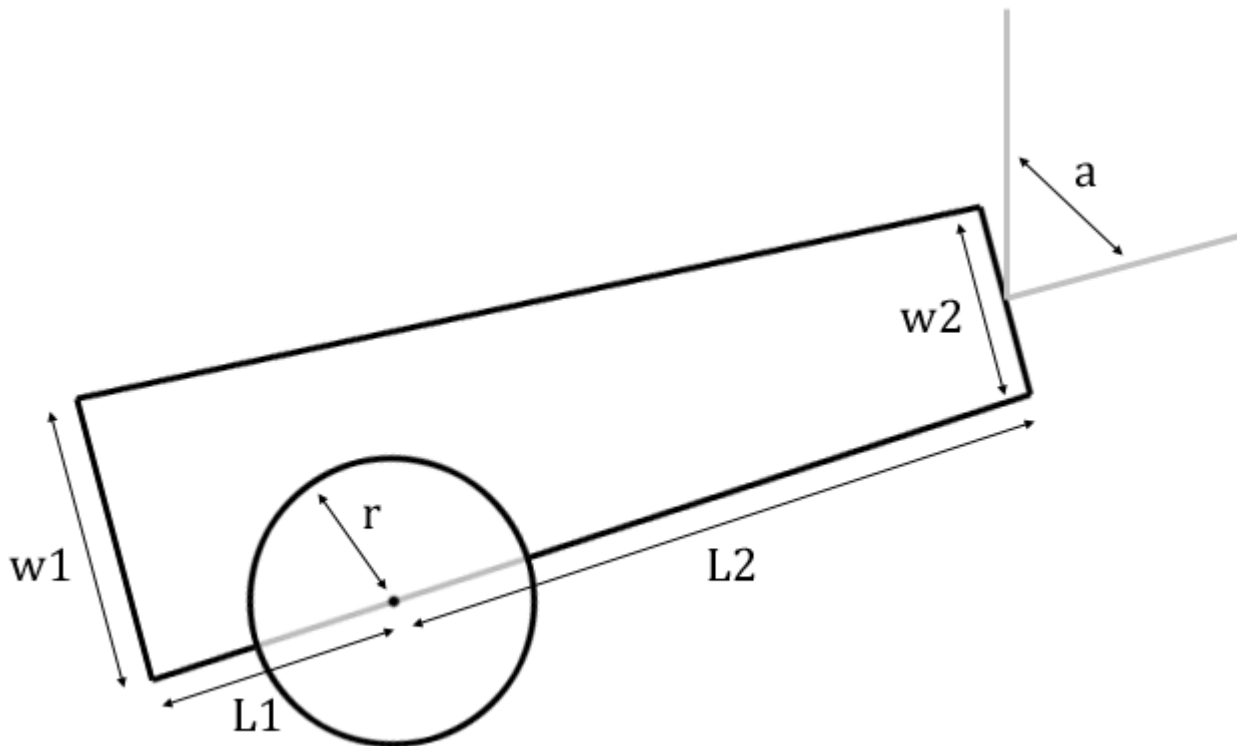
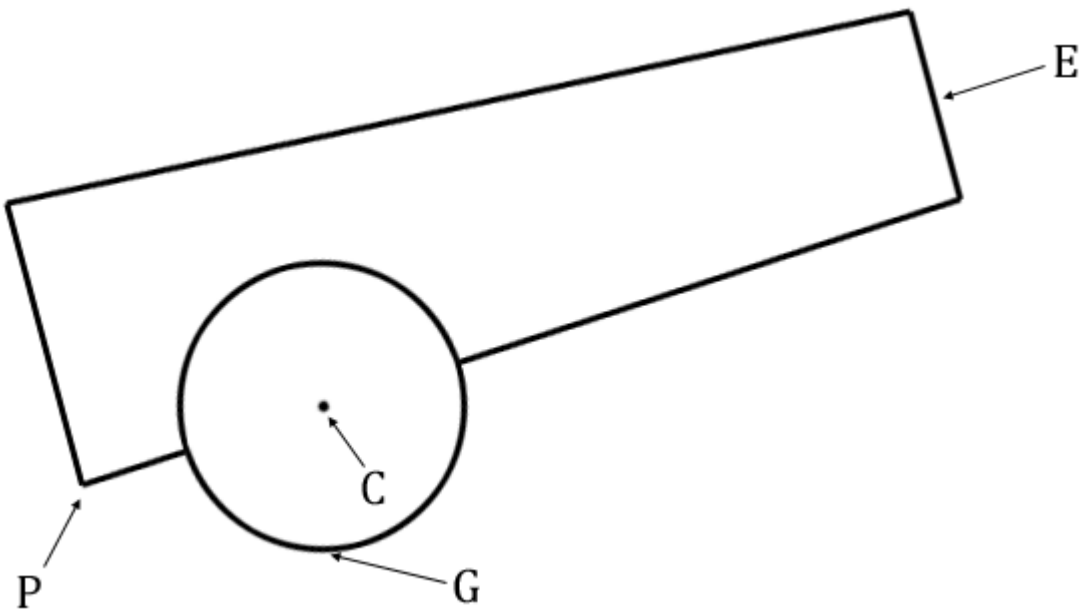


