

# LMS

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## **CONVERGENCE REQUIREMENTS & OTHER REMARKS**





Sufficient conditions for convergence in linear elasticity problems solved using the FEM are  $C^0$  continuity and completeness of interpolation functions, i.e. their capability of representing exactly constant strain solutions (or equivalently any linear displacement field)

• Inter-element continuity needed for finite energy of the approximation







As mesh size (max size of element)  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the strains in each element are almost constant. Consequently FEM interpolation must be able to represent any constant strain field and shape functions must be able to represent exactly an arbitrary linear displacement field (property known under the name: patch test)

linear field : 
$$u_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \alpha_{ij} x_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \beta_i$$
,  $U_i^J = \alpha_{ij} x_j^J + \beta_i$ 

interpolation : 
$$u_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_J N_J(\boldsymbol{\xi}) U_i^J = \sum_J N_J(\boldsymbol{\xi}) (\alpha_{ij} x_j^J + \beta_i)$$
  
interpolation :  $x_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_J N_J(\boldsymbol{\xi}) x_i^J$   
combine :  $u_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \alpha_{ij} x_j(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \beta_i [\sum_J N_J(\boldsymbol{\xi})] \Longrightarrow \sum_J N_J(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = 1$ 





Satisfying the patch test requirement, includes accounting for rigid body translations and infinitesimal rotations.

Recall that FEM discretization can include arbitrary linear displacement fields:  $u_i = \alpha_{ij} x_j + \beta_i$  and thus  $\alpha_{ij}$  can include infinitesimal rotations (antisymmetric tensors  $\Omega_{ij} = -\Omega_{ji}$ ) and  $\beta_i$  accounts for translations

**NOTE:** Small strain linear elasticity is invariant under infinitesimal strains but is not invariant under finite strains!

For displacement field  $u_i = [R_{ij} - \delta_{ij}]x_{j}$ , you can easily see that the strains are  $\varepsilon_{ij} = [R_{ij} + R_{ji}]$  that does not vanish for a finite rotation  $R_{ij}$ 

**NOTE:** Finite strain theories are needed to correct this problem!





# SINGULARITIES OF NOTCHES (AND CRACKS) IN 2D



#### FRACTURE MECHANICS AND ASSOCIATED FEM TOOLS









Fracture plays an important role in engineering design. Inevitable flaws (in the form of cracks) can grow uncontrollably, if they exceed a certain size

Pictures above are: from failure of *US Schenectady* (1943), *de Haviland Comet* (1950's) and *Flight AA587* (2001)





- Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics (LEFM) is a successful theory for designing against inevitable flaws in structures
- Stresses are infinite at ends of flaws (crack tips) but their known singularity has an amplitude called stress intensity factor
- The stress intensity factor is related to the energy required to advance the crack, a measurable material property (energy release rate). When the stress intensity factor is lower than the one corresponding to the critical energy release rate the crack does not advance
- In LEFM we calculate using FEM the stress intensity factor for a given structure and loading and check if it is less than its critical value
- LEFM is a successful theory for brittle solids where the process zone ahead of the crack tip is small compared to the flaw dimensions





In the absence of body forces, boundary value problems in 2D isotropic linear elasticity (plane stress or plane strain) and be found using the Airy stress function  $\varphi$  (equilibrium automatically satisfied).

2D elasticity : must find a biharmonic function  $\phi$  :  $\nabla^4\phi=0$ 

cartesian : 
$$\nabla^4 \phi = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2}\right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_2^2}\right) = 0$$
  
cartesian :  $\sigma_{11} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_2 \partial x_2}$ ,  $\sigma_{22} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_1 \partial x_1}$ ,  $\sigma_{12} = -\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}$ 

polar : 
$$\nabla^4 \phi = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}\right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2}\right) = 0$$

polar : 
$$\sigma_{rr} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2}$$
,  $\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2}$ ,  $\sigma_{r\theta} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right)$ 





Interested in finding leading order terms near tip of elastic wedge:

$$\phi = r^{\lambda+1} f(\theta) \implies \left(\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} + (\lambda-1)^2\right) \left(\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} + (\lambda+1)^2\right) f(\theta) = 0$$

