



TP B.3 Throw Calibration and Contour Plots for Various Cut Angles, Speeds, English, and Roll

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Equations from throw analysis (TP A.14):

$$R_{\text{mm}} := \frac{1.125 \cdot \text{in}}{\text{m}} \quad v_{\text{rel}}(v, \omega_x, \omega_z, \phi) := \sqrt{(v \cdot \sin(\phi) - R \cdot \omega_z)^2 + (R \cdot \omega_x \cdot \cos(\phi))^2}$$

$$\theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega_x, \omega_z, \phi, a, b, c) := \frac{\min \left[\frac{(a + b \cdot e^{-c \cdot v_{\text{rel}}(v, \omega_x, \omega_z, \phi)}) \cdot v \cdot \cos(\phi)}{v_{\text{rel}}(v, \omega_x, \omega_z, \phi)}, \frac{1}{7} \right] \cdot (v \cdot \sin(\phi) - R \cdot \omega_z)}{v \cdot \cos(\phi)} \cdot 36$$

$$\omega(v, \text{PE}) := \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{v}{R} \cdot \text{PE}$$

Definitions:

ω_x, ω_r : vertical plane roll rate (follow or draw) ω_z, ω_e : English spin rate

PE_r : % roll (follow or draw) PE_e : % English (side spin)

outside English (OE): $\omega_e, \text{PE}_e > 0$ inside English (IE): $\omega_e, \text{PE}_e < 0$

Speed scale:

soft:	$v_1 := 4 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$	$v_1 = 1.111 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$	$v_1 = 2.485 \cdot \text{mph}$
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medium-soft:	$v_2 := 8 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$	$v_2 = 2.222 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$	$v_2 = 4.971 \cdot \text{mph}$
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medium:	$v_3 := 12 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$	$v_3 = 3.333 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$	$v_3 = 7.456 \cdot \text{mph}$
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firm:	$v_4 := 20 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$	$v_4 = 5.556 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$	$v_4 = 12.427 \cdot \text{mph}$
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power:	$v_5 := 36 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$	$v_5 = 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$	$v_5 = 22.369 \cdot \text{mph}$
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Convert speeds to unitless m/s numbers:

$$\text{v}_1 := \frac{v_1}{\frac{m}{s}} \quad \text{v}_2 := \frac{v_2}{\frac{m}{s}} \quad \text{v}_3 := \frac{v_3}{\frac{m}{s}} \quad \text{v}_4 := \frac{v_4}{\frac{m}{s}} \quad \text{v}_5 := \frac{v_5}{\frac{m}{s}}$$

Calibration data (from experiment by Colin Colenso):

measured throw values (at speeds: 1, 2, 3):

cut angles: $\varphi_m := \begin{pmatrix} 30 \cdot \text{deg} \\ 45 \cdot \text{deg} \end{pmatrix}$

in inches per yard: $\theta_1 := \begin{pmatrix} 4.8 \\ 5.6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_2 := \begin{pmatrix} 3.5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_3 := \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2.3 \end{pmatrix}$

in degrees: $\tan\left(\frac{\theta_1}{36}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 7.685 \\ 8.985 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{deg} \quad \tan\left(\frac{\theta_2}{36}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 5.588 \\ 4.786 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{deg} \quad \tan\left(\frac{\theta_3}{36}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 4.786 \\ 3.666 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{deg}$

sum of squares of errors in calibration data:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SSE}(a, b, c) := & \left(\theta_{\text{throw}}(v_1, 0, 0, \varphi_{m_0}, a, b, c) - \theta_{10} \right)^2 \dots \\ & + \left(\theta_{\text{throw}}(v_2, 0, 0, \varphi_{m_0}, a, b, c) - \theta_{20} \right)^2 \dots \\ & + \left(\theta_{\text{throw}}(v_3, 0, 0, \varphi_{m_0}, a, b, c) - \theta_{30} \right)^2 \dots \\ & + \left(\theta_{\text{throw}}(v_1, 0, 0, \varphi_{m_1}, a, b, c) - \theta_{11} \right)^2 \dots \\ & + \left(\theta_{\text{throw}}(v_2, 0, 0, \varphi_{m_1}, a, b, c) - \theta_{21} \right)^2 \dots \\ & + \left(\theta_{\text{throw}}(v_3, 0, 0, \varphi_{m_1}, a, b, c) - \theta_{31} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

initial guesses for friction equation parameters: $a := 0.01 \quad b := 0.1 \quad c := 1$

find best fit of friction model to calibration data:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} := \text{Minimize}(\text{SSE}, a, b, c) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.016 \\ 0.219 \\ 0.691 \end{pmatrix}$$

