



## **TP A.20**

### **The effect of spin, speed, and cut angle on draw shots**

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**Refer to TP A.4 for the background derivations and illustrations.**

ball geometry:

$$D := \frac{2.25 \cdot \text{in}}{\text{m}} \quad R := \frac{D}{2} \quad D = 0.057 \quad R = 0.029$$

coefficient of friction between the cue ball and table cloth:

$$\mu := 0.2$$

gravity

$$g := \frac{g}{\left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right)} \quad g = 9.807$$

time required for the cue ball to start rolling (cease sliding):

$$\Delta t(v, \omega, \phi) := \frac{2 \cdot v \cdot \sin(\phi)}{7 \cdot \mu \cdot g} \cdot \sqrt{\cos(\phi)^2 + \left(\sin(\phi) + \frac{R \cdot \omega}{v \cdot \sin(\phi)}\right)^2}$$

velocity components when the cue ball starts rolling in a straight line:

$$v_{x_f}(v, \omega, \phi) := \frac{5}{7} \cdot v \cdot \sin(\phi) \cdot \cos(\phi)$$

$$v_{y_f}(v, \omega, \phi) := \frac{1}{7} \cdot \left(5 \cdot v \cdot \sin(\phi)^2 - 2 \cdot R \cdot \omega\right)$$

the final deflected cue ball angle:

$$\theta_c(v, \omega, \phi) := \operatorname{atan2}\left(5 \cdot v \cdot \sin(\phi)^2 - 2 \cdot R \cdot \omega, 5 \cdot v \cdot \sin(\phi) \cdot \cos(\phi)\right)$$

x position of the cue ball during the curved trajectory:

$$x_c(t, v, \omega, \phi) := v \cdot t \cdot \sin(\phi) \cdot \cos(\phi) - \frac{\mu \cdot g \cdot t^2 \cdot \cos(\phi)}{2 \cdot \sqrt{\cos(\phi)^2 + \left(\sin(\phi) + \frac{R \cdot \omega}{v \cdot \sin(\phi)}\right)^2}}$$

x position of the cue ball during and after the curved trajectory:

$$x(t, v, \omega, \phi) := \begin{cases} \Delta T \leftarrow \Delta t(v, \omega, \phi) \\ x_c(t, v, \omega, \phi) & \text{if } t \leq \Delta T \\ \left[ x_c(\Delta T, v, \omega, \phi) + v_{xf}(v, \omega, \phi) \cdot (t - \Delta T) \right] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

y position of the cue ball during the curved trajectory:

$$y_c(t, v, \omega, \phi) := v \cdot t \cdot \sin(\phi)^2 - \left[ \frac{\mu \cdot g \cdot t^2 \cdot \left(\sin(\phi) + \frac{R \cdot \omega}{v \cdot \sin(\phi)}\right)}{2 \cdot \sqrt{\cos(\phi)^2 + \left(\sin(\phi) + \frac{R \cdot \omega}{v \cdot \sin(\phi)}\right)^2}} \right]$$

y position of the cue ball during and after the curved trajectory:

$$y(t, v, \omega, \phi) := \begin{cases} \Delta T \leftarrow \Delta t(v, \omega, \phi) \\ y_c(t, v, \omega, \phi) & \text{if } t \leq \Delta T \\ \left[ y_c(\Delta T, v, \omega, \phi) + v_{yf}(v, \omega, \phi) \cdot (t - \Delta T) \right] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Equation for the tangent line:

$$x_{\text{tangent\_line}}(t) := \frac{t}{T} \cdot 2$$

$$y_{\text{tangent\_line}}(t, \phi) := x_{\text{tangent\_line}}(t) \cdot \tan(\phi)$$

Equation for the ball (for scale):

$$x_{\text{ball}}(t) := R \cdot \cos\left(\frac{t}{T} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$y_{\text{ball}}(t) := R \cdot \sin\left(\frac{t}{T} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

