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# Computational Fracture Mechanics (2)

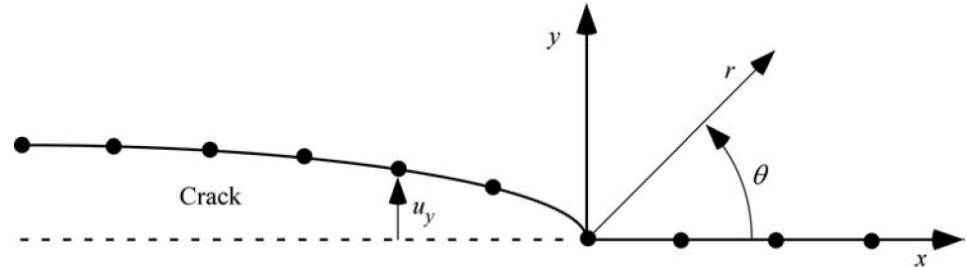


# Computational fracture mechanics

- ❖ Introduction to Finite Element method
- ❖ Singular Stress Finite Elements
- ❖ Extraction of  $K$  (SIF),  $G$
- ❖  $J$  integral
- ❖ Finite Element mesh design for fracture mechanics
- ❖ Computational crack growth
- ❖ Traction Separation Relations

- K from local fields**

## 1. Displacement

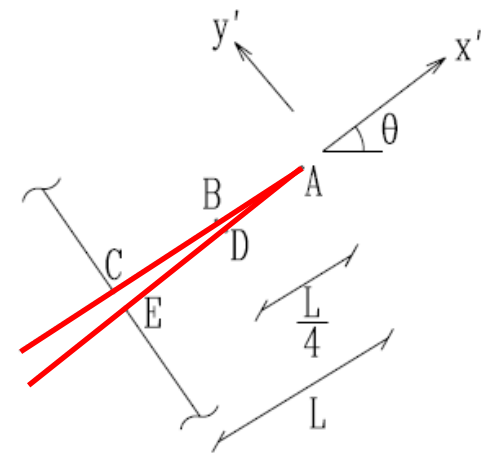


$$u_y(r, \theta = \pi) = \frac{4K_I \sqrt{r}}{\sqrt{2\pi E'}} \Rightarrow K_I = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{E' u_y}{4} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{r}} \right] \quad (\theta = \pi) \quad E' = \begin{cases} E & \text{plane stress} \\ \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} & \text{plane strain} \end{cases}$$

or alternatively from the first quarter point element:

Recall for 1D:

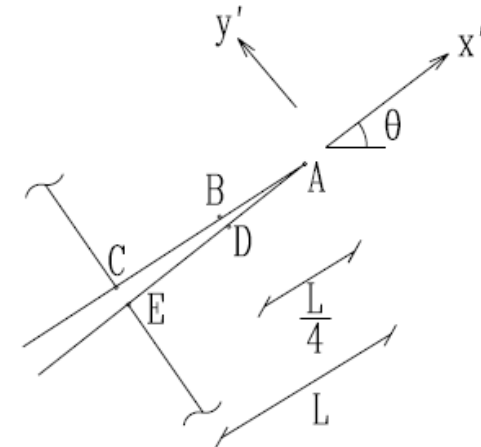
$$u = u_1 + \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{L}} (-3u_1 - u_2 + 4u_3) + \frac{2x}{L} (u_1 + u_2 - 2u_3)$$



- K from local fields**

## 1. Displacement

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 v &= K_I \frac{\kappa + 1}{2G} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \\
 u' &= \bar{u}'_A + \left(-3\bar{u}'_A + 4\bar{u}'_B - \bar{u}'_C\right) \sqrt{\frac{r}{L}} + \left(2\bar{u}'_A + 2\bar{u}'_C - 4\bar{u}'_B\right) \frac{r}{L} \\
 v' &= \bar{v}'_A + \left(-3\bar{v}'_A + 4\bar{v}'_B - \bar{v}'_C\right) \sqrt{\frac{r}{L}} + \left(2\bar{v}'_A + 2\bar{v}'_C - 4\bar{v}'_B\right) \frac{r}{L}
 \end{aligned} \right\}$$



$$K_I = \frac{2G}{\kappa + 1} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{L}} \left(-3\bar{v}'_A + 4\bar{v}'_B - \bar{v}'_C\right)$$

