

1- Prove that Eq. $\cos \theta / 2[K_I \sin \theta + K_{II} (3 \cos \theta - 1)] = 0$ can be obtained from $\partial \sigma_{\theta\theta} / \partial \theta = 0$.

2- Plot $\sigma_{\theta\theta} \sqrt{2\pi r} / K_I$ versus θ for $K_{II}/K_I = 0.5$ and 2.0 , respectively. Verify that Eq. $\cos \theta / 2[K_I \sin \theta + K_{II} (3 \cos \theta - 1)] = 0$ gives the orientation at which $\sigma_{\theta\theta}$ reaches the maximum.

3- In mixed mode conditions, the energy release rate at the kink tip is (as shown in following figure):

$$G = \frac{\kappa+1}{8\mu} \left[(C_{11}^2 + C_{21}^2) K_I^2 + (C_{12}^2 + C_{22}^2) K_{II}^2 + 2(C_{11}C_{12} + C_{21}C_{22}) K_I K_{II} \right]$$

where:

$$C_{11} = \frac{1}{4} \left(3 \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cos \frac{3\alpha}{2} \right)$$

$$C_{12} = -\frac{3}{4} \left(\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} + \sin \frac{3\alpha}{2} \right)$$

$$C_{21} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} + \sin \frac{3\alpha}{2} \right)$$

$$C_{22} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\cos \frac{\alpha}{2} + 3 \cos \frac{3\alpha}{2} \right)$$

The crack growth direction, or fracture angle α_0 , is thus determined by maximizing $G(\alpha)$:

$$\frac{\partial G(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad \alpha = \alpha_0 \quad (*)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 G(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha^2} < 0 \quad \text{at} \quad \alpha = \alpha_0$$

Show that the fracture angles determined from Eq. (*) are the same as that predicted from the maximum hoop stress criterion (especially for Mode I and II).

