

# Multiple Inclined Edge Cracks in Two Bonded Half-Planes Subjected to Normal Stress

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT				
<b>Article history:</b> Received 21 October 2024 Received in revised form 22 December 2024 Accepted 29 December 2024 Available online 30 January 2025	This paper considers multiple inclined edge cracks under normal stress originating at the interface of two bonded half-planes. The crack problem is formulated into the singular integral equation (SIE) using a modified complex potential (MCP) with the conditions of continuity for traction and displacement. A semi-open quadrature approach is applied for the numerical solution of the SIE. The behavior of stress intensity factors (SIFs) for both Modes I and II at all crack tips is computed and				
<i>Keywords:</i> Edge crack; normal stress; modified complex potentials; singular integral equation; two bonded half-planes; stress intensity factor	demonstrated graphically. The crack configuration, the elastic constant ratios of the planes, the inclination angle, and the distance between cracks have significantly influenced Modes I and II SIFs. By analyzing the behavior of SIF near the crack tip, engineers may predict the lifespan of the building structures.				

#### 1.Introduction

Cracks or flaws may affect material durability, thereby jeopardizing the lifespan of building structures. Engineers can predict the propagation of cracks under different loading conditions by understanding the stress intensity factor (SIF), which is vital for analyzing the strength and durability of materials. It helps to determine whether a detected crack will remain stable or whether material poses a significant risk of catastrophic failure, such as structural damage and human death. Therefore, evaluating SIF is necessary for examining materials containing cracks. A number of researchers have conducted several studies on the behavior of SIF on many types of single and multiple cracks under different forms of stress.

An anisotropic material with an oblique edge crack subjected to shear stress was formulated by Beom and Cui [1] using the linear transformation method. Mode III of SIF for the oblique edge crack

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was calculated numerically. Hello et al., [2] presented the explicit formulas for every coefficient in the Laurent and power series of a single finite crack on an infinite plane due to the remote stress of Modes I and II. The analysis of a single inclined crack on a finite plane under biaxial tensile loads was discussed by Li et al., [3], and SIF was calculated using the distributed dislocation approach together with the Gauss-Chebyshev quadrature formula. Yu et al., [4] proposed a circular arc crack in the thermoelectric plane under electrical and thermal loads. Meanwhile, Hasebe [5] investigated a halfplane weakens by a vertical crack by applying a polygonal mapping function that was formulated through Schwarz-Christoffel's transformation. Subbaiah and Bollineni [6] used numerical modeling and a 2D axisymmetric finite element framework to analyze the SIF for an inclined edge crack that occurs on a cylinder pressure vessel while also performing the fracture analysis. In addition, the mechanical analysis of a kinked crack was studied by Liu and Wei [7] using conformal mapping and the complex variable function approach. Singh and Das [8] examined a partially insulated crack in a composite structure consisting of a pair of functionally graded strips of a random orientation that undergo thermomechanical loading. An inclined crack in thermoelectric bonded planes under remote stress was presented by Nordin et al., [9]. Recently, Husin et al., [10] considered a single-edge crack in two bonded half-planes undergoing shear stress.

Furthermore, Jin and Keer [11] investigated multiple edge cracks on a semi-infinite plane subjected to constant stress using the distributed dislocation method. Hypersingular integral equations were applied to formulate multiple curved [12], inclined, and circular arc crack [13] problems. Multiple edge cracks and arbitrarily hole problems that are transversely isotropic and have piezoelectric properties caused by in-plane electrical and out-plane shear loads were explored by Wang et al., [14] using the numerical conformal mapping approach and the complex variable method. Choi [15] carried out parametric studies to address the problem of multiple parallel, edge-interfacial cracks caused by antiplane deformation, while Mode III SIF was taken into account. Moreover, an analysis is conducted by Stepanova and Roslyakov [16] to derive and examine the multiparametric representation of the stress distribution for multiple parallel cracks of finite lengths in an infinite plate due to mixed loading conditions. An automated numerical model of a finite plane with multiple kinked and straight cracks under uniform tensile stress was developed by Zhang et al., [17] using the distributed dislocation technique (DDT). Based on DDT, Moradi and Monfared [18] studied the multiple curved cracks in an orthotropic functionally graded material (FGM) layer that was bonded to a different orthotropic layer. They computed the SIFs for Modes I and II as well as the energy of strain transfer rates.

