

MATH THAT WORKS... CAREERS IN MATHEMATICS



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Math that Works...Careers in Mathematics
"Math on Cue"
The Mathematics of Billiards

"POOL TABLE!" Luis Caldeira screamed out. Everyone became dead silent. Minutes before, our Algebra class was debating ideas for our math fair project. We wanted something new, something fresh. Therefore, the average architecture project was out of the question. There was a glint of mischievousness in Mr. Varum's eyes. We had our project.

At first glance, the idea of a professional pool player as a mathematical career seemed far fetched. However, once we started analyzing all of the information we had collected, we realized that a professional pool player consciously performs more mathematical calculations than we could have imagined.

Mr. Varum then took this project one step further and surprised us with a miniature billiard ball. We were now building a table and the career of a carpenter became another part of our project. Isabela Dos Santos took on this job by scaling down a competition sized pool table so that it was proportional to the miniature ball.

Our math work consists of sine, cosine and tangent ratios as well as the use of the Pythagorean Theorem. We used our understanding of angles, conversion and scaling of measurements, and proportions in order to accurately portray all of our mathematical data.

We have also made diagrams of our shots to explain each step of our work in great detail. While we were working on our shots, we were also building our pool table. During the process, we had to cut, glue, and hammer various pieces of wood together.

We measured angles and side lengths, varnished and stained wood, as well as create all the pockets for the table.

This elaborate and intricate project took countless hours of work, patience, and effort. When everything was complete, our Algebra class and Mr. Varum stood proud as we observed our finished work of art.

Scaled Measurements of Pool Table



Pool Table Measurements

Scale Factor

Actual ball diameter – 2.25 in.

Model ball diameter – 1.375

-Scale factor from actual to model $\frac{1.375}{2.25} = \frac{11}{18}$

Actual	Model
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Table- **4.5 by 9 ft**

$$4.5 \times (11/18) = 2.75\text{ft.}$$

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Scale factor from actual to model.

$$9 \times (11/18) = 5.5 \text{ ft.}$$

Rail height must be over $\frac{1}{2}$ of the diameter of the ball but less than 64.5% of the diameter of the ball

Diameter of ball for model.

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$$1.375 \times .645 = .886875 \text{ in. –maximum height}$$

$$1.375 \div 2 = .6875 \text{ in. – minimum height}$$

We used **.75 in.** for our model.

Rail width- **4 - 7 ½ inches** with cushions

$$4 \times (11/18) = 2.444 \text{ in. minimum}$$

$$7.5 \times (11/18) = 4.58333 \text{ in. maximum}$$

Rail-bumper-1.25 in.

Wood rail-1.75 in.

Our model's width is 3 in.

18 sights- diamonds **12 ½ inches** apart

$$12.5 \times (11/18) = 7.638888889 \text{ in.}$$

$$\approx 7.639 \text{ in. apart}$$

Corner pocket mouth- **4.5- 4.625 inches**

$$4.5 \times (11/18) = 2.75 \text{ in.}$$

$$4.625 \times (11/18) = 2.826388889 \text{ in.}$$

$$\approx 2.75\text{-} 2.8264 \text{ we used } 2.75 \text{ in.}$$

Side mouth- **5 and 5.125 inches**

$$5.125 \times (11/18) = 3.13944444 \text{ in.}$$

$$5 \times (11/18) = 3.05 \text{ in.}$$

$$3.055 \text{ and } 3.13944444$$

We used **3.125 in.**

Cue sticks- minimum of 40 inches
there is no maximum

$$40 \times (11/18) = 24.4444 \text{ in.}$$

our cue stick is **40 in.**

Cut angles of corner pockets = 142°

Cut angles of side = 104°

Cloth- **$4.5 \times 9 = 40.5$** square feet of cloth

$$40.5 \times (11/18)^2 = 24.75 \text{ square feet of cloth needed for the playing surface of the model}$$

Pockets- usually rimmed with leather or plastic (pockets or ball returns)

Measurements for Table Diagram

Scale factor from actual table to diagram-

1 in. on diagram = 1 ft. on actual table

Scale factor = $1/12$

Scale factor from model table to diagram

$5.5 \times 12 = 66\text{in.}$

Model = **9in.**

Scale factor = $9/66 = 3/22$

Scaled Measurements

Diagram measurements

Dimensions – 4.5ft. x 9ft.

$5.5\text{ft.} \times 3/22 = .75\text{ft.} \times 12 = 9\text{in.}$

$2.75\text{ft.} \times 3/22 = .6136\text{ft.} = .375 \times 12 = 4.5\text{in.}$

Rail Cushion

$1.25\text{in.} \times 3/22 = .17045\text{in.}$

$1.75\text{in.} \times 3/22 = .238636\text{in.}$

Sights

$7.639\text{in.} \times 3/22 = 1.041681\text{in.}$

Corner Pockets

$2.75\text{in.} \times 3/22 = .375\text{in.}$

Side Pockets

$3.125\text{in.} \times 3/22 = .426136\text{in.}$

Cut angle of corner pocket

142°

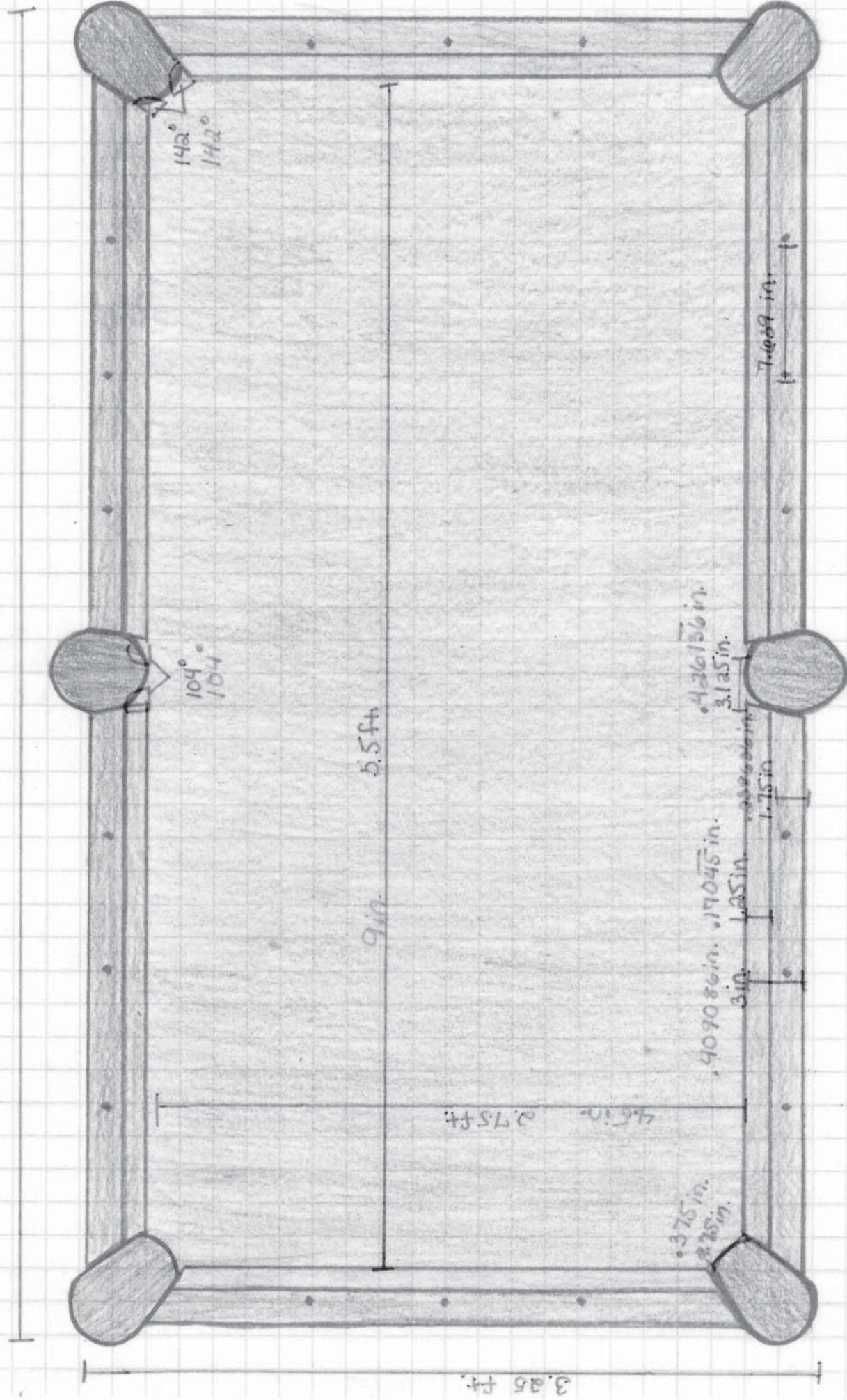
Cut angle of side pocket

104°

Diagram of Model

6 ft.

scale factor - $\frac{3}{22}$ 3 in. = 22 in.



Measurements of the Diagram based on Actual Pool Table Lengths

scale factor - $\frac{1}{22}$ 1 in. = 22 in.



Jessica's Angle Shot

Jessica's Angle Shot

Angle at Which Target Ball Travels

(5,1)

$$a = 5\text{ ft.} - 4.5\text{ ft.} \quad a = .5\text{ ft.}$$

$$b = 1\text{ ft.}$$

$$\tan^{-1}(1/.5) = 63.43494882^\circ = 63.43^\circ$$

$$63.43^\circ + 90^\circ = 153.43^\circ$$

$$180^\circ - 153.43^\circ = 26.57^\circ$$

Measure of a' and b'

$$\cos 63.43^\circ = a' / 2.25$$

$$.4472908484 = a' / 2.25$$

$$1.006404490 = a' \text{ in.} = a'$$

$$\sin 63.43^\circ = b' / 2.25$$

$$.8943885604 = b' / 2.25$$

$$2.012374261 = b' \quad 2.01 = b'$$

Center of Target Ball in Feet

(5,1)

Center of Target Ball in Inches

$$5 \times 12 = 60\text{ in.}$$

$$1 \times 12 = 12\text{ in. (60,12 in.)}$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

$$60\text{ in.} + 1\text{ in.} = 61\text{ in. (x)}$$

$$12\text{ in.} + 2.01 = 14.01\text{ in. (y)}$$

Convert (61,14.01 in.) to feet

$$61\text{ in.} \div 12\text{ in.} = 5.08\text{ ft.}$$

$$14.01\text{ in.} \div 12\text{ in.} = 1.1675\text{ ft.}$$

$$(5.08, 1.1675\text{ ft.})$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$2.01 \div 2 = 1.005\text{ in.}$$

$$1 \div 2 = .5\text{ in.}$$

$$12+1.005 = 13.005 \text{ in.}$$

$$60+.5 = 60.5 \text{ in.}$$

Convert (60.5,13.005 in.) to feet

$$60.5 \text{ in.} \div 12 \text{ in.} = 5.04 \text{ ft.}$$

$$13.005 \text{ in.} \div 12 \text{ in.} = 1.08 \text{ ft.}$$

$$(5.04, 1.08 \text{ ft.})$$

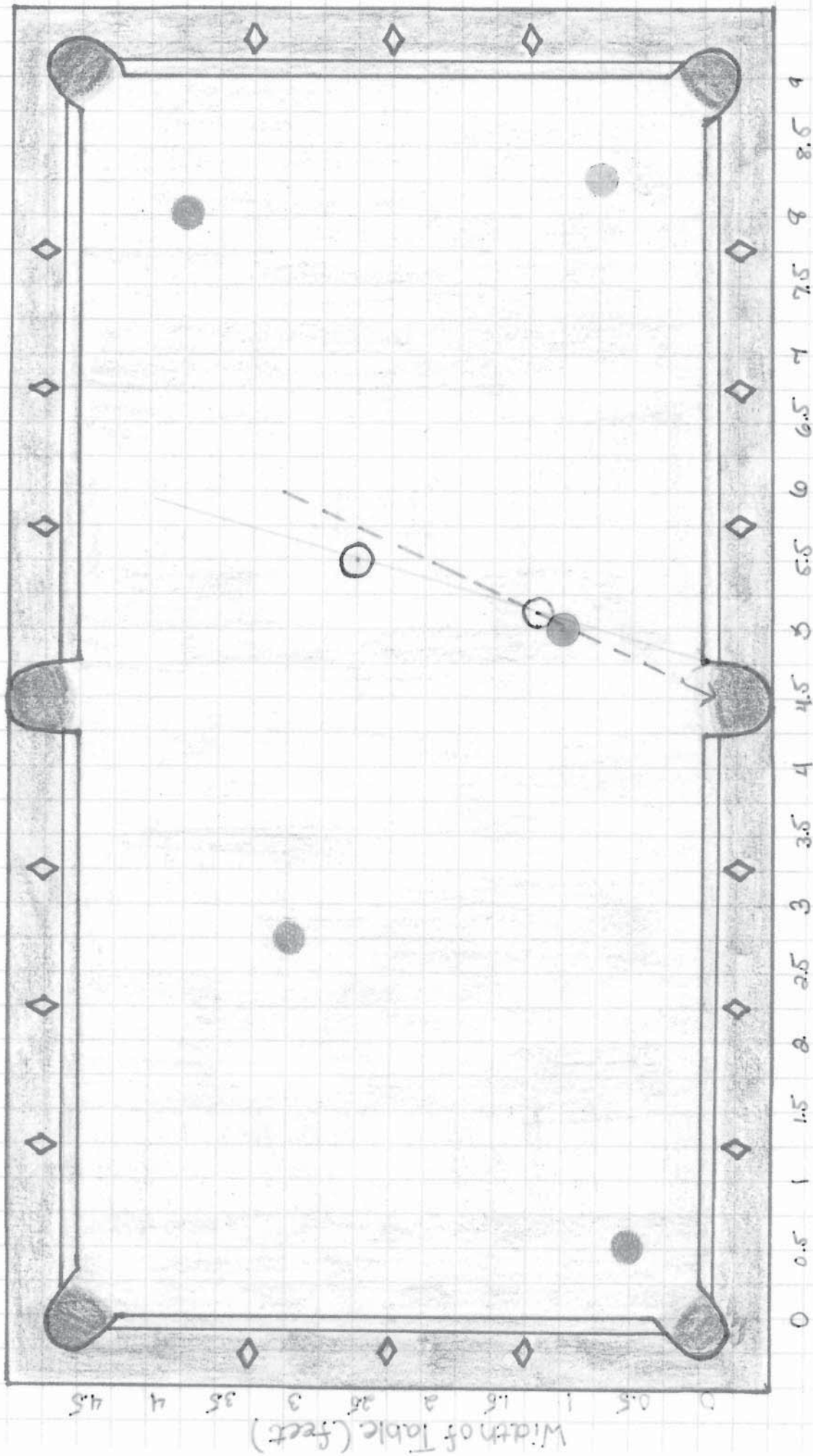
Angle Cue Ball Travels At

$$5.5 \text{ ft.} - 5.08 \text{ ft.} = .42 \text{ ft.}$$

$$2.5 \text{ ft.} - 1.1675 \text{ ft.} = 1.3325 \text{ ft.}$$

$$\tan^{-1}(1.3325/.42) = 72.50530497^\circ = 72.5^\circ$$

$$180^\circ - 72.5^\circ - 90^\circ = 17.5^\circ$$



Length of Table (feet)

Angle at Which Target Ball Travels
(5,1)

$a = 5 \text{ ft.} - 4.5 \text{ ft.} \quad a = .5 \text{ ft.}$

$b = 1 \text{ ft.}$

$\tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{.5}) = 63.43494882^\circ = 63.43^\circ$

$63.43^\circ + 90^\circ = 153.43^\circ$

$180^\circ - 153.43^\circ = 26.57^\circ$

Measure of a' and b'

$\cos 63.43^\circ = \frac{a'}{1}$

$.4472909484 = \frac{a'}{1}$

$1.006464496 = a' \text{ in.} = a'$

$\sin 63.43^\circ = \frac{b'}{1}$

$.7943285604 = \frac{b'}{1}$

$.7943285604 = b' \text{ in.} = b'$

$2.012574261 = b' \text{ in.} = b'$

Center of Target

Ball in Feet.

(5,1)

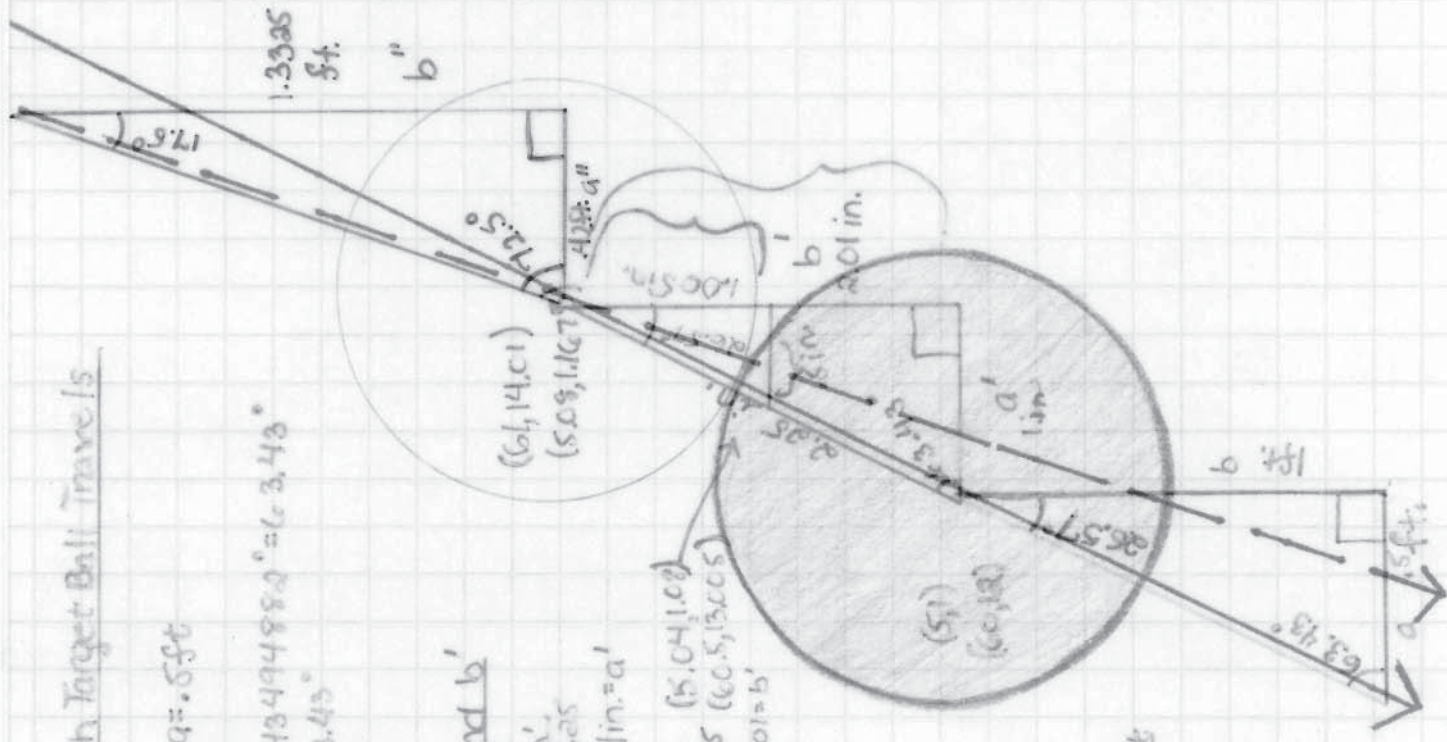
Center of Target

Ball in Inches

$5 \times 12 = 60 \text{ in.}$

$1 \times 12 = 12 \text{ in.}$

$(60, 12 \text{ in.})$



Center of Cue Ball at Contact

$60 \text{ in.} + 1 \text{ in.} = 61 \text{ in.} (x)$

$12 \text{ in.} + 201 = 14.01 \text{ in.} (y)$

Convert $(61, 14.01 \text{ in.})$ to feet

$61 \text{ in.} \div 12 \text{ in.} = 5.08 \text{ ft.}$

$14.01 \div 12 \text{ in.} = 1.1675 \text{ ft.}$

$(5.08, 1.1675 \text{ ft.})$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball

and Target Ball

$2.01 \div 2 = 1.005 \text{ in.}$

$1 \div 2 = .5 \text{ in.}$

$12 + 1.005 = 13.005 \text{ in.}$

$60 + .5 = 60.5 \text{ in.}$

Convert $(60.5, 13.005 \text{ in.})$ to feet

$60.5 \text{ in.} \div 12 \text{ in.} = 5.04 \text{ ft.}$

$13.005 \text{ in.} \div 12 \text{ in.} = 1.08 \text{ ft.}$

$(5.04, 1.08 \text{ ft.})$

Angle Cue Ball Travels At

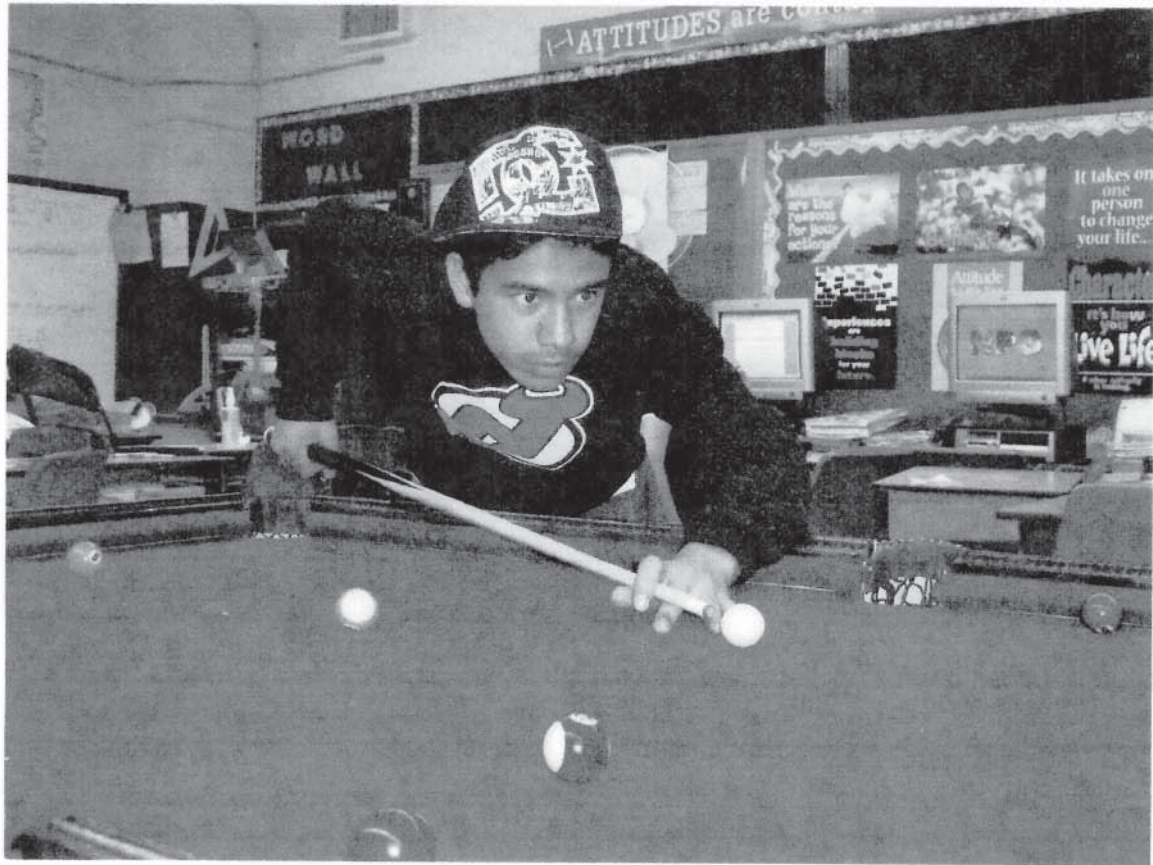
$5.5 \text{ ft.} - 5.08 \text{ ft.} = .42 \text{ ft.}$

$2.5 \text{ ft.} - 1.1675 \text{ ft.} = 1.3325 \text{ ft.}$

$\tan^{-1}(\frac{1.3325}{.42}) = 72.50530497^\circ = 72.5^\circ$

$180^\circ - 72.5^\circ - 90^\circ = 17.5^\circ$

Measurements may not be to scale



Rodrigo's Angle Shot

Rodrigo's Angle Shot

Angle Target Ball must be hit at

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} \frac{1.25}{1.50} &= 39.80557109^\circ \\ &= 39.8^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Center of Cue Ball At Contact

Side a Measurements

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 39.8^\circ &= \frac{a}{2.25} \\ (2.25) \cos 39.8^\circ &= a \\ .7682835236 * 2.25 &= 1.728637928 \\ a &= 1.73 \text{ in.} \\ &/ 12 \\ a &= .1441666667 \text{ ft.} \end{aligned}$$

Side b Measurements

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 39.8^\circ &= \frac{b}{2.25} \\ (2.25) \sin 39.8^\circ &= b \\ .6401096995 * 2.25 &= 1.440246824 \\ b &= 1.44 \text{ in.} \\ &/ 12 \\ b &= .12 \text{ ft.} \end{aligned}$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

-Coordinates of Target Ball

$$(7.75, 1.5) \text{ ft.}$$

$$* 12$$

$$(93, 18) \text{ in.}$$

$$93 - 1.44 = 91.56 \text{ in.}$$

$$18+1.73=19.73\text{ in.}$$

$$(91.56, 19.73)\text{ in.}$$

$$/12$$

$$(7.63, 1.644)\text{ ft.}$$

Point of Contact Between Target and Cue Ball

$$(\text{measurement of side } a) 1.73/2=.865\text{ in.}$$

$$(\text{measurement of side } b) 1.44/2=.72\text{ in.}$$

$$93-.72=92.28\text{ in.}$$

$$18+.865=18.865\text{ in.}$$

$$(92.28, 18.865)\text{ in.}$$

$$/12$$

$$(7.69, 1.572083333)\text{ ft.}$$

Angle Cue Ball is Struck At

$$7.63-6.5=1.13\text{ ft.}$$

$$\text{Or } *12$$

$$91.56-78=13.56\text{ in.}$$

$$2.25-1.644=.606\text{ ft.}$$

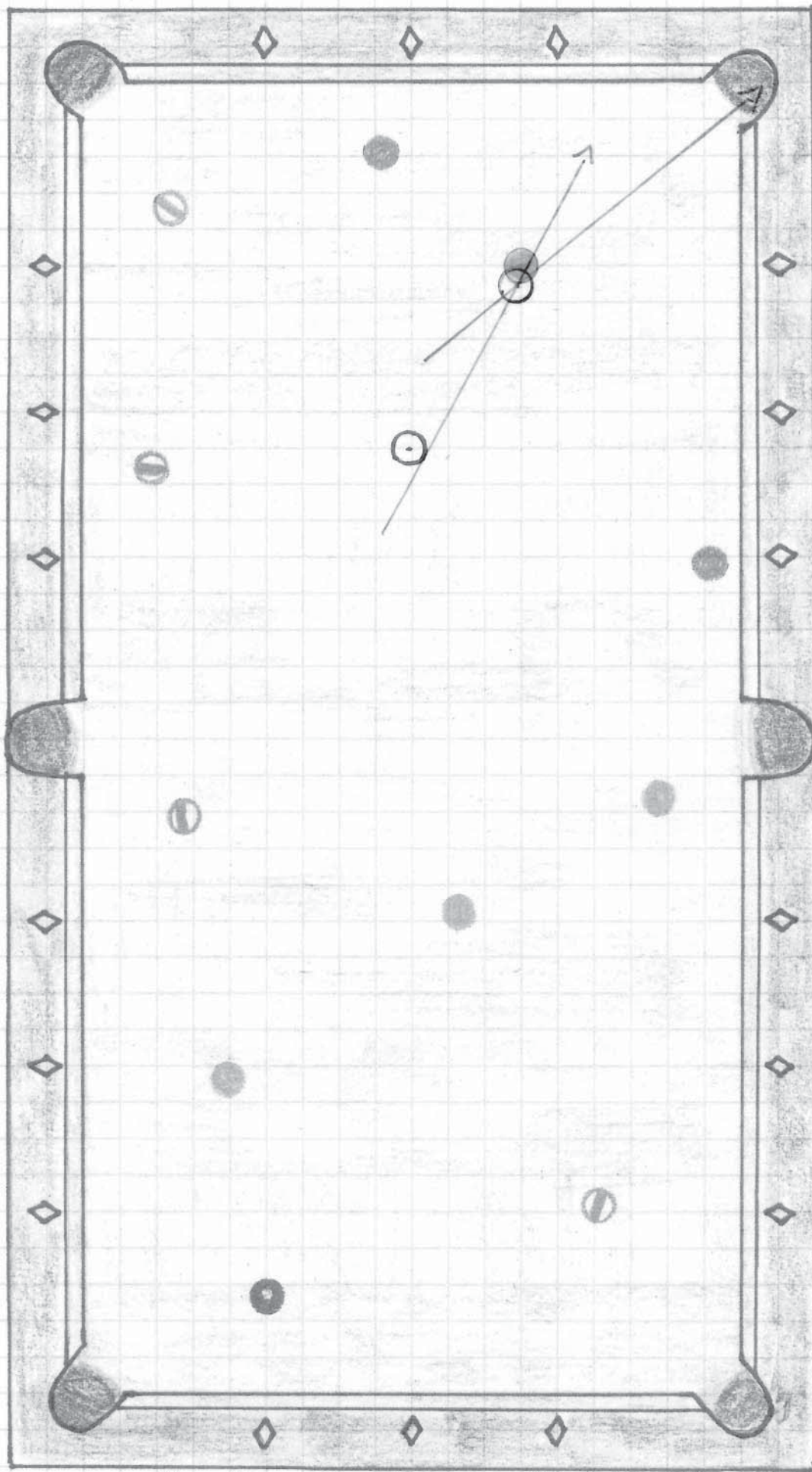
$$\text{Or } *12$$

$$27-19.728=7.272\text{ in.}$$

$$\text{TAN}^{-1}(1.13/.606)$$

$$61.7960889^\circ$$

$$=61.8^\circ$$



Length of Table (feet)

Width of Table (feet)

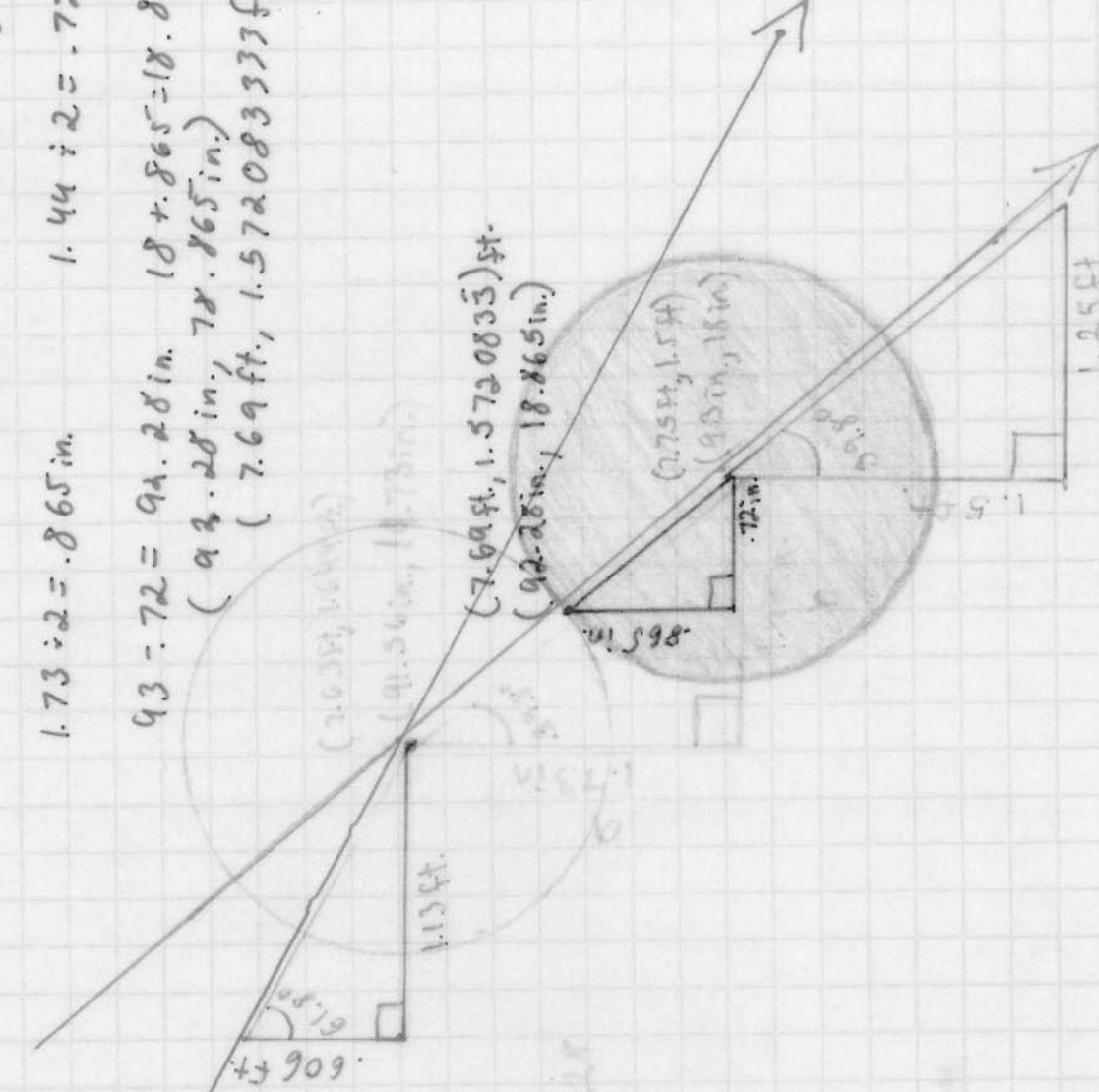
Points of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$1.73 \div 2 = .865 \text{ in.} \quad 1.44 \div 2 = .72 \text{ in.}$$

$$93 - 72 = 21 \text{ in.} \quad 18 + .865 = 18.865 \text{ in.}$$

$$(93 - 28 \text{ in.}, 78.865 \text{ in.})$$

$$(7.69 \text{ ft.}, 1.572083333 \text{ ft.})$$



Angle Cue Ball Travels In

Measurements May Vary
Be to Scale

TAN $\alpha = \frac{1.13}{1.60} \Rightarrow \alpha = 35.5^\circ$
 $91.56 - 78 = 13.56 \text{ in.}$
 $27 - 19.728 = 7.272 \text{ in.}$
 $1.790589 \approx 61.9^\circ$

