6.13. Figure 6.25 shows the load-displacement records of a three-point bend specimen of width W=50 mm and thickness B=20 mm containing three cracks of length a=24, 25 and 26 mm. The specimen with a=25 mm fails at a displacement u=2 mm. Determine the value of J using Equation (6.51) and Equation (6.36).

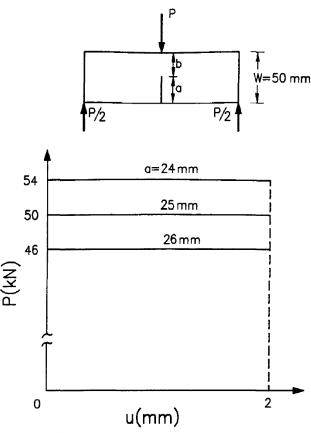


Fig. 6.25. Load-displacement (P-u) records of a three-point bend specimen with three different crack lengths.

and under dead-load

$$J = -\left(\frac{\partial\Pi}{\partial a}\right)_{P} = -\int_{0}^{P_{0}} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial a}\right)_{P} dP.$$
 (6.36)

$$J = \frac{2}{b} \int_{0}^{\delta} P \, \mathrm{d}\delta \tag{6.51}$$

b is the ligament length.