

A Line Inhomogeneity in an Elastic Half Plane Under Anti-Plane Shear Loading

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Abstract: An elastic homogeneous isotropic material with a right line inhomogeneity embedded in the material under Anti-shear is analyzed; the mathematical model of the problem is a boundary value problem formulated using the mellin transform and solved by the Wiener-Hoph Techniques. A closed form solution for displacement is obtained from which the stress intensity factor is calculated. The stress field were found to have square-root singularity at the inner tip. As a result of this, micro-cracking can initiate at the inner tip of the line inhomogeneity in the matrix depending on the applied loads. The outer tip showed no singularity.

I. Introduction

One of the basic problems in solid mechanics is that of determining the elastic fields in a loaded homogeneous/heterogeneous medium. Inhomogeneities whether wanted or unwanted or deliberately introduced may drastically alter the elastic response of a material as well as its plastic and fracture properties. A rigid line inhomogeneity embedded in an elastic material is of theoretical interest because it is the counterpart of conventional crack in solids.

According to a near tip asymptotic expansion, we know that the stress field have a square-root singularity at the inhomogeneity tip. Fracture mechanics analyses for a line inhomogeneity has been carried out by many researchers [1,2] for various configurations in infinite and semi-infinite medium with loading at infinity.

The fields are usually modeled by a boundary value problem for laplace equation in two dimensions. This has often been solved by conformal mapping, integral transforms, perturbation methods, numerical techniques and ergen value techniques among the techniques.

All the work in the literature led to fracture criteria such as stress intensity factors which are in line with the linear fracture mechanics for cracks and crack initiation direction from the tip of the line inhomogeneity depending on the applied loads.

In this work, we have investigated bodies with finite boundaries under anti-plane shear with point loading. The mellin transform and all wiener Hoph techniques has been used to solve the boundary value problem.

The closed form solutions for the displacement and stress fields have been obtained. The stress fields at the inhomogeneity tips were obtained and found to have square root singularity at the inner tip. The mode III stress intensity factor was also determine [3, 4].

II. Mathematical formulation

The problem is to determine the stress state in an elastic homogeneous solid material occupying the region expressed in cylindrical polar coordinates (r, θ, z)

$$-\infty < z < \infty; \quad x = r \cos \theta; \quad y = r \sin \theta \quad (1)$$

$$-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \text{ and } r \leq \alpha$$

With a rigid line inhomogeneity which is imbedded in the elastic material in the region

$$y = 0, \text{ and } 0 \leq x \leq \alpha \quad (2)$$

The material is isotropic and is subjected to anti-plane shear deformation arising from a pair of concentrated loads T and Q applied at distances l and h from the origin as shown in fig. 1.

Introducing polar coordinates (r, θ) , the z component of the displacement denoted by $W(r, \theta)$ satisfies the governing equation.

$$W_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} W_r + \frac{1}{r^2} W_{\theta\theta} = 0; \quad r \geq 0 \quad -\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \quad (3)$$

The non-vanishing polar stresses are

$$\sigma_{\theta z}(r, \theta) = \frac{\mu}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} W(r, \theta) \quad (4)$$

$$\sigma_{r z}(r, \theta) = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial r} W(r, \theta) \quad (5)$$

The boundary conditions are

$$W(r, \theta) = 0 \quad 0 \leq r \leq a \quad (6a)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta z} \left(r, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = T \delta (r - l) \quad (6b)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta z} \left(r, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = Q \delta (r, h) \quad (6c)$$

The asymptotic behavior of the stresses are;

$$\sigma_{\theta z}; \sigma_{rz} = \begin{cases} 0(r^{-\lambda}); 0 < \lambda < 1/2 \text{ as } r \rightarrow 0 \\ 0(r^{-1}) \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \\ 0(r - a)^{-1/2} \text{ as } r \rightarrow a \text{ and } \theta \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

