

Putting these together gives $r = r_0 + \frac{e^2 r_0}{1 - \epsilon^2} - a \epsilon \cos \beta$

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

Therefore, $dr = a \epsilon \sin \beta d\beta$ and also

$$[a^2 \epsilon^2 - (r - a)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = [a^2 \epsilon^2 - a^2 \epsilon^2 \cos^2 \beta]^{\frac{1}{2}} = a \epsilon \sin \beta$$

So the integral for k becomes the simple result

$$k = \frac{T_0}{2\pi} \frac{1}{a} \int_0^\beta \frac{(a - a \epsilon \cos \beta') a \epsilon \sin \beta' d\beta'}{a \epsilon \sin \beta'} \text{ which gives}$$

$$k = \frac{T_0}{2\pi} \int_0^\beta (1 - \epsilon \cos \beta') d\beta' = \frac{T_0}{2\pi} [\beta - \epsilon \sin \beta]$$

Thus

$$\alpha = \frac{2\pi k}{T_0} = \beta - \epsilon \sin \beta$$

QED