However, there is limited research on multiple inclined edge cracks in two bonded half-planes. This paper presents the multiple edge cracks that originate at the interface of two bonded halfplanes, (i) towards the upper half of the planes and (ii) towards the upper and lower planes subjected to normal stress. The behavior of SIFs for Modes I and II on the inclination angle, the distance between cracks, and the elastic constant ratios of the planes is graphically described.

#### 2. Mathematical Formulation

The complex variable function method is derived using the complex potential functions  $\Phi(\zeta), \Psi(\zeta)$  with  $\phi'(\zeta), \psi'(\zeta)$  corresponding to resultant force functions (X, Y), displacements (u, v), and stresses  $(\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_{xy})$  as follows [19]:

$$\sigma_x + \sigma_y = 4Re\phi'(\zeta) \tag{1}$$

$$\sigma_y - \sigma_x + 2i\sigma_{xy} = 2[\bar{\zeta}\Phi'(\zeta) + \Psi(\zeta)] \tag{2}$$

$$-Y + iX = \phi(\zeta) + \overline{\xi}\overline{\phi'(\zeta)} + \overline{\psi(\zeta)}$$
(3)

$$2G(u+iv) = \kappa\phi(\zeta) - \zeta\overline{\phi'(\zeta)} - \overline{\psi(\zeta)}$$
(4)

where G abbreviates the elastic shear modulus, v denotes the Poison's ratio, plane stress and strain problems represent by  $\kappa = (3 - v)/(1 + v)$  and  $\kappa = 3 - 4v$ , accordingly. A bar placed over a function implies the complex conjugate of that function. Differentiating Eq. (3) with respect to  $\zeta$ obtainable the following expression.

$$J\left(\zeta,\bar{\zeta},\frac{d\bar{\zeta}}{d\zeta}\right) = \frac{d}{d\zeta}\left(-Y+iX\right) = \Phi'(\zeta) + \overline{\phi'(\zeta)} + \frac{d\bar{\zeta}}{d\zeta}\left(\zeta\overline{\phi''(\zeta)} + \overline{\psi'(\zeta)}\right) = N + iT$$
(5)

In Eq. (5), the defined traction functions are normal (N) and tangential (T).

For a crack problem in a half-plane, the modified complex potential (MCP) is utilized. MCP consists of two different parts: the principal and complementary, which are represented as follows.

$$\phi(\zeta) = \phi_p(\zeta) + \phi_c(\zeta) \tag{6}$$

$$\psi(\zeta) = \psi_p(\zeta) + \psi_c(\zeta) \tag{7}$$

In the original infinite plane problem, the dislocation distribution function g'(t) along the crack deduces the principal part. The complementary part removes the traction that the principal part exerts on the boundary between the two planes. The complex potentials for both parts are expressed below.

$$\phi'_{p}(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{L} \frac{g'(t)dt}{t-\zeta}$$
(8)

$$\psi'_{p}(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{L} \frac{\overline{g'(t)} \,\overline{dt}}{t-\zeta} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{L} \frac{\overline{t}g'(t) \overline{dt}}{(t-\zeta)^{2}} \tag{9}$$

$$\phi'_{c}(\zeta) = -\overline{\phi'_{p}}(\zeta) - \overline{\psi'_{p}}(\zeta) - \xi \overline{\phi''_{p}}(\zeta)$$
(10)

$$\psi'_{c}(\zeta) = \overline{\psi_{p}}(\zeta) + 3\zeta \overline{\phi''_{p}}(\zeta) + \xi \overline{\psi''_{p}}(\zeta) + \zeta^{2} \overline{\phi'''_{p}}(\zeta)$$
(11)

The unknown distribution function, g'(t), is explained by:

$$g'(t) = -\frac{2Gi}{\kappa+1} \frac{d[(u(t)+iv(t))^+ - (u(t)+iv(t))^-]}{dt}, \ t \in L,$$
(12)

L is the configuration of crack. (+) and (-) subscripts signify the upper and lower crack's faces accordingly.