The continuity conditions of tractions and displacements are

$$W(r, 0^+) = W(r, 0^-) = 0 \quad 0 \leq r \leq a \quad (8a)$$

$$W(r, 0^+) = W(r, 0^-) = 0 \quad r \geq a \quad (8b)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta z}(r, 0^+) = \sigma_{\theta z}(r, 0^-) = 0 \quad r \geq a \quad (8c)$$

Using mellin transform defined by

$$\bar{W}(S, \theta) = \int_0^\infty W(r, \theta) r^{s-1} dr \quad (9)$$

(1) is transformed to

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} + S^2 \right) \bar{W}(S, \theta) = 0 \quad \lambda - 1 < \text{Res} < 0; \quad -\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \quad (10)$$

Transforming the boundary conditions, we have

$$\bar{W}(S, 0) = a^S \bar{V}(S), \text{ where} \quad (11)$$

$$\bar{V}(S) = \int_1^\infty W(a\tau, 0) \tau^{s-1} d\tau \quad (11b)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{W}}{d\theta} (S, \pi/2) = \frac{1}{\mu} T l^s \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{W}}{d\theta} (S, -\pi/2) = \frac{1}{\mu} Q h^s \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{W}}{d\theta} (S, 0^+) - \frac{d\bar{W}}{d\theta} (S, 0^-) = \frac{1}{\mu} a^S \bar{u}^s(s) \quad (14)$$

We consider the solution of (10) of the form

$$\bar{W}(S, \theta) = \begin{cases} A_1(S) \cos \theta S + B_1(S) \sin \theta S, \\ A_2(S) \cos \theta S + B_2(S) \sin \theta S, \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

Where $A_1(S)$; $B_1(S)$; $A_2(S)$ and $B_2(S)$ are to be determined from the boundary conditions.

Now using

$$\bar{W}(S, 0^+) = \bar{W}(S, 0) = a^S \bar{V}(S),$$

We have

$$A_1(S) = A_2(S) = a^S \bar{V}(S), \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{a\bar{W}}{a\theta} = \begin{cases} -S A_1(S) \sin \theta S + S B_1(S) \cos \theta S; & 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \\ -S A_2(S) \sin \theta S + S B_2(S) \cos \theta S; & \pi/2 \leq \theta \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{a\bar{W}}{a\theta} (S, 0^+) - \frac{a\bar{W}}{a\theta} (S, 0^-) = S[B_1(S) - B_2(S)] = \frac{1}{\mu} a^S \bar{u}^s(s) \quad (20)$$

But

$$-S A_1(S) \sin \pi/2 S + S B_1(S) \cos \pi/2 S = \frac{1}{\mu} T l^s; \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \quad (21)$$

$$S A_2(S) \sin \pi/2 S + S B_2(S) \cos \pi/2 S = \frac{1}{\mu} Q h^s; \quad -\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq 0 \quad (22)$$

This gives

$$B_1(S) = \frac{T l^s + \mu S a^S \bar{V}(S) \sin \pi/2 S}{\mu S \cos \pi/2 S} \quad (23)$$

Similarly

$$B_2(S) = \frac{Q h^s - \mu S a^S \bar{V}(S) \sin \pi/2 S}{\mu S \cos \pi/2 S} \quad (24)$$

Hence,

$$S[B_1(S) - B_2(S)] = \frac{T l^s + \mu S a^S \bar{V}(S) \sin \pi/2 S}{\mu S \cos \pi/2 S}$$

$$- \frac{[Qh^s - \mu s a^s \bar{V}(s) \sin \pi/2 s]}{\mu s \cos \pi/2 s} \tag{25}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu} a^s \tilde{u}(s) = \frac{a^s}{u} \left[\frac{T \left(\frac{l}{a}\right)^s - Q \left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^s}{\cos \pi/2 s} + \frac{2\mu s \bar{V}(s) \sin \pi/2 s}{\cos s \sin \pi/2 s} \right] \tag{26}$$

Hence,

$$\tilde{U}(s) = \frac{T \left(\frac{l}{a}\right)^s - Q \left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^s}{\cos \pi/2 s} + \frac{2 \mu s \bar{V}(s) \sin \pi/2 s}{\cos \pi/2 s} \tag{27}$$

From (7a) and (14) we see that the half known function $\tilde{u}(s)$ is analytic in the left half plane $\text{Res} > \lambda - 1$. Hence, we denote it by $\tilde{u}(s)$ and from (7b) and (11b) it is seen that $\bar{V}(s)$ is analytic in the left plane $\text{Res} < 0$ we therefore, denote it by $\bar{V}(s)$.

