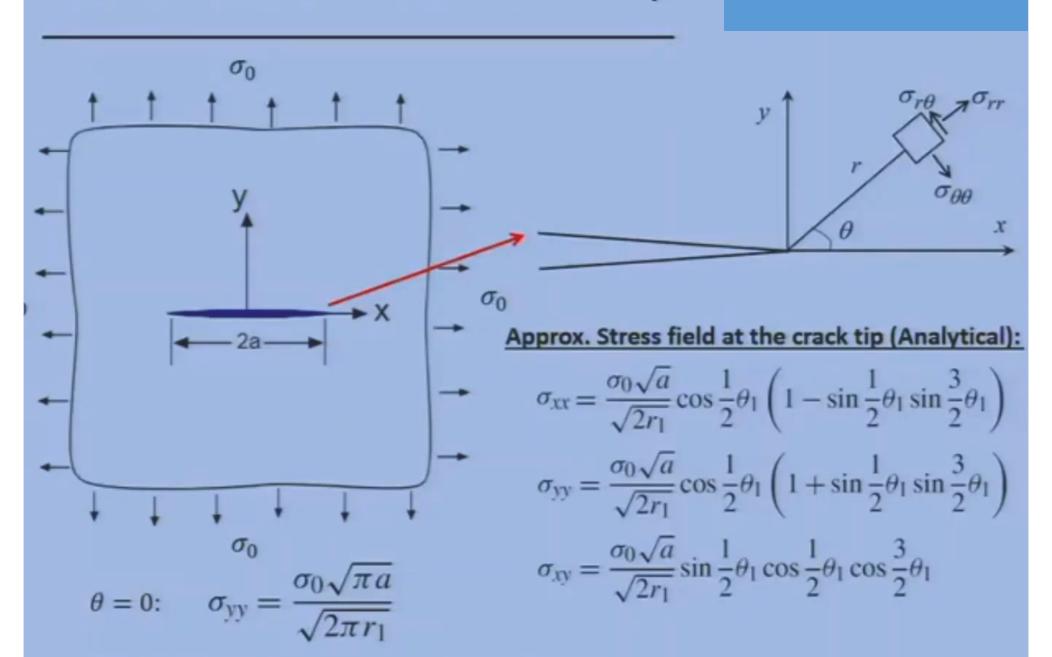
Crack propagation and crack path

Stress field around a crack tip



Stress intensity factor

G. Irwin (1957) find that stresses around a crack in terms of a scaling factor:

stress intensity factor K, defined as:

$$\sigma_{yy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi x}}$$

From the analytical solution:

$$\theta = 0$$
: (Crack line)

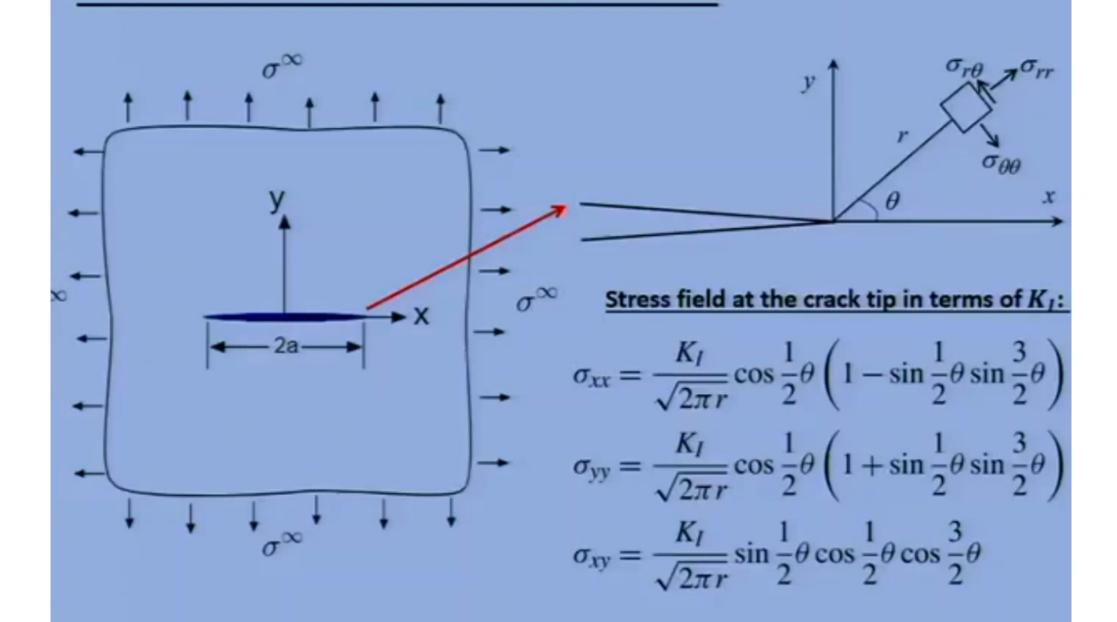
$$\sigma_{yy} = \frac{\sigma_0 \sqrt{\pi a}}{\sqrt{2\pi r_1}}$$

Here $x = r_1$, we then obtain: $K_I = \sigma_0 \sqrt{\pi a}$

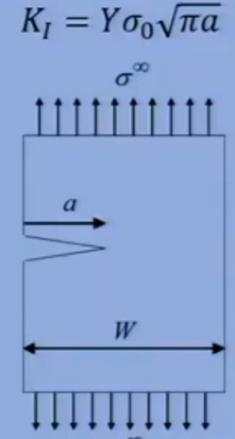
$$K_I = \sigma_0 \sqrt{\pi a}$$

This relates the K_I with remote stress σ_0 and crack length a.

Stress field around a crack tip

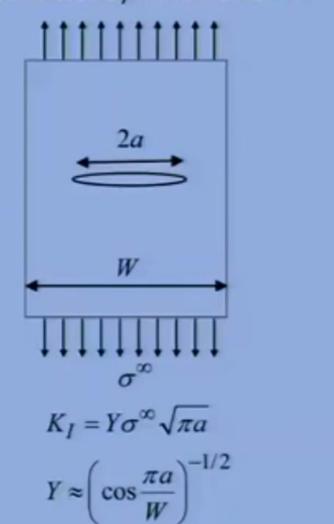


K_I depends on boundary conditions



W >> a $K_I = 1.122 \sigma^{\infty} \sqrt{\pi a}$

Y: geometrical correction factor, $Y(\frac{a}{W})$ calibrated by finite element!



Fracture toughness

Fracture toughness characterizes the resistance of a material to fracture.

When the stress intensity factor reaches a critical value, crack starts to grow,

$$K_{Ic} = Y \sigma_c \sqrt{\pi a}$$

Remote stress

Fracture toughness is the <u>critical stress intensity factor</u>, as a **material constant**. It is independent on the loading conditions and crack length. We measure it from experiments.

Questions you may ask

$$K_{Ic} = Y \sigma_c \sqrt{\pi a}$$

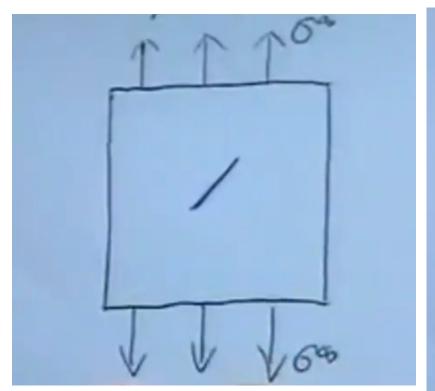
- Why we often use 2a to define the crack length?
 A: We only use it in the centre-notched panel, because crack will grow in both directions.
- Why we use fracture toughness instead of stress to predict the crack growth?