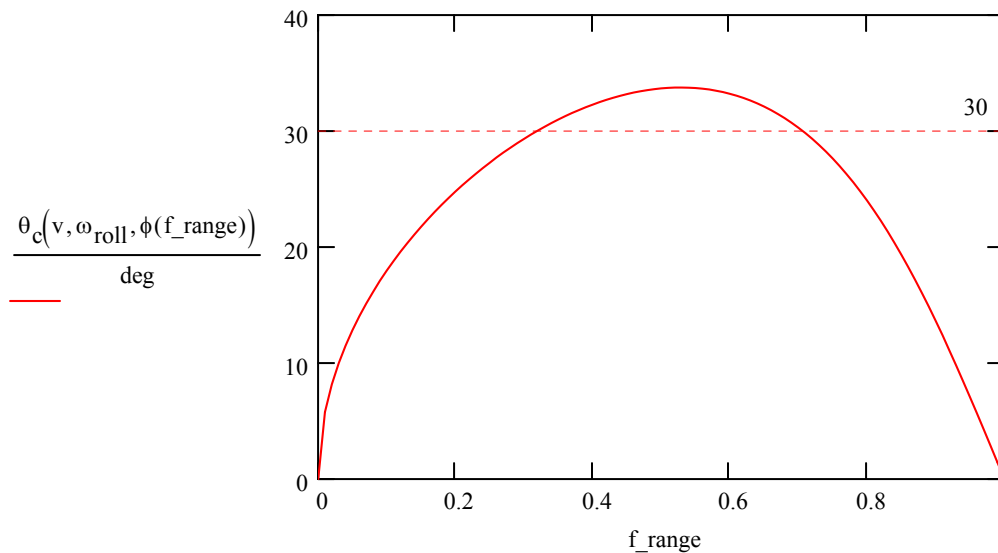
**Plot data:**

- $\phi := 30 \cdot \text{deg}$  cut angle for 1/2-ball hit
- $v := 5 \cdot \frac{\text{mph}}{\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$  average speed in mph converted to m/s
- $\omega_{\text{roll}} := -\frac{v}{R}$  average natural roll spin rate
- $f_{\text{range}} := 0, 0.01 \dots 1.0$  ball-hit fraction range
- $\phi(f) := \text{asin}(1 - f)$  cut angle and ball-hit fraction relationships (from TP 3.3)
- $f(\phi) := 1 - \sin(\phi)$
- SRF\_range := 0, 0.05 .. 1.25 spin rate factor range (from TP A.12)
- $T := 5$  number of seconds to display
- $t := 0, 0.01 \dots T$  0.01 second plotting increment

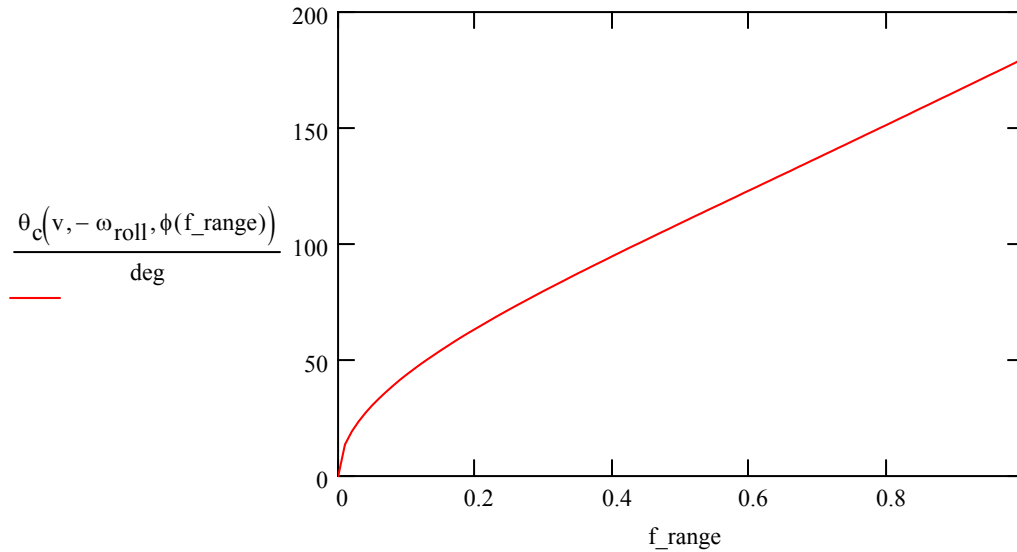
various speeds (in mph, converted to m/s), from slow to very fast:

$$v_1 := 2 \cdot \frac{\text{mph}}{\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \quad v_2 := 4 \cdot \frac{\text{mph}}{\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \quad v_3 := 6 \cdot \frac{\text{mph}}{\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \quad v_4 := 8 \cdot \frac{\text{mph}}{\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$

