

AE 737 - Mechanics of Damage Tolerance

Lecture 7

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homework review

- Don't cover problem number with staple
- Clearly indicate solution

- 11 Feb - Fracture Toughness
- 16 Feb - Residual Strength, Homework 3 Due, Homework 4 Assigned
- 18 Feb - Residual Strength
- 23 Feb - Multiple Site Damage, Homework 4 Due, Homework 5 Assigned
- 25 Feb - Mixed-mode Fracture

1. R-curve
2. superposition
3. compounding

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- Even if tangent intersection method is used, K_c will differ somewhat based on initial crack length

- There are two main methods for plotting the R-curve
- Crack size is measured directly (possibly with a drawn-on scale and camera)
- Effective crack size is calculated from the load-displacement data

- When the physical crack size is measured, we need to calculate the effective crack length (and effective stress intensity factor) at each data point
- The effective crack length calculated from the load-displacement data already has the plastic zone effect built in

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- Using the slope data from our load-displacement curve, we can calculate the effective crack length using

$$EB \left(\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta P} \right) = \frac{2Y}{W} \sqrt{\frac{\pi a/W}{\sin(\pi a/W)}} \left[\frac{2W}{\pi Y} \cosh^{-1} \left(\frac{\cosh(\pi Y/W)}{\cos(\pi a/W)} \right) - \frac{1 + \nu}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sin(\pi a/W)}{\sinh(\pi Y/W)} \right)^2}} + \nu \right] \quad (7.1)$$

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- The following equations are used to give a good initial guess to use in iterations

$$X = 1 - \exp \left[\frac{-\sqrt{[EB(\Delta v/\Delta P)]^2 - (2Y/W)^2}}{2.141} \right] \quad (7.2)$$

$$\frac{2a}{W} = 1.2235X - 0.699032X^2 + 3.25584X^3 - 6.65042X^4 + 5.54X^5 - 1.66989X^6 \quad (7.3)$$

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- In the above equations, the following are the definitions of parameters used

$E =$	Young's Modulus
$\Delta v / \Delta P =$	specimen compliance
$B =$	specimen thickness
$W =$	specimen width
$Y =$	half span of the displacement measurement points
$a =$	effective crack length
$\nu =$	Poisson's ratio

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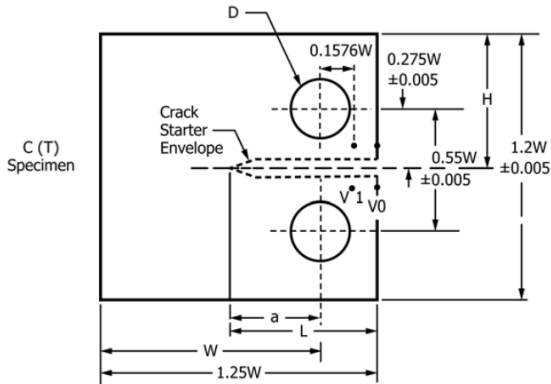
$$EB \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta P} = A_0 + A_1 \left(\frac{a}{W} \right) + A_2 \left(\frac{a}{W} \right)^2 + A_3 \left(\frac{a}{W} \right)^3 + A_4 \left(\frac{a}{W} \right)^4 \quad (7.4)$$

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- The coefficients will differ based on where the displacement is measured from

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location	A_0	A_1	A_2	A_3	A_4		
V_0	120.7	-1065.3	4098.0	-6688.0	4450.5		
V_1	103.8	-930.4	3610.0	-5930.5	3979.0		
location	C_0	C_1	C_2	C_3	C_4	C_5	
V_0	1.0010	-4.6695	18.460	-236.82	1214.90	-2143.6	
V_1	1.0008	-4.4473	15.400	-180.55	870.92	-1411.3	

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- Where the initial guess for a is provided by

$$\frac{a}{W} = C_0 + C_1 U + C_2 U^2 + C_3 U^3 + C_4 U^4 + C_5 U^5 \quad (7.5)$$

- and U is given by

$$U = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{EB \frac{\Delta_V}{\Delta_P}}} \quad (7.6)$$

superposition

superposition vs. compounding

- In this course, we use "superposition" to combine various loading conditions
- We use "compounding" to combine various edge effects
- Both are very powerful tools and important concepts

superposition

- Sometimes we have to think out of the box to come up with a superposition
- Note: every super-posed solution must still satisfy equilibrium!
- On-board example: pressurized crack

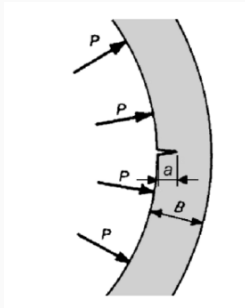


Figure 1: semi-elliptical surface flaw in a pressurized cylinder

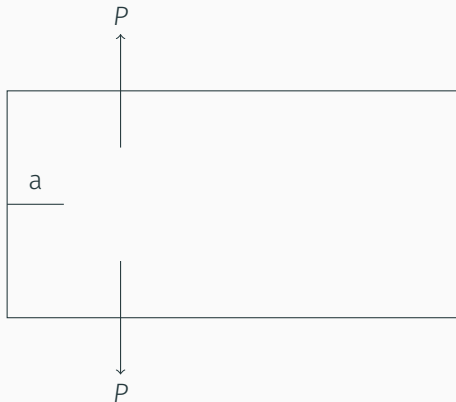


Figure 2: off-center point load on an edge-crack (like in a compact tension specimen)

