

Stress field near a crack tip

The previous examples allows us to calculate or measure σ directly. How can we compute σ in general? - Solve the boundary value problem.

For general elasticity problems we must solve the following problem.

Equilibrium: $\sigma_{ji,j} = 0$ in V (no body force)
 ↗ differentiation wrt the indices after the comma.

$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$ in V and on S .

$\sigma_{ji} n_j = T_i$ on S
 ↗ unit normal out of S .

Kinematic: $\epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (u_{i,j} + u_{j,i})$

Hooke's law: $\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \epsilon_{kl}$. or $\epsilon_{ij} = S_{ijkl} \sigma_{kl}$.

First, we'll consider the in-plane loading modes:

Equilibrium: $\frac{\partial \sigma_{11}}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{12}}{\partial x_2} = 0$

$\frac{\partial \sigma_{21}}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{22}}{\partial x_2} = 0$

Kinematics: $\epsilon_{11} = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1}$, $\epsilon_{22} = \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2}$, $\epsilon_{12} = \epsilon_{21} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} \right)$

$$\text{Isotropic linear } \epsilon_{11} = \frac{1}{E'} (\sigma_{11} - \nu \sigma_{22})$$

elasticity:

$$\epsilon_{22} = \frac{1}{E'} (\sigma_{22} - \nu' \sigma_{11})$$

$$\epsilon_{12} = \frac{1+\nu'}{E'} \sigma_{12}$$

$$E' = \begin{cases} E & \text{plane stress} \\ \frac{E}{1+\nu^2} & \text{plane strain} \end{cases} \quad \nu' = \begin{cases} \nu & \text{plane stress} \\ \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} & \text{plane strain} \end{cases}$$

To solve these equations we introduce Airy's stress function ϕ such that

$$\sigma_{11} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_2^2}, \quad \sigma_{12} = -\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}, \quad \sigma_{22} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_1^2}.$$

Then $\sigma_{11,1} + \sigma_{12,2} = \phi_{,221} - \phi_{,122} = 0$, $\sigma_{12,1} + \sigma_{22,2} = 0$, i.e. equilibrium equations are automatically satisfied. ϕ is not arbitrary.

$$\frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_{11}}{\partial x_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_{22}}{\partial x_1^2} - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon_{12}}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} = u_{1,122} + u_{2,211} - (u_{1,221} + u_{2,112}) = 0$$

Inserting Hooke's law gives

$$\sigma_{11,22} - \nu' \sigma_{22,22} + \sigma_{22,11} - \nu' \sigma_{11,11} - 2(1+\nu') \sigma_{12,12} = 0$$

$$\cancel{\phi_{,2222} - \nu' \cancel{\phi_{,1122}}} + \phi_{,1111} - \nu' \cancel{\phi_{,2211}} + 2 \phi_{,1122} + 2 \nu' \cancel{\phi_{,1122}} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^4 \phi = \phi_{,1111} + 2 \phi_{,1122} + \phi_{,2222} = 0}$$

Biharmonic equation

We are interested these relations in polar coordinates:

$$\zeta_{rr} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2}, \quad \zeta_{r\theta} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r \partial \theta}, \quad \zeta_{\theta\theta} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2}$$

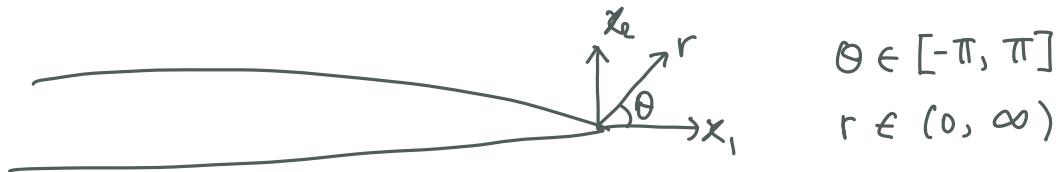
$$\nabla^4 \phi = \nabla^2 (\nabla^2 \phi) = 0, \text{ where } \nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}$$