 $f(\theta) = A_1 \cos[(\lambda + 1)\theta] + A_2 \cos[(\lambda - 1)\theta] + A_3 \sin[(\lambda + 1)\theta] + A_4 \sin[(\lambda - 1)\theta]$ 

$$\sigma_{r\theta} = \lambda r^{\lambda-1} \left\{ A_1(\lambda+1) \sin[(\lambda+1)\theta] + A_2(\lambda-1) \sin[(\lambda-1)\theta] - A_3(\lambda+1) \cos[(\lambda+1)\theta] - A_4(\lambda-1) \cos[(\lambda-1)\theta] \right\}$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \lambda r^{\lambda-1} \left\{ A_1(\lambda+1) \cos[(\lambda+1)\theta] + A_2(\lambda+1) \cos[(\lambda-1)\theta] \right\}$$

$$\tau_{raction free}$$

$$+ A_3(\lambda+1) \sin[(\lambda+1)\theta] + A_4(\lambda+1) \sin[(\lambda-1)\theta] \right\}$$

$$\lambda \text{ found from traction free edges : } \sigma_{r\theta}(r, \pm \alpha) = \sigma_{\theta\theta}(r, \pm \alpha) = 0$$





From stresses one can then calculate the corresponding displacements:

$$\epsilon_{rr} = \frac{1}{8G} [(\kappa + 1)\sigma_{rr} - (3 - \kappa)\sigma_{\theta\theta}] = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r}$$

$$\epsilon_{\theta\theta} = \frac{1}{8G} [(\kappa+1)\sigma_{\theta\theta} - (3-\kappa)\sigma_{rr}] = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_{\theta}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_r}{r}$$

$$\epsilon_{r\theta} = \frac{1}{2G}\sigma_{r\theta} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{u_\theta}{r}\right)$$

NOTE: only displacement expressions depend on plane stress or strain (via Kolosov's constant κ);

Kolosov's constant :  $\kappa = 3 - 4\nu$  plane strain;  $\kappa = (3 - \nu)/(1 + \nu)$  plane stress

$$2Gu_r = r^{\lambda} \left\{ -A_1(\lambda+1)\cos[(\lambda+1)\theta] + A_2(\kappa-\lambda)\cos[(\lambda-1)\theta] \right\}$$

$$-A_3(\lambda+1)\sin[(\lambda+1)\theta] + A_4(\kappa-\lambda)\sin[(\lambda-1)\theta]$$

 $2Gu_{\theta} = r^{\lambda} \left\{ A_1(\lambda+1) \sin[(\lambda+1)\theta] + A_2(\kappa+\lambda) \sin[(\lambda-1)\theta] \right\}$ 

$$-A_3(\lambda+1)\cos[(\lambda+1)\theta] - A_4(\kappa+\lambda)\cos[(\lambda-1)\theta]$$





$$\begin{bmatrix} (\lambda+1)\sin[(\lambda+1)\alpha] & (\lambda-1)\sin[(\lambda-1)\alpha] \\ (\lambda+1)\cos[(\lambda+1)\alpha] & (\lambda+1)\cos[(\lambda-1)\alpha] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

symmetric solution :  $A_1 \neq 0, \ A_2 \neq 0, \ (A_3 = A_4 = 0)$ 

 $\lambda \sin(2\alpha) + \sin(2\lambda\alpha) = 0$ , solution :  $\lambda_S$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\lambda+1)\cos[(\lambda+1)\alpha] & (\lambda-1)\cos[(\lambda-1)\alpha] \\ (\lambda+1)\sin[(\lambda+1)\alpha] & (\lambda+1)\sin[(\lambda-1)\alpha] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_3 \\ A_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

antisymmetric solution :  $(A_1 = A_2 = 0), A_3 \neq 0, A_4 \neq 0$ 

 $\lambda \sin(2\alpha) - \sin(2\lambda\alpha) = 0$ , solution :  $\lambda_A$ 



#### **NOTCH PROBLEM – SINGULARITY NEAR TIP**



Solving systems for symmetric  $(A_1, A_2)$  and anti-symmetric  $(A_3, A_4)$  case, we get the corresponding Airy stress functions  $\varphi_S$  and  $\varphi_A$ . The unknown coefficients *A* and *B* will be related with stress intensity factors *K* that depends on the geometry and loading of the structure.

symmetric:  $A_1 = A(\lambda_S - 1)\sin[(\lambda_S - 1)\alpha], \quad A_2 = -A(\lambda_S + 1)\sin[(\lambda_S + 1)\alpha],$ 

$$\phi_S = Ar^{\lambda_S + 1} \left\{ (\lambda_S - 1) \sin[(\lambda_S - 1)\alpha] \cos[(\lambda_S + 1)\theta] - (\lambda_S + 1) \sin[(\lambda_S + 1)\alpha] \cos[(\lambda_S - 1)\theta] \right\}$$

antisym.:  $A_3 = B(\lambda_A + 1) \sin[(\lambda_A - 1)\alpha], \quad A_4 = -B(\lambda_A + 1) \sin[(\lambda_A + 1)\alpha],$ 

