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The J integral

The J contour integral as yield criterion

- J as a path-independent line integral

$$J = \int_{\Gamma} \left(w \, dy - T_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \, ds \right) \quad \text{with} \quad w(\varepsilon_{mn}) = \int_0^{\varepsilon_{mn}} \sigma_{ij} \, d\varepsilon_{ij} \quad \text{strain energy density}$$

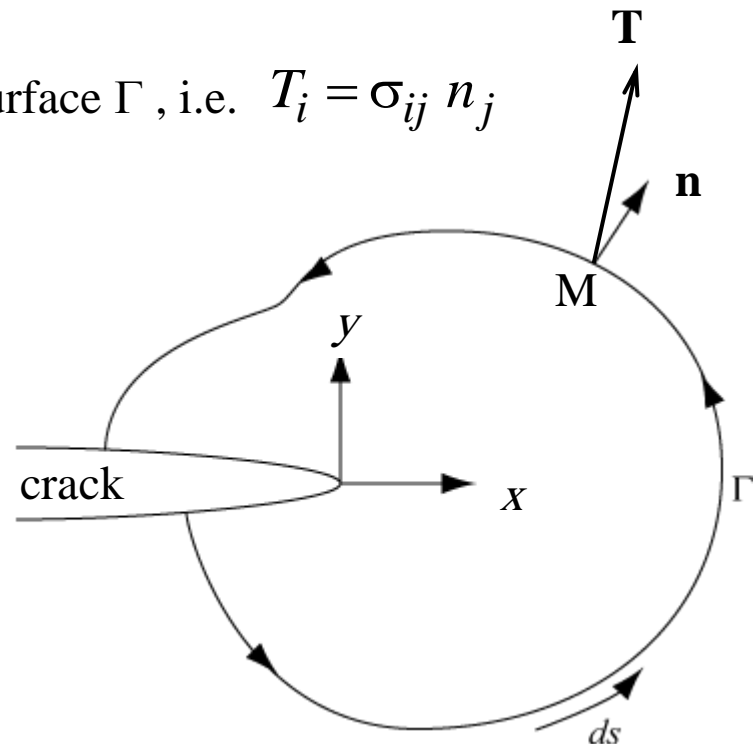
$$= \int_{\Gamma} \left(w \, dy - \mathbf{T} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x} \, ds \right)$$

\mathbf{T} : traction vector at a point M on the bounding surface Γ , i.e. $T_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j$

\mathbf{u} : displacement vector at the same point M.

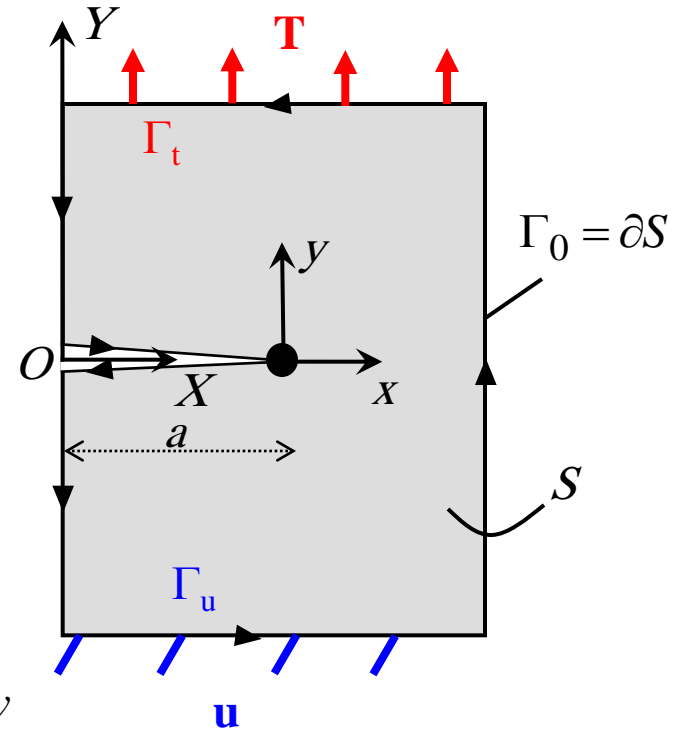
\mathbf{n} : unit *outward* normal.

The contour Γ is followed in the *counter-clockwise* direction.



