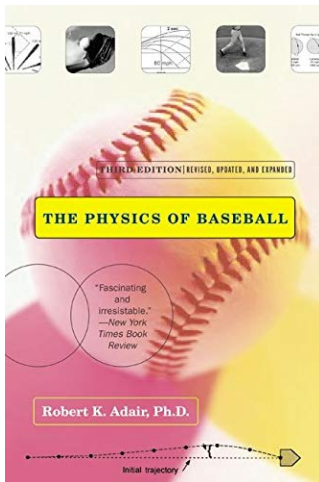


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Learn about the physics of baseball in this article from HowStuffWorks. In "Bull Durham," the much-beloved movie about baseball, romance and metaphysics, one of the most memorable scenes involves the Durham Bulls manager (played by Trey Wilson) chewing the team out after another loss in an interminable losing streak. After heaving an armful of bats into the shower, the red-faced manager growls, "This is a simple game. You throw the ball, you hit the ball, you catch the ball. You got it?" On the surface, this quip seems like the perfect encapsulation of America's pastime. But as anyone who's tried to throw a knuckleball, hit a curveball or catch a deep shot to center field can attest, it's not so simple. How we test gear. Baseball Physics: Anatomy of a Home Run. In less time than it takes to blink an eye, pro hitters routinely achieve the extraordinary. By Davin Coburn. Dec 18, 2009. When Ryan Zimmerman stands at the plate, there's no time to analyze physics. But Rod Cross, a physicist at Australia's University of Sydney, found that the spot is more like a zone. At a second frequency (in red), a bat has another node about 4 1/2 in. down the barrel (Node 2). Hits between the two produce minimal vibration -- and transfer more energy -- at both frequencies. "Every ball I've hit that I haven't felt, I knew I hit well," Zimmerman says. Bat Speed Vs. Mass. Illustration by Intoaroute. The Physics of Baseball Argonne National Laboratory 19 July 2006 Porter W Johnson Illinois Institute of Technology. ABSTRACT. Baseball is our national sport, and it also has broad international appeal. It is by far the oldest organized professional sport. Its development reflects the history of our nation, as well our increasing technological sophistication. The application of physical principles to baseball is considered. Dynamical issues in pitching, hitting, fielding, and running will be examined. A Few Important Parameters. The Baseball. Mass: 0.15 kilograms. Diameter: 0.1 meters.