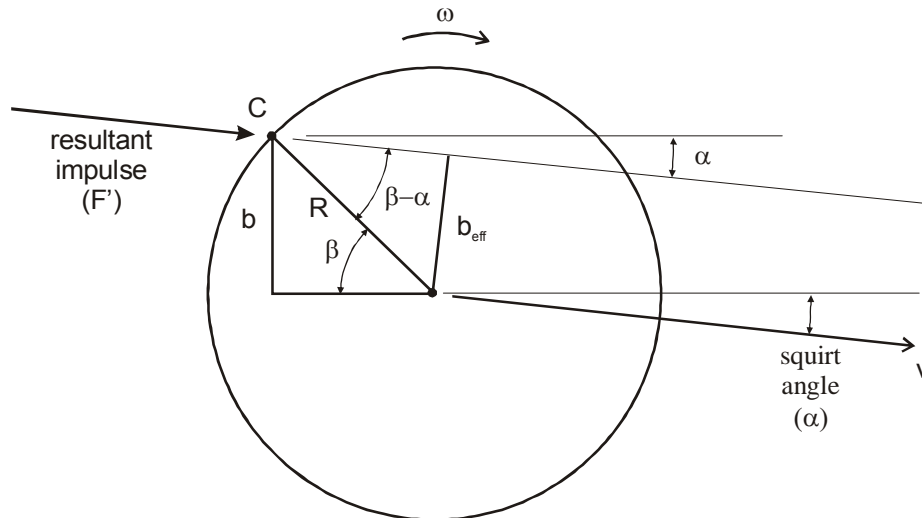
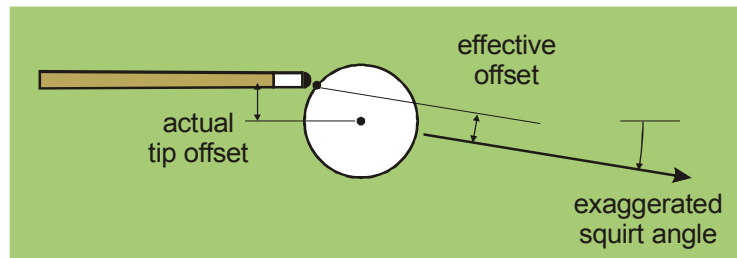


TP B.7 Effect of squirt on the amount of spin

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See TP A.31 and my December '07 article for background information.



From the diagram above, the effective offset, for a cue with a squirt angle " α " and actual tip offset " b ," is given by:

$$b_{\text{eff}} = R \cdot \sin(\beta - \alpha) = R \cdot \sin\left(\text{asin}\left(\frac{b}{R}\right) - \alpha\right)$$

$$R := 1.125 \cdot \text{in} \quad b_{\text{eff}}(b, \alpha) := R \cdot \sin\left(\text{asin}\left(\frac{b}{R}\right) - \alpha\right)$$

From **TP A.12**, the spin rate factor (SRF), which quantifies the amount of spin in relation to the roll rate of the ball, is:

$$\text{SRF} = \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{b_{\text{eff}}}{R}$$

Therefore, the "amount of spin" is directly proportional to the effective offset.

From my **September '07 article**, typical values for squirt angles for regular and low squirt cues, at maximum tip offset ($R/2$), are:

$$b := \frac{R}{2} \qquad \alpha_{\text{reg}} := 2.5 \cdot \text{deg} \qquad \alpha_{\text{ls}} := 1.8 \cdot \text{deg}$$

Here's how the amount of spin compares, as a percentage:

$$\frac{b_{\text{eff}}(b, \alpha_{\text{ls}})}{b_{\text{eff}}(b, \alpha_{\text{reg}})} - 1 = 2.339 \%$$

Therefore, for maximum tip offset, a low-squirt cue can generate only about 2% more spin than a typical regular squirt cue.