

162(2): Expression for x_2 in Terms of x_1

The starting equation is:

$$x_1^2 = 2x_2^2 + \omega^2 - \omega'^2 - \omega'^2 + 2(\omega'^2 - x_2^2)^{1/2}(\omega'^2 - x_2^2)^{1/2} \cos \theta \quad - (1)$$

Let $x = x_2^2 \quad - (2)$

then $x + (\omega'^2 - x)^{1/2}(\omega'^2 - x)^{1/2} \cos \theta = A \quad - (3)$

where $A = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + \omega'^2 + \omega'^2 - \omega^2) \quad - (4)$

so $(\omega'^2 - x)(\omega'^2 - x) \cos^2 \theta = (A - x)^2 \quad - (5)$

$$(\omega'^2 \omega'^2 - (\omega'^2 + \omega'^2)x + x^2) \cos^2 \theta = A^2 - 2Ax + x^2$$

i.e. $x^2(1 - \cos^2 \theta) + ((\omega'^2 + \omega'^2) - 2A)x + A^2 - \omega'^2 \omega'^2 \cos^2 \theta = 0 \quad - (6)$

This is: $ax^2 + bx + c' = 0, \quad - (7)$

$$a = 1 - \cos^2 \theta,$$

$$b = (\omega'^2 + \omega'^2) \cos^2 \theta - 2A,$$

$$c' = A^2 - \omega'^2 \omega'^2 \cos^2 \theta,$$

so $x_1^2 = \frac{1}{2a} \left(-b \pm (b^2 - 4ac)^{1/2} \right) \quad - (8)$