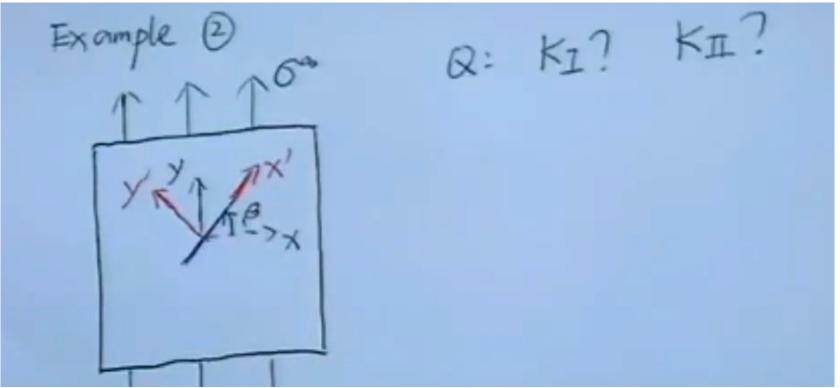
A: Fracture toughness considering both stress and crack length, it represents the stress intensity around the crack tip

How to measure the fracture toughness?

A: Various methods using notched specimen, measure the remote stress and crack growth. Compact tension, three-point bending, etc.

But what about an inclined crack?





Q:
$$KI$$
? KII ?

Stress transformation:

 $C = Cos \beta$ $S = Sin \beta$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
6xi \\
6yi
\\
7xiy'
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
c^2 & S^2 & 2sc \\
S^2 & C^2 & -2sc \\
-sc & sc & c^2 - s^2
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
6x \\
6y \\
7xy
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} 6x' = 6x \cos^2\beta + 6y \sin^2\beta + 27xy \sin\beta \cos\beta \\ 6y' = 6x \sin^2\beta + 6y\cos^2\beta - 27xy \sin\beta \cos\beta \end{cases} \qquad [i]$$

$$Tx'y' = (6y - 6x) \sin\beta \cos\beta + 7xy (\cos^2\beta - 5ih^2\beta)$$

$$Louding condition: 6x = 0 6y = 6co 7xy = 0$$

$$\sin b. into [i]$$

$$6x' = 6co 5ih^2\beta$$

$$6y' = 6co 6x^2\beta$$

$$7xy' = 6co 6x^2\beta$$

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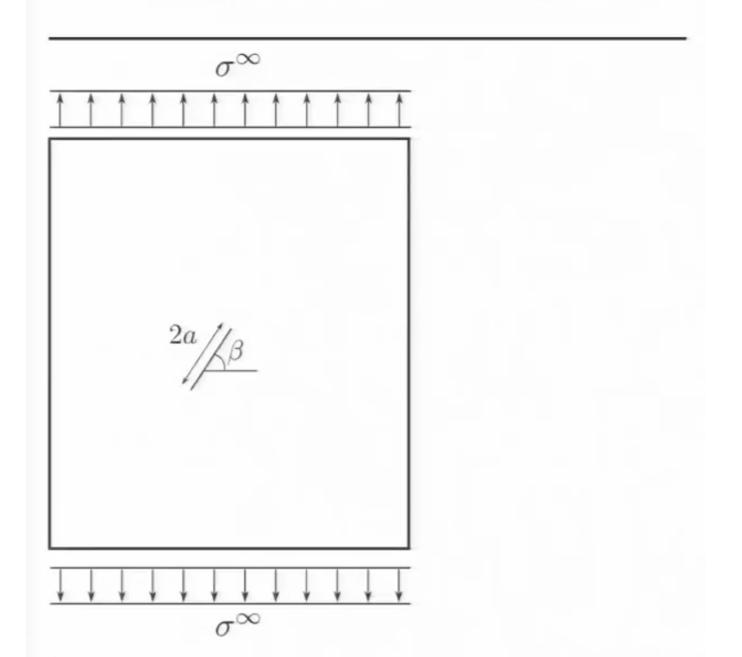
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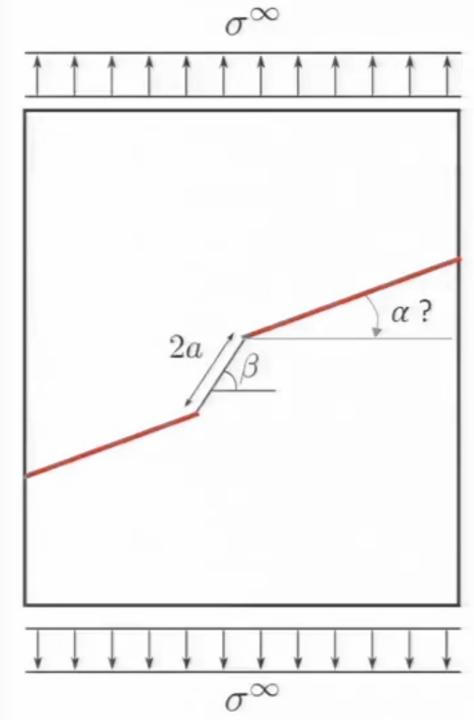
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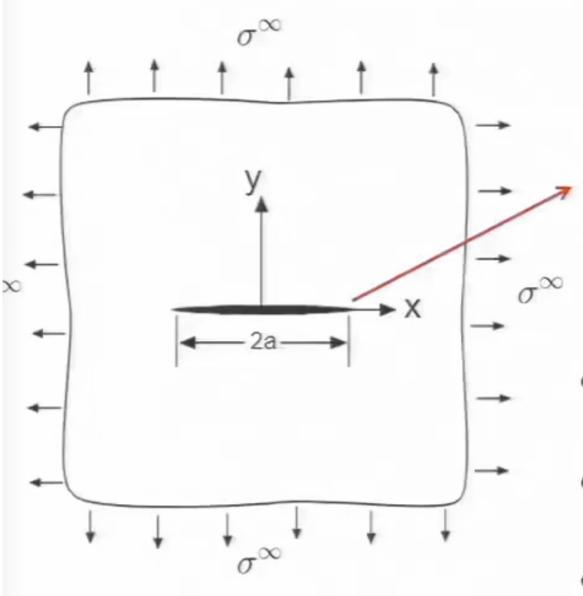
How to predict the crack path?

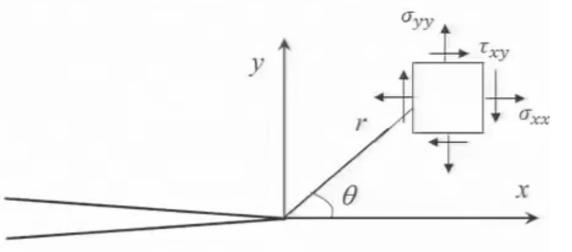




 To predict the crack path, we first need to know the stress field near the crack tip.

- Since this is a mixed-mode problem, let's first look at the stress field for each mode.
- Then we combine the stress field together to analysis.