This is the cannon sitting on a wheel. The wheel's radius is  $r$ .



$a$  is the aiming angle.

$L1$  is the distance from the back of the cannon to the wheel's axle,  $L2$  is the rest of the length. Like all cannons it is wider at the back ( $w1$ ) than the front ( $w2$ ).

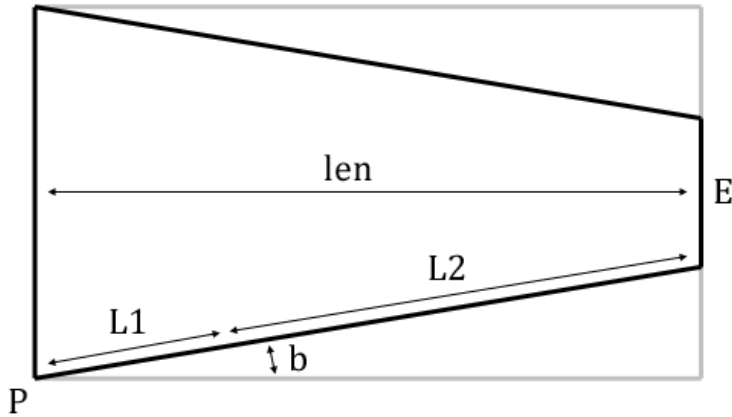


$G$  is the point on the ground where the wheel rests. Its coordinates are  $(x_g, y_g)$ .

$C$  is the exact position of the axle, its coordinates are  $(x_c, y_c)$ .

$P$  is the easiest point to start drawing the body of the cannon from, coordinates  $(x_p, y_p)$ .

$E$  is the point where the ball pops out when it is fired, coordinates  $(x_e, y_e)$ .



This is a simplified picture of the body of the cannon shown with its “bounding box”. The point is to illustrate the difference between the real length of the cannon ( $len$ ) and the sum  $L1+L2$ .

The angle shown as  $b$  is also helpful when drawing the shape. When the cannon is aimed at angle  $a$ , the heading for the bottom line is  $(a-b)$ . Don’t forget that all angles are computed in radians.

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_c &= x_g \\
 y_c &= y_g - r \\
 b &= \text{asin}((w1-w2)/2/(L1+L2)) \\
 x_p &= x_c - L1 * \sin(a-b) \\
 y_p &= y_c + L1 * \cos(a-b) \\
 len &= (L1+L2) * \cos(b)
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, to find the point  $E$ , we need two extra values:

$d$  is the distance between points  $P$  and  $E$

$g$  is the angle from point  $P$  to point  $E$  if the cannon lies flat as in the third diagram.

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \text{sqrt}(len*len + w1*w1/4) \\
 g &= \text{asin}(w1/2/d) \\
 x_e &= x_p + d * \sin(a-g) \\
 y_e &= y_p - d * \cos(a-g)
 \end{aligned}$$