Angle Target Ball must be hit at

$$\text{TAN } \alpha = \frac{1.25}{1.50} \Rightarrow \alpha = 39.8^\circ$$

$$\approx 39.8^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

$$\cos 39.8^\circ = \frac{1.25}{1.73}$$

$$1.73 \times \cos 39.8^\circ = 1.33 \text{ ft.}$$

$$93 - 1.73 = 91.27 \text{ in.}$$

$$93 - 1.44 = 91.56 \text{ in.}$$

$$\text{Side B}$$

$$\sin 39.8^\circ = \frac{1.25}{2.25}$$

$$2.25 \times \sin 39.8^\circ = 1.44 \text{ in.}$$

$$93 - 1.44 = 91.56 \text{ in.}$$

$$18 + 1.73 = 19.73 \text{ in.}$$

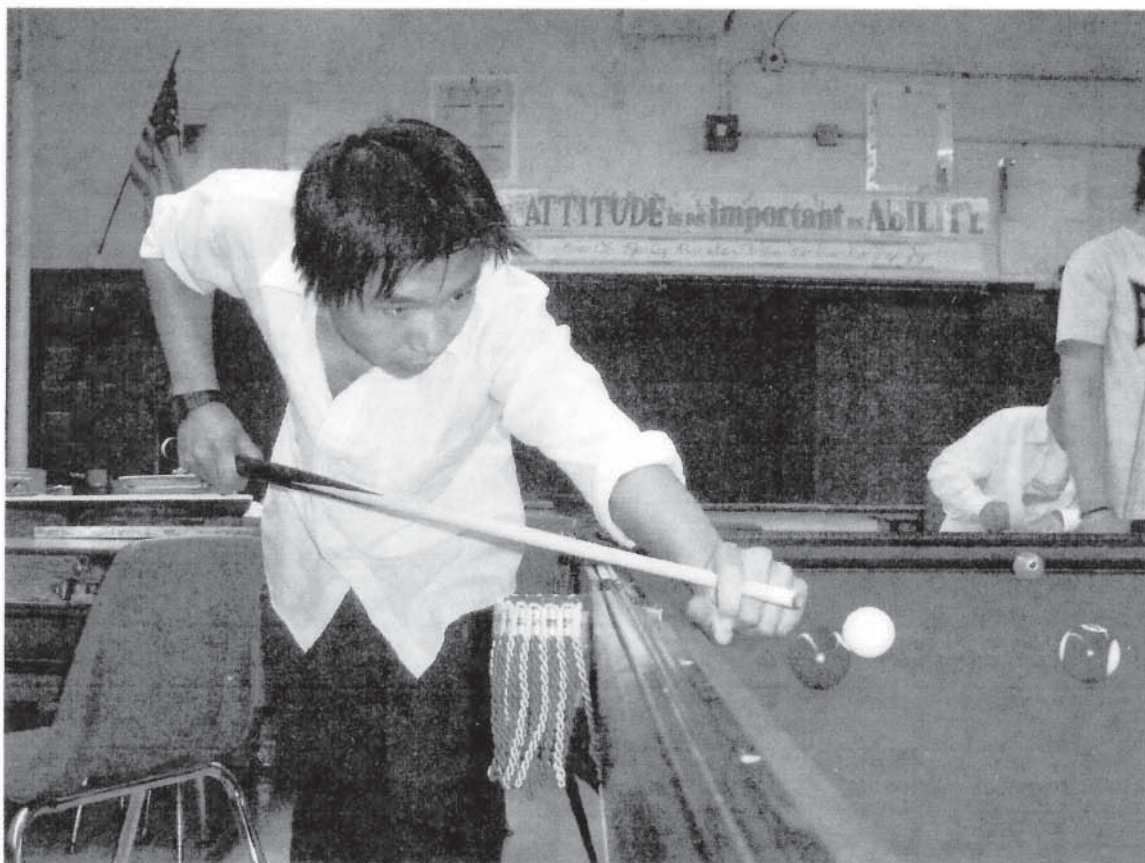
$$(91.56, 19.73 \text{ in.})$$

$$(7.69, 1.60) \text{ ft.}$$

$$(2.75, 1.5) \text{ ft.}$$

$$(9.3, 18) \text{ in.}$$

$$(7.69, 1.60) \text{ ft.}$$



Ming' s Angle Shot

Ming's Angle Shot

Angle Target Ball Travels At

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{1.75} &= 59.74356284^\circ \\ &= 59.74^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Side a Measurement

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 59.74 &= \frac{a}{2.25} \\ .8637475669 &= \frac{a}{2.25} \\ (2.25) \cdot 8637475669 &= \frac{a}{2.25} \cdot (2.25) \\ a &= 1.943432026 \\ a &= 1.94 \text{ in.} \\ 1.94/12 &= .1616 \\ a &= .1616 \text{ ft.}\end{aligned}$$

Side b Measurement

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 59.74 &= \frac{b}{2.25} \\ .5039247371 &= \frac{b}{2.25} \\ (2.25) \cdot 5039249371 &= \frac{b}{2.25} \cdot (2.25) \\ b &= 1.133830658 \\ b &= 1.13 \text{ in} \\ 1.13/12 &= .09417 \\ b &= .09417 \text{ ft.}\end{aligned}$$

Coordinate of Center of Cue Ball (at contact with target ball)

$$\begin{aligned}(21, 18) \\ 21 + 1.13 &= 22.13/12 = 1.84416 \\ 18 - 1.94 &= 16.06/12 = 1.3303 \\ (1.84, 1.33) &\text{ ft} \\ (21.13, 16.06) &\text{ in.}\end{aligned}$$

Coordinate of Center of Target Ball

$$\begin{aligned}(1.75, 1.5) \\ 1.75 * 12 &= 21 \text{ in.} \\ 1.5 * 12 &= 18 \text{ in.} \\ (1.75, 1.5) &\text{ ft.}\end{aligned}$$

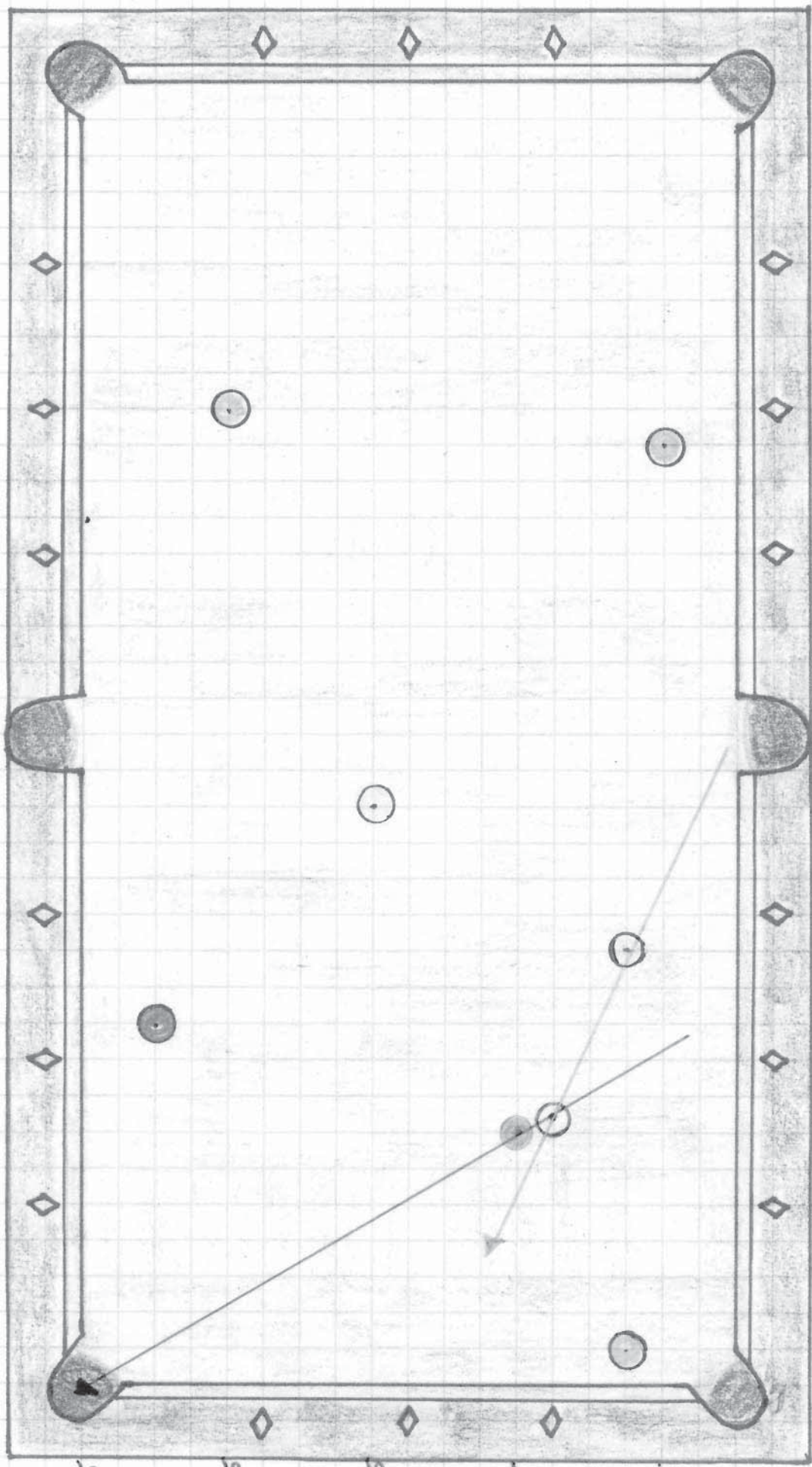
$$\begin{aligned}1.75 * 12 &= 21 \\ 1.5 * 12 &= 18 \\ (21, 18) &\text{ in}\end{aligned}$$

Point of Contact

$$\begin{aligned}(\frac{1}{2}) 1.94 &= .97 \\ (\frac{1}{2}) 1.13 &= .565 \\ 21 + .97 &= 21.97 / 12 = 1.83083 \text{ ft.} \\ 18 - .565 &= 17.435 / 12 = 1.452916 \text{ ft.} \\ (1.83083, 1.452916) &\text{ ft.} \\ (21.97, 17.435) &\text{ in}\end{aligned}$$

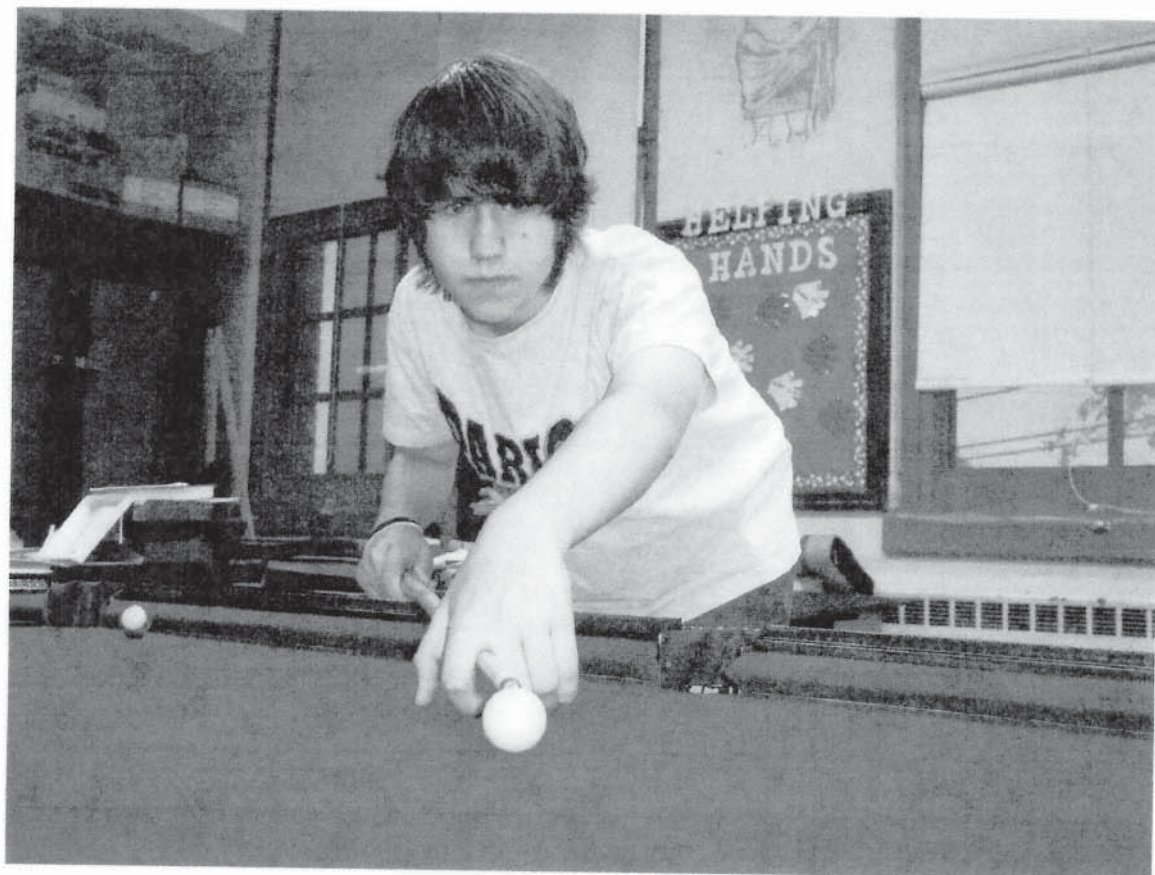
Angle at Which Cue Ball is Struck

$$\begin{aligned}36 - 21.13 &= 14.87 \\ 16.06 - 9 &= 7.06 \\ \text{TAN}^{-1} \frac{7.06}{14.08} &= 26.63012302^\circ \\ &= 26.63^\circ\end{aligned}$$



0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 5.5 6 6.5 7 7.5 8 8.5 9

Length of Table (feet)



Paul's
Angle Shot

Paulo's Angle Shot

Angle Target Tall Must Be Hit At

$$\tan^{-1}(.75/.75) = 45^\circ$$

Center Of Cue Ball At Contact

Measure of a'

$$\sin(45^\circ) = x/2.25$$

$$(0.25) .7071067812 = x/2.25 (0.25)$$

$$1.590990258 = x$$

$$1.59 \text{ inches} = x$$

Measure of b'

$$\sin(45^\circ) = x/2.25$$

$$(0.25) .7071067812 = x/2.25 (0.25)$$

$$1.590990258 = x$$

$$1.59 \text{ inches} = x$$

Center of Cue ball at contact

$$(.75, 3.75) \cdot 12$$

$$(9, 45) \text{ inches}$$

$$9 + 1.59 = 10.59 \text{ inches}$$

$$45 - 1.59 = 43.41 \text{ inches}$$

$$\text{Inches} - (10.59, 43.41) \quad \text{Feet} - (.882, 3.62)$$

$$76.75/12 = 6.39583$$

$$46.87/12 = 3.90583$$

Point Of Contact Between Cue Ball And Target Ball

$$1.59/2 = .795$$

$$(10.59, 43.41)$$

$$10.59 - .795 = 9.795 \text{ inches}$$

$$43.41 + .795 = 44.205 \text{ inches}$$

$$\text{Inches} - (9.795, 44.205) \quad \text{Feet} - (.816, 3.68)$$

$$9.795/12 = .81625$$

$$44.205/12 = 3.68375$$

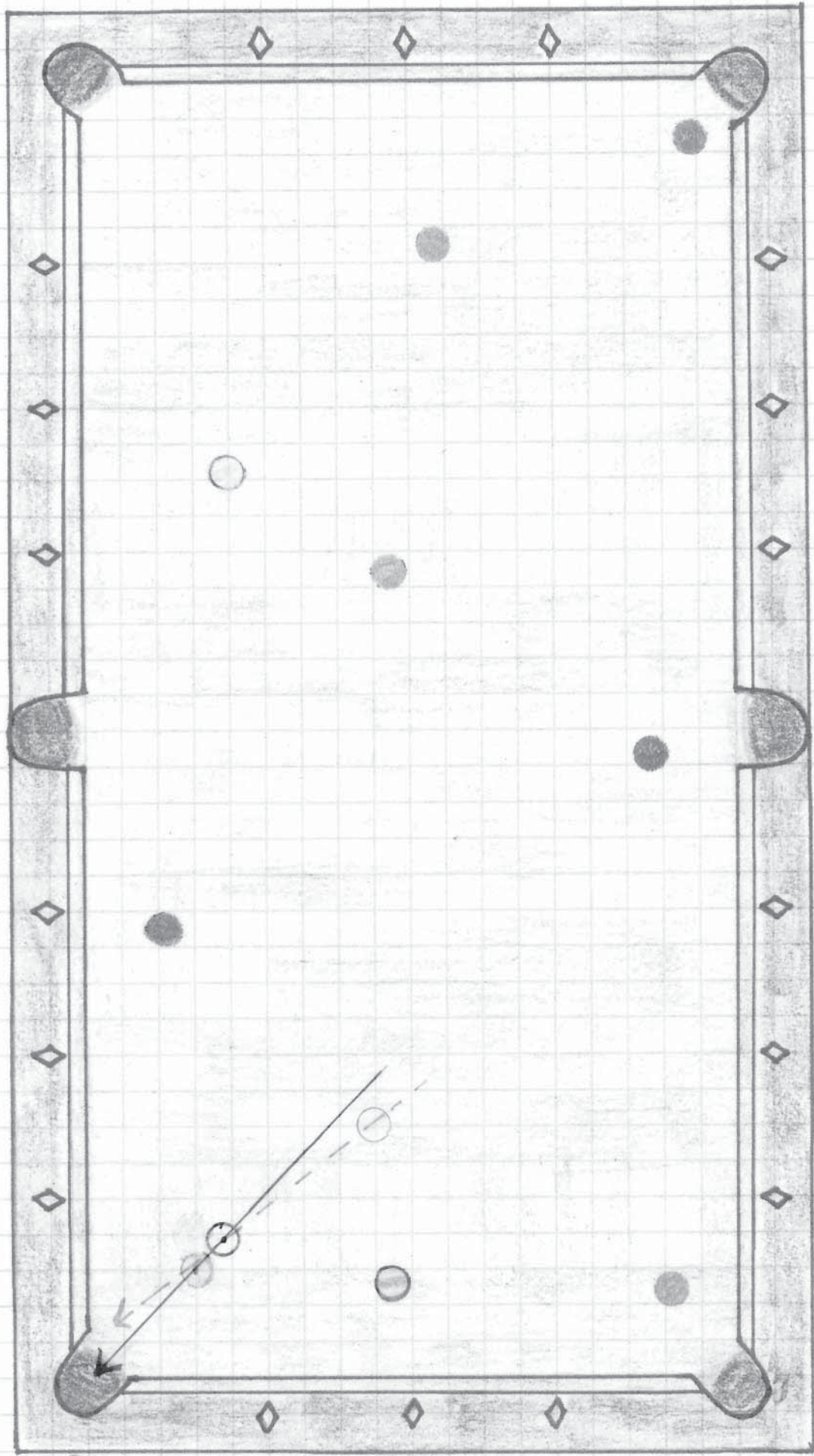
Angle Cue Ball is Shot At

$$18 - 9.795 = 8.205 \text{ inches}$$

$$44.205 - 30 = 14.205 \text{ inches}$$

$$\tan^{-1}(14.205/8.205) = 59.98868907^\circ$$

$$\approx 59.99^\circ$$



0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 5.5 6 6.5 7 7.5 8 8.5 9
Length of Table (feet)

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5
Width of Table (feet)

Angle Cue Ball is shot at

$$18 - 9.795 = 8.205 \text{ in}$$

$$44.205 - 30 = 14.205 \text{ in}$$

$$\tan^{-1}(14.205 / 8.205) = 59.986890^\circ$$

$$\approx 59.99^\circ$$

Angle target Ball must be hit at

$$\tan^{-1}(75/75) = 45^\circ$$

Center of Cue ball at contact

$$\sin(45^\circ) = x / 2.25$$

$$\cos(45^\circ) = x / 2.25$$

$$1.590990268 = x$$

$$\approx 1.59 \text{ inches} = x$$

$$\cos(45^\circ) = 2.25$$

$$1.590990268$$

$$\approx 1.59 \text{ inches} = x$$

$$(1.75, 3.75) \times 12$$

$$(9, 45)$$

$$9 + 1.59 = 10.59 \text{ inches}$$

$$45 - 1.59 = 43.41 \text{ inches}$$

$$\text{Inches } (10.59, 43.41)$$

$$\text{Feet } (.882, 3.62)$$

Point of Contact Between Cue ball and Target Ball

$$1.59 / 2 = .795$$

$$(10.59, 43.41)$$

$$10.59 - .795 = 9.795 \text{ in}$$

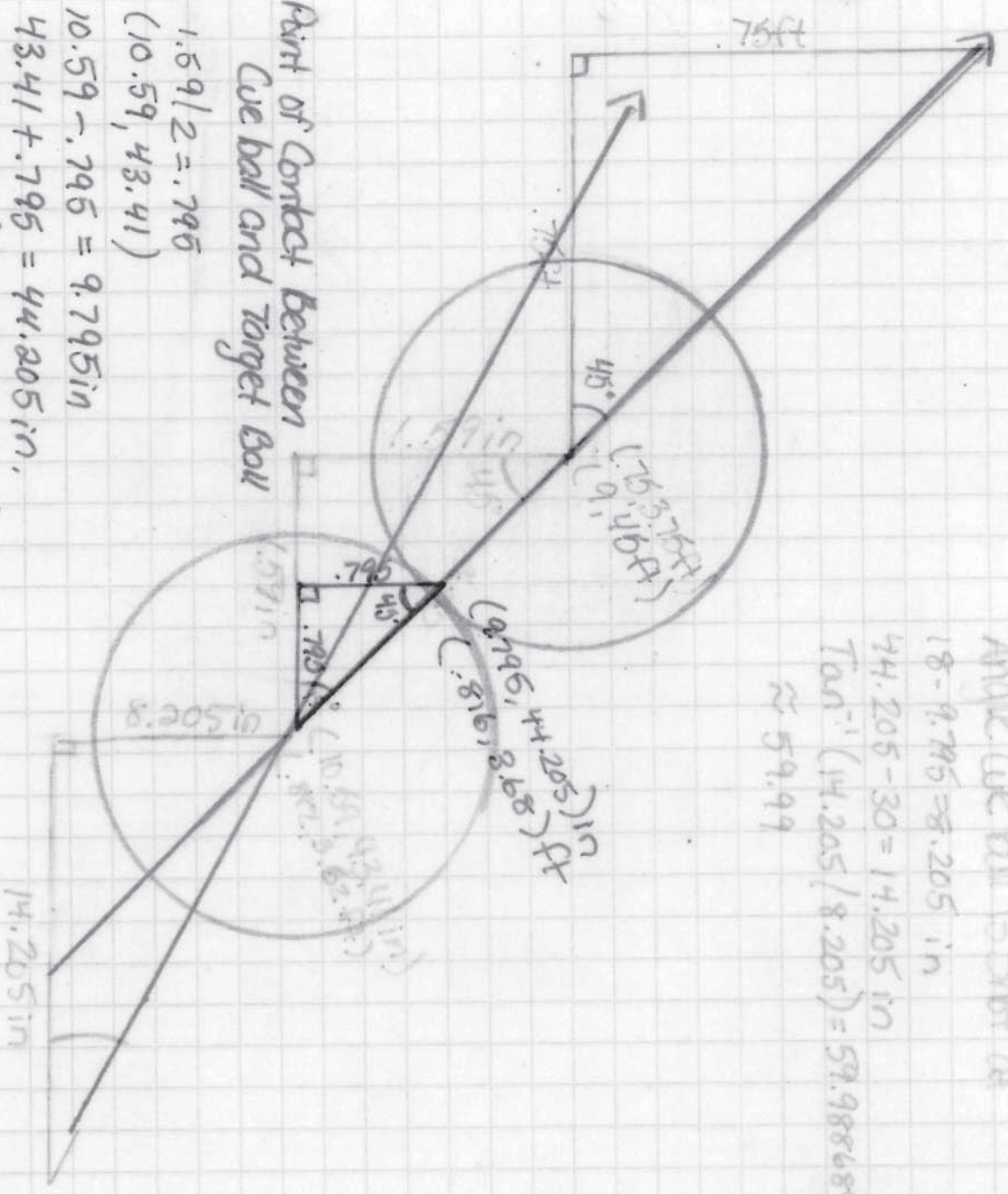
$$43.41 + .795 = 44.205 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Inches } - (9.795, 44.205)$$

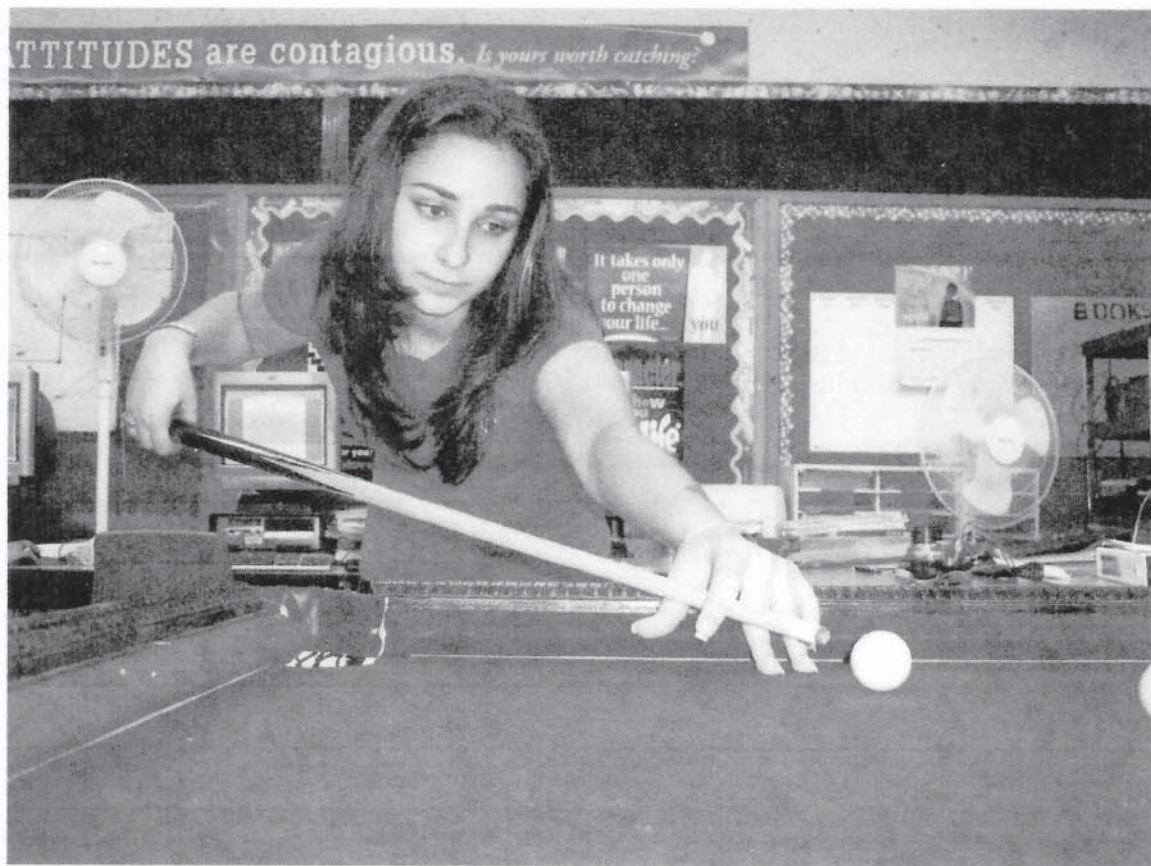
$$\text{Feet } (.816, 3.68)$$

$$9.795 / 12 = 8.1625$$

$$44.205 / 12 = 3.68375$$



Lengths may not be to scale



Ashley's Angle Shot

Ashley's Angle Shot

Angle of Target Ball to Pocket

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1}(1/1.25) &= 38.6598 \\ &\approx 38.66^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Sides of Smaller Triangle (from point of target to point of second cue ball)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Side a- } \sin 38.66^\circ &= a/2.25 \\ (2.25) .6246976608 &= a/2.25 (2.25) \\ 1.4 \text{ in.} &= a\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Side b- } \cos 38.66^\circ &= b/2.25 \\ (2.25) .7808667188 &= b/2.25 (2.25) \\ 1.7569 \\ 1.76 &\approx b\end{aligned}$$

Point of Target Ball

$$\begin{aligned}&(\text{8ft., 1.25ft.}) \\ &8*12, 1.25*12 \\ &(\text{96in, 15in.})\end{aligned}$$

Point of Second Cue Ball

$$\begin{aligned}96-1.4 &= 94.6 \\ 15+1.76 &= 16.76 \\ &(\text{94.6in., 16.76in.}) \\ &/12 \\ &(\text{7.883ft., 1.3967ft.})\end{aligned}$$

Point of Contact of Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$\begin{aligned}1.4/2 &= .7 \\ 2.25/2 &= 1.125 \\ 1.76/2 &= .88 \\ 96-.7 &= 95.3, 15+.88 = 15.88 \\ &(\text{95.3in., 15.88in.}) \\ &/12 \\ &(\text{7.94167ft., 1.323ft.})\end{aligned}$$

