

TT Ball Trajectory

$\text{dia} := 0.041$		Diameter of a ping pong ball in meters
$r := \frac{\text{dia}}{2}$	$r = 0.0205$	Radius of a ping pong ball in meters
$A := \pi \cdot r^2$	$A = 0.00132$	Area of cross section of a ping pong ball in m^2 .
$\text{mass} := 0.0027$		Mass of a ping pong ball in kg
$I := \frac{2 \cdot \text{mass} \cdot r^2}{3}$	$I = 7.5645 \times 10^{-7}$	TT ball inertia $\text{Kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$
$\rho := 1.225$		Density of dry air in kg/m^3 at sea level
$C_d := 0.5$		Ideal drag coefficient for a sphere. Unitless
$C_m := 0.29$		Magnus coefficient. Unitless
$\eta := 1.78 \cdot 10^{-5}$		Viscosity of air in $\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m} \cdot \text{s}}$
$b := 6 \cdot \pi \cdot \eta \cdot r$	$b = 6.878203 \times 10^{-6}$	Viscous friction coefficient.
Magnus combined constant		
$S := \frac{4}{3} \cdot (4 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot r^3 \cdot \rho)$	$S = 0.000556$	From a NASA listed below
$v_0 = 17$		Initial velocity in m/s
$\theta = 14 \text{ deg}$	$\theta = 0.244346$	Angle relative to horizontal
$\text{rps}_0 = 25$		Initial spin in revolutions per second

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$Q := \begin{pmatrix} x \leftarrow -1.5 \\ x' \leftarrow v_0 \cdot \cos(\theta) \\ y \leftarrow 0.05 \\ y' \leftarrow v_0 \cdot \sin(\theta) \\ rps \leftarrow rps_0 \end{pmatrix}$	Q is the state. Initial horizontal and vertical positions and velocities and spin
$D(t, Q) := \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x' \\ y \\ y' \\ rps \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow Q$	Break out the state variables into horizontal position, horizontal velocity, vertical position, vertical velocity and radians per second
$x'' \leftarrow -\frac{b \cdot x'}{\text{mass}} - \text{sign}(x') \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot C_d \cdot A \cdot \frac{x'^2}{2}}{\text{mass}} + \frac{S \cdot y' \cdot rps}{\text{mass}}$	Compute horizontal deceleration
$y'' \leftarrow -9.8 - \frac{b \cdot y'}{\text{mass}} - \text{sign}(y') \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot C_d \cdot A \cdot \frac{y^2}{2}}{\text{mass}} - \frac{S \cdot x' \cdot rps}{\text{mass}}$	Computes vertical acceleration/deceleration
$rps' \leftarrow -0.03 \cdot rps$	Slow down the spin of the ball exponentially. Slow down 3% per second. This seems slow but I have seen ball spin for many seconds.
$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ x'' \\ y' \\ y'' \\ rps' \end{pmatrix}$	Return rate of change in the state

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SimTime := 1

Simulation time

$\Delta t := 0.001$

Time increment

$$N := \frac{\text{SimTime}}{\Delta t} \quad N = 1000$$

Number of time increments

$Z := \text{rkfixed}(Q, 0, \text{SimTime}, N, D)$

Integrate using Runge-Kutta

Time	x	x'	y	y'	rps
0	0	-1.5	16.495027	0.05	4.112672
1	0.001	-1.483515	16.475193	0.054064	4.015596
2	0.002	-1.46705	16.454958	0.058031	3.918741
3	0.003	-1.450605	16.434326	0.061902	3.822109
4	0.004	-1.434181	16.4133	0.065676	3.725696
5	0.005	-1.417779	16.391882	0.069353	3.629503
6	0.006	-1.401398	16.370075	0.072935	3.533529
7	0.007	-1.385039	16.347883	0.07642	3.437772
8	0.008	-1.368702	16.325308	0.07981	3.342231
9	0.009	-1.352388	16.302353	0.083105	3.246905
10	0.01	-1.336097	16.279021	0.086304	3.151794
11	0.011	-1.31983	16.255315	0.089408	3.056896
12	0.012	-1.303587	16.231237	0.092418	2.962211
13	0.013	-1.287368	16.206791	0.095333	2.867737
14	0.014	-1.271173	16.181978	0.098154	2.773473
15	0.015	-1.255004	16.156802	0.10088	2.679419