 $\phi_A = Br^{\lambda_A + 1} \left\{ (\lambda_A - 1)\sin[(\lambda_A - 1)\alpha]\sin[(\lambda_A + 1)\theta] - (\lambda_A + 1)\sin[(\lambda_A + 1)\alpha]\sin[(\lambda_A - 1)\theta] \right\}$ 





- K<sub>I</sub> and K<sub>II</sub> are called the stressintensity factors in Mode-I and Mode-II loading.
- Crack propagates if they exceed a critical value (fracture toughness)

#### Mode I: symmetric solution (2D)



Mode II: anti-symmetric solution (2D)

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





#### The cartesian components of stresses and displacements near the crack tip are: Mode I: symmetric solution (2D) Mode II: anti-symmetric solution (2D) $\sigma_{11} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[ -\sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \left\{ 2 + \cos(\frac{1}{2}\theta)\cos(\frac{3}{2}\theta) \right\} \right]$ $\sigma_{11} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[ \cos(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \left\{ 1 - \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \sin(\frac{3}{2}\theta) \right\} \right]$ $\sigma_{22} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[ \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \cos(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \cos(\frac{3}{2}\theta) \right]$ $\sigma_{22} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[ \cos(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \left\{ 1 + \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \sin(\frac{3}{2}\theta) \right\} \right]$ $\sigma_{12} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[ \cos(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \cos(\frac{3}{2}\theta) \right]$ $\sigma_{12} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[ \cos(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \left\{ 1 - \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \sin(\frac{3}{2}\theta) \right\} \right]$ $u_1 = \frac{K_I}{2\mu} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \left[ \cos(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \left\{ \kappa - 1 + 2\sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \right\} \right]$ $u_1 = \frac{K_{II}}{2\mu} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \left[ \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \left\{ \kappa + 1 + 2\cos^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \right\} \right]$ $u_2 = \frac{K_I}{2\mu} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \left[ \sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \left\{ \kappa + 1 - 2\cos^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \right\} \right]$ $u_2 = \frac{K_{II}}{2\mu} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \left[ -\cos(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \left\{ \kappa - 1 - 2\sin^2(\frac{1}{2}\theta) \right\} \right]$



NOTE: as  $r \rightarrow 0$ , the displacements  $u_i \rightarrow 0$  while the stresses  $\sigma_{ij} \rightarrow \infty$  in such a way that the energy stored at the entire solid is finite!





## STRESS-INTENSITY FACTORS VIA INTERPOLATION AND SPECIAL ELEMENTS

# STRESS INTENSITY FACTOR USING EXTRAPOLATION





find 
$$K_I, K_{II}: \quad K_I = \alpha_I \frac{G\sqrt{2\pi}}{\kappa+1}, \quad K_{II} = \alpha_{II} \frac{G\sqrt{2\pi}}{\kappa+1}$$

Using an FEM discretization of the solid with acrack, we calculate the crack-opening-displacement (C.O.D.) using the displacement values obtained at its two faces and from the fitted parameters  $\alpha_I$  and  $\alpha_{II}$  (e.g. using least squares fit) we can evaluate the stress intensity factors  $K_I$  and  $K_{II}$ 

#### **CRACK TIP ELEMENT WITH SINGULAR SHAPE FUNCTION**





In order to calculate accurately the displacements near the crack tip, one can use special elements that are capable of accounting for  $r^{1/2}$  singularity. The simplest possible choice are the 6-node triangles where two of the nodes (5 and 6) are placed at  $\frac{1}{4}$  the distance from the crack tip node (3)

$$\mathbf{x}_6 = (1/4)\mathbf{x}_1, \ \mathbf{x}_5 = (1/4)\mathbf{x}_2, \ \mathbf{x}_4 = (1/2)(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2)$$



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Recall:  $x_1 = (\xi_1)^2 [1 + \alpha][a + \alpha b], \quad x_2 = (\xi_1)^2 [1 + \alpha][\alpha c]$  $r = [(x_1)^2 + (x_2)^2]^{1/2} = (\xi_1)^2 [1 + \alpha] \gamma$  (geometry-dependent constant) i.e.  $\xi_1 = \sqrt{(r/\gamma)}$ 

$$\mathbf{u}(x_1, x_2) = \sum N_I(\xi_1, \xi_2) \mathbf{x}^I = \sum N_I(\xi_1, \boldsymbol{\alpha}\xi_1) \mathbf{x}^I = \mathbf{u}^3 + \mathbf{f} \sqrt{(r/\gamma)} + \mathbf{g} (r/\gamma)$$

Notice that the shape functions for the crack tip element are rich enough as to include the correct singularity for the displacement field





## FEM CALCULATIONS IN A MODE I GRIFFITH CRACK





An infinite strip of width 2b contains a crack at the center of length 2a. The strip is subjected to uniaxial stress  $\sigma_{22} = \sigma$ .

