

# PS2

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## 0.0.1 Question 1

To be able to hit the circular plate uniformly we must calculate  $P(\theta)d\theta$ . In polar coordinates area element is given by  $dA = r dr d\phi$ . From geometry, it is obvious that  $r = d \tan \theta$ , hence  $dr = d(1 + \tan^2 \theta)d\theta$ . Since the points will be distributed uniformly, we can write down

$$P(\theta, \phi)d\theta d\phi = \frac{d^2 \tan \theta (1 + \tan^2 \theta) d\theta d\phi}{\pi R^2}$$

where  $R$  is the radius of the circular plate.

$$P(\theta, \phi)d\theta d\phi = \frac{\tan \theta (1 + \tan^2 \theta) d\theta d\phi}{\pi \tan^2 \theta_{max}}$$

Since we are only interested in distribution of  $\theta$  we should integrate this over  $\phi$ .

$$P(\theta)d\theta = \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} \frac{\tan \theta (1 + \tan^2 \theta) d\theta d\phi}{\pi \tan^2 \theta_{max}}$$

Finally we obtain,

$$P(\theta)d\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta (1 + \tan^2 \theta) d\theta}{\tan^2 \theta_{max}}$$

To find suitable  $f(x)$  to generate desired distribution, first we need cumulative probability function.

$$\begin{aligned} F(\theta < \theta_0) &= \int_0^{\theta_0} \frac{2 \tan \theta (1 + \tan^2 \theta) d\theta}{\tan^2 \theta_{max}} \\ &= \frac{\tan^2 \theta_0}{\tan^2 \theta_{max}} \end{aligned}$$

To find  $f(x)$  we should invert this cumulative distribution function.

We obtain  $f(x) = \arctan(\tan \theta_{max} \sqrt{x})$ . Then we can pick uniform  $x$  values and calculate  $\theta$  values.

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In [4]: %matplotlib inline
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import math
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N=5000

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phi=2*math.pi*np.random.rand(N)
r=np.random.rand(N)
theta=np.arctan(100*np.sqrt(r))

x=0.01*np.tan(theta)*np.cos(phi)
y=0.01*np.tan(theta)*np.sin(phi)

print(np.arctan(100))
print(np.tan(2.1))
plt.axis('equal')
plt.plot(x,y,'r')

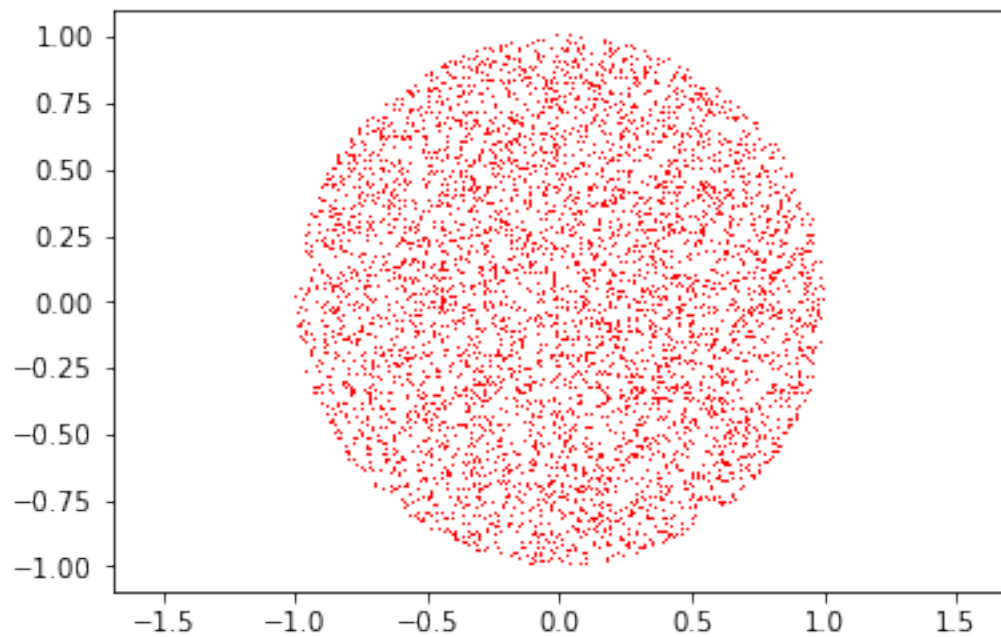
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1.56079666011
-1.7098465429

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Out[4]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1da4fa549e8>]
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As seen from above figure, the points are approximately distributed uniformly.