Homework 7

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First we load and plot the data

In [1]:
```
#load libraries
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sb #optional library
sb.set(font_scale=1.5) #make fonts bigger
%matplotlib inline

data = np.loadtxt('../hw7_data.txt')
```

In [2]:
```
# plot data
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
plt.plot(data[:,0],data[:,1],'o')
plt.xlabel('$N_f$')
plt.ylabel('$S_a$ (ksi)')
```

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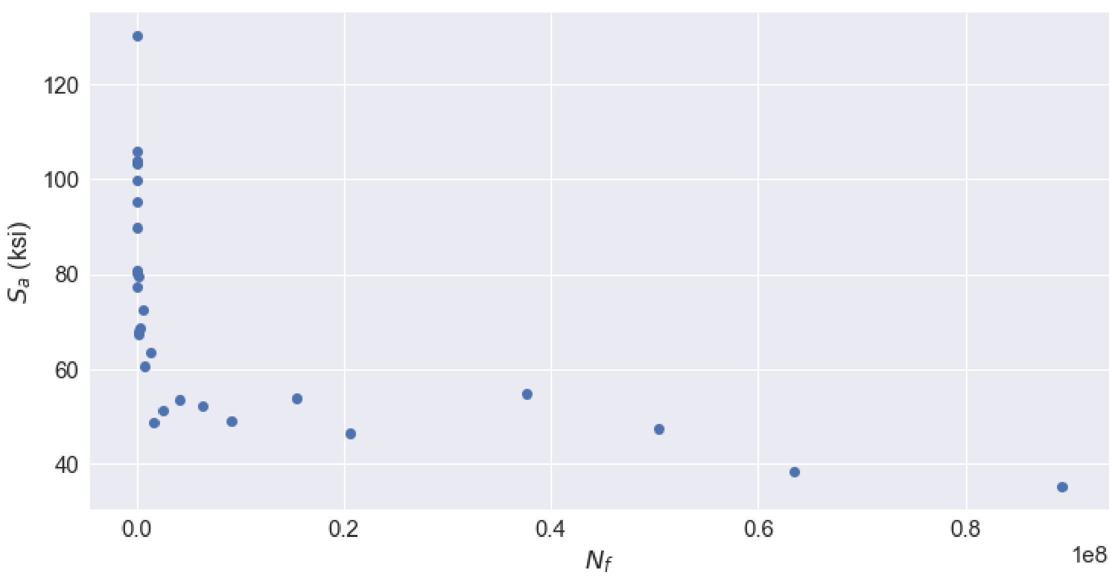

```
In [3]: #plot data on log-log scale
        plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
        plt.loglog(data[:,0],data[:,1],'o')
        plt.xlabel('$N_f$')
        plt.ylabel('$S_a$ (ksi)')
```

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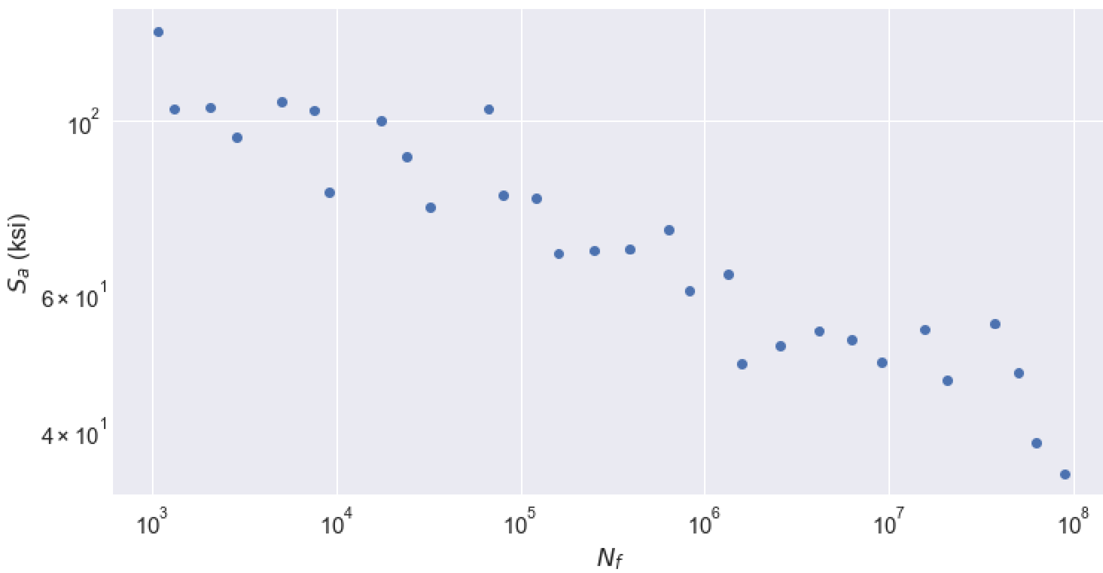