**natural roll follow shot (see TP 3.3):**



natural (reverse natural roll) draw shot:



For a 1/2-ball hit:

$$\phi_{\text{half}} := 30 \cdot \text{deg} \quad f(\phi_{\text{half}}) = 0.5$$

$$\theta_c(v, -\omega_{\text{roll}}, \phi_{\text{half}}) = 109.107 \text{ deg}$$

Cut angle (and ball-hit fraction) required for the deflected cue ball direction to be perpendicular to the original (aiming line) direction:

$$\phi_{90} := 30 \cdot \text{deg} \quad \text{initial guess (1/2-ball hit)}$$

Given

$$\theta_c(v, -\omega_{\text{roll}}, \phi_{90}) = 90 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$\phi_{90} := \text{Find}(\phi_{90}) \quad \phi_{90} = 39.232 \text{ deg} \quad f(\phi_{90}) = 0.368$$

Amount of draw (spin rate factor) required for perpendicular deflection at a 1/2-ball hit:

$$\phi_{90} := 30 \cdot \text{deg} \quad f(\phi_{90}) = 0.5$$

$$\text{SRF} := 1 \quad \text{initial guess (natural roll)}$$

Given

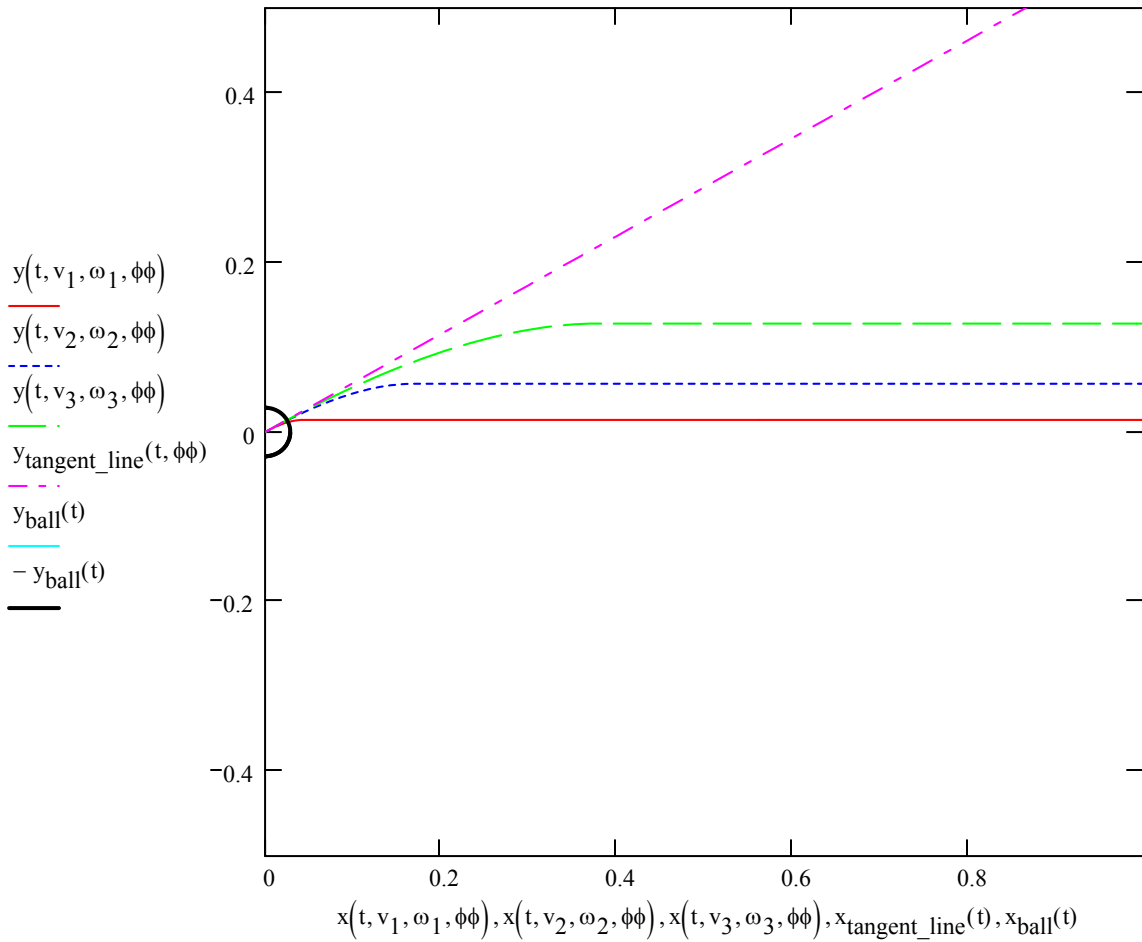
$$\theta_c(v, -\text{SRF} \cdot \omega_{\text{roll}}, \phi_{90}) = 90 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$\text{SRF\_TYP} := \text{Find}(\text{SRF}) \quad \text{SRF\_TYP} = 0.625$$

