# The impact statistical analysis of the shot throwing speed and angle on results based on numerical simulation 

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#### Abstract

This paper uses Newtonian mechanics etc. physics, mathematics knowledge to establish a mathematical model of the shot put throwing process, discusses three main factors shot speed, shot height and shot angle that impact shot throwing achievements, and then analyzes using numerical method, calculates the influence degree of the various influencing factors on shot throwing distance, and determines the primary and secondary relationship between the influencing factors. The numerical analysis shows that the optimal shot angle of Shot Putters is between $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$. The impact deviation of shot velocity on throwing distance is about $7-8 \mathrm{~m}$, accounting for $32 \%-34 \%$ of the farthest throwing distance, and accounting for $47 \%-52 \%$ of the nearest throwing distance. While the impact deviation of shot angle on throwing distance is about $0.001-0.007 \mathrm{~m}$, accounting for $0.001 \%-0.030 \%$ of the farthest throwing distance, and accounting for $0.003 \%-0.03 \%$ of the nearest throwing distance.


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## Keywords

Shot put; Numerical methods; Optimal shot angle; Farthest throwing distance.

## INTRODUCTION

Shot's throwing motion is that an athlete holds a 7.264 kg ( 16 pounds) weight shot throws out the shot in a throwing circle with a diameter of 2.135 m and makes the shot fall into the effective fan-shaped area with an opening angle of $34.92^{\circ}$. The distance between the shot landing point and the throwing circle is used to measure the shot throwing distance, and the size of the shot throwing distance is used to assess the athletes' performance.

This paper uses computer simulation to create a mathematical model, and the predicted throwing dis-
tance is expressed as a function of initial velocity and shot angle. Then it uses numerical method to analyze, calculates the influence degree of various factors on shot throwing distance, determines the primary and secondary relationship between the factors, and provides a scientific basis for the establishment of scientific shot training programs.

## PROBLEM ANALYSIS AND ASSUMPTION

As how to make the shot put throw the farthest, we just need to obtain the standing time in the air and the speed of the shot in the horizontal direction. The stand-
ing time in the air after shot throwing can be obtained by the time that moving with the upward speed to motionless in the vertical direction and falling freely to the ground from the peak point.

## Basic assumptions

(1) When shot is moving in the air, the air resistance it receives is small and can be ignored;
(2) Shot's movement in the horizontal direction can be seen as approximate uniform linear motion;
(3) Shot receives only gravity in the vertical direction movement which can be approximately seen as a uniform variable speed linear motion;
(4) When the shot is throwing out, the athlete has arrived to the border of the thrown circle, the throwing distance is equal to the movement distance in the horizontal direction;
(5) Ignore altitude's effect, the gravitational acceleration is $9.8 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} 2$;
(6) Circular constant pi $\pi$ is expressed by 3.14 ;
(7) Shot is a particle;
(8) Shot velocity is regardless of the shot angle.

## Symbol description

$t$ : Exercise time $(s)$ in the air after shot throwing;
$t_{1}$ : The time moving with the upward speed to motionless in the vertical direction after shot throwing,
$\mathrm{t}_{2}$ : The time falling freely to the ground from the peak point in the vertical direction after shot throwing;
$v$ : The initial velocity after shot throwing;
vhorizontal: The initial component velocity in the horizontal direction after shot throwing;
vveritical: The initial component velocity in the vertical direction after shot throwing;
$\alpha$ : The initial shot angle after s: The shot height after shot throwing;
$h$ : The advance distance moving to the first static time;
$h_{1}:$ The height of the highest point from the ground in the vertical direction after Shot throwing;
$h_{2}$ : Gravity acceleration after shot throwing;
$g$. The measured results of shot throwing;

## MODEL BUILDING

## Graph schematic



Figure 1: Velocity relational graph


Figure 2: Height relational graph


Figure 3: Flight time relational graph


Figure 4 : Velocity time relational graph
Solving the function according to the graph schematic
$v_{\text {herismal }}=v \cos \alpha ; v_{\text {varical }}=v \sin \alpha ; h_{1}=\frac{v_{\text {wertical }}^{2}}{2 g} ; t_{1}=\frac{v_{\text {verical }}}{g} ; t_{2}=\sqrt{\frac{2 h_{2}}{g}} ; h_{2}=h+h_{1}, t=t_{1}+t_{2}$