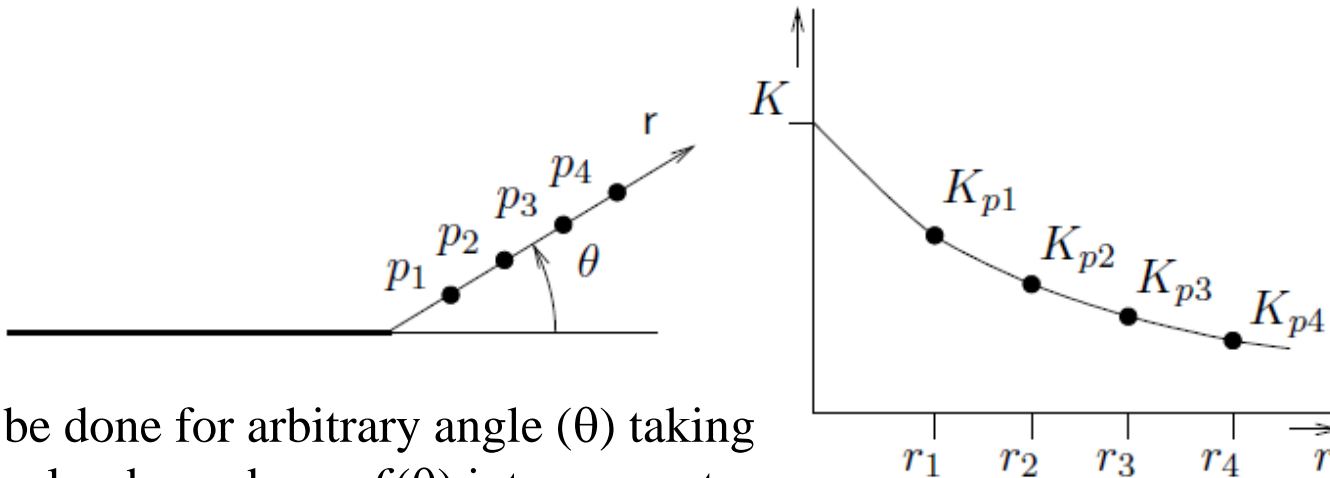
Mixed mode generalization:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} K_I \\ K_{II} \end{array} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2G}{\kappa + 1} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{L}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3\bar{u}'_A + 4(\bar{u}'_B - \bar{u}'_D) - (\bar{u}'_C - \bar{u}'_E) \\ -3\bar{v}'_A + 4(\bar{v}'_B - \bar{v}'_D) - (\bar{v}'_C - \bar{v}'_E) \end{bmatrix}$$

- **K from local fields**

## 2. Stress

$$K_I = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( \sqrt{2\pi r} \sigma_{22} |_{\theta=0} \right) \quad ; \quad K_{II} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( \sqrt{2\pi r} \sigma_{12} |_{\theta=0} \right)$$



or can be done for arbitrary angle ( $\theta$ ) taking  $\sigma$  angular dependence  $f(\theta)$  into account

**Stress based method is less accurate because:**

- Stress is a derivative field and generally is one order less accurate than displacement
- Stress is singular as opposed to displacement
- Stress method is much more sensitive to where loads are applied (crack surface or far field)



# Extraction of $K$

- $K$  from energy approaches

1. Elementary crack advance (two FEM solutions for  $a$  and  $a + \Delta a$ )
2. Virtual Crack Extension: Stiffness derivative approach
3.  $J$ -integral based approaches (next section)

After obtaining  $G$  (or  $J=G$  for LEFM)  $K$  can be obtained from:

$$K_I^2 = E'G$$

$$E' = \begin{cases} E & \text{plane stress} \\ \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} & \text{plane strain} \end{cases}$$

