

28. On Hansen's Coefficients in the Expansions for Elliptic Motion.

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Let r be the radius vector, a the semi-major axis, v the true anomaly, ζ the mean anomaly, u the eccentric anomaly, e the eccentricity, and m a positive integer, n an integer, positive or negative. Further put $z = E^{i\zeta}$, where E is the base of Napier's logarithm and $i = \sqrt{-1}$. The coefficients X_j^{nm} in the Laurent expansion of a function:

$$\left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^n E^{imv} = \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^n (\cos mv + i \sin mv) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} X_j^{nm} z^j,$$

are called Hansen's coefficients and were studied by Tisserand¹⁾ with an elementary but complicated analysis. I propose to deduce the same result by a simpler mode of procedure.

The coefficients can be written

$$X_j^{nm} = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C^{(0+)} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^n t^m z^{-j-1} dz,$$

where $t = E^{iu}$, by the famous Cauchy's theorem of residues in the theory of analytic functions, the contour of integration being taken so as to make a positive circuit round $z=0$ in the ring-domain excepting $z=0$ and $z=\infty$. Now write $s = E^{iu}$ and

$$\omega = \frac{e}{1 + \sqrt{1 - e^2}} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - e^2}}{e} < 1,$$

then Kepler's equation can be transformed into

$$z = s E^{-\frac{e}{2} \left(s - \frac{1}{s}\right)}.$$

By the well-known formula for elliptic motion, we have

$$\frac{r}{a} = 1 - \frac{e}{2} \left(s + \frac{1}{s}\right) = \frac{1}{1 + \omega^2} \left(1 - \omega s\right) \left(1 - \frac{\omega}{s}\right).$$

Hence

$$X_j^{nm} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_s}^{(0+)} \frac{s^m}{(1 + \omega^2)^{n+1}} \left(1 - \omega s\right)^{n-m+1} \left(1 - \frac{\omega}{s}\right)^{n+m+1} \times E^{-\frac{j\omega}{1+\omega^2} \left(s - \frac{1}{s}\right)} \cdot s^{-j-1} ds,$$

1) F. Tisserand: *Traité de Mécanique Céleste*. T. 1 (1889), Chap. XV.