Sides of Triangle From Point of Second Cue Ball to Point of First Cue Ball

Side a- $7.883\text{ft.} - 6\text{ft.} = \mathbf{1.883\text{ft.}}$

Side b- $4.5\text{ft.} - 1.3967\text{ft.} = 3.103\text{ft.}$

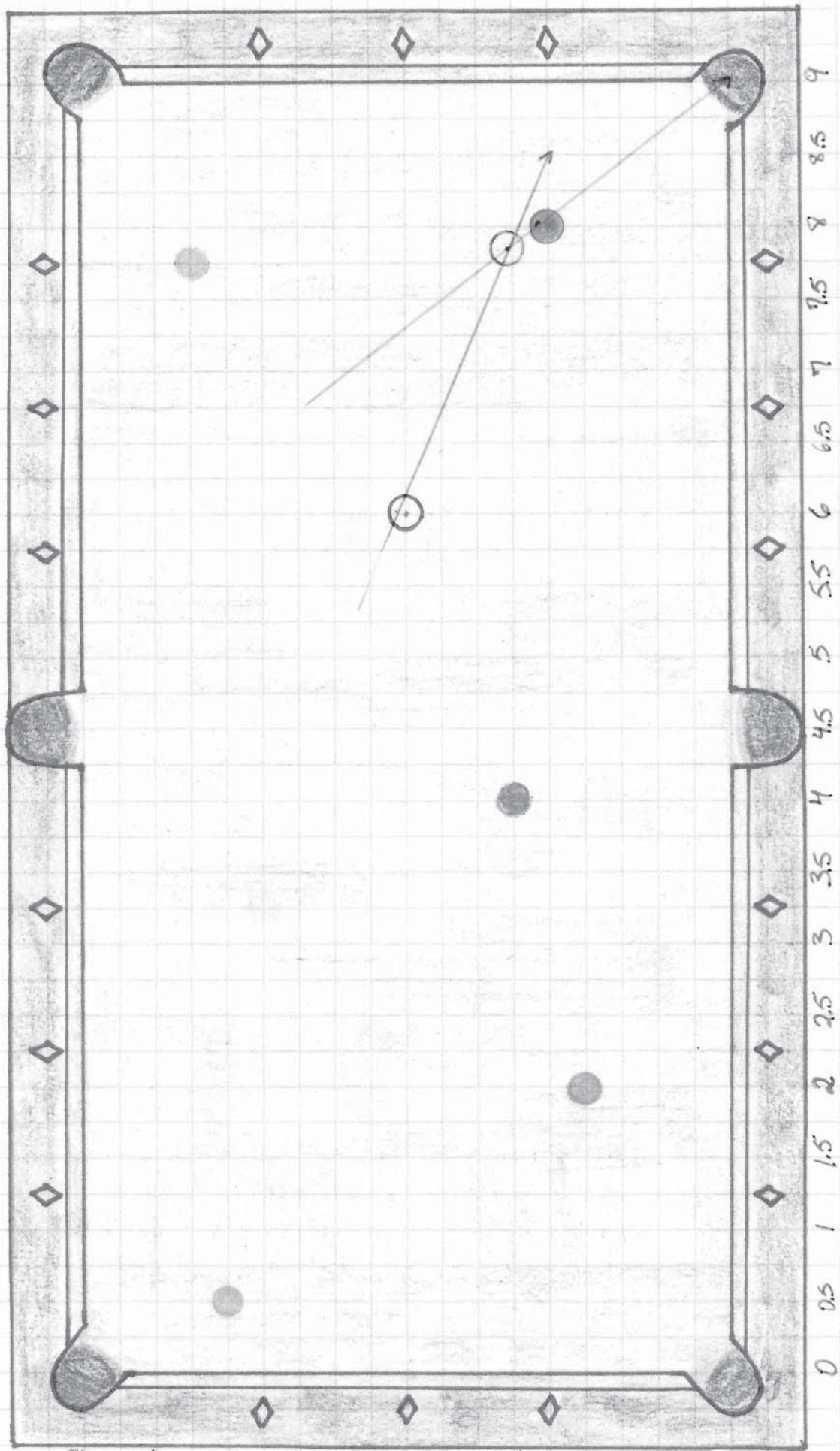
$3.103\text{ft.} - 2.25\text{ft.} = \mathbf{.853\text{ft.}}$

Angle Cue Ball Travels In

$\text{Tan}^{-1}(1.883/.853)$

65.624874604

$\approx \mathbf{65.62^{\circ}}$



Length of Table (feet)

Width of Table (feet)

Angle Target Ball must be hit at

$$\tan^{-1}(1/1.25) = 38.6598^\circ \approx 38.66^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

$$\sin 38.66^\circ = \frac{a}{2.25} \\ (2.25) \cdot 624697608 = \frac{a}{2.25} (2.25) \\ 1.4 \text{ in.}$$

$$\cos 38.66^\circ = \frac{b}{2.25} \\ (2.25) \cdot 7808667188 = \frac{b}{2.25} (2.25) \\ 1.7569 \\ 1.76 \text{ in.} \approx b$$

$$96 \text{ in.} - 1.4 \text{ in.} = 94.6 \text{ in.} \\ 1.5 \text{ in.} + 1.76 \text{ in.} = 16.76 \text{ in.} \\ (94.6 \text{ in., } 16.76 \text{ in.}) \\ (17.9834, 1.3967 \text{ ft.})$$

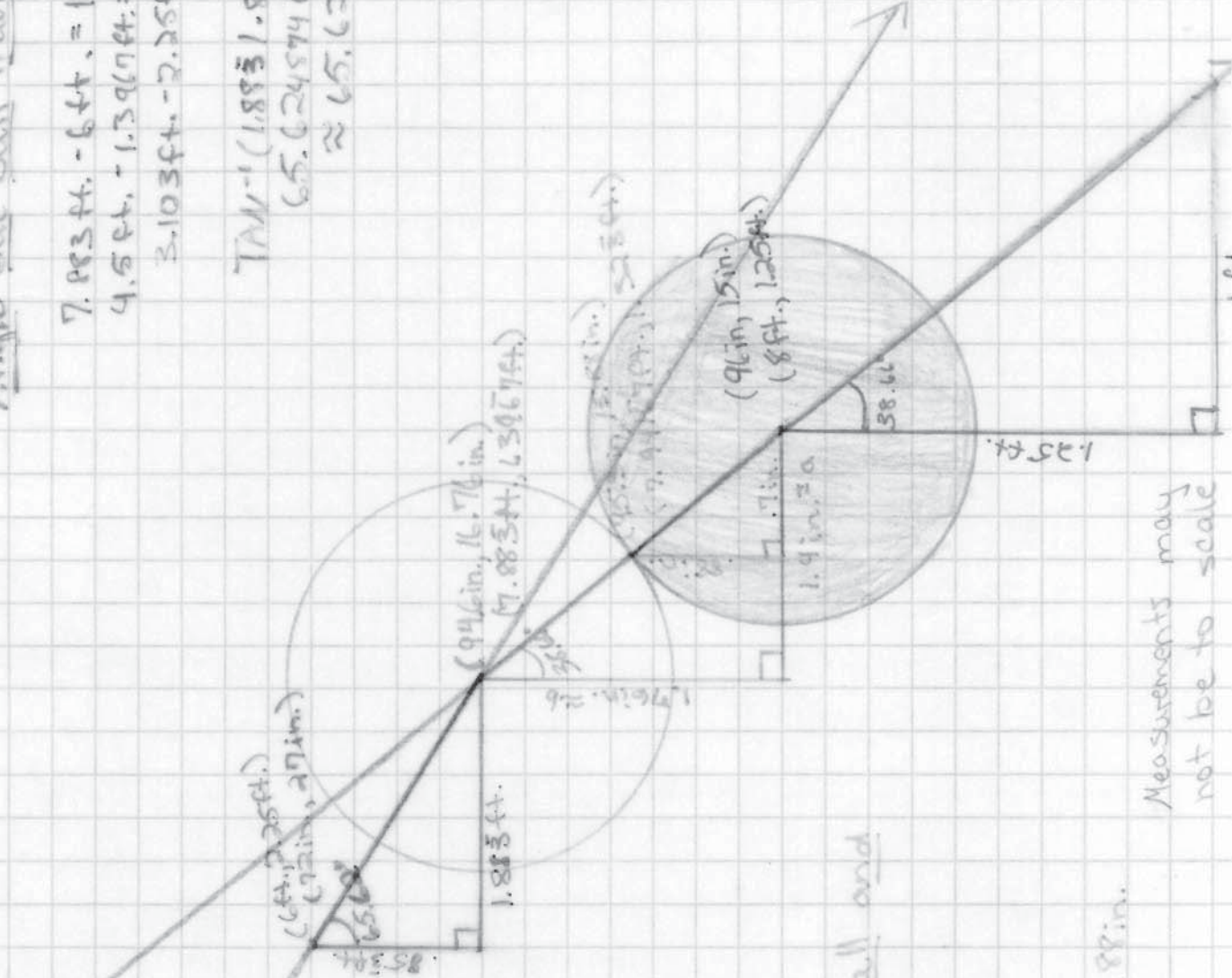
Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

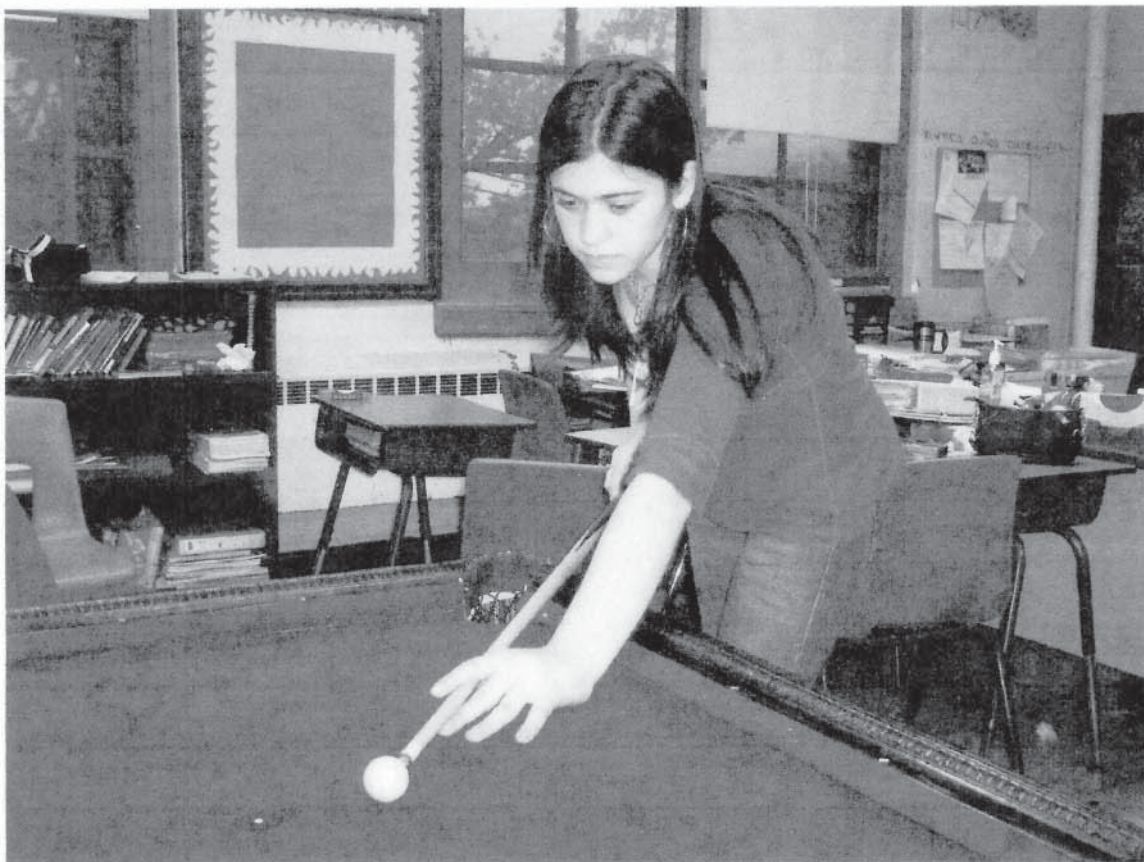
$$1.4 \text{ in.} \div 2 = .7 \text{ in.} \\ 1.76 \text{ in.} \div 2 = .88 \text{ in.} \\ 96 \text{ in.} - .9 \text{ in.} = 95.3 \text{ in., } 15 + .88 = 15.88 \text{ in.} \\ (95.3 \text{ in., } 15.88 \text{ in.}) \\ (17.94167 \text{ ft., } 1.323 \text{ ft.})$$

Angle Cue Ball Travels In

$$7.883 \text{ ft.} - 6 \text{ ft.} = 1.883 \text{ ft.} \\ 4.5 \text{ ft.} - 1.3967 \text{ ft.} = 3.1034 \text{ ft.} \\ 3.1034 \text{ ft.} - 2.25 \text{ ft.} = .8534$$

$$\tan^{-1}(1.883/1.853) \\ 65.624574604 \\ \approx 65.62^\circ$$





Catherine's Angle Shot

Catherine's Angle Shot

Angle Target ball must be hit at

$$\tan^{-1}(1/.75) = 53.13010235$$

$$\approx \underline{53.13^\circ}$$

↑
angle at which target
ball is traveling

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

$$\cos 53.13 = a'/2.25$$

$$(2.25) .6000014291 = a'/2.25 \quad (2.25)$$

$$a' = 1.350003216$$

$$\approx \underline{1.35 \text{ in.}}$$

$$\sin 53.13 = b'/2.25$$

$$(2.25) .7999989281 = b'/2.25 \quad (2.25)$$

$$b' = 1.799997588$$

$$\approx \underline{1.8 \text{ in.}}$$

$$(3.75, 3.5) \text{ ft.}$$

$$\times 12$$

$$(45, 42) \text{ in.}$$

$$45 \text{ in.} - 1.35 = 43.65$$

$$42 \text{ in.} - 1.8 = 40.2$$

$$\underline{(43.65, 40.2) \text{ in.}}$$

$$/12$$

$$\underline{(3.6375, 3.35) \text{ ft.}} \rightarrow \text{the center point of cue ball}$$

Point of Contact between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$1.8 / 2 = .9 \text{ in}$$

$$1.35 / 2 = .675 \text{ in}$$

$$(45, 42)$$

$$45 - .675 = 44.325$$

$$42 - .9 = 41.1$$

$$\underline{(44.325, 41.1) \text{ in.}}$$

$$/12$$

$$\underline{(3.69375, 3.425) \text{ ft.}}$$



Point of Contact- cue ball and target ball meet

Angle Cue Ball is Traveling at

$$3.35 - 1.5 = 1.85 \text{ (x-axis)}$$

$$3.6375 - 3 = .6375 \text{ (y-axis)}$$

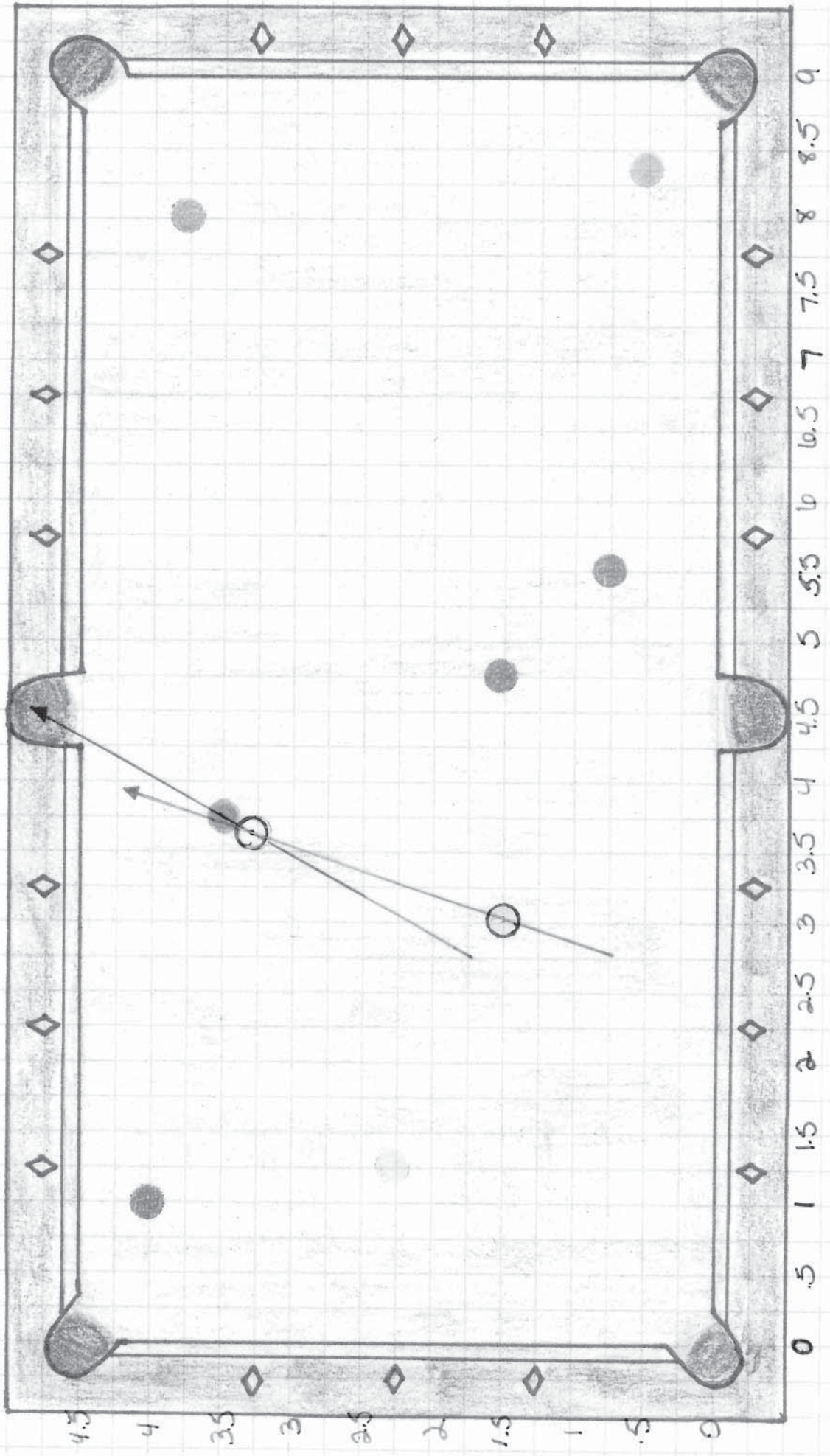
$$\tan^{-1}(1.85/.6375)$$

$$= 70.98632561$$

$$\approx \underline{70.99^\circ}$$



angle at which the
cue ball is shot



Length of Table (feet)

Angle Target ball must be hit at

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{.75}\right) = 53.13010235$$

$$\approx 53.13^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

$$\cos 53.13 = \frac{a'}{2.25} \Rightarrow a' = \frac{2.25}{2.25} = 1.0$$

$$a' = 1.3500032116$$

$$\approx 1.35 \text{ in}$$

$$\sin 53.13 = \frac{b'}{2.25} \Rightarrow b' = \frac{2.25}{2.25} = 1.0$$

$$b' = 1.799997588$$

$$\approx 1.8 \text{ in}$$

$$(3.75, 3.5) \text{ ft}$$

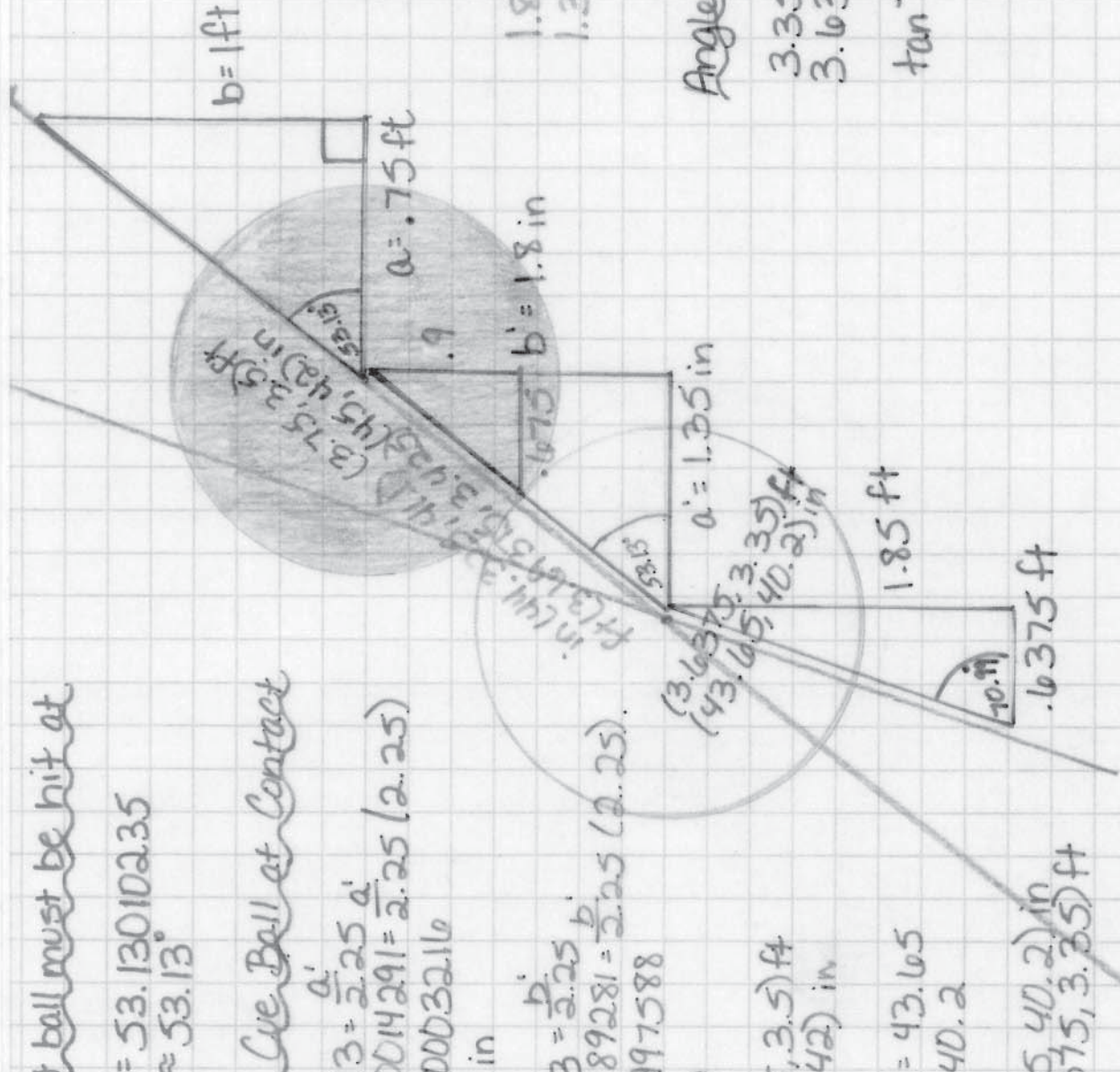
$$(45, 42) \text{ in}$$

$$15 \text{ in} - 1.35 = 43.65$$

$$12 \text{ in} - 1.8 = 40.2$$

$$(43.65, 40.2) \text{ in}$$

$$(3.6375, 3.35) \text{ ft}$$



Point of Contact
between cue ball and
target ball

$$(45, 42)$$

$$45 - .675 = 44.325$$

$$42 - .9 = 41.1$$

$$(44.325, 41.1) \text{ in}$$

$$(3.6375, 3.425) \text{ ft}$$

$$1.8 \div 2 = .9$$

$$1.35 \div 2 = .675$$

Angle Cue Ball is Traveling at

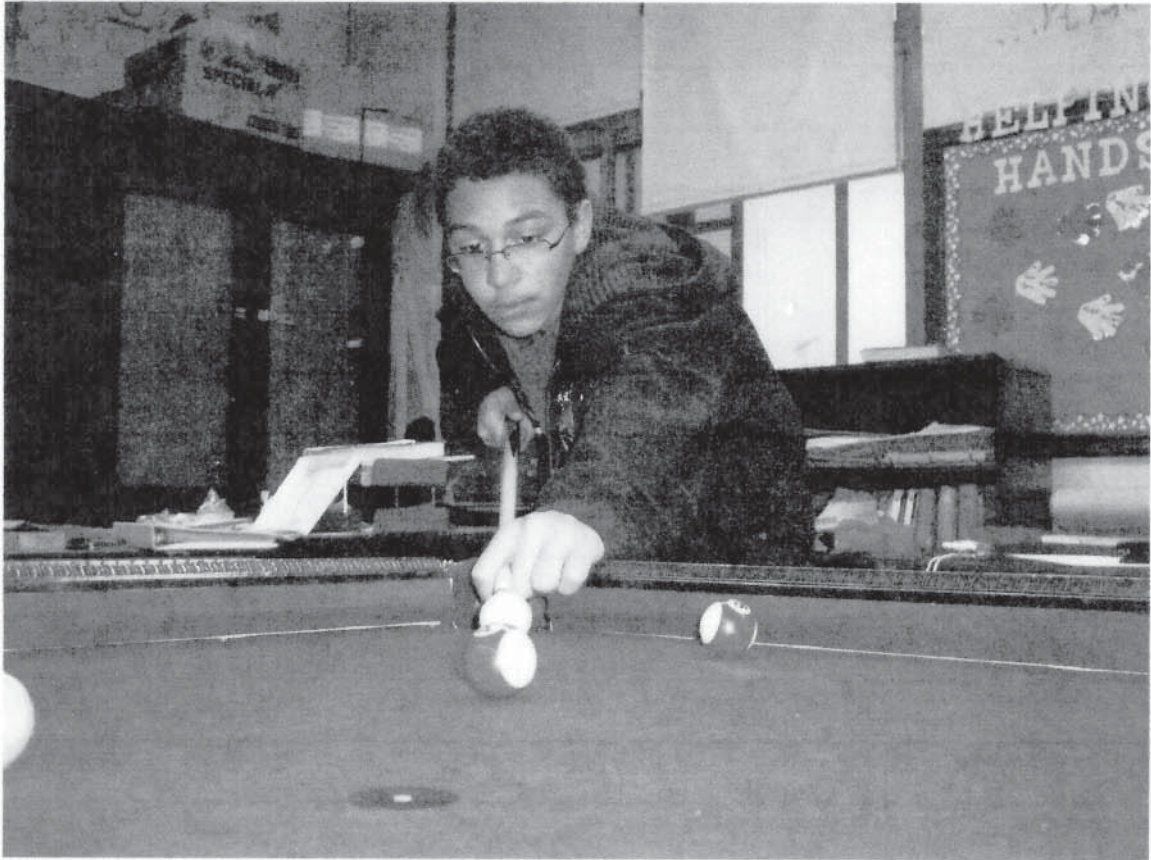
$$3.35 - 1.5 = 1.85$$

$$3.6375 - 3 = .6375$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1.85}{.6375}\right) = 70.98632561$$

$$\approx 71.0^\circ$$

Measurements may not be to scale



Darius' s Angle Shot

Darius's Angle Shot

Angle Target Ball Must Travel At

$$\tan^{-1}(1.5/0.5) = 71.5650118^\circ = 71.57^\circ$$

$$90^\circ + 71.57^\circ = 161.57^\circ$$

$$180^\circ - 161.57^\circ = 18.43^\circ$$

$$(0.5 \text{ ft}, 3 \text{ ft})$$

Center of Cue Ball

$$\sin(18.4) = \frac{x}{2.25 \text{ in}}$$

$$.3156490369 = \frac{x}{2.25 \text{ in}}$$

$$x = .7102103331 \text{ in} = .71 \text{ in} = .06 \text{ ft}$$

$$\cos(18.4) = \frac{x}{2.25 \text{ in}}$$

$$.9488760116 = \frac{x}{2.25 \text{ in}}$$

$$x = 2.134971026 \text{ in} = 2.13 \text{ in} = .18 \text{ ft}$$

$$3 \text{ ft} - 0.18 \text{ ft} = 2.72 \text{ ft} * 12 = 32.64 \text{ in}$$

$$0.5 \text{ ft} + .06 \text{ ft} = .56 \text{ ft} * 12 = 6.72 \text{ in}$$

$$(.56 \text{ ft}, 2.72 \text{ ft})$$

$$(6.72 \text{ in}, 32.64 \text{ in})$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$.06 \text{ ft}/2 = .03 \text{ ft}$$

$$.18 \text{ ft}/2 = .09 \text{ ft}$$

$$0.5 \text{ ft} + .03 \text{ ft} = .53 \text{ ft} * 12 = 6.36 \text{ in}$$

$$3 \text{ ft} - .09 \text{ ft} = 2.91 \text{ ft} * 12 = 34.92 \text{ in}$$

$$(.53 \text{ ft}, 2.91 \text{ ft})$$

$$(6.36 \text{ in}, 34.92 \text{ in})$$

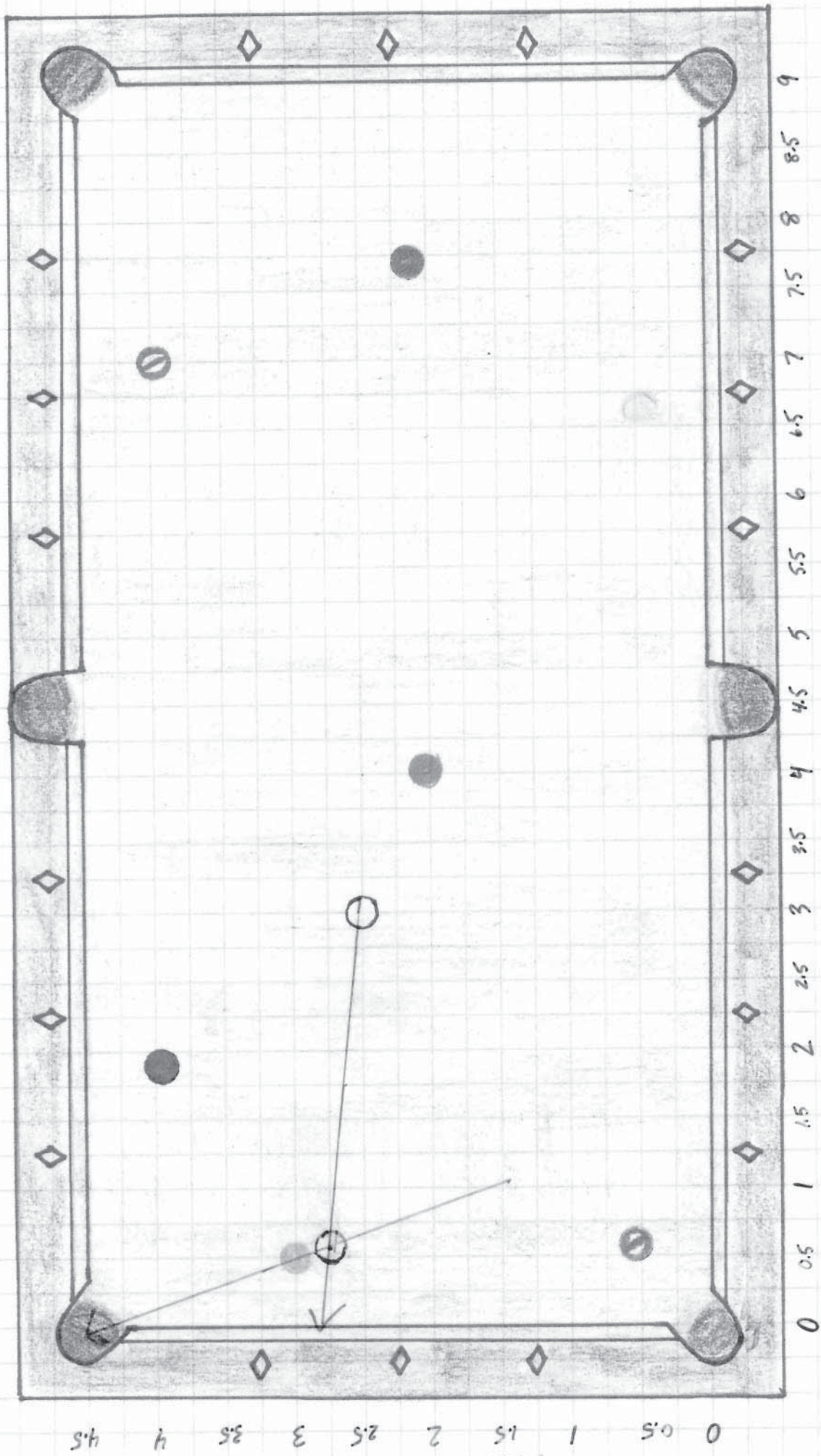
Angle Cue Ball Travels In

$$39 \text{ in} - 6.72 \text{ in} = 32.28 \text{ in}$$

$$32.64 \text{ in} - 30 \text{ in} = 2.64 \text{ in}$$

$$\mathcal{I}AN^{-1} (32.28 \text{ in} / 2.64 \text{ in}) = 85.32450559^{\circ} = 85.32^{\circ}$$

$$90^{\circ} - 85.32^{\circ} = 4.68^{\circ}$$



Length of Table (feet)