Known to Michell, solutions to biharmonic equation are

$$\underline{\ln r}, \underline{r^2}, \underline{r^2 \ln r}, \underline{\psi}, \underline{\ln r \cdot \psi}, \underline{r^2 \psi}, \underline{r^2 \ln r \cdot \psi}, \underline{r \psi \sin \psi}, \underline{r \ln r \cos \psi}, \underline{r \ln r \sin \psi}$$

$$r^s \cos(s\psi), r^s \sin(s\psi), r^{s+2} \cos(s\psi), r^{s+2} \sin(s\psi) \text{ for any real number } s$$

Not all of these solution are useful. For our problem, we want to investigate the field very close to the crack tip. This requires three things:



- The solution allows discontinuity between $\theta = \pm \pi$ (Contrast to the continuity condition required in previous course)
- At $\theta = \pm \pi$ for all r , $\underline{\zeta_{22}} = \underline{\zeta_{\theta\theta}} = 0$ & $\underline{\zeta_{12}} = \underline{\zeta_{r\theta}} = 0$ (for not satisfied solutions)
- The energy in a region near the crack tip should be finite to be physical. $D \propto \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_0^r \sigma^2 r dr d\theta \propto \int_0^r \frac{\phi^2}{r^4} r dr \rightarrow \text{finite.}$

Therefore, seek solution of the form

$$\phi = \sum_p r^{p+2} [A_p \cos p\theta + B_p \cos(p+2)\theta + C_p \sin p\theta + D_p \sin(p+2)\theta]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{\theta\theta} = \sum_p (p+2)(p+1) r^p [A_p \cos p\theta + B_p \cos(p+2)\theta + C_p \sin p\theta + D_p \sin(p+2)\theta] \\ \sigma_{r\theta} = \sum_p (p+1) r^p [p A_p \sin p\theta + (p+2) B_p \sin(p+2)\theta - p C_p \cos p\theta - (p+2) D_p \cos(p+2)\theta] \end{array} \right.$$

Applying the boundary conditions $\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \sigma_{r\theta} = 0$ at $\theta = \pm\pi$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_p \cos p\pi + B_p \cos(p+2)\pi + C_p \sin p\pi + D_p \sin(p+2)\pi = 0 \\ \pm p A_p \sin p\pi + (p+2) B_p \sin(p+2)\pi - p C_p \cos p\pi - (p+2) D_p \cos(p+2)\pi = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

These equations can be satisfied 2 ways

- $\sin p\pi = 0 \rightarrow p = \text{integers}, \cos p\pi = \pm 1$

$$A_p + B_p = 0 \quad \& \quad p C_p + (p+2) D_p = 0$$

- $\cos p\pi = 0 \rightarrow p = \frac{\text{odd integers}}{2}, \sin p\pi = \pm 1$

$$C_p + D_p = 0 \quad \& \quad p A_p + (p+2) B_p = 0$$

Let's consider the most singular term, we can write

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = r^p \tilde{\sigma}_{\theta\theta/p}(\theta), \quad \sigma_{rr} = r^p \tilde{\sigma}_{rr/p}(\theta), \quad \sigma_{r\theta} = r^p \tilde{\sigma}_{r\theta/p}(\theta)$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = r^p \tilde{\sigma}_{ij/p}(\theta) \text{ for Cartesian components.} \quad \& \quad \epsilon_{ij} = S_{ijk\ell} r^p \tilde{\sigma}_{k\ell/p}(\theta)$$

The strain energy density is

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} r^{2p} S_{ijkl} \tilde{\delta}_{ij/p}(\theta) \tilde{\delta}_{kl/p}(\theta) = r^{2p} \tilde{U}_p(\theta)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{2 \tilde{U}_p(\theta)}$

The strain energy in some finite region near the crack tip is

$$\int_V U dV = \underbrace{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \tilde{U}_p(\theta) d\theta}_{\text{finite}} \int_0^R r^{2p+1} dr \sim \begin{cases} \ln r \Big|_0^R & \text{for } p=-1 \\ r^{2p+2} \Big|_0^R & \text{for } p \neq -1 \end{cases} \times$$

$$\rightarrow p = -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2 \dots$$

gives the most dominant term as $r \rightarrow 0$

When $p = -\frac{1}{2}$, $C_{-\frac{1}{2}} = -D_{-\frac{1}{2}}$, $B_{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3} A_{-\frac{1}{2}}$ (Two unknowns to be according to far field)

$$\rightarrow \sigma_{\theta\theta} = A r^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{3}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) + C r^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{r\theta} = A r^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) + C r^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{rr} = A r^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{5}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) + C r^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{5}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

