

218(1): Transformation of Furial Conical Section  
to Logarithmic Spiral.

The force law for the furial conical section is:

$$F(r) = -\frac{kx^2}{r^2} - \frac{kd}{r^3}(1-x^2) \quad - (1)$$

As:  $x \rightarrow 0$   $- (2)$

$$F(r) \rightarrow -\frac{kd(1-x^2)}{r^3} \quad (3)$$

Now use the Lagrangian equation:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} = -\frac{mr^2}{L^2} F(r) \quad - (4)$$

$$kd = L^2 / m \quad - (5)$$

and

The force law:  $F(r) = -\frac{L^2(1-x^2)}{mr^3} \quad - (6)$

corresponds to the logarithmic spiral orbit:

$$r = r_0 \exp(-\gamma \theta) \quad - (7)$$

with force law:  $F(r) = -\frac{L^2}{mr^3} (1 + \gamma^2) \quad - (8)$

if  $x^2 = -\gamma^2 \quad - (9)$

i.e.  $x = \pm i\gamma \quad - (10)$

2) If  $x = iy \quad - (11)$

then  $\cos(iy\theta) = \cosh(y\theta) \quad - (12)$

$= \frac{1}{2} (e^{y\theta} + e^{-y\theta}) \quad - (13)$

The partial circular section in this case becomes:

$r = \frac{d}{1 + \epsilon \cosh(y\theta)} \quad - (14)$

for  $x^2 = -y^2 \ll 1 \quad - (15)$

$\theta \rightarrow \infty \quad - (16)$

As:

eq. (14) becomes:  $r \rightarrow 2d \exp(-y\theta) \quad - (17)$

which is eq. (7) if:  $r_0 = 2d \quad - (18)$

The usual claim for a binary pulsar orbit is that it decreases over time. This can be understood from eq. (1) by allowing  $x$  to decrease with time. This procedure gradually changes the precessing ellipse into an inward spiralling orbit.

The angular velocity is described by:

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{L}{mr^2} \quad - (19)$$