Angle Target ball must be hit at

$$\tan^{-1}(1.5/0.5) = 71.5650118^\circ$$

$$\approx 71.57^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

$$\sin(18.4) = \frac{x}{2.25\text{in}}$$

$$.3156490769 = \frac{x}{2.25\text{in}}$$

$$x = .7102103331\text{in} \approx .71\text{in}$$

$$\approx .06\text{ft}$$

$$\cos(18.4) = \frac{y}{2.25\text{in}}$$

$$.9488760116 = \frac{y}{2.25\text{in}}$$

$$2.134971026\text{in} \approx 2.13\text{in}$$

$$\approx .18\text{ft}$$

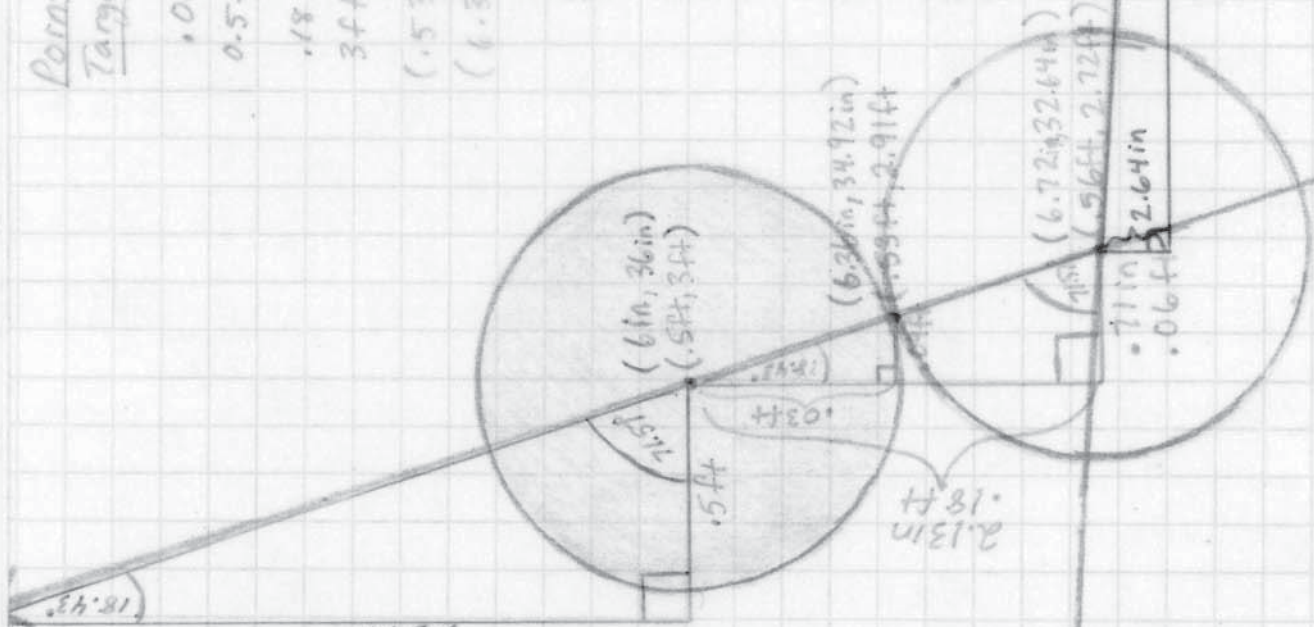
$$3\text{ft} + 0.18\text{ft} = 2.72\text{ft} \approx 12 = 32.64\text{in}$$

$$0.5\text{ft} + 0.06\text{ft} = .56\text{ft} \approx 12 = 6.72\text{in}$$

$$(.56\text{ft} \rightarrow 2.72\text{ft})$$

$$(6.72\text{in}, 32.64\text{in})$$

1.5ft



Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$.06 \div 2 = .03\text{ft}$$

$$0.5\text{ft} + 0.03\text{ft} = .53\text{ft} \approx 12 = 6.36\text{in}$$

$$.18 \div 2 = .09\text{ft}$$

$$3\text{ft} + .09\text{ft} = 2.91\text{ft} \approx 12 = 34.92\text{in}$$

$$(.53\text{ft}, 2.91\text{ft})$$

$$(6.36\text{in}, 34.92\text{in})$$

Angle Cue Ball Travels In

$$39\text{in} - 6.72\text{in} = 32.28\text{in}$$

$$32.64\text{in} - 30\text{in} = 2.64\text{in}$$

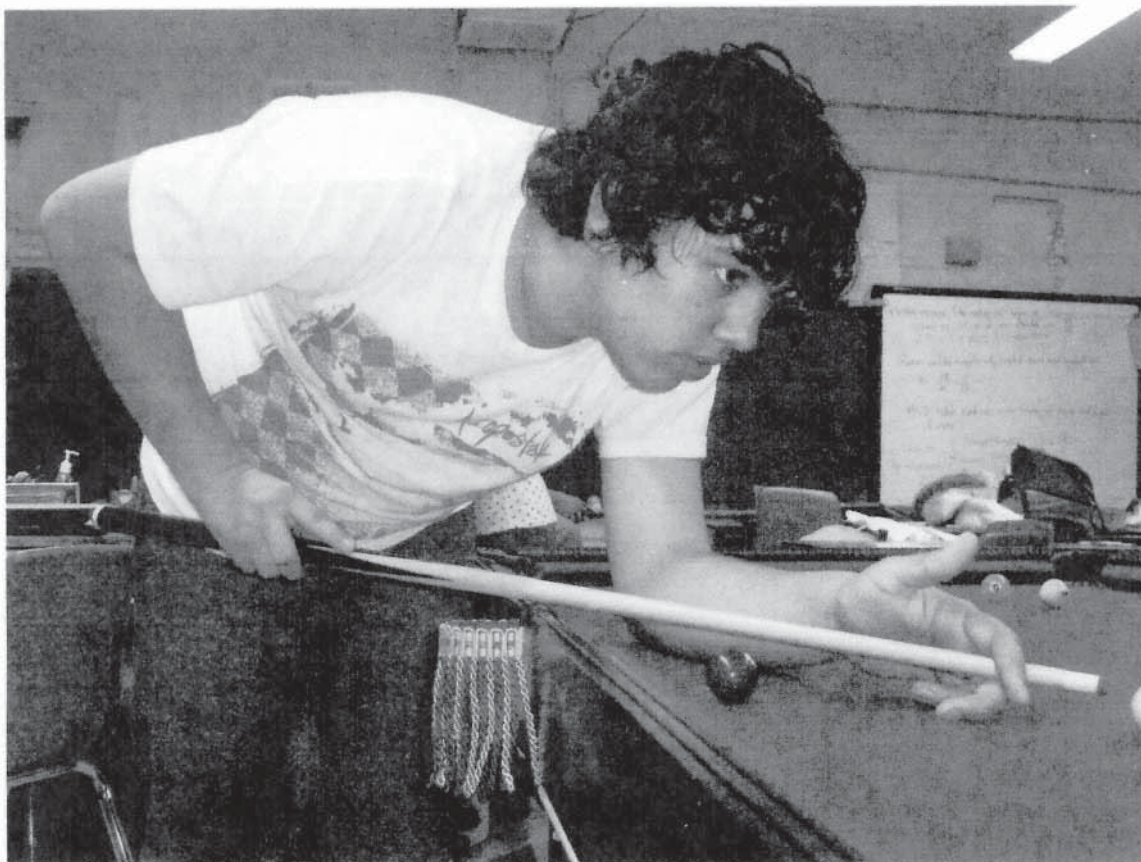
$$\tan^{-1}(32.28/2.64\text{in}) = 85.32450559^\circ$$

$$\approx 85.32^\circ$$

$$90^\circ - 85.32^\circ = 4.68^\circ$$

Measurements

may NOT BE
TOO CLOSE



John Paul's
Angle Shot

John Paul's Angle Shot

Angle Target Ball Must Travel At

$$\tan^{-1} = 1.5/1$$

$$56.30993247^\circ =$$

$$56.3^\circ$$

Center Of Cue Ball At Contact

Side of a'

$$\cos 56.3 = a/2.25$$

$$(2.25) .5548444274 = a/2.25(2.25)$$

$$a = 1.248399962 =$$

$$a = 1.25 \text{ inches}$$

Side of b'

$$\sin 56.3 = b/2.25 =$$

$$(2.25) .8319541221 = b/2.25 (2.25)$$

$$1.871896775 = b$$

$$b = 1.87 \text{ inches}$$

Center Of Cue Ball At Contact

$$(7 \frac{1}{2}, 1) \text{ ft}$$

$$7 \frac{1}{2} * 12 = 90 \text{ in } 1 * 12 = 12 \text{ in} =$$

$$(90, 12) \text{ in}$$

$$90 - 1.87 = 88.13 \text{ in}$$

$$12 + 1.25 = 13.25 \text{ in}$$

$$(88.13, 13.25) \text{ in} =$$

$$88.13/12 = 7.34 \text{ ft}$$

$$13.25/12 = 1.11 \text{ ft}$$

$$(7.34, 1.11) \text{ ft}$$

Point Of Contact

$$1.87/2 = .935 \text{ in}$$

$$1.25/2 = .625 \text{ in}$$

$$90 \text{ in} - .935 = 89.065 \div 12 = 7.422083333 = 7.4 \text{ ft}$$

$$12 \text{ in} + .625 = 12.625 \div 12 = 1.052083333 = 1.05 \text{ ft}$$

$$(89.065, 12.625) \text{ in}$$

$$(7.4, 1.05) \text{ ft}$$

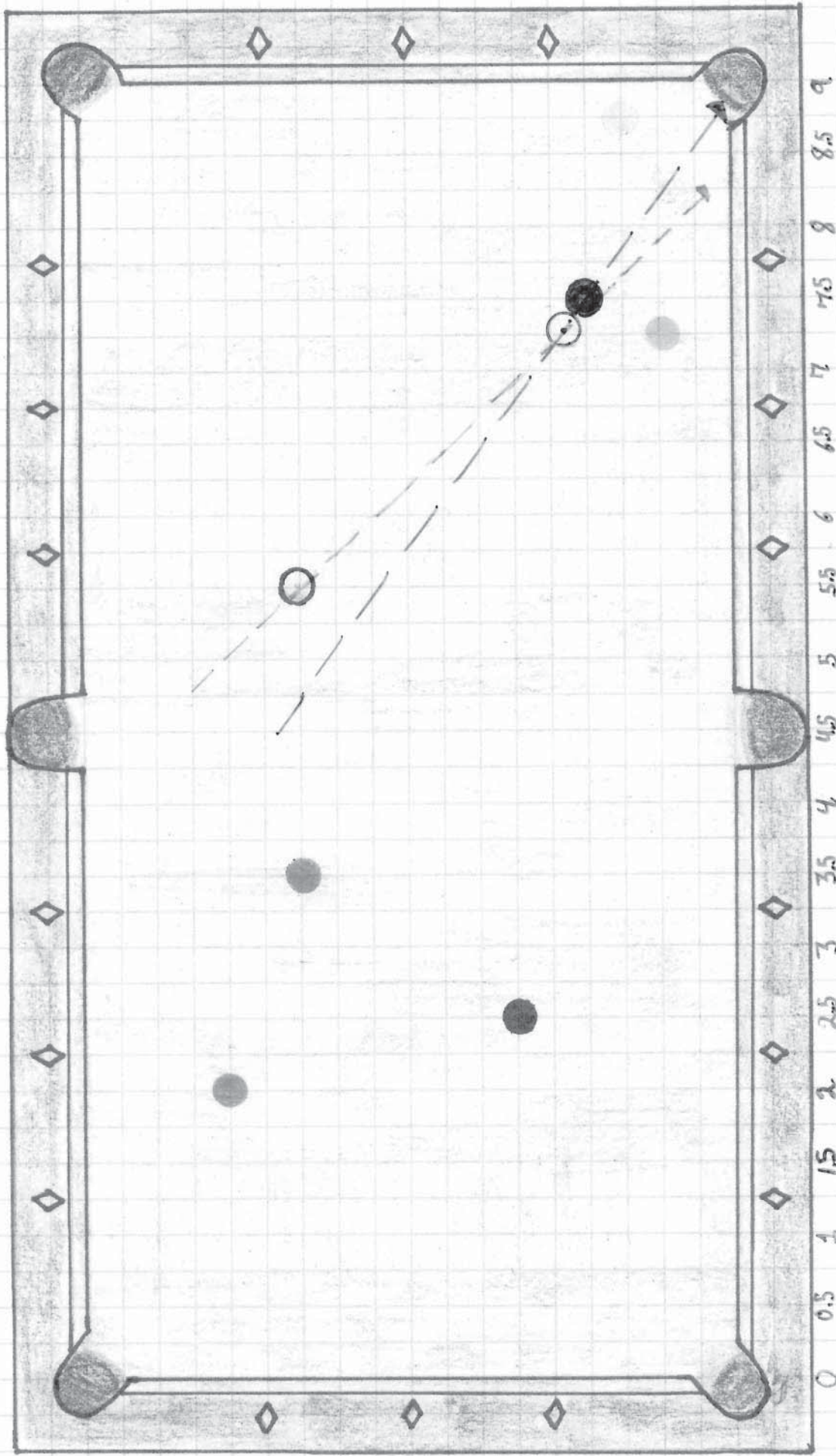
Angle At Which Cue Ball Is Shot

$$36 - 13.25 = 22.75 \text{ in}$$

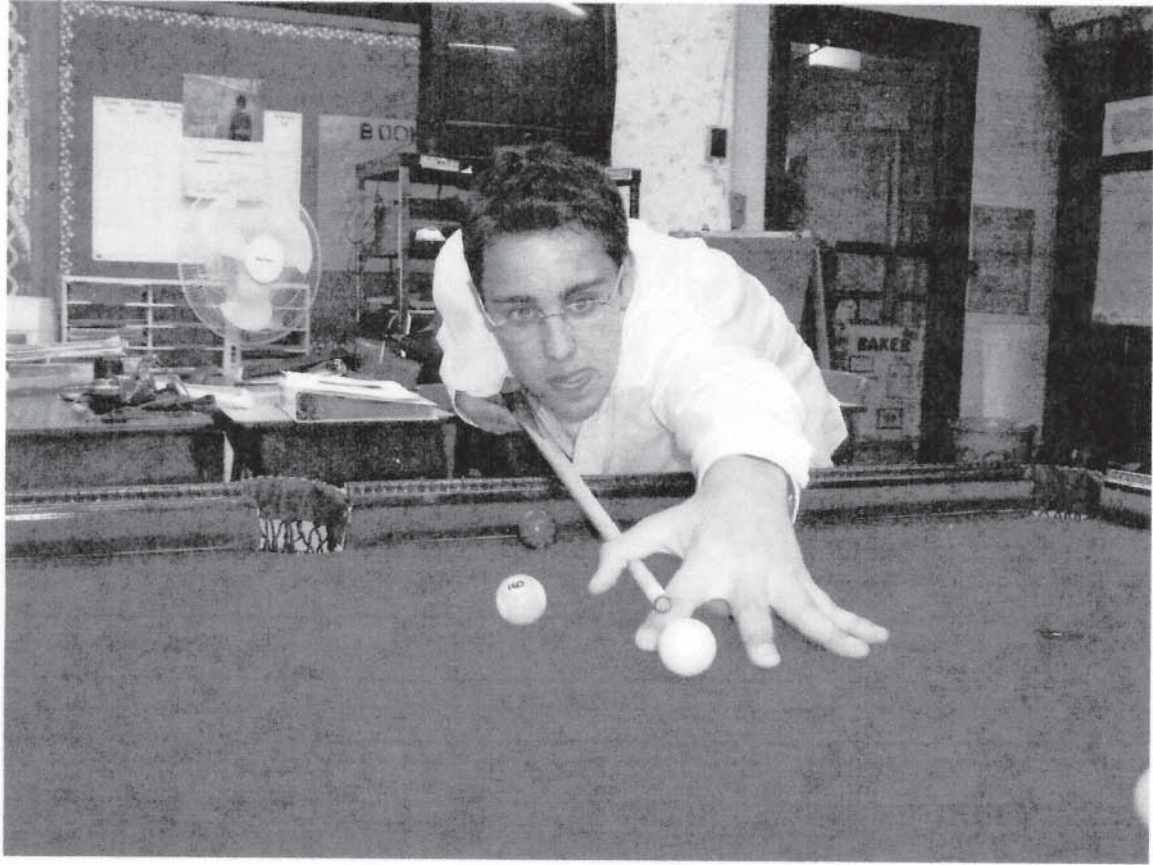
$$88.13 - 66 = 22.13 \text{ in}$$

$$\tan^{-1} 22.13/22.75 = 44.20853111 =$$

$$44.21^\circ$$



Length of Table (feet)



Luis' s Angle Shot

Luis's Angle Shot

Angle Target Ball Must be hit at

$$\tan^{-1}(2/1) = 63.43494882^\circ \approx \mathbf{63.43^\circ}$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

Measure of Side a

$$\sin 63.43494882^\circ = a/2.25 \text{ in}$$

$$(2.25) .894427191 = a/2.25(2.25)$$

$$a = 2.01246118 \text{ inches} \approx 2.01 \text{ inches}$$

$$2.01246118 \div 12 = .1677050983$$

$$a = .1677050983 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{.168 \text{ feet}}$$

Measure of Side b

$$\cos 63.43494882^\circ = b/2.25$$

$$(2.25) .4472135955 = b/2.25(2.25)$$

$$b = 1.00623059 \text{ inches} \approx 1.01 \text{ inches}$$

$$1.00623059 \div 12 = .0838525492 \text{ feet}$$

$$b = .0838525492 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{.084 \text{ feet}}$$

Coordinate of Cue Ball at Contact with Target

$$(1, 2.5) 1 + .0838525492 = 1.0838525492 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{1.084 \text{ feet}}$$

$$2.5 - .1677050983 = 2.332294902 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{2.33 \text{ feet}}$$

$$\mathbf{(1.0838525492 \text{ feet}, 2.332294902 \text{ feet})}$$

$$1.0838525492 \times 12 = 13.0062299 \text{ inches} \approx \mathbf{13 \text{ inches}}$$

$$2.332294902 \times 12 = 27.98753885 \text{ inches} \approx \mathbf{28 \text{ inches}}$$

$$\mathbf{(13.0062299 \text{ inches}, 27.98753885 \text{ inches})}$$

Coordinate of Contact between Cue and Target

$$.0838525492 \div 2 = .0419262746 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{.042 \text{ feet}}$$

$$.1677050983 \div 2 = .0838525492 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{.084 \text{ feet}}$$

$$1 + .0419262746 = 1.0419262746 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{1.04 \text{ feet}}$$

$$2.5 - .0838525492 = 2.416147451 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{2.42 \text{ feet}}$$

$$\mathbf{(1.0419262746 \text{ feet}, 2.416147451 \text{ feet})}$$

$$1.0419262746 \times 12 = 12.5031153 \text{ inches} \approx \mathbf{12.5 \text{ inches}}$$

$$2.416147451 \times 12 = 28.99376941 \text{ inches} \approx \mathbf{28.99 \text{ inches}}$$

$$\mathbf{(12.5031153 \text{ inches}, 28.99376941 \text{ inches})}$$

Angle Cue Ball Travels at

Measure of Side c

$$2.75 - 1.0838525492 = 1.666147451 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{1.67 \text{ feet}}$$

$$1.666147451 \times 12 = 19.99376941 \text{ inches} \approx \mathbf{20 \text{ inches}}$$

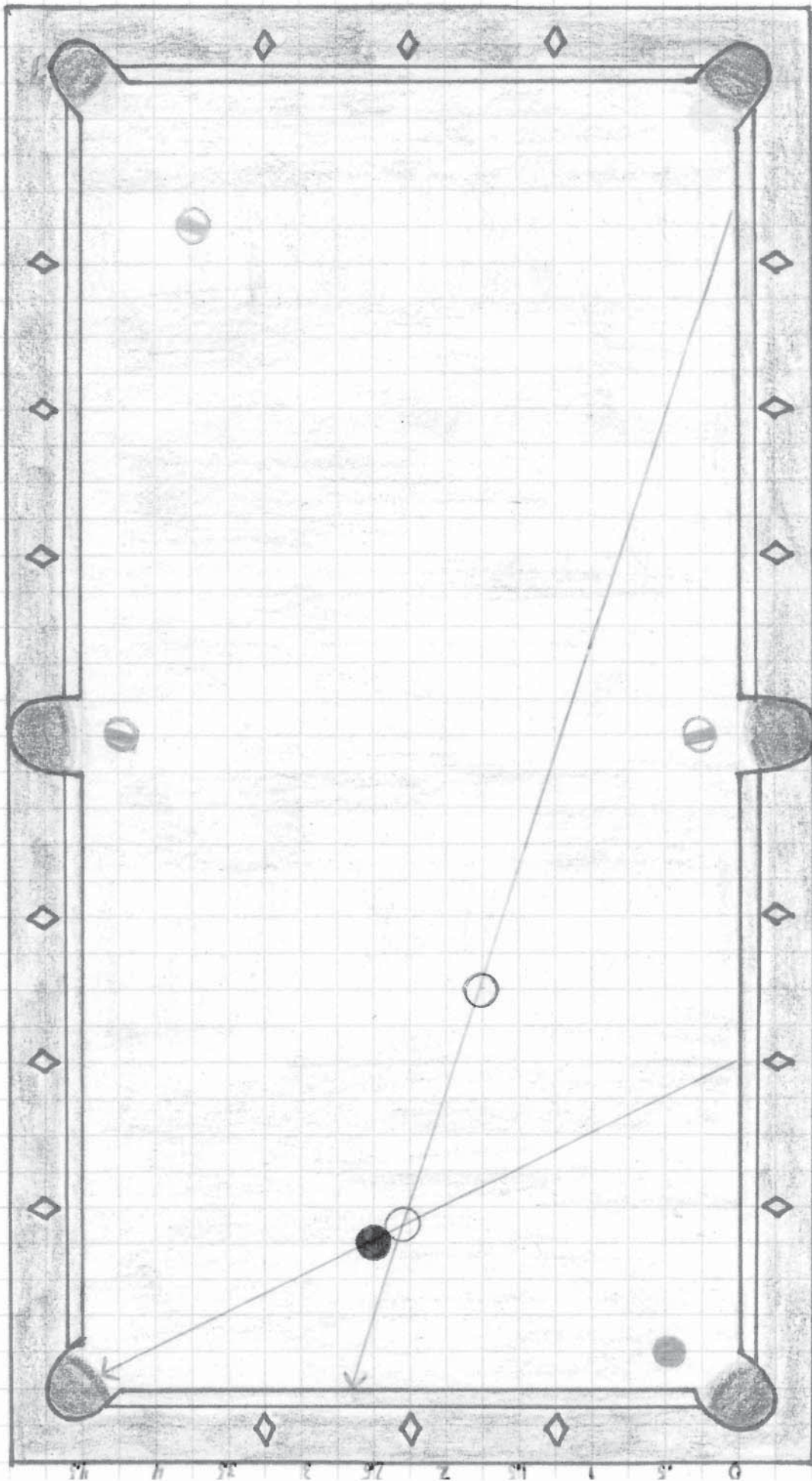
Measure of Side d

$$2.332294902 - 1.75 = .582294906 \text{ feet} \approx \mathbf{.58 \text{ inches}}$$

$$.582294906 \times 12 = 6.987538872 \text{ inches} \approx \mathbf{6.99 \text{ inches}}$$

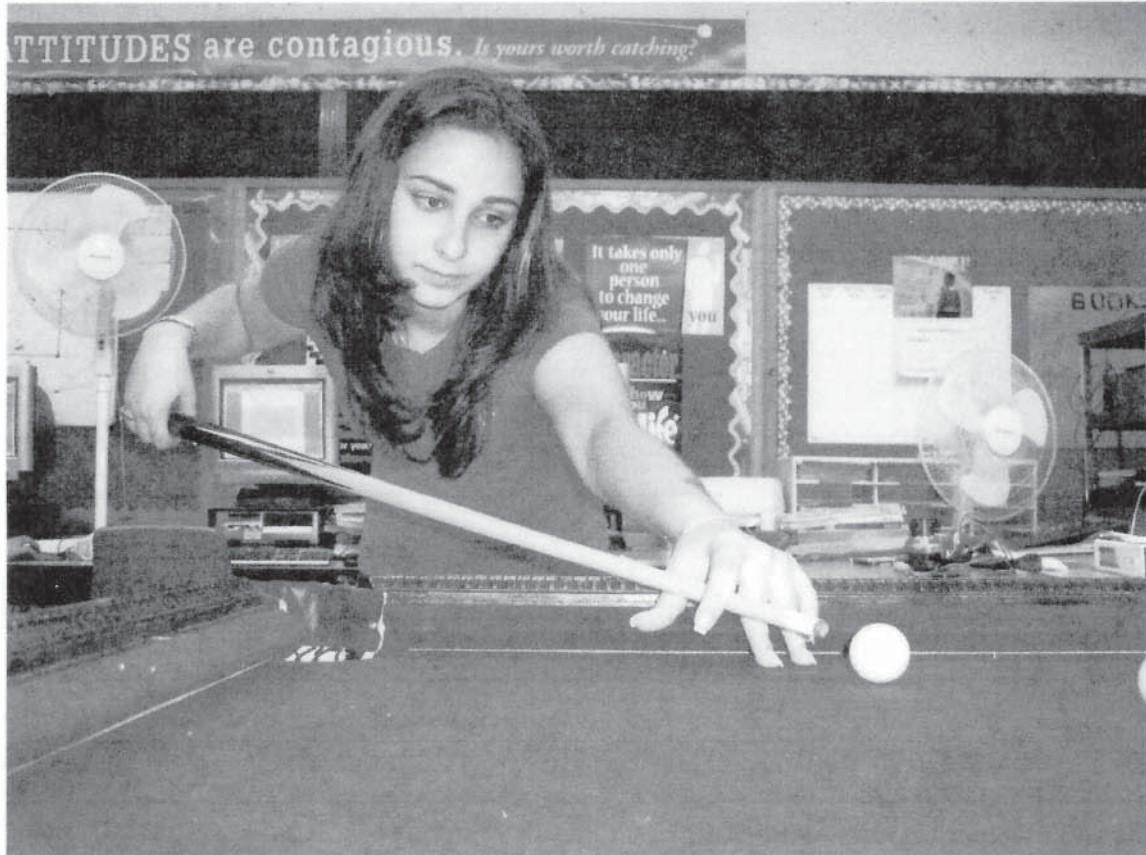
Angle Cue Ball Travels at

$$\tan^{-1}(.582294906/1.666147451) = 19.26379665^\circ \approx \mathbf{19.26^\circ}$$



0 .5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 5.5 6 6.5 7 7.5 8 8.5 9

Length of Table (feet)



Ashley's Rail Shot

Ashley's Rail Shot

Angle of Target Ball to Pocket

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1}(2/2.25) &= 41.63353934 \\ &\approx 41.6^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Sides of Smaller Triangle (point of target to point of second cue ball)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Side a- } \sin 41.6^\circ &= a/2.25 \\ (2.25) .6639262127 &= a/2.25 \quad (2.25) \\ 1.493833978 \\ \mathbf{1.49 \approx a}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Side b- } \cos 41.6^\circ &= b/2.25 \\ (2.25) .7477980905 &= b/2.25 \quad (2.25) \\ 1.682545704 \\ \mathbf{1.68 \approx b}\end{aligned}$$

Center of Target Ball

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{2\text{ft.}, 2.25\text{ft.}}) \\ \times 12 \\ (\mathbf{24\text{in.}, 27\text{in.}})\end{aligned}$$

Center of Cue Ball at Point of Contact

$$\begin{aligned}24 + 1.49 &= 25.49 \\ 27 + 1.68 &= 28.68 \\ (\mathbf{25.49\text{in.}, 28.68\text{in.}}) \\ /12 \\ (\mathbf{2.124167\text{ft.}, 2.39\text{ft.}})\end{aligned}$$

Point of Contact of Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Target- } (2\text{ft.}, 2.25\text{ft.}) \\ (24\text{in.}, 27\text{in.}) \\ 1.49/2 &= .745\text{in.} \\ 1.68/2 &= .84\text{in.} \\ 24\text{in.} + .745\text{in.} &= 24.745\text{in.} \\ 27\text{in.} + .84\text{in.} &= 27.84\text{in.} \\ (\mathbf{24.745\text{in.}, 27.84\text{in.}}) \\ /12 \\ (\mathbf{2.062083\text{ft.}, 2.32\text{ft.}})\end{aligned}$$

Finding Lengths of Similar Triangles

$$4.5\text{ft.} - 1.75\text{ft.} = 2.75\text{ft.}$$

$$2.75\text{ft.} \times 12 = \mathbf{33\text{in.}}$$
 -height of triangle outside the table

$$4.5\text{ft.} \times 12 = 54\text{in.}$$

$$54\text{in.} - 28.68\text{in.} = \mathbf{25.32\text{in.}}$$
 -height of the rest of triangle in the table

$$4\text{ft.} \times 12 = 48\text{in.}$$

$$48\text{in.} - 25.49\text{in.} = \mathbf{22.51\text{in.}}$$
 - base of big triangle

$$25.32\text{in.} + 33\text{in.} = \mathbf{58.32\text{in.}}$$
 -height of the big triangle

Proportion to Find Missing Length of the Similar Triangles

$$\frac{33\text{in.}}{58.32\text{in.}} = \frac{x}{22.51\text{in.}}$$

$$58.32\text{in.} \quad 22.51\text{in.}$$

$$\frac{742.83\text{in.}}{58.32\text{in.}} = \frac{58.32\text{in.} \cdot x}{58.32\text{in.}}$$

$$58.32\text{in.} \quad 58.32\text{in.}$$

$$12.73713992 = x$$

$$\mathbf{12.74\text{in.}} \approx x$$

$$/12$$

$$\mathbf{1.06167\text{ft.}} \approx x$$

Point of Contact on Rail

$$48\text{in.} - 12.74\text{in.} = 35.26\text{in.}$$

$$35.26\text{in.} / 12 = 2.9383\text{ft.}$$

$$\mathbf{(2.9383\text{ft.}, 4.5\text{ft.})}$$

$$\times 12$$

$$\mathbf{(35.26\text{in.}, 54\text{in.})}$$

Angle of Reflection

$$\tan^{-1} (33\text{in.} / 12.74\text{in.})$$

$$68.89038959$$

$$\approx 68.89^\circ$$

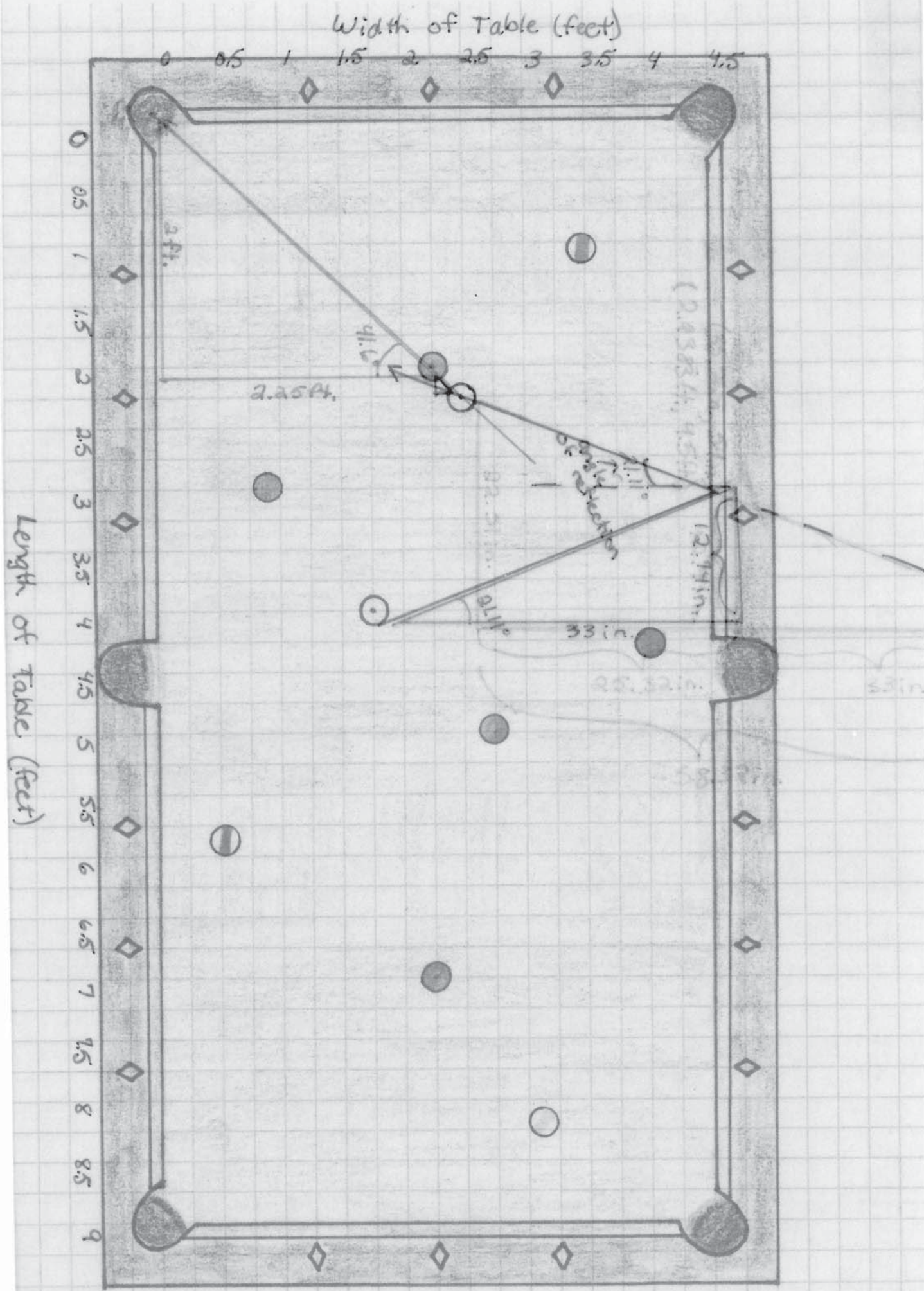
$$90 - 68.89 = \mathbf{21.11^\circ}$$

Angle at Which Cue Ball is Struck

$$\tan^{-1} (12.74\text{in.} / 33\text{in.})$$

$$21.10961041$$

$$\approx \mathbf{21.11^\circ}$$



Point of Contact on Rail

$$\frac{53 \text{ in.}}{58.32 \text{ in.}} = \frac{26}{82.51 \text{ in.}}$$

$$33 + 22.57 \div 58.32 = 12.7373992$$

$$12.74 \text{ in.} \approx 12.74$$

$$48 \text{ in.} + 12.74 \text{ in.} = 60.74 \text{ in.} \div 12$$

$$(2.93833, 4.54)$$

$$(35.26 \text{ in.}, 54 \text{ in.})$$

Angle Cue Ball is Struck At

$$\text{TAN}^{-1}(12.74 \text{ in.} / 33 \text{ in.})$$

$$21.10\% / 1041$$

$$\approx 21.11^\circ$$

Angle of Reflection

$$\text{TAN}^{-1}(33 \text{ in.} / 12.74 \text{ in.})$$

$$68.89038959$$

$$\approx 68.89^\circ$$

$$90^\circ - 68.89^\circ = 21.11^\circ$$

* Work in Pink on different transparencies



Angle Target Ball
Travels HT

$$\tan^{-1}(2/2.25) = 41.63539^\circ \approx 41.6^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball

$$\sin 41.6^\circ = \frac{a}{2.25} \quad (2.25)$$

$$(2.25) \cdot 6639262127 = \frac{a}{2.25}$$

$$1.493833978$$

$$1.49 \approx a$$

$$\cos 41.6^\circ = \frac{b}{2.25} \quad (2.25)$$

$$(2.25) \cdot 747980905 = \frac{b}{2.25}$$

$$1.682545704$$

$$1.68 \approx b$$

$$24 + 1.49 = 25.49 \text{ in.}$$

$$27 + 1.68 = 28.68 \text{ in.}$$

$$(25.49 \text{ in., } 28.68 \text{ in.})$$

$$(2.124167 \text{ ft., } 2.39 \text{ ft.})$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball
and Target Ball

$$1.49/2 = .745 \text{ in.}$$

$$1.68/2 = .84 \text{ in.}$$

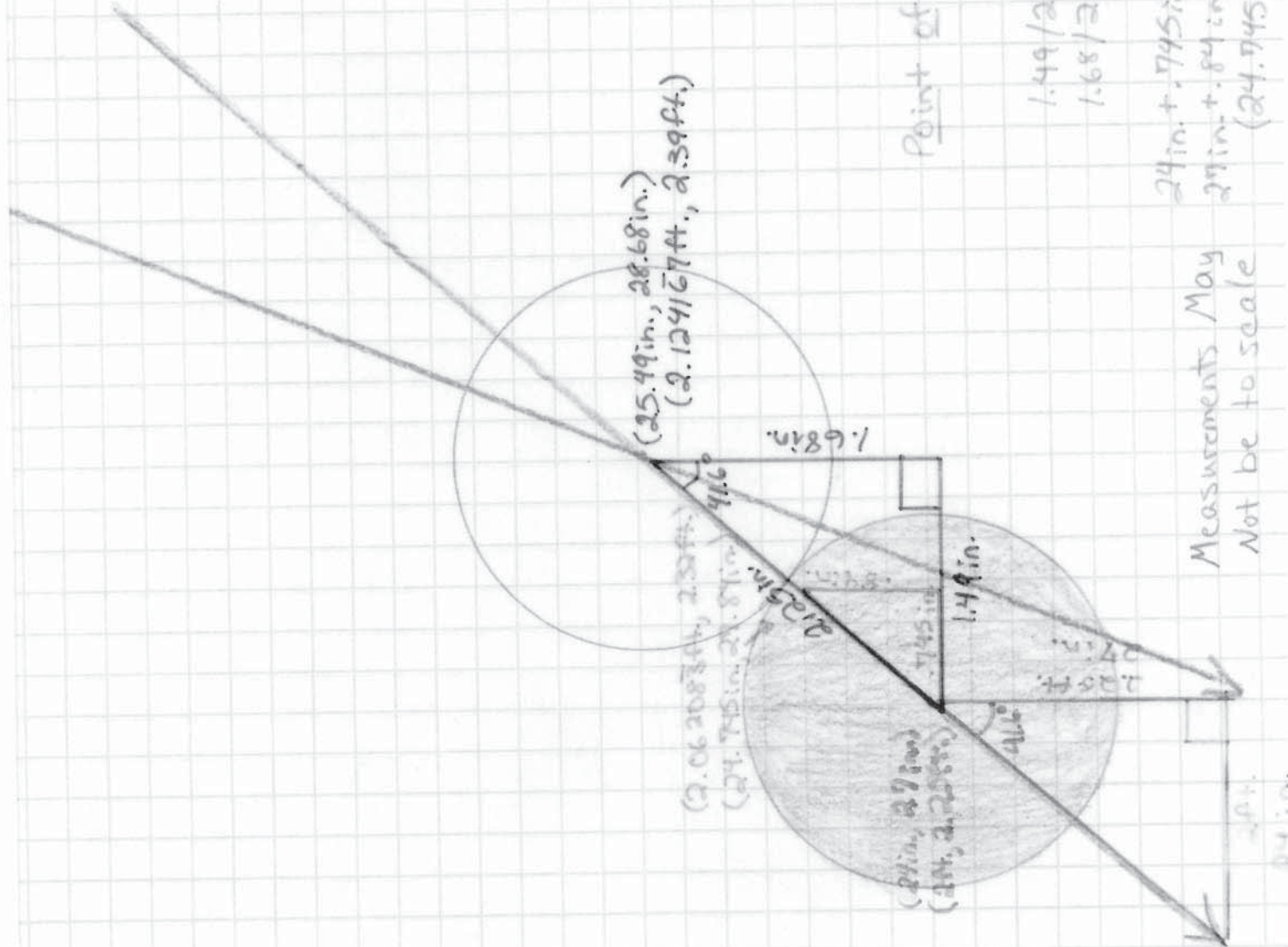
$$24 \text{ in.} + .745 \text{ in.} = 24.745 \text{ in.}$$

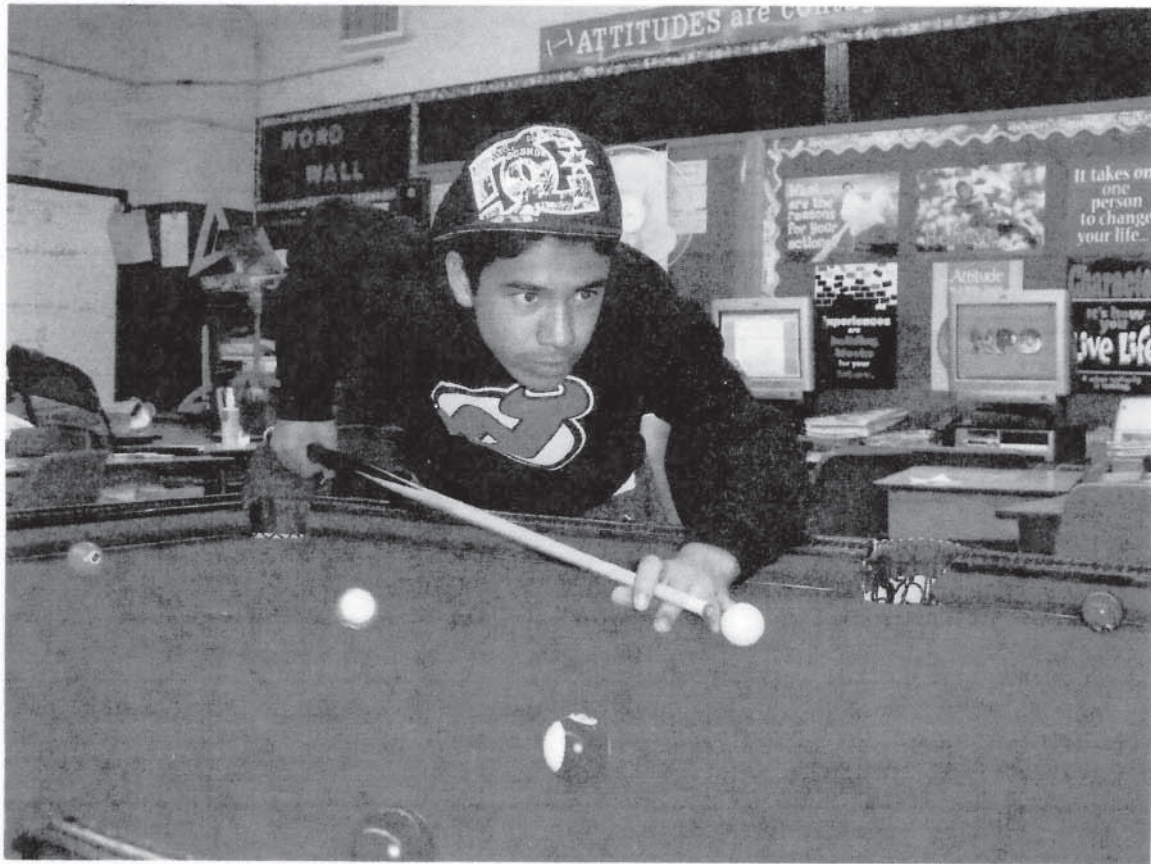
$$27 \text{ in.} + .84 \text{ in.} = 27.84 \text{ in.}$$

$$(24.745 \text{ in., } 27.84 \text{ in.})$$

$$(2.062083 \text{ ft., } 2.32 \text{ ft.})$$

Measurements May
Not be to scale





Rodrigo's Rail Shot

Rodrigo's Rail Shot

Angle Target Ball Travels At

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1}(.75/.25) &= 71.56505118 \\ &\approx 71.6^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Finding The Center Of The Cue Ball At Contact

Lengths of Smaller Triangle (from the center of the target ball to the cue ball)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Side } a - \sin 71.6^\circ &= a/2.25 \\ (2.25) \cdot 9488760116 &= a/2.25(2.25) \\ 2.134971026 &= a \\ 2.14 \text{ in.} &\approx a\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Side } b - \cos 71.6^\circ &= b/2.25 \\ (2.25) \cdot 3156490369 &= b/2.25(2.25) \\ .7102103331 &= b \\ .71 \text{ in.} &\approx b\end{aligned}$$

Center of Target Ball

$$\begin{aligned}(4.25, 3.75) \text{ ft.} \\ \cdot 12 \\ (51, 45) \text{ in.}\end{aligned}$$

Center of Cue Ball at Point of Contact

$$\begin{aligned}51 \cdot .71, 45 \cdot 2.14 \\ (50.29, 42.86) \text{ in.} \\ /12 \\ (4.19083, 3.57167) \text{ ft.}\end{aligned}$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Target- } (51 \text{ in.}, 45 \text{ in.}) \\ .71/2 &= .355 \text{ in.} \\ 2.14/2 &= 1.07 \text{ in.} \\ 51 \cdot .355 &= 50.645 \text{ in.} \\ 45 \cdot 1.07 &= 43.93 \text{ in.} \\ (50.645 \text{ in.}, 43.93 \text{ in.})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & /12 \\ & (4.220416667\text{ft.}, 3.66083333\text{ft.}) \end{aligned}$$

Finding the Lengths of Different Triangles

$$\begin{aligned} 30\text{in.} - .71\text{in.} &= 29.29\text{in.} - \text{base of big triangle} \\ 36\text{in.} + 42.86\text{in.} &= 78.86\text{in.} - \text{height of big triangle} \\ 3.75\text{ft.} * 12 &= 45\text{in.} \\ 45\text{in.} - 2.14\text{in.} &= 42.86\text{in.} - \text{height of smaller triangle} \end{aligned}$$

Proportion to Find Missing Length of the Similar Triangles

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{42.86\text{in.}}{78.86\text{ in.}} &= \frac{x}{29.29\text{in.}} \\ \frac{1.255.3694\text{in.}}{78.86\text{in.}} &= \frac{78.86\text{in.} \cdot x}{78.86\text{in.}} \\ 15.91896272 &= x \\ 15.92\text{in.} &\approx x \end{aligned}$$

Point of Contact on Rail

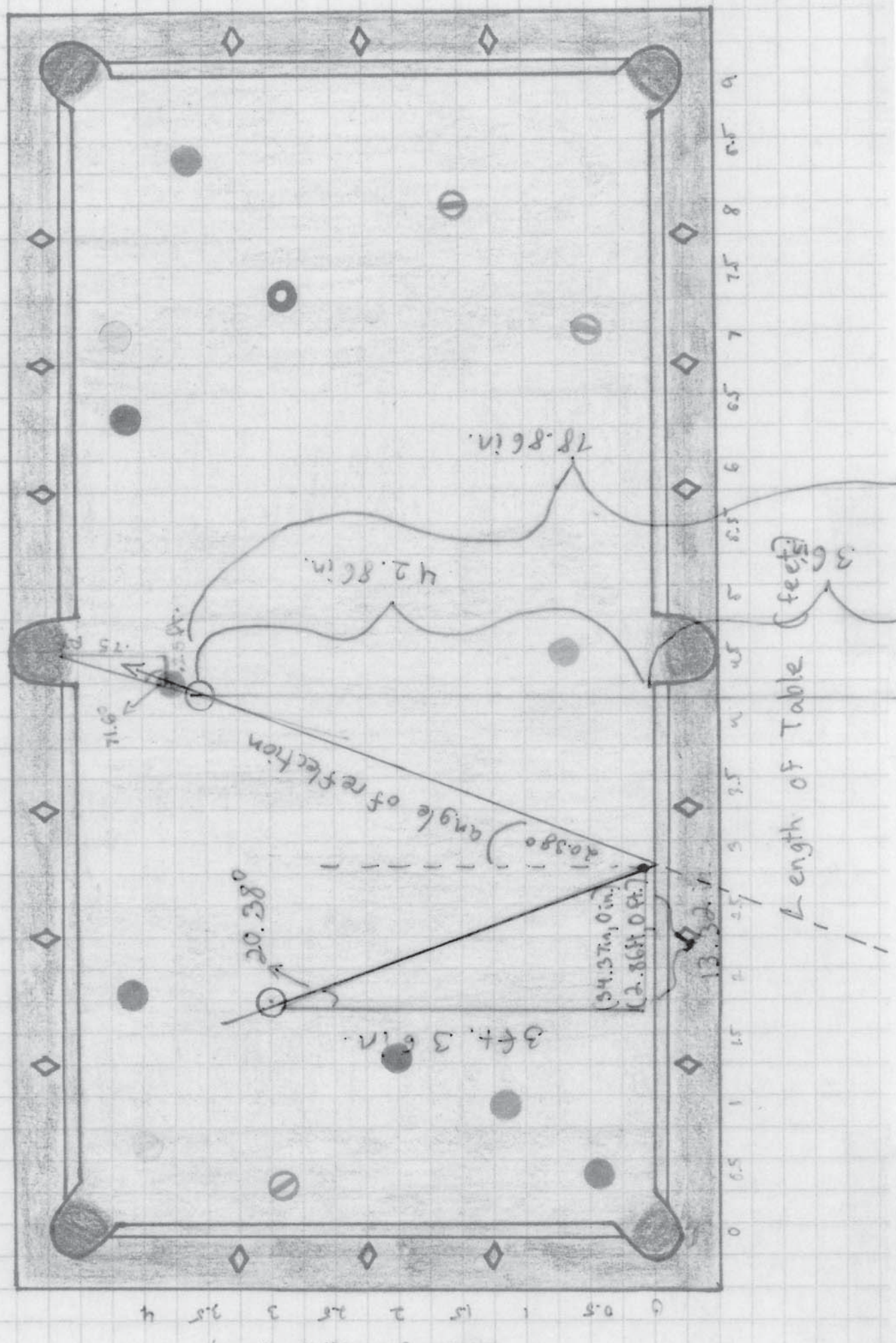
$$\begin{aligned} 50.29\text{in.} - 15.92\text{in.} &= 34.37\text{in.} \\ & (34.37\text{in.}, 0\text{in.}) \\ & /12 \\ & (2.86\text{ft.}, 0\text{ft.}) \end{aligned}$$

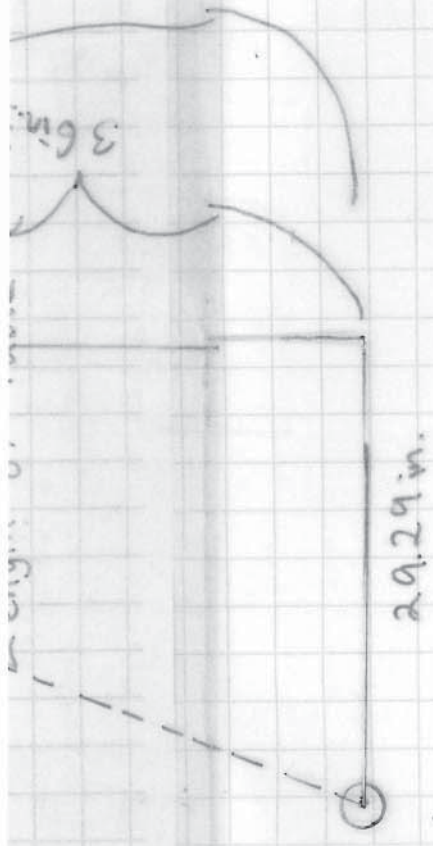
Angle of Reflection

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tan}^{-1} (42.86\text{in.}/15.92\text{in.}) \\ 69.62289351 \\ \approx 69.62^\circ \\ 90 - 69.62 = 20.38^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Angle at Which Ball is Struck

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tan}^{-1} (15.92\text{in.}/42.86\text{in.}) \\ 20.37710649 \\ \approx 20.38^\circ \end{aligned}$$





Point of Contact on Rail

$$\frac{42.86 \text{ in.}}{78.86 \text{ in.}} = \frac{x}{29.29 \text{ in.}}$$

$$29.29 \times 42.86 \div 78.86 = 15.91896272$$

$$15.92 \approx x$$

$$36.29 \text{ in.} - 15.92 \text{ in.} = 20.37 \text{ in.} \div 12$$

$$2.86 \text{ ft.}$$

$$(2.87 \text{ in., 0 in.})$$

$$(2.86 \text{ ft., 0 ft.})$$

Angle Cue Ball is Struck At

$$\tan^{-1}(15.92 \text{ in.} / 42.86 \text{ in.})$$

$$20.37710649$$

$$\approx 20.38^\circ$$

Angle of Reflection

$$\tan^{-1}(15.92 \text{ in.} / 42.86 \text{ in.})$$

$$20.37710649$$

$$\approx 20.38^\circ$$

Note for pins on different rails

Angle at Which Target Ball is Traveling

$$\tan^{-1}(.75 \div 2.25) = 71.56505118^\circ$$

$$\approx 71.6^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball

$$\text{Side } a = 5 \sin 71.6^\circ = 4.225$$

$$(2.25) \cdot 9488760116 = a / 2.25 (2.25)$$

$$2.134971026 = a$$

$$a \approx 2.14 \text{ in.}$$

$$\text{Side } b = \cos 71.6^\circ = b / 2.25$$

$$(2.25) \cdot 3156490369 = b / 2.25 (2.25)$$

$$.7102103731 = b$$

$$b \approx .71 \text{ in.}$$

$$51 - .71, 45 - 2.14$$

$$(50.29, 42.86) \text{ in.}$$

$$(4.19083, 3.57167) \text{ ft.}$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target

$$.71 \div 2 = .355 \text{ in.}$$

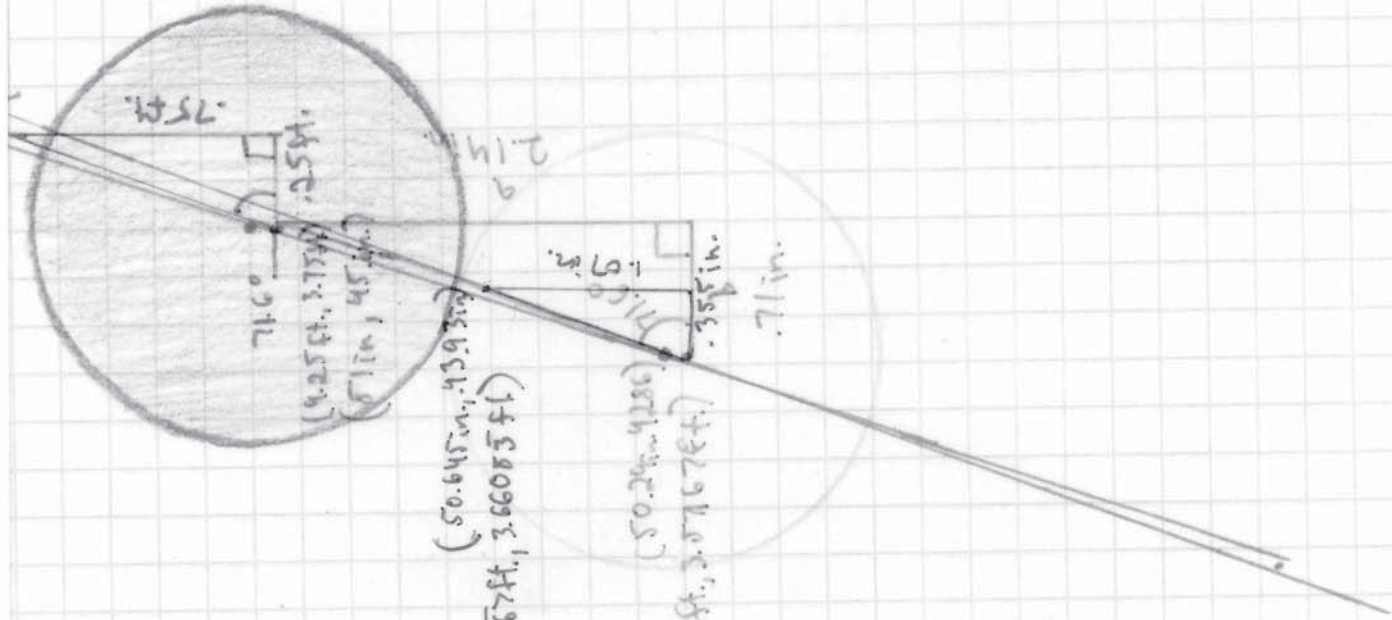
$$2.14 \div 2 = 1.07 \text{ in.}$$

$$51 - .355 = 50.645 \text{ in.}$$

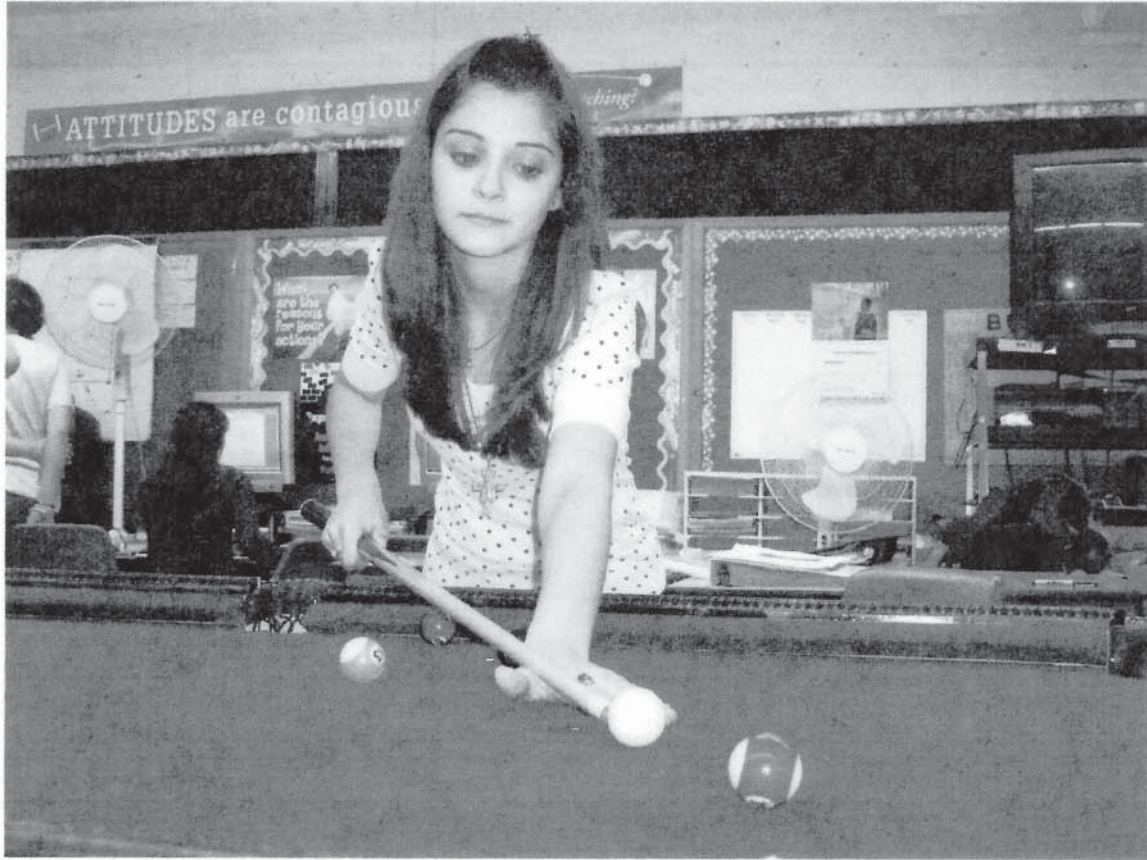
$$45 - 1.07 = 43.93 \text{ in.}$$

$$(50.645 \text{ in.}, 43.93 \text{ in.})$$

$$(4.22041667 \text{ ft.}, 3.66083333 \text{ ft.})$$



Measurements may
Not be to scale



Jessica's
Rail Shot

Jessica's Rail Shot

Angle At Which Target Ball is Traveling

$$\tan^{-1}(1.75 \text{ ft./} 3 \text{ ft.}) = 30.26^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball

$$\sin 30.26^\circ = a/2.25$$

$$.5039247371 = a/2.25$$

$$1.133830658 = a \quad a = 1.13 \text{ in.}$$

$$\cos 30.26^\circ = b/2.25$$

$$.8637475669 = b/2.25$$

$$1.94342026 = b \quad b = 1.94 \text{ in.}$$

Convert (1.75, 1.5 ft.) to inches

$$1.75 \text{ ft.} \times 12 \text{ in.} = 21 \text{ in.}$$

$$1.5 \text{ ft.} \times 12 \text{ in.} = 18 \text{ in.}$$

$$(21, 18 \text{ in.})$$

$$21 \text{ in.} + 1.13 \text{ in.} = 22.13 \text{ in.}$$

$$18 \text{ in.} - 1.94 \text{ in.} = 16.06 \text{ in.}$$

$$(22.13, 16.06 \text{ in.})$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$2.25 \text{ in.} \div 2 = 1.125 \text{ in.}$$

$$1.13 \text{ in.} \div 2 = .565 \text{ in.}$$

$$1.94 \text{ in.} \div 2 = .97 \text{ in.}$$

$$21 \text{ in.} + .565 \text{ in.} = 21.565 \text{ in.}$$

$$18 \text{ in.} - .97 \text{ in.} = 17.03 \text{ in.}$$

$$(21.565, 17.03 \text{ in.})$$

Point of Contact on Rail

$$16.06 \div 12 = 28.06 \text{ in.}$$

$$1.25 \text{ ft.} \times 12 \text{ in.} = 15 \text{ in.}$$

$$15 \text{ in.} - 1.13 \text{ in.} = 13.87 \text{ in.}$$

$$16.06/28.06 = x/13.87$$

$$222.7522/28.06 = 28.06/28.06$$

$$X = 7.938424804$$

$$X = 7.94 \text{ in.}$$

$$1.75 \text{ ft.} \times 12 \text{ in.} = 21 \text{ in.}$$

$$21 \text{ in.} + 7.94 \text{ in.} + 1.13 \text{ in.} = 30.07 \text{ in.}$$

Convert (30.07,0) to feet

$$0 \text{ in.} + 12 \text{ in.} = 0 \text{ ft.}$$

$$30.07 \text{ in.} + 12 \text{ in.} = 2.51 \text{ ft.}$$

$$(2.51,0)$$

Angle of Reflection

$$\tan^{-1}(28.06/13.87) = 63.70^\circ$$

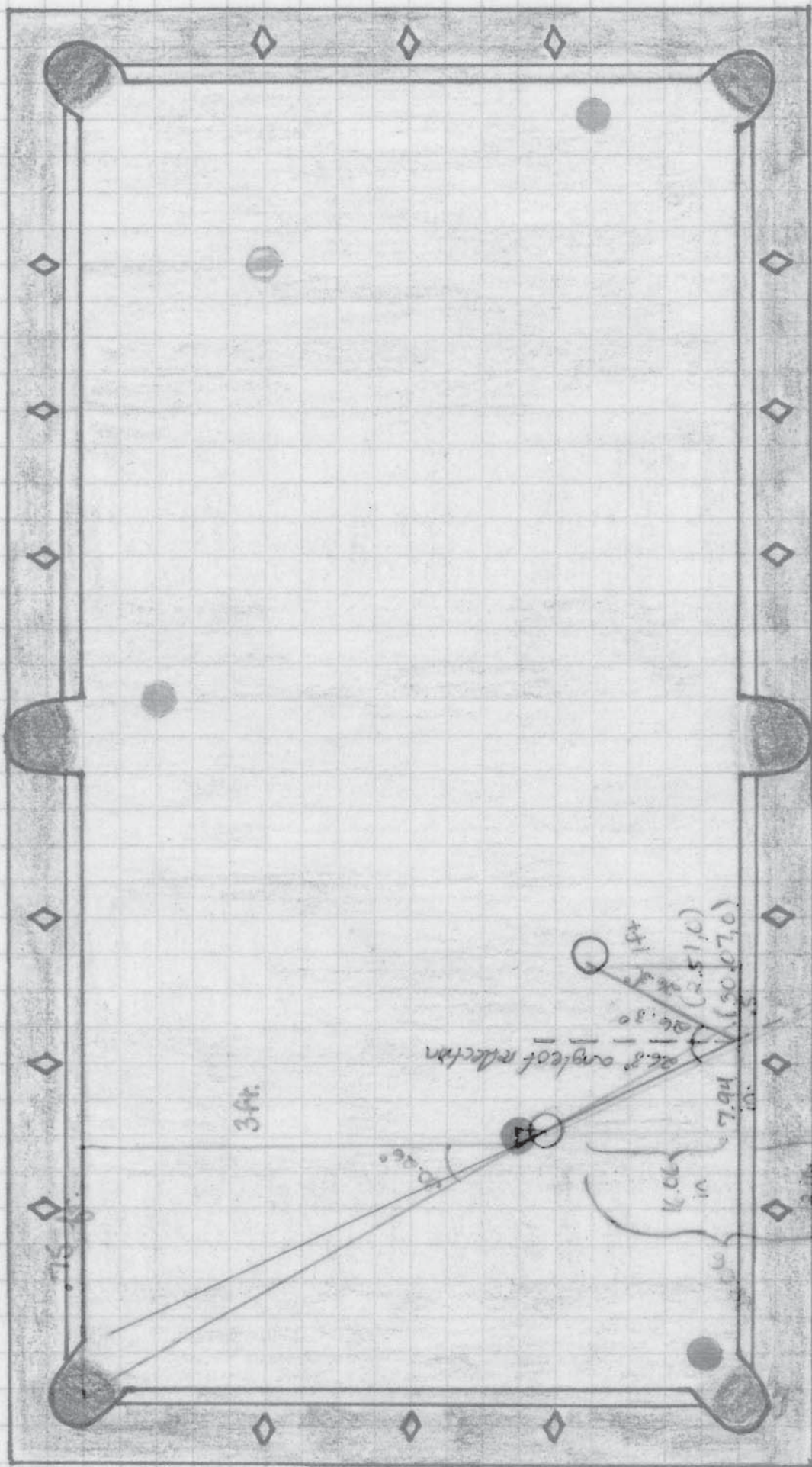
$$90^\circ - 63.70^\circ = 26.3^\circ$$

Angle Cue Ball Is Struck At

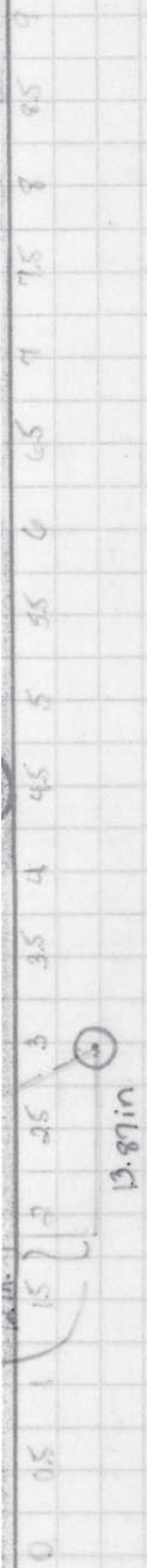
The angle of reflection is 26.3° and the angle cue ball is struck at is equal to it. So the angle is **26.3°**

Width of Table (feet)

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5



0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 5.5 6 6.5 7 7.5 8 8.5 9



Point of Contact on Rail

* Work in pink on different transparencies

$$\begin{aligned}
 16.06 + 12.87 &= 28.93 \text{ in.} & 1.754x &= 12 \text{ in.} = 21 \text{ in.} \\
 1.354x + 12 \text{ in.} &= 21 \text{ in.} & 21 \text{ in.} &= 7.74 \text{ in.} = 30.07 \text{ in.} \\
 15 \text{ in.} - 11.5 \text{ in.} &= 13.87 \text{ in.} & \text{convert } (20.07, 0) & \text{to feet} \\
 16.06 &= x & 20 \text{ in.} &= 16 \text{ in.} = 10 \text{ ft.} \\
 28.06 &= 13.87 \text{ in.} & 30.07 \text{ in.} &= 12 \text{ in.} = 257 \text{ ft.} \\
 \frac{28.7622}{28.06} &= \frac{28.06x}{28.06} & (2.5, 10 \text{ ft.}) & \\
 x &= 7.938424804 & & \\
 x &= 7.94 \text{ in.} & &
 \end{aligned}$$

Angle Cue Ball is Struck At.
 The angle of reflection is 26.3° and the angle cue ball is struck at is equal to it.
 So the angle is 26.3°

Angle of Reflection

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{28.06}{15.87}\right) &= 63.70^\circ \\
 90^\circ - 63.70^\circ &= 26.3^\circ
 \end{aligned}$$

Angle at Which Target Ball is Traveling

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1.33}{3.4}\right) = 30.26^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball

$$\sin 30.26^\circ = \frac{a}{2.25}$$

$$.5039247371 = \frac{a}{2.25}$$

$$1.133830658 = a \quad a = 1.13 \text{ in.}$$

$$\cos 30.26^\circ = \frac{b}{2.25}$$

$$.9637475669 = \frac{b}{2.25}$$

$$1.94342026 = b \quad b = 1.94$$

Convert (1.75, 1.5) to inches

$$1.75 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in} = 21 \text{ in.}$$

$$1.5 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in} = 18 \text{ in.}$$

$$(21, 18)$$

$$21 \text{ in.} + 1.13 \text{ in.} = 22.13 \text{ in.}$$

$$18 \text{ in.} - 1.94 \text{ in.} = 16.06 \text{ in.}$$

$$(22.13, 16.06)$$

in.