This will be referred to as a "**typical amount of spin for a draw shot.**" It is 62.5% of the natural roll rate.

various speed 1/2 ball-hit draw shots with typical amounts of spin:

$$\omega_1 := \text{SRF\_TYP} \cdot \frac{v_1}{R} \quad \omega_2 := \text{SRF\_TYP} \cdot \frac{v_2}{R} \quad \omega_3 := \text{SRF\_TYP} \cdot \frac{v_3}{R}$$



**various ball-hit fraction draw shots with typical amounts of spin:**

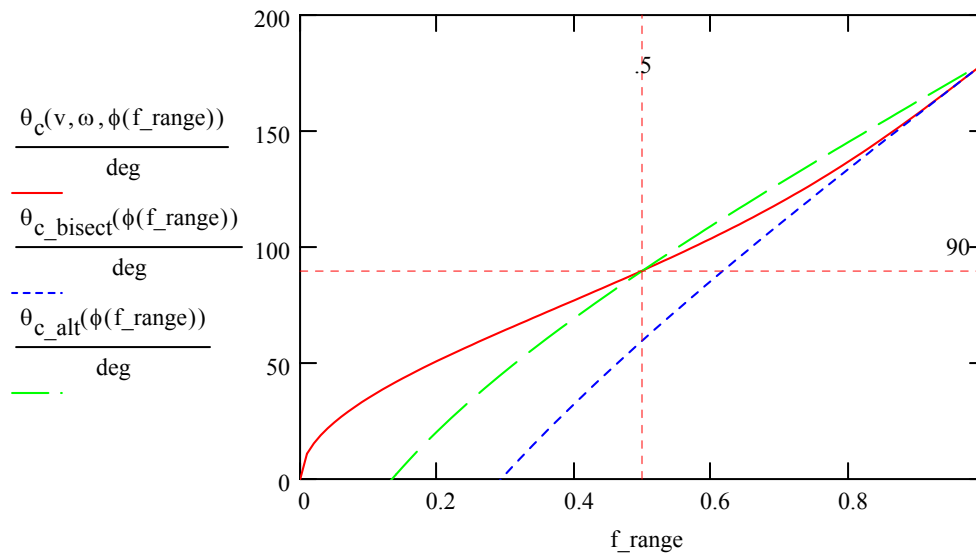
$$\omega := -\text{SRF\_TYP} \cdot \omega_{\text{roll}}$$

Double bisect draw shot aiming system described in Jewett's October '95 BD article:

$$\theta_{\text{c\_bisect}}(\phi) := 180 \cdot \text{deg} - 4 \cdot \phi$$

Trisect aiming system proposed here:

$$\theta_{\text{c\_alt}}(\phi) := 180 \cdot \text{deg} - 3 \cdot \phi$$



1/4-ball hit:  $\phi_1 := \phi(.25)$   $\phi_1 = 48.59 \text{ deg}$

$$\theta_{\text{c}}(v, \omega, \phi_1) = 57.791 \text{ deg} \quad \theta_{\text{c\_bisect}}(\phi_1) = -14.362 \text{ deg} \quad \theta_{\text{c\_alt}}(\phi_1) = 34.229 \text{ deg}$$

