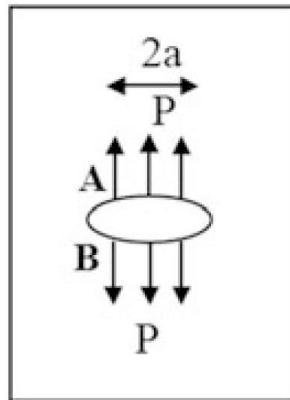


1- A steel strap 1-mm thick and 20-mm wide with a through-thickness center crack 4 mm long is loaded to failure. (a) Determine the critical load if $K_{IC} = 80 \text{ MPa}\cdot\text{m}^{1/2}$ for the strap material. (b) Use an available correction factor, $f(a/w)$, for this crack configuration and calculate the critical stress as σ_c .

2- The plate below has an internal crack subjected to a pressure P on the crack surface. The stress intensity factors at points A and B are



$$K_A = \int \frac{P}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \sqrt{\frac{a+x}{a-x}} \cdot dx$$

$$K_B = \int \frac{P}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \sqrt{\frac{a-x}{a+x}} \cdot dx$$

Use the principle of superposition to show that the total stress intensity factor is defined by $K_I = P\sqrt{\pi a}$.

3- A material exhibits the following crack growth resistance behavior: $R = 6.95\sqrt{a-a_0}$

where a_0 is the initial crack size. R has units of kJ/m^2 and the crack size is in mm.

The elastic modulus of this material is 207,000 MPa. Consider a wide plate with a through crack ($a \ll W$) that is made from this material.

a. If this plate fractures at 138 MPa, compute the following:

- i. The half crack size at failure (a_c).
- ii. The amount of stable crack growth (at each crack tip) that precedes failure ($a_c - a_0$).

b. If this plate has an initial crack length ($2a_0$) of 50.8 mm and the plate is loaded to failure, compute the following:

- i. The stress at failure.
- ii. The half crack size at failure.
- iii. The stable crack growth at each crack tip.