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I. INTRODUCTION

The present work is concerned with the investigation of the stress distribution near the tip of a uniformly moving crack in a brittle elastic solid. To this end, we employ the recently developed theory of nonlocal elasticity [1] which incorporates important features of atomic lattice dynamics relevant to the study of microscopic defects, as well as macroscopic phenomena that fall within the domain of classical elasticity in the long wave-length limit.

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In a series of papers, Eringen and his coworkers [2-6] treated various problems on crack tip stresses, dislocations and dispersive wave propagation by means of the linear theory of nonlocal elasticity. We mention here briefly, the following few basic results in support of the power and the potential of nonlocal theory: In contrast to the predictions made in classical elasticity:

(i) Plane waves are dispersive and the dispersion curves approximate those of the atomic lattice dynamics and the phonon-dispersion experiments within a 6% error margin in the entire Brillouin zone [1-3].

(ii) The hoop stress is finite and acquires a maximum near the crack tip. Consequently, physically meaningful maximum stress hypothesis may be used at all levels as a fracture criterion [4-8].

(iii) Theoretical strength of solids estimated by means of nonlocal theory is in excellent agreement with the predictions based on atomic theory [9,10].

In dynamic problems of crack propagation, classical theory also predicts infinite stresses at the crack tip. Moreover, the critical dynamic stress intensity factors (i.e. \( K = r^{1/2}(t_{yy}, t_{yz}) \) as \( r \to 0 \) and \( \theta = 0 \)) turn out to be independent of the crack velocity, identical to their static values [11,12].

The problem of a constant velocity crack offers a convenient testing ground for the extension of the treatment of nonlocal crack problems to dynamic cases. Here, we study the motion of a finite length crack for the anti-plane shear case (Mode III). This problem represents an oversimplified picture of the dynamic fracture. Nevertheless, it does offer us an
insight on the nature of the nonlocal stress field near the tip of a moving crack. It is found that the nonlocal shear stress at the crack tip is finite and it increases with increasing crack velocity. These characteristics of nonlocal stress behavior enables us to extend the maximum stress hypothesis to the dynamic cases.

In Section 2, we summarize basic equations of nonlocal elasticity. In Section 3, an analytical (approximate) solution is obtained for the dual integral equations ensuing from the mixed boundary value problem. The nonlocal stress field is given in Section 4, and compared with the local and the static stresses.

II. NONLOCAL ELASTICITY

For linear homogeneous and isotropic elastic solids, the two dimensional stress constitutive equations are given by [1]:

\[ t_{k\ell} = \int_S \alpha(\lvert \hat{x}' - \hat{x} \rvert, \varepsilon) \sigma_{k\ell}(\hat{x}') \, ds(\hat{x}') \]  

(2.1)

where \( S \) is the two-dimensional plane region and \( \sigma_{k\ell}(\hat{x}', t) \) is the local (classical) stress tensor at \( \hat{x}' \) which depends only on the local strain tensor \( e_{k\ell}(\hat{x}', t) \) at the point \( \hat{x}' \), where

\[ \sigma_{k\ell} = \lambda \epsilon_{rr} \delta_{k\ell} + 2\mu e_{k\ell} \]  

(2.2)

\[ e_{k\ell} = \frac{1}{2} (u_{k,\ell} + u_{\ell,k}) \]  

(2.3)
Here \( u_k \) is the displacement vector, \( \lambda \) and \( \mu \) are the Lamé constants, and an index following a comma represents a gradient, e.g.

\[
U_{k,\ell} = \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_{\ell}}
\]

The nonlocal kernel \( \alpha(|x'-x|,\varepsilon) \) characterizes the range and the strength of interatomic interactions. \( \varepsilon \) is the nonlocality parameter. It corresponds to an internal characteristic length of the material, hence reflects the microstructure and discreteness of the body. The nonlocal kernels may be determined by requiring that the wave dispersion equations derived from the nonlocal equations approximate the corresponding dispersion relations which are derived by means of lattice dynamics or obtained experimentally. In addition, they must fulfill certain consistency conditions so that in the case \( \varepsilon \to 0 \) (the continuum limit), the nonlocal equations revert to the classical, local equations, i.e.