For the edge crack problem, the substitutions applied in Eqs. (8) and (9) are as follows [20].

$$\phi'_{p}(\zeta) = \frac{\exp(i\alpha)}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\alpha} \frac{g'(s)ds}{T_{s}-\zeta}$$
(13)

$$\psi'_{p}(\zeta) = \frac{\exp(-i\alpha)}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{a} \frac{\overline{g'(s)}ds}{T_{s}-\zeta} - \frac{\exp(i\alpha)}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{a} \frac{\overline{T_{s}}g'(s)ds}{(T_{s}-\zeta)^{2}}$$
(14)

*t* is replaced with  $T_s$ , where  $T_s = e + s \exp(i\alpha)$ , and *dt* is replaced with  $\exp(i\alpha)ds$  in the above Eqs. (13) and (14). A single edge crack emerges at the interface of two bonded planes in the upper half of the planes. MCP is obtainable as follows [21].

$$\phi_1(\zeta) = \phi_{1p}(\zeta) + \phi_{1c}(\zeta)$$
(15)

$$\psi_1(\zeta) = \psi_{1p}(\zeta) + \psi_{1c}(\zeta)$$
(16)

The complex potentials in the lower part are denoted by  $\phi_2$  and  $\psi_2$ . The following is a representation of the continuity conditions for the resultant force in Eq. (3) and the displacements in Eq. (4), accordingly.

$$\left[\phi_1(\zeta) + \zeta \overline{\phi'_1(\zeta)} + \overline{\psi_1(\zeta)}\right]^+ = \left[\phi_2(\zeta) + \zeta \overline{\phi'_2(\zeta)} + \overline{\psi_2(\zeta)}\right]^-, \quad T_s \in L$$
(17)

$$G_2\left[\kappa_1\phi_1(\zeta) - \zeta\overline{\phi'_1(\zeta)} - \overline{\psi_1(\zeta)}\right]^+ = G_1\left[\kappa_2\phi_2(\zeta) - \zeta\overline{\phi'_2(\zeta)} - \overline{\psi_2(\zeta)}\right]^-, \ T_s \in L.$$
(18)

By substituting Eqs. (15) and (16) into Eqs. (17) and (18), the following expressions yield:

$$\phi_{1c}(\zeta) = \delta_1 \left[ \zeta \overline{\phi'_{1p}}(\zeta) + \overline{\psi'_{1p}}(\zeta) \right]$$
(19)

$$\psi_{1c}(\zeta) = \delta_2 \zeta \overline{\phi_{1p}}(\zeta) - \delta_1 \left[ \zeta \overline{\phi'_{1p}}(\zeta) + \zeta^2 \overline{\phi''_{1p}}(\zeta) + \zeta \overline{\psi'_{1p}}(\zeta) \right]$$
(20)

$$\phi_2(\zeta) = (1 + \delta_2)\phi_{1p}(\zeta)$$
(21)

$$\psi_{2}(\zeta) = (1+\delta_{1})\psi_{1p}(\zeta) + (\delta_{1}-\delta_{2})\left(\zeta\phi'_{1p}(\zeta)\right)$$
(22)

where  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  are the bi-elastic constants as follows.

$$\delta_1 = \frac{G_2 - G_1}{G_1 + \kappa_1 G_2} , \delta_2 = \frac{\kappa_1 G_2 - \kappa_2 G_1}{G_2 + \kappa_2 G_1}$$
(23)

The formulation of the singular integral equation (SIE) for a single edge crack in two bonded halfplanes includes a pair of components, particularly  $[N(s_0) + iT(s_0)]_{1p}$  and  $[N(s_0) + iT(s_0)]_{1c}$ . By substituting Eqs. (13) and (14) into Eq. (5), taking the limit as *s* approaches  $s_0$ , the traction of the principal component can be obtained as:

$$[N(s_0) + iT(s_0)]_{1p} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^a \frac{g'(s)ds}{s-s_0} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^a P_1(s,s_0)g'(s)ds + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^a P_2(s,s_0)\overline{g'(s)}ds$$
(24)

where:

$$P_{1}(s, s_{0}) = \frac{\exp(i\alpha)}{2} \left( \frac{1}{T_{s} - T_{s_{0}}} + \exp(-2i\alpha) \frac{1}{\overline{T_{s}} - \overline{T_{s_{0}}}} \right)$$
$$P_{2}(s, s_{0}) = \frac{\exp(-i\alpha)}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\overline{T_{s}} - \overline{T_{s_{0}}}} - \exp(-2i\alpha) \frac{T_{s} - T_{s_{0}}}{(\overline{T_{s}} - \overline{T_{s_{0}}})^{2}} \right).$$

