| Parameter | Description | Value |
|-----------------|--|--|
| \overline{n} | Number of circle items | 14-72 |
| C_i | The $i^t h$ circle item | |
| L | Size of the square container | Initialized by the current-best-result |
| X | Coordinates for all centres of the circles | (x_1,y_1,\ldots,x_n,y_n) |
| S_1 | Set of circles | Circles index in $[1, int(n/4)]$) |
| S_2 | Set of circles | Circles index in [int $(n/4) +1$, int $(n/2)$] |
| S_3 | Set of circles | Circles index in [int $(n/2)+1$, int $(3n)/4$] |
| S_4 | Set of circles | Circles index in [int $(3n/4) +1, n$] |
| N | Tabu tenure | 1 |
| l_1, l_2 | Lists of largest action spaces | $ l_1 = l_2 = 10$ |
| G | Number of random patterns | 32 |
| m | Number of initial patterns for basin hopping | 3 |
| k_p | Number of successive iteration | 20 |
| k_b | Perturbations | 5 |
| $\mathrm{B}[i]$ | The circle in the $i^t h$ position of list B | |
| T | Allowed running time | 48 h |