

The condition is
 $0 \leq \tan(x - y) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
 If $0 \leq x - y \leq 2\pi$, we must have $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{6}$.
 Hence $2\pi n \leq x - y \leq 2\pi n + \frac{\pi}{6}$ for integer n .
 Take all numbers modulo π . We want to show that there must be two such that
 their positive difference is less than or equal to $\frac{\pi}{6}$.
 Consider the number line from 0 to π partitioned into 6 segments of length $\frac{\pi}{6}$.
 The Pigeonhole Principle tells us that at least 2 points must be on the same
 segment i.e. have the desired difference, done.