

Based on

Bertrand's Paradox (with 3blue1brown) - Numberphile

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZBwsm6B280>

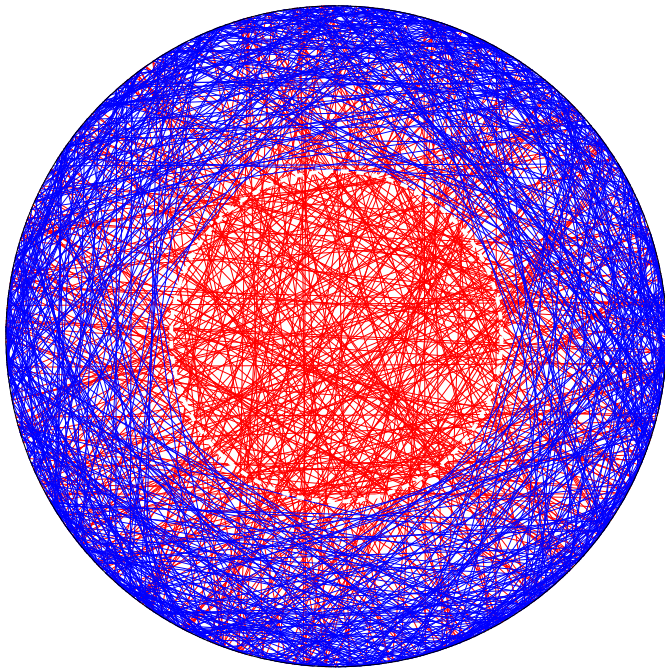
VERSION 1: Pick two points (angles) on the unit circle, create the chord connecting them. Ask if it is greater than or less than $\sqrt{3}$.

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In[1]:= NumSamples = 1000;  
GTCount = 0;  
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,  
Angle1 = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];  
Angle2 = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];  
r = Sqrt[(Cos[Angle1] - Cos[Angle2])^2 + (Sin[Angle1] - Sin[Angle2])^2];  
If[r > Sqrt[3], GTCount++,];  
(* end for loop over samples *); Print[N[GTCount/NumSamples]]  
  
0.362
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In[4]:= NumSamples = 1000;  
GTCount = 0;  
smaller = {}; bigger = {};  
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,  
Angle1 = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];  
Angle2 = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];  
r = Sqrt[(Cos[Angle1] - Cos[Angle2])^2 + (Sin[Angle1] - Sin[Angle2])^2];  
If[r > Sqrt[3],  
GTCount++;  
AppendTo[bigger, Line[{Cos[Angle1], Sin[Angle1]}, {Cos[Angle2], Sin[Angle2]}]],  
AppendTo[smaller, Line[{Cos[Angle1], Sin[Angle1]}, {Cos[Angle2], Sin[Angle2]}]]  
];  
(* end for loop over samples *); Print[N[GTCount/NumSamples]]  
  
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In[8]:= Show[Graphics[{Red, bigger}], Graphics[{Blue, smaller}],  
Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]], Graphics[{White, Thick, Dashed, Circle[{0, 0}, 0.5]}]]
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Out[8]=



(Looks like chords going with a midpoint inside a circle with radius 1/2 fit criterion)

