

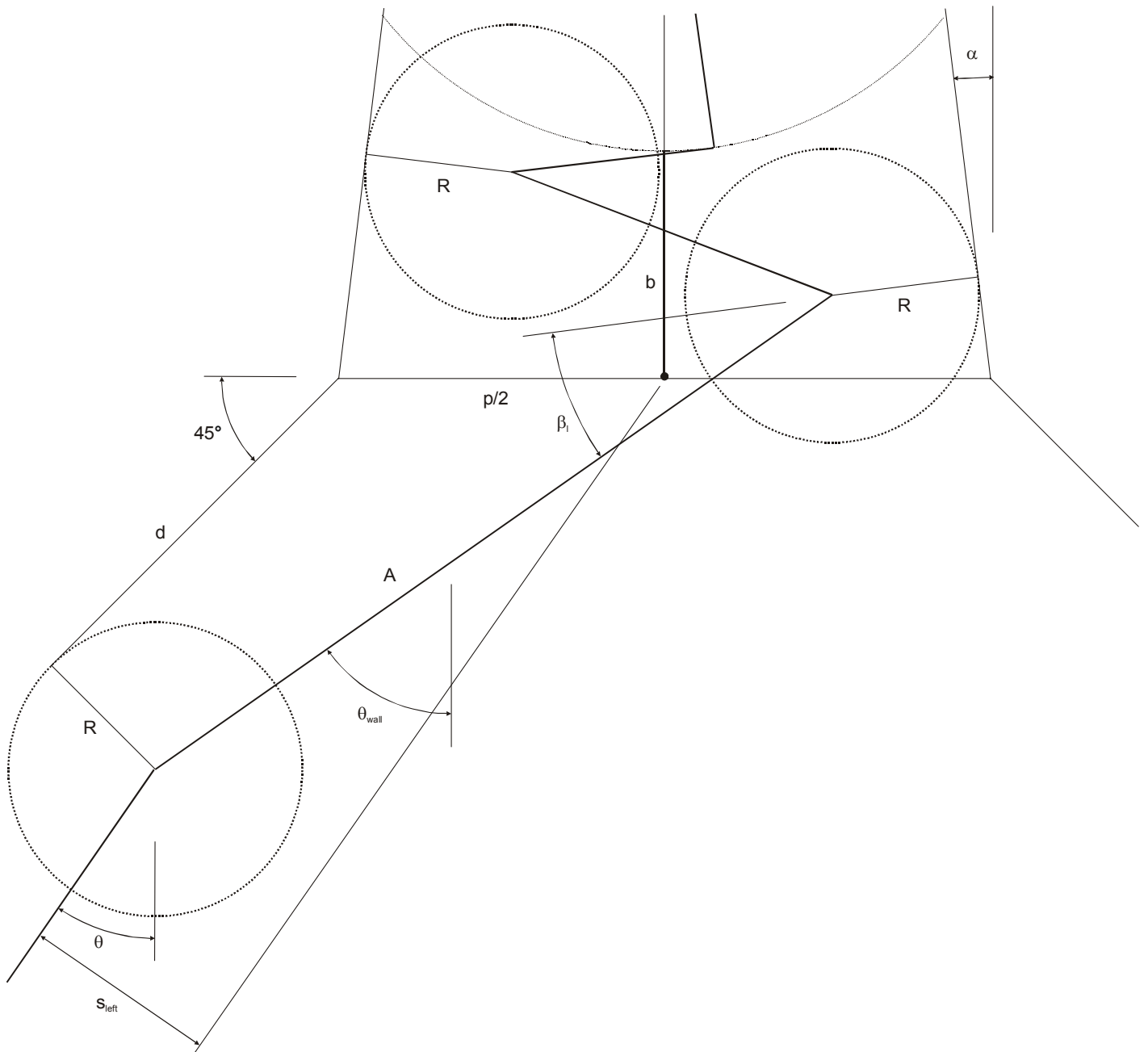


TP 3.6

Effective target sizes for slow shots into a corner pocket at different angles

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See the general notation presented in TP 3.5

Ball radius:

$$R := 1.125$$

Pocket-specific parameters:

p: mouth width α : wall angle R_{hole} : hole radius b: shelf depth to hole

$$p := 4.5875 \quad \alpha := 7 \cdot \text{deg} \quad R_{\text{hole}} := 2.75 \quad b := 1.125$$