Equivalence of the two definitions

- 2D solid of unit thickness of area S ,
with a linear crack of length a along OX (fixed)
- Crack faces are traction-free.
- Total contour of the solid Γ_0 *including* the crack tip:
Imposed **tractions** on the part of the contour Γ_t
Displacements applied on Γ_u



Proof : Recall for the potential energy (per unit thickness),

$$\Pi(a) = \iint_S w dS - \int_{\Gamma_t} T_i u_i ds \quad T_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j \quad \sigma_{ij} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \varepsilon_{ij}}$$

The tractions and displacements imposed on Γ_t and Γ_u are independent of a

$$\frac{dT_i}{da} = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_t$$

$$\frac{du_i}{da} = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_u$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\Pi}{da} = \iint_S \frac{dw}{da} dS - \int_{\Gamma_0} T_i \frac{du_i}{da} ds$$



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Considering the moving coordinate system x, y (attached to the crack tip), $x = X - a$

$\frac{d}{da}$: total derivative/crack length

$$\frac{d}{da} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \right)_x + \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial a} \right)_X \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)_a = \frac{\partial}{\partial a} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{d\Pi}{da} = \iint_S \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial a} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dS - \int_{\Gamma_0} T_i \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial a} - \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) ds$$

However,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial a} &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial \varepsilon_{ij}} \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{ij}}{\partial a} = \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{ij}}{\partial a} = \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \right] && \text{since } \sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji} \\ &= \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} = \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial a} \right) \end{aligned}$$



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Thus,

$$\iint_S \frac{\partial w}{\partial a} dS = \iint_S \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial a} \right) dS$$

From the divergence theorem:

$$\iint_S \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial a} \right) dS = \int_{\Gamma_0} \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial a} n_j ds = \int_{\Gamma_0} T_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial a} ds$$

The derivative of J reduces to,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Pi}{da} &= \iint_S \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial a} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dS - \int_{\Gamma_0} T_i \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial a} - \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) ds \\ &= -\iint_S \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dS + \int_{\Gamma_0} T_i \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial a} \right) ds - \int_{\Gamma_0} T_i \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial a} - \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) ds \\ &= -\left(\iint_S \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dS - \int_{\Gamma_0} T_i \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) ds \right) \end{aligned}$$



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Using the Green Theorem, i.e. $\oint_{\Gamma} P(x, y) dx + Q(x, y) dy = \iint_A \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d\Pi}{da} &= \iint_S \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dS - \int_{\Gamma_0} T_i \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) ds \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_0} \left(w dy - T_i \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

➡ J derives from a potential

Properties of the J-integral

- 1) J is *zero* for any closed contour containing *no crack tip*.

Consider
$$J|_{\Gamma} = \oint_{\Gamma} \left(w dy - T_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} ds \right)$$

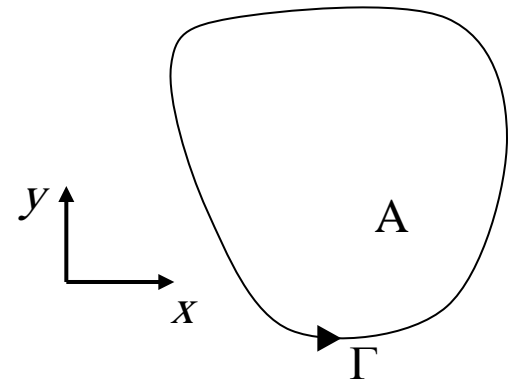
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We have
$$J|_{\Gamma} = \int_A \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} dx dy - \oint_{\Gamma} T_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} ds = \int_A \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} dx dy - \oint_{\Gamma} \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} n_j ds$$

From the divergence theorem,

$$\oint_{\Gamma} \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} n_j ds = \int_A \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) dx dy$$

Closed contour around A





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The integral becomes,

$$J|_{\Gamma} = \int_A \left[\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) \right] dx dy$$

However,

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Invoking the equilibrium equation, $\frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} + \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right) = \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} \right)$$

Replacing in the integral, $J|_{\Gamma} = 0$

2) J is path-independent

Consider the *closed* contour:

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_3 + \Gamma_2^* + \Gamma_4$$

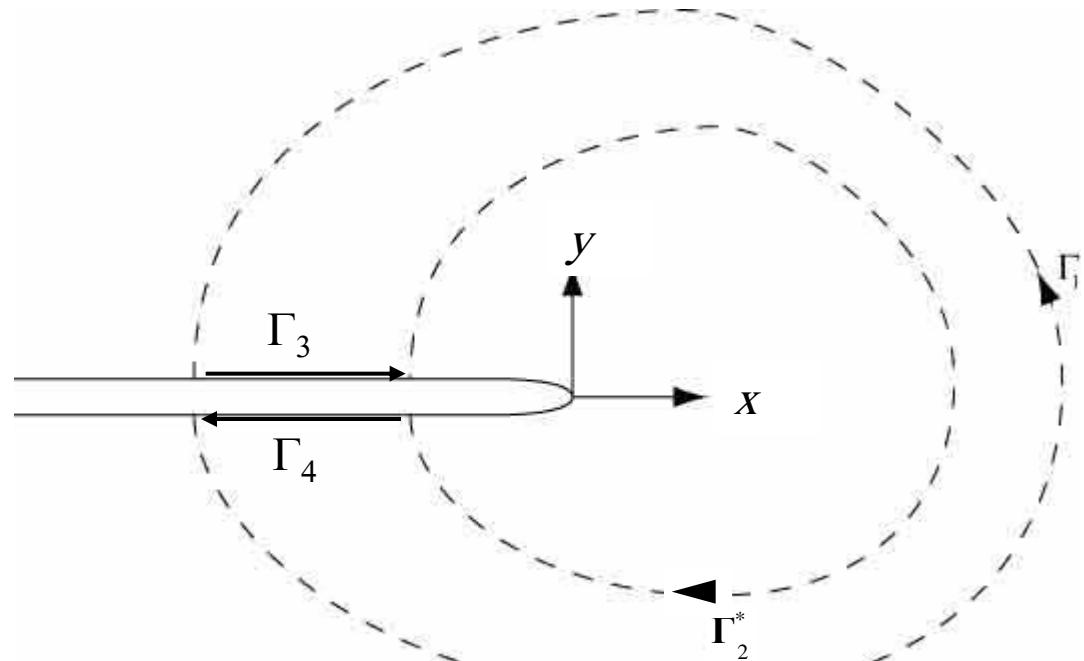
We have $J|_{\Gamma} = J|_{\Gamma_1} + J|_{\Gamma_2^*} + J|_{\Gamma_3} + J|_{\Gamma_4}$ and $J|_{\Gamma} = 0$