Throw equation in units of inches/yard:

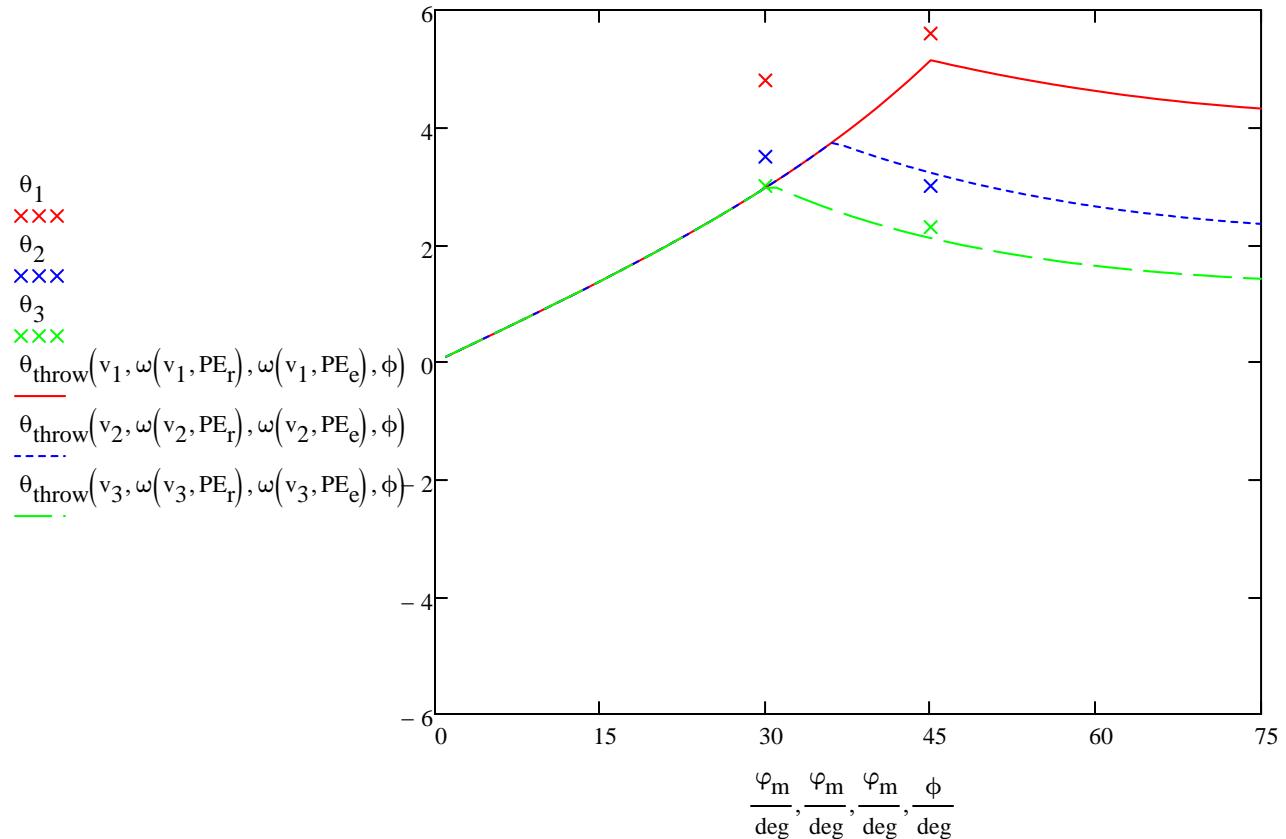
$$\theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega_x, \omega_z, \phi) := \frac{\min \left[\frac{(a + b \cdot e^{-c \cdot v_{\text{rel}}(v, \omega_x, \omega_z, \phi)}) \cdot v \cdot \cos(\phi)}{v_{\text{rel}}(v, \omega_x, \omega_z, \phi)}, \frac{1}{7} \right] \cdot (v \cdot \sin(\phi) - R \cdot \omega_z)}{v \cdot \cos(\phi)} \cdot 36$$