Implementing Eqs. (19) and (20) into Eq. (5), associated with Eqs. (13) and (14), and taking the limit as s approaches  $s_0$ , the complementary component is obtained as follows:

$$[N(s_0) + iT(s_0)]_{1c} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^a \frac{g'(s)ds}{s-s_0} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^a (Q_1(s,s_0) + Q_2(s,s_0))g'(s)ds + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^a (Q_3(s,s_0) + Q_4(s,s_0))\overline{g'(s)}ds$$
(25)

where:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1(s,s_0) &= \frac{\exp(i\alpha)}{2} \bigg\{ \delta_1 \bigg[ \frac{1}{\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0}} + \frac{1}{\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0}} + \frac{\bar{T}_{s_0} - \bar{T}_s}{(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0})^2} \bigg] \bigg\} \\ Q_2(s,s_0) &= \frac{\exp(i\alpha)}{2} \bigg\{ \exp(-2i\alpha) \bigg[ \delta_1 \bigg( \frac{\bar{T}_s - 3\bar{T}_{s_0}}{(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0})^2} - \frac{1}{\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0}} + \frac{2\bar{T}_{s_0}(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0})}{(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0})^3} + \frac{2\bar{T}_{s_0}(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_s)}{(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0})^3} \bigg\} + \delta_2 \bigg( \frac{1}{\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0}} \bigg) \bigg] \bigg\} \\ Q_3(s,s_0) &= \frac{\exp(-i\alpha)}{2} \bigg\{ \delta_1 \bigg[ \frac{1}{\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0}} + \frac{1}{\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0}} + \frac{\bar{T}_{s_0} - \bar{T}_s}{(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0})^2} + \bigg] \bigg\} \\ Q_4(s,s_0) &= \frac{\exp(-i\alpha)}{2} \bigg\{ \exp(-2i\alpha) \bigg[ \delta_1 \bigg( \frac{\bar{T}_{s_0} - \bar{T}_{s_0}}{(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0})^2} - \frac{1}{\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{s_0}} \bigg) \bigg] \bigg\}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining both components yield

$$[N(s_0) + iT(s_0)] = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^a \frac{g'(s)ds}{s-s_0} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^a \mu_1(s,s_0)g'(s)ds + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^a \mu_2(s,s_0)\overline{g'(s)}ds$$
(26)

where:

$$\mu_1(s, s_0) = P_1(s, s_0) + Q_1(s, s_0) + Q_2(s, s_0)$$
$$\mu_2(s, s_0) = P_2(s, s_0) + Q_3(s, s_0) + Q_4(s, s_0).$$

For the multiple edge cracks, the formulation of SIE is established from two groups of N + iT and comprised of four components, which are  $[N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{11}$ ,  $[N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{12}$ ,  $[N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{22}$  and  $[N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{21}$ .  $[N(s_{j0}) + iT(s_{j0})]_{jp}$  and  $[N(s_{j0}) + iT(s_{j0})]_{jc}$  represent the traction of principal and complementary parts, respectively when the observation point is applied at  $s_{j0}$  for crack- $L_j$  for j = 1, 2. The SIEs for crack- $L_1$  in the upper part of two bonded half-planes yield

$$[N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{1} = [N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{11} + [N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{12}$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \frac{g_{1}'(s_{1})ds_{1}}{s_{1} - s_{10}} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \mu_{1}(s_{1}, s_{10})g_{1}'(s_{1})ds_{1} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \mu_{2}(s_{1}, s_{10})\overline{g_{1}'(s_{1})} ds_{1}$$
  

$$+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} \frac{g_{2}'(s_{2})ds_{2}}{s_{2} - s_{10}} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} \mu_{1}(s_{2}, s_{10})g_{2}'(s_{2})ds_{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} \mu_{2}(s_{2}, s_{10})\overline{g_{2}'(s_{2})} ds_{2}.$$
(27)

and the SIEs for crack- $L_2$  in the upper part of two bonded half-planes yield

$$[N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{2} = [N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{22} + [N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{21}$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} \frac{g_{2}'(s_{2})ds_{2}}{s_{2}-s_{20}} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} \mu_{1}(s_{2}, s_{20})g_{2}'(s_{2})ds_{2}$$
  

$$+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} \mu_{2}(s_{2}, s_{20})\overline{g_{2}'(s_{2})} ds_{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \frac{g_{1}'(s_{1})ds_{1}}{s_{1}-s_{20}}$$
  