The crack faces are traction free :

$$T_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_3 \text{ and } \Gamma_4$$

$dy = 0$ along these contours

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_3 \text{ and } \Gamma_4 \\ dy = 0 \text{ along these contours} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow J|_{\Gamma_3} = J|_{\Gamma_4} = 0$$



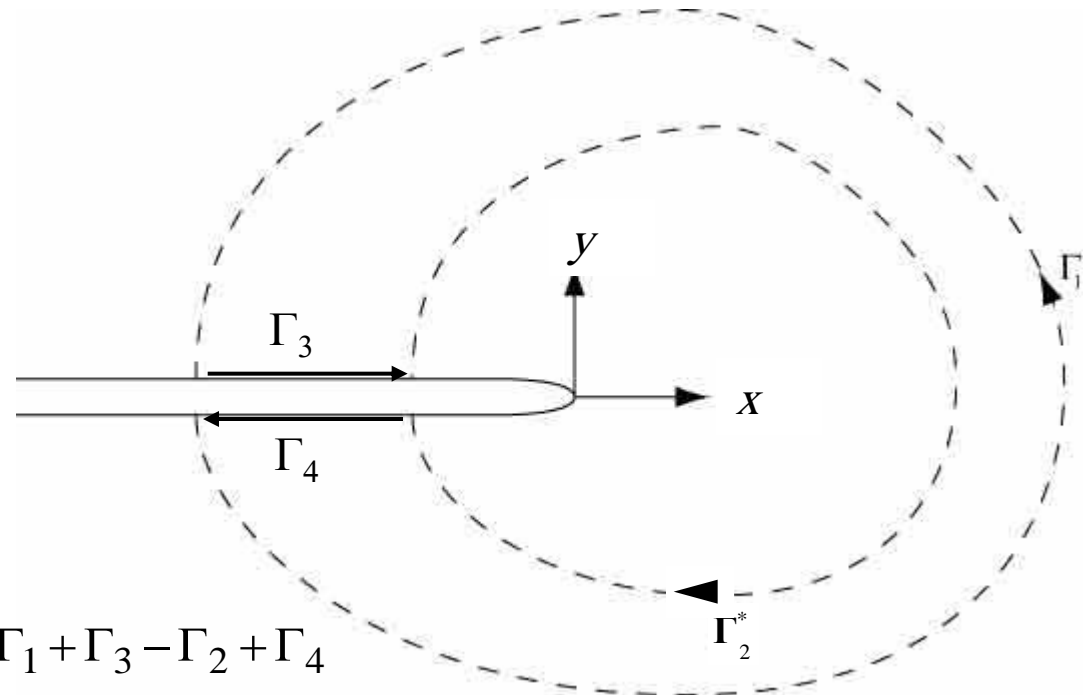
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Note that,

$$J|_{\Gamma_2^*} = -J|_{\Gamma_2}$$

$$\text{and } J|_{\Gamma} = J|_{\Gamma_1} - J|_{\Gamma_2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow J|_{\Gamma_1} = J|_{\Gamma_2}$$



$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_3 - \Gamma_2 + \Gamma_4$$

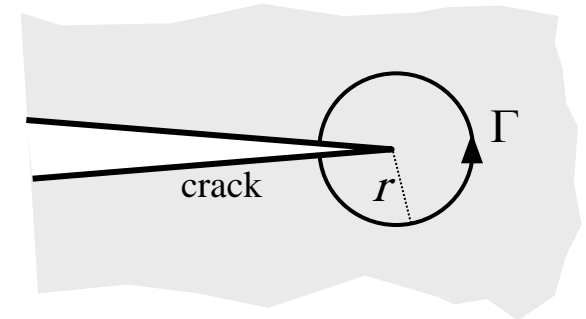
Γ_2 followed in the *counter-clockwise* direction.