$$t := Z^{(0)} \quad x := Z^{(1)} \quad x' := Z^{(2)} \quad y := Z^{(3)} \quad y' := Z^{(4)} \quad rps := Z^{(5)}$$

i := $\begin{cases} i \leftarrow 0 \\ \text{while } y_i > 0 \\ \quad i \leftarrow i + 1 \end{cases}$ i = 103 Find the point where the center of the ball goes below table top.

n := 0..i

extract the horizontal positions from Z

x := submatrix(x, 0, i, 0, 0)

extract the vertical positions from Z

y := submatrix(y, 0, i, 0, 0)

table height is 0

table_n := 0

Net height in meters

net_n := 0.1525

Table length

tbl_len := 9 ft

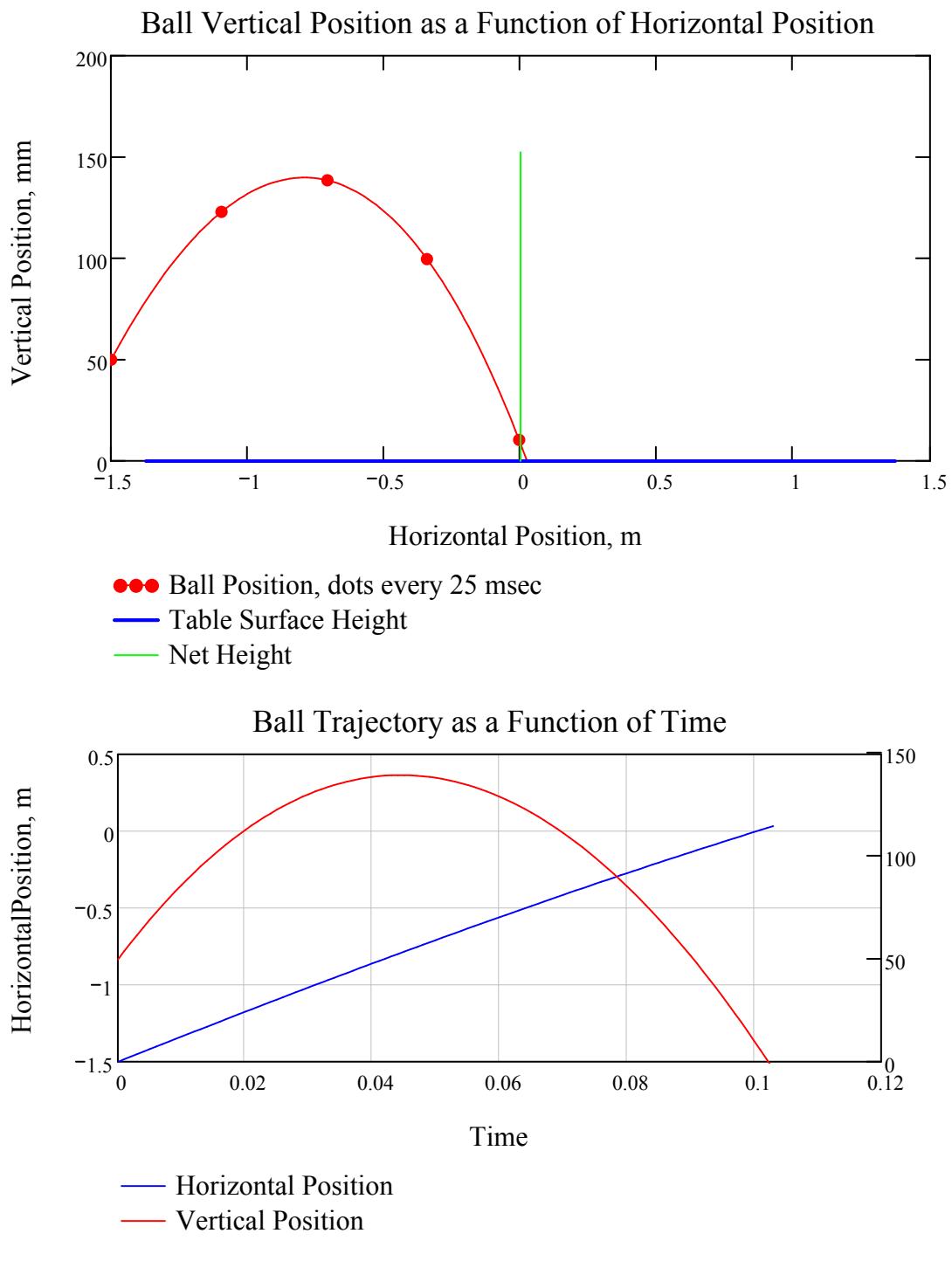
tbl_len = 2.7432 m

tbl_end := $\frac{\text{tbl_len}}{2}$

tbl_end = 1.3716 m

Distance from net. + for the far end. - for the near end

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$$v_0 \equiv 17$$

$$\theta \equiv 14\text{-deg}$$

$$rps_0 \equiv 25$$

$$i \cdot \Delta t = 0.103$$

seconds

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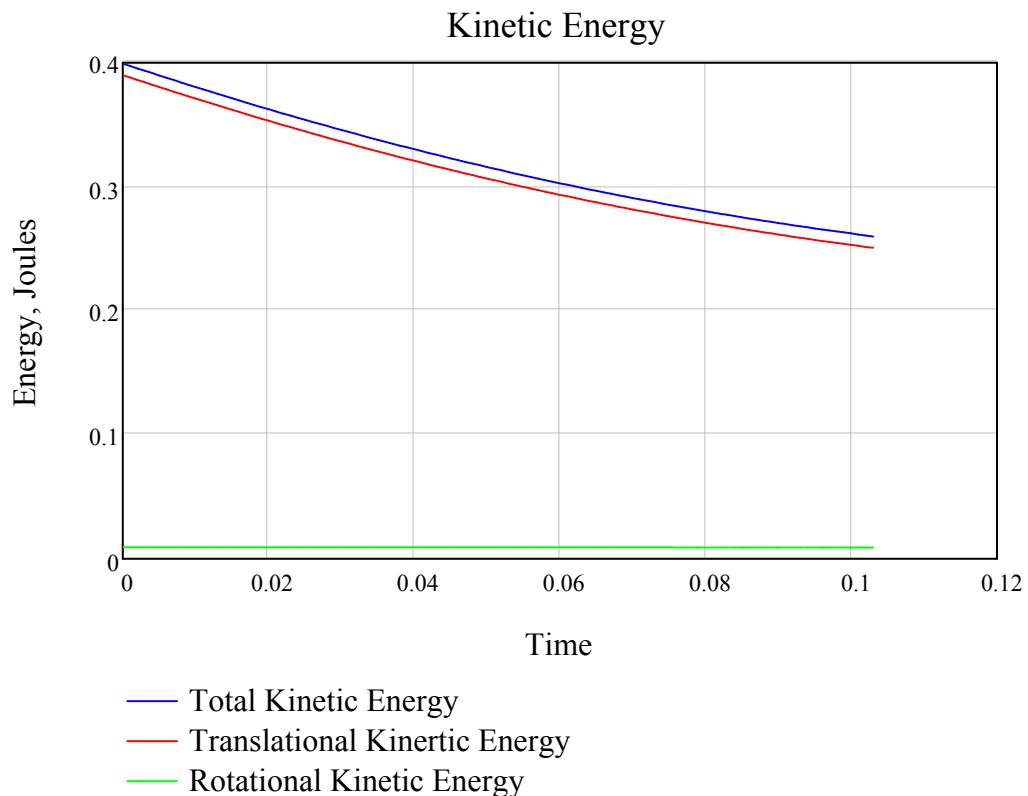
Kinetic Energy

