Physics of Extreme Sports

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- Only force acting is gravity
 - "Projectile Motion"
- Examples of free-fall in sports?
- Does something have to be going down to be in freefall?

Possible free-fall paths?



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Extended Objects

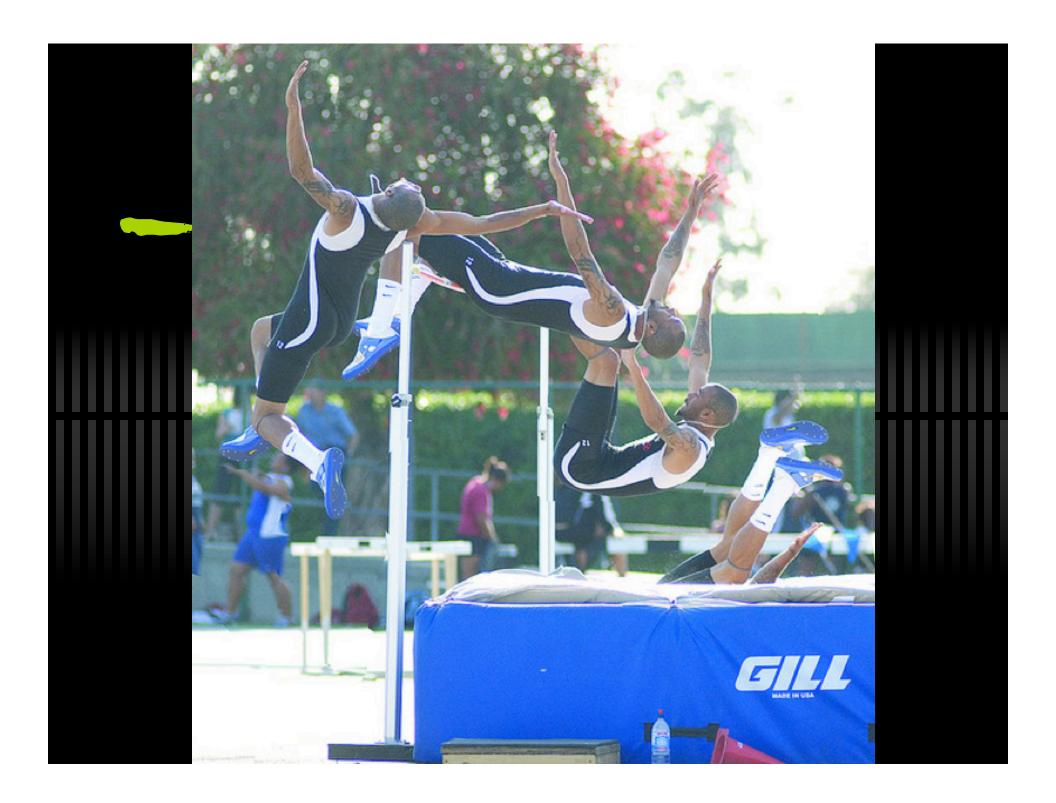
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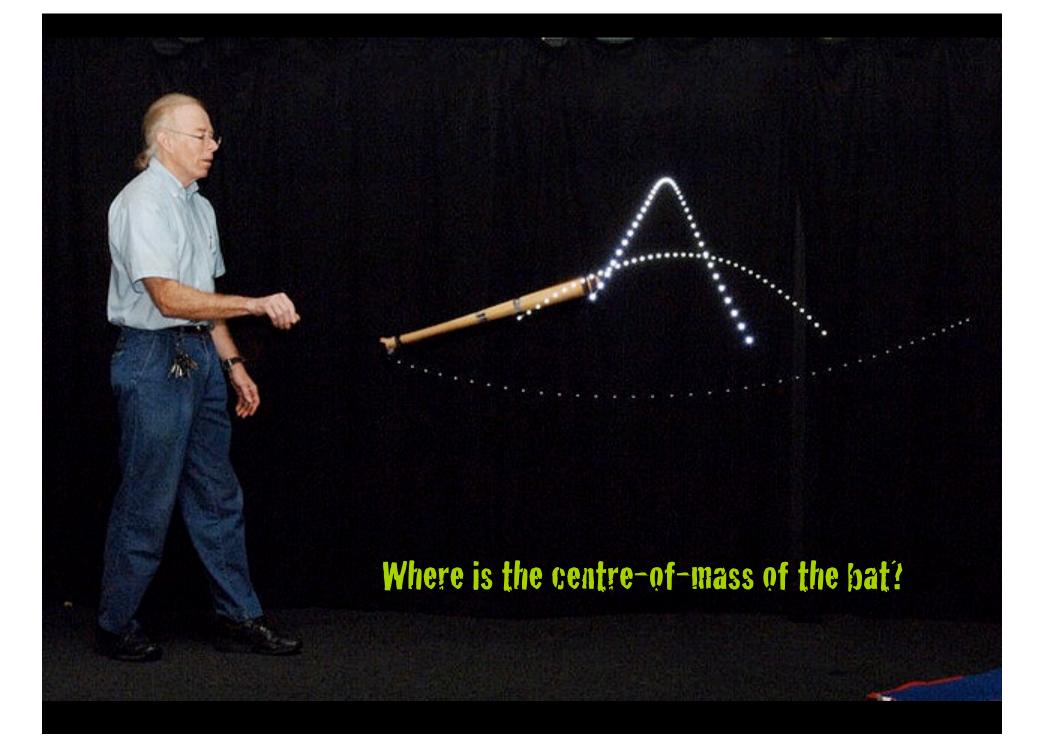
curve?