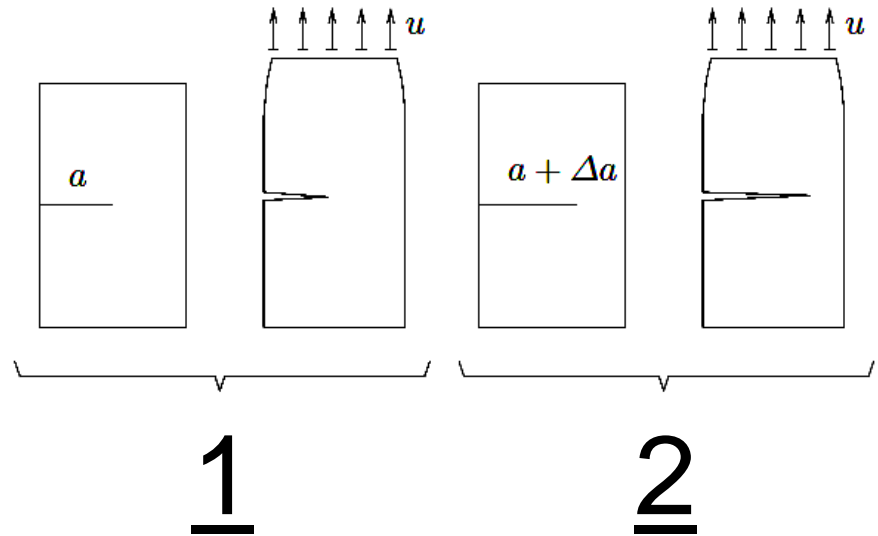
- **K from energy approaches**

1. Elementary crack advance

- For fixed grip boundary condition perform **two simulations** (1,  $a$ ) and (2,  $a + \Delta a$ ):  
All FEM packages can compute strain (internal) energy  $U_i$

Fixed grips:  $\frac{dU_e}{da} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow G = -\frac{1}{B} \frac{dU_i}{da} \approx -\frac{1}{B} \frac{U_i(a + \Delta a) - U_i(a)}{\Delta a}$$



- Drawback:  
Requires two solutions  
Prone to Finite Difference (FD) errors

- K from energy approaches**

## 2. Virtual crack extension

Potential energy is given by:

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} [u] [K] [u] - [u] \{p\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -G &= \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial [u]}{\partial a} [K] [u] + \frac{1}{2} [u] \frac{\partial [K]}{\partial a} [u] - \frac{\partial [u]}{\partial a} \{p\} - [u] \frac{\partial \{p\}}{\partial a} \\ &= \frac{\partial [u]}{\partial a} \underbrace{([K] [u] - \{p\})}_0 + \frac{1}{2} [u] \frac{\partial [K]}{\partial a} [u] - [u] \frac{\partial \{p\}}{\partial a} \end{aligned}$$

$$G = -\frac{1}{2} [u] \frac{\partial [K]}{\partial a} [u] + [u] \frac{\partial \{p\}}{\partial a}$$

Furthermore when the loads are constant:

