ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IIA

Wednesday 11 May 2011 2.30 to 4

Module 3C9

ENGINEERING FRACTURE MECHANICS OF MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES

*Answer not more than **three** questions.*

All questions carry the same number of marks.

*The **approximate** percentage of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.*

Attachments:
3C9 datasheet (8 pages).

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
Single-sided script paper

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Engineering Data Book
CUED approved calculator allowed

You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed that you may do so by the Invigilator

1 (a) Define the energy release rate G and the stress intensity factor K. Briefly describe how these quantities can be used to characterise fracture in engineering materials. [30%]

(b) Two strips of aluminium, of Young's modulus E, length L, thickness h and depth B (into the page), are glued together using an epoxy adhesive as shown in Fig. 1. A release agent is applied to part of the surface of one of the strips to create a central crack of length $2a$. One of the aluminium strips is cut through at mid-length, as shown. The ends of the entire assembly are subjected to a bending moment M. If $L >> a >> h$, show by considering the energy released during a small increment of crack growth, or otherwise, that the energy release rate G is

$$G = \frac{21}{4}\frac{M^2}{Eh^3B^2}$$ [50%]

(c) Determine the critical energy release rate G_C of the joint if $E = 70$ GPa $h = 5$ mm, $B = 25$ mm and the crack starts to propagate when $M = 65$ Nm. [10%]

(d) Explain why G_C is much greater than twice the surface energy for structural metals. [10%]

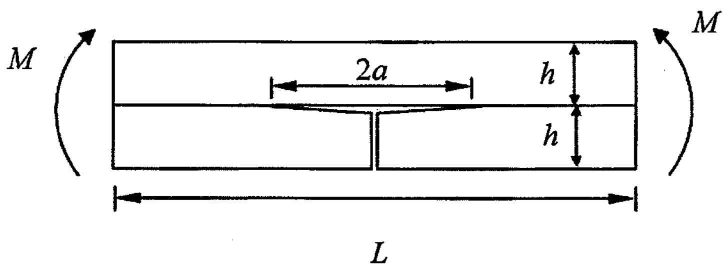

Fig. 1

2 (a) Briefly discuss the concepts of small scale yielding and large scale yielding in fracture mechanics and discuss the applicability of K_{IC} as a fracture criterion. [25%]

(b) Explain the physical basis of the R-curve in metals and the effect of adding long fibre reinforcement upon the R-curve. [20%]

(c) A semi-infinite crack in a thin sheet is subjected to a concentrated load P at a distance L from the crack tip, as shown in Fig. 2. The material has a Young's modulus E, and a yield strength σ_Y. For this situation determine:

(i) The plastic zone size using the Irwin model. [15%]

(ii) The plastic zone size according to the Dugdale model. [40%]

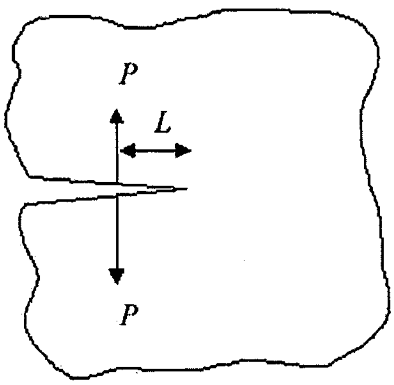

Fig. 2

3 (a) Explain two mechanisms that give rise to fatigue crack closure, and whether they lead to accelerated or retarded growth. [30%]

(b) Steel railway tracks are periodically surface-ground to extend their life. Explain the physical basis for this. [30%]

(c) Sketch the dependence of fracture toughness and fracture surface appearance upon sheet thickness for a ductile metal. Hence comment on the fracture toughness of laminated sheets. [40%]

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4 (a) By means of a sketch show the regimes of dependence of stress corrosion cracking rate da/dt upon the stress intensity factor K. Mark the location of the threshold K and fracture toughness on this sketch, and explain any associated switch in failure mechanism. [30%]