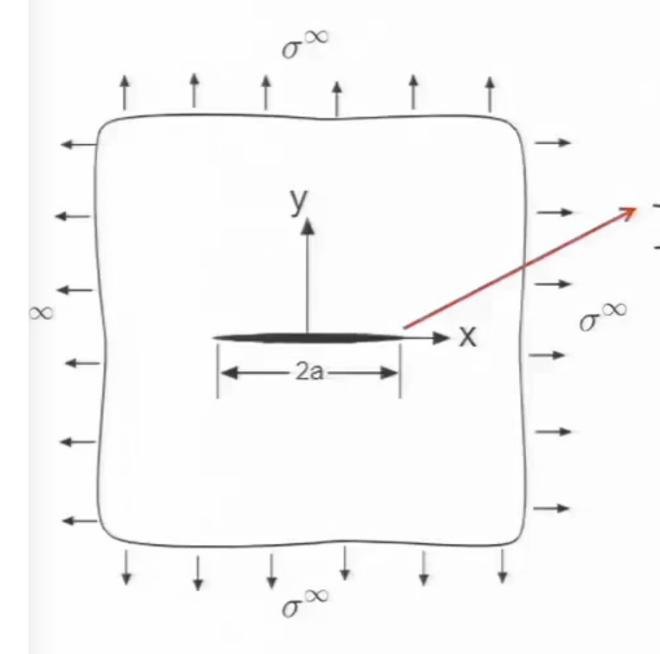


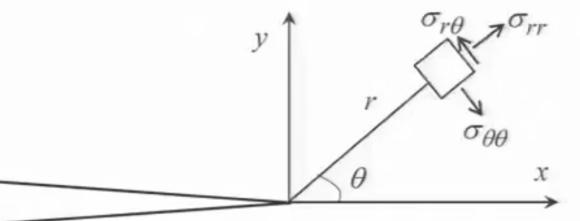
Stress field at the crack tip in terms of K_I :

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

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

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \cos \frac{3}{2} \theta$$





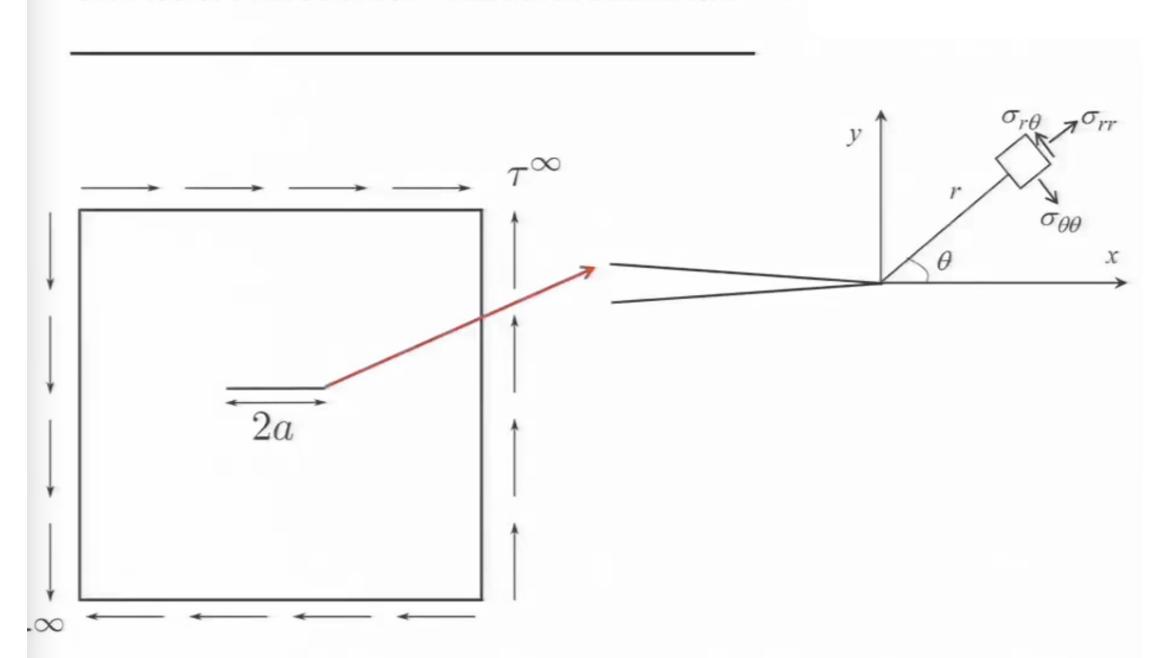
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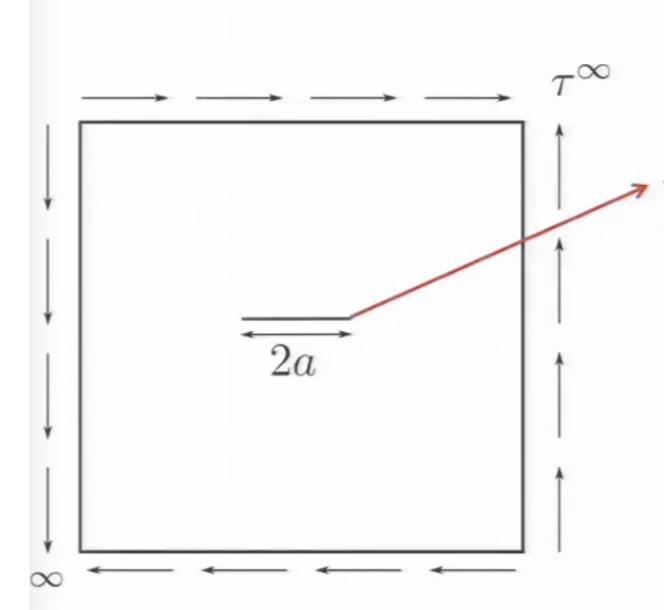
$$\sigma_{rr} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{5}{4} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \cos\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right) \right]$$

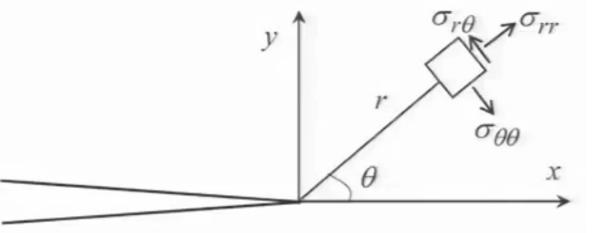
$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{3}{4} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \cos\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right) \right]$$

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

Mode II stress field- Polar coordinate







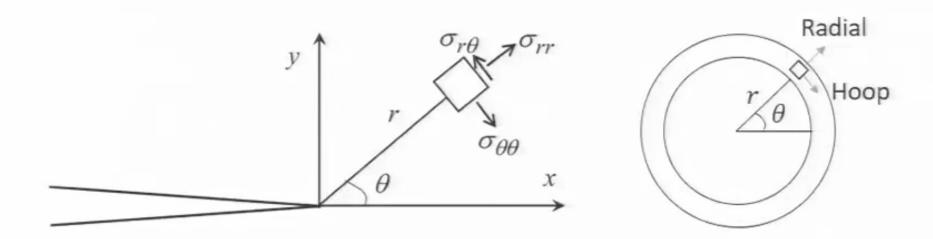
Stress field at the crack tip in terms of K_{II} :

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

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Maximum hoop stress criterion

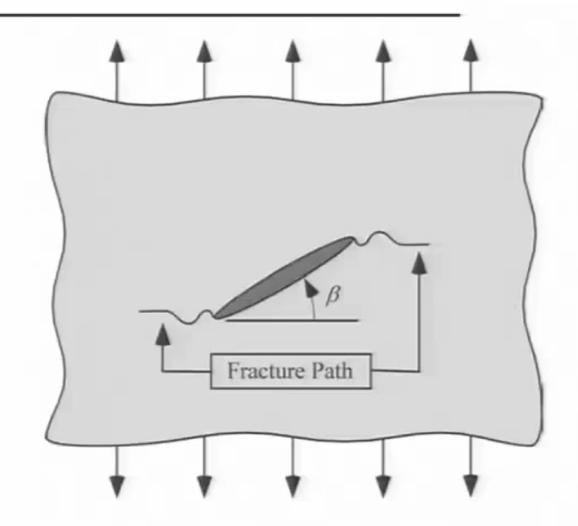


- · Crack begins to extend from the tip in the direction along with maximum hoop stress.
- Maximum tensile stress along the hoop direction, no shear stress (principal stress).