$$Er_n := \frac{1}{2} \cdot I \cdot [(2 \cdot \pi \cdot rps)_n]^2$$

Rotational Kinetic Energy
I is the rotational inertia and
 $2\pi rps_n$ angular velocity in
rad/s

$$Et_n := \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{mass} \cdot [(x'_n)^2 + (y'_n)^2]$$

Translational Kinetic Energy
 x' is the horizontal velocity
 y' is the vertical velocity



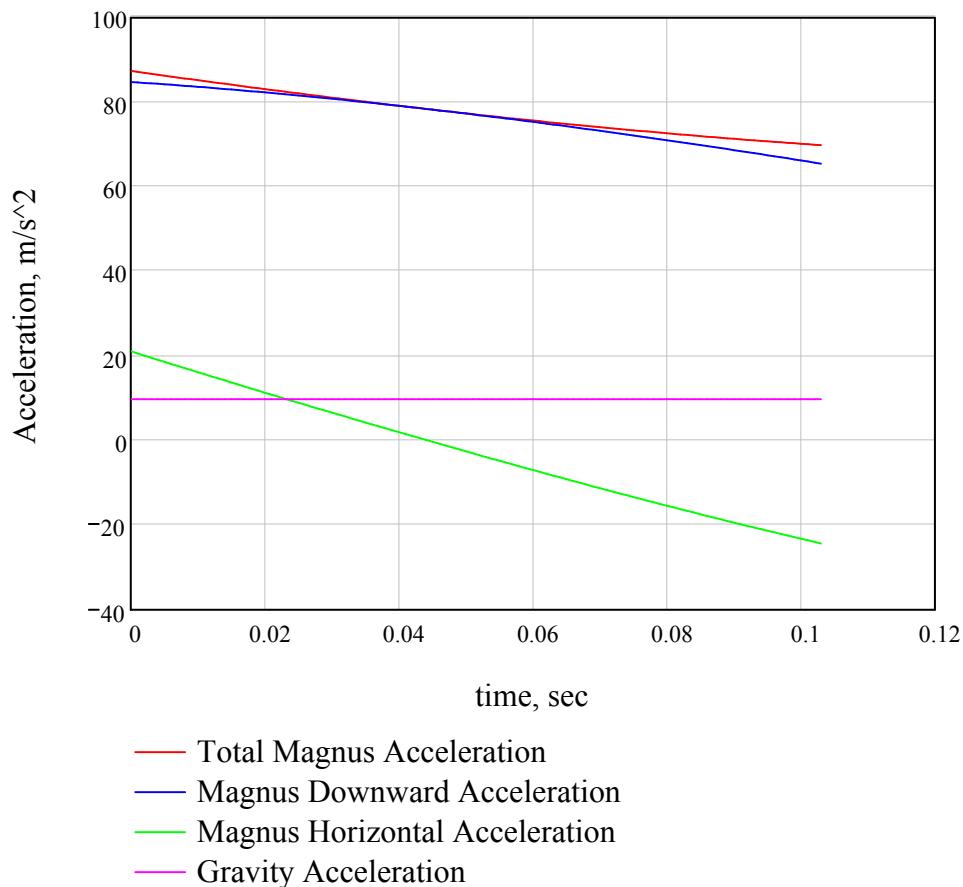
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Accelerations Due to the Magnus Effect

$$x''_n := \frac{S \cdot y'_n \cdot rps_n}{\text{mass}} \quad \text{Horizontal acceleration due to the Magnus effect}$$

$$y''_n := \frac{S \cdot x'_n \cdot rps_n}{\text{mass}} \quad \text{Vertical acceleration due to the Magnus effect}$$

Acceleration Due to the Magnus Effect and Gravity



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Verify Units

add units to the variables above.