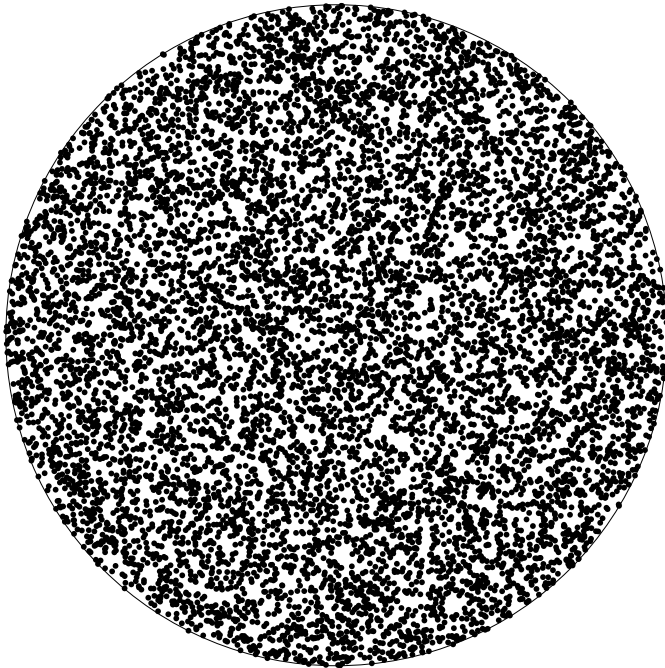
VERSION 2: Pick a random point, make it the midpoint of a chord, etc.

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In[26]:= NumSamples = 10 000;
MyPoints = {};
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];
MyRadius = Sqrt[RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 1}]]]; (* Note the sqrt*)
AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle], MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle]}]];
](* end for loop over samples *); Show[Graphics[MyPoints], Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]]]

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Out[28]=



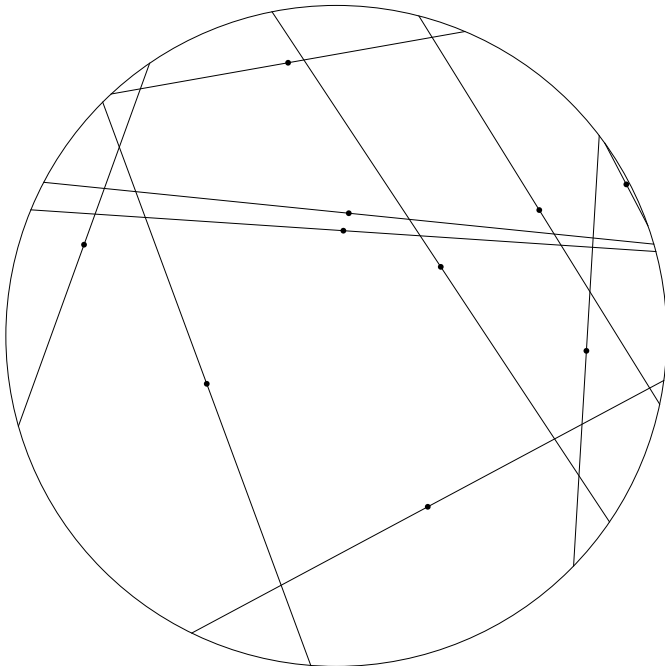
First image point is a distance r from the center on the horizontal. Then a point on the unit circle at an $\pm$ angle of $\text{ArcCos}[r]$ would have same horizontal as the original point. These would be the endpoints of the chord. Then rotate the points by the angle.

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In[9]:= NumSamples = 10;
MyPoints = {};
MyChords = {};
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
  MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];
  MyRadius = Sqrt[RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 1}]]]; (* Note the sqrt*)
  AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle], MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle]}]];
  x1 = MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle] - Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Sin[MyAngle];
  y1 = MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle] + Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Cos[MyAngle];
  x2 = MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle] + Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Sin[MyAngle];
  y2 = MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle] - Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Cos[MyAngle];
  AppendTo[MyChords, Line[{{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}}]]
](* end for loop over samples *)
Show[Graphics[MyPoints], Graphics[MyChords], Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]]]

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Out[12]=



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In[19]:= NumSamples = 1000;
GTCount = 0;
MyPoints = {};
MyChords1 = {};
MyChords2 = {};
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
  MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];
  MyRadius = Sqrt[RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 1}]]]; (* Note the sqrt*)
  AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle], MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle]}]];
  x1 = MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle] - Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Sin[MyAngle];
  y1 = MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle] + Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Cos[MyAngle];
  x2 = MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle] + Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Sin[MyAngle];
  y2 = MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle] - Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Cos[MyAngle];
  r = Sqrt[(x2 - x1)^2 + (y2 - y1)^2];
  If[r > Sqrt[3],
    GTCount++;
    AppendTo[MyChords1, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]],
    AppendTo[MyChords2, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]]
  ];
](* end for loop over samples *); Print[N[GTCount/NumSamples]];