Max hoop stress criterion:

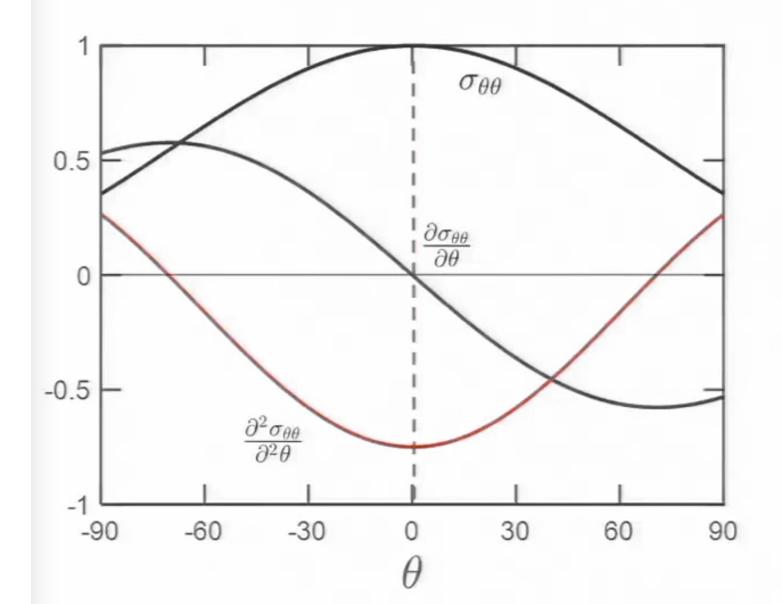
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \sigma_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \theta} &= 0 & \frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{\theta\theta}}{\partial^2 \theta} < 0 \\ \text{Or shear stress} & \tau_{r\theta} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Physical meaning



- The crack tends to propagate normal to the applied stress, in pure Mode I loading.
- No shear stress, think of principal stress.

Physical meaning from math



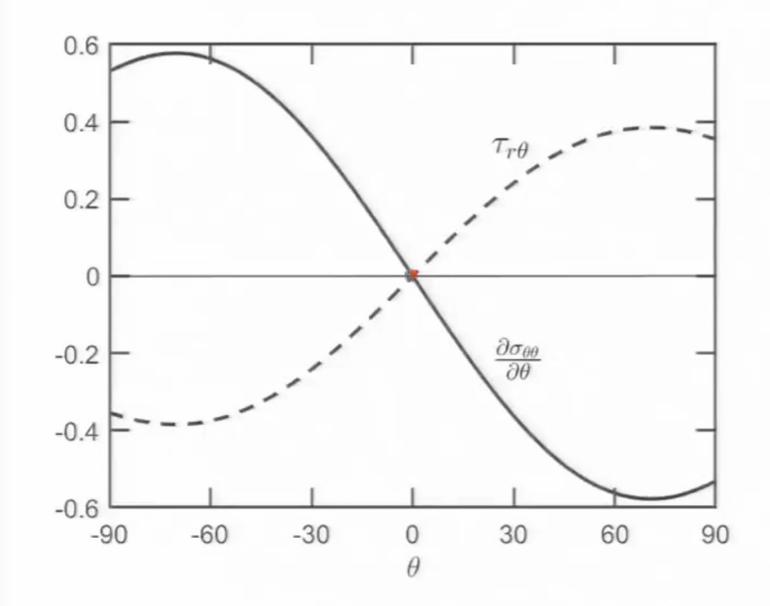
$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

To find the max/min stress in hoop direction

$$\frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{\theta\theta}}{\partial^2 \theta} < 0$$

To make sure this the maxima!

Physical meaning from math



$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

is equivalent to

$$\tau_{r\theta} = 0$$

Maximum hoop stress criterion

Stress field at the crack tip in terms of K_I :

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

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

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Stress field at the crack tip in terms of K_{II} :

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

$$\frac{\partial 6\theta\theta}{\partial \theta} = 0 \qquad \frac{1}{2} \quad \nabla_{n\theta} = 0$$

$$\text{Mode I:} \qquad (\alpha s\theta)' = -s h\theta \quad (sh\theta)' = \alpha s\theta$$

$$f(\alpha x))' = \chi'(x) f(\alpha x)$$

$$-\frac{3}{4}(\frac{1}{2}) sh \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{3}{2} sh \frac{3\theta}{2}$$

$$-\frac{3}{4}(\frac{1}{2}) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \frac{3\theta}{2} = -\frac{3}{8} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{8} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{3}{8} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{8} (\sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \sin \frac{3\theta}{2}) = 0$$

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Stress field at the crack tip in terms of K_I :

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Consider crack is under mode I (tensile) and mode II (shear) loading:

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \frac{K_{I}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right]$$

Maximum hoop stress criterion

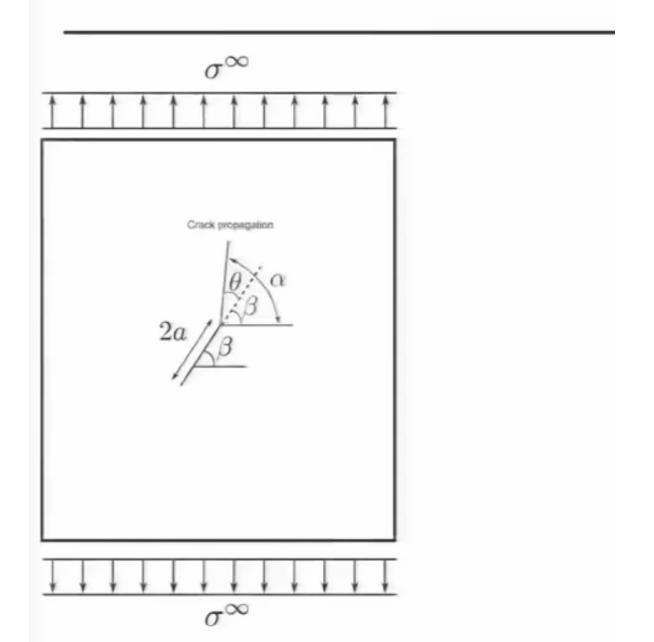
$$\tau_{r\theta} = \frac{K_{I}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] = 0$$