Any arbitrary (counterclockwise) path around a crack gives the same value of J

$\Rightarrow J$ is *path*-independent

The J contour integral as yield criterion

J can be evaluated when the path is a circle of radius r around the crack tip



Γ is followed from $\theta = -\pi$ to $\theta = \pi$

We have,

$$ds = r d\theta$$

$$dy = r \cos \theta d\theta$$

J integral becomes,

$$J = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[w(r, \theta) \cos \theta - T_i(r, \theta) \frac{\partial u_i(r, \theta)}{\partial x} \right] r d\theta$$

When $r \rightarrow 0$ only the singular terms remain

For LEFM, we can obtain : $J = G = \frac{K^2}{E'}$ (if mode I loading)



HRR theory

Hutchinson Rice and Rosengren: J characterizes the crack-tip field in a non-linear elastic material.

- For uniaxial deformation:

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_0} + \alpha \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_0} \right)^n \quad \text{Ramberg-Osgood equation}$$

σ_0 = yield strength

$$\varepsilon_0 = \sigma_0 / E$$

α : dimensionless constant

n : strain-hardening exponent

} material properties

Power law relationship assumed between plastic strain and stress.

For a linear elastic material $n = 1$.



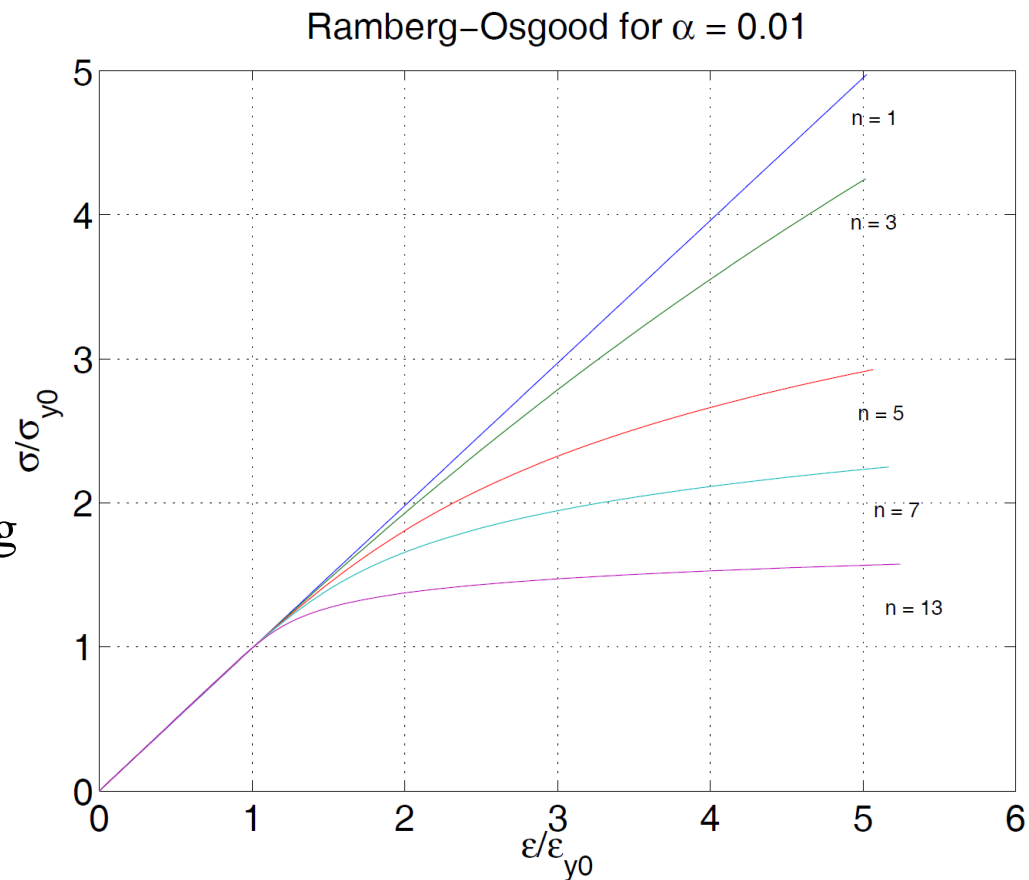
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Ramberg–Osgood model

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_0} + \alpha \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_0} \right)^n$$

↑ ↑ ↑
 $\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{el} + \varepsilon^{pl}$

- Elastic model:
Unlike plasticity unloading
in on the same line
- Higher n closer to
elastic perfectly plastic



Stress-strain relation according to the Ramberg-Osgood material law



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Hutchinson, Rice and Rosengren(HRR) solution

- Near crack tip “plastic” strains dominate:

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} = \alpha \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_0} \right)^n \quad (*)$$

- Assume the following r dependence for σ and ε

$$\sigma = \frac{c_1}{r^x}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{c_2}{r^y}$$

1. Bounded energy:

$$\sigma\varepsilon \propto \frac{1}{r} \Rightarrow x + y = 1$$

2. $\varepsilon - \sigma$ relation (*)

$$y = nx$$

$$x = \frac{1}{1+n}$$

$$y = \frac{n}{1+n}$$



The J contour integral as yield criterion

- Asymptotic field derived by **Hutchinson Rice** and **Rosengren**:

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = A_2 \left(\frac{J}{r} \right)^{n/(n+1)} \quad \sigma_{ij} = A_1 \left(\frac{J}{r} \right)^{1/(n+1)} \quad u_i = A_3 J^{n/(n+1)} r^{1/(n+1)}$$

A_i are regular functions that depend on θ and the previous parameters.