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s=v_{\text {harizonal }} t .
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## Mathematical modeling

Collect above function and simplify it we can draw the following functions:
$s=\frac{v \cos \alpha}{g}\left(v \sin \alpha+\sqrt{2 g h+v^{2} \sin ^{2} \alpha}\right)$

Model testing: according to the reference data, calculate the test results and compare them with the experimental results; calculate the error, as shown in TABLE 1 and TABLE 2.

Above TABLE 1 and TABLE 2 shows the relative error is about $1 \%$, so the model is reasonable.

TABLE 1: Shot put calculated results and measured results of Li mei-su and slupianek

| Name | Shot speed $(\mathbf{m} / \mathbf{s})$ Shot height $(\mathbf{m})$ Shot angle $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ Actual measurement results(m) | Calculated value $(\mathbf{m})$ Relative error $(\%)$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Li Mei-su | 13.75 | 1.9 | 37.6 | 20.95 | 20.85634 |
| Li Mei-su | 13.52 | 2 | 38.69 | 20.3 | 20.42529 |
| SLUPIANEK | 13.77 | 2.06 | 40 | 21.41 | 21.25415 |

TABLE 2 : The calculated results and measured results of Chinese Elite athletes Shot Put

| Name | Shot speed $(\mathbf{m} / \mathbf{s})$ | Shot height $(\mathbf{m})$ | Shot angle $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | Actual measurement results $(\mathbf{m})$ | Calculated value (m) | Relative error $(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Li Mei-su | 13.16 | 40.27 | 2.02 | 19.4 | 19.55627 |  |
| Li Mei-su | 13.51 | 38.69 | 2 | 20.3 | 20.39805 |  |
| Huang Zhi-hong | 13.58 | 37.75 | 2.02 | 20.76 | 20.53161 | 0.483017 |
| Sui Xin-mei | 13.95 | 39 | 2.04 | 21.66 | 21.67896 | 0.085 |
| Li Mei-su | 14.08 | 35.13 | 1.95 | 21.76 | 21.49256 | 1.229049 |

## SOLVING THE MODEL

The model shows that factors influencing Shot throwing distance include shot height $h$, shot speed $v$ and shot angle $\alpha$. In the oblique throwing problem $s=\frac{v^{2} \sin 2 \alpha}{2 g}$, obtain that the optimal launch angle is $45^{\circ}$. In the shot put throwing process, due to the influence of shot speed $v$ and shot height $h$, the optimal shot angle drifts about $45^{\circ}$. So with different shot velocity v and different shot height $h$, the optimal shot angles are different. When a fixed shot velocity v and shot height h are given, we can calculate the optimal shot angle under the maximum throwing distance by numerical method.

Observe reference data, the shot speed $v=13.5 \mathrm{~m} /$ s , shot height $\mathrm{h}=2 \mathrm{~m}$, the $\alpha$ is divided into 30 intervals with equal length from $35^{\circ}$ to $50^{\circ}$, find the approximate range of the optimal shot angle.

According to Figure 5 and TABLE 3 above, the shot velocity $\mathrm{v}=13.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, the shot height $\mathrm{h}=2 \mathrm{~m}$, the longest throwing distance $s=20.4993$, the optimal shot angle $\alpha=42^{\circ}$, and the approximate range of shot angle is between $40^{\circ}$ to $44^{\circ}$.

