

108(7) : Second Method of Calculating the Orbit of a Binary Pulsar.

The second method proceeds from:

$$\frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau} \right)^2 = E_h - V \quad - (1)$$

where:

$$E_h = \frac{1}{2} m c^2 \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r} \right)^2 \left(\frac{dt}{d\lambda} \right)^2 \quad - (2)$$

$$V = m c^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{r_s}{r} \right) + \frac{m L^2}{2 r^2} - m L^2 \frac{r_s}{r^3} \quad - (3)$$

Here E_h and L are constants of motion and

$$L = r^2 \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \quad - (4)$$

Use:

$$\frac{dr}{d\phi} = \frac{dr}{d\tau} \frac{d\tau}{d\phi} = \frac{r^2}{L} \frac{dr}{d\tau} \quad - (4)$$

So:

$$\frac{dr}{d\phi} = \frac{r^2}{L} \left(\frac{2}{m} (E_h - V) \right)^{1/2} \quad - (5)$$

and

$$\phi = \int \frac{L}{r^2} \left(\frac{2}{m} (E_h - V) \right)^{-1/2} dr \quad - (6)$$

Eq (6) can be integrated numerically to give the light deflection due to gravitation and the advance of the perihelion. Use:

$$|r_s| = \frac{T}{R} \quad - (7)$$