We can now use (15.8) to fit a line (linear in log-log) and find the material properties σ'_f and b.

```
In [4]: from scipy.optimize import curve_fit #custom curve-fitting library
        def fitfunc(Nf, sf, b):
            #eqn 15.8
            return sf*(2*Nf)**b
        x = data[:,0]
        y = data[:,1]
        popt, pcov = curve_fit(fitfunc,x, y)
```

```
In [5]: x_fit = np.logspace(3,8)
        plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
        plt.loglog(data[:,0],data[:,1],'o')
        plt.loglog(x_fit,fitfunc(x_fit, popt[0],popt[1]),'k--')
        plt.xlabel('$N_f$')
        plt.ylabel('$S_a$ (ksi)')
```

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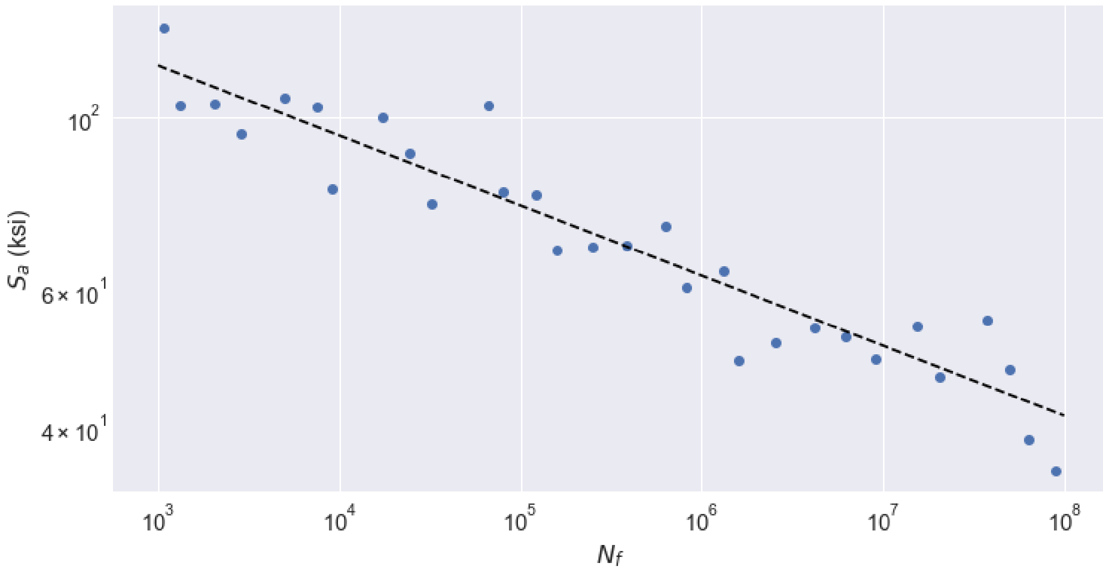

We can see that this is provides a very good fit for the data, so we identify the material parameters

```
In [6]: s_f = popt[0]
        b = popt[1]
        print 's_f = %.1f, b=%.3f' % (popt[0],popt[1])
```

```
s_f = 231.0, b=-0.090
```

Thus $\sigma_f' = 231.0$ ksi and $b = -0.090$

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To estimate the S-N curve for a non-zero mean stress, we use a conversion equation, such as the Goodman equation, the Morrow equation, or the Smith, Watson, and Topper equation. Solving the various equations for σ_{ar} we find:

$$\sigma_{ar} = \frac{\sigma_a}{1 - \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_u}} \qquad \text{Goodman}$$

$$\sigma_{ar} = \frac{\sigma_a}{1 - \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_f'}} \qquad \text{Morrow}$$

$$\sigma_{ar} = \sqrt{\sigma_{max}\sigma_a} \qquad \text{SWT}$$

For this material we have $\sigma_f' = 231.0$ and $\sigma_m = 30$ ksi. Since we do not know σ_u, and since the Goodman equation gives results that are generally less accurate than the Morrow equation, we will only compare the Morrow and SWT equations.

