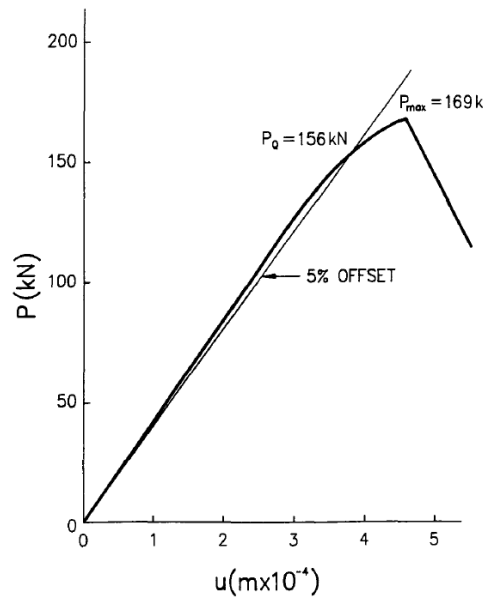


1- The following Figure shows the load-displacement record of a compact tension specimen tested according to ASTM E399 procedure to determine  $K_{IC}$ . The 0.2 per cent offset yield stress of the material is 800 MPa. The specimen dimensions were measured as:  $W = 12$  cm,  $B = 5$  cm,  $a = 6$  cm. Determine  $K_{IC}$ .



$$K_Q = \frac{P_Q}{BW^{1/2}} f\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)$$

$$f\left(\frac{a}{W}\right) = \frac{2 + \frac{a}{W}}{\left(1 - \frac{a}{W}\right)^{3/2}} \left( 0.886 + 4.64\left(\frac{a}{W}\right) - 13.32\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^2 + 14.72\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^3 - 5.60\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^4 \right)$$

2- Determine the minimum thickness  $B_{min}$  and/or crack ligament  $b_{min}$  of a three-point bend specimen required for a valid  $J_{IC}$  test according to the ASTM standards for a material with  $K_{IC} = 100$  MPa.m<sup>1/2</sup>,  $\sigma_Y = 400$  MPa,  $E = 210$  GPa and  $\nu = 0.3$ . Compare the results with those for a valid  $K_{IC}$  test.

3- The following data were obtained from a series of tests on three-point bend specimens with thickness  $B = 30$  mm and crack ligament  $b = 30$  mm made of a steel with 0.2 offset yield stress  $\sigma_Y = 450$  MPa and ultimate stress  $\sigma_u = 550$  MPa. Estimate the provisional value  $J_Q$  according to ASTM standard E813-87 and check whether  $J_{IC} = J_Q$ .

$J(\text{kJ/m}^2)$	$\Delta a(\text{mm})$
120	0.2
150	0.3
180	0.5
220	0.7
260	1.0
280	1.2
310	1.5
340	1.8
360	2.0