Thus;

$$\tilde{u}_+(s) = \frac{2\mu s \sin \pi/2 s}{\cos \pi/2 s} \left[\bar{V}(s) + \frac{E(s)}{s \cos \pi/2 (s-1)} \right] \tag{28}$$

Where,

$$E(s) = \frac{T}{2\mu} \left(\frac{l}{a}\right)^s - \frac{Q}{2\mu} \left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^s \tag{29}$$

III. Solution Of The Wiener – Hoph Equation

To achieve the decomposition of the trigonometric function, we introduce the infinite product theorem [5]

$$\sin \pi/2 s = \pi/2 s \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[1 - \left(\frac{s}{2n}\right)^2 \right] \tag{30}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{2\mu s \sin \pi/2 s}{\cos \pi/2 s} = \frac{4 u s \sin^2 \pi/2 s}{\sin \pi s} \tag{31}$$

Leads to

$$\frac{4 u s \sin^2 \pi/2 s}{\sin \pi s} = \frac{N_-(s)}{N_+(s)} \tag{32}$$

Substituting into (28) we have,

$$\tilde{u}_+(s) = \frac{N_-(s)}{N_+(s)} \left[\bar{V}(s) + \frac{E(s)}{s \cos \pi/2 (s-1)} \right] \tag{33}$$

We obtain

$$\tilde{u}_+(s) N_+(s) = N_-(s) \bar{V}(s) + \frac{N_-(s) E(s)}{s \cos \pi/2 (s-1)} \tag{34}$$

The mixed term in (34) is decomposed into a sum using the mittag-leffler's theorem (6)

$$\frac{N_-(s)}{s} \cdot \frac{E(s)}{\cos \pi/2 s (s-1)} = M_+(s) + M_-(s) \tag{35}$$

From the relationship between Gamma function and infinite product

$$\frac{4 u s \sin^2 \pi/2 s}{\sin \pi s} = \left[\frac{\mu s^2 \pi \left[\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{s}{2n}\right)^2 \right] \right]}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{s}{n}\right)} \right] \left[\frac{\left[\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{s}{2n}\right) \right]^2}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{s}{n}\right)} \right] \tag{36}$$

$$N_-(s) = \frac{u s^2 \pi \left[\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{s}{2n}\right) \right]^2}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{s}{n}\right)} e^{\chi s} \tag{37}$$

And

$$N_+(s) = \frac{\left[\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{s}{n}\right) \right] e^{\chi s}}{\left[\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{s}{2n}\right) \right]^2} \tag{38}$$

Where χ will be chosen so that $N_-(s)$ and $N_+(s)$ have algebraic behavior as $|s| \rightarrow \infty$. On further decomposition, from mittag-leffler's theorem

$$\frac{\sec \pi/2 (s-1)}{(2n-1)^2 - (s-1)^2} = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} (2n-1) \quad (39)$$

We have

$$M_+(s) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[\frac{N_-(s) E(s) N_-(-\xi_n) E(-\xi_n)}{s - \xi_n} - \frac{N_-(s) E(s)}{s - \xi_{n-1}} \right] \quad (40)$$

And

$$M_-(s) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{N_-(-\varepsilon_n) E(-\varepsilon_n)}{s - \varepsilon_n} \quad (41)$$

We have from the decomposition that

$$N_+(s) \tilde{u}_+(s) = \tilde{V}_-(s) N_-(s) + M_+(s) + M_-(s) \quad (42)$$

Hence by analytic continuation

$$N_+(s) \tilde{u}_+(s) - M_+(s) = \tilde{V}_-(s) N_-(s) + M_-(s) = C \quad (43)$$