1/2-ball hit:  $\phi_2 := \phi(.5)$   $\phi_2 = 30 \text{ deg}$

$$\theta_{\text{c}}(v, \omega, \phi_2) = 90 \text{ deg} \quad \theta_{\text{c\_bisect}}(\phi_2) = 60 \text{ deg} \quad \theta_{\text{c\_alt}}(\phi_2) = 90 \text{ deg}$$

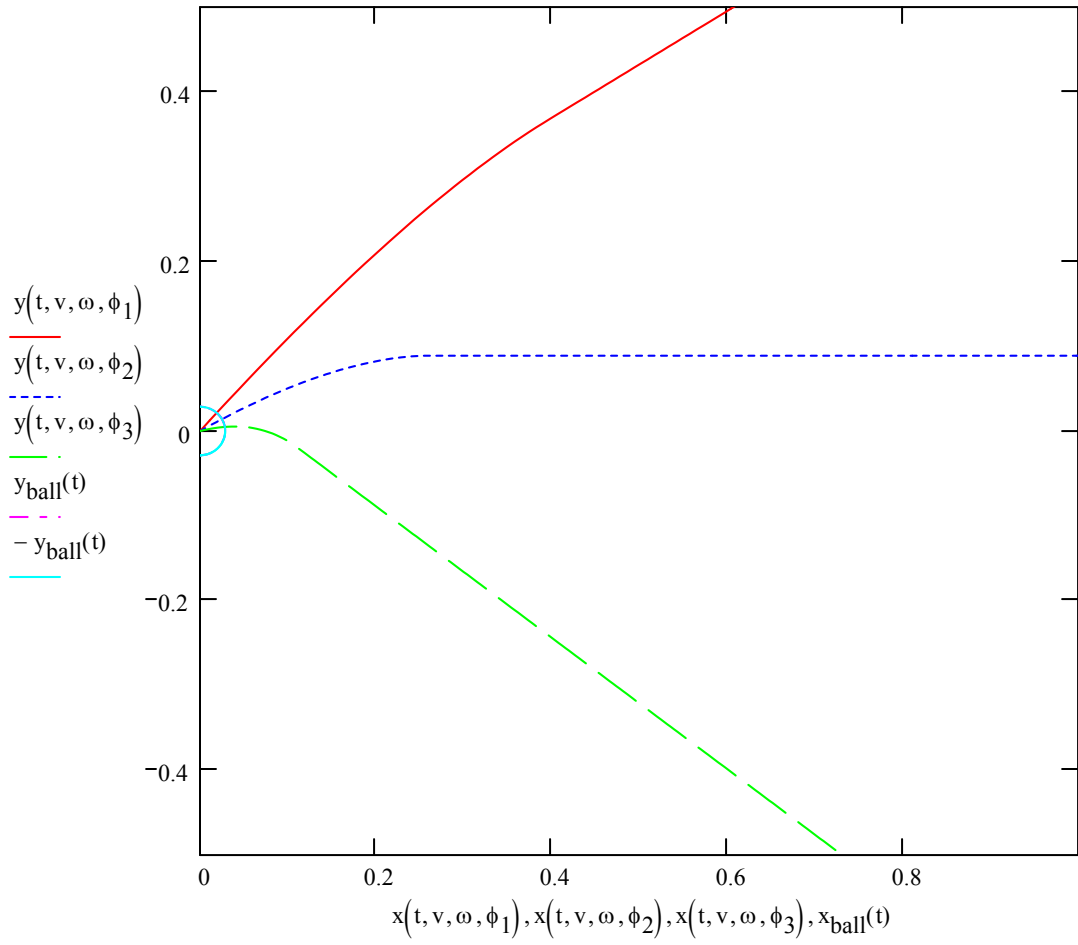
3/4-ball hit:  $\phi_3 := \phi(.75)$   $\phi_3 = 14.478 \text{ deg}$

$$\theta_{\text{c}}(v, \omega, \phi_3) = 127.761 \text{ deg} \quad \theta_{\text{c\_bisect}}(\phi_3) = 122.09 \text{ deg} \quad \theta_{\text{c\_alt}}(\phi_3) = 136.567 \text{ deg}$$