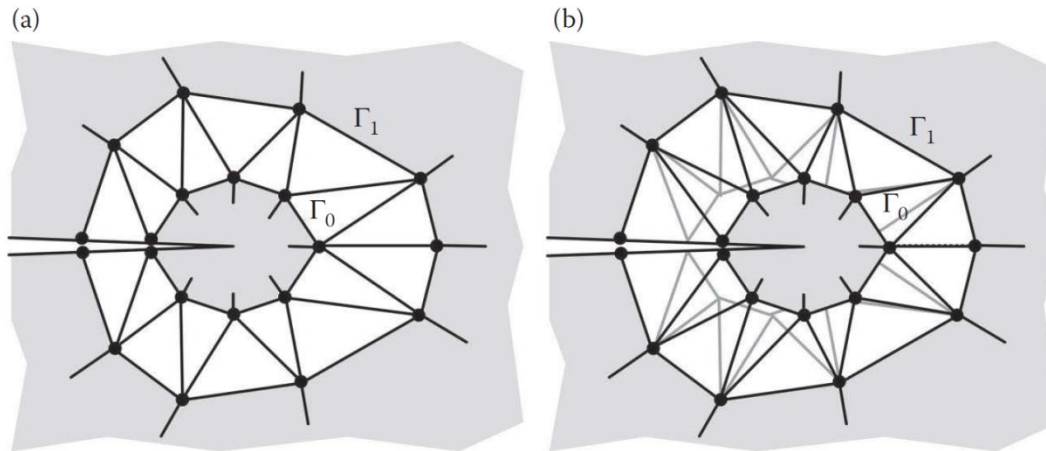
$$G = \frac{K_I^2}{E'} = -\frac{1}{2} [u]^T \frac{\partial [K]}{\partial a} [u]$$



- $K$  from energy approaches

## 2. Virtual crack extension

- Only the few elements that are distorted contribute to  $\frac{\partial K}{\partial a}$ .



- We may not even need to form elements and assemble  $\mathbf{K}$  for  $a$  and  $a+\Delta a$  to obtain  $\frac{\partial K}{\partial a}$ . We can explicitly obtain  $\frac{\partial K^e}{\partial a}$  for elements affected by crack growth by computing derivatives of actual geometry of the element to parent geometry.

- This method is equivalent to J integral method (Park 1974)

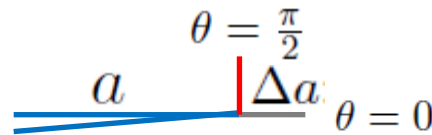
- **K from energy approaches**

## 2. Virtual crack extension: Mixed mode

➤ For LEFM energy release rates  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are given by:

$$J_1 = G_1 = \frac{K_I^2 + K_{II}^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^2}{2\mu} \qquad J_2 = G_2 = \frac{-2K_I K_{II}}{E'}$$

Using Virtual crack extension (or elementary crack advance) compute  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  for crack lengths  $a$ ,  $a + \Delta a$  (along  $\theta = 0$ , and determine  $G_1$  and along  $\theta = \pi$  determine  $G_2$ ).



➤ Obtain  $K_I$  and  $K_{II}$  from:

$$K_I = \frac{s \mp \sqrt{s^2 + \frac{8G_1}{\alpha}}}{4}$$

that:

$$s = 2\sqrt{\frac{G_1 - G_2}{\alpha}},$$

Note that there are two sets of solutions!

$$K_{II} = \frac{s \mp \sqrt{s^2 + \frac{8G_2}{\alpha}}}{4}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{(1-\nu)(1+\kappa)}{E}$$

## Uses of J integral:

1. LEFM: Can obtain  $K_I$  and  $K_{II}$  from J integrals ( $G = J$  for LEFM)

$$J_1 = G_1 = \frac{K_I^2 + K_{II}^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^2}{2\mu}$$

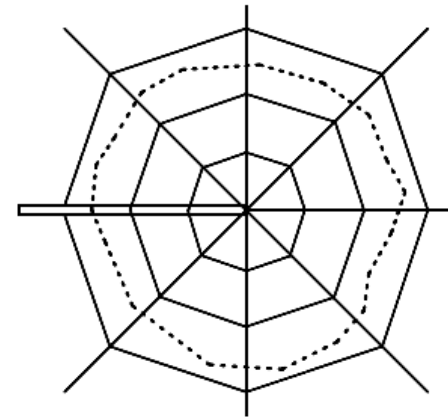
$$J_2 = G_2 = \frac{-2K_I K_{II}}{E'}$$

2. Still valid for nonlinear (NLFM) and plastic (PFM) fracture mechanics.

## • Methods to evaluate J integral:

❖ Contour integral: 
$$J = \int_{\Gamma} \left( w dy - \mathbf{t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x} d\Gamma \right)$$

❖ Equivalent (Energy) domain integral (EDI):

