

1) 196(a): Fully Relativistic Treatment of the Angular Momentum.

Consider the relativistic Lagrangian:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) (1 + \omega c t_f) - u(r) \quad - (1)$$

ii. Euler Lagrange equation:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \quad - (2)$$

The total angular momentum L is a constant of motion and

is:

$$L = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = m r^2 (1 + \omega c t_f) \dot{\theta} \quad - (3)$$

Define:

$$u = 1/r \quad - (4)$$

Then

$$\frac{du}{d\theta} = - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{dr}{d\theta} = - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{dr}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\theta} \quad - (5)$$

From eq. (3):

$$\frac{dt}{d\theta} = \frac{m r^2 (1 + \omega c t_f)}{L} \quad - (6)$$

so

$$\frac{du}{d\theta} = - \frac{m}{L} (1 + \omega c t_f) \frac{dr}{dt} \quad - (7)$$

i.e.

$$\dot{r} = - \frac{L}{m(1 + \omega c t_f)} \frac{du}{d\theta} \quad - (8)$$

Next evaluate:

$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} = - (1 + \omega c t_f) \frac{m}{L} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right) \quad - (9)$$

2) where

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dr}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad - (10)$$

and

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} = \frac{dt}{d\theta} \frac{d}{dt} \quad - (11)$$

$$\text{So: } \frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} = - (1 + \omega c t_f) \frac{m}{L} \frac{dt}{d\theta} \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} \quad - (12)$$

From eq. (1):

$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} = - (1 + \omega c t_f)^2 \frac{m^2}{L^2} r^2 \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} \quad - (13)$$

So:

$$\ddot{r} = \frac{-L^2 u^3}{m^2 (1 + \omega c t_f)^2} \frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} \quad - (14)$$

From eq. (3):

$$r \dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{L^2 u^3}{m^2 (1 + \omega c t_f)} \quad - (15)$$

The rigorously relativistic force is therefore:

$$F(u) = \left(m \ddot{r} - m r \dot{\theta}^2 \right) (1 + \omega c t_f) - \frac{1}{2} m c t_f \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} \left(\dot{\theta}^2 r^2 + \dot{r}^2 \right) \quad - (16)$$

$$= - \frac{L^2 u^2}{m (1 + \omega c t_f)} \left(\frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} + u \right) - \frac{c t_f L^2}{2 (1 + \omega c t_f)^2 m} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} \left(u^2 + \left(\frac{du}{d\theta} \right)^2 \right) \quad - (17)$$

3) So:

$$-\frac{m F(u)}{L^2 u^2} = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \omega c t_f} \right) \left(\frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} + u \right) + \frac{1}{2} c t_f \left(\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial r} \right) \left(\frac{1}{(1 + \omega c t_f)^2} \right) \left(u^2 + \left(\frac{du}{d\theta} \right)^2 \right) \quad (18)$$

Therefore to find $F(u)$ can be found from an experimental knowledge of

$$u = \frac{1}{r} = f(\theta) \quad (19)$$

in terms of the quantities ω , $\partial \omega / \partial r$, and the constant interval t_f . The function $f(\theta)$ is the orbit. If ω and $\partial \omega / \partial r$ approach

zero then:

$$-\frac{m F(u)}{L^2 u^2} = \frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} + u \quad (20)$$

This equation shows that the ellipse:

$$r = d / (1 + e \cos \theta) \quad (21)$$

$$F(r) = -m M G / r^2 \quad (22)$$

gives:

which is the Newtonian limit.