

14.1 Many operations, such as machining, grinding, electroplating, and casehardening, may induce residual stresses in a material. Discuss, in general terms, the effect of such residual stresses on the fatigue life of the material.

In general, compressive residual stresses, no matter what the source, are beneficial for fatigue. That is why compressive stresses are intentionally introduced in surface layers of structures that will experience fatigue loading by techniques such as shot peening, etc. Surface treatments such as carburizing and nitriding of steels also result in compressive residual stresses in the surface layers. However, Ni or Cr plating of steels results in tensile stresses in the surface layer, and are, therefore, harmful for fatigue. Welding or joining can result in pores or other flaws, which reduce the fatigue strength.

14.2 A steel has the following properties:

Young's modulus $E = 210$ GPa,
Monotonic fracture stress $\sigma_f = 2.0$ GPa,
Monotonic strain at fracture $\varepsilon_f = 0.6$,
Exponent b (cyclic) = 0.09; c (cyclic) = 0.06.

Compute the total strain that a bar of this steel will be subjected to under cyclic straining before failing at 1,500 cycles.

The total strain ($\Delta\varepsilon_t$) is given by the following equation (see p. 718 in the text):

$$\frac{\Delta\varepsilon_t}{2} = \frac{\sigma'_f}{E} (2N_f)^b + \varepsilon'_f (2N_f)^c$$

where $b = 0.09$

and $c = 0.06$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\Delta \varepsilon_t}{2} = \frac{2}{210} (2 \times 1500)^{0.09} + (0.6)(2 \times 1500)^{0.06}$$

$$= 0.019 + 0.124 = 0.143$$

$$\Delta \varepsilon_t = 0.286$$

14.3 The low-cycle fatigue behavior of a material can be represented by

$$\sigma_L = \sigma_{UTS} N_f^{-0.5}$$

where σ_L is the endurance limit, σ_{UTS} is the ultimate tensile strength, and N_f is the number of cycles to failure. If σ_{UTS} for this material is 500 MPa, find its endurance limit. A sample of the material is subjected to block loading consisting of 40, 30, 20, and 10 % of fatigue life at σ_L , $1.10\sigma_L$, $1.2\sigma_L$, and $1.3\sigma_L$, respectively. Use the Palmgren--Miner relationship to estimate the fatigue life of the sample under this block loading.

We can write the Palmgren-Miner relationship for the given block loading as

$$0.4 \sigma_L + 0.3 \times 1.1 \sigma_L + 0.2 \times 1.2 \sigma_L + 0.1 \times 1.3 \sigma_L = 1$$

$$\sigma_L (0.4 + 0.33 + 0.24 + 0.13) = 1$$

$$1.1 \sigma_L = 1$$

$$\sigma_L = \sigma_{UTS} N_f^{-0.5} = 1/1.1$$

$$\text{Or, } 500 \times 1.1 = 550 = N_f^{0.5}$$

$$\text{Fatigue life, } N_f = 3 \times 10^5 \text{ cycles}$$

$$\text{Endurance limit, } \sigma_L = 500 (3 \times 10^5)^{-0.5} = 288 \text{ MPa}$$

14.4 A microalloyed steel was subjected to two fatigue tests at ± 400 MPa and ± 250 MPa. Failure occurred after 2×10^4 and 1.2×10^6 cycles, respectively, at these two stress levels. Making appropriate assumptions, estimate the fatigue life at ± 300 MPa of a part made from this steel that has already suffered 2.5×10^4 cycles at ± 350 MPa.

$$\Delta\sigma(N_f)^a = c$$

$$800(2 \times 10^4)^a = 500(1.2 \times 10^6)^a$$

$$\frac{800}{500} = 1.6 = \left(\frac{1.2 \times 10^6}{2 \times 10^4} \right)^a = (60)^a$$

$$a = 0.115$$

$$c = 800(2 \times 10^4)^{0.115} \text{ MPa}$$

$$= 2498 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\text{At } \pm 350 \text{ MPa}$$

$$N_{f1} = \left(\frac{c}{\Delta\sigma} \right)^{1/a} = \left(\frac{2498}{700} \right)^{1/0.115}$$

$$= (3.57)^{8.7} = 6.4 \times 10^4 \text{ cycles}$$

$$\text{For } 2.4 \times 10^4 \text{ cycles, } \frac{N_1}{N_{f1}} = \frac{2.5 \times 10^4}{6.4 \times 10^4} = 0.39$$

