

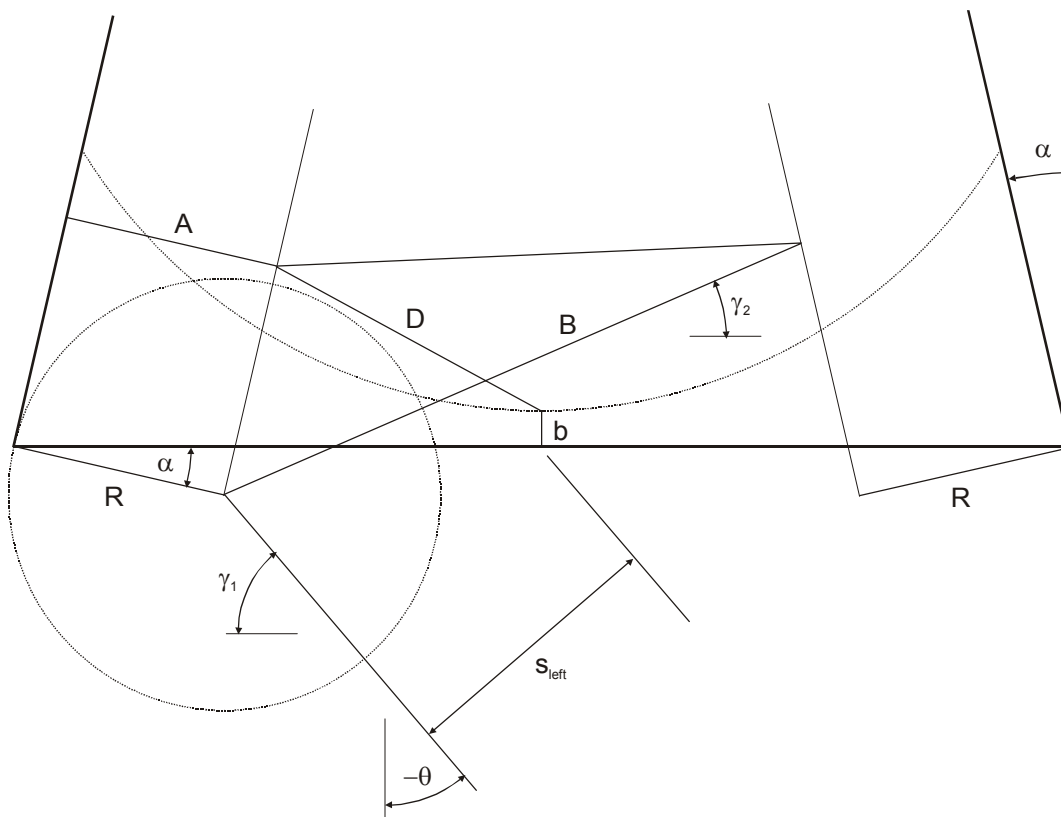
TP 3.7 Effective target sizes for fast shots into a side pocket at different angles

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See the general notation presented in TP 3.5

Assumption: the ball will be pocketed if it rebounds at least to the center of the pocket hole rim after three wall rattles, assuming equal angles of approach and rebound on each wall (see figure below)



Ball radius

$$R := 1.125$$

Pocket-specific parameters

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

$$p := 5.0625 \quad \alpha := 14 \cdot \text{deg} \quad R_{hole} := 3 \quad b := 0.1875$$

Size of left portion of pocket target area assuming near miss of near point

$$s_{\text{left_point}}(p, r, \theta) := \frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) - r$$

$$D(p, \alpha, b, \theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(\theta + 5 \cdot \alpha)} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\alpha) - b \cdot \sin(\alpha) - R \right)$$

$$A(p, \alpha, b, \theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(\theta + 3 \cdot \alpha)} \cdot \left(-\frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta + 4 \cdot \alpha) + b \cdot \sin(\theta + 4 \cdot \alpha) - D(p, \alpha, b, \theta) \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \theta + 10 \cdot \alpha) + R \cdot \cos(\theta + 3 \cdot \alpha) \right)$$

$$B(p, \alpha, b, r, \theta) := \frac{1}{\sin(2 \cdot \theta + 2 \cdot \alpha)} \cdot (A(p, \alpha, b, \theta) \cdot \sin(\theta + 3 \cdot \alpha) - r \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \theta + 2 \cdot \alpha) + R \cdot \cos(\theta + 3 \cdot \alpha))$$

$$\gamma_1(\theta) := 90 \cdot \text{deg} - \theta \quad \gamma_2(\alpha, \theta) := \gamma_1(\theta) - 2 \cdot \alpha$$

$$\gamma_3(\alpha, \theta) := -\gamma_2(\alpha, \theta) + 2 \cdot \alpha \quad \gamma_4(\alpha, \theta) := \gamma_3(\alpha, \theta) + 2 \cdot \alpha$$

Maximum angle where ball can still be pocketed after near miss of near point

$$\text{poly}(p, \alpha, b, r, \theta) := p \cdot \cos(\alpha) - R - B(p, \alpha, b, r, \theta) \cdot \sin(\theta + \alpha) - r \cdot \cos(\theta + \alpha)$$

$$\theta := 45 \cdot \text{deg} \quad \text{initial guess for root function}$$

$$\theta_{\text{maximum}}(p, \alpha, b, r, \theta) := \text{root}(\text{poly}(p, \alpha, b, r, \theta), \theta)$$

Size of left portion of pocket target area assuming inner wall contact at point

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

Critical angle where inner wall contact barely results in pocketing of ball

$$\theta := 45 \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$r_{\text{critical}}(p, \alpha, \theta) := (p \cdot \cos(\theta) - R \cdot \cos(\theta + \alpha))$$

$$\theta_{\text{critical}}(p, \alpha, b, \theta) := -\text{root}(\text{poly}(p, \alpha, b, r_{\text{critical}}(p, \alpha, \theta), \theta), \theta)$$

Size of left portion of pocket target area assuming inner wall contact

$$r := R$$

$$r_{\text{left_wall}}(p, \alpha, b, \theta) := \text{root}(\text{poly}(p, \alpha, b, r, -\theta), r)$$

$$s_{\text{left_wall}}(p, \alpha, b, \theta) := -\frac{p}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta) + r_{\text{left_wall}}(p, \alpha, b, \theta)$$

$$\theta_{\max} := \theta_{\text{maximum}}(p, \alpha, b, R, \theta) \quad \theta_{\max} = 50.688 \text{ deg}$$

$$\theta_c := \theta_{\text{critical}}(p, \alpha, b, \theta) \quad r_{\text{critical}}(p, \alpha, -\theta_c) = 3.358 \quad \theta_c = -36.387 \text{ deg}$$

$$s_{\text{left}}(\theta) := \begin{cases} s_{\text{left_point}}(p, R, \theta) & \text{if } \theta \geq \alpha \\ s_{\text{left_point_wall}}(p, \alpha, \theta) & \text{if } \theta_c \leq \theta < \alpha \\ s_{\text{left_wall}}(p, \alpha, b, \theta) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\theta_s := -\theta_{\max}, -\theta_{\max} + 1 \cdot \text{deg} .. \theta_{\max}$$