Plot of calibration data along with fit model:

$$PE_r := 0\% \quad PE_e := 0\%$$

$$\theta_1 := \begin{pmatrix} 4.8 \\ 5.6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_2 := \begin{pmatrix} 3.5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_3 := \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2.3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \varphi_m := \begin{pmatrix} 30 \cdot \text{deg} \\ 45 \cdot \text{deg} \end{pmatrix}$$

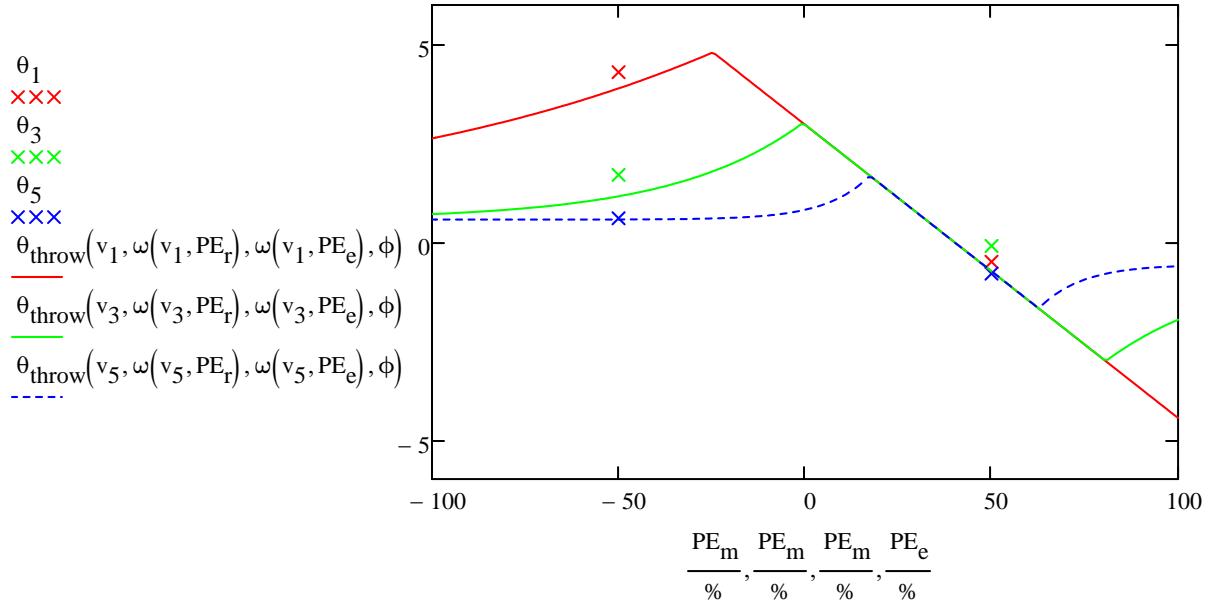
$$\phi := 0 \cdot \text{deg}, 1 \cdot \text{deg} .. 75 \cdot \text{deg}$$