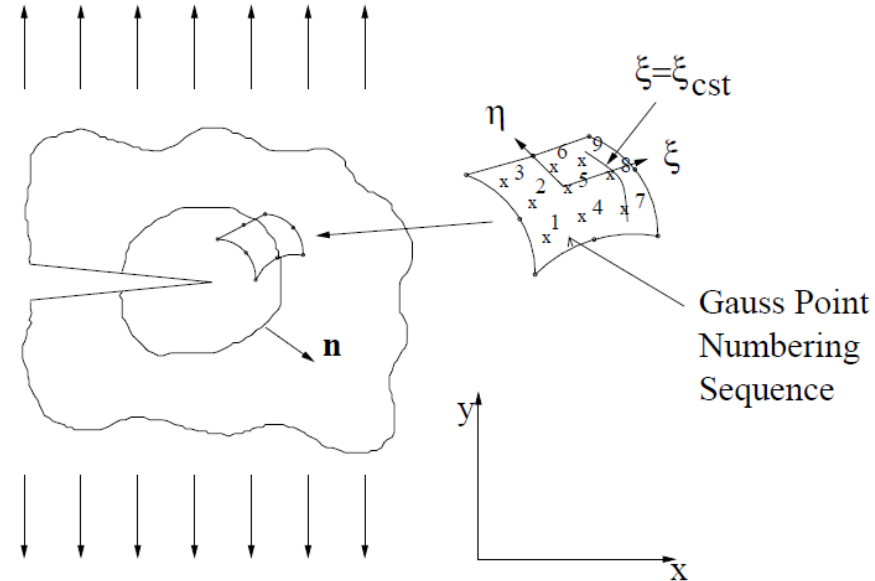
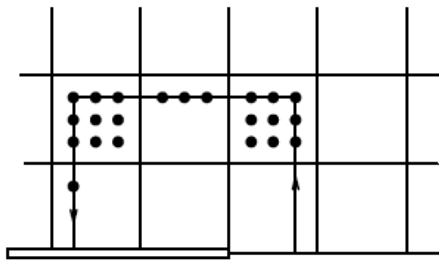


- Gauss theorem: line/surface (2D/3D) integral  $\rightarrow$  surface/volume integral
- Much simpler to evaluate computationally
- Easy to incorporate plasticity, crack surface tractions, thermal strains, *etc.*
- Prevalent method for computing J-integral

# J integral

## Contour integral

- Stresses are available and also more accurate at Gauss points
- Integral path goes through Gauss points



$$J = \int_{\Gamma} \left( w dy - \mathbf{t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x} d\Gamma \right)$$

$$J = \int_{-1}^1 \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \left[ \sigma_x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \tau_{xy} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + \sigma_y \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right]}_w \underbrace{\frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta}}_{dy} - \underbrace{\left[ (\sigma_x n_1 + \tau_{xy} n_2) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (\tau_{xy} n_1 + \sigma_y n_2) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right]}_{\mathbf{t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x}} \underbrace{\sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \right)^2}}_{ds} \right\} d\eta$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 I d\eta$$

Cumbersome to formulate the integrand, evaluate normal vector, and integrate over lines (2D) and surfaces (3D) **Not commonly used**

## • Equivalent Domain Integral

➤ General form of J integral

$$J = \lim_{\Gamma_0 \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Gamma_0} \left[ (w + T) \delta_{1i} - \sigma_{ij} \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_1} \right] n_i d\Gamma$$

