

1) 192(10): Limit Calculation of  $n(r)$ .

: (order to correct  $n(r)$  function for a precessing ellipse:

$$n(r) = \frac{\frac{1}{b^2} - \left(\frac{xe}{d}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x}{d}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{d}{r}\right)^2}{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2}} \quad - (1)$$

In the limit:  $r \rightarrow \infty$  — (2)

$$n(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} a^2 \left( \frac{1}{b^2} - \left(\frac{xe}{d}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{x}{d}\right)^2 \right) \quad - (3)$$

For Earth:

1) Rate of precession of perihelia = 3.84 arcsec/century, so to an excellent approximation:

$$x = 1 \quad - (4)$$

2) Eccentricity  $e = 0.01671123$  — (5)

3) Aphelion  $r_{\max} = 1.52098232 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}$  — (6)

4) Perihelia  $r_{\min} = 1.47098290 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}$  — (7)

Therefore:

$$d = (1+e)r_{\min} = (1-e)r_{\max} = 1.4956 \times 10^{12} \text{ m} \quad - (8)$$

$$\text{So: } n(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{E}{mc^2}\right)^2 \quad - (9)$$

to an excellent approximation.

Also to an excellent approximation for the Earth:

$$n(r) = \frac{1}{b^2} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right)^{-1} \quad - (10)$$

$$n(r) \doteq \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^2 \left( \frac{r^2}{a^2 + r^2} \right) \quad - (11)$$

because:

$$\frac{rE}{L} \ll 1, \quad - (12)$$

$$\frac{r}{L} \ll 1, \quad - (13)$$

$$x = 1. \quad - (14)$$

Therefore for all practical purposes in the solar system:

$$n(r) = \left( \frac{E}{mc^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{r^2}{a^2 + r^2} \right) \quad - (15)$$

where

$$a = \frac{L}{mc}, \quad b = \frac{Lc}{E}. \quad - (16)$$

so

$$n(r) = \left( \frac{E}{mc^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{r^2}{\left( \frac{L}{mc} \right)^2 + r^2} \right) \quad - (17)$$

for

$E$  = total energy = constant

$L$  = angular momentum = constant

3) The total angular momentum is:

$$L = m r^2 \omega \quad - (18)$$

also

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad - (19)$$

is angular velocity. therefore:

$$n(r) = \left( \frac{E}{mc^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{r^2}{\left( r^2 \frac{\omega}{c} \right)^2 + r^2} \right)$$

$$n(r) = \left( \frac{E}{mc^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{1 + \left( \frac{\omega r}{c} \right)^2} \right)$$

$$n(r) \sim \left( \frac{E}{mc^2} \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\omega r}{c} \right)^2 \right) \quad - (20)$$

because:

$$\frac{\omega}{c} \ll 1 \quad - (21)$$

The angular velocity can be estimated from the fact that the year is about 365.25 days.

$$\omega \sim \frac{2\pi}{365.25 \times 24 \times 3600} \quad \text{radians per second}$$

$$\omega \sim \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{2\pi}{365.25 \times 24 \times 3600}$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ radians per second}$$