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \mu_{1}(s_{1}, s_{20})g_{1}'(s_{1})ds_{1} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \mu_{2}(s_{1}, s_{20})\overline{g_{1}'(s_{1})} ds_{1}.$$
(28)

For the multiple edge cracks that originate at the interface of two bonded planes towards the upper and lower parts of the planes, four traction components,  $[N(s_{j0}) + iT(s_{j0})]_{jk}$  for j = 1, 2, k = 1, 2 that comprise two groups of N + iT effects are defined. Those first two components  $[N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{11}$  and  $[N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{21}$  will be attained as the observation point is located at  $s_{10}\epsilon L_1$  and  $s_{20}\epsilon L_2$ , accordingly that influenced by  $g_1'(s_1)$  at  $s_1\epsilon L_1$ . The second two components  $[N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{12}$  and  $[N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{22}$  will be attained as the observation point is located at  $s_{10}\epsilon L_1$  and  $s_{20}\epsilon L_2$ , accordingly that influenced by  $g_2'(s_2)$  at  $s_2\epsilon L_2$ . Here, two bi-elastic parameters are established, as follows:

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{G_1 - G_2}{G_2 + \kappa_2 G_1} , \lambda_2 = \frac{\kappa_2 G_1 - \kappa_1 G_2}{G_1 + \kappa_1 G_2}$$
(29)

By changing the subscript 1 to 2 and 2 to 1 in  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$ . The SIEs for crack- $L_1$  in the upper part of two bonded half-planes yield

$$[N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{1} = [N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{11} + [N(s_{10}) + iT(s_{10})]_{12}$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \frac{g_{1}'(s_{1})ds_{1}}{s_{1} - s_{10}} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \mu_{1}(s_{1}, s_{10})g_{1}'(s_{1})ds_{1}$$
  

$$+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \mu_{2}(s_{1}, s_{10})\overline{g_{1}'(s_{1})} ds_{1} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} \frac{g_{2}'(s_{2})ds_{2}}{s_{2} - s_{10}} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} M_{1}(s_{2}, s_{10})g_{2}'(s_{2})ds_{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} M_{2}(s_{2}, s_{10})\overline{g_{2}'(s_{2})} ds_{2}.$$
(30)

The SIEs for crack-L<sub>2</sub> in the lower part of two bonded half-planes yield

$$[N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{2} = [N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{22} + [N(s_{20}) + iT(s_{20})]_{21}$$
  

$$= (1 + \lambda_{2}) \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} \frac{g_{2}'(s_{2})ds_{2}}{s_{2} - s_{20}} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} B_{1}(s_{2}, s_{20})g_{2}'(s_{2})ds_{2}$$
  

$$+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{2}} B_{2}(s_{2}, s_{20})\overline{g_{2}'(s_{2})} ds_{2} + (1 + \delta_{2}) \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} \frac{g_{1}'(s_{1})ds_{1}}{s_{1} - s_{20}}$$
  

$$+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} B_{3}(s_{1}, s_{20})g_{1}'(s_{1})ds_{1} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{L_{1}} B_{4}(s_{1}, s_{20})\overline{g_{1}'(s_{1})} ds_{1}$$
(31)

where:

$$\begin{split} M_1(s_2, s_{10}) &= \frac{\exp(i\alpha)}{2} \bigg\{ \lambda_1 \bigg[ \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}}} + \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}}} + \frac{\bar{T}_{s_{10}} - \bar{T}_{s_2}}{(\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}})^2} \bigg] \bigg\} \\ &+ \frac{\exp(i\alpha)}{2} \bigg\{ \exp(-2i\alpha) \bigg[ \lambda_1 \bigg( -\frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}}} + \frac{\bar{T}_{s_2} - 3\bar{T}_{s_{10}}}{(\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}})^2} + \frac{2\bar{T}_{s_{10}}(\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{2}})}{(\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}})^3} \frac{2\bar{T}_{s_{10}}(\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}})}{(\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}})^3} \bigg) + \\ \lambda_2 \bigg( \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}}} \bigg) \bigg] \bigg\} \end{split}$$

