

272(3): Force Law and Kepler's Second Law in 3-D orbits

In 3-D orbits the ellipse is defined by:

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

$$= \frac{1}{d} \left(1 + \epsilon \frac{\cos \phi}{\left(\cos^2 \phi + \left(\frac{L_z}{L} \right)^2 \sin^2 \phi \right)^{1/2}} \right)$$

so the force law is defined by:

$$m \ddot{r} = - \frac{k}{r^2} + \frac{L^2}{mr^3} \quad - (2)$$

$$= - \frac{L^2}{mr^2} \frac{d^2}{dp^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right)$$

from the Binet equation:

$$F(r) = - \frac{L^2}{mr^2} \left(\frac{d^2}{dp^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \right) \quad - (3)$$

from eq. (1):

$$\frac{d^2}{dp^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = - \frac{\epsilon}{d} \cos \beta \quad - (4)$$

so the following is true:

$$2) \quad m \ddot{r} = \frac{eL^2}{md^3} \cos \beta (1 + e \cos \beta)^2 - (5)$$

where:

$$\cos \beta = \frac{\cos \phi}{\left(\cos^2 \phi + \left(\frac{L_z}{L} \right)^2 \sin^2 \phi \right)^{1/2}} - (6)$$

The same result for the planar case is:

$$m \ddot{r} = \frac{eL^2}{md^3} \cos \phi (1 + e \cos \phi)^2 - (7)$$

so eqns (5) and (7) can be compared directly in graphics.

In 3-D orbits Kepler's second law of equal areas in equal times is changed.

This is because:

$$L = m r^2 \frac{d\beta}{dt} - (8)$$

and

$$dA = \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\phi - (9) \quad - (10)$$

so

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{d\beta}{dt} \frac{d\phi}{d\beta}$$

where:

$$\frac{d\phi}{dp} = \frac{L_z}{L \sin^2 \theta} \quad - (11)$$

from previous work. So dA/dt is no longer constant,

QED.

Eq. (10) implies that:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{L_z}{2m \sin^2 \theta} \quad - (12)$$

From previous work:

$$1 - \left(\frac{L^2}{L^2 - L_z^2} \right) \cos^2 \theta = \frac{\cos^2 \phi}{\cos^2 \phi + \left(\frac{L_z}{L} \right)^2 \sin^2 \phi} \quad - (13)$$

so:

$$\sin^2 \theta = \left(\frac{L_z}{L} \right)^2 + \left(1 - \left(\frac{L_z}{L} \right)^2 \right) \frac{\cos^2 \phi}{\cos^2 \phi + \left(\frac{L_z}{L} \right)^2 \sin^2 \phi} \quad - (14)$$

and Kepler's Second Law becomes:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{L_z}{2m} \left(\left(\frac{L_z}{L} \right)^2 + \left(1 - \left(\frac{L_z}{L} \right)^2 \right) \frac{\cos^2 \phi}{\cos^2 \phi + \left(\frac{L_z}{L} \right)^2 \sin^2 \phi} \right)^{-1} \quad - (15)$$

QED. Eq. (15) can be graphed.