$\Delta\sigma = \pm 300 \text{ MPa}$

$$N_{f2} = \left(\frac{c}{\Delta\sigma} \right)^{1/a} = \left(\frac{2498}{600} \right)^{1/0.115}$$

$$= (4.16)^{8.7} = 2.45 \times 10^5 \text{ cycles}$$

From Palmgren – Miner's Rule

$$\frac{N_1}{N_{f1}} + \frac{N_2}{N_{f2}} = 1$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_{f2}} = 1 - \frac{N_1}{N_{f1}} = 1 - 0.39 = 0.61$$

$$\text{Therefore, } N_2 = 0.61 \ N_{f2}$$

$$= 0.61 \times 2.45 \times 10^5$$

$$= 1.49 \times 10^5 \text{ cycles}$$

14.5 The curve of crack growth rate da/dN vs. cyclic stress intensity ΔK for a material in the Paris regime is shown in Figure Ex 14.5 (p. 759 in the text). Determine the parameters C and m for this material.

We first calculate the slope of the line, m by taking two points on the curve:

Point 1: $\Delta K = 30 \text{ MPa } \sqrt{m}$, $da/dN = 0.1 \text{ mm/cycle}$

Point 2: $\Delta K = 20 \text{ MPa } \sqrt{m}$, $da/dN = 10^{-2} \text{ mm/cycle}$

$$m = \frac{\log 10^{-1} - \log 10^{-2}}{\log 30 - \log 20} = 5.68 \quad m = 5.68$$

Then, find C by applying the Paris relation to one of the points:

$$C = \frac{da/dN}{(\Delta K)^m} = \frac{0.1}{(30)^{5.68}} = 4.07 \times 10^{-10} \quad C = 4.07 \times 10^{-10}$$

14.6 A steel has the following properties:

Yield Stress $\sigma_y = 700$ MPa,

Fracture Toughness, $K_{Ic} = 165$ MPa \sqrt{m}

A plate of this steel containing a single edge crack was tested in fatigue under $\Delta\sigma = 140$ MPa, $R = 0.5$, and $a_0 = 2$ mm. It was observed experimentally that fatigue crack propagation in the steel could be described by the Paris-type relationship.

$$\frac{da}{dN} (m/cycle) = 0.66 \cdot 10^{-8} (\Delta K)^{2.25}$$

where ΔK is measured in MPa \sqrt{m} .

- (a) What is the critical crack size a_c at σ_{\max} ?
- (b) Compute the fatigue life of the steel.

$$R = 0.5 = \frac{\sigma_{\min}}{\sigma_{\max}} \rightarrow \sigma_{\min} = 0.5 \cdot \sigma_{\max}$$

$$\Delta\sigma = 140 \text{ MPa} = \sigma_{\max} - \sigma_{\min} = 0.5 \sigma_{\max} = \sigma_{\max} = 280 \text{ MPa and } \sigma_{\min} = 140 \text{ MPa}$$

For a single edge crack

$$K_{Ic} = Y \sigma_{\max} \sqrt{\pi a_c} \quad \text{where } Y = 1.12 \text{ for small crack}$$

$$a_c = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{Y \cdot \sigma_{\max}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \left(\frac{165}{1.12 \times 280} \right)^2 = 8.81 \times 10^{-2} m \quad a_c = 88.1 \text{ mm}$$

$$\frac{da}{dN} = 0.66 \cdot 10^{-5} (\Delta K)^{2.25} \quad \text{where } \Delta K = Y \Delta \sigma \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$\frac{da}{dN} = 0.66 \cdot 10^{-8} \cdot (1.12)^{2.25} \cdot (140)^{2.25} \cdot \pi^{1.125} \cdot a^{1.125}$$

$$a^{-1.125} \cdot da = 2.0815 \cdot 10^{-3} \, dn$$

$$\int_a^a a^{-1.125} da = 2.0815 \cdot 10^{-3} \int_D^{N_f} dn$$

$$-\left[\frac{a^{-0.125}}{0.125} \right]_{a_o}^{a_c} = 2.0815 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot N_f \quad \text{with } a_o = 2 \, \text{mm and } a_c = 88.1 \, \text{mm}$$

$$N_f = - \frac{\left[(88 \cdot 10^{-3})^{-0.125} - (2 \cdot 10^{-3})^{-0.125} \right]}{0.125 \cdot 2.0815 \cdot 10^{-3}} = 3 \cdot 150 \, \text{cycles} \quad N_f = 3150 \, \text{cycles}$$