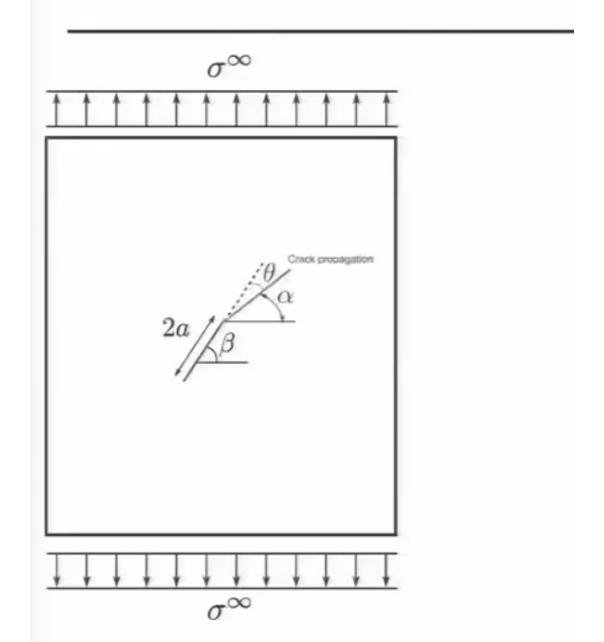
$$\frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}[1 - 3\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}] = 0$$

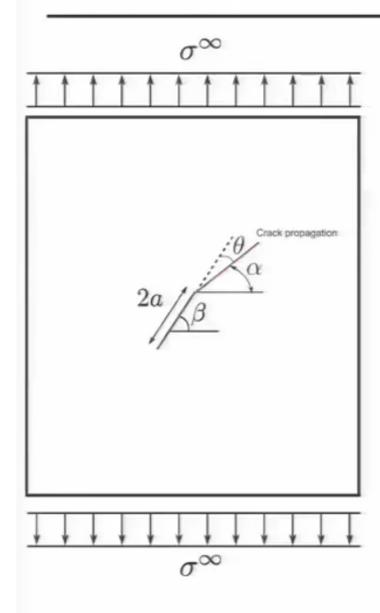
$$K_{I}\sin\theta + 3K_{II}\cos\theta - K_{II} = 0$$

$$2\tan^2\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{K_I}{K_{II}}\tan\frac{\theta}{2} - 1 = 0$$

$$(\tan\frac{\theta}{2})_{1,2} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{K_I}{K_{II}} \pm \sqrt{(\frac{K_I}{4K_{II}})^2 + \frac{1}{2}} \qquad (\theta)_{1,2} = 2 \tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{4} \frac{K_I}{K_{II}} \pm \sqrt{(\frac{K_I}{4K_{II}})^2 + \frac{1}{2}})$$







$$\sigma_{x'} = \cos^2\theta \, \sigma_x + \sin^2\theta \, \sigma_y + 2\cos\theta \sin\theta \, \tau_{xy}$$

$$\sigma_{y'} = \sin^2\theta \, \sigma_x + \cos^2\theta \, \sigma_y - 2\cos\theta \sin\theta \, \tau_{xy}$$

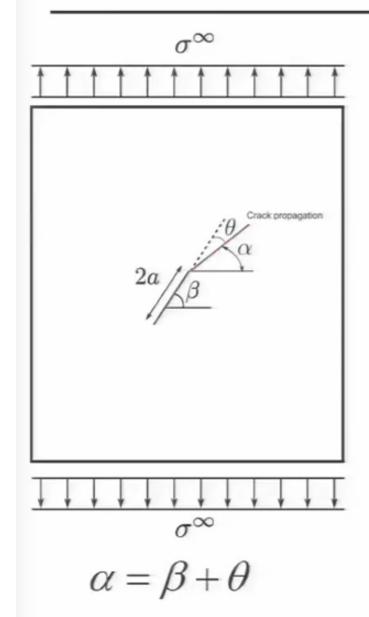
$$\tau_{x'y'} = \sin\theta \cos\theta \, (\sigma_y - \sigma_x) + (\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta) \, \tau_{xy}$$
Since
$$\sigma_x = 0, \, \sigma_y = \sigma^\infty, \, \tau_{xy} = 0$$

$$K_I = Y_I \sigma_{y'} \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$K_{II} = Y_{II} \tau_{x'y'} \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$K_{II} = \sigma^\infty \cos^2\beta \sqrt{\pi a}$$

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$$K_I = \sigma^{\infty} \cos^2 \beta \sqrt{\pi a}$$

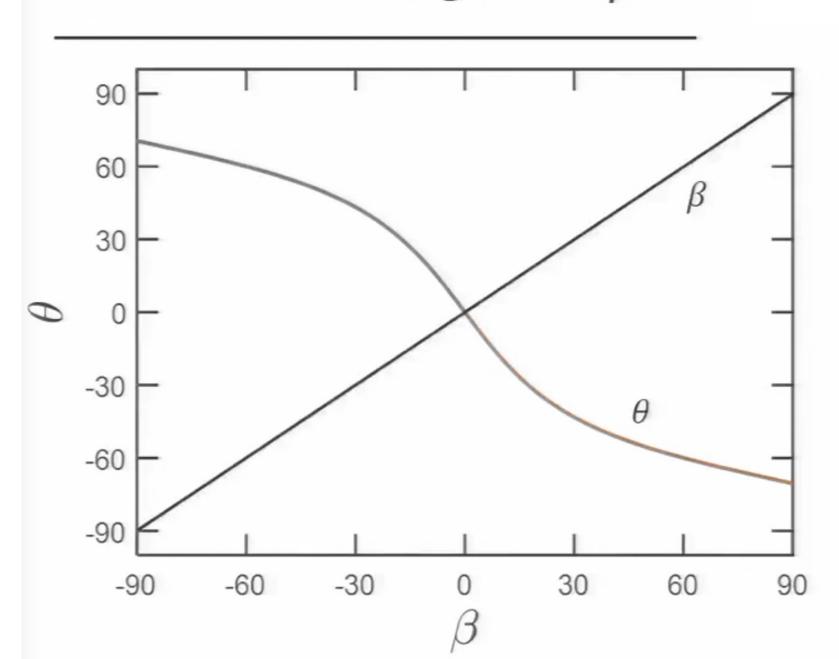
$$K_{II} = \sigma^{\infty} \sin \beta \cos \beta \sqrt{\pi a}$$

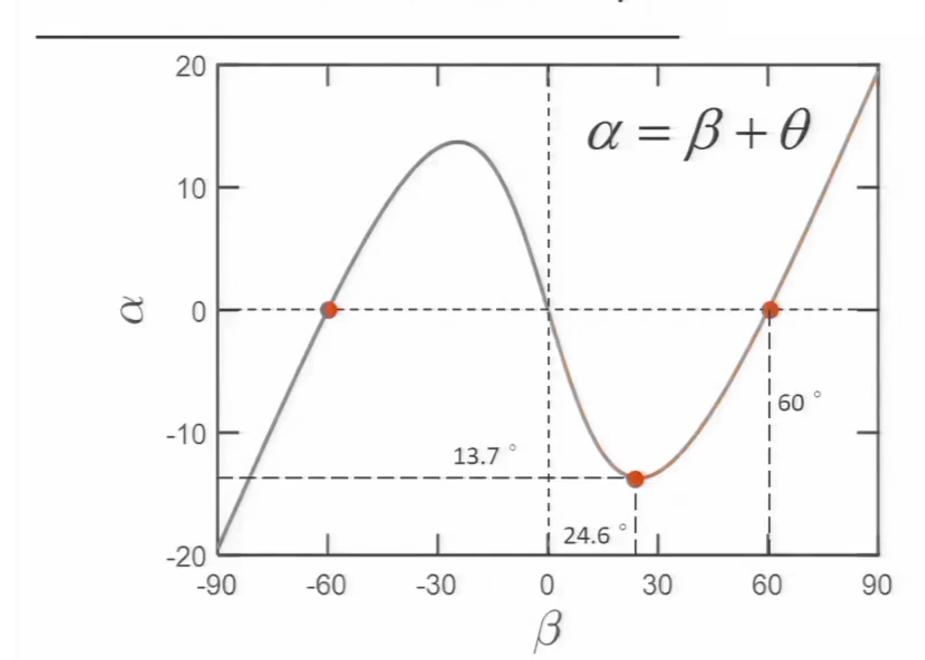
$$\frac{K_I}{K_{II}} = \frac{\cos^2 \beta}{\sin \beta \cos \beta} = \frac{1}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\theta = 2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4} \frac{K_I}{K_{II}} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{K_I}{4K_{II}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

