

## 274(b) : Cartesian Format of the Beta Ellipse

This is :

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad - (1)$$

where

$$x = ae + r \cos \beta \quad - (2)$$

$$y = r \sin \beta \quad - (3)$$

these equations correspond to :

$$r = \frac{d}{1 + e \cos \beta} \quad - (4)$$

where :

$$d = a(1 - e^2) \quad - (5)$$

$$e^2 = 1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2} \quad - (6)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the major and minor semi axes of the ellipse.

Proof

Eq. (1) is :

$$\frac{(c + r \cos \beta)^2}{a^2} + \frac{r^2 \sin^2 \beta}{b^2} = 1 \quad - (7)$$

where

$$c = ae \quad - (8)$$

So:

2)

$$b^2(c^2 + 2cr \cos \beta + r^2 \cos^2 \beta) + a^2 r^2 \sin^2 \beta = a^2 b^2 \quad - (9)$$

i.e.

$$b^2 c^2 + 2rcb^2 \cos \beta + b^2 r^2 \cos^2 \beta + a^2 r^2 - a^2 r^2 \cos^2 \beta = a^2 b^2 \quad - (10)$$

Now we:

$$b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2) \quad - (11)$$

so:

$$a^2(1 - e^2)a^2 e^2 + 2ae a^2(1 - e^2)r \cos \beta + a^2(1 - e^2)r^2 \cos^2 \beta + a^2 r^2 - a^2 r^2 \cos^2 \beta = a^2(a^2(1 - e^2)) \quad - (12)$$

Therefore:

$$a^2(1 - e^2)e^2 + 2ae(1 - e^2)r \cos \beta + (1 - e^2)r^2 \cos^2 \beta + r^2 - r^2 \cos^2 \beta = a^2(1 - e^2) \quad - (13)$$

and:

$$r^2 = r^2 \cos^2 \beta + a^2(1 - e^2) - a^2(1 - e^2)e^2 - 2ae(1 - e^2)r \cos \beta - (1 - e^2)r^2 \cos^2 \beta \quad - (14)$$

$$= e^2 r^2 \cos^2 \beta - 2ae(1 - e^2)r \cos \beta + a^2(1 - e^2 + e^2(1 - e^2))$$

Therefore:

$$r^2 = e^2 r^2 \cos^2 \beta - 2ae(1-e^2)r \cos \beta + a^2(1-e^2)^2 \quad - (15)$$

$$= (e r \cos \beta - a(1-e^2))^2$$

Therefore:  $r = \pm (e r \cos \beta - a(1-e^2))$  - (16)

Taking the negative root:

$$r = - (e r \cos \beta - a(1-e^2)) \quad - (17)$$

i.e.

$$\boxed{r = \frac{d}{1 + e \cos \beta}} \quad - (18)$$

Q.E.D, where:

$$d = a(1-e^2) \quad - (19)$$

is the half right latitude.

Taking the positive root:

$$r = e r \cos \beta - d \quad - (20)$$

so:

$$r(e \cos \beta - 1) = d$$

$$\boxed{r = \frac{d}{e \cos \beta - 1}} \quad - (21)$$

+) Therefore the beta ellipse is defined by:

$$\frac{X^2}{a^2} + \frac{Y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad - (22)$$

where:

$$X = a \epsilon + r \cos \beta \quad - (23)$$

$$Y = r \sin \beta \quad - (24)$$

It is transformed into a 3D  $\phi$  ellipse

using:

$$\cos^2 \beta = \frac{\cos^2 \phi}{\cos^2 \phi + \left(\frac{L_z}{L}\right)^2 \sin^2 \phi} \quad - (25)$$

$$\sin^2 \beta = \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{1 - \left(\frac{L_z}{L}\right)^2} \quad - (26)$$