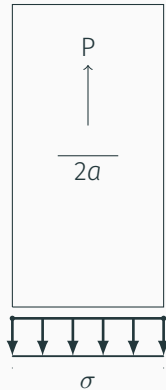


Figure 3: crack with applied force on one side and a remote stress on the other

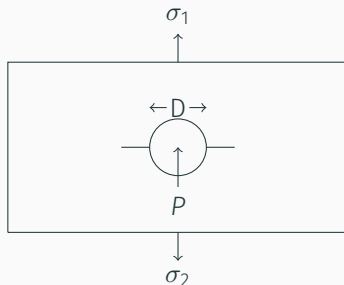


Figure 4: pin-loaded hole, find superposition such that remote stresses and local forces are separated

compounding

- Different types of boundaries create different correction factors to the usual stress intensity factor
- We often use β to indicate the total correction factor
- When multiple boundaries are present, we can combine them into one effective correction factor
- There are two general methods we use to create a compound correction factor

compounding method 1

- The first method uses linear superposition, and thus is restricted to cases where the effect of each boundary can be assumed to add linearly
- While in most cases this is not strictly true, it provides a reasonable approximation

$$K_r = \bar{K} + \sum_{i=1}^N (K_i - \bar{K}) \quad (7.7)$$

- Where N is the number of boundaries, \bar{K} is the stress intensity factor with no boundaries present and K_i is the stress intensity factor associated with the i^{th} boundary.

- We can rewrite this equation as

$$K_r = \sigma\sqrt{\pi a}\beta_r = \sigma\sqrt{\pi a} + \sum_{i=1}^N (\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}\beta_i - \sigma\sqrt{\pi a}) \quad (7.8)$$

- Which leads to an expression for β_r as

$$\beta_r = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^N (\beta_i - 1) \quad (7.9)$$

- An alternative empirical method approximates the boundary effect as

$$\beta_r = \beta_1\beta_2...\beta_N \quad (7.10)$$

- If there is no interaction between the boundaries, method 1 and method 2 will give the same result

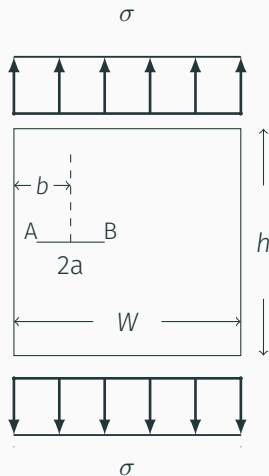


Figure 5: off-center crack, finite height

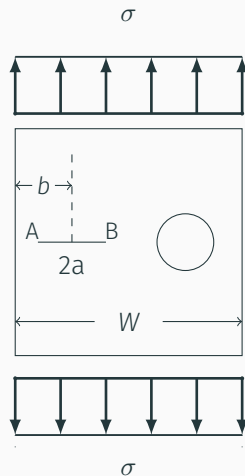


Figure 6: off-center crack, near a hole

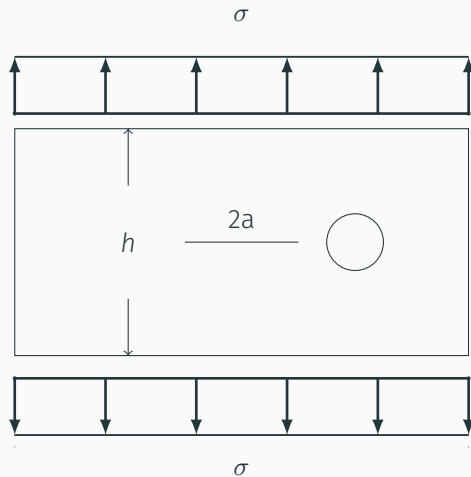


Figure 7: centered crack, near a hole, finite height

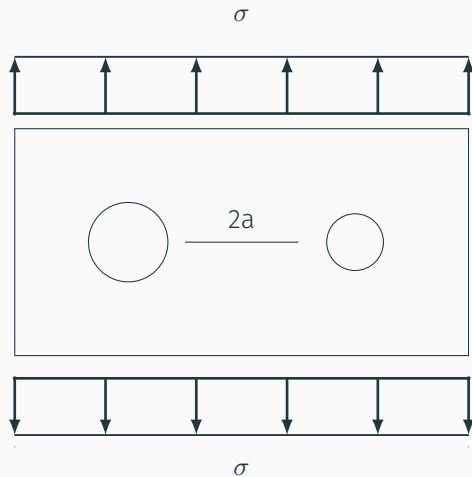


Figure 8: centered crack, near two holes