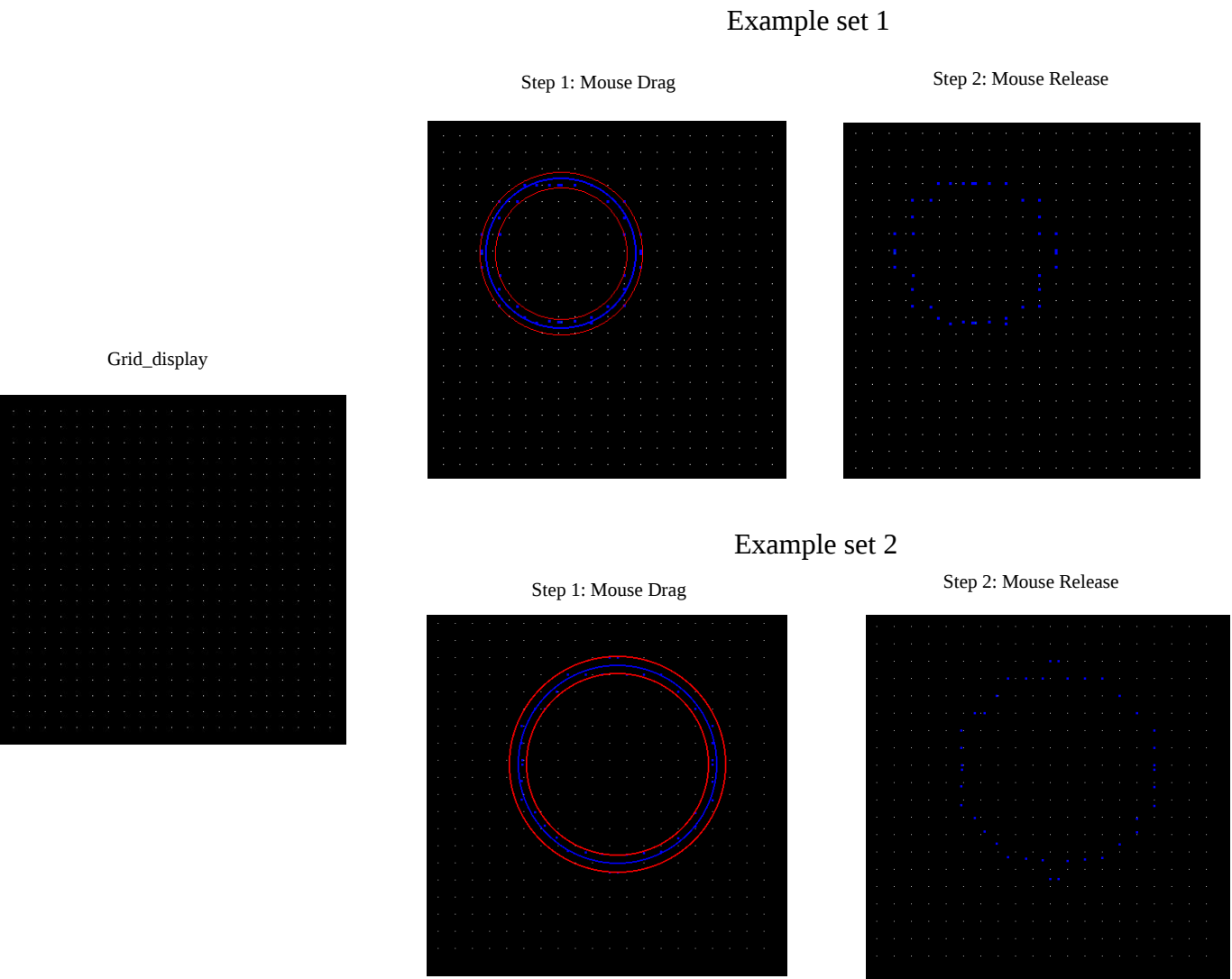


Figure 2. Results of circle rendering algorithm

Conclusion:

Using Pigeonhole principle the given problem can be solved in linear time. There are certain methods to improve the results considering the angle range from $[0-360]$. One can also solve the problem in logarithmic time using binary search technique in the first step of Algorithm 1_1.