The $1/\sqrt{r}$ singularity is recovered when $n = 1$.

Path independence of $J \quad \Rightarrow \quad$ The product $\sigma_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij}$ varies as $1/r$:

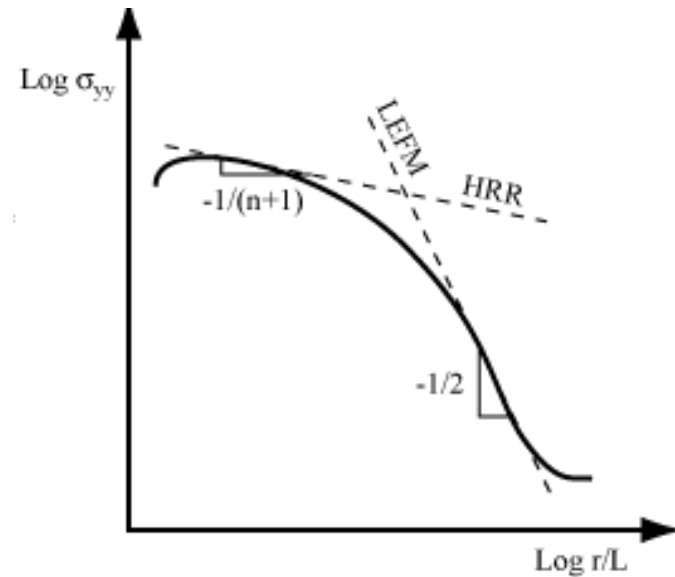
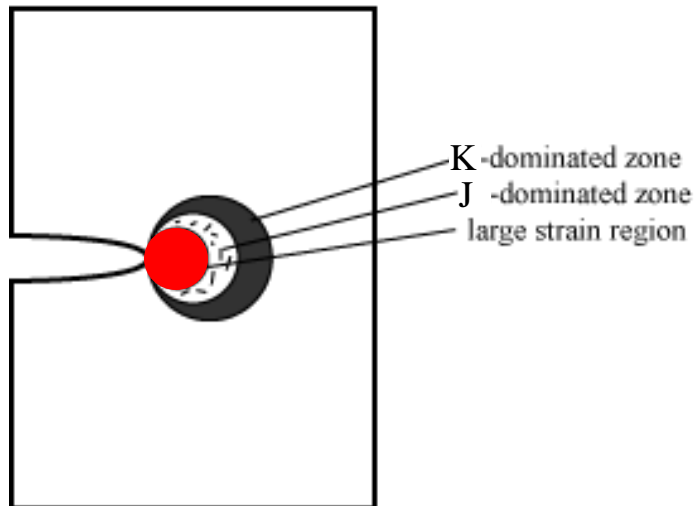
$$\text{From} \quad J = r \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[w(r, \theta) \cos \theta - T_i(r, \theta) \frac{\partial u_i(r, \theta)}{\partial x} \right] d\theta$$

$$\sigma_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij} \rightarrow \frac{f(\theta)}{r} \quad \text{as} \quad r \rightarrow 0$$

J defines the amplitude of the HRR field as K does in the linear case.

The J contour integral as yield criterion

Two singular zones can be identified:



Small region where crack blunting occurs.

↳ Large deformation

HRR based upon small displacements non applicable.



The J contour integral as yield criterion

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_0 \left(\frac{EJ}{\alpha \sigma_0^2 I_n r} \right)^{1/(n+1)} \tilde{\sigma}_{ij}(n, \theta)$$

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{\alpha \sigma_0}{E} \left(\frac{EJ}{\alpha \sigma_0^2 I_n r} \right)^{n/(n+1)} \tilde{\varepsilon}_{ij}(n, \theta)$$

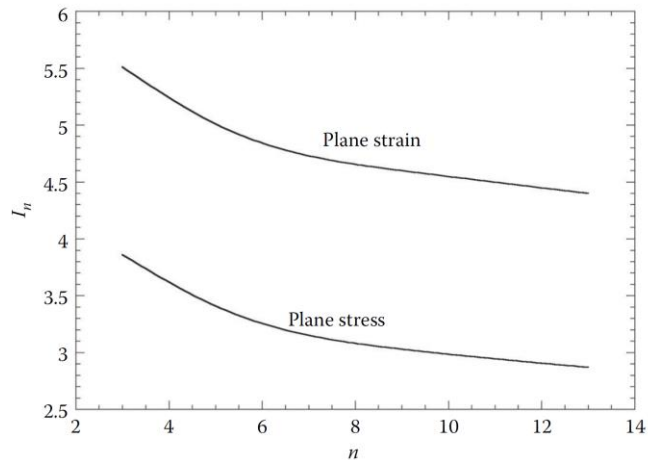
where I_n is an integration constant that depends on n , and $\tilde{\sigma}_{ij}$ and $\tilde{\varepsilon}_{ij}$ are dimensionless functions of n and θ .