14.11 (Design Problem) Estimate the life of a hip implant of 304L stainless steel if it contains initial flaws with length $2a = 200 \text{ nm}$ and a height $2a = 100 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Assume that the force applied on the artificial hip is,

walking: $3W$ and running: $7W$

where W is the weight of the person. The fatigue response of 304L can be represented by

$$\frac{da}{dN} (\text{mm/cycle}) = 5.5 \times 10^{-9} \left(\Delta K (\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}) \right)^3$$

Make and list all necessary assumptions.

We make the following assumptions

- 1) The mass of the person is $m = 80 \text{ kg}$.
- 2) The flaw is oriented most unfavorably.
- 3) The flaw is located where the normal stress due to bending is maximum.
- 4) The flaw is located close to the surface of the hip implant.
- 5) The load P is vertical.
- 6) Critical stress intensity factor $K_{Ic} = 110 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$

(a) The person is assumed to walk 3 hour per day.

Elliptical flaw most unfavorably oriented, K_I (p. 347)

$$K_I = Y\sigma\sqrt{\pi a} \text{ where } Y \text{ is given by}$$

$$\frac{\left(\sin^2 \theta + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \cos^2 \theta \right)^{1/4}}{\frac{3\pi}{8} + \frac{\pi a^2}{8 c^2}}$$

K_I is maximum when Y is maximum $\Rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ \Rightarrow Y = 0.784$

Let us calculate the critical crack size, a_c

$$K_{Ic} = Y\sigma_{\max}\sqrt{\pi a_c} \quad a_c = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{Y\sigma_{\max}} \right)^2$$

Compute the maximum normal stress due to bending.

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{\pi r^4}{4}$$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{12mgx}{\pi^3} = \frac{12 \times 80 \times 9 \times 81 \times (20 \times 10^{-3})}{\pi(8 \cdot 10^{-3})^3} = 117 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M \cdot r}{I} \text{ where } M = P \cdot x = 3 \cdot mgx \text{ and}$$

Compression stress due to load P,

$$\sigma_c = \frac{P \cdot \cos 20^\circ}{A} = \frac{P \cdot \cos 20^\circ}{r\pi^2} = \frac{3 \cdot 80 \cdot 9 \cdot 81 \cdot \cos 20^\circ}{\pi(8 \cdot 10^{-3})^2} = 11 \text{ MPa}$$

Resultant stress,

$$\sigma_r = \sigma_b - \sigma_c = 117 - 11 = 106 \text{ MPa}$$

The parameters of the fatigue cycle are,

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_r = 106 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{\min} = 0$$

$$R = 0$$

$$\Delta\sigma = 106 \text{ MPa}$$

We can calculate now the critical flow size numerically,

$$a_c = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{Y \cdot \sigma_{\max}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{110}{0.784 \cdot 106} \right)^2 \cdot 0.557 \text{ m}$$

The critical size is larger than the dimensions of the hip implant!

The hip will fail when the crack reaches the surface $\rightarrow a_c = 16 \text{ mm}$

Let us compute the fatigue life,

$$\frac{da}{dN} (m / cycle) = 5.5 \times 10^{-12} (\Delta K (MPa\sqrt{m}))^3 \text{ with } \Delta K = Y\Delta\sigma\sqrt{a\pi}$$

$$\frac{da}{dN} = 5.5 \times 10^{-12} \times (Y\Delta\sigma\sqrt{a\pi})^3$$

$$\frac{da}{dN} = 5.5 \times 10^{-12} \times Y^3 \times \Delta\sigma^3 \times \pi^{1.5} \times a^{1.5}$$

$$a^{-1.5} da = 5.5 \times 10^{-12} \times (0.784)^3 \times (106)^3 \cdot \pi^{1.5} \cdot dN$$

$$\int_{a_o}^{a_c} a^{-1.5} da = 1.759 \times 10^{-5} \int_0^{N_f} dN \text{ with } a_o = 50\mu m \text{ and } a_c = 16mm$$

$$\left[-\frac{a^{-0.5}}{0.5} \right]_{a_o}^{a_c} = 1.759 \times 10^{-5} \cdot N_f$$

$$\Rightarrow N_f = \frac{a_o}{0.5 \times 1.759 \times 10^{-5}} = \frac{(50 \times 10^{-6})^{-0.5} - (16 \times 10^{-8})^{-0.5}}{0.5 \times 1.759 \times 10^{-5}} = 15,178,346 \text{ cycles}$$