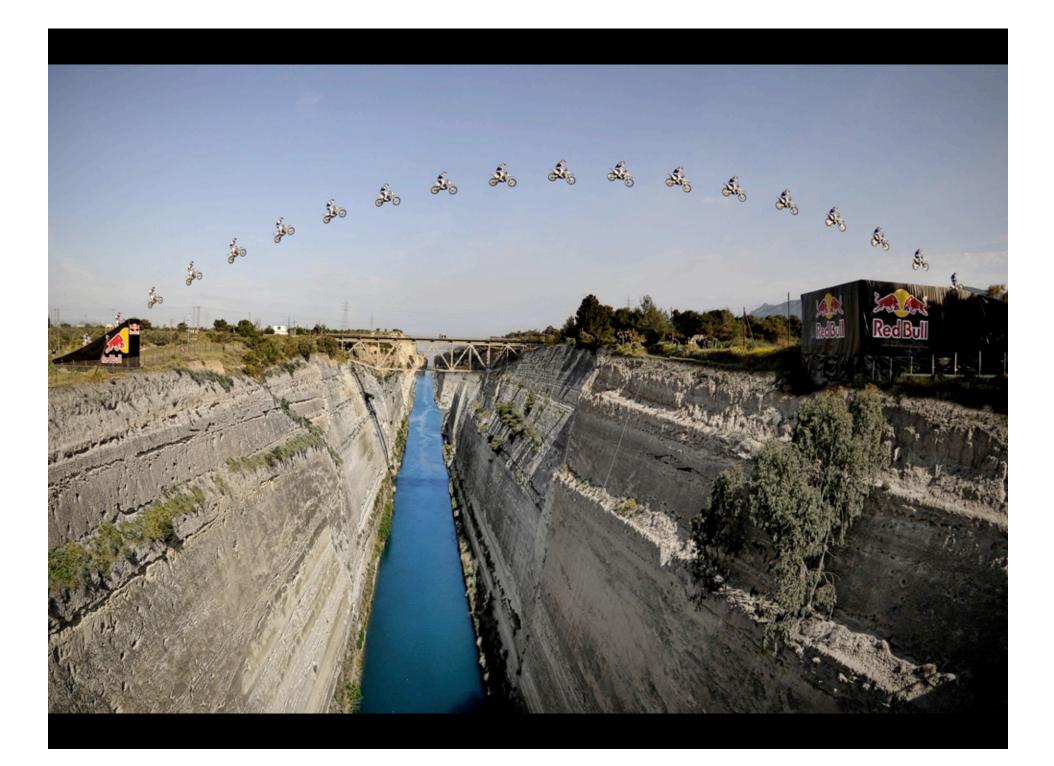
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- What part of an extended object follows the free-fall curve?
 Centre-of-Mass
- Where is the Centre-of-Mass of a person?
 Is it constant? Can it change?
- Does it have to be a part of the actual body/equipment?











Where is the centre-of-mass? Before/after the biker lets go?