(b) A pressure vessel containing hydrogen gas is required to operate safely at the design hoop stress of 540 MPa for at least one hour. The high-strength steel from which the vessel is to be constructed exhibits slow growth of thumb-nail cracks at constant stress σ in the presence of H_2 gas, according to the relation:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = 6\text{x}10^{-6} K \ .$$

Here, a is the depth of the crack (in units of m), t is time (in hours) and K is the stress intensity factor (in MPa$\sqrt{\text{m}}$). For a thumb-nail crack in a pressure vessel wall, K is given by

$$K = 1.13\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}$$

The plane strain fracture toughness K_{IC} of the steel equals 60 MPa$\sqrt{\text{m}}$, and the yield strength equals 1800 MPa. In order to ensure that the pressure vessel will survive for at least one hour operating at maximum stress, the vessel has to be proof-tested before going into service.

Determine the proof-stress and comment upon the validity of the above LEFM approach. [70%]

END OF PAPER

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DATASHEET

Crack tip plastic zone sizes

$$\text{diameter, } d_p = \begin{cases} \dfrac{1}{\pi}\left(\dfrac{K_I}{\sigma_y}\right)^2 & \text{Plane stress} \\ \dfrac{1}{3\pi}\left(\dfrac{K_I}{\sigma_y}\right)^2 & \text{Plane strain} \end{cases}$$

Crack opening displacement

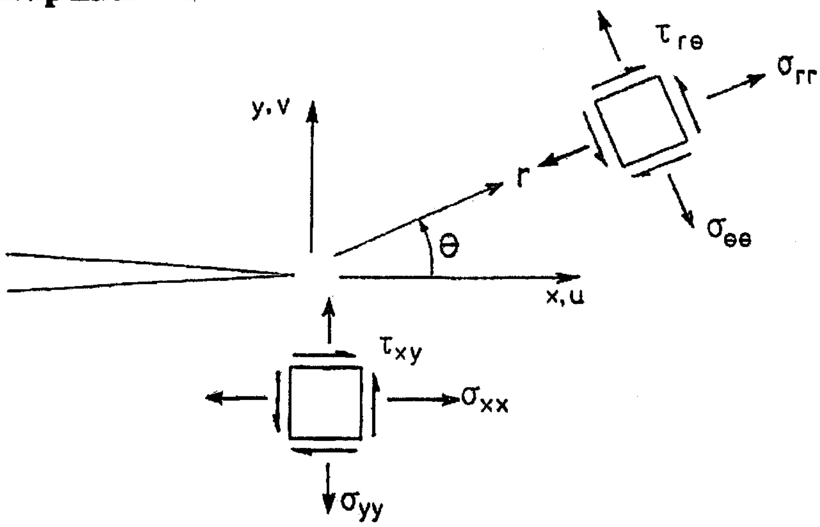
$$\delta = \begin{cases} \dfrac{K_I^2}{\sigma_y E} & \text{Plane stress} \\ \dfrac{1}{2}\dfrac{K_I^2}{\sigma_y E} & \text{Plane strain} \end{cases}$$

Energy release rate

$$G = \begin{cases} \dfrac{1}{E}K_I^2 & \text{Plane stress} \\ \dfrac{1-\nu^2}{E}K_I^2 & \text{Plane strain} \end{cases}$$

Related to compliance C: $G = \dfrac{1}{2}\dfrac{P^2}{B}\dfrac{dC}{da}$

Asymptotic crack tip fields in a linear elastic solid



Mode I

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

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

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

$$\sigma_{rr} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}\left(\frac{5}{4}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}-\frac{1}{4}\cos\frac{3\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}\left(\frac{3}{4}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}+\frac{1}{4}\cos\frac{3\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}\left(\frac{1}{4}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}+\frac{1}{4}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$u = \begin{cases} \dfrac{K_I}{G}\sqrt{\dfrac{r}{2\pi}}\left(\dfrac{1-\nu}{1+\nu}+\sin^2\dfrac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\dfrac{\theta}{2} & \text{Plane stress} \\ \dfrac{K_I}{G}\sqrt{\dfrac{r}{2\pi}}\left(1-2\nu+\sin^2\dfrac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\dfrac{\theta}{2} & \text{Plane strain} \end{cases}$$