We can find σ_{max} by adding σ_a to σ_m

In [7]:
```
s_m = 30.0 #ksi, mean stress
s_ar_morrow = y/(1-s_m/s_f)
s_ar_swt = np.sqrt((y+s_m)*y)
```

We can compare the effects of these two methods of shifting the S-N curve graphically

In [8]:
```
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
plt.loglog(x,s_ar_morrow,'o',label='Morrow')
plt.loglog(x,s_ar_swt,'o',label='SWT')
plt.legend(loc='best')
plt.xlabel('$N_f$')
plt.ylabel('$S_a$ (ksi)')
```

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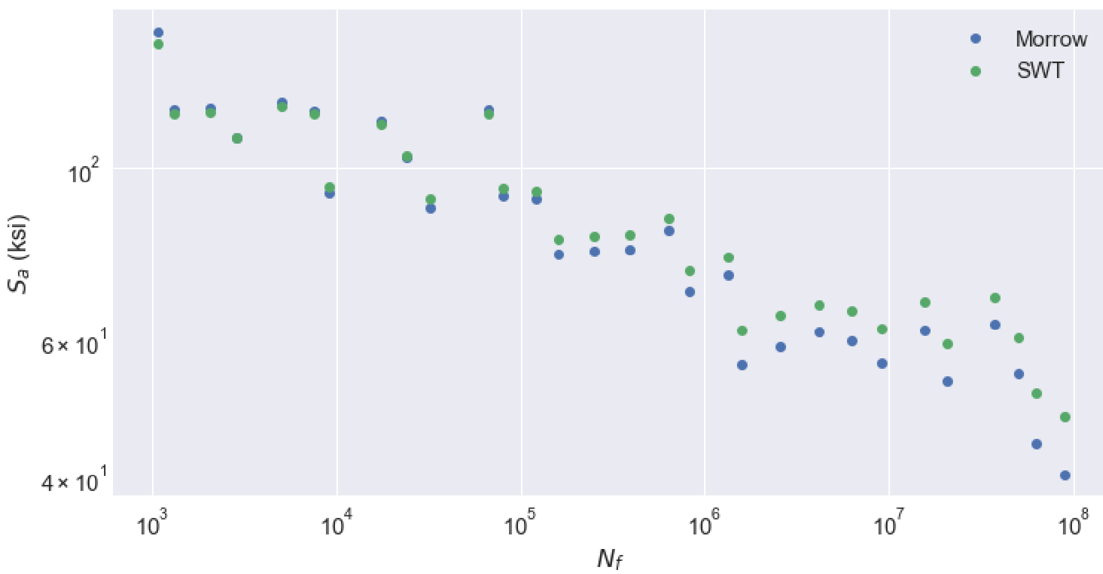

The data points are very similar, with a slight divergence at very high cycles. It is a little easier to compare the best-fit lines

In [9]:
```
popt_morrow, pcov_morrow = curve_fit(fitfunc,x, s_ar_morrow)
popt_swt, pcov_swt = curve_fit(fitfunc,x, s_ar_swt)

x_fit = np.logspace(3,8)
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
plt.loglog(x_fit,fitfunc(x_fit, popt_morrow[0],popt_morrow[1]),'b--',label='Morrow')
plt.loglog(x_fit,fitfunc(x_fit, popt_swt[0],popt_swt[1]),'g--',label='SWT')
plt.legend(loc='best')
plt.xlabel('$N_f$')
plt.ylabel('$S_a$ (ksi)')
```

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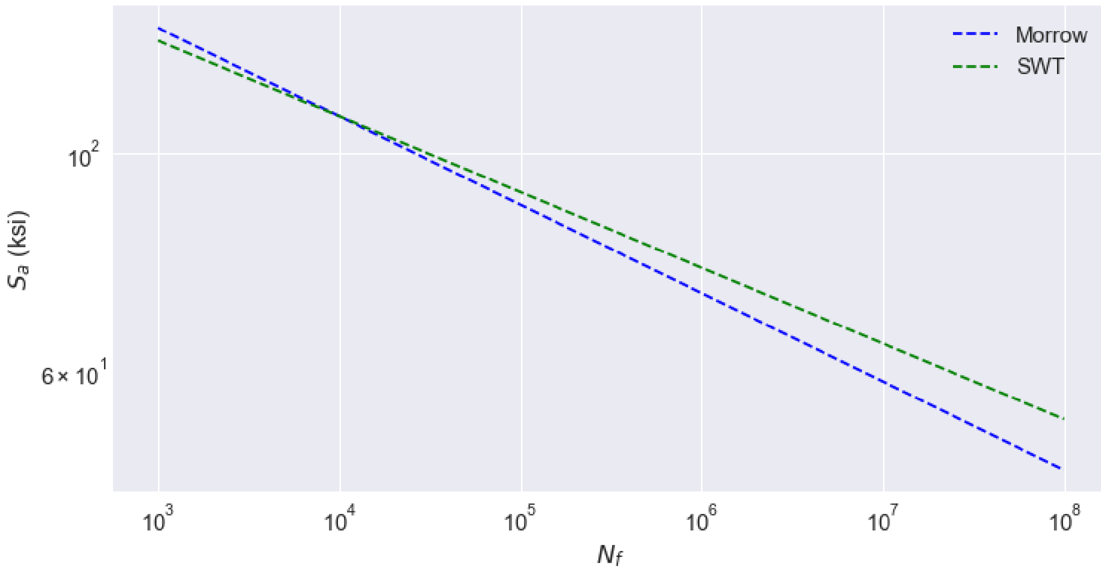