Similarly, in the reference data, calculate the shot

TABLE 3: Numerical simulation

| $\alpha$ | v | g | h | s | $\alpha$ | v | g | h | s |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 35 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 19.97182 | 43 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.49353 |
| 35.5 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.04114 | 43.5 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.48297 |
| 36 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.10576 | 44 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.46718 |
| 36.5 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.16564 | 44.5 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.44614 |
| 37 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.22072 | 45 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.41984 |
| 37.5 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.27097 | 45.5 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.38827 |
| 38 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.31633 | 46 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.35142 |
| 38.5 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.35677 | 46.5 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.30928 |
| 39 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.39225 | 47 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.26184 |
| 39.5 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.42273 | 47.5 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.20911 |
| 40 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.44818 | 48 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.15108 |
| 40.5 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.46856 | 48.5 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.08776 |
| 41 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.48385 | 49 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.01913 |
| 41.5 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.49402 | 49.5 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 19.94522 |
| 42 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 2 | 20.49903 | 50 | 14 | 9.8 | 2 | 19.86602 |

Figure 5 : Best shot angle
angle when the throwing distance is the farthest, and obtain TABLE 4.
TABLE 4: The shot angle of Su-mei and Slupianek with the farthest Shot throwing distance

| Name | Shot <br> speed $\boldsymbol{v}(m) s)$ | Shot height <br> $h(m)$ | Shot <br> angle <br> $\boldsymbol{\alpha}\left({ }^{( }\right)$ | Actual measurement <br> results $(\mathbf{m})$ | Farthest throwing <br> distance $(\mathbf{m})$ | Best shot angle <br> $\boldsymbol{\alpha}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Li Mei-su | 13.75 | 1.90 | 37.60 | 20.95 | 21.10672 | $42.4,42.5$ |
| Li Mei-su | 13.52 | 2.00 | 38.69 | 20.30 | 20.55499 | 42.2 |
| SLUPIANEK | 13.77 | 2.06 | 40.00 | 21.41 | 21.3089 | 42.3 |

TABLE 5: The shot angle of Chinese elite athletes with the farthest Shot throwing distance

| Name | Performance <br> $\mathbf{s ( m )}$ | Shot <br> $\mathbf{s p e e d}^{v(m / s)}$ | Shot <br> angle ${ }^{\alpha\left({ }^{\circ}\right)}$ | Shot height <br> $h(m)$ | Farthest throwing <br> distance $(\mathbf{m})$ | Best shot angle <br> $\boldsymbol{\alpha}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Li Mei-su | 19.40 | 13.16 | 40.27 | 2.02 | 19.58812 | 42.1 |
| Li Mei-su | 20.30 | 13.51 | 38.69 | 2.00 | 20.52728 | 42.2 |
| Huang Zhi- | 20.76 | 13.58 | 37.75 | 2.02 | 20.73984 | 42.2 |
| hong | 13.95 | 39.00 | 2.04 | 21.80214 | $42.3,42.4$ |  |
| Sui Xin-mei | 21.66 | 14.08 | 35.13 | 1.95 | 22.09334 | 42.5 |
| Li Mei-su | 21.76 |  |  |  |  |  |

TABLE 6: Throwing distance under different shot angle when shot speed changes from $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ to $15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Different shot } \\ & \text { angles }\left({ }^{\circ}\right) \end{aligned}$ | Change range of shot speed | Farthest throwing distance(m) | Nearest throwing distance(m) | Distance $\operatorname{gap}(\mathbf{m})$ | Deviation from the farthest distance (\%) | Deviation from the nearest distance (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 22.8875 | 15.5560 | 7.3315 | 32.03275 | 47.1297 |
| 35 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.1251 | 16.2349 | 7.8902 | 32.70533 | 48.6002 |
| 40 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.7834 | 16.5537 | 8.2297 | 33.2066 | 49.7154 |
| 42 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.8721 | 16.5722 | 8.2999 | 33.37033 | 50.0833 |
| 42.1 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.8739 | 16.5715 | 8.3024 | 33.37805 | 50.1007 |
| 42.2 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.8754 | 16.5705 | 8.3048 | 33.38572 | 50.1180 |
| 42.3 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.8766 | 16.5695 | 8.3071 | 33.39335 | 50.1352 |
| 42.4 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.8776 | 16.5682 | 8.3093 | 33.40094 | 50.1523 |
| 42.5 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.8783 | 16.5668 | 8.3115 | 33.40848 | 50.1693 |
| 45 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.8114 | 16.4787 | 8.3327 | 33.58413 | 50.5664 |
| 50 | $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 24.1845 | 15.9930 | 8.1916 | 33.87111 | 51.2198 |