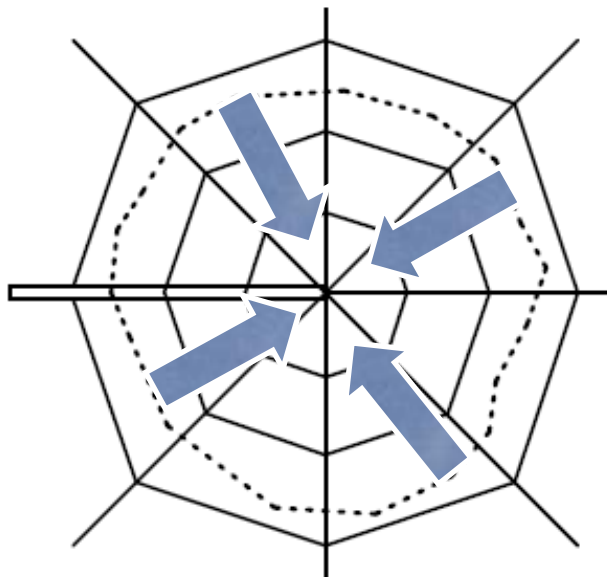
$$w = \int_0^{\varepsilon_{kl}^m} \sigma_{ij} d\varepsilon_{ij}^m$$

Inelastic stress

Kinetic energy density

Can include (visco-) plasticity, and thermal stresses

$$T = \frac{1}{2\rho} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t}$$



$$\varepsilon_{ij}^{total} = \varepsilon_{ij}^{el} + \varepsilon_{ij}^{pl} + \alpha \Theta \delta_{ij} = \varepsilon_{ij}^m + \varepsilon_{kk}^t$$

Elastic      Plastic      Thermal ( $\Theta$  temperature)

$\Gamma_0 \rightarrow 0$ : J contour approaches Crack tip

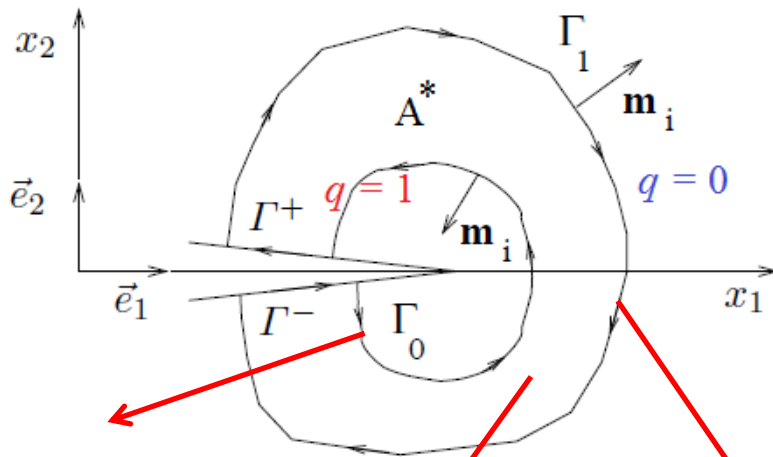
Accuracy of the solution deteriorates at Crack tip

**Inaccurate/Impractical evaluation of J using contour integral**

## • Equivalent Domain Integral

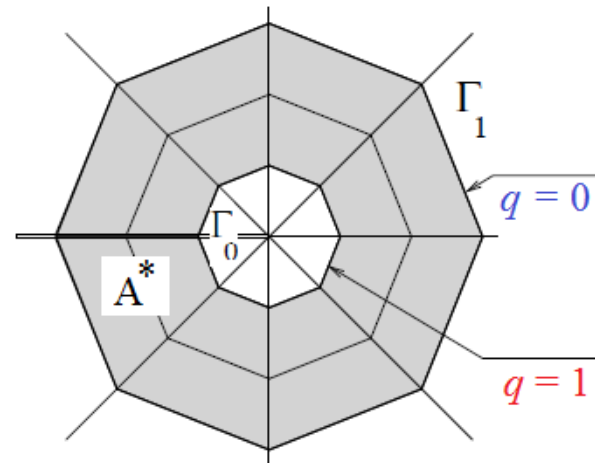
Divergence theorem: Line/Surface (2D/3D) integral  $\longrightarrow$  Surface/Volume Integral

Application in FEM meshes



Original J integral contour

Surface integral after using divergence theorem



$\Gamma_0 \rightarrow 0$



2D mesh covers crack tip

- Contour integral added to create closed surface
- By using  $q = 0$  this integral in effect is zero