Now

$$\tilde{V}_-(s) N_-(s) + M_-(s) = C$$

Considering the behavior of;

$$M_-(s); N_-(s) \text{ and } \tilde{V}_-(s) \text{ at } s = 0$$

We get

$$N_-(s) = 0; M_-(s) \neq 0$$

Hence $C = M_-(0)$

$$(44)$$

We then have

$$\tilde{V}_-(s) N_-(s) + M_-(s) = M_-(0)$$

This gives

$$\tilde{V}_-(s) = \frac{M_-(0) - M_-(s)}{N_-(s)} \quad (45)$$

And

$$\tilde{u}_-(s) = \frac{M_+(0) - M_+(s)}{N_+(s)} \quad (46)$$

IV. The Mellin Transform Formular

We have for $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\bar{W}(S, \theta) = \frac{a^s \bar{V}(S) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) s}{\cos \pi/2 s} + \frac{T l^s \sin \theta s}{\mu s \cos \pi/2 s} \quad (47)$$

$$= a^s \left[\frac{T \left(\frac{l}{a}\right)^s \sin \theta s}{\mu s \cos \pi/2 s} + \frac{M_-(0) - M_-(s)}{N_-(s)} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) s}{\cos \pi/2 s} \right] \quad (48)$$

And for $\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq 0$; we have

$$\bar{W}(S, \theta) = a^s \frac{Q \left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^s \sin \theta s}{\mu s \cos \pi/2 s} + \left(\frac{M_-(0) - M_-(s)}{N_-(s)} \right) \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) s}{\cos \pi/2 s} \quad (49)$$

The inversion integral gives the displacement sought for as

$$W(S, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \bar{W}(s, \theta) r^{-s} ds \quad (50)$$

Hence for $0 \leq r \leq a$; $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$

$$W(S, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \left[\frac{T \left(\frac{l}{a}\right)^s \sin \theta s}{\mu s \cos \pi/2 s} + \left(\frac{M_-(0) - M_-(s)}{N_-(s)} \right) \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) s}{\cos \pi/2 s} \right] \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^s ds \quad (51)$$

And for $0 \leq r \leq a$; $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq 0$

$$W(r, 0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c+i\infty}^{c-i\infty} \left[\frac{Q \left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^s \sin \theta s}{\mu s \cos \pi/2 s} + \frac{M_+(0) - M_-(s)}{N_-(s)} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) s}{\cos \pi/2 s} \right] \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^s ds$$

For $C > \text{Res}; \lambda - 1 \text{ Res } s < 0: 0 < \lambda < 1/2$ (52)

To evaluate the inversion integral (51) and (52). The singularities of $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} s$ are all simple and are located at $s = \pm (2n - 1)$ for all $n \in N$. We use the residue theorem to obtain a closed form solution of the displacement as

For $0 \leq r \leq a$; $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$W(r, \theta) = \frac{2}{\mu\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[T \left(\frac{l}{a} \right)^{1-2n} \frac{\sin(1-2n)\theta}{1-2n} + \mu \frac{M_-(0) - M_-(1-2n)}{N_-(1-2n)} + \mu \left(\frac{M_-(0) - M_-(1-2n)}{N_-(1-2n)} \right) \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) (1-2n) \right] \left(\frac{r}{a} \right)^{2n-1} \quad (53)$$

And for $0 \leq r \leq a$; $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq 0$

$$W(r, \theta) = \frac{2}{\mu\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[Q \left(\frac{h}{a} \right)^{1-2n} \frac{\sin(1-2n)\theta}{1-2n} + \mu \left(\frac{M_-(0) - M_-(1-2n)}{N_-(1-2n)} \right) \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta \right) (1-2n) \right] \left(\frac{r}{a} \right)^{2n-1} \quad (54)$$

At the inhomogeneity tip: The outer tip

As $r \rightarrow 0$; $n = 1$; $s = 1 - 2n$, for $n = 1$; $s = -1$ $\xi_n = 2n$; $\xi_1 = 2$