A convention due to Irwin calls for

Actually, Irwin used $\frac{k}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}$,
the π showed up later

$$\sigma_{yy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}$$

on the plane ahead of the crack (i.e., on $\theta=0$). $\sigma_{\theta\theta}|_{\theta=0} = \sigma_{yy}|_{x=0} = \frac{A}{r^{\frac{1}{2}}} \rightarrow A = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$

$$\sigma_{xy}|_{x=0} = \sigma_{r\theta}|_{\theta=0} = \frac{C}{r^{\frac{1}{2}}} \rightarrow C = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{3}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)}_{\sigma_{\theta\theta}^I} + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \underbrace{\left(-\frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)}_{\sigma_{\theta\theta}^{II}}$$

$$\sigma_{r\theta} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)}_{\sigma_{r\theta}^I} + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)}_{\sigma_{r\theta}^{II}}$$

$$\sigma_{rr} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{5}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)}_{\sigma_{rr}^I} + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \underbrace{\left(-\frac{5}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)}_{\sigma_{rr}^{II}}$$

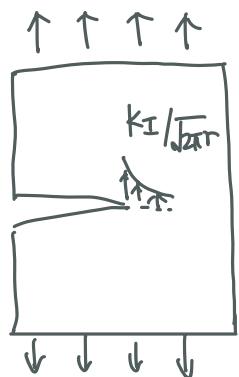
The Cartesian components can be written as

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[-\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left(2 + \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$

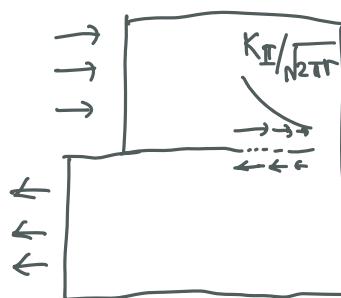
$$\sigma_{yy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$

K_I and K_{II} have dimensions of $\sigma L^{1/2}$ and are called the mode I and mode II stress intensity factors. In general, these constants need to be determined based on the specific loading and geometry of the specimen.