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target

$$2.25 \text{ in.} \div 2 = 1.125 \text{ in.}$$

$$1.13 \text{ in.} + 2 = 3.565 \text{ in.}$$

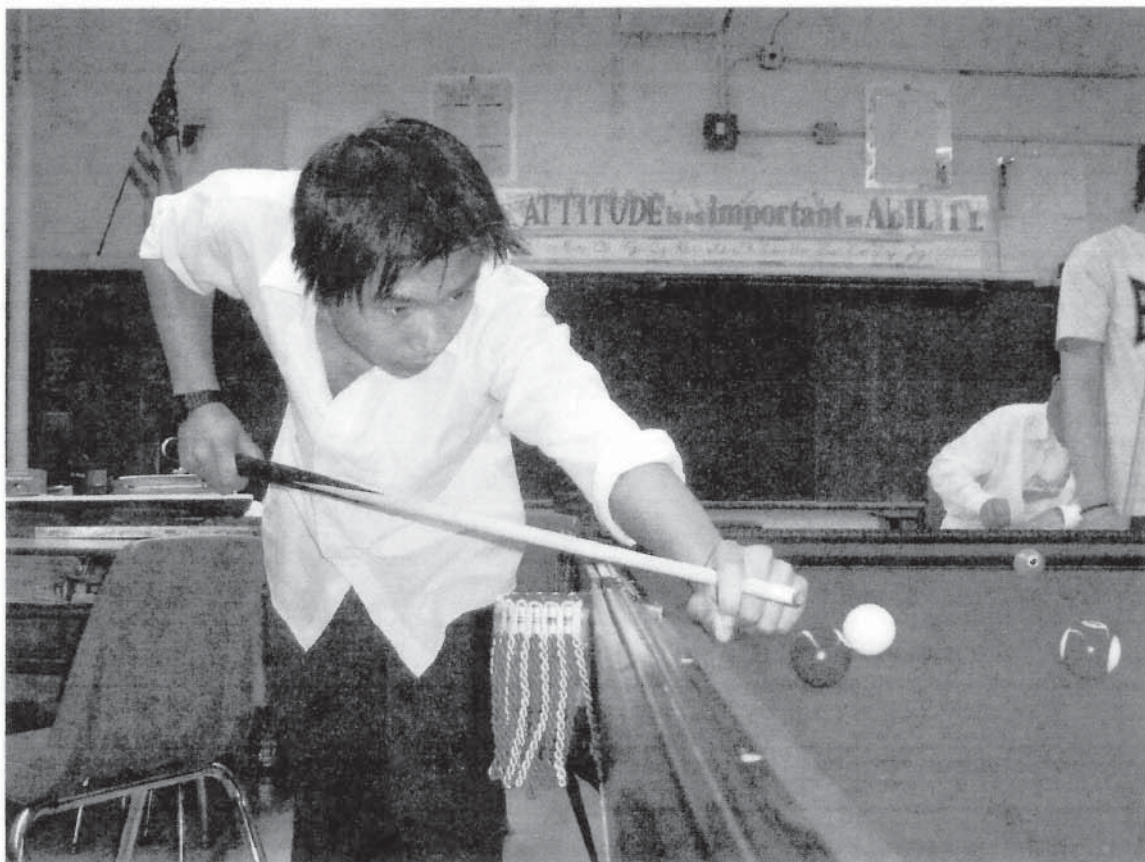
$$1.94 \text{ in.} - .97 \text{ in.}$$

$$21 \text{ in.} + .545 \text{ in.} = 21.545 \text{ in.}$$

$$18 \text{ in.} - .97 \text{ in.} = 17.03 \text{ in.}$$

$$(21.545, 17.03 \text{ in.})$$

Measurements may not be to scale



Ming's Rail Shot

Ming's Rail Shot

Angle at Which Target Ball Travels At

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{2.5} &= 38.65980825 \\ \tan &= 38.66^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Side A

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 38.66^\circ &= \frac{a}{2.25} \\ .6246976608 &= \frac{a}{2.25} \\ (2.25) .6246976608 &= \frac{a}{2.25} (2.25) \\ a &= 1.405569737 \\ a &= 1.41\end{aligned}$$

Side B

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 38.66^\circ &= \frac{b}{2.25} \\ .7808667188 &= \frac{b}{2.25} \\ (2.25) .7808667188 &= \frac{b}{2.25} (2.25) \\ b &= 1.756950117 \\ b &= 1.76\end{aligned}$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

$$\begin{aligned}7 * 12 &= 84 \text{ in} \\ 84 - 1.41 &= 82.59 \text{ in.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}30 + 1.76 &= 31.76 \text{ in} \\ (82.59, 31.76) &\text{ in}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}82.59 / 12 &= 6.8825 \text{ ft.} \\ 31.76 / 12 &= 2.65 \text{ ft.} \\ (6.8825, 2.65) &\text{ ft.}\end{aligned}$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$\begin{aligned}1.41/2 &= 0.705 \text{ in} \\1.76/2 &= 0.88 \text{ in} \\84 - 0.705 &= 83.295 \text{ in} \\30 + 0.88 &= 30.88 \text{ in} \\(83.295, 30.88) &\text{ in}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}83.295/12 &= 6.94125 \text{ ft.} \\30.88/12 &= 2.57 \text{ ft.} \\(6.94125, 2.57) &\text{ ft.}\end{aligned}$$

Height of Large Triangle

$$\begin{aligned}4.5 * 12 &= 54 \text{ in} \\54 - 31.76 &= 22.24 \text{ in} \\22.24 + 27 &= 49.24 \text{ in}\end{aligned}$$

Base Length of Larger Similar Triangle

$$\begin{aligned}4.75 * 12 &= 57 \\82.59 - 57 &= 25.59 \text{ in}\end{aligned}$$

Base Length of Smaller Similar Triangle

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{27}{49.24} &= \frac{x}{25.59} \\ \frac{690.93}{49.24} &= \frac{49.24}{49.24} x \\ x &= 14.038865 \\ x &= 14.03 \text{ in.}\end{aligned}$$

Point of Contact on Rail

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{27}{49.24} &= \frac{x}{25.59} \\ \frac{690.93}{49.24} &= \frac{49.24}{49.24} x \\ x &= 14.038865 \\ x &= 14.03 \\ 4.75 * 12 &= 57 + 14.03 = 71.03 \text{ in}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4.5 \times 12 &= 54 \text{ in} \\
 (71.03, 54) &\text{ in} \\
 71.03/12 &= 5.92 \\
 54/12 &= 4.5 \\
 (5.92, 4.5) &\text{ ft}
 \end{aligned}$$

Angle of Reflection

$$\begin{aligned}
 82.59 - 71.04 &= 11.65 \\
 4.5 \times 12 &= 54 \\
 54 - 31.76 &= 22.24 \\
 \tan^{-1} \frac{11.65}{22.24} &= 27.64693801 \\
 &= 27.65^\circ
 \end{aligned}$$

Angle at Which Cue Ball Travels At

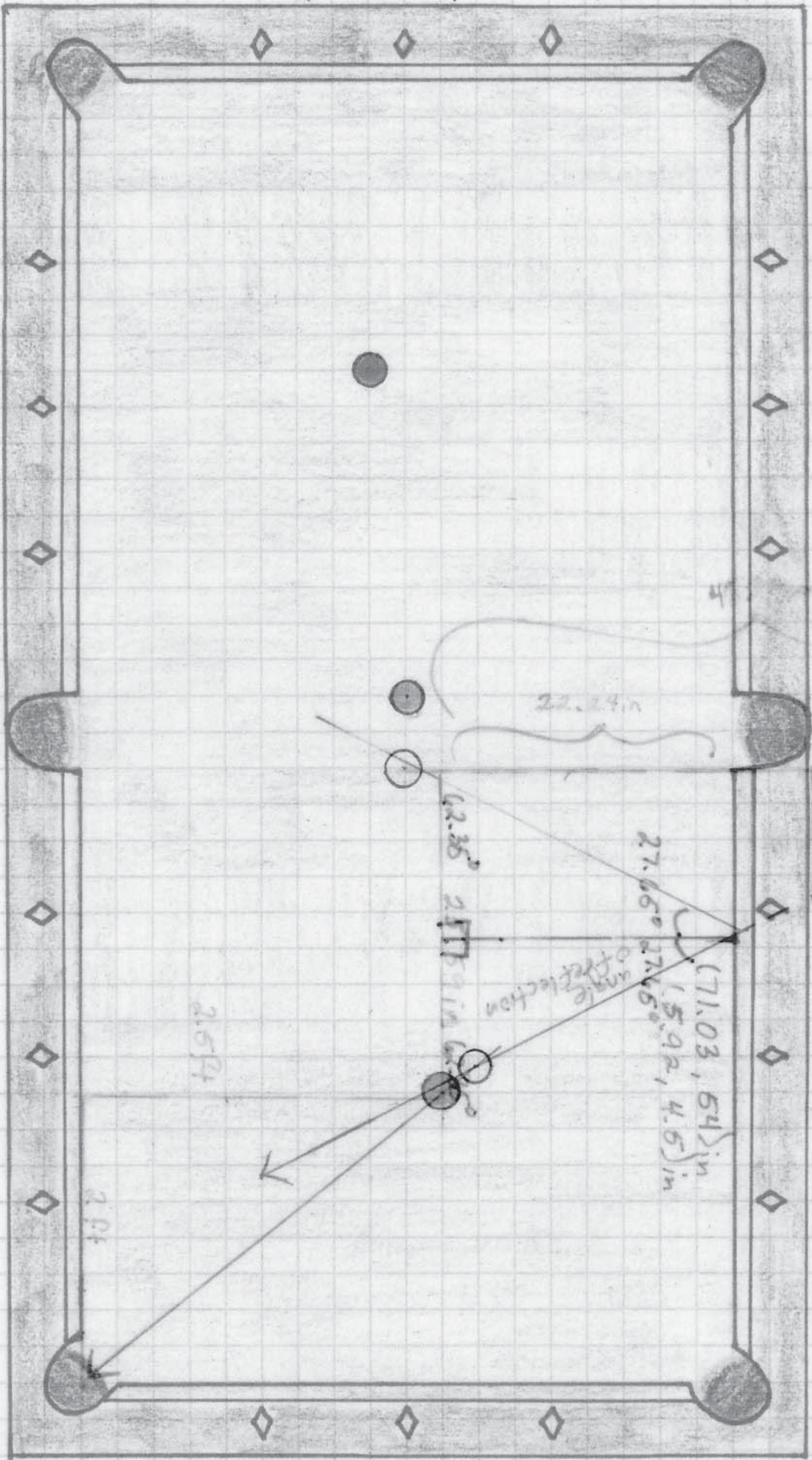
$$90^\circ - 62.35^\circ = 27.65^\circ$$

Width of Table (feet)

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5

Length of Table (feet)

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 5.5 6 6.5 7 7.5 8 8.5 9



Int. of Contact on Rail

$$27 = d$$

$$24 \quad 25.59$$

$$7 \times 25.59 = 179.24$$

$$90.93 = 179.24$$

$$24$$

$$1.0318865$$

$$1.03$$

$$75 \times 12 = 57 + 14.03 = 71.03 \text{ in}$$

$$5 \times 12 = 54 \text{ in}$$

$$71.03, 54 \text{ in}$$

$$1.03 \div 12 = 5.92$$

$$4 \div 12 = 4.5$$

$$5.92, 4.5 \text{ ft}$$

* work for green on different transpencies

Angle of Reflection

$$82.59 - 71.04 = 11.65$$

$$4.5 \times 12 = 54$$

$$54 - 31.76 = 22.24$$

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{11.65}{22.24} = 27.493801^\circ$$

$$22.24 \approx 27.65^\circ$$

Angle At Wick. Cue Fall. Transp. At

$$90^\circ - 62.35 = 27.65^\circ$$



$$\tan^{-1} \frac{2}{2.25} = 38.65980825$$

$$2.25 \approx 38.66$$

Center of Cue Ball

$$\sin 38.66 = \frac{2}{2.25}$$

$$(2.25) \cdot 6246976608 = 2 \quad (2.25)$$

$$a = 1.405569737$$

$$a = 1.41 \text{ in}$$

$$0.53866 = b$$

$$2.25$$

$$(2.25) \cdot 7808667188 = b \quad (2.25)$$

$$7 \times 12 = 84$$

$$84 - 1.41 = 82.59 \text{ in}$$

$$30 + 1.76 = 31.76 \text{ in}$$

$$(82.59, 31.76) \text{ in}$$

$$82.59 \div 12 = 6.8825 \text{ ft}$$

$$31.76 \div 12 = 2.655 \text{ ft}$$

$$(6.8825, 2.65) \text{ ft}$$

$$b = 1.76 \text{ in}$$

$$b = 1.76 \text{ in}$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target

$$1.41 \div 2 = 0.705$$

$$1.76 \div 2 = 0.88$$

$$84 - 0.705 = 83.295$$

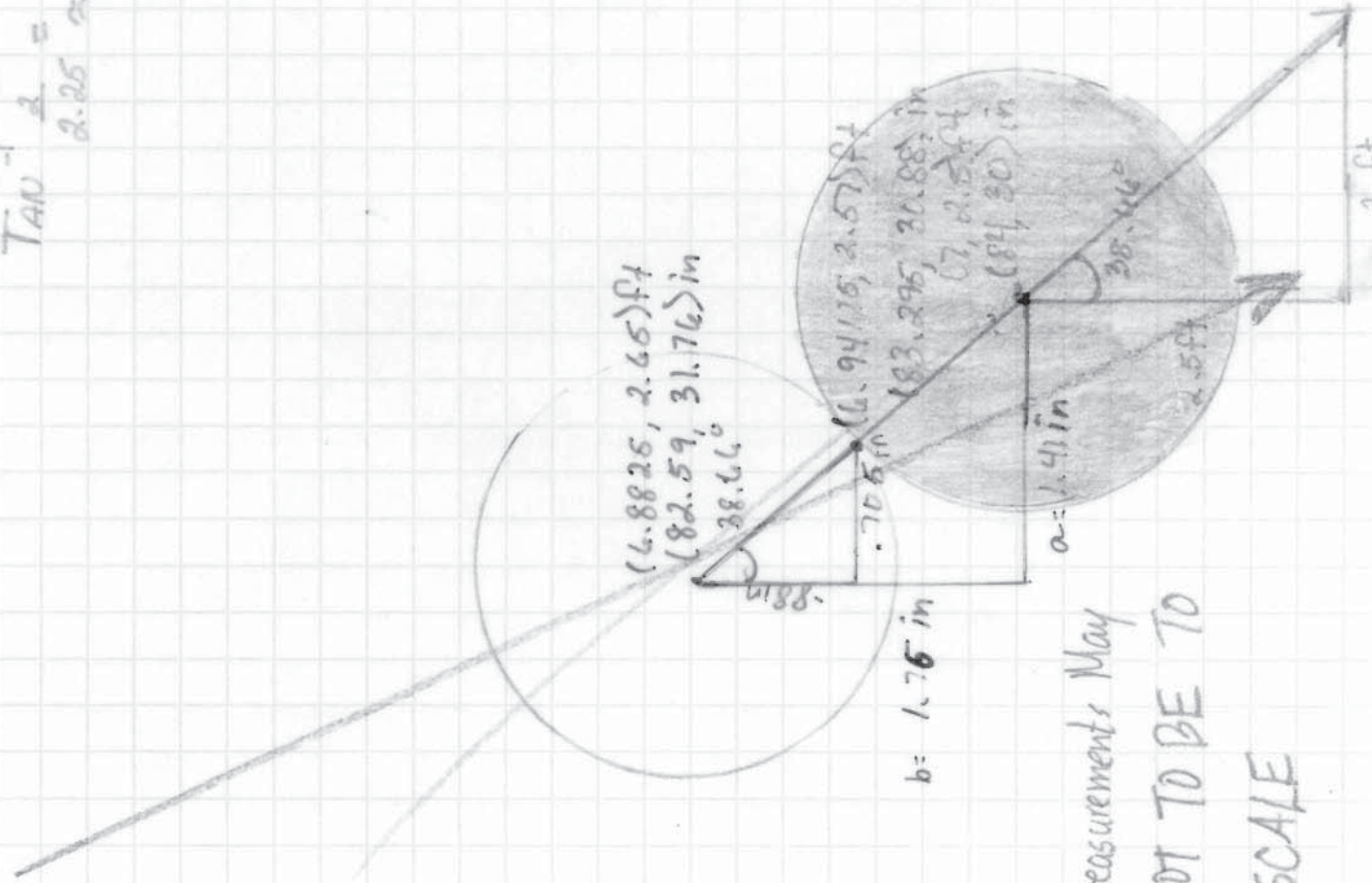
$$30 + 0.88 = 30.88$$

$$(83.295, 30.88) \text{ in}$$

$$83.295 \div 12 = 6.94125$$

$$30.88 \div 12 = 2.57$$

$$(6.94125, 2.57) \text{ ft}$$



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Isabela's Rail Shot

Isabela 's Rail Shot

Angle target ball is traveling at

$$\text{TAN}^{-1}(1.5/2.5) = 30.964^{\circ}$$

Center of Cue Ball

Measure of Side a

$$\text{SIN } 30.964^{\circ} = a/2.25$$

$$.5144993992 = a/2.25$$

$$.5144993992 \times 2.25 = 1.157623648$$

$$\approx 1.16\text{in} = a$$

Measure of Side b

$$\text{COS } 30.964^{\circ} = b/2.25$$

$$.8574907394 = b/2.25$$

$$.8574907394 \times 2.25 = 1.929354164$$

$$\approx 1.93\text{in} = b$$

Target ball location (3, 2) ft

3ft. $\times$ 12, 2ft. $\times$ 12 $\leftarrow$ converting feet into inches

(36, 24) in

(36-1.16, 24-1.93)

(34.84, 22.07) in. $\leftarrow$ Cue ball at contact with target ball

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$1.16\text{ in} / 2 = .58\text{in}$$

$$1.93/2 = .965\text{in}$$

(36, 24) in

$$36 - .58 = 35.42\text{in}$$

$$24 - .965 = 23.035$$

Convert **(35.42, 23.035) in** into feet

$$35.42/12 = 2.95\text{ft.}$$

$$23.035/12 = 1.92$$

(2.95, 1.92) ft

Point of Contact on Rail

To find the measure 58.07, I had to reflect the cue ball over the x-axis. The coordinate of the cue ball in the beginning is (1, 3) ft. or (12, 36) in. I drew down the line from the location of the cue ball at contact (34.84, 22.07) in. until it reached the same distance as the starting point of the cue ball reflected. Then I connected both points making two similar triangles. The dimensions for the larger triangle is 58.07in.= height, and 22.84in.= width.

Length of x

$$\frac{22.07}{58.07} = \frac{x}{22.84\text{in.}}$$

$$22.07 \times 22.84 = 504.0788$$

$$504.0788 \div 58.07 = 8.680537283$$

$$x = 8.680537283$$

$$x \approx \mathbf{8.68\text{in}}$$

Point that Cue ball must hit

$$34.84 - 8.68 = 26.16$$

$$\mathbf{(26.16, 0)\text{in.}}$$

$$26.16 \div 12 = 2.18\text{ft.}$$

$$\mathbf{(2.18, 0)\text{ft.}}$$

Angle of Reflection

$$\tan^{-1}(22.07 \div 8.68)$$

$$68.5305802 \approx 68.53^\circ$$

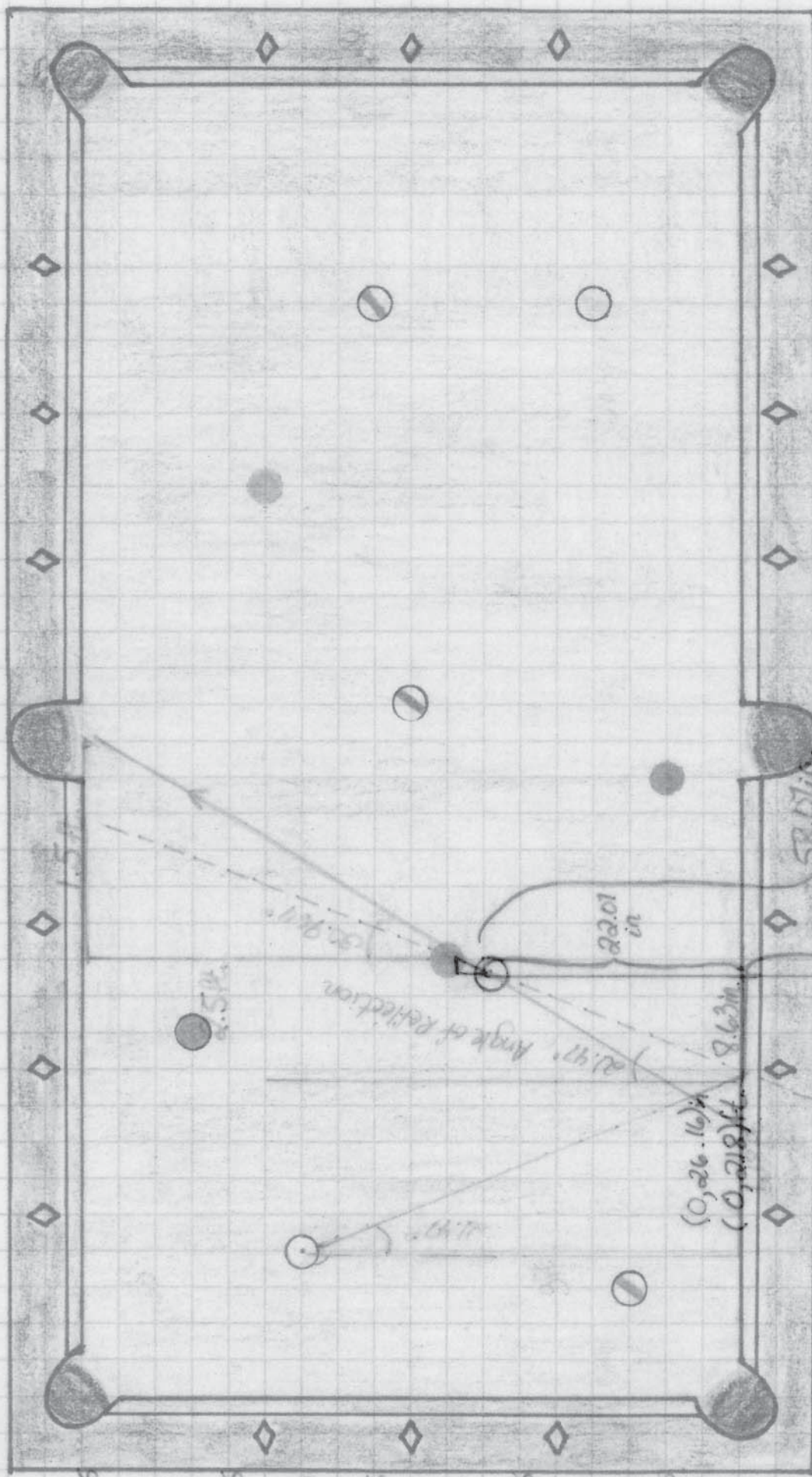
$$90^\circ - 68.53^\circ = \mathbf{21.47^\circ}$$

Angle of reflection $\uparrow$

Angle Cue Ball is Traveling

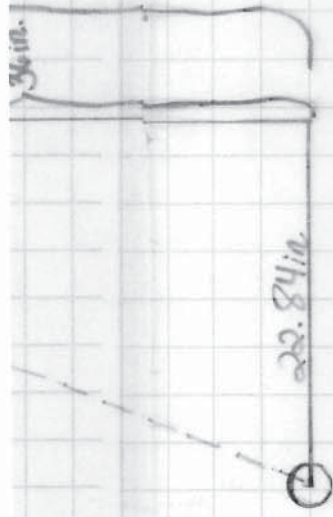
$$90^\circ + 68.53^\circ = 158.53^\circ$$

$$180^\circ - 158.53^\circ = \mathbf{21.47^\circ}$$



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Length of table (feet)



Point of Contact on Rail

To find the measure 58.07 in. I had to reflect the cue ball over the x-axis. The coordinate of the cue ball in the beginning is (1,3) ft. or (12,36) in. I drew down the line from the location of the cue ball at contact (34.24, 22.07) in. until it reached the same distance as the starting point of the cue ball reflected. Then I connected both points making two similar triangles. The dimensions for the larger triangle is 58.07 in. height, and 22.84 in. = width.

Length of x:

$$\frac{58.07}{22.07} = \frac{x}{22.84 \text{ in.}}$$

$$22.07 \times 22.84 = 504.0788$$

$$504.0788 \div 58.07 = 8.680537783$$

$$x = 8.680537283$$

$$x = 8.68 \text{ in.}$$

Point that Cue ball must hit

$$34.24 - 8.68 = 25.56 \text{ in.}$$

$$(25.56, 0) \text{ in.}$$

$$25.56 \div 12 = 2.13 \text{ ft.}$$

$$(0, 2.13) \text{ ft.}$$

Angle of Reflection

$$\tan^{-1} (22.07 \div 8.68)$$

$$8.5305802 \approx 68.53^\circ$$

$$90^\circ - 68.68^\circ = 21.47^\circ$$



Angle of reflection

Angle Cue Ball is Traveling

$$91^\circ + 68.53^\circ = 159.53^\circ$$

$$180^\circ - 159.53^\circ = 20.47^\circ$$

* Check on another transparency.

Angle at which Target Ball is Traveling
 $\tan^{-1}(1.5/2.5) = 30.964^\circ$

Center of Cue Ball

$$\sin 30.964^\circ = \frac{a}{2.5}$$

$$.5141493992 = \frac{a}{2.5}$$

$$1.51643648 = a$$

$$1.16 = a$$

$$\cos 30.964^\circ = \frac{b}{2.5}$$

$$.857497391 = \frac{b}{2.5}$$

$$1.929854164 = b$$

$$1.18 = a$$

Center: (3, 2) ft

$$3 ft \times 12 = 36 in$$

$$2 ft \times 12 = 24 in$$

$$(36, 24) in$$

$$36 in - 1.16 in = 34.84 in$$

$$24 in + 1.93 in = 25.97 in$$

$$(34.84, 25.97) in$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target

$$1.16 in \div 2 = .58 in$$

$$1.93 in \div 2 = .965 in$$

$$(34, 24) in$$

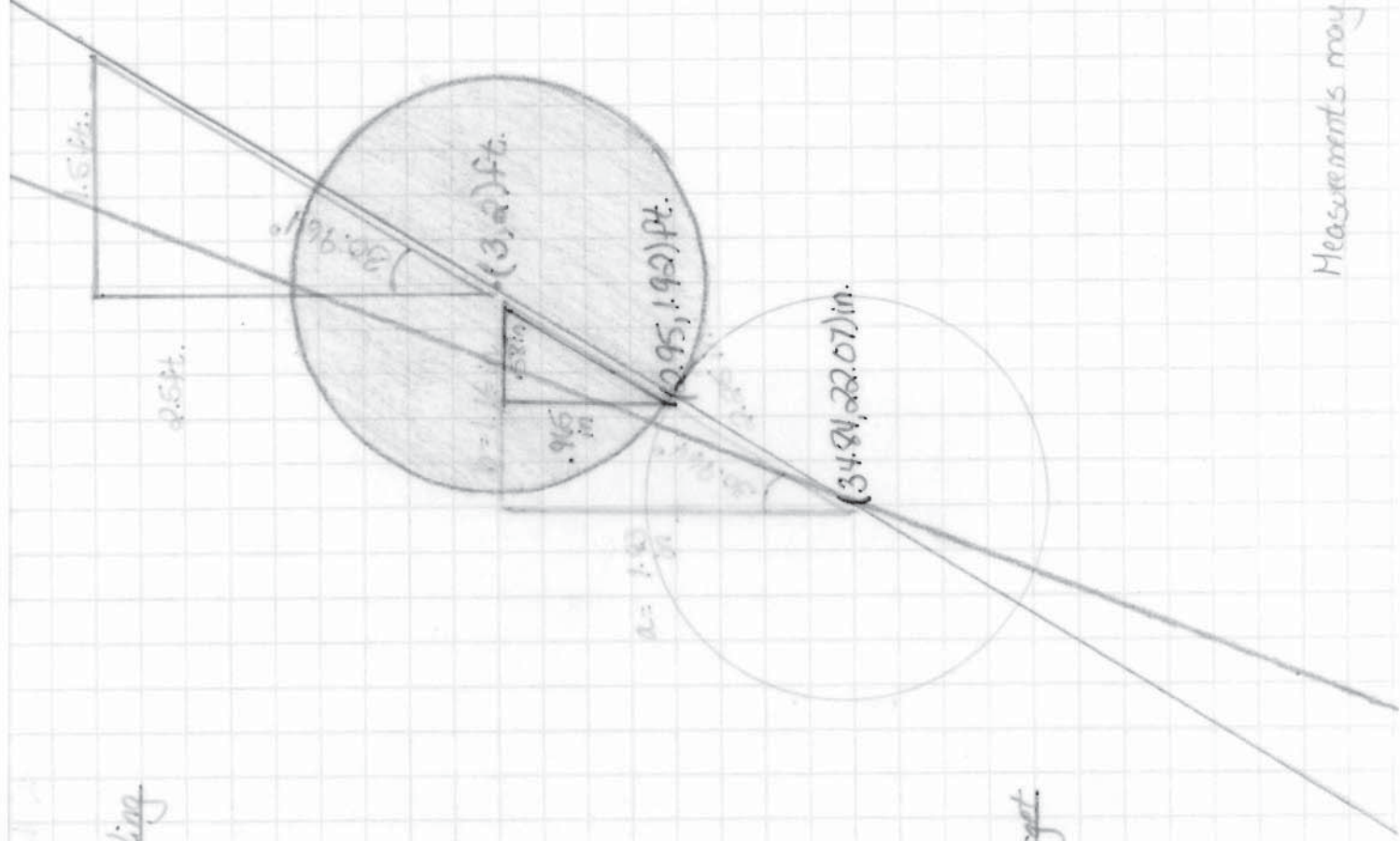
$$36 in - .58 in = 35.42 in$$

$$24 in + .965 in = 23.035 in$$

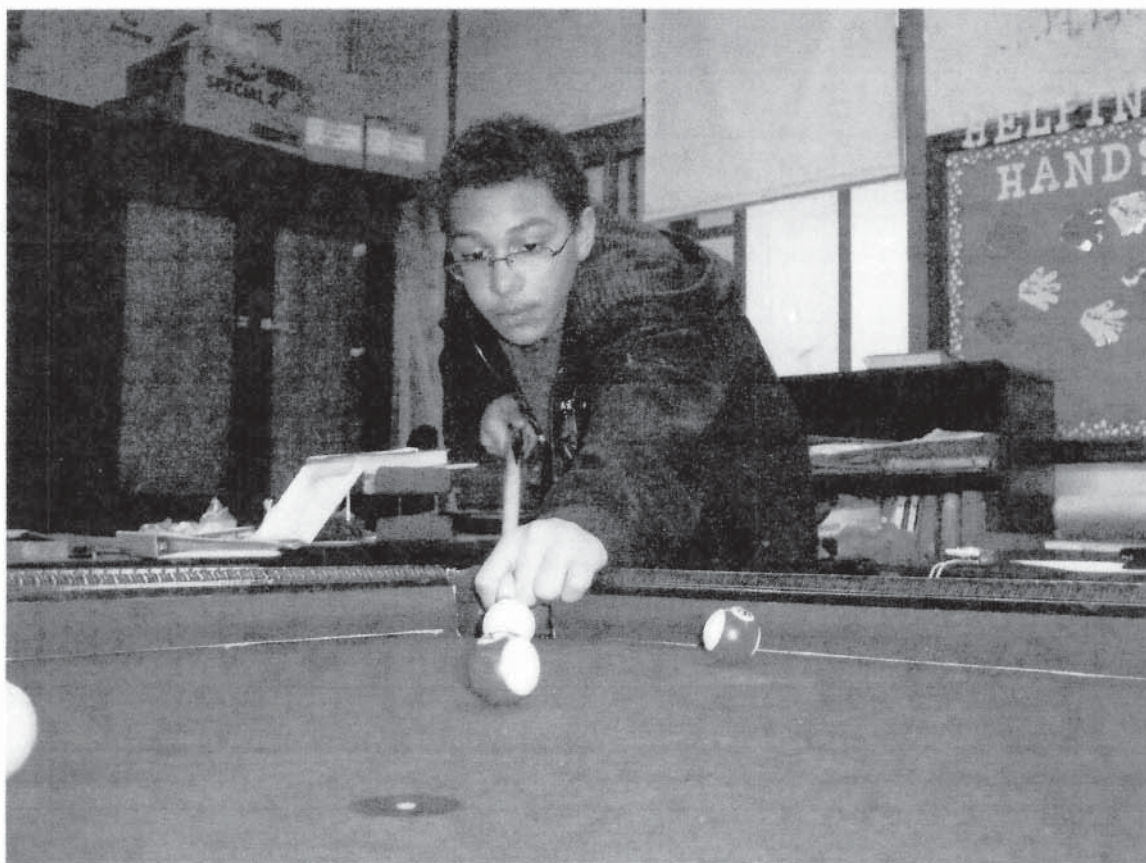
Convert (35.42, 23.035) in into ft

$$35.42 in \div 12 = 2.95 ft \quad (2.95, 1.92) ft$$

$$23.035 in \div 12 = 1.92 ft$$



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Darius' s Rail Shot

Darius's Rail Shot

Measure of Angle Target Ball Travels In

$$\tan^{-1}(x) = \frac{3.25}{2}$$

$$x \approx 58.39^\circ$$

Travel Distance of Target Ball

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$24 \text{ in}^2 + 39 \text{ in}^2 = c^2$$

$$576 \text{ in} + 1,521 \text{ in} = c^2$$

$$c^2 = 2,097 \text{ in}$$

$$c = 45.79301257 \text{ in} \approx 45.79 \text{ in} / 12 = 3.81583 \approx 3.82 \text{ ft}$$

