

The maximum height (minimum y-value) of the cannonball is:

$$k = \text{cannon.y} + \text{ballvy} + (\text{ballvy} + 0.1) + (\text{ballvy} + 0.2) + \dots + (-0.1)$$

$$= \text{cannon.y} + \frac{(\text{ballvy} - 0.1)(-10 \cdot \text{ballvy})}{2}$$

$$= \text{cannon.y} - 5(\text{ballvy})(\text{ballvy} - 0.1)$$

Which means the ball travels  $5(\text{ballvy})(\text{ballvy} - 0.1)$  pixels up from its starting position to its peak.

$$\text{Thus, } dy = 5(\text{ballvy})(\text{ballvy} - 0.1)$$

Divide both sides by 5 and square root BS, taking the negative to get  $\text{ballvy} \approx -\sqrt{\frac{dy}{5}}$

We want the ball to go slightly higher than the player, so let  $dy = \text{cannon.y} - \text{player.y} + 125$

$$\text{Thus, we set } \text{ballvy} = -\sqrt{\frac{\text{cannon.y} - \text{player.y} + 125}{5}} \Rightarrow dy = 5(\text{ballvy})(\text{ballvy} - 0.1)$$

Now, the let equation for the path of the ball be  $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$

$$\therefore y = a(x - h)^2 + \text{cannon.y} - dy$$

The points (cannon.x, cannon.y) and (player.x, player.y) must be on the parabola.

Sub in (cannon.x, cannon.y)

$$\text{cannon.y} = a(\text{cannon.x} - h)^2 + \text{cannon.y} - dy$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{dy}{(\text{cannon.x} - h)^2}$$

Sub in (player.x, player.y) and  $a = \frac{dy}{(\text{cannon.x} - h)^2}$

$$\text{player.y} = \frac{dy}{(\text{cannon.x} - h)^2} (\text{player.x} - h)^2 + \text{cannon.y} - dy$$

$$0 = dy (\text{player.x}^2 - 2 \cdot \text{player.x} \cdot h + h^2) + (\text{cannon.y} - dy - \text{player.y}) (\text{cannon.x}^2 - 2 \cdot \text{cannon.x} \cdot h + h^2)$$

If we expand RHS:

- The coefficient on  $h^2$  is  $dy + \text{cannon.y} - dy - \text{player.y} = \text{cannon.y} - \text{player.y}$
- The coefficient on  $h$  is  $-2 \cdot \text{player.x} \cdot dy - 2 \cdot \text{cannon.x} \cdot (\text{cannon.y} - dy - \text{player.y})$
- The constant is  $\text{player.x}^2 \cdot dy + \text{cannon.x}^2 \cdot (\text{cannon.y} - dy - \text{player.y})$

We can then use the quadratic formula to solve for  $h$  ( $= \text{cannon.ballapex}$ ), and then find  $\text{ballvx}$