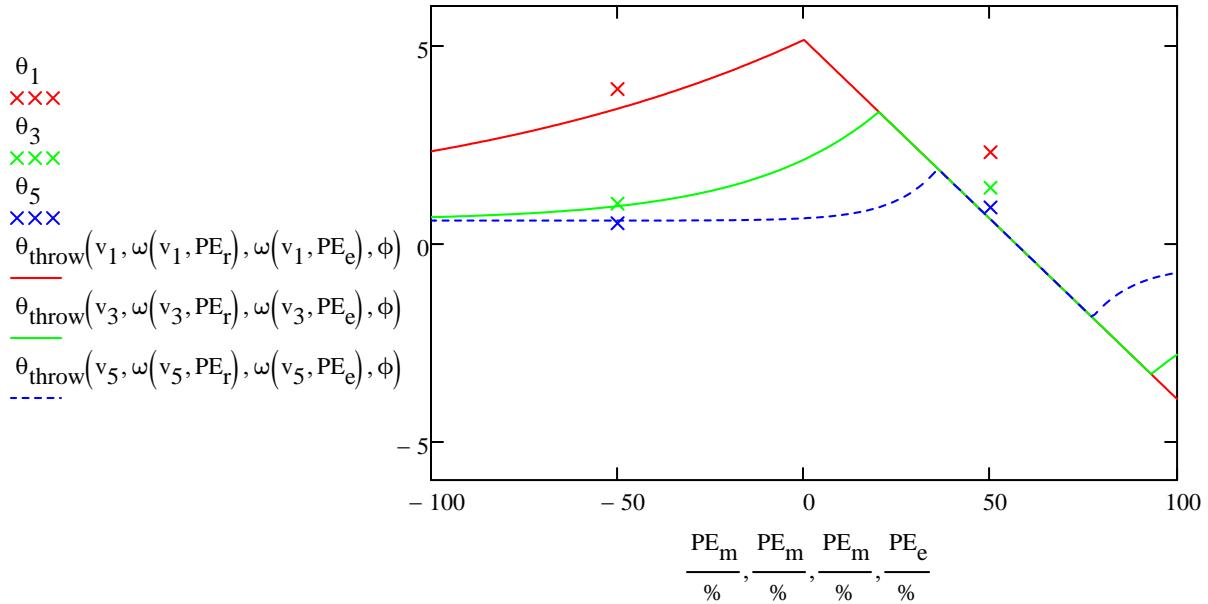
Plot other test data along with fit model:

$$\text{PE}_r := 0\% \quad \text{PE}_e := -100\%, -99\% \dots 100\% \quad \text{PE}_m := \begin{pmatrix} -50\% \\ 50\% \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi := 30\text{-deg} \quad \theta_1 := \begin{pmatrix} 4.3 \\ -.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_3 := \begin{pmatrix} 1.7 \\ -.1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_5 := \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 \\ -.8 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\phi := 45\text{-deg} \quad \theta_1 := \begin{pmatrix} 3.9 \\ 2.3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_3 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1.4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_5 := \begin{pmatrix} .5 \\ .9 \end{pmatrix}$$

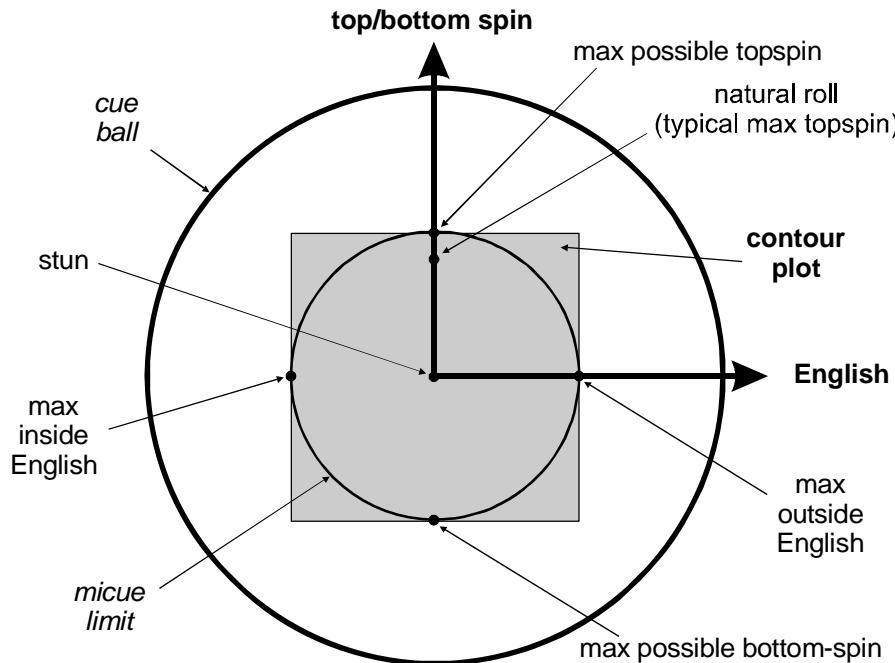


Generate contour plots of how throw varies with %English and %spin (top or bottom):

rectangular grid of %English and %spin:

$$\begin{array}{ll} i := 1..41 & PE_{e_i} := -100\% + (i-1)\cdot 5\% \\ j := 1..21 & PE_{r_j} := 0\% + (j-1)\cdot 5\% \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{lllll} PE_{e_1} = -100\% & PE_{e_2} = -95\% & PE_{e_{40}} = 95\% & PE_{e_{41}} = 100\% \\ PE_{r_1} = 0\% & PE_{r_2} = 5\% & PE_{r_{20}} = 95\% & PE_{r_{21}} = 100\% \end{array}$$

