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# PointCloud.py
""" Some basic operations on a cloud of points in
the plane are used to illustrate various list-processing
basics. """
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from random import normalvariate as randn
from math import sqrt
from SimpleGraphics import *
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def MakeCloud(n,sigma):
    """ Returns lists of floats x and y that define a cloud
    of n points in the plane.
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The x and y values are randomly generated using the normal distribution with mean zero and standard deviation sigma.

PreC: n is a positive integer greater than 1 and sigma is a positive float.

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"""
# Build up x and y via repeated appending.
x=[]
y=[]
for k in range(n):
    r = randn(0,sigma)
    x.append(r)
    r = randn(0,sigma)
    y.append(r)
return (x,y)
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def Diameter(x,y):
    """ Returns (d,imax,jmax) where d is a float that is the diameter of a cloud
    of points defined by lists x and y. imax and jmax are ints that are
    the indices of the diameter points.
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The diameter of a cloud of points is the maximum distance between any two points in the cloud. The two points for which this occurs are called diameter points.

PreC: x and y are lists of floats with the same length.

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"""
# d is the maximum separation between all pairs of points that have
# so far been checked.
d = 0
n = len(x)
for i in range(n):
    # Examine distances to the point (x[i],y[i])
    for j in range(n):
        dij = sqrt((x[i]-x[j])**2 + (y[i]-y[j])**2)
        if dij>d:
            # The distance between the ith and jth points is
            # a new maximum. Update d and save the values of i and j.
            d = dij
            imax = i
            jmax = j
return (d,imax,jmax)
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def ShowCloud(x,y):
    """ Displays a point cloud defined by x and y and highlights
    the two points that define its diameter.
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"""

Figure out how big to make the window.

xMax = max(map(abs,x))

yMax = max(map(abs,y))

M = max(xMax,yMax)

MakeWindow(1.1*M,bgcolor=BLACK,labels=False)

Determine the radius of each displayed point.

r = M/50;

Determine the indices of the points that define the diameter.

d,i,j = Diameter(x,y)

for k in range(len(x)):

Display the kth point in the cloud.

if k==i or k==j:

This will highlight the diameter points.

DrawDisk(x[k],y[k],2*r,FillColor=CYAN)

DrawDisk(x[k],y[k],r,FillColor=YELLOW)

s = 'Diameter Points: (%5.2f,%5.2f) and (%5.2f,%5.2f)' % (x[0],y[0],x[1],y[1])

Title(s,FontSize=20)

ShowWindow()

Application Script

if __name__ == '__main__':

(x,y) = MakeCloud(500,3)

ShowCloud(x,y)