Only one quarter is analyzed due to symmetry.

$$\sigma_{22}(x_1, 0) = \sigma |x_1| / ((x_1)^2 - a^2)^{1/2} \text{ (for } b \rightarrow \infty)$$

 $K_I = \sigma \; (\pi \alpha)^{1/2} \, (\text{for } b \boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \infty)$ 

 $u_2(x_1,0) = [\sigma(\kappa+1)/4G] (a^2 - (x_1)^2)^{1/2} (\text{for } b \to \infty)$ 

**NOTE**:  $K_I = \sigma (\pi \alpha / \cos(\pi \alpha / 2b))^{1/2}$  (for finite *b*)









Five different types of meshes were analyzed:

A, B, C, D have simple constant strain triangles

E is made of 6-node triangles, with the ones at the tip having the mid-node at quarter length **CRACK OF LENGTH 2a UNDER UNIAXIAL STRESSING (MODE I)** 





Calculation of  $\sigma_{22}(x_1, 0)$ 

A mesh with a/3 size CST

B mesh with *a*/10 size CST

C mesh with a/33 size CST

D mesh with *a*/100 size CST

E mesh with *a/3* 6-node triangles (same mesh as A), but with cracktip elements that account for singular shape functions



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#### Calculation of crack opening displacement $u_2(x_1, 0)$



A mesh with a/3 size CST

B mesh with *a*/10 size CST

C mesh with *a/33* size CST

D mesh with *a*/100 size CST

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# STRESS-INTENSITY FACTORS USING ENERGY METHGODS







An advancing crack creates new surface and requires energy/length J, thus reducing the solid's pot. energy U

Need to calculate change of energy due to domain  $D(\tau)$ change:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \tau \mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x})$  where  $\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x})$ : initial velocity of transformation. For crack along  $x_l$ , take  $\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x}) = z_l(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{e}_l$ 

Assumptions:  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})$  is the actual equilibrium displacement, there are no body forces  $\mathcal{J} = -\left[\frac{\partial U}{\partial \tau}\right]_{\tau=0} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left[\int_{D(\tau)} \frac{1}{2} u_{i,j} L_{ijkl} u_{k,l} da\right]_{\tau=0} = \text{Path-invariant J-integral}$   $= \int_{R} \left[u_{i,j} L_{ijkl} u_{k,p} z_{p,l} - \frac{1}{2} u_{i,j} L_{ijkl} u_{k,l} z_{p,p}\right] da = \int_{R} \left[u_{i,j} L_{ijpl} u_{k,m} z_{pl} - \frac{1}{2} u_{i,j} L_{ijkl} u_{k,l} z_{p}\right]_{,p} da$   $= \int_{\partial R} \left[u_{i,j} L_{ijpl} u_{k,m} z_{m} - \frac{1}{2} u_{i,j} L_{ijkl} u_{k,l} z_{p}\right] n_{p} ds = \int_{\Gamma_{1}} \left[u_{i,1} \sigma_{ij} n_{j} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} n_{1}\right] ds$ 

 $z_1(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \text{ for } \mathbf{x} \in D_0, \quad z_1(\mathbf{x}) = 1 \text{ for } \mathbf{x} \in D_1 \ \left(\text{e.g. } z_1(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{r - r_0}{r_1 - r_0}, \ \mathbf{x} \in R\right); \quad z_2(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ 



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Stress intensity factor(s) can be found numerically using the FEM discretized solution (and numerical integration) over a domain R that does not contain the singularity.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J} &= \int_{\Gamma_1} \left[ u_{i,1} \sigma_{ij} n_j - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} n_1 \right] ds = \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \left[ u_{i,1} \sigma_{ij} n_j - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} n_1 \right] r \right\}_{r \to 0} d\theta \\ \mathcal{J} &= \frac{(K_I^2 + K_{II}^2)(\kappa + 1)}{8G} \quad \text{(using asymptotics near crack tip)} \\ \mathcal{J} &= \int_R \left[ u_{i,j} L_{ijkl} u_{k,p} z_{p,l} - \frac{1}{2} u_{i,j} L_{ijkl} u_{k,l} z_{p,p} \right] da \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \sum_{e} \int_{R_e} \left[ u_{i,j}^e L_{ijkl}^e u_{k,p}^e z_{p,l} - \frac{1}{2} u_{i,j}^e L_{ijkl}^e u_{k,l}^e z_{p,p} \right] da \quad (\text{using FEM discretization})$$