$$v = \begin{cases} \dfrac{K_I}{G}\sqrt{\dfrac{r}{2\pi}}\left(\dfrac{2}{1+\nu}-\cos^2\dfrac{\theta}{2}\right)\sin\dfrac{\theta}{2} & \text{Plane stress} \\ \dfrac{K_I}{G}\sqrt{\dfrac{r}{2\pi}}\left(2-2\nu-\cos^2\dfrac{\theta}{2}\right)\sin\dfrac{\theta}{2} & \text{Plane strain} \end{cases}$$

$$w = 0$$

Crack tip stress fields (cont'd)

Mode II

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

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

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

$$\sigma_{rr} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left(-\frac{5}{4}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = -\frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left(\frac{3}{4}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\sin\frac{3\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left(\frac{1}{4}\cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\cos\frac{3\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$u = \begin{cases} \dfrac{K_{II}}{G}\sqrt{\dfrac{r}{2\pi}}\left(\dfrac{2}{1+\nu} + \cos^2\dfrac{\theta}{2}\right)\sin\dfrac{\theta}{2} & \text{Plane stress} \\ \dfrac{K_{II}}{G}\sqrt{\dfrac{r}{2\pi}}\left(2 - 2\nu + \cos^2\dfrac{\theta}{2}\right)\sin\dfrac{\theta}{2} & \text{Plane strain} \end{cases}$$

$$v = \begin{cases} \dfrac{K_{II}}{G}\sqrt{\dfrac{r}{2\pi}}\left(\dfrac{\nu - 1}{1+\nu} + \sin^2\dfrac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\dfrac{\theta}{2} & \text{Plane stress} \\ \dfrac{K_{II}}{G}\sqrt{\dfrac{r}{2\pi}}\left(-1 + 2\nu + \sin^2\dfrac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\dfrac{\theta}{2} & \text{Plane strain} \end{cases}$$

$$w = 0$$

Mode III

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

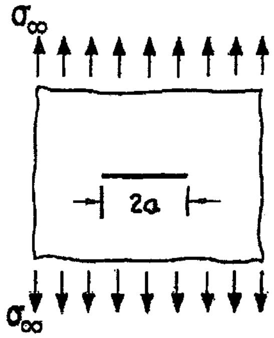
$$\tau_{yz} = \frac{K_{III}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\sigma_{xx} = \sigma_{yy} = \sigma_{zz} = \tau_{xy} = 0$$

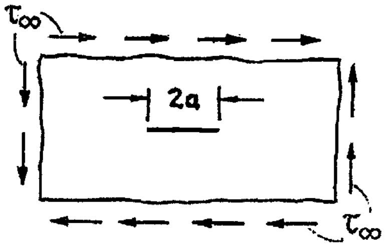
$$w = \frac{K_{III}}{G}\sqrt{\frac{2r}{\pi}} \sin\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$u = v = 0$$

