

Using Mathematica/Wolfram-Cloud to play with Bertrand's Paradox
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2FOGLhQX_Q

<http://www1.lasalle.edu/~blum/c152wks/Bertrand.pdf>

Based on Bertrand's Paradox (with 3blue1brown) - Numberphile
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZBwsm6B280>

Version 1: Answer of $1/3$

Version 2: Answer of $1/4$

Version 3: Answer of $1/2$

My "Version 4" simulation was producing a result about 0.6

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In[1]:= NumSamples = 10 000;  
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*)  
  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],  
    GTCount++;  
    AppendTo[MyChords1, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]],  
    AppendTo[MyChords2, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]]  
  ];  
]; Print[N[GTCount / NumSamples]];  
  
0.6078
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In[7]:= Clear[r]
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In[8]:= Integrate[2/Pi r, {r, 0, 1}, {theta, 0, Pi}]
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Out[8]= 1
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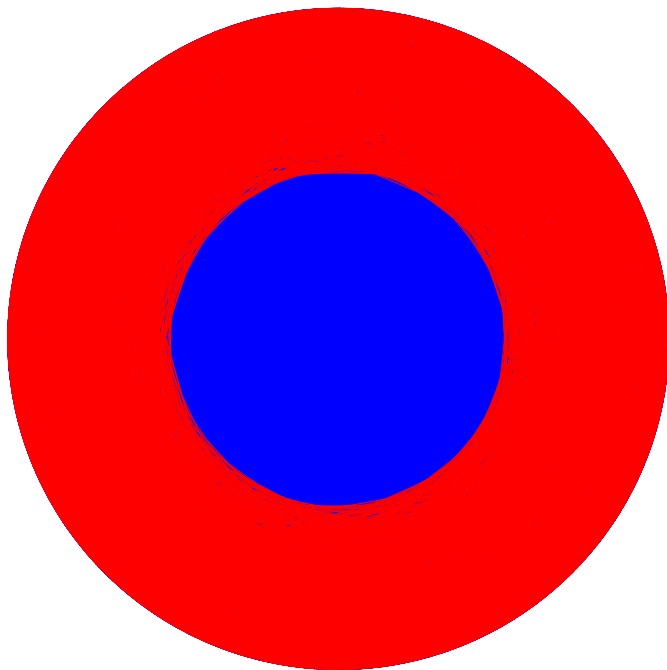
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In[9]:= ans = Integrate[2/Pi r HeavisideTheta[1/2 - r*Sin[theta]], {r, 0, 1}, {theta, 0, Pi}]
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Out[9]=  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\pi}$ 
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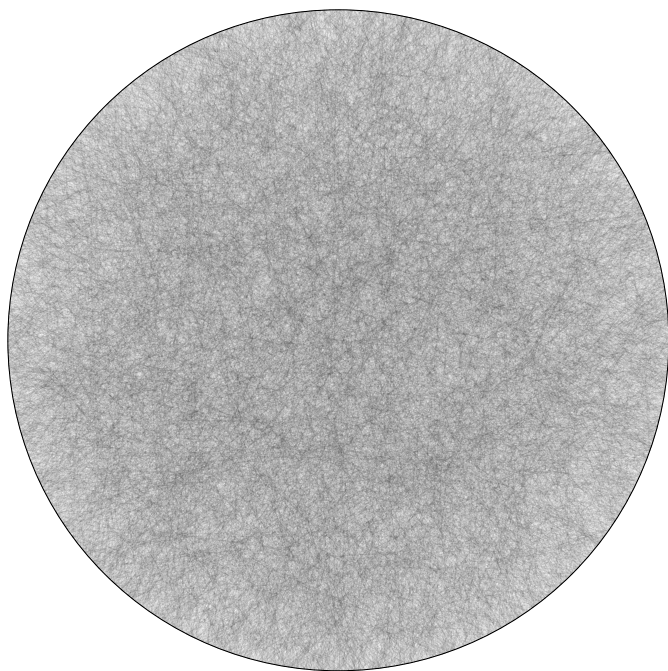
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In[10]:= N[ans]
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Out[10]= 0.608998
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In[11]:= Show[Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]], Graphics[{Blue, MyChords1}], Graphics[{Red, MyChords2}]]
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In[12]:= Show[Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]],  
Graphics[{Opacity[0.025], MyChords1}], Graphics[{Opacity[0.025], MyChords2}]]
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In[13]:= NumSamples = 1000;
MyPoints = {};
MyChords = {};
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
(* Pick a point in the square that bounds the unit circle *)
X = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{-1, 1}]];
Y = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{-1, 1}]];
AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{X, Y}]];