NOTE - The figure below shows how all of the following contour plots should be interpreted:



contour plot color legend (ROYGBIV):

red (max throw to right of line-of-centers), **orange, yellow, green** (very little or no throw), **blue, indigo, violet** (max throw to left of line-of-centers)

NOTE - The diagram above illustrates tip contact positions on the ball, but be aware that the throw values correspond to the spin on the CB at OB contact. Spin changes due to drag on the cloth, as the CB approaches the OB, must be taken into account. For example, the "maximum possible bottom-spin" point at the bottom is possible only for a firm shot over a short distance; otherwise, drag action reduces the bottom spin some, in which case the effective point on the diagram would be a little higher.

program to convert grid of calculated throw values to contour plot with fixed color range:

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M_to_P(M,max_throw) := for i ∈ 1 .. 41
                           for j ∈ 1 .. 21
                               Pi-1,j+19 ← Mi,j
                               Pi-1,21-j ← Mi,j
max_throw := 5.7
P0,0 ← max_throw
P40,40 ← -max_throw
P

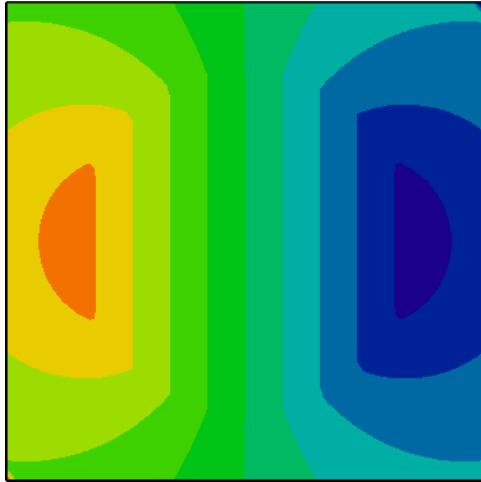
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full-ball hit (no cut):

$$\varphi := 0.00001 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$v := v_1 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$

$$P := M_{\text{to_P}}(M, \text{max_throw})$$



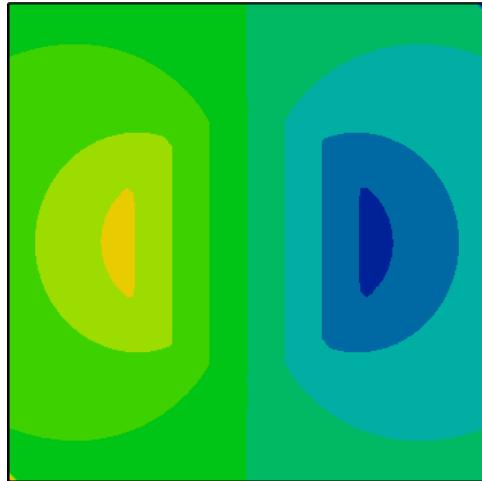
$$\max(M) = 4.5$$

$$\min(M) = -4.5$$

P

$$v := v_2 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$

$$P := M_{\text{to_P}}(M, \text{max_throw})$$



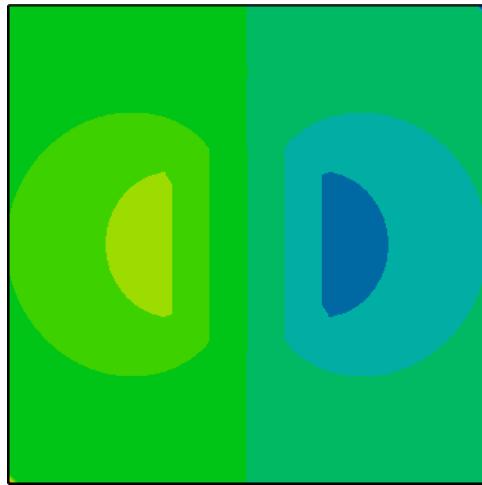
$$\max(M) = 3.308$$

$$\min(M) = -3.308$$

P

$$\textcolor{red}{v} := v_3 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$

