

Motion in time on elliptic Kepler orbit [mln19]

Use the formal solution with $E < 0$, $V(r) = -\frac{\kappa}{r}$, $\kappa = GmM$:

$$t = \int \frac{dr}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \left[E + \frac{\kappa}{r} - \frac{\ell^2}{2mr^2} \right]}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2|E|}} \int \frac{r dr}{\sqrt{-r^2 + \frac{\kappa}{|E|} r - \frac{\ell^2}{2m|E|}}}$$

Introduce semi-major axis $a = \frac{\kappa}{2|E|}$ and eccentricity $e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2|E|\ell^2}{m\kappa^2}}$:

$$\Rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{ma}{\kappa}} \int \frac{r dr}{\sqrt{a^2 e^2 - (a - r)^2}}$$

Substitute $a - r = ae \cos \psi$: $\Rightarrow r(\psi) = a(1 - e \cos \psi)$, $dr = ae \sin \psi d\psi$.

$$\Rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{ma}{\kappa}} \int d\psi a(1 - e \cos \psi) = \sqrt{\frac{ma^3}{\kappa}} (\psi - e \sin \psi).$$

For the angular coordinate ϑ , use $r(\psi)$ and the orbital equation $r(\vartheta) = p/(1 + \cos \vartheta)$ with $p = a(1 - e^2)$. Then eliminate r from $r(\vartheta)$ and $r(\psi)$. For the Cartesian coordinates use $ex = p - r$ and $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$.

Parametric representation for the motion in time: $0 \leq \psi \leq 2\pi$

$$\begin{aligned} r(\psi) &= a(1 - e \cos \psi) & (r_{min} \leq r \leq r_{max}) \\ \tan \frac{\vartheta(\psi)}{2} &= \sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}} \tan \frac{\psi}{2} & (0 \leq \vartheta \leq 2\pi) \\ x(\psi) &= a(\cos \psi - e) \\ y(\psi) &= a\sqrt{1 - e^2} \sin \psi \\ t(\psi) &= \sqrt{\frac{ma^3}{\kappa}} (\psi - e \sin \psi) & (0 \leq t \leq \tau) \end{aligned}$$

Period of motion: $\tau = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{ma^3}{\kappa}}$.

Circular limit: $e = 0 \Rightarrow r = a = \text{const}$, $\vartheta = \psi$, $t = \tau \frac{\vartheta}{2\pi}$.