The equations are called the HRR singularity, named after Hutchinson, Rice, and Rosengren.

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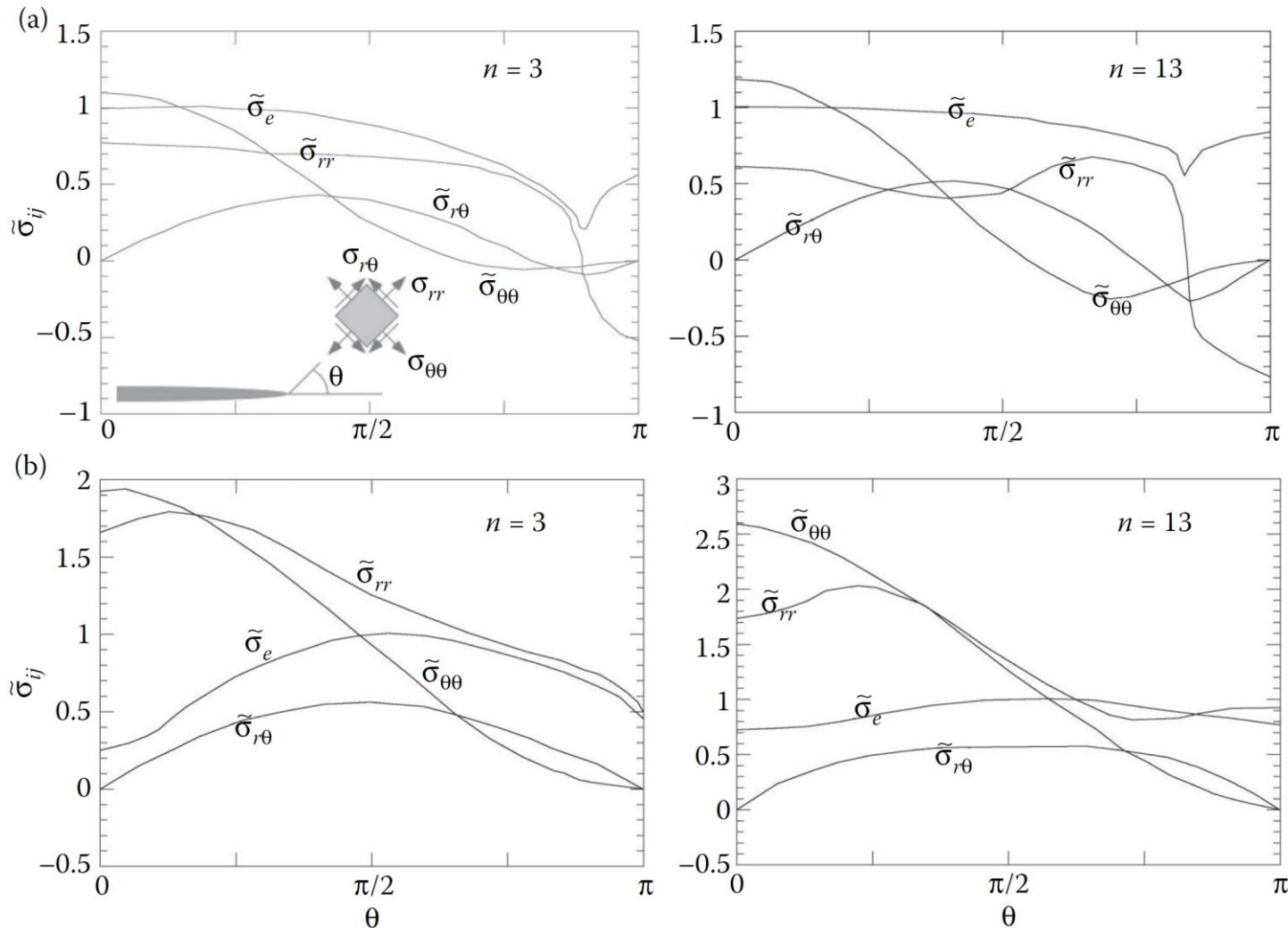


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Effect of the strain hardening exponent on the HRR integration constant