General equations for the size of left portion of target area assuming point deflection, then one wall deflection or straight-in

$$A(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \beta_1, \theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(2 \cdot \beta_1 - \theta - \alpha)} \cdot \left[\frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\alpha) - R - R_{\text{hole}} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \beta_1 - \theta - \alpha) - (R_{\text{hole}} + b) \cdot \sin(\alpha) \right]$$

$$\text{poly}_{\beta}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \beta_1, \theta) := R \cdot \sin(\beta_1) + A(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \beta_1, \theta) \cdot \sin(4 \cdot \beta_1 - 2 \cdot \theta - 2 \cdot \alpha) + R_{\text{hole}} \cdot \cos(4 \cdot \beta_1 - 2 \cdot \theta - 2 \cdot \alpha) \dots \\ + \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \beta_1 - \theta) + (R_{\text{hole}} + b) \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \beta_1 - \theta)$$

$$\text{poly}_{\beta_in}(p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \beta_1, \theta) := -R \cdot \sin(\beta_1) + R_{\text{hole}} - \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \beta_1 - \theta) - (R_{\text{hole}} + b) \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \beta_1 - \theta)$$

$$\beta_{\text{guess}}(\theta) := \left[20 \cdot \text{deg} + \frac{70}{130} \cdot (\theta + 60 \cdot \text{deg}) \right] \quad \beta := \beta_{\text{guess}}(0 \cdot \text{deg}) \quad \beta = 52.308 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$\beta_1(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \theta) := \min \left(\left(\text{root}(\text{poly}_{\beta}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \beta, \theta), \beta) \right) \right) \\ \left(\text{root}(\text{poly}_{\beta_in}(p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \beta, \theta), \beta) \right)$$

$$s_{\text{left_point_wall}}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) - R \cdot \sin(\beta_1(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \theta))$$

Size of the left portion of the target area assuming one wall deflection

$$r_{\text{wall}}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \theta) := A(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, 90 \cdot \text{deg}, \theta) \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \theta + 2 \cdot \alpha) - R_{\text{hole}} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \theta + 2 \cdot \alpha) \dots \\ + \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) - (R_{\text{hole}} + b) \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$s_{\text{left_wall}}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \theta) := - \left(\frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(-\theta) - r_{\text{wall}}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, -\theta) \right)$$

Angle after rail contact

$$\theta_{\text{rail}}(\theta) := 90 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta$$

Angle after wall contact

$$\theta_{\text{wall}}(\theta) := \theta - 2 \cdot \alpha$$

Angle after rail, then wall contact

$$\theta_{\text{rail_wall}}(\theta) := \theta_{\text{wall}}(-\theta_{\text{rail}}(\theta))$$

Size of the left portion of the target area assuming rattle across two pocket walls

$$D_{\text{wall_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(\theta - \alpha)} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta - 2 \cdot \alpha) - R \cdot \cos(\theta - \alpha) + s_{\text{left_wall}}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \theta_{\text{wall}}(\theta)) \right)$$

$$s_{\text{left_wall_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) + D_{\text{wall_wall}}(\theta) \cdot \sin(\theta - \alpha) - R \cdot \cos(\theta - \alpha)$$

Size of the left portion of the target area assuming rattle across three pocket walls

$$D_{\text{wall_wall_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(\theta - \alpha)} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta - 2 \cdot \alpha) - R \cdot \cos(\theta - \alpha) + s_{\text{left_wall_wall}}(\theta_{\text{wall}}(\theta)) \right)$$

$$s_{\text{left_wall_wall_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) + D_{\text{wall_wall_wall}}(\theta) \cdot \sin(\theta - \alpha) - R \cdot \cos(\theta - \alpha)$$

Size of the left portion of the target area assuming rail contact and rattle off far point and one wall

$$d_{\text{point_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta)} \cdot \left(s_{\text{left_point_wall}}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, -\theta_{\text{rail}}(\theta)) + \frac{p}{2} \cdot \sin(\theta) - R \cdot \cos(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta) \right)$$

$$s_{\text{left_rail_point_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) + d_{\text{point_wall}}(\theta) \cdot \sin(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta) - R \cdot \cos(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta)$$

Size of the left portion of the target area assuming rail contact and rattle off far point and two walls

$$d_{\text{wall_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta)} \cdot \left(s_{\text{left_wall_wall}}(-\theta_{\text{rail}}(\theta)) + \frac{p}{2} \cdot \sin(\theta) - R \cdot \cos(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta) \right)$$

$$s_{\text{left_rail_wall_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) + d_{\text{wall_wall}}(\theta) \cdot \sin(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta) - R \cdot \cos(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta)$$