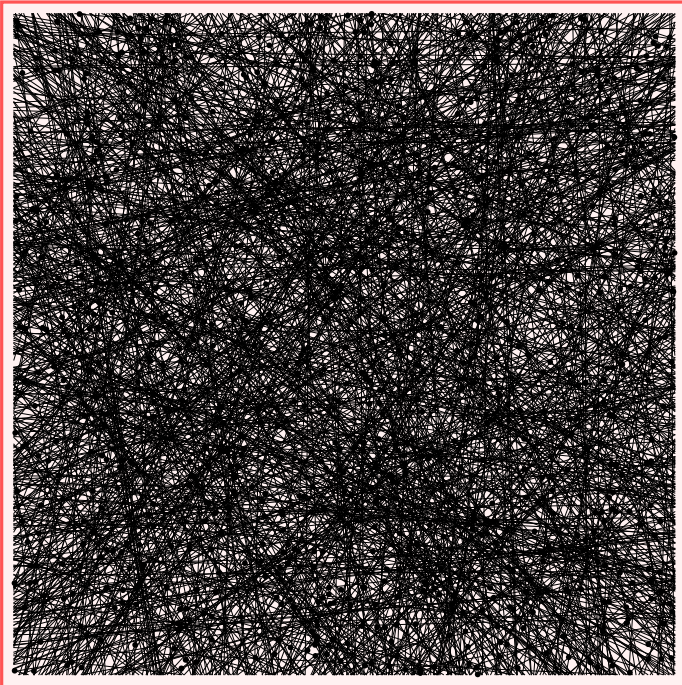
MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, Pi}]];

MyPoints2 = {};
xa = 1; ya = Y + (1 - X) * Tan[MyAngle]; If[-1 ≤ ya ≤ 1, AppendTo[MyPoints2, {xa, ya}],];
xb = -1; yb = Y + (-1 - X) * Tan[MyAngle]; If[-1 ≤ yb ≤ 1, AppendTo[MyPoints2, {xb, yb}],];
yc = 1; xc = X + (1 - Y) * Cot[MyAngle]; If[-1 ≤ xc ≤ 1, AppendTo[MyPoints2, {xc, yc}],];
yd = -1; xd = X + (-1 - Y) * Cot[MyAngle]; If[-1 ≤ xd ≤ 1, AppendTo[MyPoints2, {xd, yd}],];
(*Print[MyPoints2]; *)
AppendTo[MyChords, Line[MyPoints2]];

](* end for loop over samples *);
Show[Graphics[MyPoints],
Graphics[{Blue, Opacity[0.25], Square[{-1, -1}, {1, 1}]}], Graphics[MyChords]]

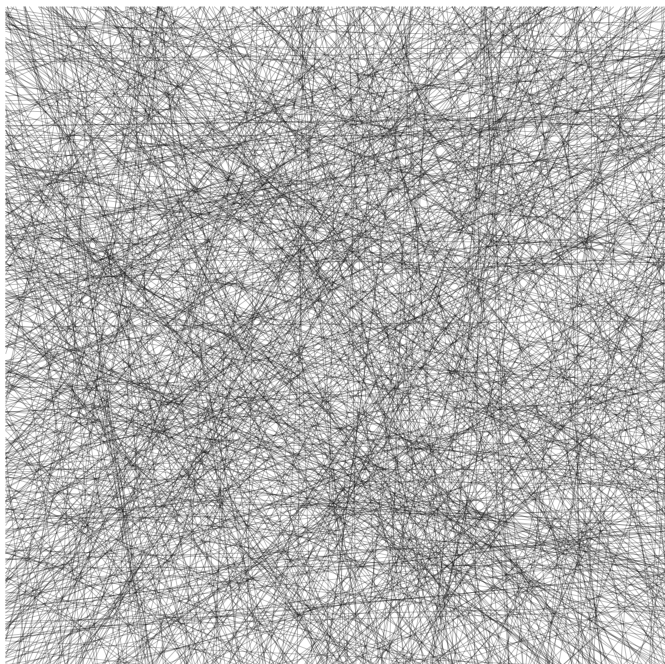
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Out[17]=



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In[18]:= Graphics[{Opacity[0.25], MyChords}]
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Out[18]=
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In[19]:= NumSamples = 10 000;
MyPoints = {};
MyChords1 = {};
MyChords2 = {};
ChordCount = 0;
BigChordCount = 0;
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
(* Pick a point in the square that bounds the unit circle *)
X = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{-1, 1}]];
Y = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{-1, 1}]];
AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{X, Y}]];

MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, Pi}]];

a = 1 + (Tan[MyAngle])^2;
b = 2*(X + Tan[MyAngle]*Y);
c = X^2 + Y^2 - 1;
If[b^2 - 4*a*c > 0,
ChordCount++;
root1 = (-b + Sqrt[b^2 - 4*a*c])/2/a;
x1 = X + root1; y1 = Y + root1*Tan[MyAngle];
root2 = (-b - Sqrt[b^2 - 4*a*c])/2/a;
x2 = X + root2; y2 = Y + root2*Tan[MyAngle];

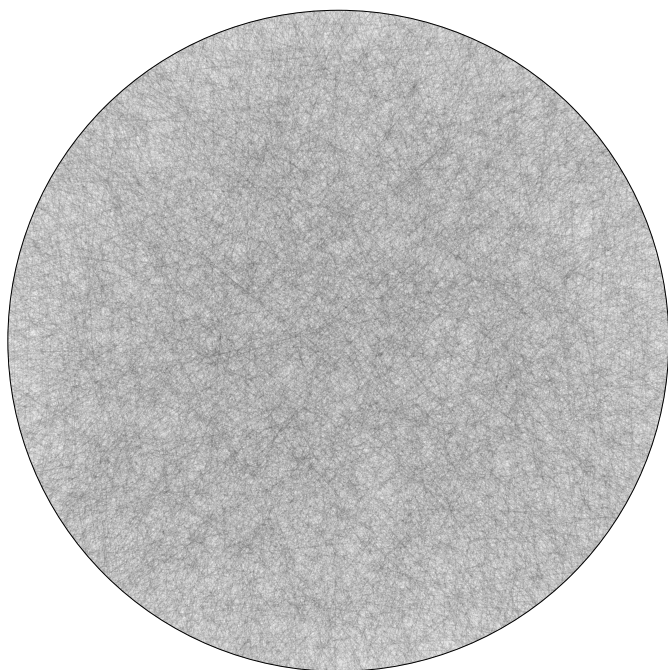
r = Sqrt[(x1 - x2)^2 + (y1 - y2)^2];
If[r > Sqrt[3],
BigChordCount++; AppendTo[MyChords1, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]];
AppendTo[MyChords2, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]]];
]
,(* nothing if no solution*)

](* end for loop over samples *)
Print[BigChordCount/ChordCount];
Print[N[BigChordCount/ChordCount]];
2707
4705
0.575345

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In[26]:= Show[Graphics[{Opacity[0.025], MyChords1}},  
Graphics[{Opacity[0.025], MyChords2}}, Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]]]
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Out[26]=



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In[49]:= NumSamples = 10 000;
MyPoints = {};
MyChords1 = {};
MyChords2 = {};
ChordCount = 0;
BigChordCount = 0;
For[i = 1, i ≤ NumSamples, i++,
(* PICK A LARGER SQUARE TO CHOOSE POINTS *)
X = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{-3, 3}]];
Y = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{-3, 3}]];
AppendTo[MyPoints, Point[{X, Y}]];

MyAngle = RandomVariate[UniformDistribution[{0, Pi}]];

a = 1 + (Tan[MyAngle])^2;
b = 2*(X + Tan[MyAngle]*Y);
c = X^2 + Y^2 - 1;
If[b^2 - 4*a*c > 0,
ChordCount++;
root1 = (-b + Sqrt[b^2 - 4*a*c])/2/a;
x1 = X + root1; y1 = Y + root1*Tan[MyAngle];
root2 = (-b - Sqrt[b^2 - 4*a*c])/2/a;
x2 = X + root2; y2 = Y + root2*Tan[MyAngle];

r = Sqrt[(x1 - x2)^2 + (y1 - y2)^2];
If[r > Sqrt[3],
BigChordCount++; AppendTo[MyChords1, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]];
AppendTo[MyChords2, Line[{x1, y1}, {x2, y2}]]];
]
,(* nothing if no solution*)

](* end for loop over samples *)
Print[BigChordCount/ChordCount];
Print[N[BigChordCount/ChordCount]];
1908
3803
0.501709

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In[34]:= Show[Graphics[{Opacity[0.025], MyChords1}], Graphics[  
  {Opacity[0.025], MyChords2}], Graphics[Circle[{0, 0}, 1]]]
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Out[34]=