TABLE 7 : Throwing distance under different shot speed when shot angle changes from $\mathbf{4 2}^{\circ}$ to $\mathbf{4 2 . 5 ^ { \circ }}$

| Different shot <br> speeds $(\mathbf{m} / \mathbf{s})$ | Change range <br> of shot angle | Farthest throwing <br> distance $(\mathbf{m})$ | Nearest throwing <br> distance $(\mathbf{m})$ | Distance <br> gap $(\mathbf{m})$ | Deviation from the <br> farthest distance $(\boldsymbol{\%})$ | Deviation from the <br> nearest distance $(\boldsymbol{\%})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 16.5283 | 16.52351 | 0.004794 | 0.029005 | 0.029013 |
| 12.5 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 17.78721 | 17.78406 | 0.003148 | 0.017695 | 0.017699 |
| 13 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 19.09559 | 19.0941 | 0.001488 | 0.007793 | 0.007794 |
| 13.2 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 19.63299 | 19.63201 | 0.000981 | 0.004995 | 0.004995 |
| 13.4 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 20.17845 | 20.17775 | 0.000698 | 0.003462 | 0.003462 |
| 13.6 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 20.73196 | 20.73078 | 0.001181 | 0.005698 | 0.005698 |
| 13.8 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 21.29355 | 21.29177 | 0.001786 | 0.008386 | 0.008387 |
| 14 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 21.86321 | 21.8607 | 0.002509 | 0.011475 | 0.011477 |
| 14.2 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 22.44093 | 22.4376 | 0.003332 | 0.014849 | 0.014851 |
| 14.5 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 23.32249 | 23.31788 | 0.004612 | 0.019774 | 0.019778 |
| 15 | $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$ | 24.83174 | 24.82491 | 0.006832 | 0.027514 | 0.027522 |

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The above data shows that: different players have the different optimal shot angles; for the same player with different shot speeds and shot heights, the optimal shot angle is also different, but basically distributed between $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$. So by the numerical method analysis, the optimal shot angle of shot putters is between $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$.

Calculate the throwing distance with different shot angles when the shot speeds changes from $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ to $15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ using EXCLE as shown in TABLE 6 (assuming the shot height $\mathrm{h}=2 \mathrm{~m}$ ):

From the above TABLE: with different shot angles, the throwing distance variation is large when the shot speed changes in $12 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}-15 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, approximately 7 m to 8 m , accounting for $32 \%-34 \%$ of the farthest throwing distance, accounting for $47 \%-52 \%$ of nearest throwing distance.

Use EXCLE to calculate the throwing distance at different shot speeds and shot angle changes from $42^{\circ}$ to $42.5^{\circ}$ as shown in TABLE 7:

From the above TABLE: with different shot speed, the throwing distance variation is small when the shot angle changes in $42^{\circ}-42.5^{\circ}$, approximately 0.001 m to 0.007 m , accounting for $0.001 \%-0.030 \%$ of the farthest throwing distance, accounting for0.003\%-0.03\% of the nearest throwing distance.

## CONCLUSIONS

Through this research, we know that the impact deviation of shot velocity on throwing distance is about $7-8 \mathrm{~m}$, accounting for $32 \%-34 \%$ of the farthest throwing distance, and accounting for $47 \%-52 \%$ of the nearest throwing distance. While the impact deviation of shot angle on throwing distance is about $0.001-0.007 \mathrm{~m}$, accounting for $0.001 \%-0.030 \%$ of the farthest throwing distance, and accounting for $0.003 \%-0.03 \%$ of the nearest throwing distance. So we can see the impact of shot speed on the throwing distance is much greater than the impact of shot angle on the throwing distance. This result indicates that when the coach is training athletes, the main effort should be concentrated to increase the initial speed of throwing. The mathematical model of shot put established in this paper can also be applied to the discus, javelin or basketball shooting and other throwing issues.

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