Scale Factor From Large Triangle to Small Triangle

$$2.25 \text{ in} / 45.79 \text{ in} = .0491373662$$

$$.0491373662 * 24 \text{ in} = 1.17929679 \text{ in} \approx 1.18 \text{ in} \quad \text{side } a'$$

$$.0491373662 * 39 \text{ in} = 1.916357282 \text{ in} \approx 1.92 \text{ in} \quad \text{side } b'$$

Center of Cue Ball at Point of Contact

$$84 \text{ in} - 1.18 \text{ in} = 82.82 \text{ in} / 12 \approx 6.90 \text{ ft}$$

$$15 \text{ in} - 1.92 \text{ in} = 13.08 \text{ in} / 12 = 1.09 \text{ ft}$$

$$(6.90 \text{ ft}, 1.09 \text{ ft})$$

$$(82.82 \text{ in}, 13.08 \text{ in})$$

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$1.18 \text{ in} / 2 = .59 \text{ in}$$

$$1.92 \text{ in} / 2 = .96 \text{ in}$$

$$15 \text{ in} - .96 \text{ in} = 14.04 \text{ in} = 1.17 \text{ ft}$$

$$82.82 \text{ in} + .59 \text{ in} = 83.41 \text{ in} / 12 = 6.95 \text{ ft}$$

$$(6.95 \text{ ft}, 1.17 \text{ ft})$$

$$(83.41 \text{ in}, 14.04 \text{ in})$$

Point of Rail Contact by Cue Ball

The distance from the cue ball to the rail is 24 in. I reflected that over the axis and got part of my triangle. The distance from the cue ball at contact with target ball to the rail is 13.08 in. When you add these 2 measurements it equals 37.08 in, which is the height of the triangle. The base of the triangle is the length from the cue ball to the target ball, which is 28.82 in.

$$\frac{13.08 \text{ in}}{37.08 \text{ in}} = \frac{x}{28.82 \text{ in}}$$

$$28.82 * 13.08 / 37.08 = 10.06045307 \text{ in} = x$$

$$82.82 \text{ in} - 10.06045307 \text{ in} = 72.65372168 \text{ in} / 12 \approx 6.05 \text{ ft}$$

$$(6.05 \text{ ft}, 0 \text{ ft})$$

$$(72.65 \text{ in}, 0 \text{ in})$$

Angle Cue Ball is Struck At

$$6.05 \text{ ft} - 4.5 \text{ ft} = 1.55 \text{ ft}$$

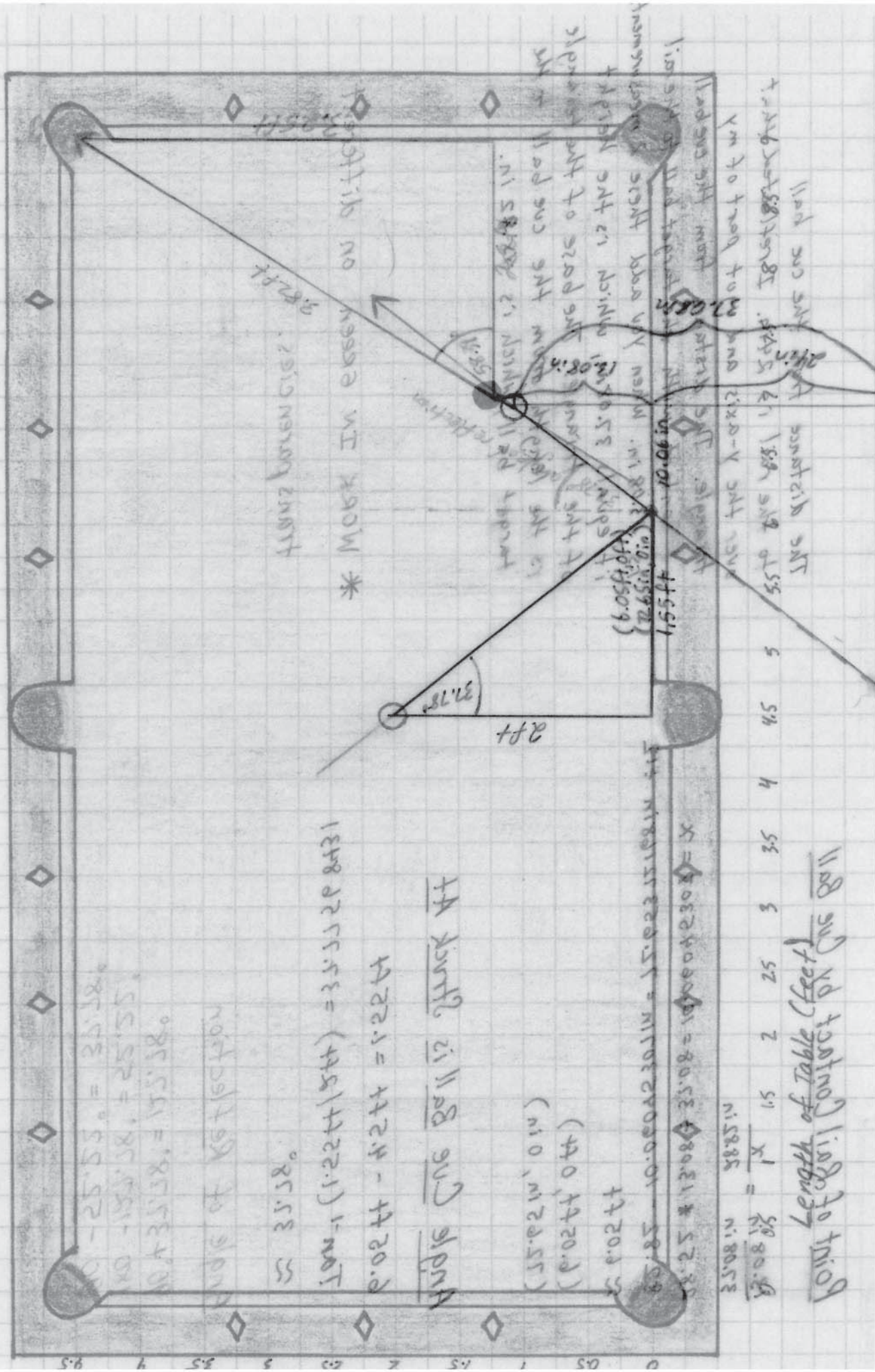
$$\tan^{-1}(1.55 \text{ ft} / 2 \text{ ft}) = 37.77568431^\circ = 37.78^\circ$$

Angle of Reflection

$$90^\circ + 37.78^\circ = 127.78^\circ$$

$$180^\circ - 127.78^\circ = 52.22^\circ$$

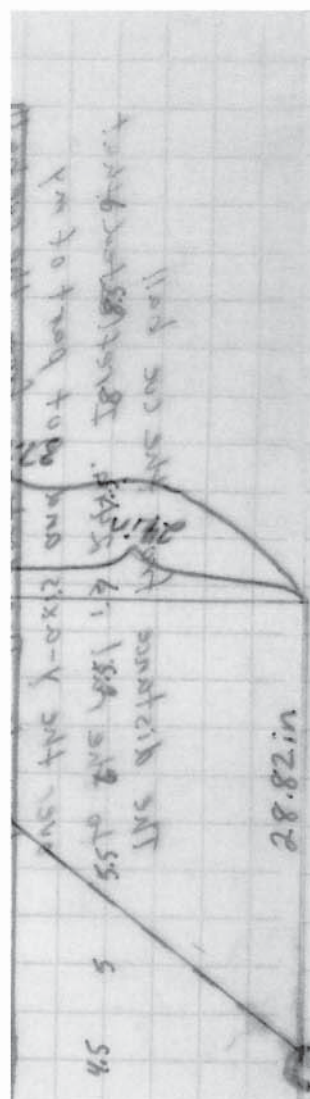
$$90^\circ - 52.22^\circ = 37.78^\circ$$



$$\frac{35.08 \text{ in}}{28.82 \text{ in}} = \frac{5}{4}$$

Point of Rail Contact (feet) Gas Rail

1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
5.5 to 6.5	6.5 to 7.5	7.5 to 8.5	8.5 to 9.5	9.5 to 10.5	10.5 to 11.5	11.5 to 12.5	12.5 to 13.5
1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5



Measurement of Angle Target Ball Travels at

$$\tan^{-1}(3.25/2) = x$$

$$x = 58.39^\circ$$

Travel Distance of Target Ball

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$24^2 + 39^2 = c^2$$

$$576 + 1521 = c^2$$

$$2,097 = c^2$$

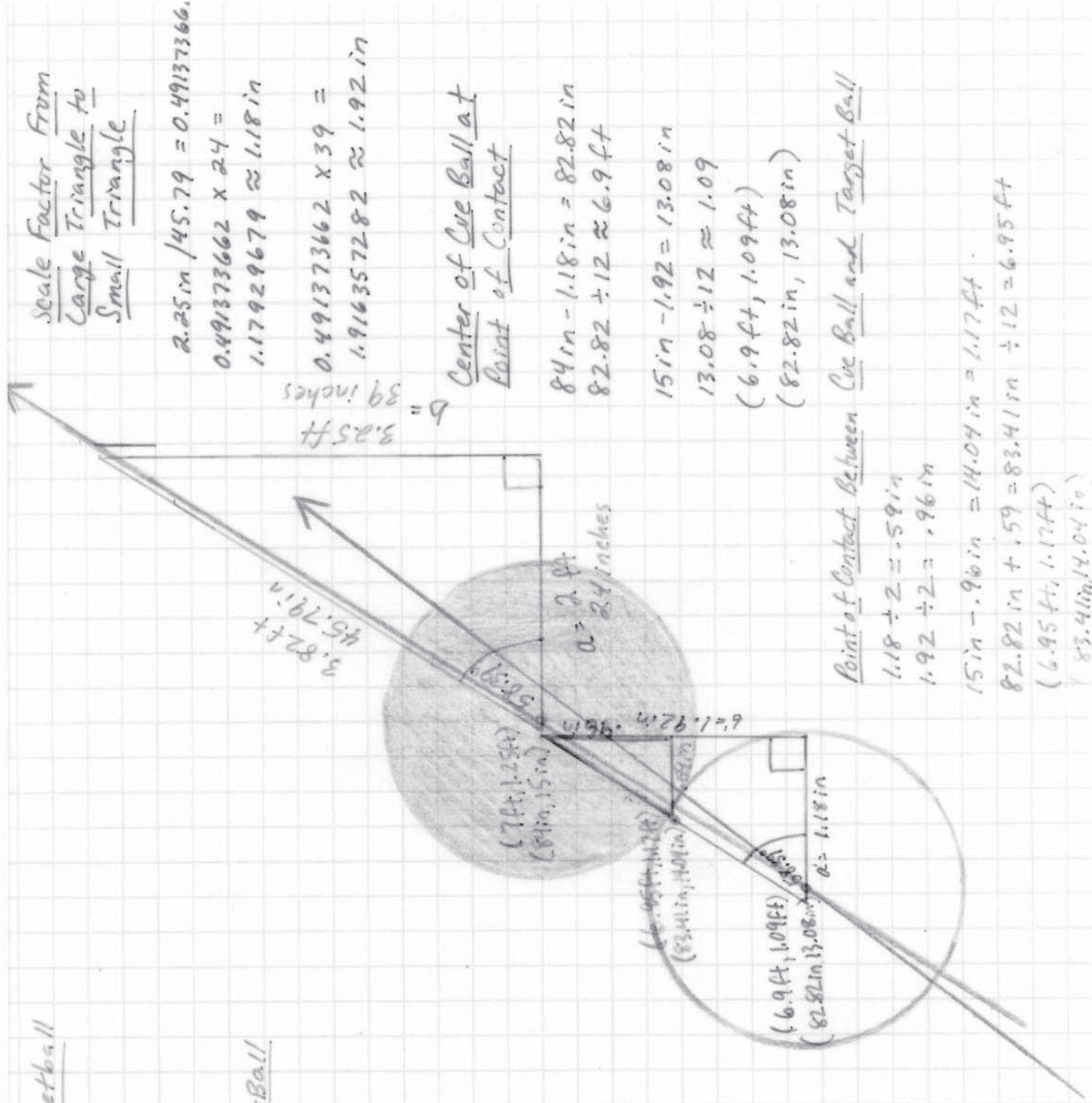
$$45.79301257 = c$$

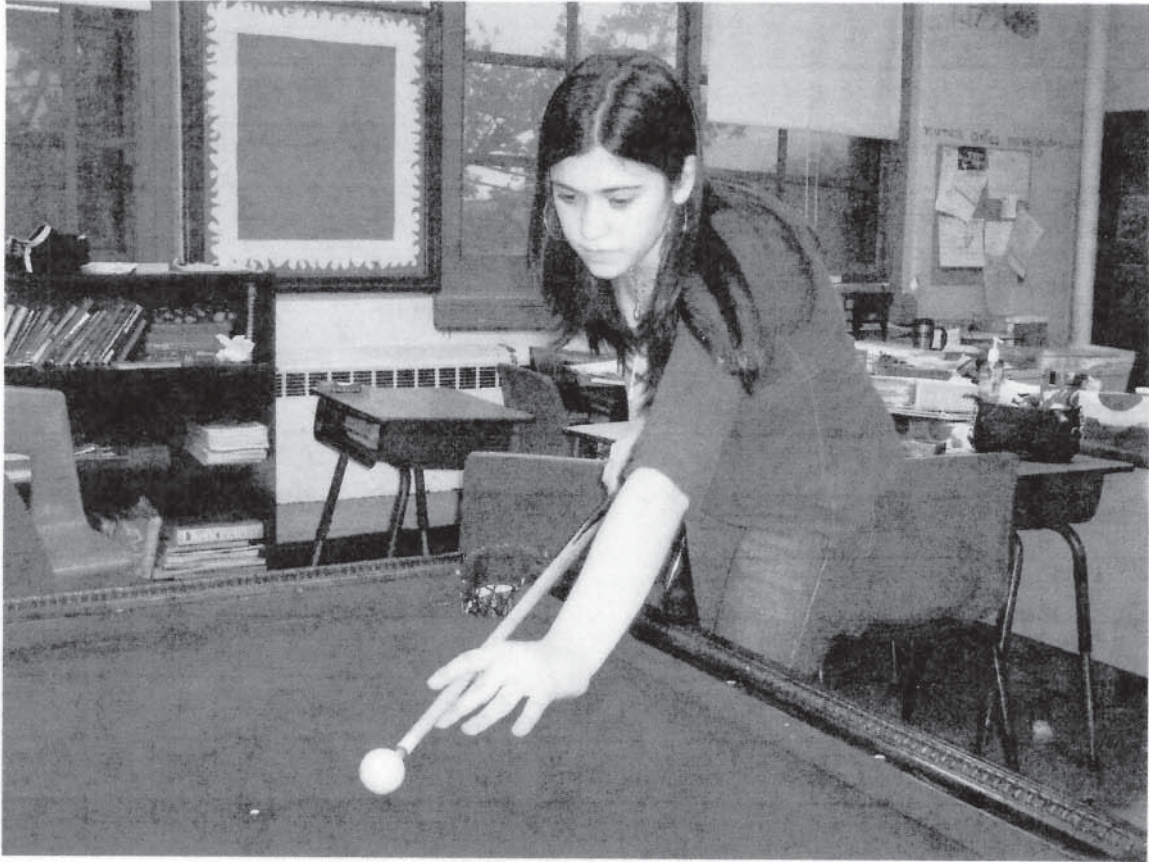
$$45.79 \text{ in} \approx$$

$$45.79 \div 12 \approx$$

$$3.82 \text{ ft}$$

Measurements
may NOT be
to scale





Catherine's Rail Shot

Catherine's Rail Shot

Angle at Which Cue Ball is Traveling At

$$\tan^{-1}(1.25/1.5) = 39.80557109$$

$\approx 39.81^\circ \rightarrow$ the angle at which the target ball enters pocket

Center of Cue Ball

$$\sin 39.81 = b/2.25$$

$$(2.25) .6402437805 = b/2.25 (2.25)$$

$$b = 1.440548506$$

$$\approx 1.44 \text{ in.}$$

$$\cos 39.81 = a/2.25$$

$$(2.25) .7681717917 = a/2.25 (2.25)$$

$$a = 1.728386531$$

$$\approx 1.73 \text{ in.}$$

$$(3.25, 1.5) \text{ ft.}$$

$$\times 12$$

$$(39, 18) \text{ in.}$$

$$39 - 1.44 = 37.56 \text{ in.}$$

$$18 + 1.73 = 19.73 \text{ in.}$$

$$(37.56, 19.73) \text{ in.}$$

$$/12$$

(3.13, 1.64) ft. $\rightarrow$ point where the center of cue ball is at

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$1.73 \text{ in.} / 2 = .865 \text{ in.}$$

$$1.44 \text{ in.} / 2 = .72 \text{ in.}$$

$$(39, 18)$$

$$39 - .72 = 38.28$$

$$18 + .865 = 18.865$$

$$(38.28, 18.865) \text{ in.}$$

$$/12$$

(3.19, 1.57) ft. $\rightarrow$ point where cue ball and target ball meet/contact

Point on Rail that Cue Ball is Aimed At

Large triangle

$3.13 - .75 = 2.38$ ft. → the base of large triangle

$4.5 - 1.64 = 2.86$ ft.

2.86 ft. + 1 ft. = 3.86 ft. → the height of large triangle

Small triangle

$$\frac{1}{3.86} = \frac{x}{2.38}$$

$$\frac{2.38}{3.86} = \frac{3.86x}{3.86}$$

$x = .62$ ft. → the width of small triangle

1 ft. → the length of small triangle

Point at Which Cue Ball Hits the Rail

$.75 + .62 = 1.37$ ft.

(1.37, 4.5) ft.

x 12

(16.44, 54) in.

↑

point cue ball is
aimed at

Angle of Reflection

$$\tan^{-1}(12\text{in}/7.44\text{in}) = 58.20^\circ$$

$90^\circ - 58.20^\circ = 31.8^\circ$ → angle at which the cue ball reflects

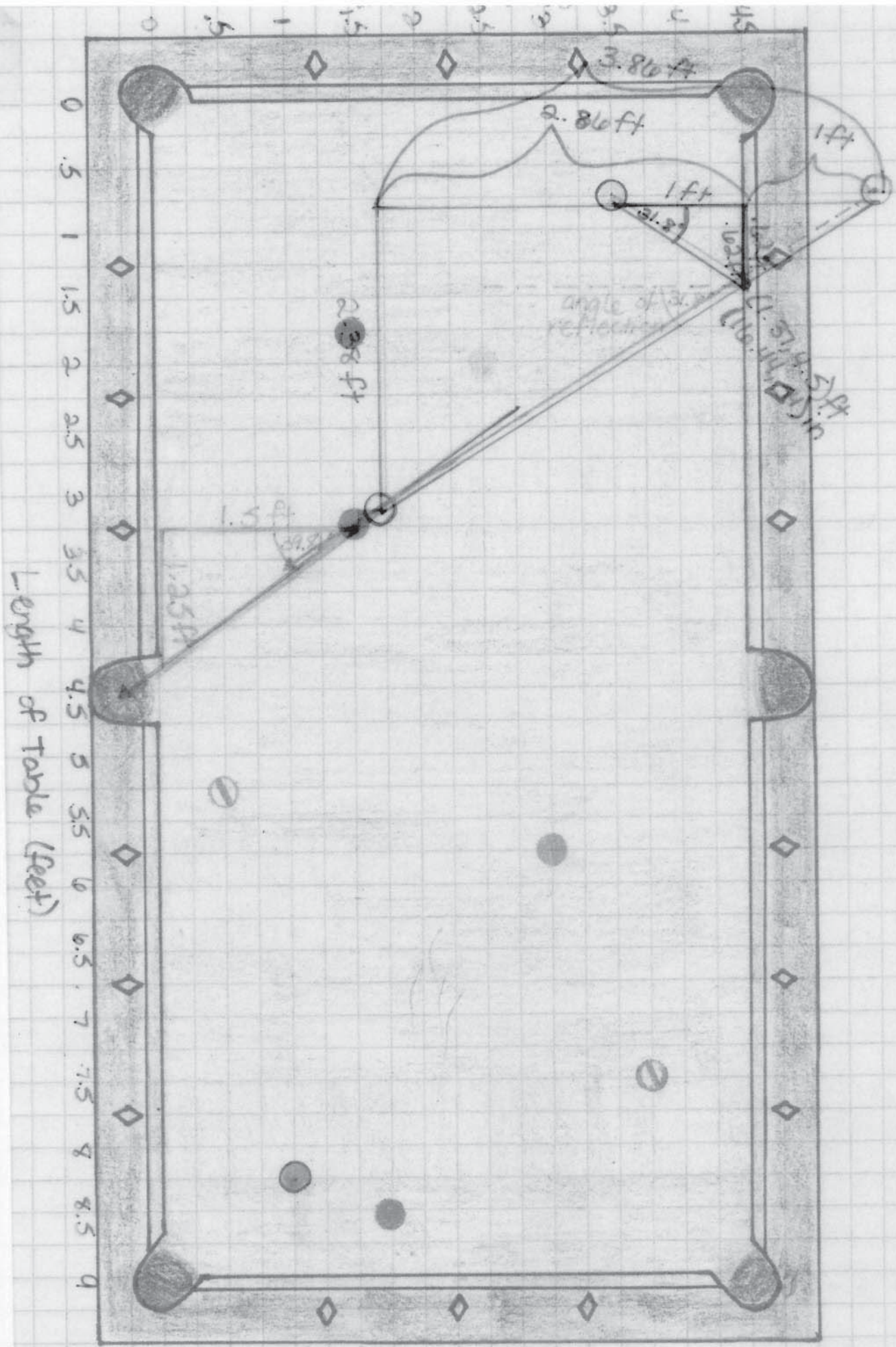
Angle That Cue Ball is Struck At

$$58.2^\circ + 90 = 148.2^\circ$$

$$180 - 148.2^\circ = 31.8^\circ$$

↑

Cue ball is struck
at this angle



Point on Rail that Cue Ball is Aimed At

Large Triangle

$13 - 75 = 2.38 \text{ ft} \rightarrow$ the base of large triangle

$$4.5 - 1.64 = 2.86 \text{ ft}$$

$1.86 \text{ ft} + 1 \text{ ft} = 3.86 \text{ ft} \rightarrow$ the height of large triangle

Small Triangle

$$\frac{1}{3.86} = \frac{x}{2.38}$$

$$x = \frac{2.38}{3.86} = .616 \text{ ft} \rightarrow$$

the base of small triangle
 $1 \text{ ft} \rightarrow$ the height of small triangle

Point at which cue ball hits rail

$$75 + 1.62 = 1.37 \text{ ft}$$

$$(1.37, 4.5) \text{ ft}$$

$$(16.44, 54) \text{ in}$$

Angle that cue ball is struck
 $58.2^\circ + 90^\circ = 148.2^\circ$
 $180 - 148.2^\circ = 31.8^\circ$

Angle cue ball
is struck at

Angle of Reflection

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{12.7}{7.44 \text{ in}}\right) = 58.2^\circ$$

$$90^\circ - 58.2^\circ = 31.8^\circ$$



angle at which
the cue ball
reflects

*Work in green on different
transparencies

Point of Contact Between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$1.73 \text{ in} \div 2 = .865 \text{ in}$$

$$1.44 \text{ in} \div 2 = .72 \text{ in}$$

 $(39, 18)$ in

$$39 - 72 = 38.28$$
$$18 + 865 = 18.865$$

$$(38.28, 18.865) \div 12$$

$(3.19, 1.57) \text{ ft}$

→ point at which cue ball and target ball meet

1.5 ft





Luis's Rail Shot

Luis's Rail Shot

Angle Target Ball must be hit at

$$\tan^{-1}(1/.75) = 53.130102235^\circ \approx 53.13^\circ$$

$$90^\circ - 53.130102235^\circ = 36.86989777^\circ \approx 36.87^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

Measure of Side x

$$\sin 53.13010235^\circ = x/2.25 \text{ inches}$$

$$(2.25) \cdot .8 = x/2.25(2.25)$$

$$x = 1.8 \text{ inches}$$

$$1.8 \div 12 = .15 \text{ feet}$$

$$x = .15 \text{ feet}$$

Measure of Side a

$$\cos 53.13010235^\circ = a/2.25 \text{ inches}$$

$$(2.25) \cdot .6000000001 = a/2.25(2.25)$$

$$a = 1.35 \text{ inches}$$

$$1.35 \div 12 = .1125 \text{ inches}$$

$$a = .1125 \text{ feet}$$

Coordinate of Cue Ball at Contact with Target

$$(8, 3.75)$$

$$8 \times 12 = 96 \text{ inches}$$

$$3.75 \times 12 = 45 \text{ inches}$$

$$(96 - 1.8, 45 - 1.35)$$

$$(94.2 \text{ inches}, 43.65 \text{ inches})$$

$$43.65 \div 12 = 3.6375 \text{ feet}$$

$$94.2 \div 12 = 7.85 \text{ feet}$$

$$(7.85 \text{ feet}, 3.6375 \text{ feet})$$

Point of Contact between Cue Ball and Target Ball

$$.15 \div 2 = .075 \text{ feet}$$

$$8 - .075 = 7.925 \text{ feet}$$

$$.1125 \div 2 = .05625 \text{ feet}$$

$$3.75 - .05625 = 3.69375 \text{ feet} \approx 3.69 \text{ feet}$$

$$(7.925 \text{ feet}, 3.69375 \text{ feet})$$

$$7.925 \times 12 = 95.1 \text{ inches}$$

$$3.69375 \times 12 = 44.325 \text{ inches}$$

$$(95.1 \text{ inches}, 44.325 \text{ inches})$$

Cue Ball Point of Contact on Rail

Measure of Side z

$$3.6375 + 4.25 = 7.8875 \text{ feet}$$

$$2 - .15 = 1.85 \text{ feet}$$

$$z = 1.85 \text{ feet}$$

$$1.85 \times 12 = 22.2 \text{ inches}$$

$$z = 22.2 \text{ inches}$$

Measure of Side y

$$3.6375 / 7.8875 = y / 1.85$$

$$(1.85) .4616116751 = y / 1.85 (1.85)$$

$$y = .853981599 \text{ feet} \approx .85 \text{ feet}$$

$$.853981599 \text{ feet} \times 12 = 10.24777919 \text{ inches}$$

$$y = 10.25 \text{ inches}$$

Rail Point of Contact

$$.15 + .853981599 = 1.003981599 \approx 1 \text{ foot}$$

$$8 - 1.003981599 = 6.996018401 \approx 7 \text{ feet}$$

$$(6.996018401 \text{ feet}, 0 \text{ feet})$$

$$6.996018401 \times 12 = 83.95222081 \text{ inches} \approx 83.95 \text{ inches}$$

$$0 \times 12 = 0 \text{ inches}$$

$$(83.95222081 \text{ inches}, 0 \text{ inches})$$

Angle at which Cue Ball Travels

$$90^\circ + 13.24051992^\circ = 103.24051992^\circ \approx 103.24^\circ$$

$$180^\circ - 103.24051992^\circ = 76.75948008^\circ \approx 76.76^\circ$$

$$90^\circ - 76.75948008^\circ = 13.24051992^\circ \approx 13.24^\circ$$

Angle of Reflection

$$\tan^{-1}(1/4.25) = 13.24051992^\circ \approx 13.24^\circ$$

* view is blue shown on a different transparency

Point of Contact on Rail

Angle of F.R. Flange

$$3.1375 + 4.25 = 7.8875 \text{ feet}$$

$$7.85 = 1.85 \text{ feet}$$

$$Z = 1.85 \text{ feet}$$

$$1.85 \times 12 = 22.2 \text{ inches}$$

$$Z = 22.2 \text{ inches}$$

$$3.1375 / 7.8875 = 1.185$$

$$(1.85) / 1.85 = 1.185$$

$$Y = .853981599 \text{ feet}$$

$$.853981599 \times 12 = 10.24777919 \text{ inches}$$

$$Y = 10.24777919 \text{ inches}$$

$$.15 + .853981599 = .003981599 \text{ feet}$$

$$8 - 1.003981599 = 6.996018401 \text{ feet}$$

$$(6.996018401 \text{ feet} \times 12)$$

$$6.996018401 \times 12 = 83.95222081 \text{ inches}$$

$$0 \times 12 = 0 \text{ inches}$$

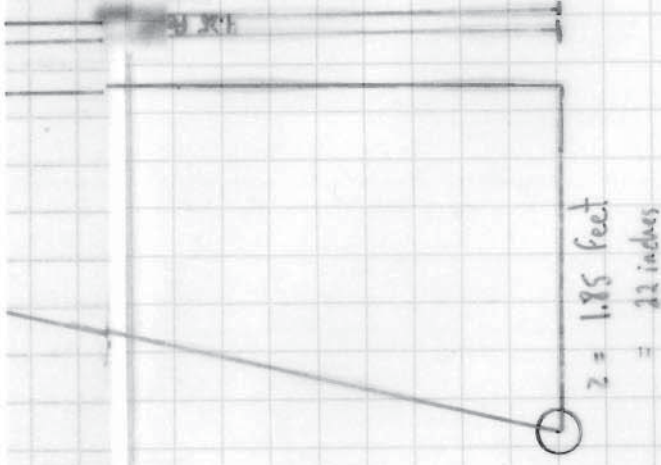
$$(83.95222081 \text{ inches}, 0 \text{ inches})$$