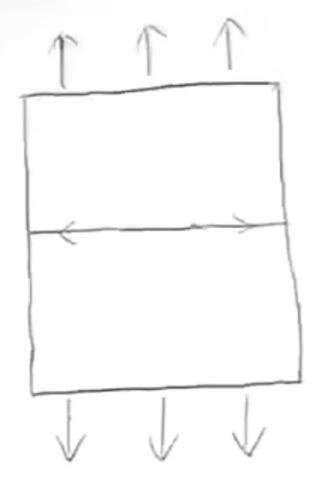
$$\alpha = \beta + 2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4 \tan \beta} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{4 \tan \beta} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

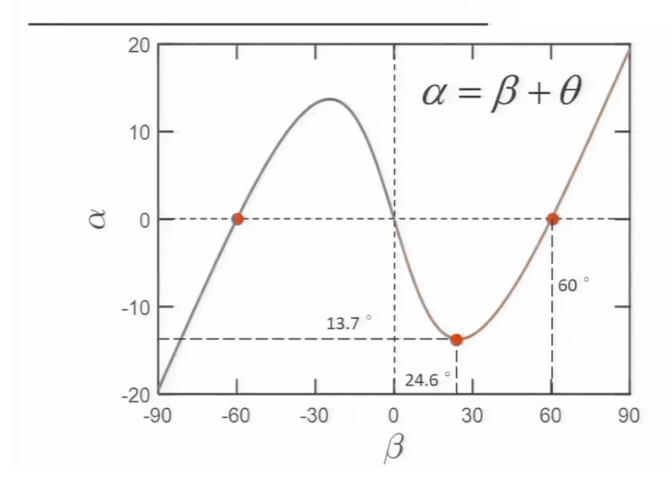
How does θ change with β ?

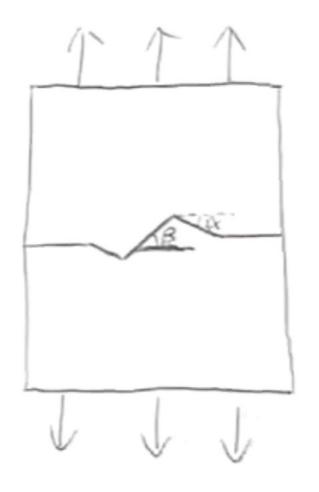




Let set B=0°

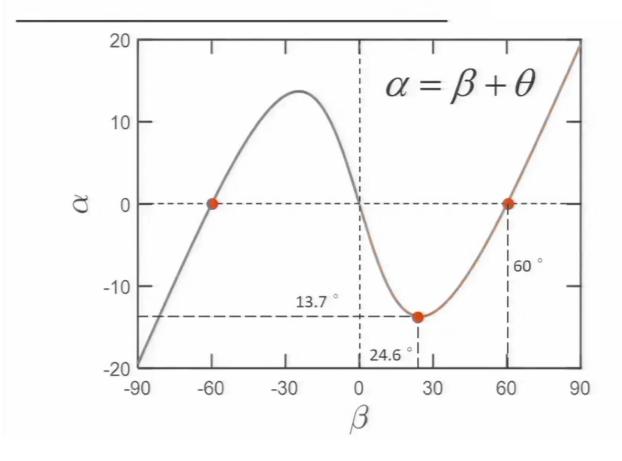


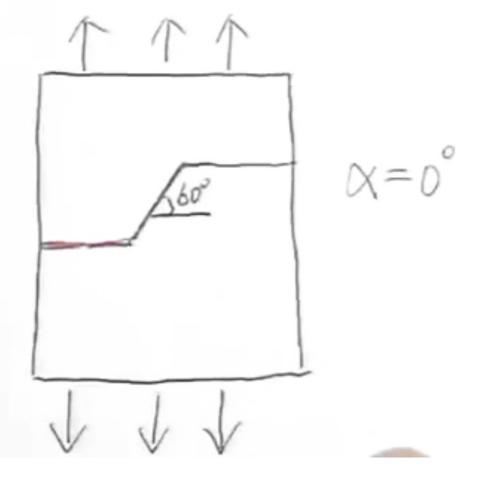


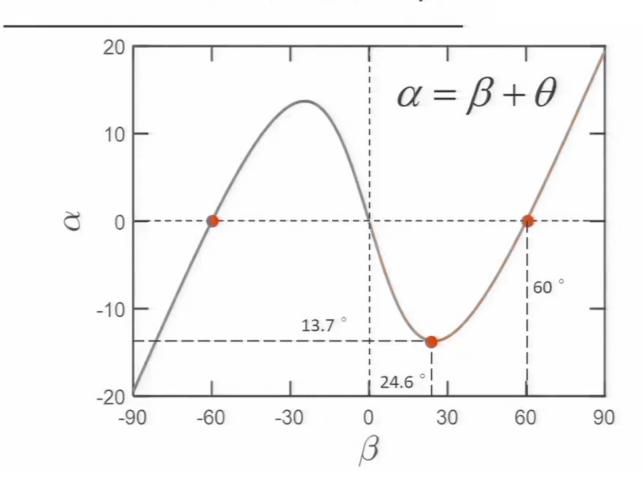


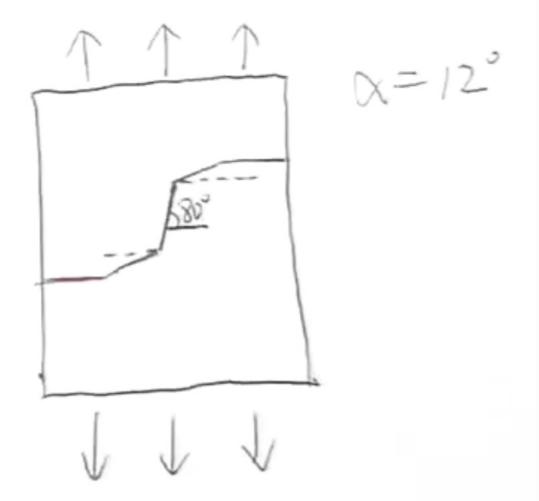
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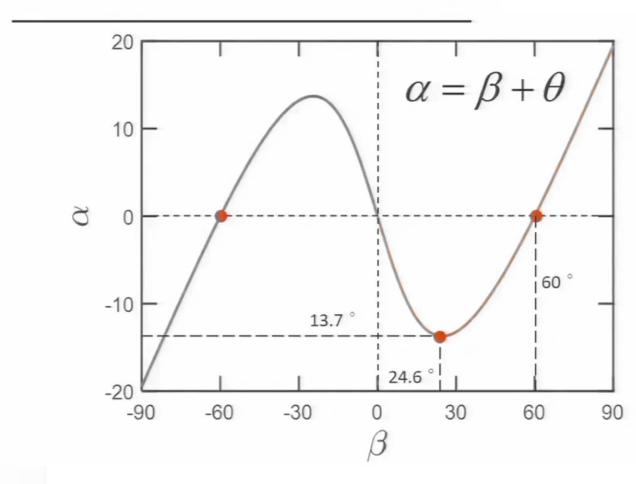
Creek kinking



