

365(2): Sp:2 Conver:2 for the General Precessing Ellipse.

In this case the two equations to be solved are:

$$(1 + \Omega'_{01}) \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} = \frac{m^2 M G}{L^2} \quad - (1)$$

for a general precessing ellipse:

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{a} (1 + e \cos(\theta f(\theta))) \quad - (2)$$

where $f(\theta)$ is to be determined. For small precessions:

$$\frac{m^2 M G}{L^2} = \frac{1}{a} \quad - (3)$$

- (4)

So:

$$(1 + \Omega'_{01}) \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \left(\frac{1}{a} (1 + e \cos(\theta f(\theta))) \right) + \frac{1}{a} (1 + e \cos(\theta f(\theta))) = \frac{1}{a}$$

i.e.

$$(1 + \Omega'_{01}) \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \cos(\theta f(\theta)) + \cos(\theta f(\theta)) = 0 \quad - (5)$$

If

$$f(\theta) = 1 \quad - (6)$$

then

$$\Omega'_{01} = 0 \quad - (7)$$

otherwise Ω'_{01} can be expressed in terms of $f(\theta)$ by solving eq. (5).

2) Let $y = \cos(\theta f(\theta)) - (8)$

then $\frac{d^2 y}{d\theta^2} = -y \frac{1}{(1 + \Omega'_{01})} - (9)$

so $y = \exp\left(\frac{i\theta}{(1 + \Omega'_{01})^{1/2}}\right) - (10)$

$= \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{(1 + \Omega'_{01})^{1/2}}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{(1 + \Omega'_{01})^{1/2}}\right)$

So Real $y = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{(1 + \Omega'_{01})^{1/2}}\right) = \cos(\theta f(\theta)) - (11)$

It follows that:

$f(\theta) = \frac{1}{(1 + \Omega'_{01})^{1/2}} - (12)$

and $\Omega'_{01} = \frac{1}{f^2(\theta)} - 1 - (13)$

where $f(\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{r} - 1\right) - (14)$

Under these conditions the inverse square law produces the general precessing ellipse (2)

1) Therefore the general precessing ellipse or conic function is :

$$r = \frac{a}{1 + e \cos \left(\frac{\theta}{(1 + \Omega'_{01})^{1/2}} \right)} \quad (15)$$

where

$$\Omega'_{01} = \frac{dR}{dr} \quad (16)$$

Eq. (15) is produced by the inverse square law used in the fluid dynamic Binet equation (1).
