



TP 3.8

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

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See the general notation presented in TP 3.5

See the specific notation and figure presented in TP 3.7

Ball radius

$$R := 1.125$$

Pocket-specific parameters

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

$$p := 4.58125 \quad \alpha := 7 \cdot \text{deg} \quad R_{\text{hole}} := 2.75 \quad b := 1.125$$

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

$$r := R$$

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

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

$$\theta_{\text{max}} := \theta_{\text{maximum}}(p, \alpha, b, R, \theta) \quad \theta_{\text{max}} = 59.841 \text{ deg}$$

$$\theta_{\text{c}} = \theta_{\text{critical}}(p, \alpha, b, \theta) \quad r_{\text{critical}}(p, \alpha, -\theta_{\text{c}}) = 2.231 \quad \theta_{\text{c}} = -52.226 \text{ deg}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$\theta := -45 \cdot \text{deg}, -44 \cdot \text{deg} .. 45 \cdot \text{deg}$



