

AE 737 - Mechanics of Damage Tolerance

Lecture 2

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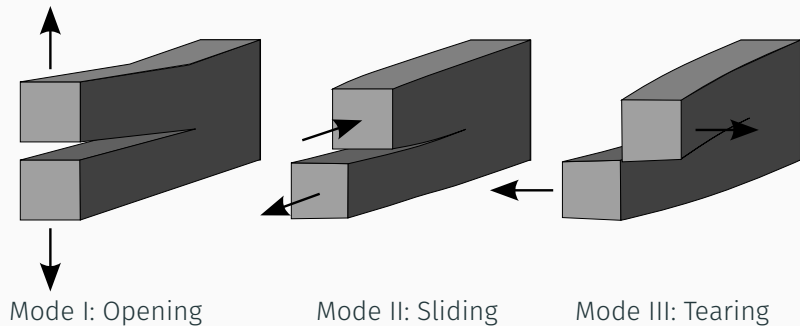
- I will e-mail everyone in the course a Doodle link we can use to find the optimal office hours
- Let me know if you do not receive the e-mail, you may need to update your information in Blackboard
- Take advantage of office hours, this is time that I have already set aside for you
- If the regular office hours do not work for your schedule, send me an e-mail and we can work out a time to meet
- While in person visits are often the most helpful, I will always try to answer questions as best as I can via e-mail

Fracture Mechanics

- *Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics* is the study of the propagation of cracks in materials
- There are some corrections we add to account for plasticity
- In this course we will not follow the full mathematical development of fracture mechanics (there is a separate course dedicated to that)
- Instead we will take some results and apply them

- In fracture mechanics we consider three different modes
- Mode I is known as the "opening mode"
- Mode II is known as the "sliding mode"
- Mode III is known as the "tearing mode"

fracture mechanics



Stress Intensity

stress intensity

- A key finding from Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics (LEFM) is known as the *Stress Intensity Factor*
- The stress intensity factor is often written in this form

$$K = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} \beta$$

- Where K is the stress intensity factor, σ is the applied stress, a is the crack length, and β is a dimensionless parameter depending on geometry
- Be careful that although the notation is similar, the *Stress Intensity Factor* is different from the *Stress Concentration Factor* from strength of materials
- We are usually most concerned with Mode I, but there will be a unique stress intensity factor for each mode, we label these K_I , K_{II} , and K_{III}
- If no subscript is given, assume Mode I

- For brittle materials (where "linear" fracture mechanics assumptions hold true) we can find the full stress field near the crack in terms of the stress intensity factor

$$\sigma_x = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2}$$

- Similarly for Mode II we find

$$\sigma_x = \frac{-K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left(2 + \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2}$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left(1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

- And for Mode III

$$\tau_{xz} = \frac{-K_{III}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

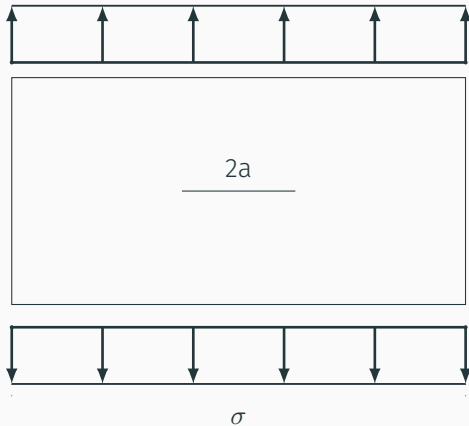
$$\tau_{yz} = \frac{K_{III}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Common stress intensity factors

center crack, infinite width

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} \quad (1)$$

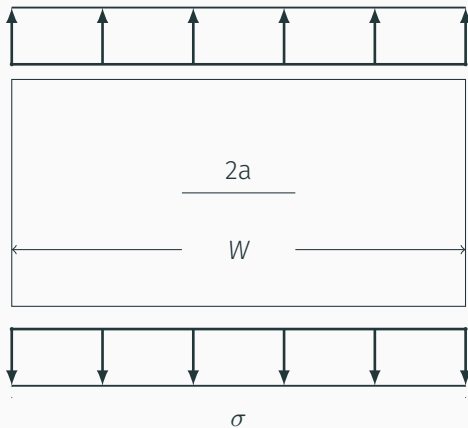
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center crack, finite width