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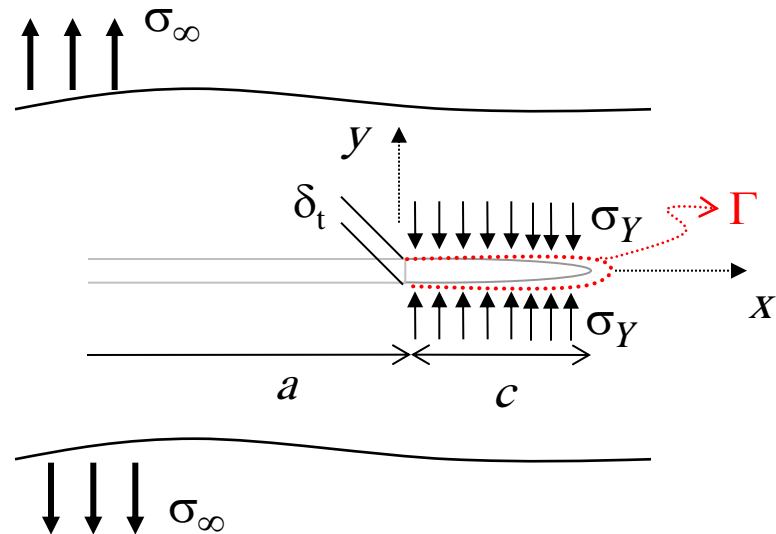


Angular variation of dimensionless stress for $n = 3$ and 13 (a) plane stress and (b) plane strain.

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Relationship between J and CTOD

Consider again the strip-yield problem,



The first term in the J integral vanishes because $dy=0$ (slender zone)

$$J = - \int_{\Gamma} \sigma_{ij} n_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} ds$$

$$\text{but } \sigma_{ij} n_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} ds = \sigma_{yy} n_y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} ds = -\sigma_Y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} dx$$

$$J = \int_{\Gamma} \sigma_Y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} dx = \int_{-\delta_t}^{\delta_t} \sigma_Y du_y = \sigma_Y \delta_t$$

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General unique relationship between J and CTOD:

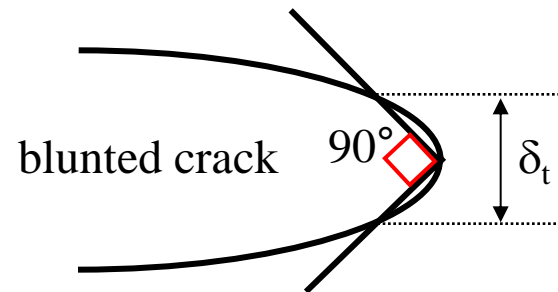
$$J = m \sigma_Y \delta_t$$

m : dimensionless parameter depending on the stress state and materials properties

- The strip-yield model predicts that $m=1$ (non-hardening material, plane stress condition)
- This relation is more generally derived for *hardening* materials ($n > 1$) using the HRR displacements near the crack tip, i.e.

$$u_i = A_3 J^{n/(n+1)} r^{1/(n+1)}$$

Shih proposed this definition for δ_t :



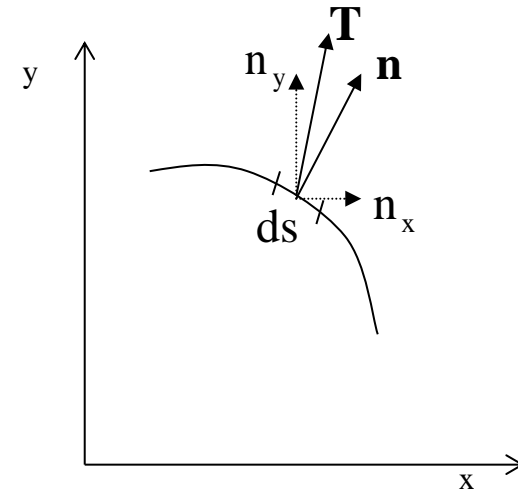
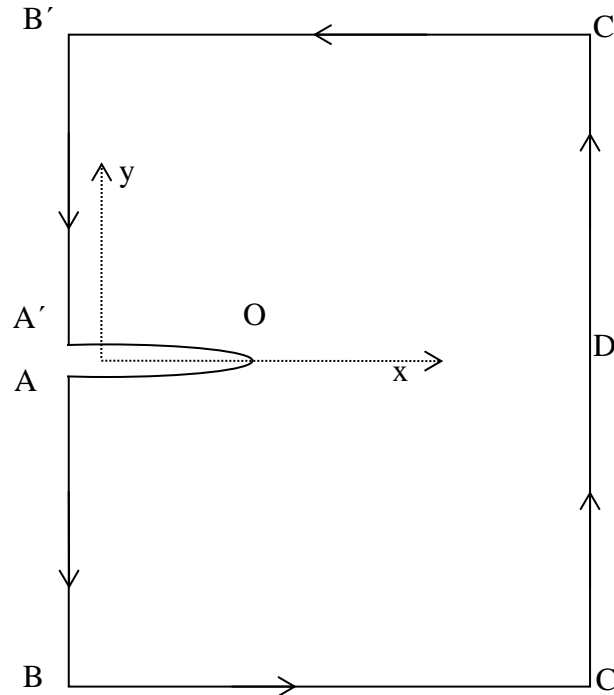
→ m becomes a (complicated) function of n

