

Note 270(13): Final Relation between β and ϕ .

Eq. (14) of note 270(13) implies that:

$$\cos \theta = - \frac{(L^2 - L_z^2)^{1/2}}{L} \sin \beta \quad - (1)$$

and

$$\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{L^2 - L_z^2}{L^2} \sin^2 \beta \quad - (2)$$

so:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\beta}{d\phi} &= \frac{L}{L_z} \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \frac{L}{L_z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{L^2} (L^2 - L_z^2) \sin^2 \beta \right) \quad - (3) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \int d\phi = \frac{L_z}{L} \int \left(1 - \frac{1}{L^2} (L^2 - L_z^2) \sin^2 \beta \right)^{-1} d\beta \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{L_z}{L} \tan \beta \right) \quad - (4) \end{aligned}$$

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So:

$$\boxed{\beta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{L}{L_z} \tan \phi \right)} \quad - (5)$$

The theory of planar orbits assumes that

$$\beta = \phi \quad - (6)$$

and

$$L = L_z \quad - (7)$$

Final Results

$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{L}{L_z} \tan \phi \right), \quad - (8)$$

$$\beta = - \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{L \cos \theta}{(L^2 - L_z^2)^{1/2}} \right), \quad - (9)$$

$$\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

In the case of planar orbits :

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\beta} = 0 \quad - (10)$$

because

$$\theta = \pi/2 \quad - (11)$$

So in planar orbits β does not depend on θ , and

$$\beta = \phi \quad - (12)$$

Planar orbits are simplistic.