\[
\begin{align*}
(i) \quad & \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \alpha(|x'-x|,\varepsilon) = \delta(x'-x) \* \\
(ii) \quad & \int_S \alpha(|x'-x|) \, dS(x') = 1 \quad (2.4) \\
(iii) \quad & \alpha \text{ vanishes as } |x'-x| \to \infty
\end{align*}
\]

In [5], we introduced a two-dimensional kernel which satisfies the consistency conditions and also yields dispersion curves closely approximating those of a two-dimensional perfect square lattice. (For other possibilities, see [3,9])

\[
\alpha(|x'-x|,\varepsilon) = (2\pi \varepsilon^2)^{-1} K_0(\varepsilon^{-1}[(x'-x)^2 + (y'-y)^2]^{1/2}) \quad (2.5)
\]

*We note that the homogeneous kernel \( \alpha(|x'-x|) \) used here violates the inhomogeneity that exists in an atomically thin layer near the crack boundary.*
(2.5) has the additional convenient property that

\[ (1 - \varepsilon^2 \nu^2) \alpha = \delta(|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}|) \]  

(2.6)

For perfect crystals, the dispersion curve can be matched exactly at the ends of the Brillouin zone, leading to the determination of \( \varepsilon \):

\[ \varepsilon = (0.22 - 0.31) a \]  

(2.7)

where \( a \) is the atomic lattice parameter.

In the sequel, we will use (2.5) as the nonlocal kernel and \( \varepsilon \) as given by (2.7) so that there will be no parameter adjustments for the specific problem treated here.

Cauchy's equations for the linear momentum remains valid:

\[ t_{k\ell,k} = \rho \ddot{u}_\ell \]  

(2.8)

where \( \rho \) is the mass density and a superposed dot denotes the material time derivative.

Upon applying the operator (2.6) to (2.1) and using (2.3) and (2.4), we obtain the following singularly perturbed partial differential equations:

\[ (1 - \varepsilon^2 \nu^2) \rho \ddot{u}_\ell = (\lambda + \mu) u_{k\ell,k\ell} + \mu u_{k\ell,kk} \]  

(2.9)

In Section 3, we obtain the solution of Eqs. (2.9) and (2.1) for the nonlocal moving shear crack problem.
III. ANTI-PLANE MOVING CRACK

A line crack of length $2\ell$ is assumed to propagate with a constant velocity $V$, in an elastic plate in the $x_3=0$-plane. The uniform motion of the crack is maintained by an anti-plane shear stress $\tau_0$ (Fig. 1). In the moving coordinate system

$$x = X - Vt \quad y = Y$$

(3.1)

we have

$$u_1 = 0, \quad u_2 = 0, \quad u_3 = w(x,y) = w(-x,y)$$

(3.2)

and the field equations (2.9) reduce to

$$(V/c_2)^2 \left[ 1 - \varepsilon^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \right] \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) w$$

(3.3)

where $c_2 = (\mu/\rho)$ denotes the phase velocity of shear waves.

We note that the nonlocal field equations revert to the local equations for $\varepsilon = 0$ and to the static equations for $V = 0$.

By utilizing the Fourier transform in the $x$-direction

$$\tilde{f}(k,y) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) \exp(ikx) \, dx$$

(3.4)

we obtain the general solution of (3.3) for $y \geq 0$ as
\[
\bar{w}(k,y) = (\frac{2}{\pi})^{\frac{i}{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} A(k) \exp(-k \gamma(k)y - ikx) dk
\]  \tag{3.5}

where

\[
\gamma^2 = \frac{(c_2^2 - \nu^2 - \varepsilon^2 v^2 k^2)/(c_2^2 - \varepsilon^2 v^2 k^2)}{(3.6)}
\]

and the inversion contour is chosen in such a way that \( R \gamma \geq 0 \).