Angle Cye Ball is Struck at

$$90^\circ + 13.24051992^\circ = 103.24051992^\circ$$

$$170^\circ - 103.24051992^\circ = 76.75948008^\circ$$

$$90^\circ - 76.75948008^\circ = 13.24051992^\circ$$



Angle Target Ball is Traveling at

$$\tan^{-1}(1/1.25) = 53.130102235^\circ$$

$$90^\circ - 53.130102235^\circ = 36.86989777^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball

$$\sin 53.130102235^\circ = x/2.25 \text{ in}$$

$$(2.25) \sin 53.130102235^\circ = x$$

$$x = 1.8 \text{ inches}$$

$$1.8 \div 12 = .15 \text{ feet}$$

$$x = .15 \text{ feet}$$

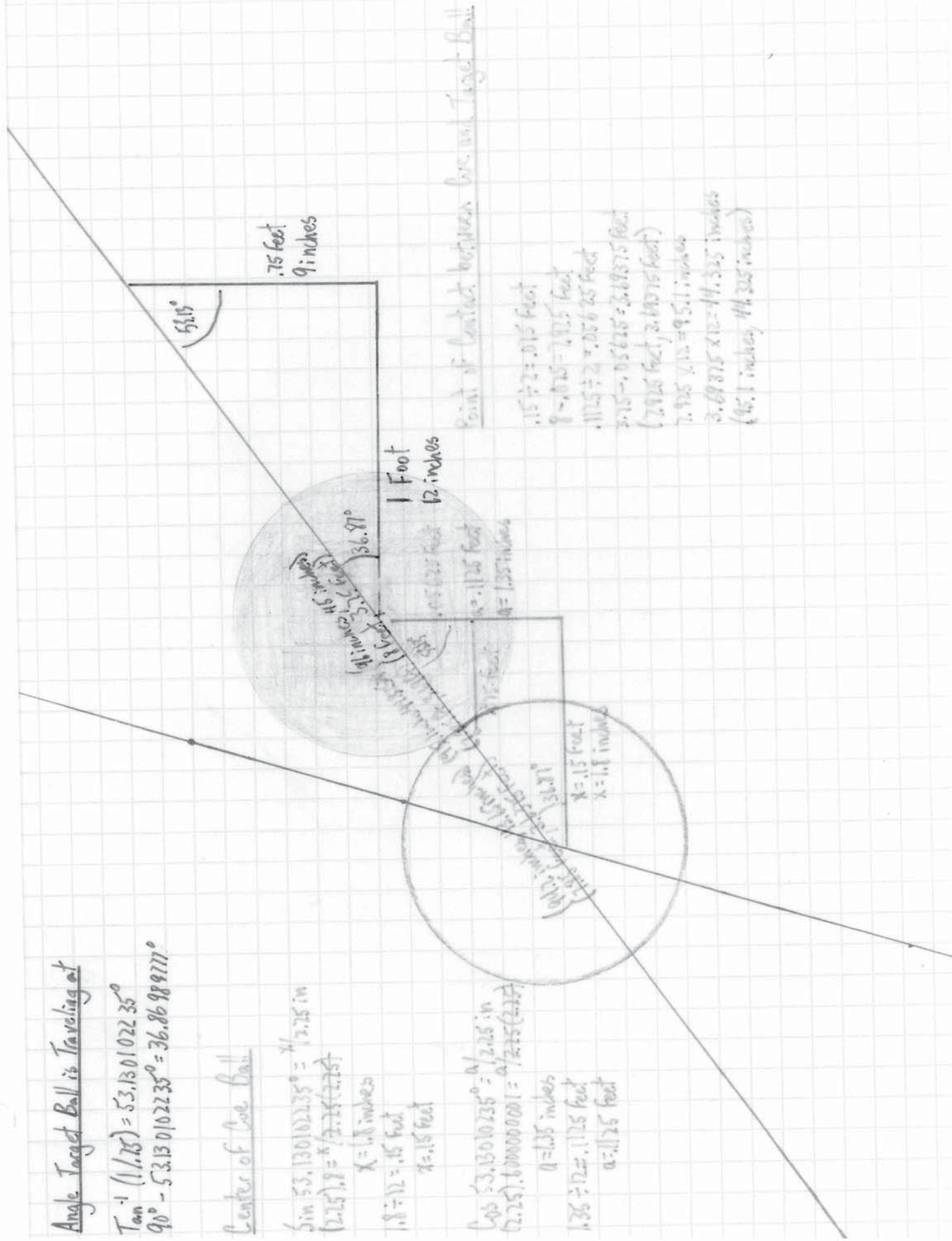
$$\cos 53.130102235^\circ = a/2.25 \text{ in}$$

$$(2.25) \cos 53.130102235^\circ = a$$

$$a = 1.35 \text{ inches}$$

$$1.35 \div 12 = .1125 \text{ feet}$$

$$a = .1125 \text{ feet}$$



Point of Contact between Cue and Target Ball

$$.15 \div 2 = .075 \text{ feet}$$

$$8 \div 12 = .6667 \text{ feet}$$

$$.1125 \div 2 = .05625 \text{ feet}$$

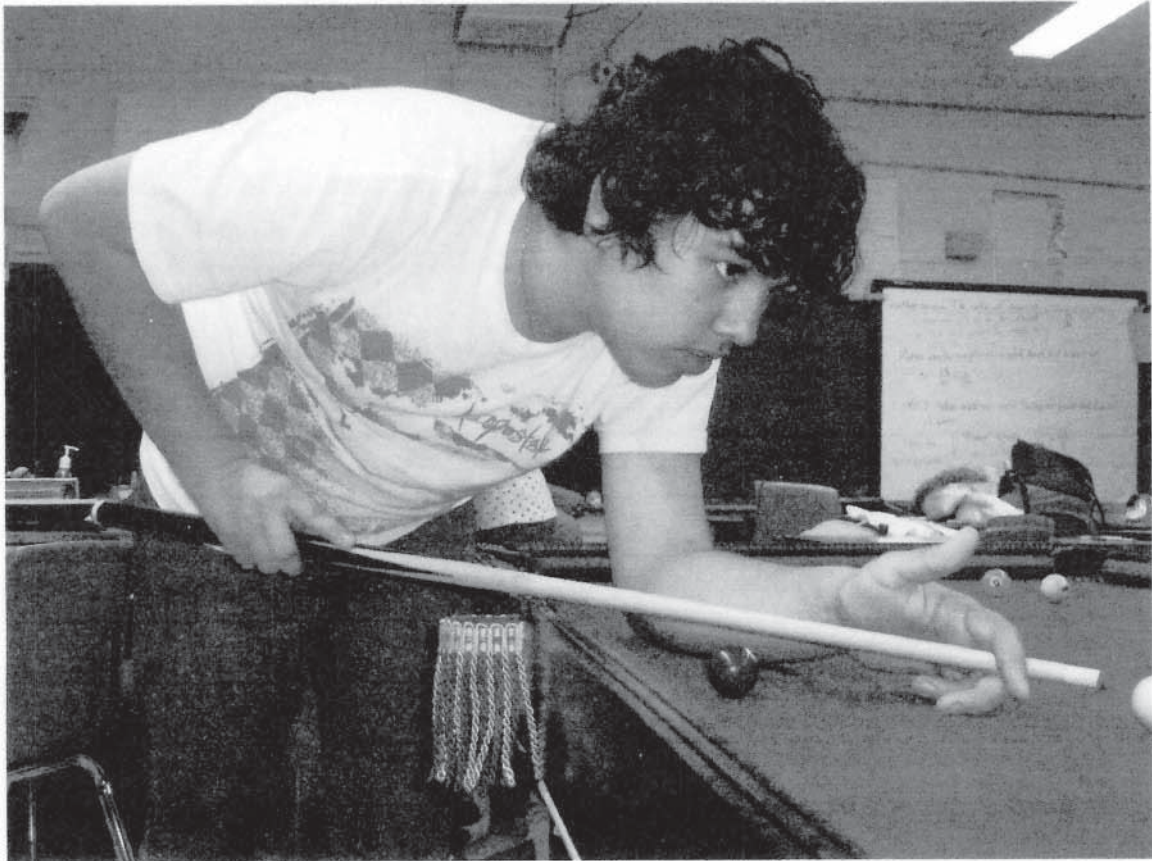
$$2.15 \div 12 = .179167 \text{ feet}$$

$$(2.925 \text{ feet} \div 12 = .24375 \text{ feet})$$

$$7.925 \div 12 = .660417 \text{ inches}$$

$$3.89375 \times 12 = 46.725 \text{ inches}$$

$$(46.725 \text{ inches} \div 12 = 3.89375 \text{ feet})$$



John Paul's Rail Shot

JOHN PAUL'S RAIL SHOT

ANGLE THAT TARGET BALL TRAVELS AT

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TAN}^{-1} 1/2.5 &= \\ 21.80140949 &= \\ 21.8^\circ & \\ 90 - 21.8^\circ &= 68.2^\circ \end{aligned}$$

MEASURE OF SIDE A

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SIN } 21.8^\circ &= X/2.25 \\ .3713678356 \times 2.25 &= \\ .83557763 &= \\ .84 \text{ INCHES} & \end{aligned}$$

MEASURE OF SIDE B

$$\begin{aligned} \text{COS } 21.8^\circ &= X/2.25 \\ .9284858269 \times 2.25 &= \\ 2.08909311 &= \\ 2.09 \text{ INCHES} & \end{aligned}$$

CENTER OF CUE BALL AT CONTACT

$$\begin{aligned} (8, 2) \text{ FT} & \\ *12 & \\ (96, 24) \text{ IN} & \\ 96 - .84 &= 95.16 \\ 24 - 2.09 &= 21.9 \\ (95.16, 21.9) \text{ IN} & \\ /12 & \\ (7.93, 1.825) \text{ FT} & \end{aligned}$$

POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN TARGET BALL AND CUE BALL

$$\begin{aligned} (8, 2) \text{ FT} & \\ *12 & \\ (96, 24) \text{ IN} & \\ .84/2 &= .42 \\ 2.09/2 &= 1.045 \\ 96 - .42 &= 95.58 \\ 24 - 1.045 &= 22.955 \\ (95.58, 22.955) \text{ IN} & \\ /12 & \\ (7.965, 1.91) \text{ FT} & \end{aligned}$$

MEASUREMENTS OF LARGE TRIANGLE

$21.9 + 24 = 45.9$ IN = HEIGHT OF LARGE TRIANGLE
 $95.16 - 72 = 23.16$ IN = BASE OF LARGE TRIANGLE

MEASUREMENTS OF SMALL TRIANGLE

$21.9 / 45.9 = X / 23.16$
 $507.204 / 45.9 = 45.9X / 45.9 =$
 $X = 11.05$ IN = BASE OF SMALL TRIANGLE

POINT AT WHICH THE CUE BALL HITS THE RAIL

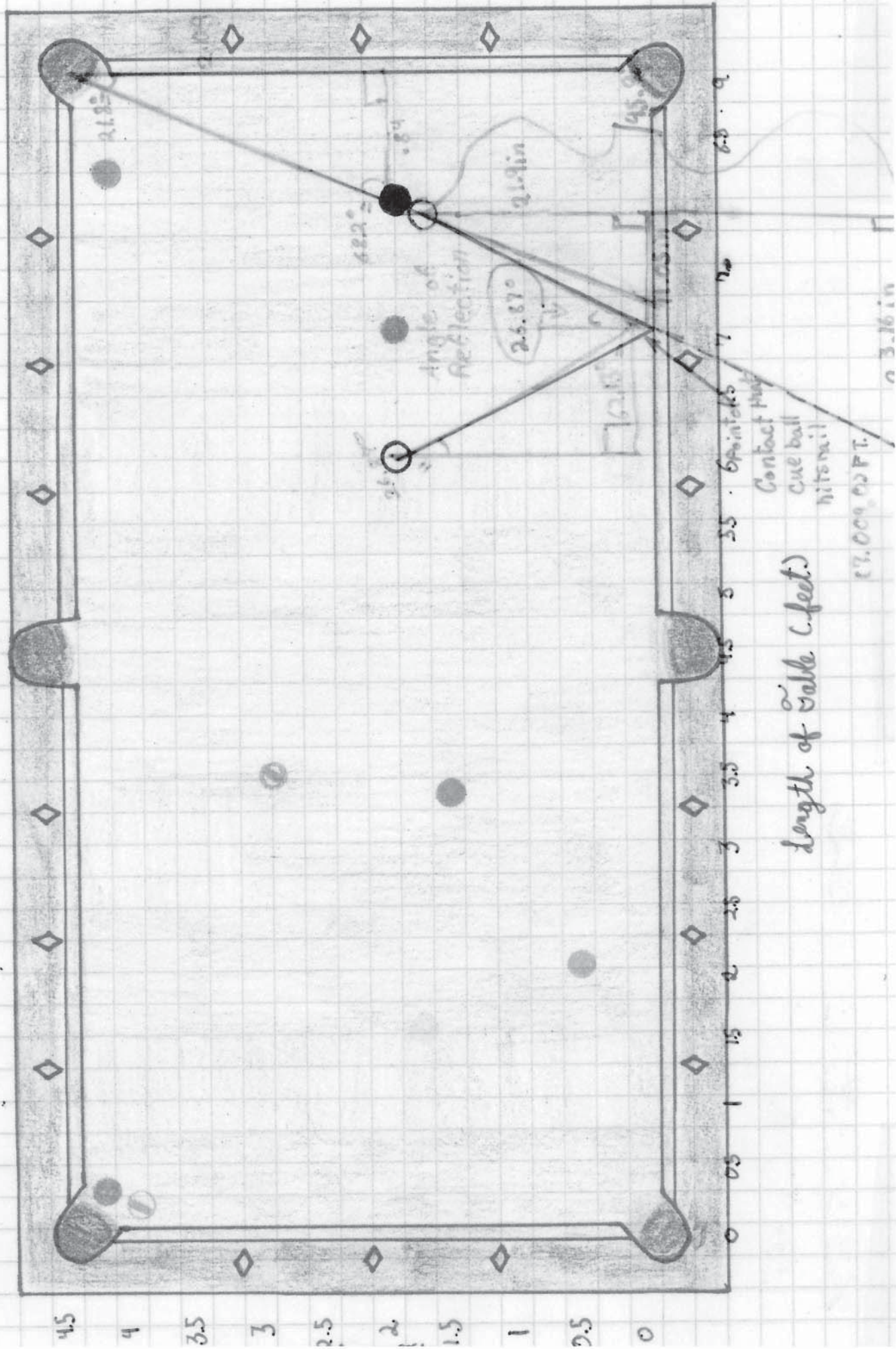
$95.16 - 11.05 =$
 $(84.11, 0)$ IN
/12
 $(7.009, 0)$ FT

ANGLE OF REFLECTION

$TAN^{-1}(21.9/11.05) =$
 $63.22603168 =$
 63.23°
 $90^\circ - 63.23^\circ =$
 26.77°

ANGLE THAT CUE BALL TRAVELS AT

$63.23^\circ + 90^\circ =$
 153.23°
 $180 - 153.23 =$
 26.77°



2.3.16 in

Angle of Reflection

Tan⁻¹(21.9/11.05)

= 63.22603168

90° - 63.23° =

26.77°

Angle That Cue Ball Travels AT

63.23° + 90° =

153.23°

180 - 153.23° =

(26.77°)

Point on cue ball to follow line

Line Triangle

24.9 tan = 45.4 = height of loop triangle

98.46 - 73.03866 = base of loop triangle

Small Triangle

24.9 / 45.4 = x / 48.46

302.208 / 45.4 =

x = 6.05 (base of small triangle)

Point at which cue ball hits rail

95.46 - 11.05 =

(84.41, 0) in

1/2

(7.002, 0) Ft.

Work in orange on different transparencies

Angle Target Ball is Shot At

$$\tan^{-1} 1/2.5 =$$

$$21.80140949 =$$

$$21.8^\circ$$

$$10^\circ - 21.8^\circ = 68.2^\circ$$

Center of Cue Ball

$$\tan 21.8^\circ = \frac{x}{2.5}$$

$$3713178351 \times 2.25 =$$

$$8355763 =$$

$$.84 \text{ inches}$$

$$1.09218^\circ = \frac{x}{2.25}$$

$$92.94858269 \times 2.25 =$$

$$2.08909311 =$$

$$2.09 \text{ inches}$$

$$15.73 \text{ ft.}$$

$$\#12$$

$$62.99 \text{ in.}$$

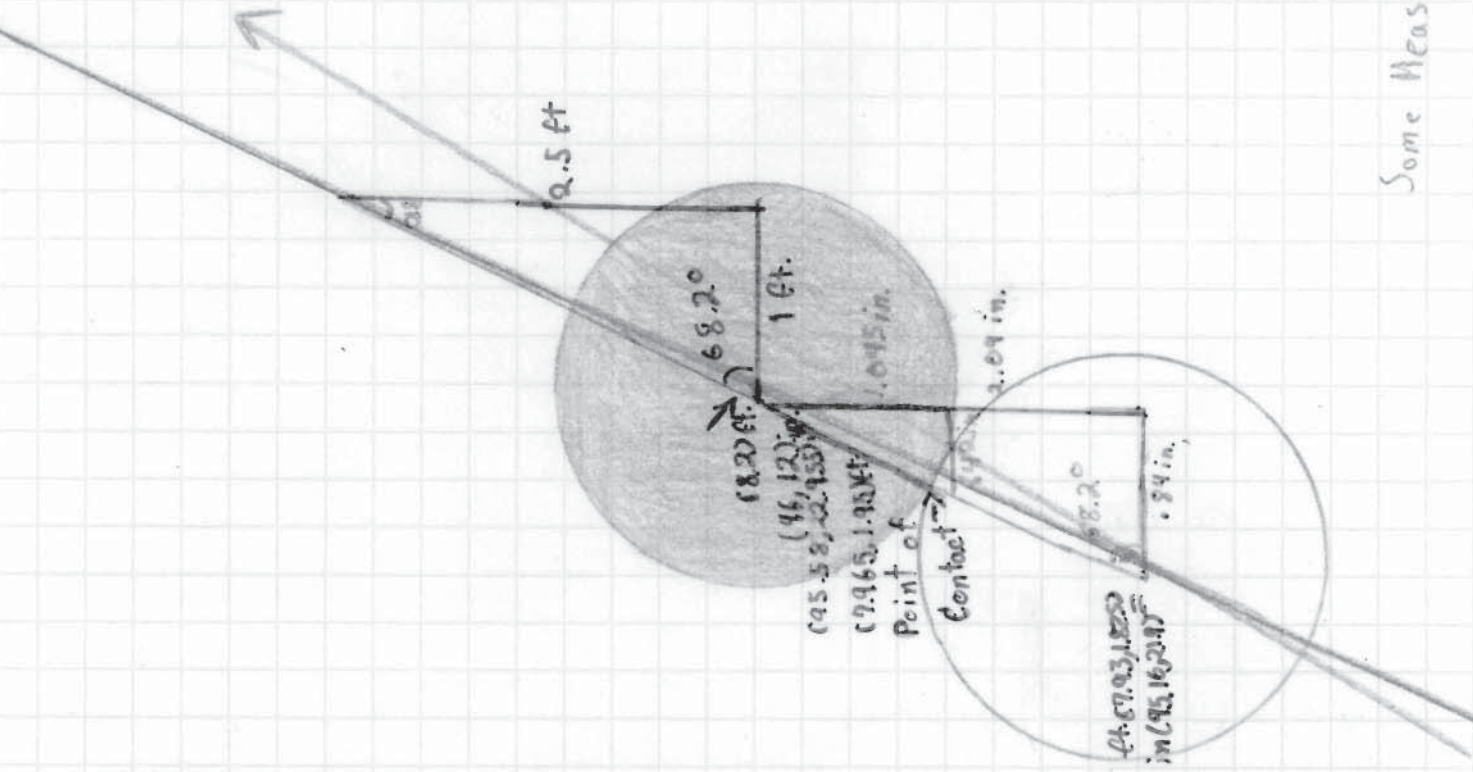
$$17.84 = 95.16$$

$$172.09 = 21.9$$

$$15.16, 21.9 \text{ in.}$$

$$\#12$$

$$7.93, 1.825 \text{ ft.}$$



Point of Contact
Between Target Ball and
Cue Ball

$$(8, 2) \#12$$

$$(96, 24) \text{ in.}$$

$$.84 \div 2 = .42$$

$$2.09 \div 2 = 1.045$$

$$96 - .42 = 95.58$$

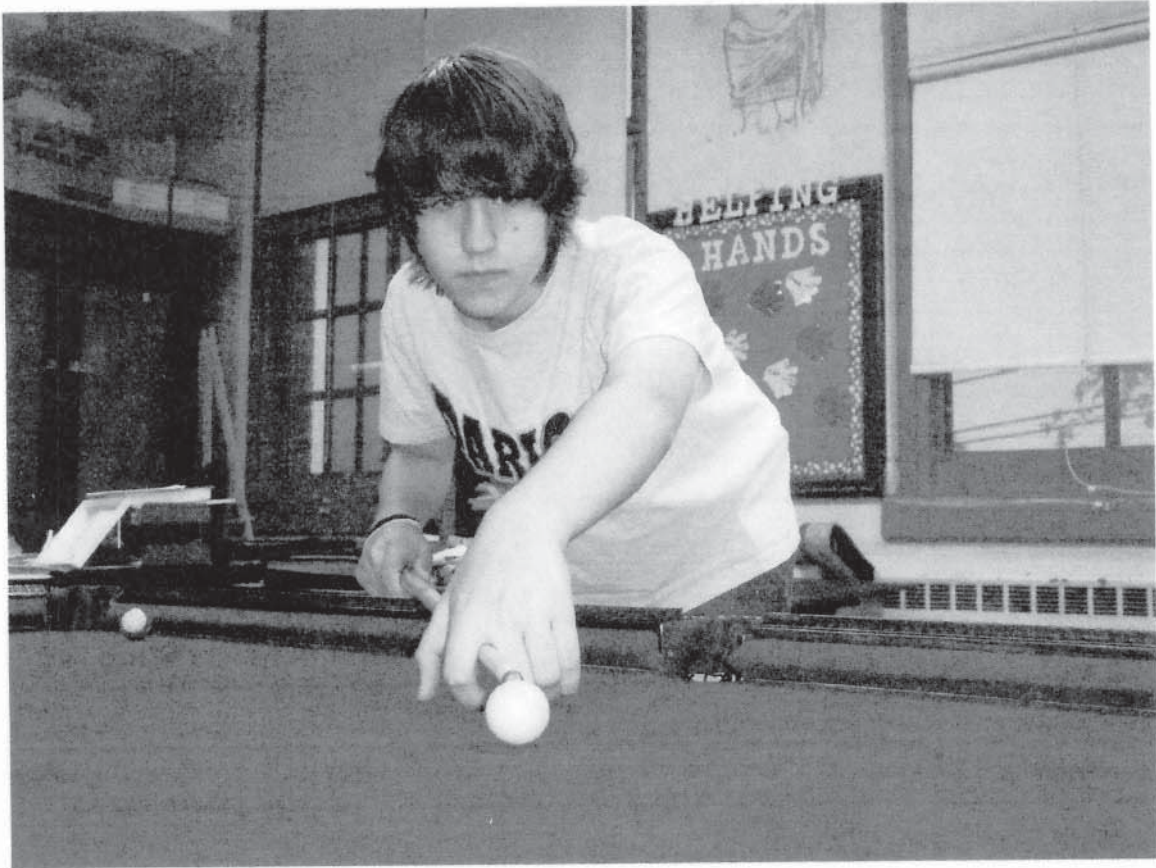
$$24 - 1.045 = 22.955$$

$$(95.58, 22.955) \text{ in}$$

$$\#12$$

$$(7.965, 1.95)$$

Some Measurements May Not be to Scale



Paul's
Rail Shot

Paulo's Rail Shot

Angle at Which Target Ball is Traveling

$$\tan^{-1}(2.5/3.75)=33.69^{\circ}$$

Center of Cue Ball at Contact

Measure of a

$$\sin(33.69^{\circ})=a/2.25$$

$$^{(2.25)} .5546992106 = x/2.25 ^{(2.25)}$$

$$1.248073255 = a$$

$$1.25 \text{ inches} = a$$

Measure of b

$$\cos(33.69^{\circ})=b/2.25$$

$$^{(2.25)} .8320509481 = y/2.25 ^{(2.25)}$$

$$1.872114633 = b$$

$$1.87 \text{ inches} = b$$

$$(6.5, 3.75) * 12$$

$$(78, 45) \text{ inches}$$

$$78 - 1.25 = 76.75 \text{ inches}$$

$$45 + 1.87 = 46.87 \text{ inches}$$

$$\text{Inches}-(76.75, 46.87)$$

$$\text{Feet}-(6.4, 3.91)$$

$$76.75/12=6.39583$$

$$46.87/12=3.90583$$

Point of Contact between Cue ball and Target

$$(6.5, 3.75) * 12$$

$$(78, 45)$$

$$1.25/2=.625 \text{ inches}$$

$$1.87/2=.935 \text{ inches}$$

$$78-.625=77.375$$

$$45+.935=45.935$$

$$\text{Inches}-(77.375, 44.935)$$

$$\text{Feet}-(6.45, 3.74)$$

$$77.375/12=6.447916667$$

$$44.935/12=3.744583333$$

Point of Contact on Rail

$$4.5 * 12 = 54 \text{ inches}$$

$$54 - 46.87 = 7.13 \text{ inches}$$

$$48 + 7.13 = 55.13 \text{ inches}$$

$$7.13/55.13=x/31.75$$

$$226.3775/55.13$$

$$4.106248866$$

$$\approx 4.11 \text{ inches}$$

$$6.5 * 12 = 78$$

$$78 - 4.11 = 73.89$$

$$(73.89, 54 \text{ in})$$

$$(6.1575, 4.5 \text{ ft})$$

Angle Cue Ball is Struck at

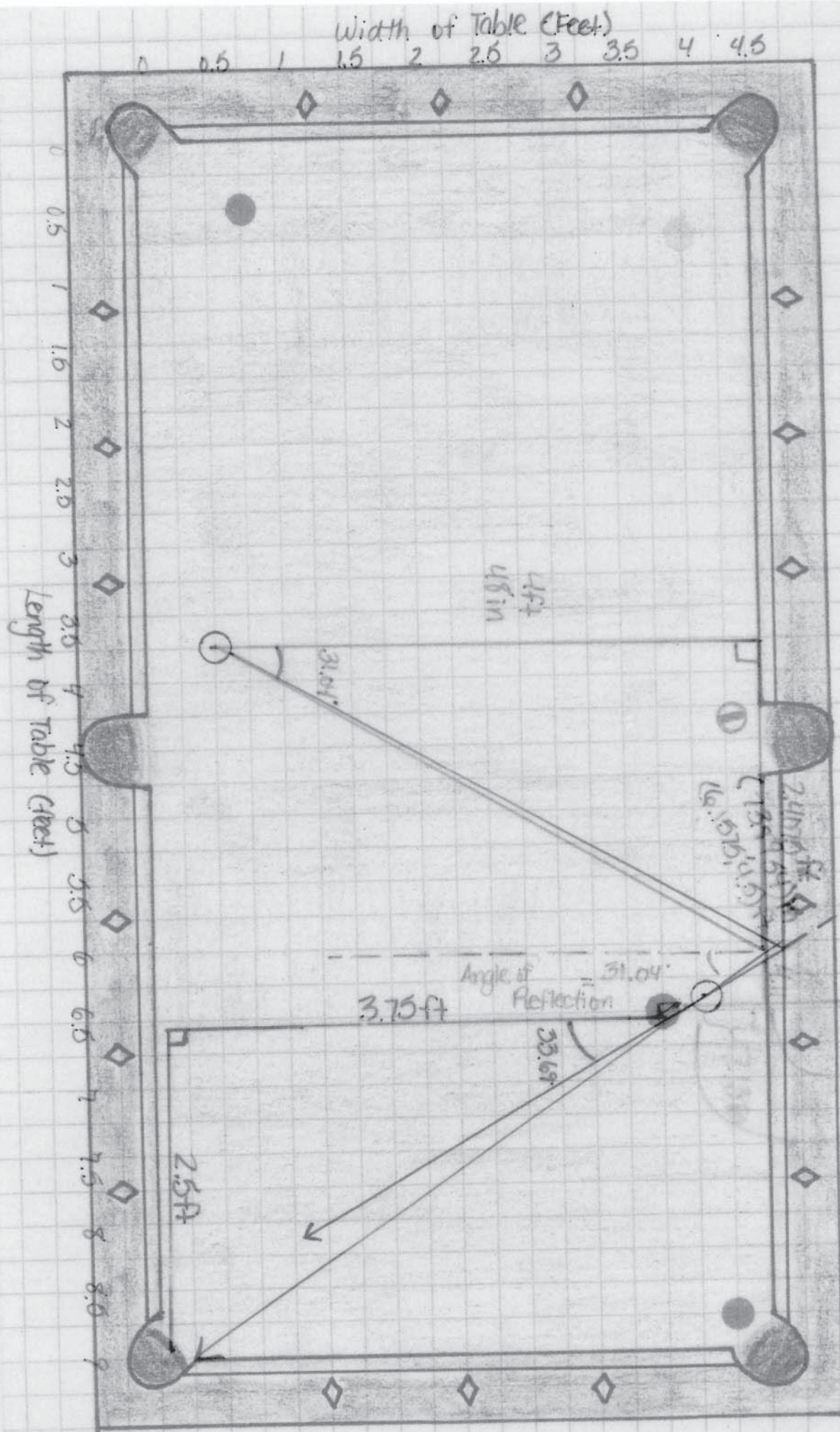
$$6.1575 - 3.75 = 2.4075 \text{ ft}$$

$$\tan^{-1}(2.4075/4) = 31.04268554$$

$$\approx 31.04^\circ$$

Angle of Reflection

The angle of reflection is equal to the angle the cue ball is struck at. The angle of reflection is **31.04°**



Find of Contact on Rail

$$4.6 \times 12 = 54$$

$$64 - 46.87 = 17.13 \text{ in}$$

$$46 + 7.13 = 53.13 \text{ in}$$

$$713 / 53.13 = 13.4175$$

$$226.5775 / 16.13$$

$$4.162446$$

$$2 \times 4.162446$$

$$8.324892$$

$$78 - 4.11 = 73.89$$

$$73.89 \times 4.162446$$

$$308.154545$$

$$716.754545 - 31.75 = 685.004545$$

$$6.6579 - 3.75 = 2.9075$$

Angle. Coe ball is struck at

$$\tan^{-1}(2.4075/444) = 3.104208354$$

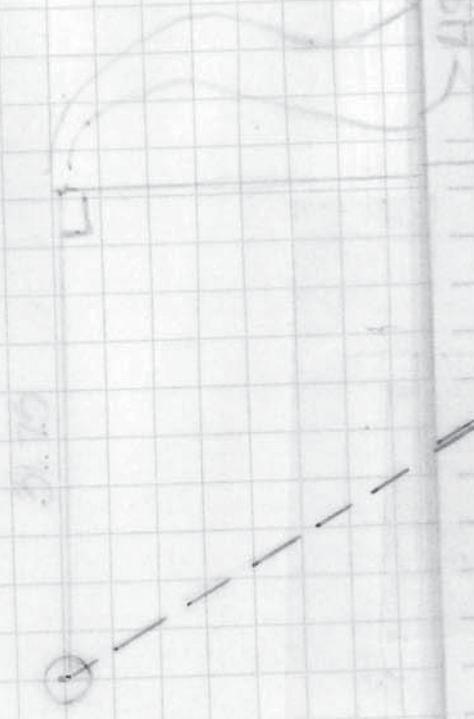
$$\approx 3.104$$

Angle of reflection

The angle of reflection is similar to the angle the cue ball is struck

$\therefore$ the angle of reflection is 3.104

* Work in red on different transparencies



Angle at which target ball is traveling
 $\tan^{-1}(2.5/3.75) = 33.69^\circ$

Center of Cue Ball

$$211(33.69) = 9/2.25$$

$$155.46992106 = 4/2.25(2.25)$$

$$1.24807265 = x$$

$$\approx 1.25 \text{ inches} = x$$

$$Cue(33.69) = 4/2.25$$

$$155.46992106 = 4/2.25(2.25)$$

$$1.87211403344$$

$$\approx 1.87 \text{ inches} = y$$

$$(1.25, 1.87) \text{ inches}$$

Point of Contact between Cue ball and target

$$(6.5, 3.75) \times 12$$

$$(78, 45)$$

$$1.25 / 2 = .625 \text{ inches}$$

$$1.87 / 2 = .935 \text{ inches}$$

$$78 - .625 = 77.375$$

$$45 + .935 = 45.935$$

$$\text{Inches} - (77.375, 45.935)$$

$$77.375 / 12 = 6.447916667$$

$$45.935 / 12 = 3.744583333$$

$$\text{Feet} - (6.45, 3.74)$$