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$$M_{2}(s_{2}, s_{10}) = \frac{\exp(-i\alpha)}{2} \left\{ \lambda_{1} \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_{2}} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}}} + \frac{T_{s_{10}} - \bar{T}_{s_{2}}}{(\bar{T}_{s_{2}} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}})^{2}} + \frac{1}{T_{s_{2}} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}}} \right] \right\} + \frac{\exp(-i\alpha)}{2} \left\{ \exp(-2i\alpha) \left[ \lambda_{1} \left( \frac{T_{s_{10}} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}}}{(T_{s_{2}} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}})^{2}} - \frac{1}{T_{s_{2}} - \bar{T}_{s_{10}}} \right) \right] \right\},$$

and

$$\begin{split} B_1(s_2, s_{20}) &= \frac{\exp(i\alpha)}{2} \left( -(1+\lambda_2) \frac{1}{T_{s_2} - T_{s_{20}}} + (1+\lambda_1) \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}}} \exp(-2i\alpha) \right) \\ B_2(s_2, s_{20}) &= \frac{\exp(-i\alpha)}{2} \left\{ (1+\lambda_2) \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}}} + \exp(-2i\alpha) \left[ (1+\lambda_2) \frac{T_{s_{20}}}{(\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}})^2} - (1+\lambda_1) \frac{T_{s_2}}{(\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}})^2} + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \left( \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}}} + \frac{\bar{T}_{s_{20}}}{(\bar{T}_{s_2} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}})^2} \right) \right] \right\} \\ B_3(s_1, s_{20}) &= \frac{\exp(i\alpha)}{2} \left( -(1+\delta_2) \frac{1}{T_{s_1} - T_{s_{20}}} + (1+\delta_1) \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_1} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}}} \exp(-2i\alpha) \right) \\ B_4(s_1, s_{20}) &= \frac{\exp(-i\alpha)}{2} \left\{ (1+\delta_2) \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_1} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}}} + \exp(-2i\alpha) \left[ (1+\delta_2) \frac{T_{s_{20}}}{(\bar{T}_{s_1} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}})^2} - (1+\delta_1) \frac{T_{s_1}}{(\bar{T}_{s_1} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}})^2} + (\delta_1 - \delta_2) \left( \frac{1}{\bar{T}_{s_1} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}}} + \frac{\bar{T}_{s_{20}}}{(\bar{T}_{s_1} - \bar{T}_{s_{20}})^2} \right) \right] \right\}. \end{split}$$

At the particular tip of the crack, the dislocation distribution is singular, let:

$$g_{j}'(s_{j}) = \sqrt{\frac{s_{j}}{(a_{j}-s_{j})}} G_{j}(s_{j}), \quad j = 1, 2$$
(32)

Then, the SIE is numerically solved using semi-open quadrature rules accounting for both singular and regular integrals, respectively, as follows [22]:

$$\int_{0}^{a} \frac{G(s)}{s-s_{k}} \sqrt{\left(\frac{s}{a-s}\right)} ds = \sum_{j=1}^{M} \frac{W_{j}G(s_{j})}{s_{j}-s_{k}}$$

$$\int_{0}^{a} K(s,s_{k}) \sqrt{\left(\frac{s}{a-s}\right)} ds = \sum_{j=1}^{M} W_{j}K(s_{j},s_{k})$$

$$(33)$$

where:

$$W_{j} = \frac{a\pi}{M} \sin^{2} \frac{j\pi}{2M} \quad (j = 1, 2, ..., M - 1),$$
  

$$s_{j} = a \sin^{2} \frac{j\pi}{2M} \quad (j = 1, 2, ..., M),$$
  

$$s_{k} = a \sin^{2} \frac{(k - 0.5)\pi}{2M} \quad (k = 1, 2, ..., M).$$

#### 3. Numerical Examples and Discussions

Stress intensity factors (SIFs) at the tip of crack  $A_i$  for j = 1, 2 can be computed by:

$$K_{A_{j}} = (K_{1} - iK_{2})_{A_{j}}$$
  
=  $-\sqrt{2\pi} \lim_{s_{j} \to a_{j}} \sqrt{a_{j} - s_{j}} g_{j}'(s_{j})$   
=  $-\sqrt{2\pi a_{j}} G_{j}(a_{j})$  (35)

Hence, it signifies.

$$K_{1} = F_{1A_{j}} p \sqrt{\pi a_{j}}, \qquad F_{1A_{j}} = -\sqrt{2} G_{j}(a_{j}), K_{2} = -F_{2A_{j}} p \sqrt{\pi a_{j}}, \qquad F_{2A_{j}} = -\sqrt{2} G_{j}(a_{j}),$$
(36)

where  $F_{A_i} = (F_{1A_i} - iF_{2A_i})$ ,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  indicate Modes I and II of the nondimensional SIFs.

