

SIDE WIND COMPENSATION

At the target we require the y and z components of error to be zero. From the previous note on arrow trajectory assuming the sightline (from the eye to the centre of the target) coincides with the x - axis we have:

$$y = -q + \frac{v_0}{u_0}R - \frac{g}{2u_0^2}R^2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{3}kR\right) = 0$$

$$z = -r + \frac{w_0}{u_0}R - \frac{h}{2u_0^2}R^2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{3}kR\right) = 0$$

Where q is the distance of the nock below the eye at anchor and r is the offset of the nock sideways.

Rearranging these equations we get

$$-q + \frac{v_0}{u_0}R = g \left(\frac{R^2}{2u_0^2} \left(1 + \frac{2}{3}kR\right) \right)$$

$$-r + \frac{w_0}{u_0}R = h \left(\frac{R^2}{2u_0^2} \left(1 + \frac{2}{3}kR\right) \right)$$

hence

$$-r + w_0 \frac{R}{u_0} = -\frac{h}{g}q + \frac{h}{g}v_0 \frac{R}{u_0}$$

This equation has an infinite number of solutions. In most of them the choice of r and w_0 depend on R but one stands out as particularly significant. By making $\frac{r}{q} = \frac{w_0}{v_0} = \frac{h}{g}$ the equation becomes an identity independent of R . To achieve this condition, tilt the bow by an angle whose tangent is h/g keeping the sightline fixed.