$\text{dia} := \text{dia} \cdot \text{m}$		TT ball diameter
$r := \frac{\text{dia}}{2}$	$r = 0.0205 \text{ m}$	TT ball radius
$A := \pi \cdot r^2$	$A = 0.00132 \text{ m}^2$	TT ball cross sectional area
$\text{mass} := \text{mass} \cdot \text{kg}$		TT ball mass
$I := \frac{2 \cdot \text{mass} \cdot r^2}{3}$	$I = 7.5645 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{kg}$	TT ball inertia
$\rho := 1.225 \cdot \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$		Density of air
$\eta := 1.78 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m} \cdot \text{s}}$		Viscous friction coefficient
$b := 6 \cdot \pi \cdot \eta \cdot r$	$b = 6.878203 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$	Combine viscous friction coefficient
$S := \frac{4}{3} \cdot (4 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot r^3 \cdot \rho)$	$S = 0.000556 \text{ kg}$	Combined Magus coefficient
$v_0 := v_0 \cdot \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$		Initial velocity, combined x and y
$\theta = 0.244346$	$\theta = 0.244346$	Trajectory angle about horizontal in radians.
$\text{rps}_0 := \text{rps}_0 \cdot \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{sec}}$		Initial spin
$x' := v_0 \cdot \cos(\theta)$	$x' = 16.495027 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$	Initial horizontal velocity
$y' := v_0 \cdot \sin(\theta)$	$y' = 4.112672 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$	Initial vertical velocity

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Acceleration and Units

All the terms result in an acceleration in meters per second squared so the units are consistent.

Horizontal acceleration. In this case it is negative or decelerating.

$$x'' := -\frac{b \cdot x'}{\text{mass}} - \text{sign}(x') \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot C_d \cdot A \cdot \frac{x'^2}{2}}{\text{mass}} + \frac{S \cdot y' \cdot rps_0}{\text{mass}} \quad x'' = 92.128544 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

Vertical acceleration. Negative values mean downwards

$$y'' := -g - \frac{b \cdot y'}{\text{mass}} - \text{sign}(y') \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot C_d \cdot A \cdot \frac{y'^2}{2}}{\text{mass}} - \frac{S \cdot x' \cdot rps_0}{\text{mass}} \quad y'' = -545.445873 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

All the individual terms have consistent units of acceleration.

$$\frac{b \cdot x'}{\text{mass}} = 0.042021 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Viscous damping}$$

$$\text{sign}(x') \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot C_d \cdot A \cdot \frac{x'^2}{2}}{\text{mass}} = 40.745158 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Drag}$$

$$\frac{\frac{4}{3} \cdot (4 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot r^3 \cdot \rho) \cdot rps_0 \cdot v_0}{\text{mass}} = 549.415844 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Magus effect}$$

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NASA Glenn Research Center

Ideal Lift of a Spinning Ball

<https://www1.grc.nasa.gov/beginners-guide-to-aeronautics/ideal-lift-of-a-spinning-ball/>

$$L = \text{Lift} = \frac{4}{3} \cdot (4 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot b^3 \cdot s \cdot \rho \cdot V)$$

From the NASA document. Lift can also be drop. It depends on the directions of the spin

$$V := v_0 \quad V = 17 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Velocity of the ball

$$b := r \quad b = 0.0205 \text{ m}$$

Radius of the ball

$$s := 25 \cdot \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{sec}}$$

Notice that the spin is in revolutions per second not radians per second

$$\frac{4}{3} \cdot (4 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot b^3 \cdot s \cdot \rho \cdot V) = 1.483423 \text{ N}$$

This is way too high

$$\frac{\frac{4}{3} \cdot (4 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot b^3 \cdot s \cdot \rho \cdot V)}{\text{mass}} = 549.415844 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

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