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} \sqrt{\sec(\pi a/W)} \quad (2)$$

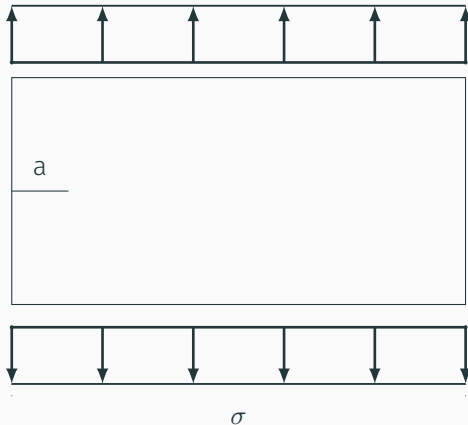
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edge crack, semi-infinite width

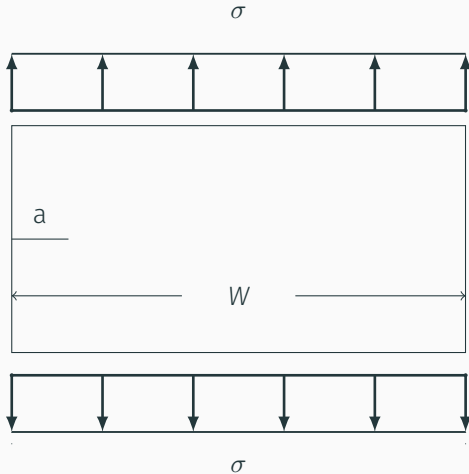
$$K_I = 1.12\sigma\sqrt{\pi a} \quad (3)$$

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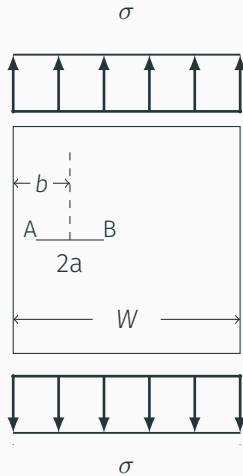


edge crack, finite width

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} \left[1.12 - 0.231 \frac{a}{W} + 10.55 \left(\frac{a}{W} \right)^2 - 21.72 \left(\frac{a}{W} \right)^3 + 30.39 \left(\frac{a}{W} \right)^4 \right]_{(4)}$$



offset crack



$$K_{IA} = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} \beta_c \beta_A \text{ and } K_{IB} = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} \beta_c \beta_B \quad (5)$$

$$\beta_c = \sqrt{\sec \frac{\pi a}{W}} \quad (6a)$$

$$\beta_A = (1 - 0.025\lambda^2 + 0.6\lambda^4 - \gamma\lambda^{11}) \sqrt{\sec \left(\frac{\pi\lambda}{2} \right) \frac{\sin \left(2\lambda - 4\frac{a}{W} \right)}{2\lambda - 4\frac{a}{W}}} \quad (6b)$$

$$\beta_B = (1 - 0.025\delta^2 + 0.06\delta^4 - \zeta\lambda^{30}) \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{\sec \left(\frac{2\pi\lambda + 1.5\pi\delta}{7} \right)} - 1}{1 + 0.21 \sin \left(8 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\lambda - \delta}{\lambda + \delta} \right)^{0.9} \right)} \right) \quad (6c)$$

