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Example on how we can extend the applicability of LEFM just a bit further -> modifying the crack length by Irwin's correction:

For a mid-crack in an infinite domain:



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5.2.2 Plastic zone shape: 2D models

- plane stress versus plane strain plastic zones



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Now instead of 1D plasticity models that only looked ahead of the crack, we want to investigate what zone around the crack inall directions is yielding.

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

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

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von-Mises criterion

Tresca criterion







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Why the yield region is smaller for plane strain condition?



Plastic zone shape: Mode I-III 0.7 Mode I Mode II Plane 0.35 Plane Stres Plane Strain ne Strain 1 $K_{\prime\prime}$ 1 K_{I} 0 π π σ_{ys} σ_{ys} 0.35 0.7 Mode III

 K_{III} σ_{xx}

So we did above for 2D is pretty much the 2D generalization of 1st order approximation that does not take stress redistribution into account:

Recall from 1D models:

ε

 σ

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To take stress redistribution due to yielding, we really need to solve the problem taking yielding into account from the beginning.

Dodds, 1991, FEM solutions Ramberg-Osgood material model



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- Low n: High strain-hardening.
- $n \to \infty$: Similar to elastic perfectly plastic.







Effect of strain-hardening: Higher hardening (lower n) => smaller zone

These solutions show that even the crude 2D models we covered before this (without considering stress redistribution) provide a decent estimate on the size of "plastic yielding"



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Experimentalists want to stay in the plane-strain region

For good experiments we want all relevant length scales to be much larger than r_p?



Fracture toughness tests

- Prediction of failure in real-world applications: need the value of fracture toughness
- Tests on cracked samples: PLANE STRAIN condition!!!