The boundary conditions for the moving crack problem in the new
coordinate system are equivalent to the static case. Here we follow [5]
in determining the self-consistent nonlocal boundary conditions. For the
uniform shear load \( \tau_0 \), they are given by

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{w}(x,0) &= 0, & |x| > \lambda \\
\sigma_{yx}(x,0) &= -\tau_0, & |x| < \lambda \\
w(x,y) &= 0, & (x^2 + y^2) \rightarrow \infty
\end{align*}
\]  \tag{3.7}

Insertion of (3.5) into (3.2) and (3.7) yields a set of dual integral
equations

\[
\begin{align*}
\int_{0}^{\infty} \kappa D(\kappa) \gamma(\kappa \xi) \cos \kappa \xi d\kappa &= 1; & |\xi| < 1 \\
\int_{0}^{\infty} D(\kappa) \cos \kappa \xi d\kappa &= 0; & |\xi| > 1
\end{align*}
\]  \tag{3.8}

where

*The use of a different set of boundary conditions are explored in other
work (e.g. [10]).
\[ \xi = x/\xi \,, \quad \kappa = k\xi \quad \delta = \varepsilon/\xi \quad \delta = \varepsilon/\xi \]  

(3.9)

The standard Ansatz

\[ D(K) = \left( \frac{2k}{\pi} \right) \left( \mu_0/\tau_0 \xi^2 \right) A(K) \]

(3.10)

leads to a single Fredholm equation

\[ h(t) + \int_0^1 K(t, \eta) h(\eta) d\eta = t^{1/2} ; \quad 0 < t < 1 \quad (3.11) \]

where

\[ K(t, \eta) = (t\eta)^{1/2} \int_0^\infty \kappa [Q(\kappa) - 1] J_0(\kappa t) J_0(\kappa \eta) d\kappa \quad (3.12) \]

\[ Q(\kappa) = \left[ (\chi^2 - \kappa^2)/(\check{d}^2 - \kappa^2) \right]^{1/2} ; \quad \kappa \in (c, d) \]

\[ = i \left[ (\kappa^2 - c^2)/(d^2 - \kappa^2) \right]^{1/2} ; \quad \kappa \in (c, d) \]

\[ d = c_2/\delta \sqrt{\nu} , \quad c^2 = d^2 - 1/\delta^2 \quad (3.13) \]

The kernel \( K(t, \eta) \) can be expressed in a more compact form by reducing (3.13) to an integral around the branch cuts by contour integration (see also [9], p. 286), i.e.

\[ K(t, \eta) = (t\eta)^{1/2} \int_C \kappa Q(\kappa) \left\{ \begin{array}{c} H_0^{(1)}(\kappa t) J_0(\kappa \eta) \\ H_0^{(1)}(\kappa \eta) J_0(\kappa t) \end{array} \right\} d\kappa ; \quad t > \eta \quad (3.15) \]

\[ t < \eta \]

where \( H_0^{(1)} \) denote Hankel functions.
In order to derive (3.14), we first evaluate the auxiliary integrals

\[ I_j = (t\eta)^{\frac{3}{2}} \int_{C_j} z[G(z) - 1] H_0^{(j)}(zt) J_0(z\eta) dz \quad ; \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (3.15) \]

\[
G(z) = \begin{cases} 
Q(z) & ; \ z \in C_1 \\
\bar{Q}(z) & ; \ z \in C_2
\end{cases}
\]

where a bar denotes the complex conjugate and \( z = p + iq \) is a point in the complex plane. The contours \( C_1 \) and \( C_2 \) are shown in Fig. 2. There are no singularities within these contours \( (I_1 = 0, I_2 = 0) \) and contributions from the circular arcs vanish, due to the asymptotic behavior of the integrands on each \( C_j \). As the next step, we recall that

