

This obviously gives  $(\frac{x}{a})^2 + (\frac{y}{b})^2 = 1$ . Using these definitions, we

get  $y = b \sin \beta \Rightarrow$

$$r \sin \theta = b \sin \beta$$

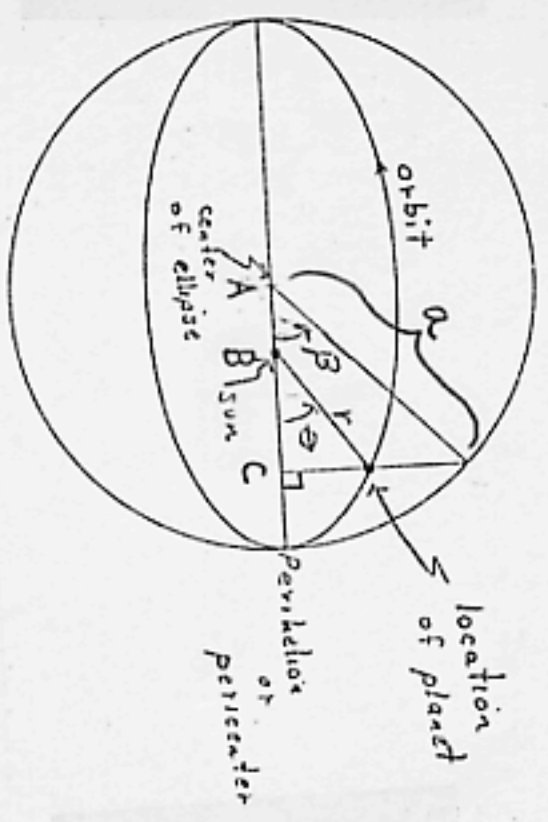
which agrees with hand out notes.

We also get

$$z = x + \frac{\epsilon r_0}{(1-\epsilon^2)} = a \cos \beta, \text{ or}$$

$$r \cos \theta + \frac{\epsilon r_0}{(1-\epsilon^2)} = a \cos \beta.$$

We use this equation to show that  $\beta$  is the angle shown in the sketch in the hand out notes.



From the picture we see

$$\vec{AC} = a \cos \beta$$

$$\vec{BC} = r \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{AB} = a - \frac{r_0}{1+\epsilon} = \frac{r_0}{1-\epsilon^2} - \frac{r_0(1-\epsilon)}{1-\epsilon^2}$$

$= \frac{\epsilon r_0}{1-\epsilon^2}$ . From the picture,

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \vec{AC}, \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon r_0}{1-\epsilon^2} + r \cos \theta = a \cos \beta$$

which is what we want. QED.