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## Analysis of vertical movement in parry O' Brien technique of shot put

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### Abstract

The purpose of the present study was to analyze vertical motion of Parry O' Brien technique of shot put in light of laws and principles mechanics. Five West Bengal state level women shot putter were selected as subject for present study. Among selected kinematic parameters the displacement, time and velocity of the path of shot were considered. The execution of movement was recorded using video camera Sony, Japan with 25 frames per second. Appropriate software was used to draw the kingram and the data of mechanical parameters were collected using scientific procedure. Mean and standard deviation were computed. Results indicated that during execution of Parry O' Brien technique vertical velocity of the shot was low in glide phase and very fast in release phase.

**Keywords:** Mechanical parameters, video graphic technique, Kinogram, vertical velocity

### Introduction

In track and field athletics there are four types of throwing events such as discuss throw, javelin throw, hammer throw and shot put. In which the metal shot of 7.026 kg for men and 4.025kg for women is put from a circle to specified area by push action to achieve horizontal distance. And for that athlete need more strength as well as specific technique to accomplish the strength to push the shot as far as possible. In Olympic Games and World athletics championship shot put competition elite athletes uses two types of technique such as Spin technique and Parry O' Brien technique. In Parry O' Brien technique there are six different phases such as initial stance, dip, glide, release stance, action of release and follow through phases. All the phases are correlated and have unique contribution to apply the force towards shot to achieve performance. In initial position during start of Parry O' Brien technique shot putter stand erect facing just opposite direction of throw, after that putter leans forward with slight flexion of hip in dip position, execute glide to moves across the circle as well as give the shot fast and vigorous impulse in the direction of path. After execution of glide putter assume release stance in which the body weight is well over the flexed right leg in the centre of the circle, the left foot touch the inner edge of the circle. There after putting action begins with first straitening of the front leg, rotating the trunk to bring the face in the direction of path and accomplish the put. In these consequences the development of force begins with the use of big muscles of straitening leg, the greatest velocity of release of shot is thereby increase and after release stepping outside the circle is prevented by recovery action. Lanka <sup>[1]</sup> found One example of ballistic movements in sport is the shot put, which is a complex movement that involves segments' translational and rotational motions. Milan Coh, Stanko Stuhec <sup>[2]</sup>, concluded with a scientific phenomenon that Release velocity is generated by all preceding phases, of which the second double support phase contributes the most. The main purpose of the present study was to analyze the vertical movement of Parry O' Brien technique in respect of some selected mechanical parameters in light of laws and principles of mechanics.

### Methodology

Five west Bengal state level women shot putters were selected as subjects for the present study. The selected mechanical parameters were the displacement, time and velocity of the path of shot in vertical motion. At first the movement of the execution of technique was recorded scientifically by a video camera Sony, Japan with 25 frames per sec.

The lateral distance was 10 meter and the height of the camera lens was 12 meter with perpendicular direction of the movement. In the second phase kinegram of each execution was developed by drawing stick figures of successive frames from beginning to end of the execution on a transparent graph

paper. From this kinegram the data of mechanical parameters were collected using scientific procedure.

## Result and Discussion

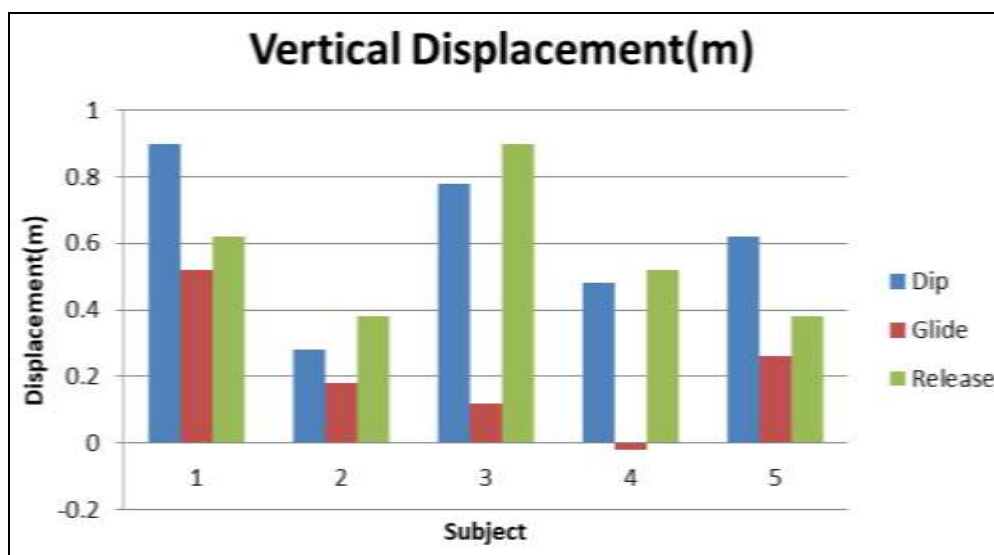
**Table 1:** Vertical displacement of the shot from initial stance to release