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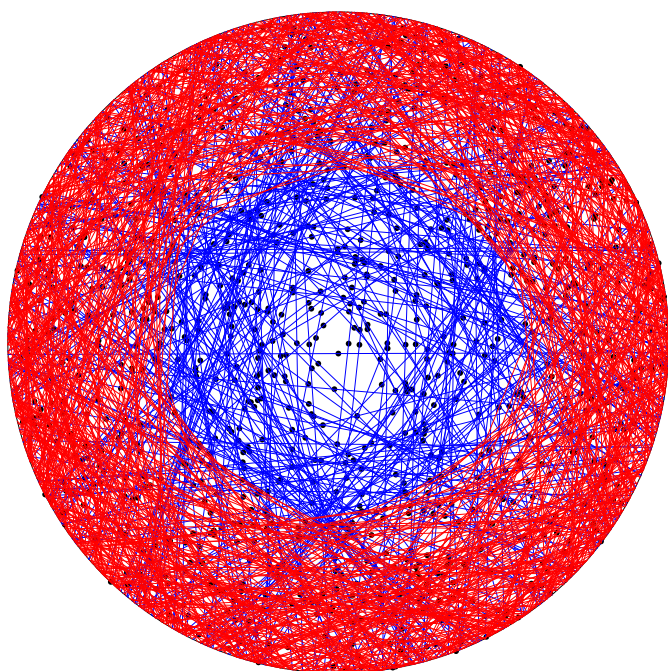
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In[25]:= Show[Graphics[MyPoints], Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]],
  Graphics[{Blue, MyChords1}], Graphics[{Red, MyChords2}]]

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Out[25]=



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In[29]:= Simplify[Sin[ArcCos[x]]]
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Out[29]=
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$$\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

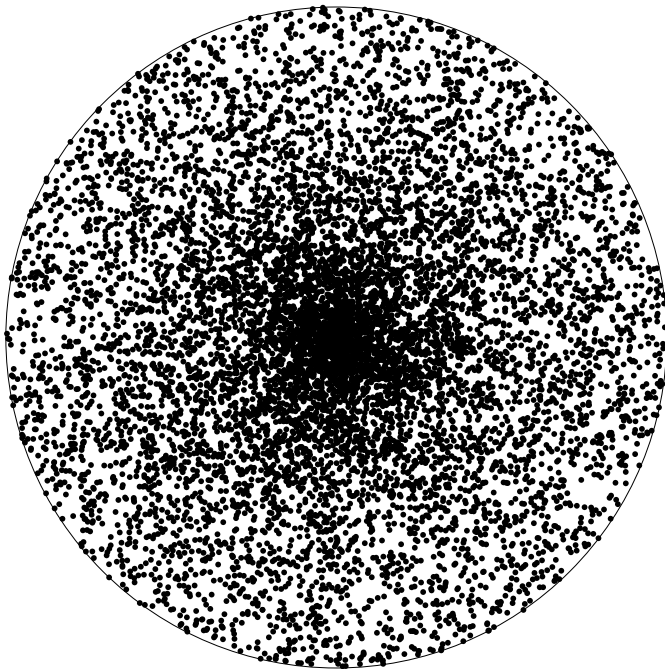
The image above seems have a dearth of chords through the middle. Though the points of the chord seem to be distributed evenly throughout, the chords do not seem to be.

VERSION 3: Pick an Angle (a radial direction), then pick a position along that radial direction (from a uniform distribution). This approach seems to "over-select" points from the center. But appears to yield a more evenly distributed set of chords.