→ The proposed definition of δ_t agrees with the one of the Irwin model

Moreover, $G = \frac{\pi}{4} \sigma_Y \delta_t$ $m = \frac{\pi}{4}$ in this case

Applications the J-integral

J-integral evaluated explicitly along specific contours



Loads and geometry symmetric / Ox

$$J = \int_{\Gamma'} \left(w dy - \sigma_{ij} n_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} ds \right) \quad ?$$

$$w = \int \sigma_{ij} d\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_{xx} \varepsilon_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} \varepsilon_{yy} + 2\sigma_{xy} \varepsilon_{xy})$$

for a plane stress, linear elastic problem



The J contour integral as yield criterion

From stress-strain relation,

$$w = \frac{1}{2E} (\sigma_{xx}^2 + \sigma_{yy}^2 - 2\nu\sigma_{xx}\sigma_{yy}) + \frac{1+\nu}{E} \sigma_{xy}^2$$

Expanded form for $\sigma_{ij}n_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} ds$

$$= \sigma_{xx}n_x \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} ds + \sigma_{xy}n_y \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} ds + \sigma_{yx}n_x \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} ds + \sigma_{yy}n_y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} ds \quad (2D \text{ problem})$$

Simplification :

Along AB or B' A'

$$n_x = -1, n_y = 0 \text{ and } ds = -dy \neq 0$$

$$= \sigma_{xx} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} dy + \sigma_{yx}n_x \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} dy$$

Along CD or DC'

$$n_x = 1, n_y = 0 \text{ and } ds = dy \neq 0$$

$$= \sigma_{xx} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} dy + \sigma_{yx} \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} dx$$



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Along BC or C'B'

BC : $n_x = 0, n_y = -1$ and $ds=dx \neq 0$

$$=-\sigma_{xy} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} dx - \sigma_{yy} \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} dx$$

C'B' : $n_x = 0, n_y = 1$ and $ds=-dx \neq 0$

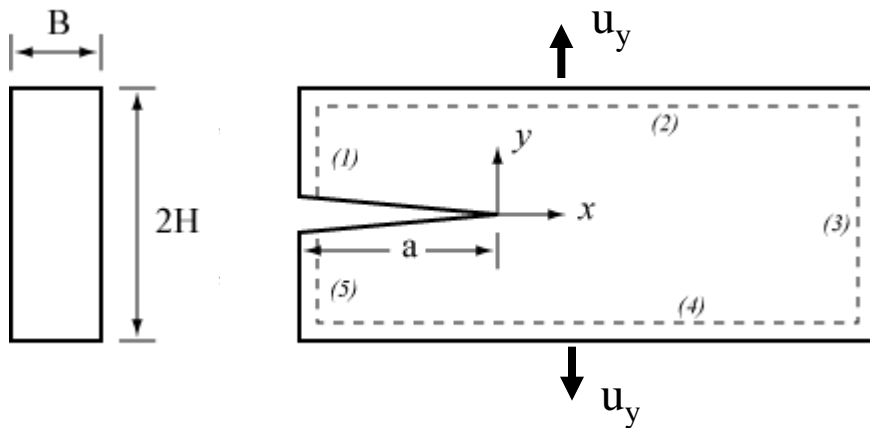
Along OA and A'O J is zero since $dy = 0$ and $T_i = 0$

Finally,

$$J = 2 \int_A^B \left[w - \sigma_{xx} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} - \sigma_{xy} \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right] dy + 2 \int_B^C \left[\sigma_{xy} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \sigma_{yy} \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right] dx + 2 \int_C^D \left[w - \sigma_{xx} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} - \sigma_{xy} \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \right] dy$$

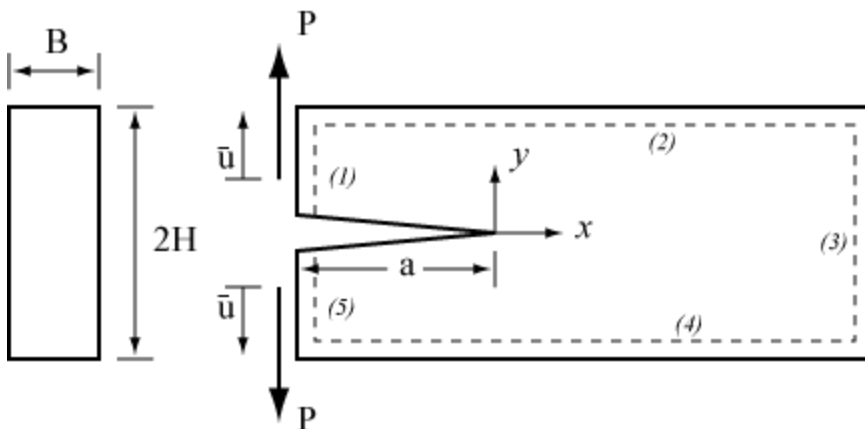
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Example 1



$$J = 2hw = \frac{(1-\nu)Eu_y^2}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)h}$$

Example 2



$$J = \frac{12P^2 a^2}{EB^2 h^3}$$