

## Objective:

Implementing a randomized incremental algorithm for the construction of minimum enclosing ball of uniformly distributed points.

## Solution/Algorithm Details:

- 1) Just to make the problem statement more concise I need to find the circle of smallest radius that contains a given set of points in its interior or on its boundary.
- 2) I used one of the most simple and elegant algorithm for this purpose i.e a randomized incremental algorithm.
- 3) The algorithm is quite simple and straightforward and is as follows:

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***MinDisc0({p1 ,p2 ,...,pn })***

*(i) Randomly permute {p1 ,p2 ,...,pn }*  
*(ii) Let D2 be the smallest disc containing p1 and p2*  
*(iii) For i = 3 to n do*  
    *if pi in Di-1 then Di := Di-1*  
    *else Di := MinDisc1({p1 ,p2 ,...,pi-1 }, pi )*  
*(iv) Return Dn*

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- 4) The analysis of the complexity of the algorithm can be broken in two cases:

(i) **Case-1:** When the point lies inside the circle, we can check in constant time and this point will not be a part of our new circle. Complexity:  $O(1)$

(ii) **Case-2:** When point is outside,

P(case-2)  $\leq 3/i$  (backwards analysis)

E( work to insert point ) =  $(3/i) * O(i) = O(1)$

Total expected work for n points =  $O(n)$ .

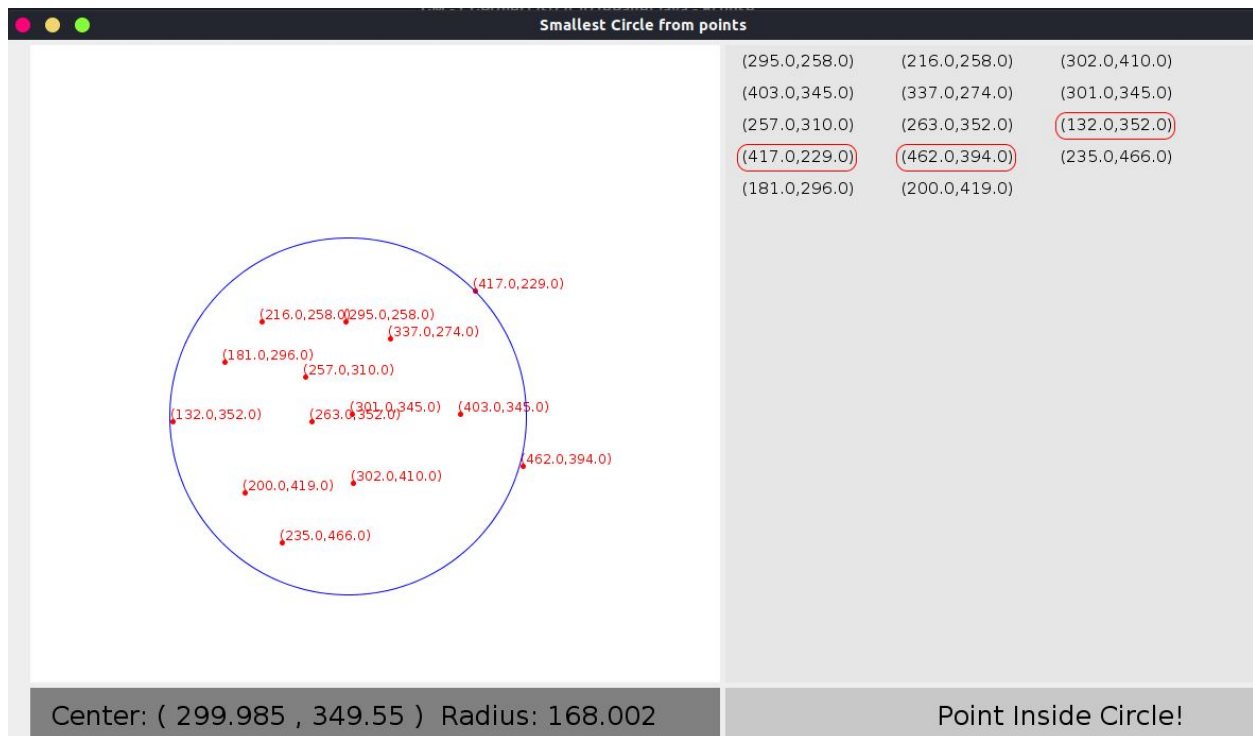
**Overall Complexity:  $O(n)$**

- 5) For this to work it is important that the points are randomly distributed otherwise we can easily achieve a complexity of  $O(n^2)$ , for example by placing every point outside the circle.