\[
H_0^{(1)}(z) + H_0^{(2)}(z) = 2 \begin{cases} 
J_0(z) \\
i Y_0(z)
\end{cases}
\]

\[
G(z) = G(-z) \quad (3.16)
\]

\[
H_0^{(1)}(iqt) J_0(iq\eta) = - H_0^{(2)}(-iqt) J_0(-iq\eta)
\]

and we obtain

\[
I_1 + I_2 = K(t, \eta) - (t\eta)^{1/2} \int_{C}^{d} Q(\kappa) J_0(\kappa t) J_0(\kappa\eta) d\kappa \\
- (t\eta)^{1/2} \int_{C}^{d} Q(\kappa) i Y_0(\kappa t) J_0(\kappa\eta) d\kappa = 0 \quad (3.17)
\]

(3.14) follows easily from (3.17). For \( \eta > t \), we merely exchange the roles of \( \eta \) and \( t \) and recover (3.14).
The new form of \( K(t, \eta) \) activates us for the trial solution

\[
h(t) = t^{1/2} [\beta + \int_c^d p(s) J_0(st) ds]
\]  

(3.18)

Substituting (3.18) into (3.11), we obtain

\[
A\beta t^{1/2} + t^{1/2} \left[ \int_c^d B(s) p(s) J_0(st) + \beta t^{1/2} \int_c^d Q(\kappa) H_1^{(1)}(\kappa) J_0(\kappa t) d\kappa \right]
\]

\[
+ t^{1/2} \left[ \int_c^d \frac{d\kappa}{\kappa} Q(\kappa) J_0(\kappa t) \int_c^d p(s) G(\kappa, s) d\kappa \right] = t^{1/2}
\]  

(3.19)

\[
A = 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_c^d \frac{\left( \frac{\kappa^2 - c^2}{d^2 - \kappa^2} \right)^{1/2} d\kappa}{\kappa} = \frac{c}{d} = (1 - \frac{d^2}{c^2})^{1/2} = s_2
\]  

(3.20)

\[
B(s) = 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_c^d \left( \frac{\kappa^2 - c^2}{d^2 - \kappa^2} \right) \frac{d\kappa}{\kappa^2 - s^2} = 0; \quad c < s < d
\]  

(3.21)

\[
G(\kappa, s) = \left[ \kappa H_1^{(1)}(\kappa) J_0(s) - s J_1(s) H_0^{(1)}(\kappa) \right] / (\kappa^2 - s^2)
\]

(3.22)

We set \( A\beta = 1 \) and \( p(d) = 0 \) as an integrability condition and utilize the asymptotic expansions of the Bessel function to reduce (3.19) into a simpler form for an approximate solution:
\[ t^{1/2} \int_{c}^{d} \beta \left( \frac{2}{\pi \kappa} \right)^{1/2} \exp\left( i \left( \kappa - \frac{3\pi}{4} \right) \right) Q(\kappa) J_0(\kappa t) \, d\kappa \]

\[ - t^{1/2} \int_{c}^{d} \left[ \int_{c}^{d} \frac{i \exp\left( i (\kappa - s) \right)}{\pi (\kappa s)^{1/2} (\kappa - s)} p(s) \, ds \right] k Q(\kappa) J_0(\kappa t) \, d\kappa \]

\[ + t^{1/2} \int_{c}^{d} R(\kappa) Q(\kappa) J_0(\kappa t) \, d\kappa = 0 \quad (3.23) \]

where \( R(\kappa) \) is given by

\[ R(\kappa) = \kappa \int_{c}^{d} \left[ G(\kappa, s) + \frac{i \exp\left( i(\kappa - s) \right)}{\pi (\kappa s)^{1/2} (\kappa - s)} \right] p(s) \, ds \]

\[ + \beta [H_1(\kappa) - \left( \frac{2}{\pi \kappa} \right)^{1/2} \exp\left( i(\kappa - \frac{3\pi}{4}) \right)] \quad (3.24) \]

