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?