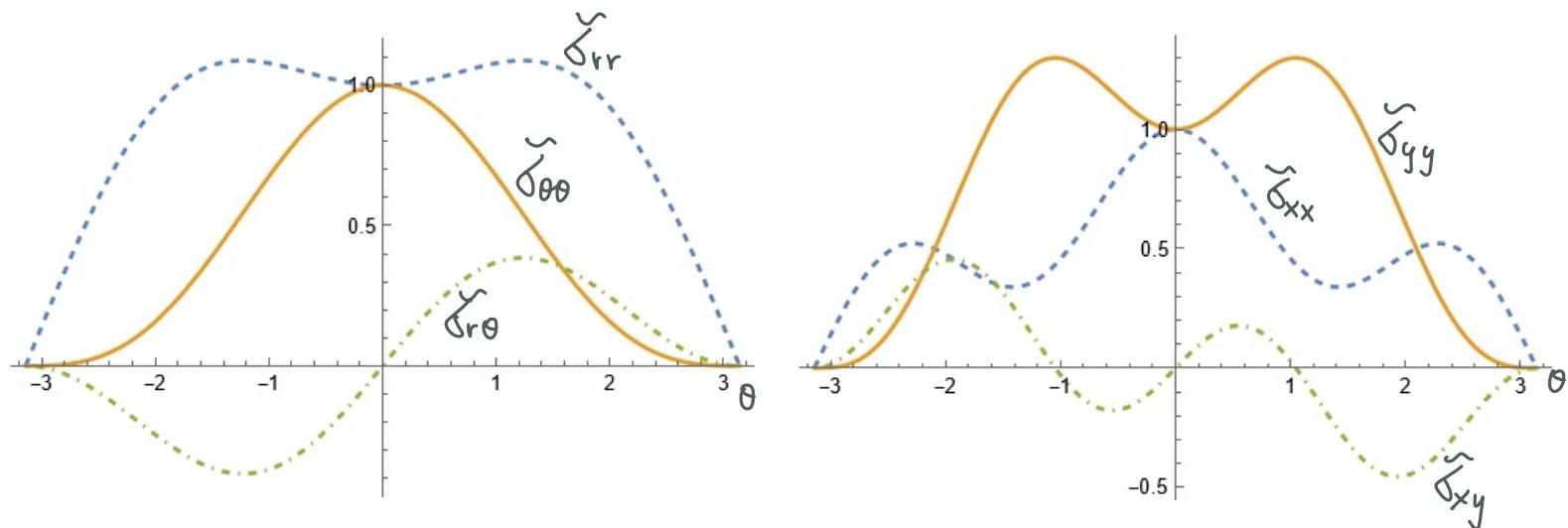
Mode I tensile opening



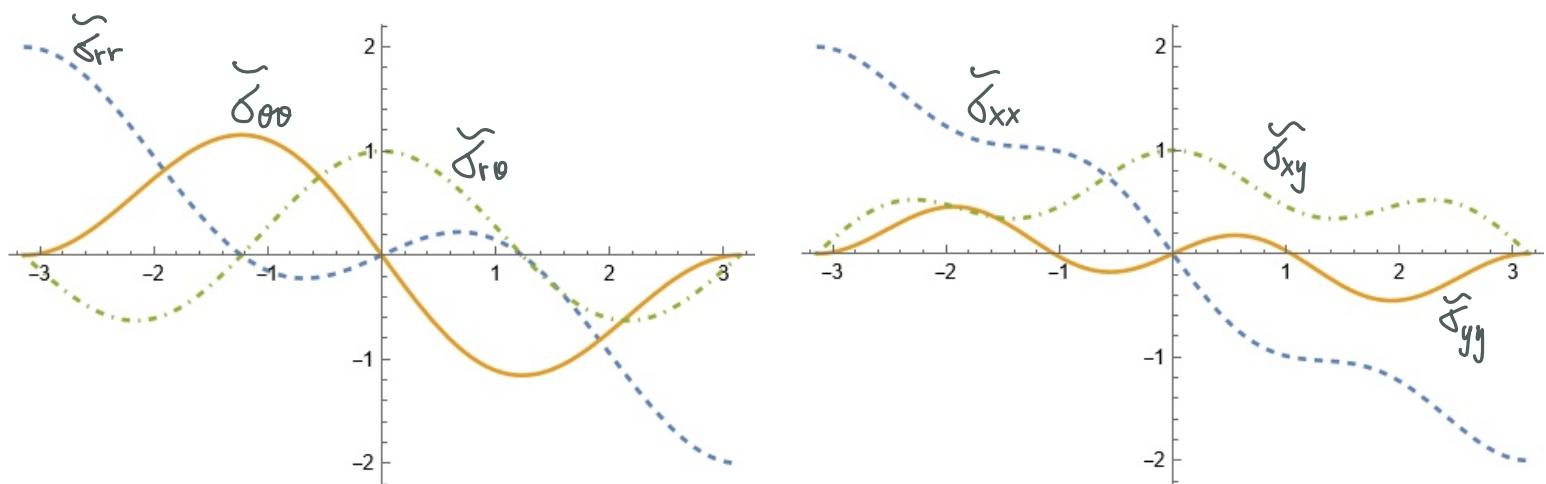
Mode II in-plane shearing

Mode I stress field angular dependence

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Mode II stress field angular dependence



The corresponding displacement fields are

$$\begin{cases} u_r = \frac{K_I}{2E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} (1+\nu) \left[(2k-1) \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{2E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} (1+\nu) \left[-(2k-1) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + 3 \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ u_\theta = \frac{K_I}{2E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} (1+\nu) \left[-(2k+1) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{III}}{2E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} (1+\nu) \left[-(2k+1) \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + 3 \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} u_x = \frac{K_I}{2E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} (1+\nu) \left[(2k-1) \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{2E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} (1+\nu) \left[(2k+3) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ u_y = \frac{K_I}{2E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} (1+\nu) \left[(2k+1) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{III}}{2E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} (1+\nu) \left[-(2k-3) \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \end{cases}$$

where $K = \begin{cases} 3-4\nu & \text{plane strain} \\ \frac{3-\nu}{(1+\nu)} & \text{plane stress.} \end{cases}$

Now, consider the $p=0$ term.