offset crack

- The parameters λ , δ are given as

$$\lambda = \frac{a}{b} \quad (6d)$$

$$\delta = \frac{a}{W - b} \quad (6e)$$

- And γ and ζ can be looked up on a table

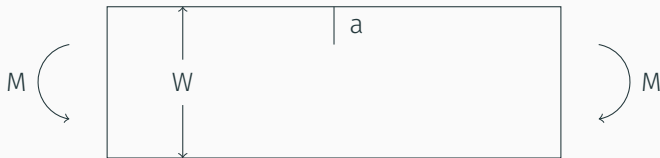
Table 1: Parameters for offset crack

$\frac{b}{W}$	γ	ζ
0.1	0.382	0.114
0.25	0.136	0.286
0.4	0.0	0.0
0.5	0.0	0.0

edge crack, bending moment

$$K_I = \frac{6M}{(W-a)^{3/2}} f(a/W) \quad (7)$$

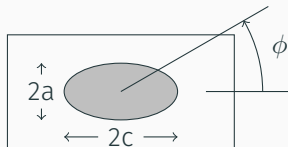
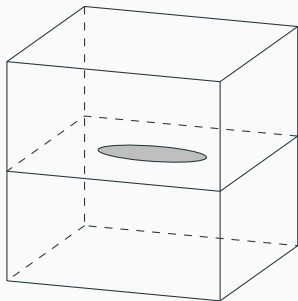
a/W	.05	.1	.2	.3	.4	.5	.6 +
$f(a/W)$.36	.49	.60	.66	.69	.72	.73



3D crack shapes

- The previous stress intensity factors all assume a 2D problem
- Through the thickness, it is assumed that the crack length is the same
- In many cases this is not an accurate assumption
- We will now consider 3D crack shapes and their effect on the stress intensity factor

elliptical flaw



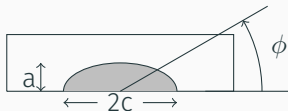
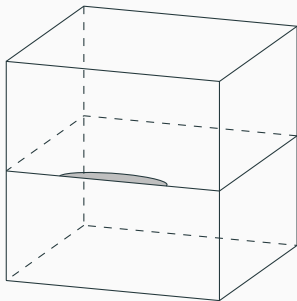
$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{\pi a}{Q}} \left[\sin^2 \phi + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \cos^2 \phi \right]^{1/4} \quad (8)$$

$$Q = \Phi^2 - 0.212 \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_y} \right)^2 \quad (\text{2nd term usually ignored})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[1 - \left(\frac{c^2 - a^2}{c^2} \sin^2 \phi \right) \right]^2 d\phi \\ &\approx \frac{\pi}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{c^2 - a^2}{c^2} - \frac{3}{64} \left(\frac{c^2 - a^2}{c^2} \right)^2 - \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{c^2 - a^2}{c^2} \right] \quad (\text{sufficient for most cases})$$

semi-elliptical surface flaw



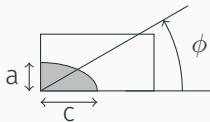
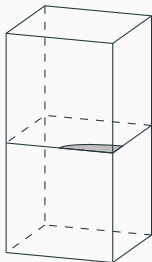
$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{\pi a}{Q}} \left[\sin^2 \phi + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \cos^2 \phi \right]^{1/4} \quad (1.1)$$

(9)

Note: $1.1 \approx \sqrt{1.2}$, which is known as the front surface correction factor. A more accurate correction factor is given as

$$1 + .12 \left(1 - \frac{a}{c} \right)$$

corner flaw

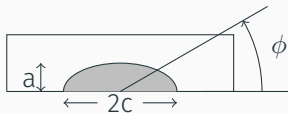
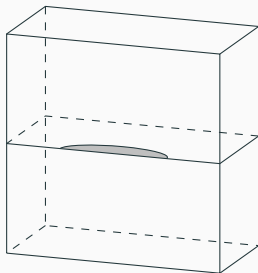


$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{\pi a}{Q}} \left[\sin^2 \phi + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \cos^2 \phi \right]^{1/4} (1.1)(1.1) \quad (10)$$

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semi-elliptical surface flaw in finite body

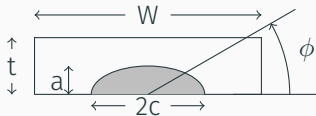


$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{\pi a}{Q}} \left[\sin^2 \phi + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \cos^2 \phi \right]^{1/4} (1.1) M_K \quad (11)$$

Front surface correction same as for the infinite body.