Size of the left portion of the target area assuming deflection off the rail and then one pocket wall

$$d_{\text{wall}}(\theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta)} \cdot \left(s_{\text{left_wall}}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, -\theta_{\text{rail}}(\theta)) + \frac{p}{2} \cdot \sin(\theta) - R \cdot \cos(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta) \right)$$

$$s_{\text{left_rail_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) + d_{\text{wall}}(\theta) \cdot \sin(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta) - R \cdot \cos(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta)$$

Size of the left portion of the target area assuming point contact and rattle off two walls

$$\phi_1(\beta, \theta) := 2 \cdot \beta - 90 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta - 2 \cdot \alpha$$

$$\phi_2(\beta, \theta) := \phi_1(\beta, \theta) - 2 \cdot \alpha$$

$$A_2(\beta, \theta) := \frac{1}{\cos(\phi_2(\beta, \theta) + \alpha)} \cdot \left[\frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\alpha) - (R_{\text{hole}} + b) \cdot \sin(\alpha) + R_{\text{hole}} \cdot \sin(\phi_2(\beta, \theta) + \alpha) - R \right]$$

$$A_1(\beta, \theta) := \frac{1}{\cos(\phi_1(\beta, \theta) + \alpha)} \cdot \left[\frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\alpha) - R + A_2(\beta, \theta) \cdot \cos(\phi_2(\beta, \theta) - \alpha) - R_{\text{hole}} \cdot \sin(\phi_2(\beta, \theta) - \alpha) - (R_{\text{hole}} + b) \cdot \sin(\alpha) \right]$$

$$\text{poly}_{\beta_{\text{ww}}}(\beta, \theta) := -R \cdot \sin(\beta) - A_1(\beta, \theta) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \beta - \theta + \phi_1(\beta, \theta)) + A_2(\beta, \theta) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \beta - \theta - \phi_2(\beta, \theta)) \dots \\ + R_{\text{hole}} \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \beta - \theta - \phi_2(\beta, \theta)) - \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \beta - \theta) - (R_{\text{hole}} + b) \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \beta - \theta)$$

$$\beta_{\text{ww}} := 75 \cdot \text{deg} \quad \text{initial guess for beta root function below}$$

$$\beta_{\text{Iww}}(\theta) := \text{root}(\text{poly}_{\beta_{\text{ww}}}(\beta_{\text{ww}}, \theta), \beta_{\text{ww}})$$

$$s_{\text{left_point_wall_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) - R \cdot \sin(\beta_{\text{Iww}}(\theta))$$

Size of the left portion of the target area assuming deflection off the rail and then the far point with a two-wall rattle

$$d_{\text{point_wall_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta)} \cdot \left(s_{\text{left_point_wall_wall}}(-\theta_{\text{rail}}(\theta)) + \frac{p}{2} \cdot \sin(\theta) - R \cdot \cos(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta) \right)$$

$$s_{\text{left_rail_point_wall_wall}}(\theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) + d_{\text{point_wall_wall}}(\theta) \cdot \sin(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta) - R \cdot \cos(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta)$$

Critical angle between left-rail-point-wall and left-rail-wall-wall

$$\theta := 38 \cdot \text{deg}$$

Given

$$s_{\text{left_rail_point_wall}}(\theta) = s_{\text{left_rail_wall_wall}}(\theta)$$

$$\theta_{\text{critical_C}} := \text{Find}(\theta) \quad \theta_{\text{critical_C}} = 38.558 \text{ deg}$$

$$s_{\text{left_rail_point_wall}}(\theta_{\text{critical_C}}) = 1.829 \quad d_{\text{point_wall}}(\theta_{\text{critical_C}}) = 10.275$$

$$s_{\text{left_rail_wall_wall}}(\theta_{\text{critical_C}}) = 1.829 \quad d_{\text{wall_wall}}(\theta_{\text{critical_C}}) = 10.275$$

Critical angle between left-point-wall and left-wall-wall

$$\theta_{\text{critical}} := \theta_{\text{critical_C}} - 90 \cdot \text{deg} \quad \theta_{\text{critical}} = -51.442 \text{ deg}$$

$$\theta_{\text{ww}} := \theta_{\text{critical}} \quad \beta_{\text{ww}} := \beta_{\text{guess}}(\theta)$$