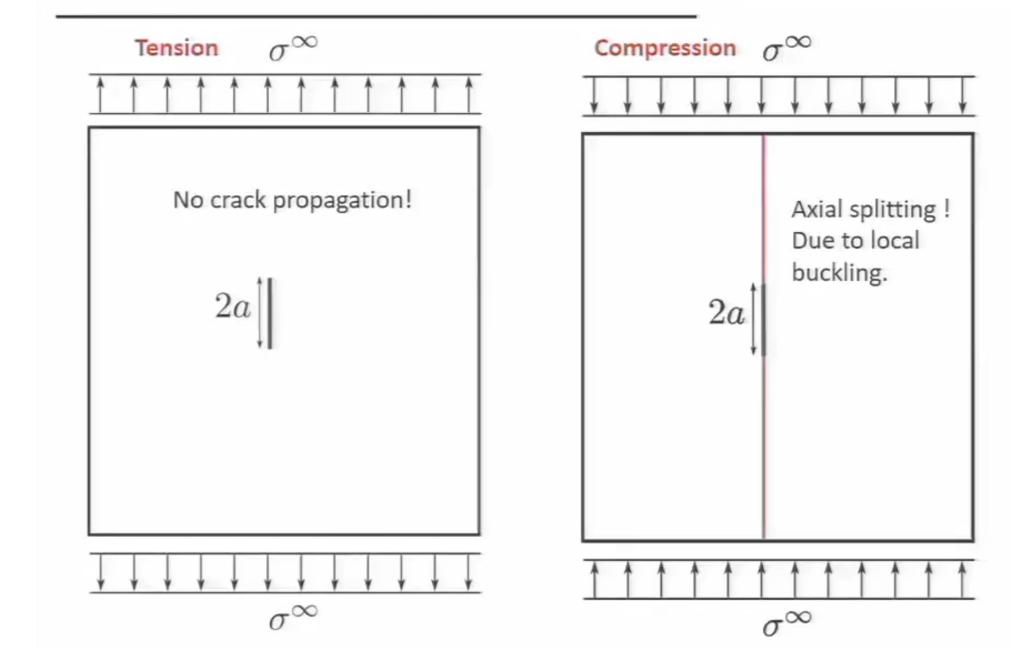




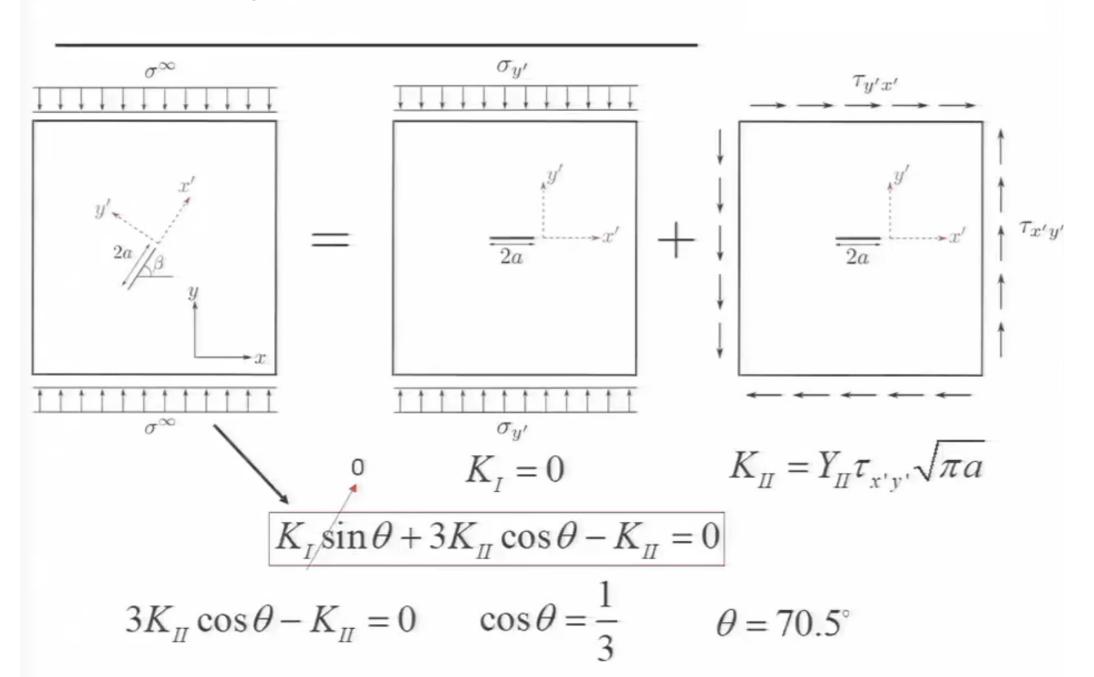




How about these ones?