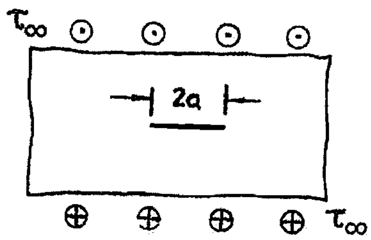
Tables of stress intensity factors



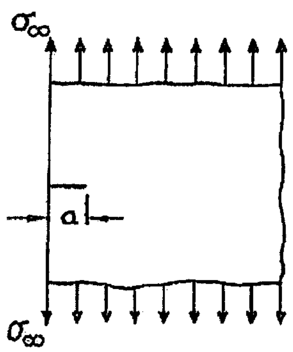
$$K_I = \sigma_\infty \sqrt{\pi a}$$



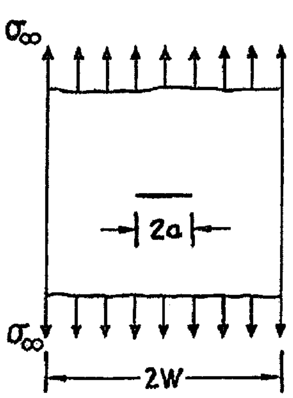
$$K_{II} = \tau_\infty \sqrt{\pi a}$$



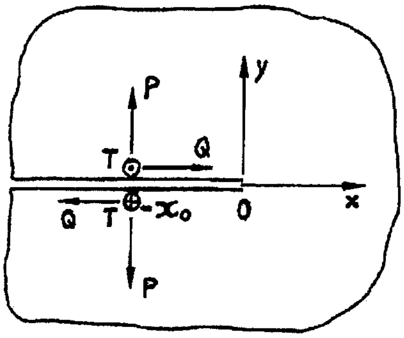
$$K_{III} = \tau_\infty \sqrt{\pi a}$$



$$K_I = 1.12\,\sigma_\infty \sqrt{\pi a}$$



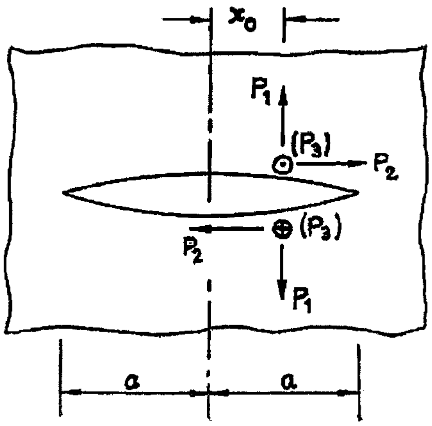
$$K_I = \sigma_\infty \sqrt{\pi a} \left(\frac{1 - a/2W + 0.326a^2/W^2}{\sqrt{1 - a/W}} \right)$$



$$K_I = \frac{2P}{\sqrt{2\pi x_o}}$$

$$K_{II} = \frac{2Q}{\sqrt{2\pi x_o}}$$

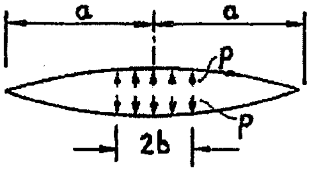
$$K_{III} = \frac{2T}{\sqrt{2\pi x_o}}$$



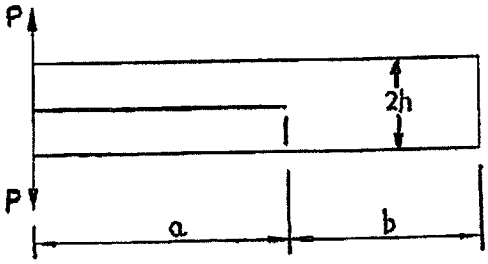
$$K_I = \frac{P_1}{\sqrt{\pi a}}\sqrt{\frac{a+x_o}{a-x_o}}$$

$$K_{II} = \frac{P_2}{\sqrt{\pi a}}\sqrt{\frac{a+x_o}{a-x_o}}$$

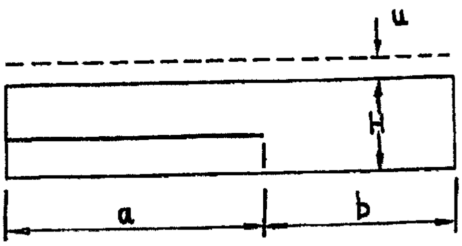
$$K_{III} = \frac{P_3}{\sqrt{\pi a}}\sqrt{\frac{a+x_o}{a-x_o}}$$



$$K_I = \frac{2pb}{\sqrt{\pi a}}\frac{a}{b}\ \arcsin\frac{b}{a}$$

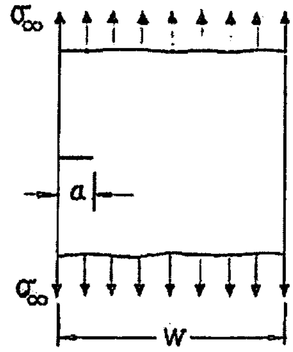


$$K_I = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{h\sqrt{h}}\frac{Pa}{B} \qquad h \ll a \text{ and } h \ll b$$