M_K is the back surface correction, and can be looked up on a chart in your textbook.

finite thickness correction



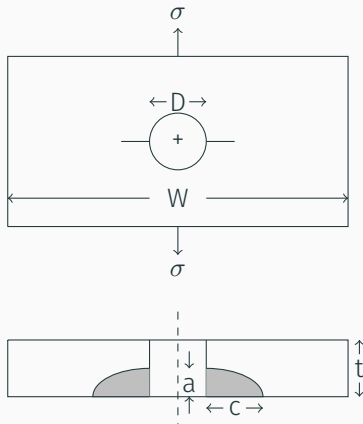
- An alternative method for calculating the finite thickness and finite width correction factors uses the following formula

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi C} \sqrt{\frac{a}{cQ'}} \left[M_1 + \left(\sqrt{\frac{Q'c}{a}} - M_1 \right) \left(\frac{a}{t} \right)^P \right] \sqrt{\sec \left(\frac{\pi c}{W} \sqrt{\frac{a}{t}} \right)} \quad (12)$$

finite thickness correction

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= 1.2 - 0.1 \frac{a}{c} & \text{for } 0.02 \leq \frac{a}{c} \leq 1 \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{c}{a}} \left(1 + 0.1 \frac{a}{c} \right) & \text{for } \frac{a}{c} > 1 \\ Q' &= 1 + 1.47 \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)^{1.64} & \text{for } \frac{a}{c} \leq 1 \\ &= 1 + 1.47 \left(\frac{c}{a} \right)^{1.64} & \text{for } \frac{a}{c} > 1 \\ P &= 2 + 8 \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

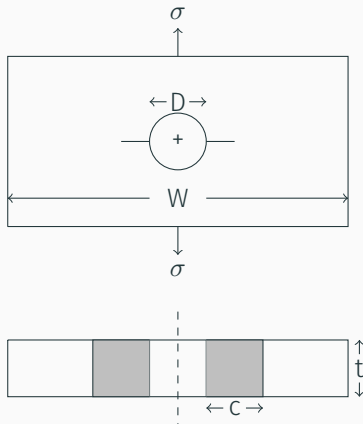
cracks around a hole



- For corner cracks under uniform applied stress, we have

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi C} \sqrt{\frac{a}{cQ'}} \left[M_1 + \left(\sqrt{\frac{Q'c}{a}} - M_1 \right) \left(\frac{a}{t} \right)^P \right] \sqrt{\sec \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{D + bc}{W - 2C + bc} \sqrt{\frac{a}{t}} \right)} f_b \sqrt{\sec \frac{\pi D}{2W}} \quad (13)$$

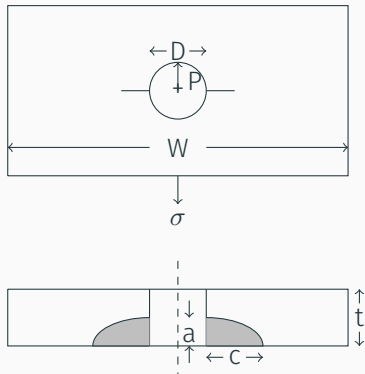
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- For through cracks under uniform applied stress, we have

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi C} \sqrt{\sec \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{D + bc}{W - 2C + bc} \right)} f_b \sqrt{\sec \frac{\pi D}{2W}} \quad (14)$$