### 3.1 Example 1

Consider multiple edge cracks emerging at the interface of two bonded half-planes towards the upper part of the planes due to normal stress, illustrated in Figure 1. R is the crack's length,  $e_2$  signifies the distance between cracks,  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  denote the inclined angles, and  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  are the crack's tip of crack 1 and 2 accordingly. When  $G_2 = 0$ , Eq. (26) reduces our problem to a half-plane containing an edge crack. From Table 1, it is found that the maximum percentage difference between the calculated results with Chen and Hasebe [20] is 0.085%. This validates our computation findings.

Table 1

Nondimensional SIFs at crack's tips for a single inclined edge crack in a half-plane under normal stress when inclined angle,  $\alpha$ (°) varies

α (°)	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
$F_1(\alpha)^*$	0.0881	0.1494	0.2298	0.3057	0.3824	0.4631	0.5438	0.6250	0.7048
$F_1(\alpha)^{**}$	0.0881	0.1495	0.2297	0.3058	0.3825	0.4633	0.5439	0.6252	0.7054
$F_2(\alpha)^*$	0.1901	0.1849	0.2276	0.2709	0.3079	0.3358	0.3553	0.3648	0.3645
$F_2(\alpha)^{**}$	0.1901	0.1851	0.2277	0.2709	0.3080	0.3359	0.3554	0.3646	0.3648
α (°)	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
$F_1(\alpha)^*$	0.7816	0.8529	0.9204	0.9788	1.0286	1.0686	1.0978	1.1156	1.1216
$F_1(\alpha)^{**}$	0.7814	0.8532	0.9208	0.9790	1.0289	1.0686	1.0985	1.1157	1.1219
$F_2(\alpha)^*$	0.3544	0.3350	0.3057	0.2687	0.2243	0.1738	0.1186	0.0601	0.0000
$F_{2}(\alpha)^{**}$	0.3547	0.3352	0.3060	0.2687	0.2244	0.1734	0.1186	0.0601	0.0000
$F_2(\alpha)^*$ $F_2(\alpha)^{**}$	0.3544 0.3547	0.3350 0.3352	0.3057 0.3060	0.2687 0.2687	0.2243 0.2244	0.1738 0.1734	0.1186 0.1186	0.0601 0.0601	0.0000 0.0000

\* Present study

\*\* Chen and Hasebe [20]



**Fig. 1.** Multiple inclined edge cracks in the upper half of two bonded half-planes

Figures 2 and 3 illustrate the nondimensional Modes I and II SIFs, addressing the problem in Figure 1. Figure 2(a) shows  $F_{1A_1}$  increases uniformly as  $\alpha_2$  increases. When  $\alpha_2 > 90^\circ$ , as G2/G1 increases,  $F_{1A_1}$  increases. However,  $F_{2A_1}$  decreases as G2/G1 increases.  $F_{1A_2}$  decreases but increases when  $\alpha_2 < 80^\circ$  and  $\alpha_2 > 80^\circ$  respectively as shown in Figure 2(b). It is found when  $\alpha_2 > 60^\circ$ ,  $F_{1A_2}$  increases as G2/G1 increases when  $\alpha_2 < 50^\circ$  but increases when  $\alpha_2 > 50^\circ$ . When  $\alpha_2 > 90^\circ$ , as G2/G1 increases,  $F_{2A_2}$  decreases when  $\alpha_2 < 50^\circ$  but increases when  $\alpha_2 > 50^\circ$ .



**Fig. 2.** Nondimensional SIFs for  $\alpha_2$  varies with different values of G2/G1 (a) SIFs at  $A_1$  (b) SIFs at  $A_2$ 

Figure 3(a) shows that as  $e_2/R$  increases,  $F_{1A_1}$  increases consistently for all values of G2/G1. As G2/G1 increases,  $F_{2A_1}$  decreases.  $F_{2A_1}$  decreases exponentially and remains constant when  $e_2/R < 4$  and  $e_2/R > 4$  respectively for all values of G2/G1. Figure 3(b) displays  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  at crack tip  $A_2$  increases and decreases sharply, respectively, when  $e_2/R < 3$ . Furthermore, when  $e_2/R > 3$ ,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  at crack tip  $A_2$  remain constant.