7/8-ball hit:  $\phi_4 := \phi\left(\frac{7}{8}\right)$   $\phi_4 = 7.181 \text{ deg}$

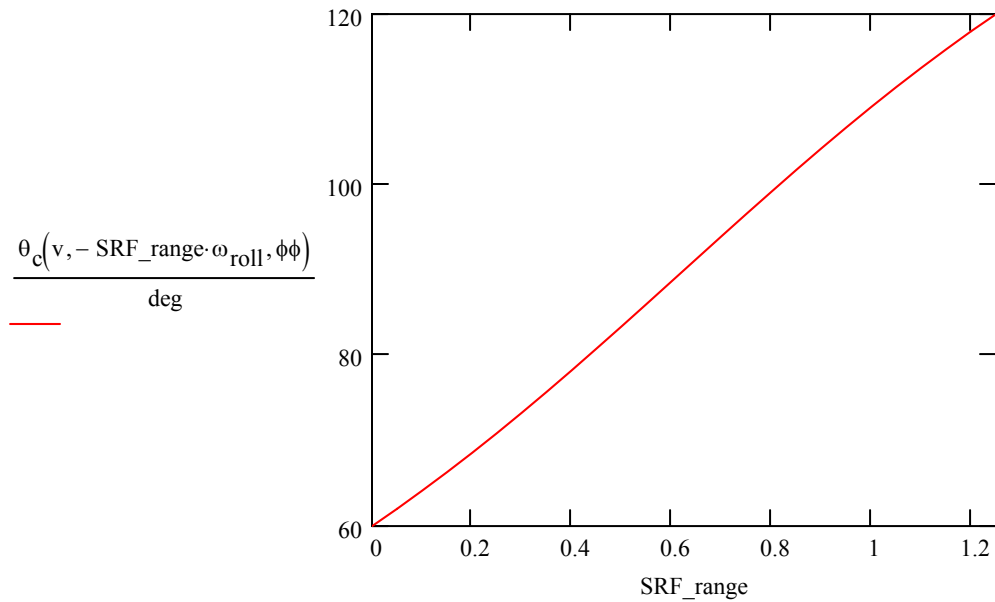
$$\theta_{\text{c}}(v, \omega, \phi_4) = 152.114 \text{ deg} \quad \theta_{\text{c\_bisect}}(\phi_4) = 151.277 \text{ deg} \quad \theta_{\text{c\_alt}}(\phi_4) = 158.458 \text{ deg}$$

The trisect system works fairly well over a wide range of cut angles (ball-hit fractions). The double bisect system is better for small cut angles (large ball-hit fractions). Both systems are poor for large cut angles (small ball-hit fractions), especially the double bisect method.



half-ball hit draw shots at various spin rates:

$\phi\phi = 30 \text{ deg}$       1/2-ball hit



75% of typical draw shot spin (25% less than typical):

$$SRF_1 := 0.75 \cdot SRF\_TYP \quad SRF_1 = 0.469 \quad \omega_1 := -SRF_1 \cdot \omega_{roll}$$

$$\theta_c(v, \omega_1, \phi\phi) = 81.787 \text{ deg}$$

typical draw shot spin:

$$SRF_2 := SRF\_TYP \quad SRF_2 = 0.625 \quad \omega_2 := -SRF_2 \cdot \omega_{roll}$$

$$\theta_c(v, \omega_2, \phi\phi) = 90 \text{ deg}$$

125% of typical draw shot spin (25% more than typical):

$$SRF_3 := 1.25 \cdot SRF\_TYP \quad SRF_3 = 0.781 \quad \omega_3 := -SRF_3 \cdot \omega_{roll}$$

$$\theta_c(v, \omega_3, \phi\phi) = 98.213 \text{ deg}$$