Let us assume that we have 1 cycle/s when the person is walking. The person walks 3 hours a day which is $3 \times 3600 = 10,800$ cycles/day.

The lifetime will then be,

$$\frac{N_f}{10,800} = 1405 \text{ days or } 3.85 \text{ years}$$

(b) The person is assumed to walk 3 hours per day and jog 20 minutes per day.

When the person jogs, the resultant stress is 7/3 times larger than when she walks.

Thus, ΔK will be 7/3 times larger and the life time $(7/3)^3$ times smaller.

The final effect is the same than for a person walking

$3 \text{ h} + (7/3)^3 (20 \text{ min} \times 3) = 15.70 \text{ h per day}$ (assuming we have 3 cycles/s when the person jogs)

The lifetime in this case,

$$\frac{N_f}{3600 \times 15 \times 70} = 268 \text{ days or } 0.74 \text{ years}$$

The lifetime of the hip implant is decreased by a factor more than 5 if the person, in addition to walking 3 h per day, runs 20 min per day.

14.12 Assuming that fatigue failures are initiated at the “weakest link,” we may use the Weibull frequency distribution function to represent the fatigue lives of a group of specimens tested under identical conditions. We have

$$f(N) = \frac{b}{N_a - N_o} \left(\frac{N - N_o}{N_a - N_o} \right)^{b-1} \exp \left[- \left(\frac{N - N_o}{N_a - N_o} \right)^b \right]$$

where N is the specimen's fatigue life, N_o is the minimum life ≥ 0 , N_a is the characteristic life at 36.8 % survival of the population (36.8 % = $1/e$, where $e = 2.718$) and b is the shape parameter of the Weibull distribution curve. Letting $x = (N - N_o)/(N_a - N_o)$, plot curves $f(N)$ versus x for $b = 1, 2$, and 3 .

$$f(N) = \frac{b}{N_a - N_o} \left(\frac{N - N_o}{N_a - N_o} \right)^{b-1} \exp \left[- \left(\frac{N - N_o}{N_a - N_o} \right)^b \right]$$

Let $x = (N - N_o)/(N_a - N_o)$, we have

$$f(N) = \frac{b}{N_a - N_o} (x)^{b-1} \exp[-x^b]$$

$$f(N) = \frac{b}{N_a - N_o} (x)^{b-1} \frac{1}{\exp[x^b]}$$

For $b = 1$

$$f(N) = \frac{1}{N_a - N_o} \frac{1}{\exp[x]}$$

-a simple exponential distribution function

For $b = 2$

$$f(N) = \frac{2}{N_a - N_o} \frac{x}{\exp[x^2]}$$

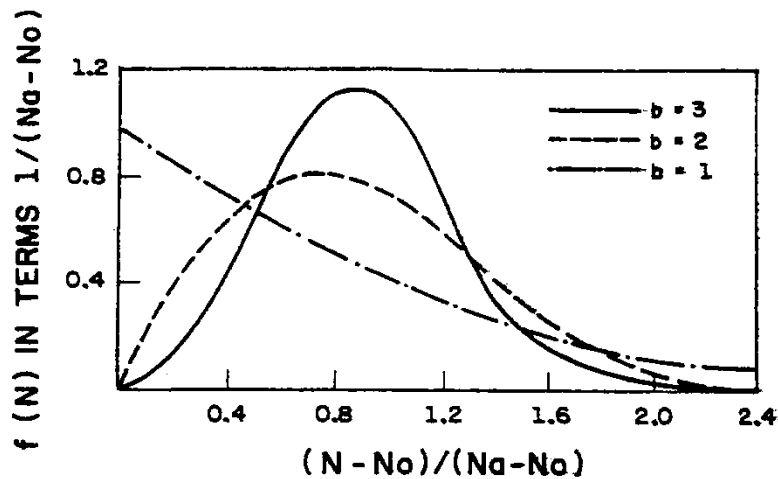
- this is called a Rayleigh distribution function and is used in acoustic fatigue analysis.

