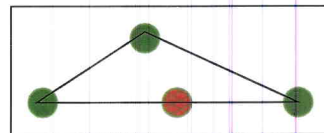
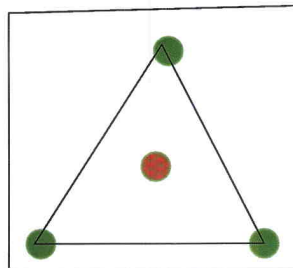


## Two anniversaries

Sylvester 1857: start of *location theory*. He wrote:

*“It is required to find the least circle which shall contain a given system of points in the plane”.*

A man of few words. Two examples: Easy (3 *anchors*) and difficult (2 *anchors* and 1 *inactive* point)



Second anniversary: *Jaynes 1957*: MaxEnt, the *maximum entropy principle* of statistical physics (and ...):

*Base inference in statistical physics on the principle to point to that distribution, consistent with available information, which has maximal entropy.*

What do the two problems have in common?