

116(2) : General Expression for Spi (circular)

The two expressions for force are :

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

from UFT 194, and :

$$F = -\frac{mMG}{r} \left(\frac{1}{r} + \omega \right) \quad - (2)$$

from note 196(2). So in general:

$$\frac{mMG}{r} \left(\frac{1}{r} + \omega \right) = \frac{L^2}{mr^3} \left(\frac{x^2}{d} + \frac{1-x^2}{r} \right)$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{1}{r} + \omega = \frac{d}{r} \left(\frac{x^2}{d} + \frac{1-x^2}{r} \right) \quad - (3)$$

$$\text{where} \quad d = \frac{L^2}{m^2 MG} \quad - (4)$$

So :

$$\omega = -\frac{1}{r} + \frac{d}{r} \left(\frac{x^2}{d} + \frac{1-x^2}{r} \right) \quad - (5)$$

for a precessing ellipse.

In the solar system :

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$$x = 1 \quad - (6)$$

to an excellent approximation. So for a static ellipse:

$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \quad - (7)$$

Astronomical measurements show that the orbit of objects of mass m in the solar system is a precessing ellipse.

Conclusion
The precession of the perihelion is caused by the spin connection.

This is a very simple first theory which can be developed in many ways. The gravitational potential has been chosen to be:

$$\phi = - \frac{MG}{r} \quad - (8)$$

to give the Newton / Hooke law in the limit of $x = 1$:

$$F = - \frac{mMG}{r^2} \quad - (9)$$