Given

$$\text{poly}_{\beta}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \beta, \theta) = 0$$

$$\beta_{\text{ww}} := \text{Find}(\beta) \quad \beta = 31.558 \cdot \text{deg} \quad \beta_{\text{ww}} := \beta_1(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \theta) \quad \beta = 31.558 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$\theta - \alpha + 90 \cdot \text{deg} - \beta = 1.908 \times 10^{-14} \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$\theta_{\text{critical}} := \beta + \alpha - 90 \cdot \text{deg} \quad \theta_{\text{critical}} = -51.442 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$s_{\text{left_wall_wall}}(\theta_{\text{critical}}) = 0.841$$

$$s_{\text{left_point_wall}}(\alpha, p, b, R_{\text{hole}}, \theta_{\text{critical}}) = 0.841$$

Critical angle between left-rail-wall-wall and left-point-wall-wall

$$\theta := 30 \cdot \text{deg}$$

given

$$s_{\text{left_rail_wall_wall}}(\theta) = s_{\text{left_point_wall_wall}}(\theta)$$

$$\theta_{\text{critical_D}} := \text{find}(\theta) \quad \theta_{\text{critical_D}} = 28.167 \text{ deg} \quad \theta_{\text{rail}}(\theta_{\text{critical_D}}) = 61.833 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$s_{\text{left_rail_wall_wall}}(\theta_{\text{critical_D}}) = 0.945 \quad d_{\text{wall_wall}}(\theta_{\text{critical_D}}) = 0$$

$$s_{\text{left_point_wall_wall}}(\theta_{\text{critical_D}}) = 0.945 \quad \beta_{\text{lww}}(\theta_{\text{critical_D}}) = 73.167 \cdot \text{deg}$$

Maximum rail distances and critical angles based on table geometry

$$d_{\text{max}}(L) := L - \frac{p}{\cos(45 \cdot \text{deg})} - 2 \cdot R$$

$$d_{\text{max_long}} := d_{\text{max}}(8 \cdot 12) \quad d_{\text{max_long}} = 87.262$$

$$\theta := 43 \cdot \text{deg}$$

Given

$$d_{\text{point_wall_wall}}(\theta) = d_{\text{max_long}}$$

$$\theta_{\text{max_long}} := \text{Find}(\theta) \quad \theta_{\text{max_long}} = 44.058 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$d_{\text{point_wall_wall}}(\theta_{\text{max_long}}) = 87.262$$

$$s_{\text{left_rail_max_angle}}(d_{\text{max}}, \theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) + d_{\text{max}} \cdot \sin(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta) - R \cdot \cos(45 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta)$$

