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Launch distance, height, and angle equations.

Ignoring air friction and magnus effect, solve for all variables:

h: vertical height of hoop above the launch point
(=hoopHeightFromFloor-launchHeightFromFloor)

d: horizontal distance from launch point to hoop

v: launch speed

a: launch angle

g: acceleration due to gravity (remember, this is negative)

Equation q1 is taken from
wired.com/wiredscience/2012/01/projectile-motion-primer-for-first-robotics

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(%i1) kill(all)$
      q1: h=d*tan(a)+(g*d^2)/(2*v^2*(cos(a))^2);
      qv: solve(q1,v)[2];
      solve(q1,d)[2]$ trigsimp(%);
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$$(\%o1) \quad h = \frac{d^2 g}{2 \cos(a)^2 v^2} + \tan(a) d$$

$$(\%o2) \quad v = \frac{d \sqrt{\frac{g}{h - \tan(a) d}}}{\sqrt{2} \cos(a)}$$

$$(\%o4) \quad d = \frac{\cos(a) v \sqrt{\sin(a)^2 v^2 + 2 g h} - \cos(a) \sin(a) v^2}{g}$$

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(%i5) subst([tan(a)=p,cos(a)=1/sqrt(1+p^2)],qv);
      %^2;
      solp: solve(%,p);
      a1 = atan(rhs(solp[1]));
      a2 = atan(rhs(solp[2]));
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$$(\%o5) \quad v = \frac{d\sqrt{p^2+1}\sqrt{\frac{g}{h-dp}}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$(\%o6) \quad v^2 = \frac{d^2 g (p^2 + 1)}{2 (h - d p)}$$

$$(\%o7) \quad [p = -\frac{\sqrt{v^4 + 2 g h v^2 - d^2 g^2} + v^2}{d g}, p = \frac{\sqrt{v^4 + 2 g h v^2 - d^2 g^2} - v^2}{d g}]$$

$$(\%o8) \quad a1 = -\operatorname{atan}\left(\frac{\sqrt{v^4 + 2 g h v^2 - d^2 g^2} + v^2}{d g}\right)$$

$$(\%o9) \quad a2 = \operatorname{atan}\left(\frac{\sqrt{v^4 + 2 g h v^2 - d^2 g^2} - v^2}{d g}\right)$$