For $b = 3$

$$f(N) = \frac{3}{N_a - N_o} \frac{x^2}{\exp[x^3]}$$

- this is close to the normal distribution function. In fact $b = 3.57$ gives a better approximation to normal distribution.

Figure below shows the plots for $b = 1, 2$, and 3 .



- 14.13** Fatigue data are, generally, analyzed cumulatively to determine the survival percentage. The Weibull cumulative function for the fraction of population failing at N is integration of the expression for $f(N)$ in the preceding exercise. Show this function is

$$F(N) = 1 - \exp \left[- \left(\frac{N - N_o}{N_a - N_o} \right)^b \right]$$

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$$F(N) = 1 - \exp \left[- \left(\frac{N - N_o}{N_a - N_o} \right)^b \right]$$

$$1 - F(N) = \exp \left[- \left(\frac{N - N_o}{N_a - N_o} \right)^b \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - F(N)} = \exp \left[\left(\frac{N - N_o}{N_a - N_o} \right)^b \right]$$

Taking logarithms twice, we get

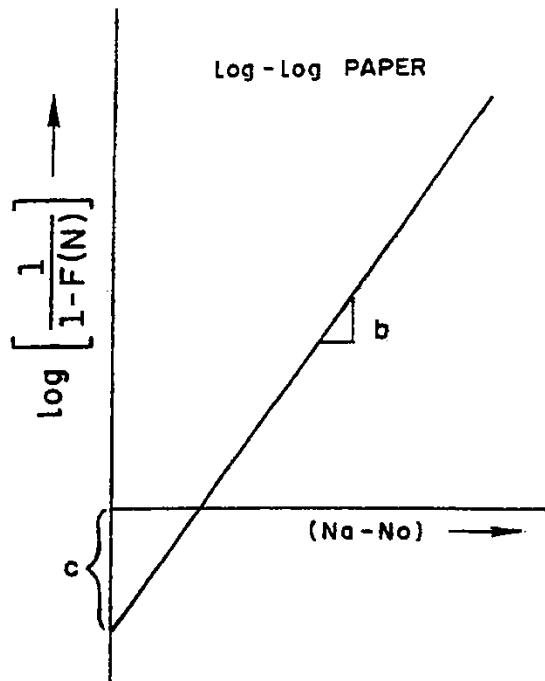
$$\log \log \frac{1}{1 - F(N)} = b \log \left[\left(\frac{N - N_o}{N_a - N_o} \right)^b \right] + \log \log e$$

$$\log \log \frac{1}{1-F(N)} = b \log(N - N_o)(N - N_o)$$

$$= b \log(N - N_o) + c$$

where $c = -b \log(N - N_o) - 0.36$

On a log-log plot, this equation will give a straight line ($y = mx + c$) as indicated in the Fig. below, from which we can find graphically various parameters as indicated.



14.14 (Design Problem) One of the worst single aircraft accidents in history resulted in the loss of 520 lives. It was produced by the growth of a fatigue crack in the back of the bulkhead of a Boeing 747 plane. (see Figure Ex14.14). The fatigue fracture was caused by a repair that replaced a double row of rivets by a single row in certain places. The atmospheric pressure decreases by 12 Pa for every meter increase in altitude.

- (a) Calculate the stress cycle to which the pressurized cabin and bulkhead were subjected in each takeoff-landing sequence of the plane.
- (b) Establish the critical crack length for which catastrophic growth would occur.
- (c) Assuming the fatigue failure started at one of the rivet holes (which had a diameter of 12 mm) and that it propagated through subsequent holes. Calculate the number of cycles necessary to bring down the "big bird," given the following data:

Paris relationship constants, $C = 5 \times 10^{-8}$ and $m = 3.6$.

$$\sigma_y = 310 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{UTS} = 345 \text{ MPa}$$