$$P := M_{\text{to_P}}(M, \text{max_throw})$$



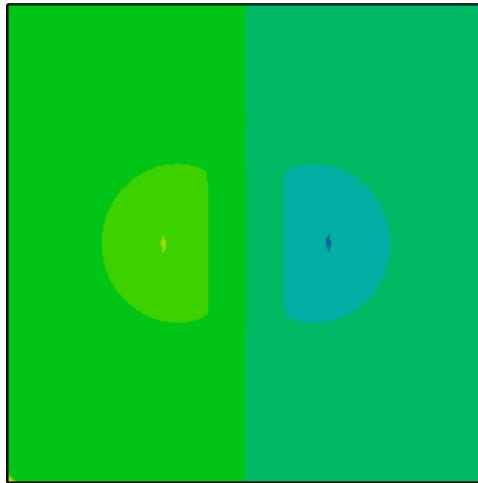
$$\max(M) = 2.723$$

$$\min(M) = -2.723$$

P

$$\textcolor{red}{v} := v_4 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$

$$P := M_{\text{to_P}}(M, \text{max_throw})$$



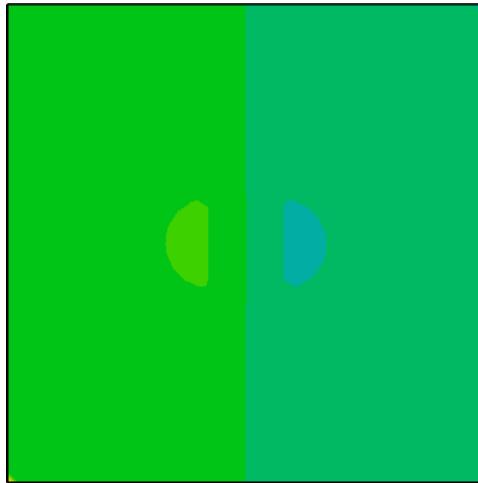
$$\max(M) = 2.036$$

$$\min(M) = -2.036$$

P

$$\textcolor{red}{v} := v_5 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$

$$P := M_{\text{to_P}}(M, \text{max_throw})$$



$$\max(M) = 1.476$$

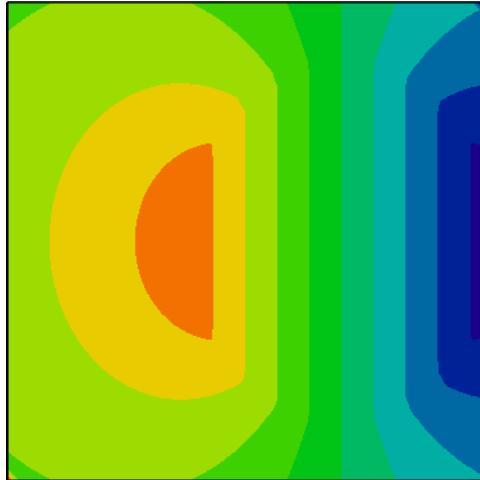
$$\min(M) = -1.476$$

P

1/2-ball hit (medium cut):

$$\varphi := 30\text{-deg}$$

$$v := v_1 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi) \quad P := M_{\text{to_P}}(M, \text{max_throw})$$

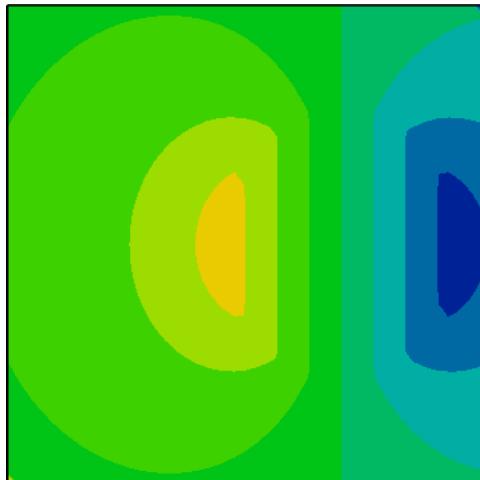


$$\max(M) = 4.789$$

$$\min(M) = -4.454$$

P

$$v := v_2 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi) \quad P := M_{\text{to_P}}(M, \text{max_throw})$$

