

218(4): General Spiral from Frontal Conical Section

In general:

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

$$= \frac{1}{d} \left(1 + \epsilon \left(1 - \frac{x^2 \theta^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4 \theta^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6 \theta^6}{6!} + \dots \right) \right)$$

for $x\theta < 1$, - (2)

for example if: $x < 1$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. - (3)

It is seen that the conical section is given by an infinite sum of spirals of increasing order in θ .

The force law from eq. (1) is:

$$F(r) = - \frac{kx^2}{r^2} - \frac{k\epsilon d}{r^3} (1 - x^2) \quad - (4)$$

$$= - x^2 \frac{mMG}{r^2} - \frac{(1 - x^2)L^2}{mr^3} \quad - (5)$$

and this must also be the force law for the Maclaurin expansion of $\cos(x\theta)$.

This shows that the general frontal conical sections can be expanded in a Maclaurin series of hyperbolic spirals, provided that

eq. (2) is true.

So:

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = -\frac{x^2}{d} + \frac{12x^4\theta^2}{4!d} - \frac{30x^6\theta^4}{6!d} + \dots$$

In limit $x \rightarrow 0, x \neq 0$ — (6)

$$\frac{1}{r} \rightarrow \frac{1}{d} \left(1 + \epsilon \left(1 - \frac{x^2\theta^2}{2} \right) \right) \text{ — (8)}$$

and

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = -\frac{x^2\epsilon}{d} \text{ — (9)}$$

Now use:

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} = -\frac{mr^2}{L^2} F(r) \text{ — (10)}$$

so

$$F(r) = -\frac{L^2}{mr^2} \left(-\frac{x^2\epsilon}{d} + \frac{1}{r} \right) \text{ — (11)}$$
$$= -\frac{kx^2}{r^2} - \frac{k d}{r^3} (1-x^2)$$

i.e

$$\frac{\epsilon L^2}{d m} = -k ; \quad x \rightarrow 0 \text{ — (12)}$$

using

$$d = \frac{L^2}{m k} \text{ — (13)}$$

then

$$\epsilon = -1 \text{ — (14)}$$