

1) 269(6) : Time Dependence of Angle in an Elliptical Orbit.

To begin with consider the simple ellipse:

$$r = \frac{d}{1 + e \cos \phi}, \quad - (1)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\phi}{dt} &= \frac{L}{mr^2} \\ &= \frac{L}{md^2} (1 + e \cos \phi)^2 \end{aligned} \quad - (2)$$

so

$$dt = \left(\frac{md^2}{L} \right) \frac{d\phi}{(1 + e \cos \phi)^2} \quad - (3)$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \left(\frac{md^2}{L} \right) \int \frac{d\phi}{(1 + e \cos \phi)^2} \quad - (4) \\ &= \left(\frac{md^2}{L} \right) \left[\frac{e \sin \phi}{(e^2 - 1)(1 + e \cos \phi)} - \frac{1}{(e^2 - 1)} \int \frac{d\phi}{1 + e \cos \phi} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\int \frac{d\phi}{1 + e \cos \phi} = \frac{2}{(1 - e^2)^{1/2}} \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{(1 - e) \tan(\phi/2)}{(1 - e^2)^{1/2}} \right] \quad - (5)$$

2) for $\epsilon^2 < 1$.

Therefore at a given ϕ , the time t can be found and the orbit can be animated. For a given ϕ , r can be found from Eq. (1), so an animation can be made of r as a function of t and ϕ as a function of t .

Three Dimensional Animation

For a given ϕ , r and t , the half right latitude is given by:

$$d_1 = \frac{L_1^2}{nk} = \frac{L_2^2}{nk \sin^4 \theta} \quad - (6)$$

and

$$\epsilon_1^2 = 1 + \frac{2EL_2^2}{nk^2 \sin^4 \theta} \quad - (7)$$

Therefore t can be plotted as a function of θ and ϕ for eqs. (4) to (7), and r can also be plotted as a function of θ and ϕ .