Fig. 3. Nondimensional SIFs for  $e_2/R$  varies with different values of G2/G1(a) SIFs at  $A_1$  (b) SIFs at  $A_2$ 

### 3.2 Example 2

Consider multiple edge cracks originating at the interface of two bonded half-planes towards the upper and lower parts of the planes under normal stress, as shown in Figure 4. The symbols R,  $e_2$ ,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $A_1$ , and  $A_2$  are similarly described as Example 1.



**Fig. 4.** Multiple inclined edge cracks in both the upper and lower parts of two bonded half-planes

Figures 5 and 6 display the nondimensional Modes I and II SIFs for the problem in Figure 4. Figure 5(a) demonstrates that as  $\alpha_1$  increases,  $F_{1A_1}$  decreases. When  $\alpha_1 > 25^{\circ}$ , as G2/G1 increases,  $F_{1A_1}$  increases. Meanwhile, when  $\alpha_1 > 35^{\circ}$ , as G2/G1 increases,  $F_{2A_1}$  decreases. At crack tip  $A_2$  (see Figure 5(b)),  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  do not show any significant difference as  $\alpha_1$  increases. This is due to the uniformity of normal and shear amplitudes.  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  at  $A_2$  approach zero when G2/G1 = 2.0, 3.0.



**Fig. 5.** Nondimensional SIFs for  $\alpha_2$  varies with different values of G2/G1 (a) SIFs at  $A_1$  (b) SIFs at  $A_2$ 

Figure 6(a) demonstrates that as  $e_2/R$  increases,  $F_{1A_1}$  shows no significant difference and remains constant when  $e_2/R > 4$ . This is because when the distance between cracks increases, the effect of stress concentration at the crack tips decreases. As G2/G1 increases,  $F_{1A_1}$  increases. However,  $F_{2A_1}$  decreases as G2/G1 increases. Figure 6(b) illustrates  $F_{1A_2}$  and  $F_{2A_2}$  exponentially increases and decreases, respectively, when  $e_2/R < 4$  for G2/G1 = 3.0. Moreover, for  $G2/G1 = 1.0, 2.0, F_{1A_2}$  and  $F_{2A_2}$  remain constant as  $e_2/R$  increases. As the distance between cracks increases, the interaction between cracks decreases and behaves like an isolated crack.



Fig. 6. Nondimensional SIFs for  $e_2/R$  varies with different values of G2/G1 (a) SIFs at  $A_1$  (b) SIFs at  $A_2$ 

The inclination angle of the crack relative to the applied load affects the stress concentration factor, leading to an increase or decrease of SIF as the result of the combination effects of normal and shear stresses [23]. Depending on the crack's inclination angle, the ratio of elastic constants G2/G1 also influences the distribution of stress around the crack tip. As G2/G1 increases, the stress near the crack tip increases, which can lead to higher stress concentrations and thus a higher Mode I SIF. A higher shear modulus indicates that a material is stiffer against shear deformation, resulting in higher resistance to in-plane sliding. As a result, the material resists shear stress more effectively, reducing the stress concentration at the crack tip and resulting in a lower Mode II SIF [24].

The ratio of elastic constants, G2/G1 also affects the stress distribution at a crack tip, which corresponds to the distance between cracks. When cracks are far apart, their interactions are

minimal and uniform, leading to a scenario where each crack behaves more like an isolated crack [25]. However, specific crack conditions can indeed influence the behavior of SIFs in Mode I and Mode II, which causes a behavior that differs from the common behavior. This can occur because of factors such as crack orientation, loading conditions, and the elastic constant ratios of the planes.

# 4. Conclusions

As a conclusion, the multiple edge cracks originating at the interface of two bonded half-planes are formulated into SIEs, and the SIEs are numerically solved using the semi-open quadrature rule. The configuration of the crack, the ratios of the elastic constants of the planes, and the inclination angle significantly influence Modes I and II SIFs. Furthermore, when dealing with multiple cracks, the distance between them can also affect the SIFs due to interaction effects, depending on the load acting on the cracks. Analyzing the behavior of the SIF near the crack tip will help engineers develop more durable and safer structures and components, thereby saving human lives and minimizing economic losses due to structural failures.

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