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In[142]:=
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NumSamples = 10 000;
MyPoints = {};
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
  MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];
  MyRadius = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 1}]]; (* Note took out sqrt*)
  AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle], MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle]}]];
](* end for loop over samples *); Show[Graphics[MyPoints], Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]]]
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Out[144]=
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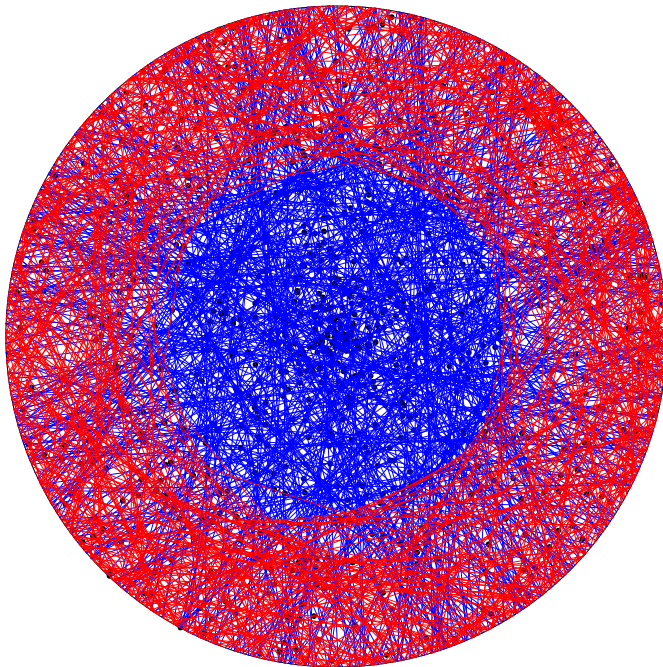
In[30]:= NumSamples = 1000;
GTCount = 0;
MyPoints = {};
MyChords1 = {};
MyChords2 = {};
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
  MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];
  MyRadius = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 1}]]; (* Note took out sqrt*)
  AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle], MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle]}]];
  x1 = MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle] - Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Sin[MyAngle];
  y1 = MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle] + Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Cos[MyAngle];
  x2 = MyRadius*Cos[MyAngle] + Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Sin[MyAngle];
  y2 = MyRadius*Sin[MyAngle] - Sin[ArcCos[MyRadius]]*Cos[MyAngle];
  r = Sqrt[(x2 - x1)^2 + (y2 - y1)^2];
  If[r > Sqrt[3],
    GTCount++;
    AppendTo[MyChords1, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]],
    AppendTo[MyChords2, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]]
  ];
](* end for loop over samples *); Print[N[GTCount/NumSamples]];

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In[36]:= Show[Graphics[MyPoints], Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]],
  Graphics[{Blue, MyChords1}], Graphics[{Red, MyChords2}]]

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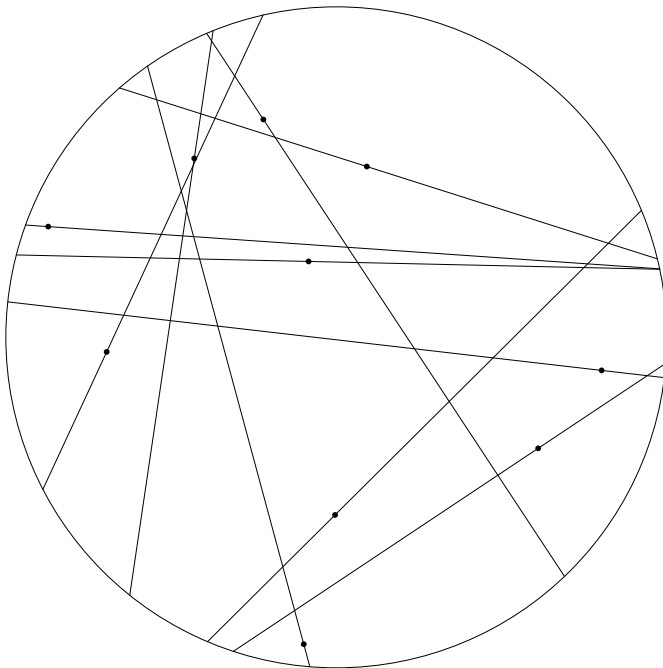
Out[36]=



VERSION 4: Pick a random point in the circle. Pick a random angle (slope). Create a chord that goes through that point having that slope. Unlike Version 2, the point is not the midpoint of the chord.