## Implementation Details:

- 1) I used Java as my primary language for implementation.
- 2) I used Java Swing framework for UI and Animations.
- 3) I used java.math.Random for uniformly random points generation.

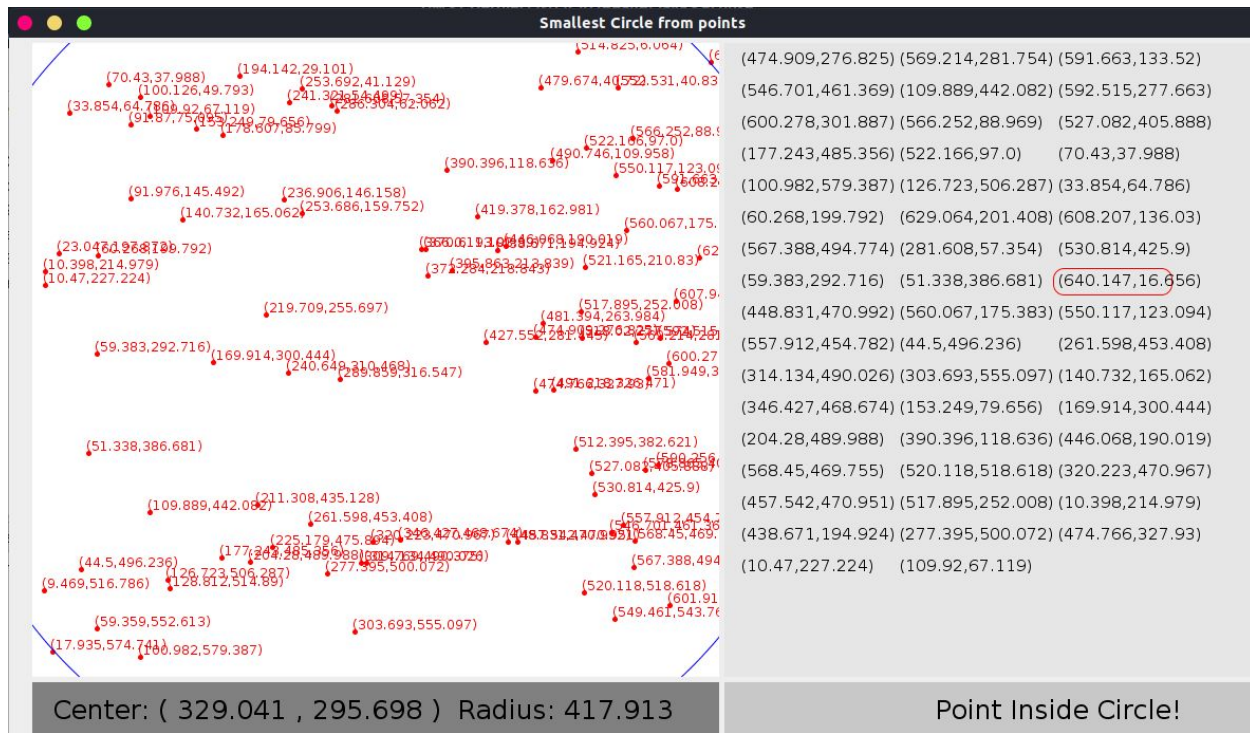
## Results:



This is one of the images that my project generates. It consist of 4 panels:

- 1) **Top-Right part** which shows the current state of points and the smallest enclosing ball.
- 2) **Top-Left part** which shows the three extreme points that determine the current circle.
- 3) **Bottom-Left part** which tells the current minimum enclosing ball's center and radius.
- 4) **Bottom-Right part** which shows if the latest point is inside the circle or updates the circle.

Here is another example for a bigger randomly generated circle for more points:



Some results for different number of randomly generated points(without UI/Animation/Logging):

No of Points	Time Taken(ms)	Approximate Complexity
1000	0.25	25n
1000000	113.4	12n
100000000	9971.35	9n

The complexity is written assuming every instruction takes about  $10^{-8}$  sec to execute.

#### References:

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