Uniaxial compression on an inclined crack



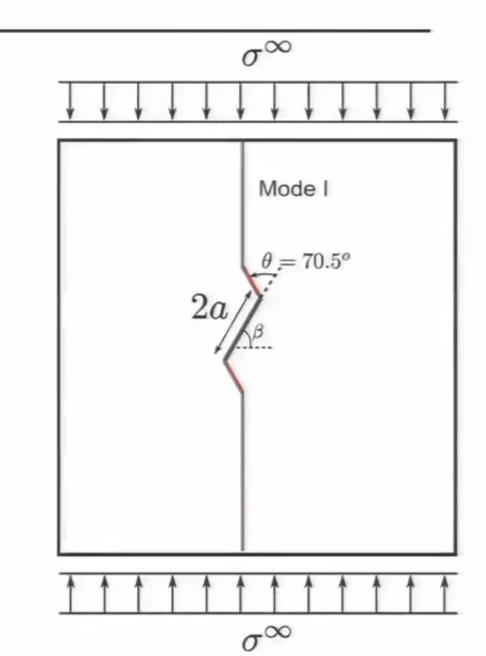
Compression



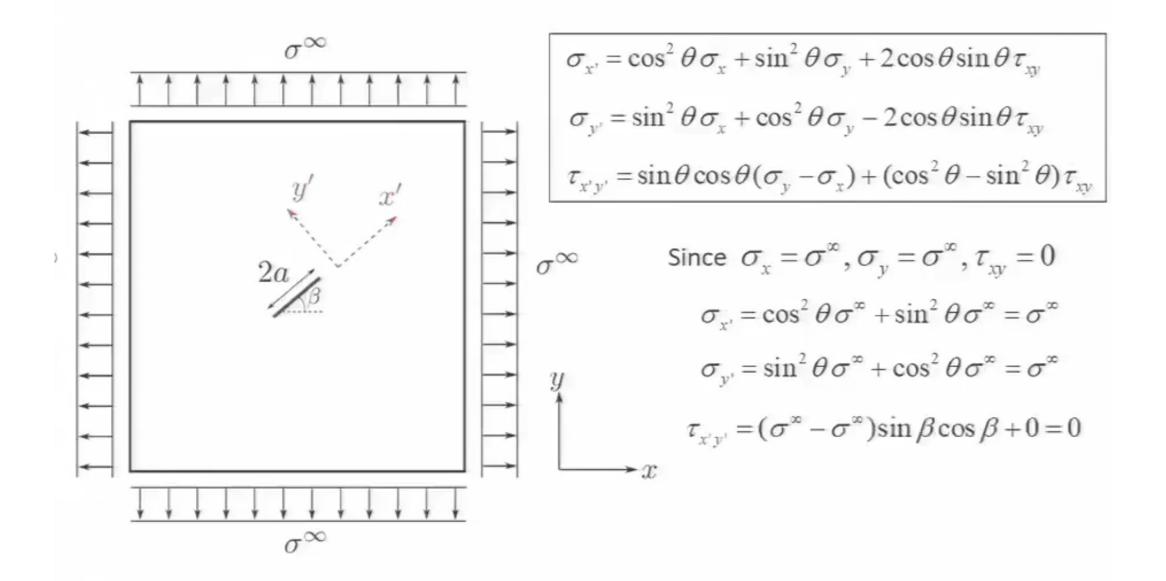
$$X = \beta + \theta$$

= $45^{\circ} + 725^{\circ}$
= $114.5^{\circ} > 90^{\circ}$

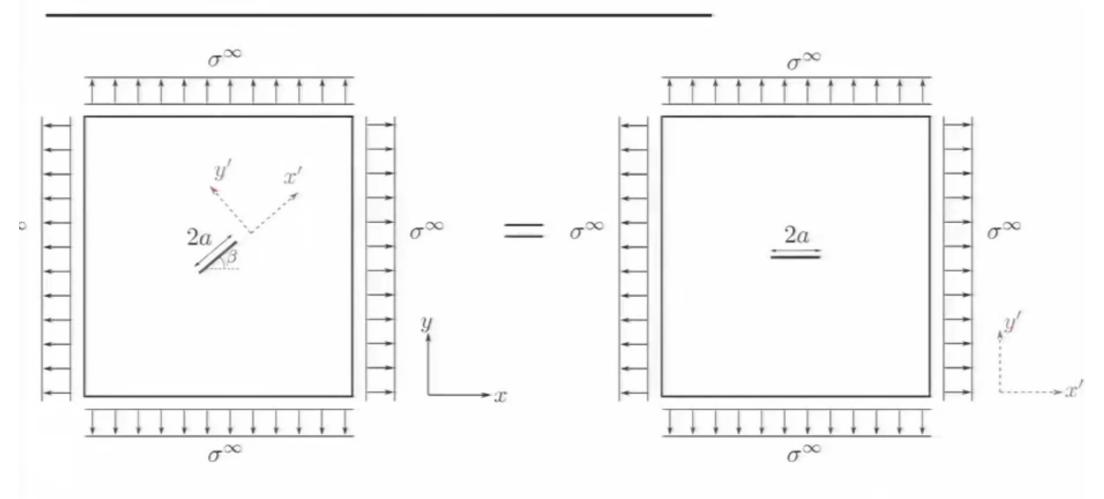
Crack path for compression



Biaxial loading



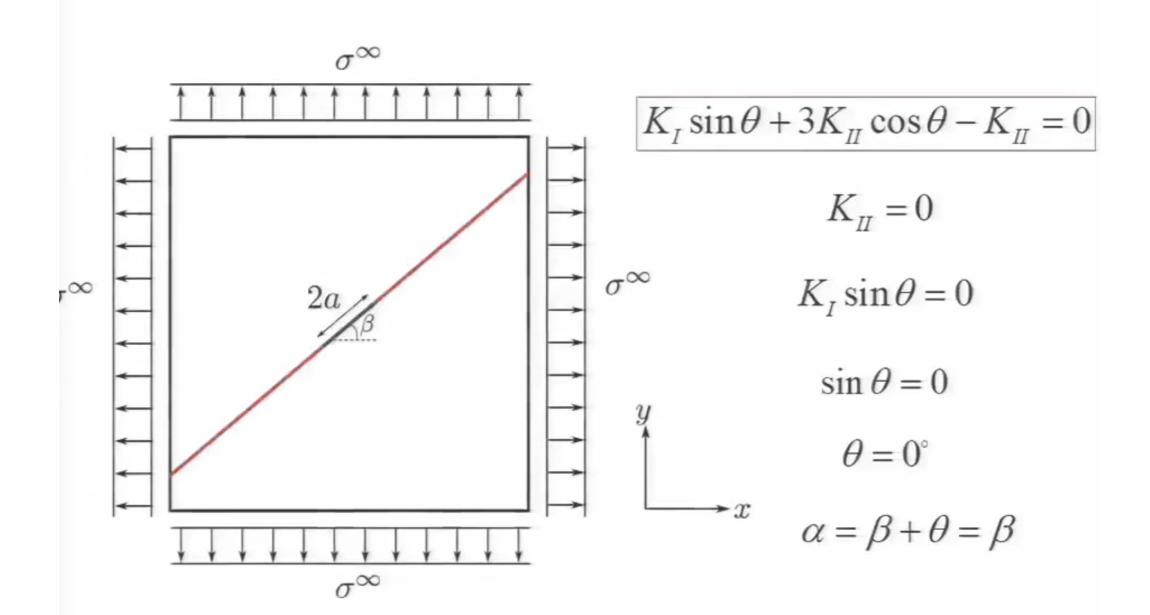
Biaxial loading



$$K_I = Y_I \sigma^{\infty} \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$K_{II}=0$$

Crack direction



$$\tau_{r\theta} = \frac{K_{I}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] = 0$$
 (1)

$$\sin\frac{3\theta}{2} = \sin(\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}) = \sin\theta\cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \cos\theta\sin\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\cos\frac{3\theta}{2} = \cos(\theta + \frac{\theta}{2}) = \cos\theta\cos\frac{\theta}{2} - \sin\theta\sin\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\sin\theta = 2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\cos\theta = 2\cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}$$

*Trigonometric function

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \frac{K_{I}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] = 0 \quad \text{(1)}$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{4} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[\sin\frac{\theta}{2} + \sin\theta\cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \cos\theta\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\sin\frac{\theta}{2} + 2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} + \cos\theta\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \left[1 + 2\cos^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} + 2\cos^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} - 1 \right]$$

$$= \sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} \quad \text{(2)}$$

$$I_{r\theta} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] = 0$$
 (1)

$$\frac{1}{r\theta} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[\frac{1}{4} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] = 0 \quad \text{(1)}$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{4} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[\cos\frac{\theta}{2} + 3(\cos\theta\cos\frac{\theta}{2} - \sin\theta\sin\frac{\theta}{2}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\cos\frac{\theta}{2} + 3(\cos\theta\cos\frac{\theta}{2} - 2\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[1 + 3\cos\theta - 6\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[1 + 3(1 - \sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}) - 6\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[4 - 12\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2} \right] = \cos\frac{\theta}{2} (1 - 3\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}) \quad \text{(3)}$$