AE837

Advanced Mechanics of Damage Tolerance

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upcoming schedule

- Sep 10 Stress Intensity Solutions
- Sep 12 Finite Size Effects, K-Dominance, HW 2 Due
- Sep 17 Fracture Criterion
- Sep 19 Exam Review, HW 3 Due

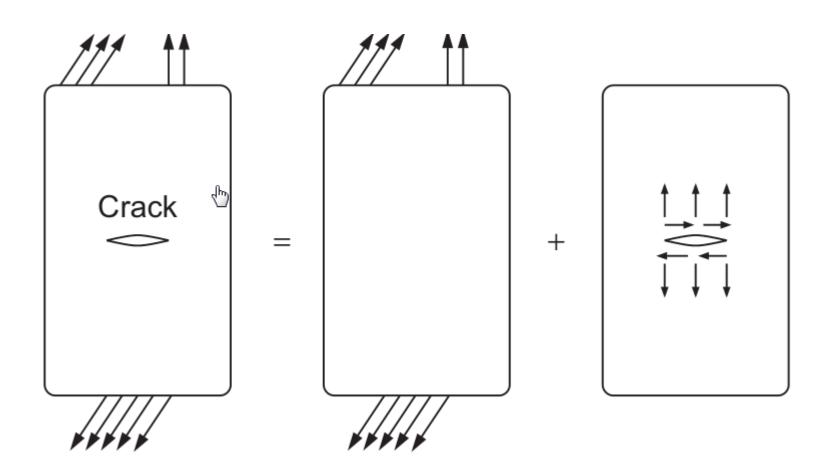
outline

- crack with discrete load
- arbitrary face loads
- edge crack
- finite specimen effects

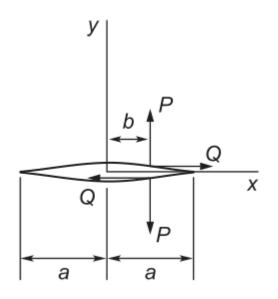
crack with discrete load

fundamental stress intensity solutions

- In general, we will not have infinite plates with uniform loading
- We can combine previous results with superposition and general elasticity solution techniques to find more useful cases



concentrated splitting forces



splitting forces

• Consider the case shown on the previous slide, with concentrated splitting forces of magnitude P acting some distance x=b from the center of a centered crack in an infinite plate

boundary conditions

• The boundary conditions for this problem are

$$egin{aligned} \sigma_{yy} &= 0 & ext{at} & |x| \leq a, x
eq b, ext{ and } y = 0 \ \int_{-a}^a \sigma_{yy} dx &= -P & ext{at} & y = 0^+ ext{ and } y = 0^- \ \sigma_{xy} &= 0 & ext{at} & |x| \leq a, ext{ and } y = 0 \ \sigma_{xx} &= \sigma_{yy} = \sigma_{xy}
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splitting forces

• Consider the Westergaard function

$$Z_I=rac{P}{\pi(z-b)}\sqrt{rac{a^2-b^2}{z^2-a^2}}$$

splitting forces

• We find that the boundary conditions are satisfied and the stress intensity factor at the right tip is

$$K_I = rac{P}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \sqrt{rac{a+b}{a-b}}$$

• And the left tip:

$$K_I = rac{P}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \sqrt{rac{a-b}{a+b}}$$

concentrated shear

- We can formulate a similar problem for a concentrated shear force, *Q*, acting along the crack face
- This gives boundary conditions of:

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concentrated shear

• We can show that the following Westergaard function can satisfy the boundary conditions

$$Z_{II}=rac{Q}{\pi(z-b)}\sqrt{rac{a^2-b^2}{z^2-a^2}}$$

Which gives the following stress intensity factors

$$K_{II} = rac{Q}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \sqrt{rac{a+b}{a-b}} ext{ right}$$

$$K_{II} = rac{Q}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \sqrt{rac{a-b}{a+b}} ext{ left}$$

arbitrary face loads

arbitrary face load

- Assume a crack is subjected to some arbitrary distributed pressure, p(x) at the crack face
- To find the stress intensity factor, we consider an infinitesimal element $d\xi$ at $x=\xi$ on the crack face
- The force exerted on this element is $p(\xi) d\xi$

arbitrary face load

• We can now use the previous solution for a concentrated force and consider the incremental effect of many infinitesimally small forces

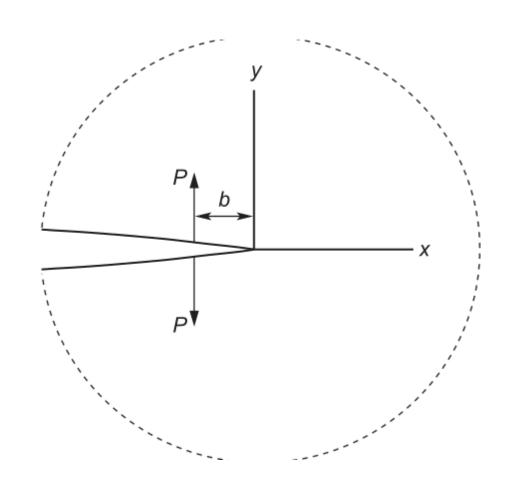
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arbitrary face load

- ullet We can find the total stress intensity factor by integrating from $\xi=-a o a$
- The same procedure can be used to find the stress intensity for arbitrary shear loading along the crack face

• We can also consider the case of splitting forces on an edge crack



• The boundary conditions for this problem are:

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• The Westergaard function to solve this problem is given by:

$$Z_I = rac{P}{\pi(z+b)} \sqrt{rac{b}{z}}$$

• Which gives a stress intensity factor of

$$K_I = P \sqrt{rac{2}{\pi b}}$$

finite specimen effects

finite specimen effects

- Up to this point, we have considered infinitely large panels
- In general, the effect of finite size is modeled using numerical techniques, such as finite elements
- These corrections will generally take the form of some dimensionless factor that is multiplied with the infinite stress intensity factor

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} F(a/b,a/H)$$