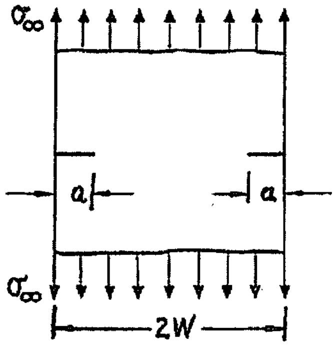
$$K_I = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\alpha H}}\,Eu \qquad H \ll a \text{ and } H \ll b$$

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} 1-\nu^2 & \text{Plane stress} \\ 1-3\nu^2-2\nu^3 & \text{Plane strain} \end{cases}$$

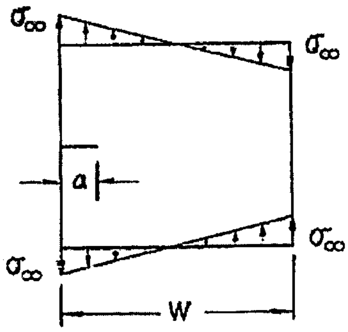


$a/W < 0.7$

$$K_I = \sigma_\infty \sqrt{\pi a}\left(1.12 - 0.23\frac{a}{W} + 10.6\frac{a^2}{W^2} - 21.7\frac{a^3}{W^3} + 30.4\frac{a^4}{W^4}\right)$$

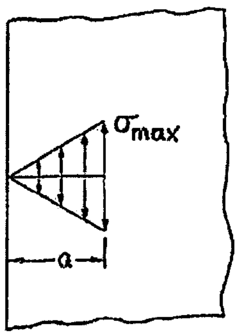


$$K_I = \sigma_\infty \sqrt{\pi a}\left(\frac{1.12 - 0.61a/W + 0.13a^3/W^3}{\sqrt{1 - a/W}}\right)$$

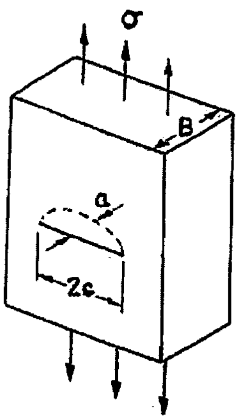


$a/W < 0.7$

$$K_I = \sigma_\infty \sqrt{\pi a}\left(1.12 - 1.39\frac{a}{W} + 7.3\frac{a^2}{W^2} - 13\frac{a^3}{W^3} + 14\frac{a^4}{W^4}\right)$$

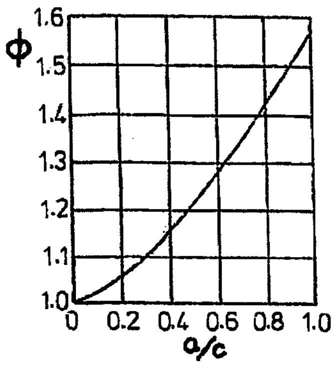


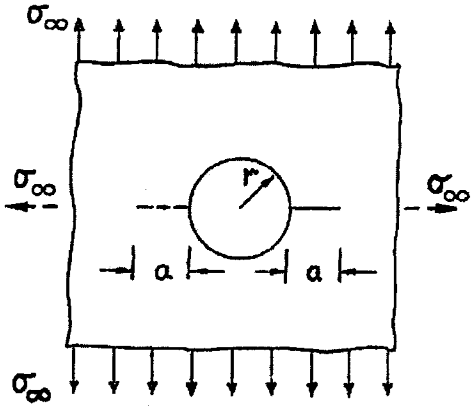
$$K_I = 0.683\ \sigma_{\max}\sqrt{\pi a}$$



$$K_I = \frac{1.12}{\Phi}\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$\Phi = \int_0^{\pi/2}\left(1-\frac{c^2-a^2}{c^2}\sin^2\theta\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} d\theta$$