The displacement will be;

$$W(r, 0) = \frac{-2}{\mu\pi a} \left[T \left(\frac{a}{l} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \left[\frac{T}{2} \left(\frac{a}{l} \right)^2 - \frac{Q}{2} \left(\frac{a}{h} \right)^2 \right] \right] r \sin \theta \quad (55)$$

For $0 \leq r \leq a$; $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$W(r, \theta) = \frac{-2}{\mu\pi a} \left[Q \frac{a}{h} + \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{T}{2} \left(\frac{a}{l} \right)^2 - \frac{Q}{2} \left(\frac{a}{h} \right)^2 \right] \right] r \sin \theta \quad (56)$$

The stresses at the outer tip $r \rightarrow 0$

$$\sigma_{\theta z} = \begin{cases} \frac{-2}{\pi a} \left[T \left(\frac{a}{l} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \left[\frac{T}{2} \left(\frac{a}{l} \right)^2 - \frac{Q}{2} \left(\frac{a}{h} \right)^2 \right] \right] \cos \theta & (57) \\ \frac{-2}{\pi a} \left[Q \frac{a}{h} + \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{T}{2} \left(\frac{a}{l} \right)^2 - \frac{Q}{2} \left(\frac{a}{h} \right)^2 \right] \right] \cos \theta & (58) \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_{0z} = \begin{cases} \frac{-2}{\pi a} \left[T \frac{a}{l} + \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{T}{2} \left(\frac{a}{l} \right)^2 - \frac{Q}{2} \left(\frac{a}{h} \right)^2 \right] \right] \sin \theta; & 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} & (59) \\ \frac{-2}{\pi a} \left[Q \frac{a}{h} - \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{T}{2} \left(\frac{a}{l} \right)^2 - \frac{Q}{2} \left(\frac{a}{h} \right)^2 \right] \right] \sin \theta; & -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta & (60) \end{cases}$$

At the inhomogeneity tip, the inner tip

$$\begin{cases} r \rightarrow a \text{ and } \theta \rightarrow 0; & \rho \rightarrow 0 \\ \begin{cases} r \cos \theta = a + \rho \cos \psi \\ r \sin \theta = \rho \sin \psi \end{cases} \\ \frac{r}{a} = 1 + \frac{\rho}{a} \cos \psi + Q \left(\frac{\rho}{a} \right) \end{cases}$$

The displacement is

$$W(\rho, \psi) = C_0 - \frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi a}} M_-(0) \right) \left(\frac{2\rho}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \quad (61)$$

For $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

Similarly

$$W(\rho, \psi) = d_0 - \frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi a}} M_-(0) \right) \left(\frac{2\rho}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \quad (62)$$

for $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq 0$

The stress components

$\sigma_{\psi z}(\rho, \psi)$; $\sigma_{\rho z}(\rho, \psi)$ near the crack tip are given by

$$\sigma_{\psi z}(\rho, \psi) = \mu \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \psi}(\rho, \psi)$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\psi z}(\rho, \psi) &= \frac{\mu}{\rho} \cdot \frac{1}{2\mu} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi a}} M_-(0) \right) \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} \rho^{1/2} \sin \frac{\psi}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\rho}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi a}} M_-(0) \right) \sin \frac{\psi}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\rho z}(\rho, \psi) &= \mu \frac{\partial W}{\partial \rho}(\rho, \psi) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi a}} M_-(0) \right) \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{1/2} \rho^{1/2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\rho}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi a}} M_-(0) \right) \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

The stress intensity factor is

$$K_{III} = \frac{M_-(0)}{\sqrt{4\pi a}}$$

This gives

$$W(\rho, \psi) = C_0 - \frac{1}{\mu} K_{III} \left(\frac{2\rho}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \text{ for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \quad (65)$$

And

$$W(\rho, \psi) = d_0 - \frac{1}{\mu} K_{III} \left(\frac{2\rho}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \text{ for } -\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq 0 \quad (66)$$

$$\sigma_{\psi z}(\rho, \psi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\rho}} K_{III} \sin \frac{\psi}{2} \quad (67)$$

$$\sigma_{\rho z}(\rho, \psi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\rho}} K_{III} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \quad (68)$$