By ignoring the last term in (3.23), we obtain an airfoil equation

\[ \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{c}^{d} \frac{p(s) \exp\left( -i s \right) s^{-1/2}}{\kappa - s} \, ds = \frac{\beta (2/\pi)^{1/2} \exp\left( -i \frac{3\pi}{4} \right)}{\kappa} \quad (3.25) \]

The solution of (3.25) with the side condition \( p(d) = 0 \) is (Tricomi [14], p. 178)

\[ p(s) = -i \beta \left( \frac{c}{d} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{2}{\pi s} \right)^{1/2} \exp\left( i(s - \frac{3\pi}{4}) \right) \left( \frac{d-s}{s-c} \right)^{1/2} \quad (3.26) \]

Substitution of (3.26) into the third term in (3.24) yields
\[ \int_{c}^{d} R(\kappa) Q(\kappa) J_0(\kappa t) = r(t) = o(e^{1/2}) \quad (3.27) \]

Hence, \( p(s) \) constitutes a very good approximate solution for (3.11) to the order of \( (\delta^{1/2}) \). *

In the next section, we utilize the approximation provided by (3.18) and calculate the nonlocal crack tip stresses.

**IV. STRESS FIELD**

The nonlocal stress field can be calculated by substituting (3.18) into (3.10) and (2.1). Below, for comparison purposes, we also give the crack tip stresses for the local and the static cases. The stresses along the crack line near the crack tip \( (y=0, \xi>1) \), are given by:

1. **The Static Case**: \( V=0 \)

The local and nonlocal field equations coincide. For both cases, the solution is given by

\[ D(\kappa) = \frac{J_1(\kappa)}{\kappa} \quad (4.1) \]

(i) **Local**: \( \delta = 0 \)

\[ t_{yz}/\tau_0^{LS} = \int_{0}^{\infty} J_1(\kappa) \cos \kappa \xi \ dk = \int_{0}^{\infty} I_1(\kappa) e^{-\kappa \xi} \ dk \]

\[ = (\xi^2 - 1)^{-1/2} \left[ \xi + (\xi^2 - 1)^{1/2} \right]^{-1} ; \quad \xi > 1 \quad (4.2) \]

*The approximate solution (3.26) is not as good when \( V \) becomes very close to \( c_2 \) (i.e. \( c \to 0 \)), since then the asymptotic expansions of the Bessel functions in (3.23) are no longer valid.*
The second integral in (4.2) is obtained by contour integration (i.e.,
\( J_1(\kappa) e^{i\kappa \xi} \) on \( C_1 \) and \( J_1(\kappa) e^{-i\kappa \xi} \) on \( C_2 \) (see Fig. 2)). The local stress is unbounded at the crack tip, \( \xi = 1 \).

(ii) Nonlocal: \( \delta \neq 0 \)

\[
\frac{t_{yz}}{\tau_0} = \int_{-\delta}^{\delta} (1 + \delta^2 \kappa^2 - \frac{1}{\delta}) \left[ (1 + \delta^2 \kappa^2) \frac{1}{\delta} + \delta \kappa \right]^{-1} J_1(\kappa) \cos \kappa \xi \, d\kappa \quad (4.3)
\]

\[
= \int_{-\delta}^{\delta} I_1(\kappa) e^{-\kappa \xi} \, d\kappa + \int_{-\delta}^{\delta} \left[ 1 - \frac{\delta \kappa}{(\delta \kappa^2 - 1)^{1/2}} \right] I_1(\kappa) e^{-\kappa \xi} \, d\kappa \quad (4.4)
\]

\[
= \left[ 2(\xi-1) \right]^{-1/2} \left[ 2/(\xi+1) \right]^{1/2} \left[ \xi + (\xi^2 - 1)^{1/2} \right]^{-1} - 1
\]

\[
+ \frac{e^{-\xi^{1/2}}}{2} \chi^{1/2} \left[ K_{3/4}(\chi) I_{1/4}(\chi) + K_{1/4}(\chi) I_{3/4}(\chi) \right] + O(1)
\]

\[
\chi = (\xi-1)/2\delta \quad (4.5)
\]