- (a) Treat the fuselage as thin-walled pressure vessel. The hoop stress is given by

$$\sigma = \frac{pr}{t}$$

$$\Delta\sigma = \text{stress cycle} = \sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min} = \frac{\Delta p \times r}{t} = \frac{(p_{max} - p_{min}) \times r}{t}$$

$$r = \text{inner radius} = 2.316 \text{ m}$$

$$t = \text{wall thickness} = 0.009 \text{ m}$$

$$p_{min} = 1 \text{ atm} = 101,325 \text{ Pa}$$

$$p_{max} = (101,3215 \text{ Pa}) + \left(12 \frac{\text{Pa}}{\text{m}} \times 7,200 \text{ m} \right) = 187,725 \text{ Pa}$$

$\Delta\sigma = \frac{(187,725 \text{ Pa} - 101,325 \text{ Pa}) \times (2.316 \text{ m})}{(0.009 \text{ m})} = 22.23 \text{ MPa}$

(b) Treat the problem to be single edge notch crack.

$$K_{Ic} = Y\sigma_{max}\sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$a_c = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{Y\sigma_{max}} \right)^2$$

$$K_{Ic} = 37 \text{ MPa} \sqrt{m} \quad [1]$$

$$Y = 1.12 \text{ (for a single edge crack)}$$

$$\sigma_{max} = 48.31 \text{ MPa}$$

$$a_c = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{37 \text{ MPa} \sqrt{m}}{(1.12) * (48.31 \text{ MPa})} \right)^2 = 14.88 \text{ cm}$$

(c)

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C\Delta K^m$$

$$C = 5 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$m = 3.6$$

$$\Delta K = 1.12\Delta\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$\frac{da}{dN} = 5 * 10^{-8} [1.12\Delta\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}]^{3.6}$$

$$a^{-1.8} da = 5 * 10^{-8} * (1.12)^{3.6} * (22.23 \text{ MPa})^{3.6} * (\pi)^{1.8} dN$$

$$\int_{a_0}^{a_c} a^{-1.8} da = 0.0415 \int_0^{N_f} dN$$

$$N_f * 0.0415 = - \left[\frac{a^{-0.8}}{0.8} \right]_{12}^{148.8}$$

$$N_f * 0.0415 = 37.307$$

$N_f = 899 \text{ cycles}$

14.17 The low cyclic fatigue of a metallic alloy can be described by the Coffin-Manson expression relating the number of cycles to failure, N_f , to plastic strain, $\Delta\epsilon_{pl}$ as follows:

$$N_f^{0.5} \Delta\epsilon_{pl} = 0.4$$

Compute the number of cycles to failure if the alloy fails at a plastic strain of 5×10^{-3} .

Coffin-Manson relationship

$$N_f^{0.5} \Delta\epsilon_{pl} = 0.4$$

$$N_f^{0.5} = 0.4 / \Delta\epsilon_{pl} = 0.4 / (5 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$N_f = 0.4 / (5 \times 10^{-3})^{1/0.5} = 6.4 \times 10^3 \text{ cycles.}$$

14.19 A 2024-T6 aluminum alloy used for an aircraft was tested in Wöhler-type machine rotating at 400 rpm (sinusoidal stress variation, mean stress equal to zero). The following results were obtained:

Stress Range = 310 MPa; $N = 10^4$ cycles

Stress Range = 230 MPa; $N = 10^7$ cycles

Predict the life of the aircraft if it is in the air 16 h per day and if it is subjected to the stress range of 180 MPa at the same frequency. The material obeys Basquin law.

$$\Delta \sigma N_f^a = c$$

Apply 2 conditions, $(310 \text{ MPa}) (10^4 \text{ cycles})^a = (230 \text{ MPa}) (10^7 \text{ cycles})^a$

$$\frac{310 \text{ MPa}}{230 \text{ MPa}} = \frac{(10^7 \text{ cycles})^a}{(10^4 \text{ cycles})^a}$$

$$1.35 = 10^{3a}$$

$$\log(1.35) = 3a$$

$$a = 4.34 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$c = (310 \text{ MPa}) (10^4 \text{ cycles})^{4.34 \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$c = 4.62 \times 10^{-2} \text{ MPa}$$

$$\text{If } \Delta \sigma = 180 \text{ MPa} \gg N_f^a = \frac{c}{\Delta \sigma} = \frac{4.62 \times 10^{-2}}{180 \text{ MPa}} = 2.57$$