V. Analysis Of The Mode Iii Stress Intensity Factor

The standard form of the displacement is given by;

$$W(\rho, \psi) = C_0 - \frac{1}{\mu} K_{III} \left(\frac{2\rho}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \text{ for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \quad (69)$$

$$W(\rho, \psi) = d_0 - \frac{1}{\mu} K_{III} \left(\frac{2\rho}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \text{ for } -\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq 0 \quad (70)$$

$$\sigma_{\psi z}(\rho, \psi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\rho}} K_{III} \sin \frac{\psi}{2} \quad (71)$$

$$\sigma_{\rho z}(\rho, \psi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\rho}} K_{III} \cos \frac{\psi}{2} \quad (72)$$

Where

$$K_{III} = \frac{M_-(0)}{4\pi a} \quad (73)$$

$$M_-(0) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n N(-\xi_n) E(-\xi_n)}{-\xi_n} \quad (74)$$

$$N(-\xi_n) = \frac{4\mu\pi \xi_n [(\xi_n)]}{\left[\Gamma\left(\frac{\xi_n}{2}\right) \right]^2} \rho^{-\psi\xi_n} \quad (75)$$

$$E(-\xi_n) = \left(\frac{1}{2\mu} \right) \left(\frac{l}{a} \right)^{-\xi_n} - \frac{Q}{2\mu} \left(\frac{h}{a} \right)^{-\xi_n} \quad (76)$$

$$M_-(0) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{[(\xi_n)Q^{-\psi\xi_n}[T - \xi_n] - Q\left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^{-\xi_n}]}{\left[\Gamma\left(\frac{\xi_n}{2}\right)\right]^2} \quad (77)$$

for a "smaller than both l and h, we have

$$K_{III}(\rho, \psi) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{4\delta a}} \frac{1}{2^2} \frac{\Gamma(2)}{[\Gamma(1)]^2} \left[T \left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^2 - Q \left(\frac{a}{h}\right)^2 \right]$$

$$K_{III}(\rho, \psi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi a}} \left[T \left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^2 - Q \left(\frac{a}{h}\right)^2 \right] \quad (78)$$

For the case of equilibrating loading

$$Q = -T \text{ and } l = h$$

We have

$$K_{III}(\rho, \psi) = \frac{T}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^2 \quad (79)$$

Denote by K_{III}^0 the stress intensity factor for the case of a crack in an elastic half plane under remote loading by

$$K_{III}^0 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi a}} T = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi a}} T \quad (80)$$

We have;

$$K_{III}(\rho, \psi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} K_{III}^0 \left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^2 \quad (81)$$

Defining K_{III}^{NOR} ; -Normalized stress intensity factor as

$$K_{III}^{NOR} = \frac{K_{III}}{K_{III}^0} \quad (82)$$

We have

$$K_{III}^{NOR} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^2$$

The strain energy U stored in the matrix is given by

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \frac{1}{2\mu} \int_1 [\sigma_{\rho z}^2 + \sigma_{\psi z}^2] dF \\ &= \frac{1}{2\mu} - \frac{1}{2\pi\rho} K_{III}^2 \cdot 2\pi\rho \\ &= \frac{1}{2\mu} K_{III}^2 \end{aligned}$$

This gives the strain energy for equilibrating loading as

$$U = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{T^2}{\pi a} \left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^4$$

VI. Conclusion

A rigid line inhomogeneity embedded in an isotropic homogeneous material introduced in the region

$$y = 0; 0 \leq x \leq a; -\infty < z < \infty$$

and under anti-plane shear has been studied. The closed form solution obtained by the Wiener-Hopf technique has been analyzed. The mode III stress intensity factor K_{III} has been obtained. The analysis showed that Micro-crack will ensure at the inner tip of the inhomogeneity; since the stresses showed square root singularity at the inner tip.