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In[37]:= NumSamples = 10;
MyPoints = {};
MyChords = {};
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
  MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];
  MyRadius = Sqrt[RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 1}]]]; (* Note the sqrt*)
  MyAngle2 = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];
  root1 = -MyRadius * Cos[MyAngle2] + Sqrt[1 + MyRadius^2 * ((Cos[MyAngle2])^2 - 1)];
  root2 = -MyRadius * Cos[MyAngle2] - Sqrt[1 + MyRadius^2 * ((Cos[MyAngle2])^2 - 1)];
  AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{MyRadius * Cos[MyAngle], MyRadius * Sin[MyAngle]}]];
  x1 = (MyRadius + root1 * Cos[MyAngle2]) * Cos[MyAngle] - root1 * Sin[MyAngle2] * Sin[MyAngle];
  y1 = (MyRadius + root1 * Cos[MyAngle2]) * Sin[MyAngle] + root1 * Sin[MyAngle2] * Cos[MyAngle];
  x2 = (MyRadius + root2 * Cos[MyAngle2]) * Cos[MyAngle] - root2 * Sin[MyAngle2] * Sin[MyAngle];
  y2 = (MyRadius + root2 * Cos[MyAngle2]) * Sin[MyAngle] + root2 * Sin[MyAngle2] * Cos[MyAngle];
  AppendTo[MyChords, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]]
]; (* end for loop over samples *)
Show[Graphics[MyPoints], Graphics[MyChords], Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]]]
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Out[41]=



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In[42]:= NumSamples = 1000;
GTCCount = 0;
MyPoints = {};
MyChords1 = {};
MyChords2 = {};
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];
MyRadius = Sqrt[RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 1}]]]; (* Note the sqrt*)
MyAngle2 = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, 2 Pi}]];
root1 = -MyRadius * Cos[MyAngle2] + Sqrt[1 + MyRadius ^ 2 * ((Cos[MyAngle2]) ^ 2 - 1)];
root2 = -MyRadius * Cos[MyAngle2] - Sqrt[1 + MyRadius ^ 2 * ((Cos[MyAngle2]) ^ 2 - 1)];
AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{MyRadius * Cos[MyAngle], MyRadius * Sin[MyAngle]}]];
x1 = (MyRadius + root1 * Cos[MyAngle2]) * Cos[MyAngle] - root1 * Sin[MyAngle2] * Sin[MyAngle];
y1 = (MyRadius + root1 * Cos[MyAngle2]) * Sin[MyAngle] + root1 * Sin[MyAngle2] * Cos[MyAngle];
x2 = (MyRadius + root2 * Cos[MyAngle2]) * Cos[MyAngle] - root2 * Sin[MyAngle2] * Sin[MyAngle];
y2 = (MyRadius + root2 * Cos[MyAngle2]) * Sin[MyAngle] + root2 * Sin[MyAngle2] * Cos[MyAngle];
r = Sqrt[(x2 - x1) ^ 2 + (y2 - y1) ^ 2];
If[r > Sqrt[3],
GTCCount++;
AppendTo[MyChords1, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]],
AppendTo[MyChords2, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]]
];
]; Print[N[GTCCount / NumSamples]];

0.59

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In[48]:= Show[Graphics[MyPoints], Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]],  
Graphics[{Blue, MyChords1}], Graphics[{Red, MyChords2}]]
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