$$\phi = (A_0 + B_0 \cos 2\theta + D_0 \sin 2\theta) r^2$$

Boundary conditions give $A_0 = -B_0$, $D_0 = 0$

$$\phi = A_0 (1 - \cos 2\theta) r^2$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} = 2A_0(1 - \cos 2\theta)$$

$$\sigma_{rr} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2} = 2A_0(1 - \cos 2\theta) + 4A_0 \cos 2\theta = 2A_0(1 + \cos 2\theta)$$

$$\sigma_{r\theta} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r \partial \theta} = 2A_0 \sin 2\theta - 4A_0 \sin 2\theta = -2A_0 \sin 2\theta$$

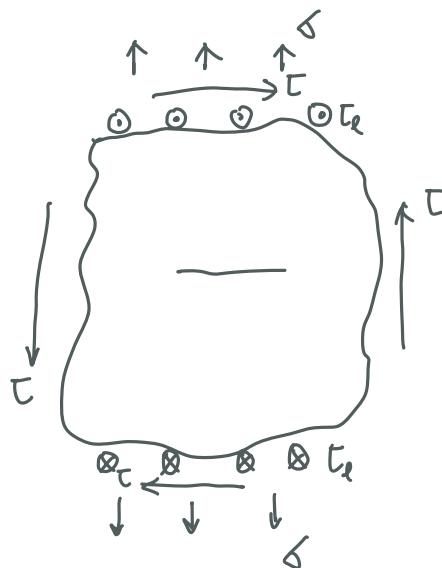
Let $2A_0 = T_{xx}$ by convention, which is called the "T stress". Transforming to Cartesian coordinates gives T stress terms ($O(1)$):

$$\sigma_{xx} = T_{xx}, \quad \sigma_{yy} = 0, \quad \sigma_{xy} = 0$$

Also note that a uniaxial stress in the x_3 direction can be applied and BCs will still be satisfied, so there is a T_{33} (T_{zz}) T-stress term on the order of r^0 as well:

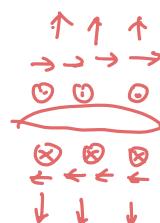
$$\sigma_{zz} = T_{zz}$$

Finally, there exists another mode of crack loading called mode III. This mode is a "tearing" mode and results from anti-plane/longitudinal shear.



We use $\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ - \\ \downarrow \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{II} \\ \downarrow \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{III} \\ \downarrow \end{array}$ before for a center crack

Here we may think of



To solve the fields very close to the Mode III crack tip, consider the following equations for longitudinal shear in isotropic elasticity

$$\text{Equilibrium: } \frac{\partial \sigma_{13}}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{23}}{\partial x_2} = 0 \quad \text{function of } x_1, x_2$$

$$\text{Kinematics: } \epsilon_{13} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1}, \quad \epsilon_{23} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2}$$

$$\text{Hooke's law: } \sigma_{13} = 2\mu \epsilon_{13}, \quad \sigma_{23} = 2\mu \epsilon_{23} \quad \mu = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$$

In HW2, you will be in charge of finding the asymptotic K_{III} field and any T-stresses.

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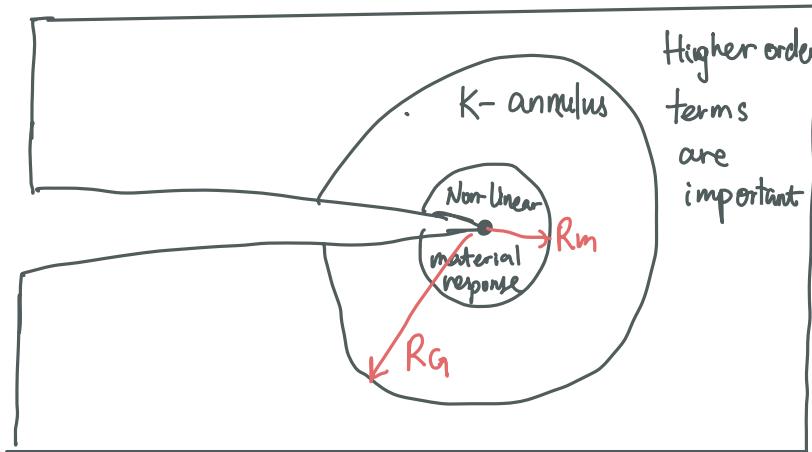
Therefore, stress field near a crack tip can be expanded in the following way

$$\delta_{ij} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \tilde{\delta}_{ij}^I(\theta) + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \tilde{\delta}_{ij}^{II}(\theta) + \frac{K_{III}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \tilde{\delta}_{ij}^{III}(\theta) \text{ to leading order}$$