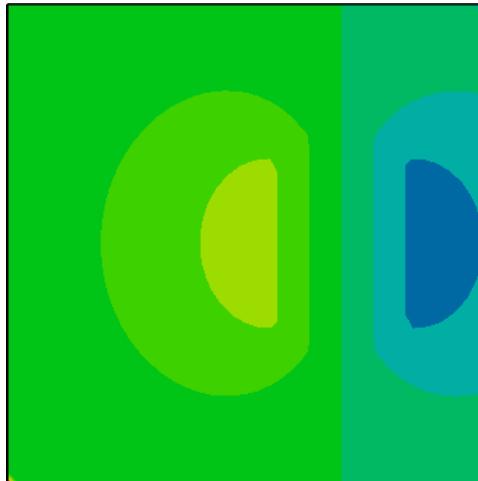


$$\max(M) = 3.584$$

$$\min(M) = -3.584$$

P

$$v_3 := v_3 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$



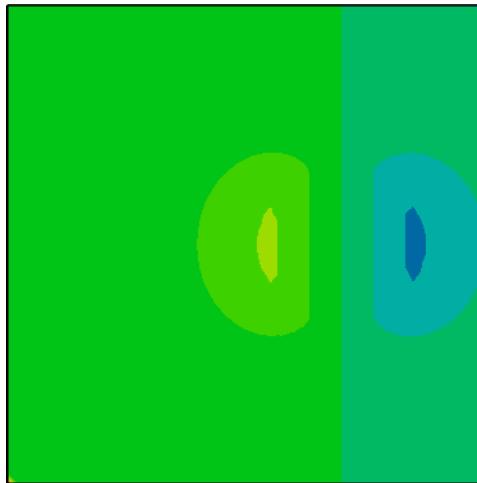
$$P := M_to_P(M, \max_throw)$$

$$\max(M) = 2.969$$

$$\min(M) = -2.969$$

P

$$v_4 := v_4 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$



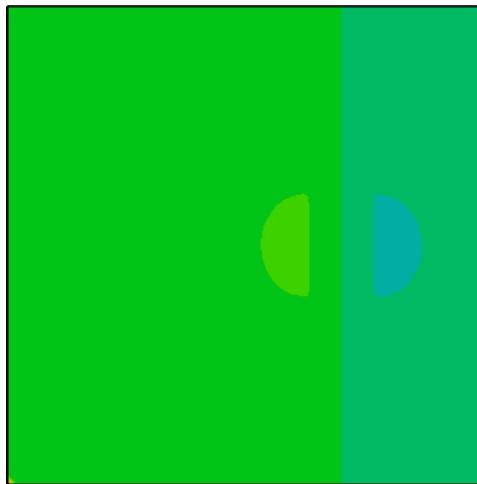
$$P := M_to_P(M, \max_throw)$$

$$\max(M) = 2.227$$

$$\min(M) = -2.227$$

P

$$v_5 := v_5 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$



$$P := M_to_P(M, \max_throw)$$

$$\max(M) = 1.485$$

$$\min(M) = -1.485$$

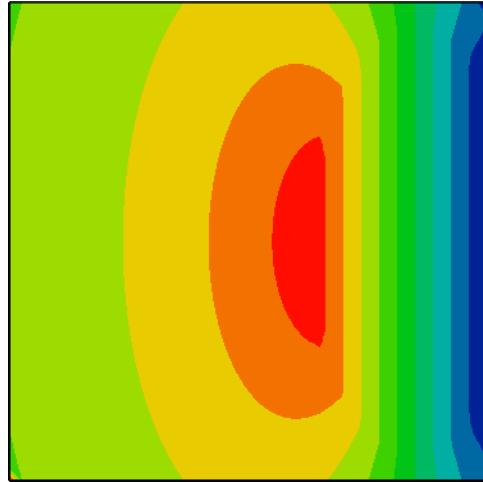
P

1/8-ball hit (thin cut):

$$\varphi := 61.045 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$v := v_1 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$

