

Define an initial value for
the size of the crack, a_0, c_0

Find ΔK_a and ΔK_c function of the
previous size of the crack a_i and c_i

Calculate $\left. \frac{da}{dN} \right|_i = C \Delta K_a^m$
and $\left. \frac{dc}{dN} \right|_i = C \Delta K_c^m$

C and m are the
Paris'law coefficients.

Update the crack size with Paris' model:

$$a_{i+1} = \left. \frac{da}{dN} \right|_i \cdot \Delta N = C \Delta K_a^m \cdot \Delta N$$
$$c_{i+1} = \left. \frac{dc}{dN} \right|_i \cdot \Delta N = C \Delta K_c^m \cdot \Delta N$$

ΔN is equal to 1
to evaluate the crack
propagation at every cycle.

The vessel fails.

$a_{i+1} > a_{limit}$
or
 $\Delta K_{max} > K_{IC}$

The crack can propagate more.

yes

no