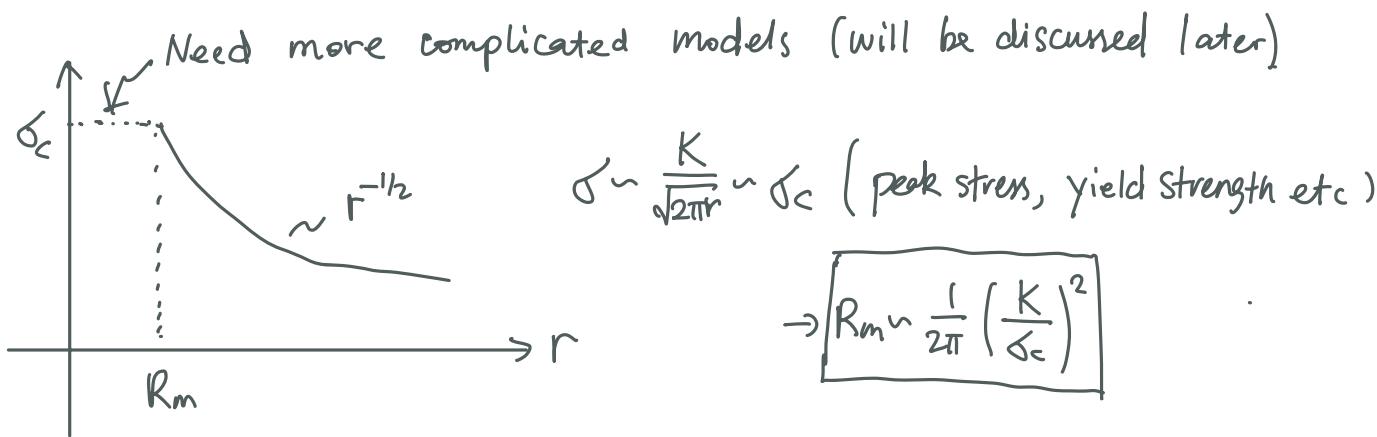
$$+ T_{11} \delta_{i1} \delta_{j1} + T_{33} \delta_{i3} \delta_{j3} + T_{13} (\delta_{i1} \delta_{j3} + \delta_{i3} \delta_{j1})$$

$$+ O(r^4) + O(r) + O(r^{3/2}) + \dots$$

This gives rise to the idea of "K-annulus", in which the leading order K terms are valid.



- Within the region inside R_m , the assumptions of linear elasticity break down, i.e., physically stresses do not $\rightarrow \infty$. This is usually manifested in some type of non-linear material behaviors such as yielding for ductile materials and "peak" stresses observed in the first lecture for "perfectly brittle" materials



- In the region outside R_G , higher-order terms (T stresses and above) arising due to the introduction of a length scale from the specimen geometry become important. (We are able to tell what is meant by $r=1$).

$$r^{-1/2} \gg 1 \text{ requires } r \ll l \xrightarrow{\text{Some length}} R_G \approx \frac{1}{10} \min(a, L, \dots)$$

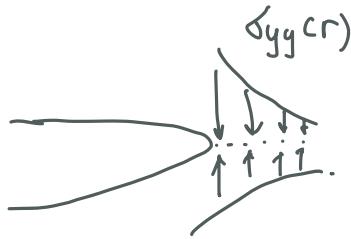
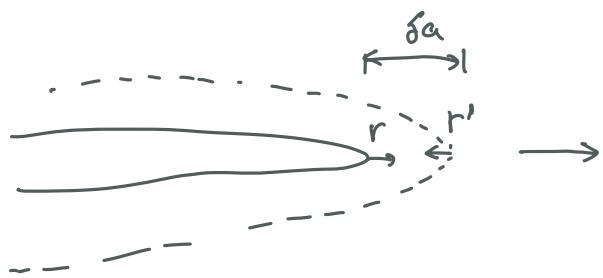
↑ ↑
crack length specimen dimension
etc.