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For variable amplitude loading, we will use Miner's rule.

$$\sum \frac{n_i}{N_{if}} = 1$$

In this problem we have two load "blocks", one with zero mean stress and stress amplitude of 50 ksi and one with a mean stress of 30 ksi and a stress amplitude of 60 ksi. If we define the number of cycles, n, the number of times this combination of loads can repeat then Miner's rule will give

$$\sum n \left(\frac{20}{N_{1f}} + \frac{5}{N_{2f}} \right)$$

We use the data from problem 1 to find the zero mean stress amplitude life and the data from problem 2 to find the 30 ksi mean stress amplitude life.

For zero mean stress, we use

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_f'(2N_f)^b$$

substituting known values and solving for N_f gives

```
In [10]: sa = 50. #ksi
         nf1 = 0.5*(sa/s_f)**(1./b)
         print nf1
```

```
12165376.2157
```

Or $N_{1f} = 12.2$ million cycles. We can use either of the models in problem 2 to find N_{2f}. In either case, we will find an effective stress amplitude, which we will plug into the same formula as for the zero-amplitude stress to find the number of cycles to failure at that effective load.

```
In [11]: sa = 60. #ksi
         sm = 30. #ksi
         sa_swt = np.sqrt((sa+sm)*sa)
         sa_morrow = sa/(1-sm/s_f)
         print sa_swt
         print sa_morrow
```

```
73.4846922835
68.9562081004
```

We find effective loads of 73.5 and 69.0 ksi for the SWT and Morrow methods, respectively. We substitute to find the cycles to failure:

```
In [12]: nf2_swt = 0.5*(sa_swt/s_f)**(1./b)
         nf2_morrow = 0.5*(sa_morrow/s_f)**(1./b)
         print nf2_swt
         print nf2_morrow
```

```
168507.738348
341679.272371
```

Which gives 169,000 and 342,000 cycles, respectively. Substituting into Miner's Rule we find.

```
In [13]: n_swt = 1./(20./nf1+5./nf2_swt)
         n_morrow = 1./(20./nf1+5./nf2_morrow)
         print n_swt
         print n_morrow
```

```
31932.3159592
61434.0560585
```

Overall the assumption of a mean-stress model has a large effect on the cycles we predict in this case, either 32,000 cycles for the SWT method or 61,000 cycles with the Morrow method.

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For mixed-mode loading, we can use the effective stress amplitudes

```
In [14]: sx = 27.0
         sy = 13.0
         sz = 0.0
         tauxy = 8.0
         tauxz = 0.0
         tauyz = 0.0

         sa_eff = 1.0/np.sqrt(2)*np.sqrt((sx-sy)**2+(sy-sz)**2+(sz-sx)**2+6*(tauxy**2+tauyz**2+t
```

We can now use the data on Table 9.1 (p. 235) to find the properties for a zero-mean stress S-N curve for 2024-T4 aluminum, we find $\sigma_f' = 131$ ksi and $b = -0.102$

If we substitute $\sigma_a = \bar{\sigma_a}$, we can substitute that result into (15.8) and solve for N_f

$$N_f = \frac{\left(\frac{\bar{\sigma_a}}{\sigma_f'}\right)^{1/b}}{2}$$

In [15]:
```
sf = 131.0
b=-0.102

Nf = ((sa_eff/sf)**(1.0/b))/2.0
```

In [16]:
```
Nf
```

Out[16]:
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2480556.8531319159
```

This means that at this constant amplitude stress level, we can expect failure after 2.48 million cycles.