Size of the target area

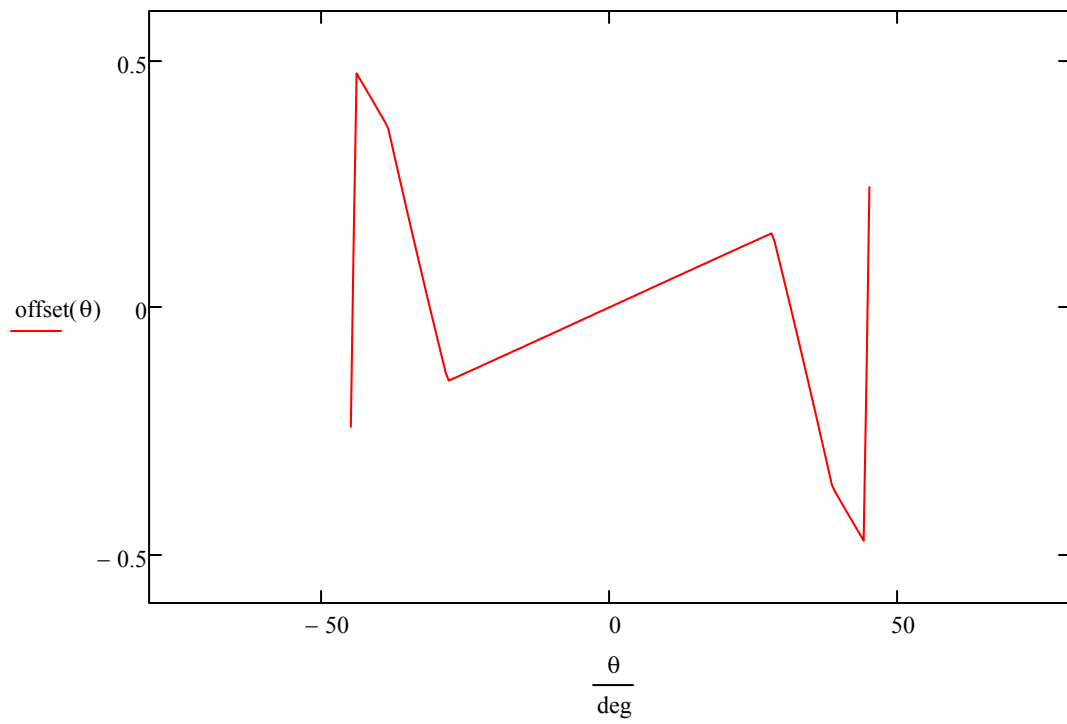
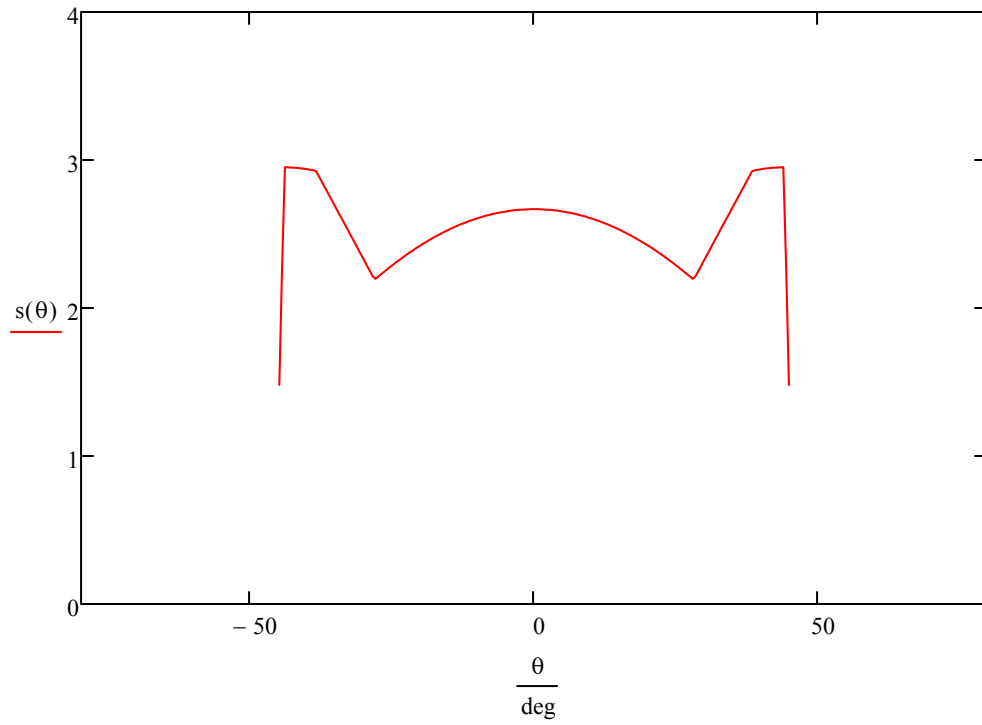
$$s_{\text{left}}(\theta) := \begin{cases} s_{\text{left_rail_max_angle}}(d_{\text{max_long}}, \theta) & \text{if } (\theta \geq \theta_{\text{max_long}}) \\ s_{\text{left_rail_point_wall}}(\theta) & \text{if } (\theta_{\text{critical_C}} \leq \theta < \theta_{\text{max_long}}) \\ s_{\text{left_rail_wall_wall}}(\theta) & \text{if } (\theta_{\text{critical_D}} \leq \theta < \theta_{\text{critical_C}}) \\ s_{\text{left_point_wall_wall}}(\theta) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$s_{\text{right}}(\theta) := \begin{cases} s_{\text{left_rail_max_angle}}(d_{\text{max_long}}, -\theta) & \text{if } (-\theta \geq \theta_{\text{max_long}}) \\ s_{\text{left_rail_point_wall}}(-\theta) & \text{if } (\theta_{\text{critical_C}} \leq -\theta < \theta_{\text{max_long}}) \\ s_{\text{left_rail_wall_wall}}(-\theta) & \text{if } (\theta_{\text{critical_D}} \leq -\theta < \theta_{\text{critical_C}}) \\ s_{\text{left_point_wall_wall}}(-\theta) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$s(\theta) := s_{\text{left}}(\theta) + s_{\text{right}}(\theta)$$

$$\text{offset}(\theta) := \frac{(s_{\text{right}}(\theta) - s_{\text{left}}(\theta))}{2}$$

$$\theta := -45 \cdot \text{deg}, -44.5 \cdot \text{deg} .. 45 \cdot \text{deg}$$



Constant margin of error contour lines

$$r(\theta, \Delta\theta) := \frac{1}{2 \cdot \tan(\Delta\theta)} \cdot s(\theta)$$