Subject	Vertical Displacement (m) during Execution of Technique		
	Dip	Glide	Release
1	0.90	0.52	0.62
2	0.28	0.18	0.38
3	0.78	0.12	0.9
4	0.48	-0.02	0.52
5	0.62	0.26	0.38
Mean	0.61	0.11	0.56

It is seen from the table that the vertical displacement was in downward direction in the first phase of dip. In the second phase of glide the vertical displacement was very small. But in the third phase of release the vertical displacement was

fairly high.

The mean value during dip was 0.61 m this decreased to 0.11m in glide and 0.56 m in release. The values have been shown in Fig. 1



**Fig 1:** Vertical displacement

In both for dip and glide phase vertical displacements were low. Vertical displacement in release phase was considerably high. Figure indicates that during dip the shot moved upward,

during glide its vertical position remains almost same and in release phase the shot moved upward.

**Table 2:** Duration of different phases of execution of Parry O'Brien technique

Subject	Time(s) for		
	Dip	Glide	Release
1	5.16	0.6	0.16
2	2.76	0.76	0.12
3	2.44	0.68	0.24
4	2.08	0.6	0.2
5	1.44	0.52	0.16
Mean	2.78	0.63	0.18

It is seen from the table values that the time taken from initial stance to dip was very high with the mean value of 2.78 s. Second phase of glide was faster with the mean time of 0.63 s

and the third phase of execution was the fastest with the mean time of 0.18s.

The values have been shown in Fig.2

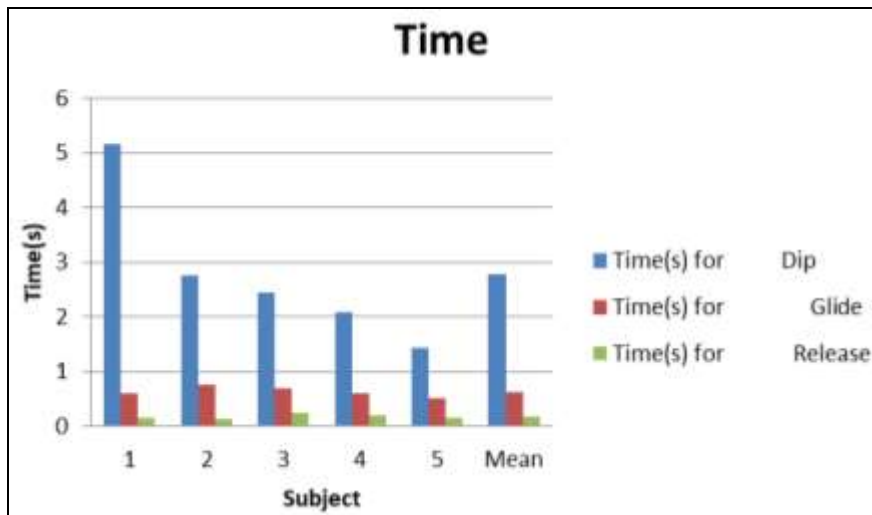


Fig 2: Time for different phases of execution

The time taken for dip was more for all the subjects, the duration of glide appeared to be slightly more than that of release.

Table 3: Vertical velocity of the shot at different phases of execution

Subject	Vertical Velocity(ms <sup>-1</sup> )during		
	Dip	Glide	Release
1	0.17	0.86	3.87
2	0.10	0.23	3.16
3	0.31	0.17	3.75
4	0.23	-0.03	2.6
5	0.43	0.5	2.37
Mean	0.25	0.35	3.15

It is seen from the table that vertical velocity during dip was low. During glide also the vertical velocity was low. It

increases in the third phase with the mean value of 3.15 m/s. The values have been shown in Fig. 3

