

3 Basic principles

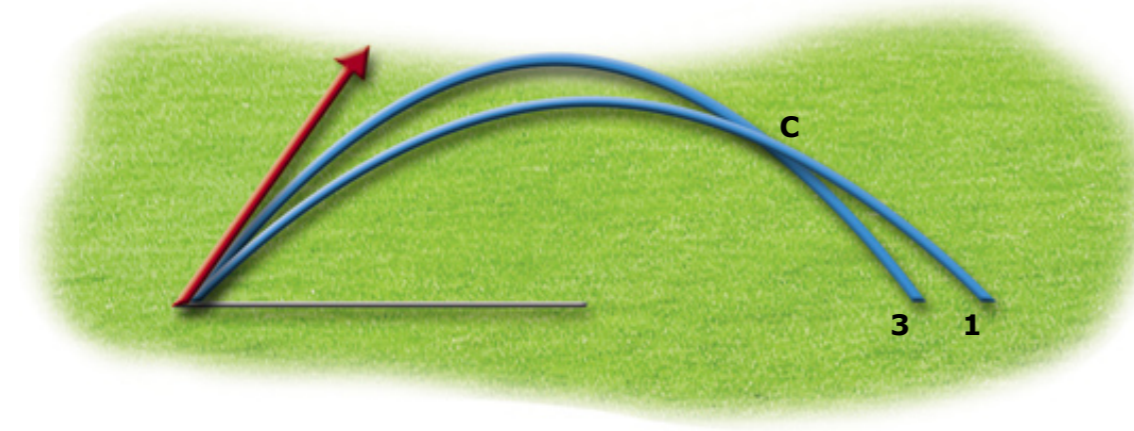
• Fig. 3.51



Now we produced the parabola 3 that crosses the previous one in **C**. If **C** represents the hole, we have figured out a way to reach it by following a different path. This means that there isn't a unique line for every putt but a lot of possibilities every time we putt. It's just a matter of combining different angles and stroke intensity in an appropriate way. The same happens in basketball. For the same distance some guys use flatter trajectories than others and are also successful.

And what if we didn't change the force that produced parabola 1 but increased the launching angle? (Fig. 3.52)

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In the previous examples we used parabolas that only exist in surfaces with great slopes that are not the most common in golf courses. But we needed to use them to better show how things work. Anyhow be sure that all principles we explained hold for situations with flatter surfaces and the only difference is that the ball won't curve so much.

For now, the most important point to keep in mind is that there is no such thing as "the right line" for a putt under consideration but a set of possible lines that depend less on green conditions and more on player preferences.