From (4.5) and from the small argument behavior of the Bessel functions, we observe that the crack tip stress is finite

\[
\frac{t_{yz}}{\tau_0} = \sqrt{2}(\Gamma(3/4)/\Gamma(1/4))\delta^{1/2} = 0.475 \delta^{1/2} \quad (4.6)
\]

The difference between (4.3) and (4.2) lies in the terms which include the nonlocality parameter \( \delta = \varepsilon/\ell \). They act as a converging factor in (4.3) and the nonlocal stress is bounded. Equation (4.4) is obtained by contour integration methods, using the contours \( C_1 \) and \( C_2 \) (Fig. 2). Here we see how the nonlocality acts as a natural cut-off in the Fourier domain and thus bringing in the discreteness effects of a nonlocal body.
The solution for \( D(\kappa) \) is different from the static case

\[
D(\kappa) = \frac{J_1(\kappa)}{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{V^2}{c_2^2}\right)^{-1/2} = \frac{J_1(\kappa)}{(s_2\kappa)} \quad (4.7)
\]

Nevertheless, the local stress is equal to its static value and it is unbounded

\[
t_{yZ}/\tau_0^{LD} = \int_0^\infty s_2 \kappa D(\kappa) \cos k \xi \, d\kappa = \int_0^\infty J_1(\kappa) \cos k \xi \, d\kappa \quad (4.8)
\]

(ii) Nonlocal: \( \delta \neq 0 \)

\[
t_{yZ}/\tau_0^{ND} = B \int_0^\infty \left(1 + \delta^2 \kappa^2\right)^{-\delta/2} \left[(1 + \delta^2 \kappa^2)^{\delta/2} + \delta \kappa Q(\kappa)\right]^{-1} \kappa Q(\kappa) D(\kappa) \cos k \xi \, d\kappa
\]

\[
= \int_0^{\delta^{-1}} B(\kappa) I_1(\kappa) e^{-\kappa \xi} \, d\kappa
\]

\[
+ \int_{\delta^{-1}}^\infty \left(1 - \delta \kappa [(c_2^2 - V^2 - \delta^2 \kappa^2)/(c_2^2 - \delta^2 \kappa^2) (\delta^2 \kappa^2 - 1)]^{\delta/2}\right) B(\kappa) I_1(\kappa) e^{-\kappa \xi} \, d\kappa
\]

\[+ O(1);\]

where

\[
B(\kappa) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - V^2/c_2^2\right)^{-1/4} \left[\frac{d+i\kappa}{c+i\kappa}\right]^{\delta/2} + \left[\frac{d-i\kappa}{c-i\kappa}\right]^{\delta/2}
\]
In Fig. 3, the numerical evaluation of (4.9) are plotted along with the local anti-plane shear stress. In contrast to the local stress, the nonlocal stress is increasing with the increasing crack velocity.

In this work, we have focused on how the nonlocality affects the stress distribution. In an upcoming publication, we will discuss the implications of the velocity dependence of the nonlocal crack tip stresses for brittle crack propagation. The extension of the maximum stress hypothesis to the dynamic case and the determination of a terminal velocity will be discussed in the context of a constant velocity crack in in-plane extension mode, which provides a more realistic picture of dynamic rupture phenomena.
FIGURE 1
MOVING ANTI-PLANE CRACK
FIGURE 2
CONTOURS IN THE COMPLEX PLANE
Figure 3
The Nonlocal Stress

\[
\frac{t_{yz}(1,0;V)}{t_{yz}(1,0;0)}
\]

- Nonlocal (4.9)
- Local
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