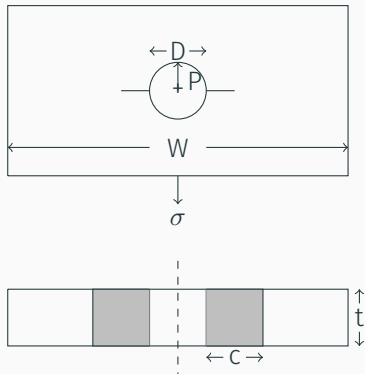
cracks around a hole



- For corner cracks under fastener load, we have

$$K_I = \frac{P}{Wt} \sqrt{\pi C} \sqrt{\frac{a}{cQ'}} \left[M_1 + \left(\sqrt{\frac{Q'c}{a}} - M_1 \right) \left(\frac{a}{t} \right)^P \right] \sqrt{\sec \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{D + bc}{W - 2C + bc} \sqrt{\frac{a}{t}} \right)} f_b \sqrt{\sec \frac{\pi D}{2W}} G_b \quad (15)$$

cracks around a hole



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$$K_I = \frac{P}{Wt} \sqrt{\pi c} \sqrt{\sec \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{D + bc}{W - 2C + bc} \right)} f_b \sqrt{\sec \frac{\pi D}{2W}} G_b \quad (16)$$

cracks around a hole

$$P = 2 + 8 \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)^3$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{1 + 2C/D}$$

$$M_1 = 1.2 - 0.1 \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)$$

$$\text{for } .02 \leq \frac{a}{c} \leq 1$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{c}{a}} \left[1 + 0.1 \left(\frac{a}{c} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{for } \frac{a}{c} > 1$$

$$f_b = f_1 = .707 - .18\lambda + 6.55\lambda^2 - 10.54\lambda^3 + 6.85\lambda^4$$

$$\text{for } b = 1$$

$$f_b = f_2 = 1 - .15\lambda + 3.46\lambda^2 - 4.47\lambda^3 + 3.52\lambda^4$$

$$\text{for } b = 2$$

$$G_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{W}{\pi(D+c)} \sqrt{\frac{D}{D+2c}}$$

$$\text{for } b = 1$$

$$G_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{W}{\pi(D+2c)}$$

$$\text{for } b = 2$$

examples

example 1

1.
 - 1.1 Determine the value of K_I for a center-cracked panel with $W/2a = 3$ and a uniformly applied remote stress, σ .
 - 1.2 Determine the value of K_I for an edge-cracked panel with $W/a = 3$ and a uniformly applied remote stress, σ .
 - 1.3 Compare these two results. Note that in both cases the panel width to crack length ratio is the same.

example 1

- Based on the ratio of crack length to width, we choose (2) over (1)

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} \sqrt{\sec(\pi a/W)}$$

- This gives $K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} \sqrt{\sec(\pi/6)}$
- If we normalize by the infinite width solution, we find $K_{I,f}/K_{I,i} \approx 1.075$

example 1

- Once again, based on the ratio of crack length to width, we choose (4) over (3)

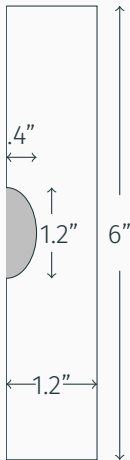
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- This gives $K_I \approx 1.786\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}$
- If we normalize by the infinite width solution, we find $K_{I,f}/K_{I,i} \approx 1.595$

example 1

- Comparing the two cases, we see that the finite width effects are much more significant for the edge-crack specimen
- The edge-crack specimen is also overall more effected by a crack of that relative length.
- Why are they not the same?

example 2



- Find maximum value of K_I for semi-elliptical surface flaw
- $\sigma = 20\text{kpsi}$ (in opening direction)

example 2

- Here we will compare three different equations
- (8), which is for infinite width and thickness

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{\pi a}{Q}} \left[\sin^2 \phi + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \cos^2 \phi \right]^{1/4} \quad (1.1) \quad (8)$$

- (10), which is for infinite width, but finite thickness

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{\pi a}{Q}} \left[\sin^2 \phi + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \cos^2 \phi \right]^{1/4} (1.1) M_K \quad (10)$$

- And (11), which accounts for finite width and thickness

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi c} \sqrt{\frac{a}{cQ'}} \left[M_1 + \left(\sqrt{\frac{Q'c}{a}} - M_1 \right) \left(\frac{a}{t} \right)^P \right] \sqrt{\sec \left(\frac{\pi c}{W} \sqrt{\frac{a}{t}} \right)} \quad (11)$$