$$N_f = (2.57)^{\frac{1}{4.34 \times 10^{-2}}}$$

$$N_f = 2.79 \times 10^9 \text{ cycles.}$$

$$\text{Stress Range} = 310 \text{ MPa}, N = 10^4$$

$$\text{Stress range} = 230 \text{ MPa}, N = 10^7$$

$$\Delta \sigma (N_f)^a = c$$

Equating to solve for a

$$310 \text{ MPa} (10^4)^a = 230 \text{ MPa} (10^7)^a$$

$$\frac{310 \text{ MPa}}{230 \text{ MPa}} = \left(\frac{10^7}{10^4} \right)^a$$

$$1.347 = 1000^a$$

$$\log(1.347) = a \times \log(1000)$$

$$a = 0.043$$

Solving for c

$$310 \text{ MPa} (10^4)^{0.043} = c$$

$$c = 460.6 \text{ MPa}$$

$$180 \text{ MPa} (N_f)^{0.043} = 460.6 \text{ MPa}$$

$$N_f = 3.01 \times 10^9 \text{ cycles}$$

$$400 \text{ rpm} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{\text{h}} \times \frac{16 \text{ h}}{1 \text{ day}} = 384000 \frac{\text{cycles}}{\text{day}}$$

$$\text{Predicted life to failure} = \frac{3.01 \times 10^9 \text{ cycles}}{384000 \text{ cycles/day}} = 7838 \text{ days} = 21.47 \text{ years}$$

14.20 Explain the effect on fatigue life for the following design and environmental factors :

- 1) A high polish surface finish
 - 2) A rivet hole
 - 3) Increasing the mean stress, but keeping the range constant.
 - 4) A corrosive atmosphere
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- 1) A high polish surface finish-will reduce crack formation and crack propagation rate , in that sense, can minimize the risk of the fatigue failure , increase fatigue life.
 - 2) Introducing a rivet hole will increase the stress concentration around the hole area; therefore lead to a decreased fatigue life.
 - 3) Mean stress, $\sigma_m = (\sigma_{\max} + \sigma_{\min})/2$. Increasing the mean stress, but keeping the range constant, will make the material more vulnerable to fatigue, i.e., increasing the mean stress σ_m will decrease the fatigue life.
 - 4) A corrosive atmosphere will increase the probability of causing nucleation and the resultant crack propagation, i.e., a decreased fatigue life.

14.15 Calculate the stress cycle to which the pressurized cabin and bulkhead were subjected in each takeoff-landing sequence.

$$\Delta\sigma = \frac{\Delta p \times r}{z \times t} = \frac{7200m \times 12Pu / m \times (4.6512)}{2 \times 9 \times 10^{-3}} = 44.2 MPa$$

(a) Establish the critical crack length for which catastrophic growth would occur.

Assume a single edge crack: $K_I = Y\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}$ with $Y = 1.12$

$$\sigma_{\max} = 44.2MPa, \quad \sigma_{\min} = 0 \quad R = 0$$

Let us assume (p. 367): $K_{Ic} = 34MPa\sqrt{m}$

$$a_c = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{r \times \sigma_{\max}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{34}{1.12 \times 112} \right)^2 = 2.36m$$

(b) Assuming that fatigue failure started at one of the rivet holes (which had a diameter of 12 mm) and that it propagated through subsequent holes, calculate the

number of cycles necessary to bring down the “big bird”, given the following data:

$$\frac{da}{dn} = 5 \times 10^{-8} (\Delta K)^{3.6} \quad \text{with } \Delta K = Y \Delta \sigma \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$\frac{da}{dn} = 5 \times 10^{-8} \times (1.12)^{3.6} \times (11.2)^{3.6} \times \pi^{1.8} \times a^{1.8}$$

$$a^{1.8} da = 3.53 \times 10^{-3} dN$$

$$\int_{a_o}^{a_c} a^{-1.8} da = 3.53 \times 10^{-3} \int_0^{N_f} dN$$

$$\left[-\frac{a^{-0.8}}{0.8} \right]_{a_o}^{a_c} = 3.53 \times 10^{-3} \times N_f \quad \text{with } a_c = 2.36 \text{ m}, a_o = 12 \text{ mm (assumption)}$$

$$N_f = -\frac{\left[(2.36)^{-0.8} - (12 \times 10^{-3})^{-0.8} \right]}{0.8 \times 3.53 \times 10^{-3}} = 42000 \text{ cycles}$$