$$P := M_to_P(M, \text{max_throw})$$



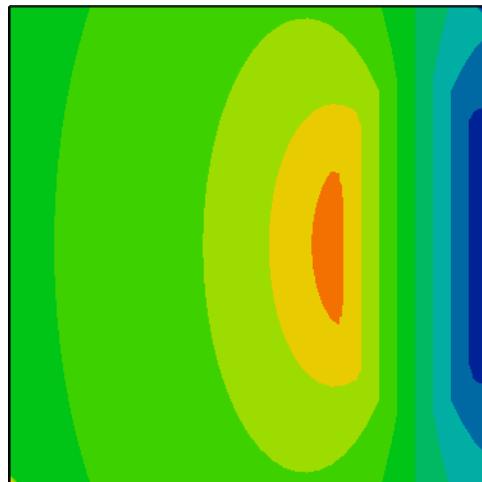
$$\max(M) = 5.682$$

$$\min(M) = -3.984$$

P

$$v := v_2 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$

$$P := M_to_P(M, \text{max_throw})$$

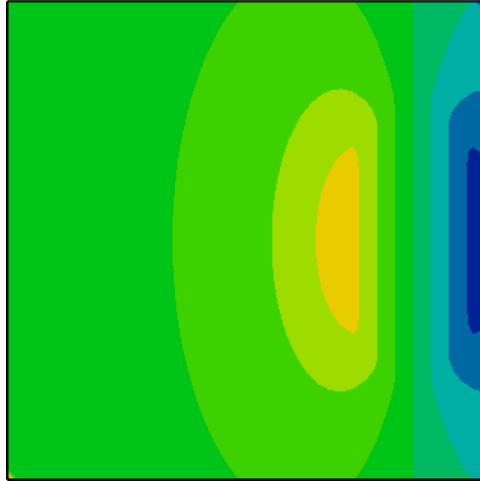


$$\max(M) = 4.591$$

$$\min(M) = -3.984$$

P

$$\textcolor{green}{v} := v_3 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$



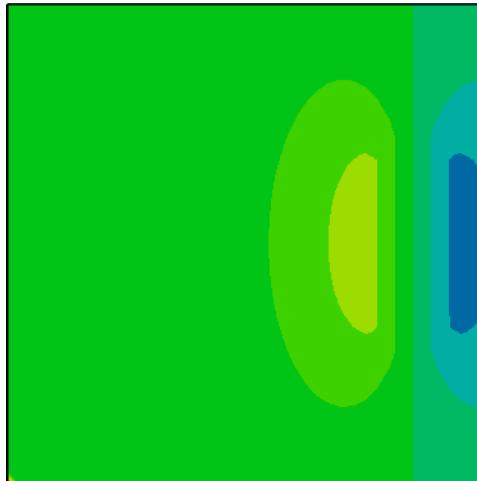
$$P := M_to_P(M, \text{max_throw})$$

$$\max(M) = 3.888$$

$$\min(M) = -3.888$$

P

$$\textcolor{green}{v} := v_4 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$



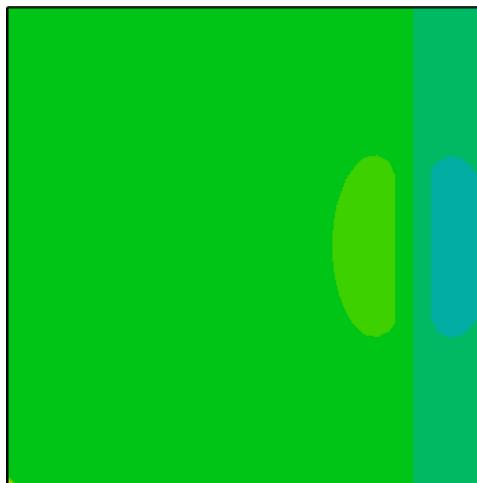
$$P := M_to_P(M, \text{max_throw})$$

$$\max(M) = 2.94$$

$$\min(M) = -2.94$$

P

$$\textcolor{green}{v} := v_5 \quad M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$



$$P := M_to_P(M, \text{max_throw})$$

$$\max(M) = 1.992$$

$$\min(M) = -1.992$$

P

Write a dataset to a file for plotting outside of MathCAD:

$$\varphi := 61.045 \cdot \text{deg} \quad v := v_5$$

$$M_{i,j} := \theta_{\text{throw}}(v, \omega(v, PE_{r_j}), \omega(v, PE_{e_i}), \varphi)$$

$$M_{i,0} := \frac{PE_{e_i}}{\%} \quad M_{0,j} := \frac{PE_{r_j}}{\%} \quad \text{row and column headings}$$

WRITEPRN("data/eighth-5.txt") := M