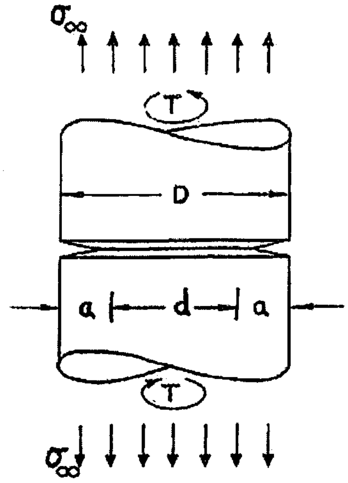


$$K_I = \sigma_\infty\sqrt{\pi a}\ F\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)$$

value of $F(a/r)$†

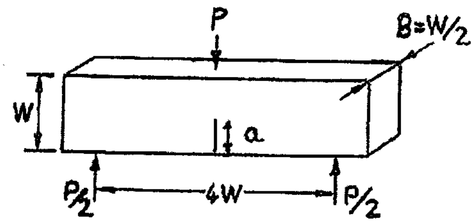
$\frac{a}{r}$	One crack U	One crack B	Two cracks U	Two cracks B
0.00	3.36	2.24	3.36	2.24
0.10	2.73	1.98	2.73	1.98
0.20	2.30	1.82	2.41	1.83
0.30	2.04	1.67	2.15	1.70
0.40	1.86	1.58	1.96	1.61
0.50	1.73	1.49	1.83	1.57
0.60	1.64	1.42	1.71	1.52
0.80	1.47	1.32	1.58	1.43
1.0	1.37	1.22	1.45	1.38
1.5	1.18	1.06	1.29	1.26
2.0	1.06	1.01	1.21	1.20
3.0	0.94	0.93	1.14	1.13
5.0	0.81	0.81	1.07	1.06
10.0	0.75	0.75	1.03	1.03
∞	0.707	0.707	1.00	1.00

†U = uniaxial σ_∞ B = biaxial σ_∞.

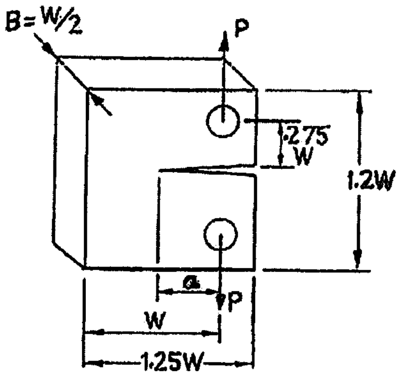


$$K_I = \sigma_\infty \sqrt{\pi a}\left(\frac{D}{d} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8}\frac{d}{D} - 0.36\frac{d^2}{D^2} + 0.73\frac{d^3}{D^3}\right)\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{D}{d}}$$

$$K_{III} = \frac{16T}{\pi D^3}\sqrt{\pi a}\left(\frac{D^2}{d^2} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{D}{d} + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{5}{16}\frac{d}{D} + \frac{35}{128}\frac{d^2}{D^2} + 0.21\frac{d^3}{D^3}\right)\frac{3}{8}\sqrt{\frac{D}{d}}$$



$$K_I = \frac{4P}{B}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{W}}\left\{1.6\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{1/2} - 2.6\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{3/2} + 12.3\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{5/2} - 21.2\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{7/2} + 21.8\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{9/2}\right\}$$



$$K_I = \frac{P}{B}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{W}}\left\{16.7\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{1/2} - 104.7\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{3/2} + 369.9\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{5/2} - 573.8\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{7/2} + 360.5\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^{9/2}\right\}$$

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