The K-G relationship

Energy release rate is all we asked for from the BVP. Now we have known K_I, K_{II}, K_{III} as "integration constants" to be determined. Before getting to this part, let's determine the relationship between $G \approx \frac{\text{Energy}}{L^2}$ and $K \approx \text{Stress} \cdot L^{1/2}$, while we expect $G \approx K^2/E$

Irwin performed the following "crack closure" integral to determine how much energy is "needed" to "close" the crack tip by an increment of δa for Mode I.

"released" "open"



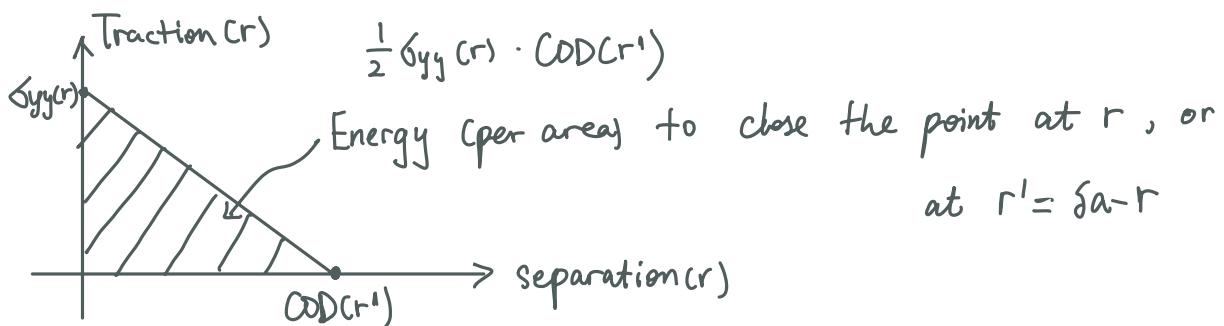
$$\sigma_{xy}(r) = 0$$

$$\sigma_{yy}(r) = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}$$

As we apply such traction, the crack opening displacement (COD) goes from

$$COD = u_y(r', \pi) - u_y(r', -\pi) = \frac{K_I}{E\sqrt{2\pi}} (1+\nu)(2K+2)$$

to zero. For any point along the closing region, we should have a linear traction - separation relation



$$\rightarrow \delta W = \int_0^{\delta a} \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{yy}(r) \cdot COD(\delta a - r) dr \times t \xleftarrow{\text{thickness}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{K_I}{E} \cdot \frac{(1+\nu)(2K+2)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\delta a} \sqrt{\frac{\delta a - r}{r}} dr$$

$$\begin{cases} r = \delta a \sin^2 \theta \\ dr = 2 \delta a \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{K_I^2 t}{E} \frac{(1+\nu)(K+1)}{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 2 \delta a \cdot \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \cancel{\sin \theta \cos \theta} d\theta$$

$$2 \delta a \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2\theta) d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \delta a$$

$$= \frac{K_I^2 + G_a}{E} \frac{(1+\nu)(K+1)}{4} = G_a \times t$$

$$\rightarrow G = \frac{K_I^2}{E'} = \begin{cases} \frac{K_I^2}{E} & \text{plane stress} \\ \frac{K_I^2(1+\nu^2)}{E} & \text{plane strain} \end{cases}$$

We will find similar results for Mode II and Mode III and obtain

$$G = \frac{K_I^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{II}^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^2}{2M}$$

*I will proof this in HW4
with J-integral method*

for isotropic linear elastic solids (modes are decoupled). Note that stresses and displacements are linear in K but nonlinear in G . Therefore K values can be added for two superposed elasticity problems / solutions but G cannot be added in general.

$$K_I = K_I^{(1)} + K_I^{(2)}, \quad G^{(1)} = \frac{(K_I^{(1)})^2}{E'}, \quad G^{(2)} = \frac{(K_I^{(2)})^2}{E'}, \quad G = \frac{K_I^2}{E'} \neq G^{(1)} + G^{(2)}$$

One exception is the decoupling of Mode I, II, & III in isotropic elasticity. For anisotropic elasticity

$$G = \sum_{i=I}^{III} \sum_{j=I}^{III} K_i H_{ij} K_j$$

where $H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E'} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{E'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{E''} \end{bmatrix}$ for isotropic elasticity.