The energy release rate was also computed and found to be

$$\frac{1}{2\mu} K_{III}^2$$

Figures

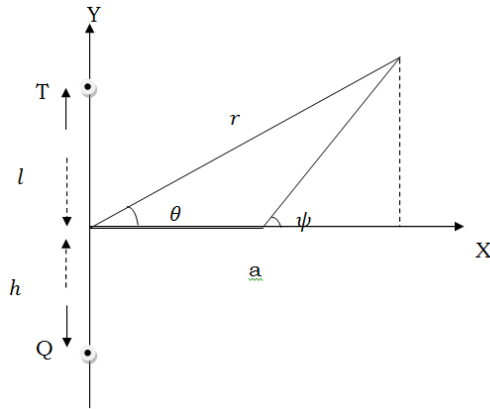


Fig. I: The problem

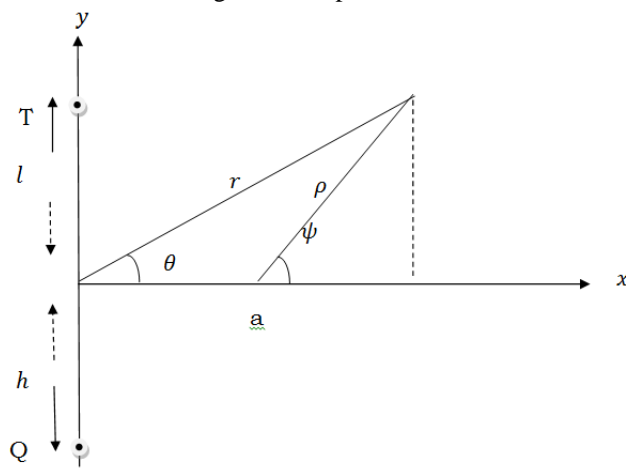


Fig. 2: Geometry of the problem

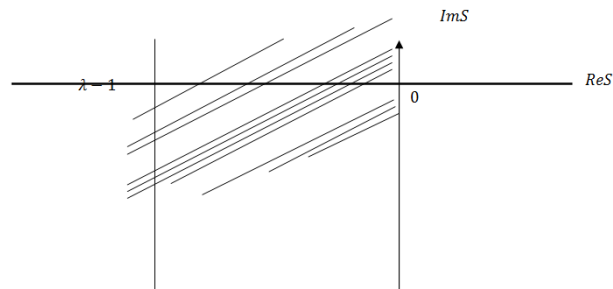


Fig. 3: Fundamental strip

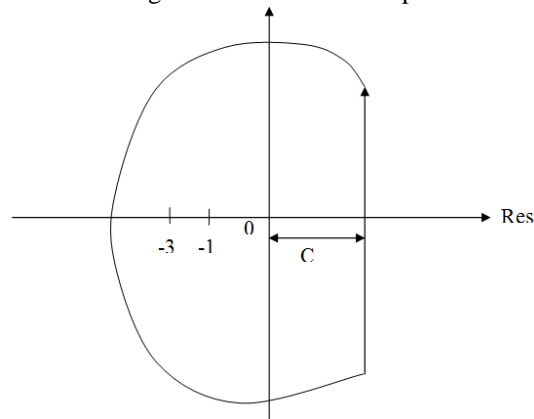


Fig. 4: Contour used in the inversion of the equations.

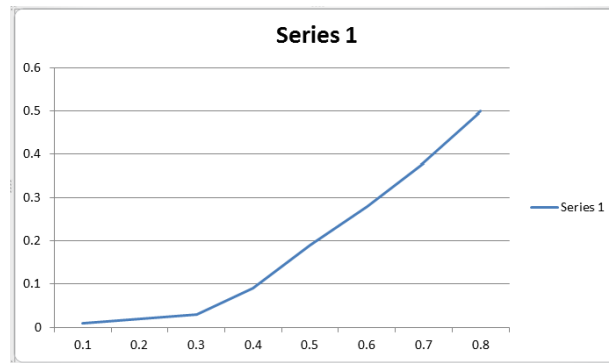


Fig. 5: Comparison of normalized stress intensity factor and $\frac{\alpha}{l}$

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