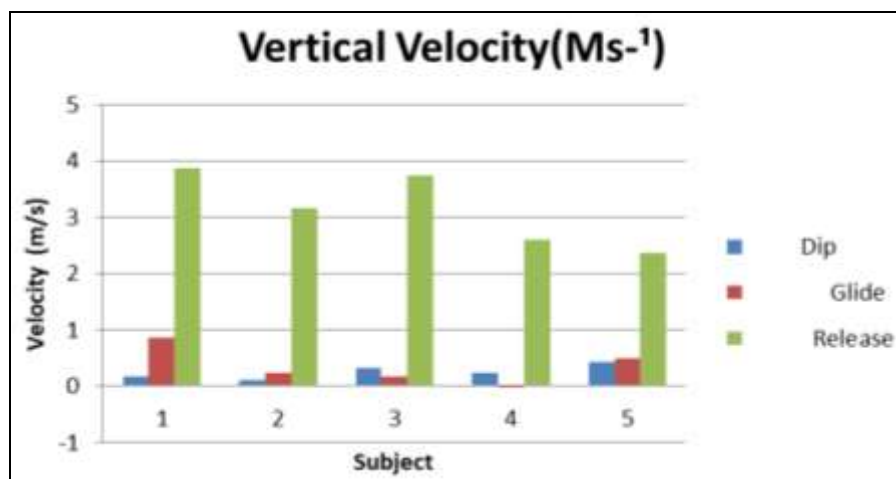


Fig 3: Vertical velocity during execution

The vertical velocity graphs show that vertical velocity in both dip and glide phases was low but the vertical velocity during release was considerably high. The vertical velocity

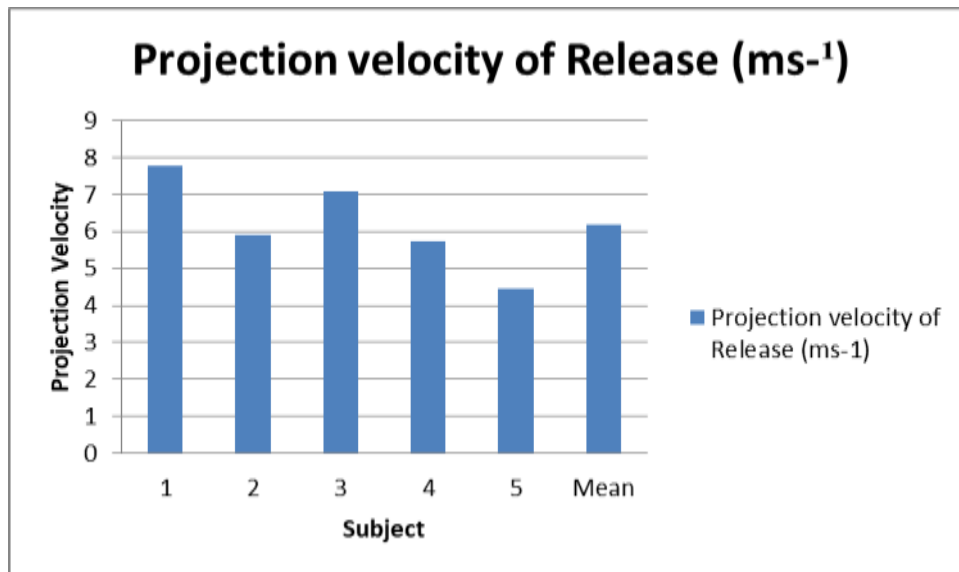
for subject no. 1 and 3 was higher than that of subject no. 2, 4 and 5.

Table 4: Kinematic parameters during release

Subject	Vertical velocity at release(ms <sup>-1</sup> )	Projection velocity of Release (ms <sup>-1</sup> )
1	3.87	7.78
2	3.16	5.91
3	3.75	7.07
4	2.60	5.72
5	2.37	4.44
Mean	3.15	6.18

It is seen from the table values that the vertical velocity at release and projection velocity of release was different from different subjects. The velocity of projection was highest for

subject no 1 with the value of 7.78 ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ) and subject no. 3 was the second in this respect with the value of 7.07 ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ). The values have been shown in Fig.4 – 5.



**Fig 5:** Projection Velocity.

### Conclusion

The vertical displacement was low in initial phase and dip phase during the start of execution of Parry O' Brien technique.

The vertical velocity was also low in glide phase during progression of technique.

The vertical velocity increases only after glide phase and reaches its maximum at release phase.

The vertical velocity during release is an important factor because this provides the time of flight for the, motion of the shot during its airborne phase.

There were individual variations in kinematic parameters of executed movement. This variation might be due to quality of technique execution

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