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The focus of this paper is the study of the dynamic steady-state propagation of interfacial cracks in anisotropic bimetals under general, nonsymmetric loading conditions. Symmetric and skew-symmetric weight functions, defined as singular nontrivial solutions of a homogeneous traction-free crack problem, have been recently derived for a quasistatic semiinfinite crack at the interface between two dissimilar anisotropic materials. In this paper, the expressions for the weight functions are generalized to the case of a dynamic steady-state crack between two anisotropic media. A functional matrix equation, through which it is possible to evaluate the stress intensity factors and the energy release rate at the crack tip, is obtained. A general method for calculating the asymptotic coefficients of the displacement and traction fields, without any restrictions regarding the loading applied on the crack faces, is developed. The proposed approach is applied for the computing stress intensity factors and higher-order asymptotic terms corresponding to two different example loading configurations acting on the crack faces in an orthotropic bimaterial.

1. Introduction

Evaluation of stress intensity factors and higher-order asymptotic terms of displacement and stress fields represents a crucial issue for perturbative analysis of many interfacial crack problems [Bercial-Velez et al. 2005; Piccolroaz et al. 2010]. Recently, using a procedure based on Betti's reciprocal theorem together with weight functions [Bueckner 1985; 1989], a general method for calculating the coefficients of the asymptotic displacements and stresses corresponding to an arbitrary loading acting on crack faces has been developed in [Piccolroaz et al. 2009] for quasistatic cracks between dissimilar isotropic media, and in [Morini et al. 2013] for interfacial cracks in two-dimensional anisotropic bimetals. The aim of this paper is to generalize these results to the case of dynamic steady-state crack propagation at the interface between two dissimilar anisotropic media, and to develop a general method for explicitly computing the coefficients in the asymptotic representations of the displacements and stresses and the energy release rate for dynamic interfacial crack problems, without any restrictions regarding the loading applied at the crack faces.

The article is organized as follows: Section 2 includes some preliminary results which are used in the proposed analysis. The Stroh representation [Stroh 1962] of displacements and stress fields is reported together with the Riemann–Hilbert formulation of interfacial cracks in anisotropic bimetals developed in [Suo 1990; Yang et al. 1991]. Explicit expressions for symmetric and skew-symmetric weight functions for quasistatic plane crack problems derived in [Morini et al. 2013] and the Betti integral formula

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are introduced. In Section 3, weight function matrices for a semiinfinite crack propagating at a constant speed at the interface between two dissimilar orthotropic materials under plane deformation are derived. In Section 4, using explicit weight functions together with Betti’s integral theorem, general formulas for stress intensity factors and higher-order asymptotic terms are obtained. By means of the developed approach, both symmetric and skew-symmetric loading configurations acting on the crack faces can be considered, and higher-order asymptotic terms can also be computed for nonsmooth loading functions. The derived stress intensity factors are then used to evaluate the energy release rate. Two illustrative examples of numerical computations for a specific asymmetric load are presented in Section 5. The effects of the loading asymmetry on the energy release rate and the dependence of stress intensity factors on the crack tip velocity are finally discussed, and possible physical implications of these results on the continuing propagation of the crack are explored.

2. Preliminary results

In this section the mathematical framework of the model is introduced. Preliminary results concerning interfacial cracks in two-dimensional anisotropic elastic bimetals used for further analysis in this paper are also reported. A semiinfinite crack propagating at a constant speed, v , along a perfect interface between two semiinfinite anisotropic materials is considered. The crack is said to be occupying the region $x_1 - vt < 0, x_2 = 0$, as illustrated in Figure 1.

Considering the Cartesian coordinate system shown in Figure 1, the traction on the crack faces is defined as

$$\sigma_{2j}(x_1 - vt, 0^\pm) = p_j^\pm(x_1 - vt), \quad \text{for } x_1 - vt < 0, \tag{1}$$

and the body forces are assumed to be zero. The only restriction on the loading considered in this paper is that it must vanish within the region of the crack tip.

The closed-form solution to the problem of a semiinfinite crack at an interface between two dissimilar anisotropic materials has been derived by means of Stroh formalism [1962] in both the static [Suo 1990] and the steady-state [Yang et al. 1991] cases, where the variation of angular stresses for different crack

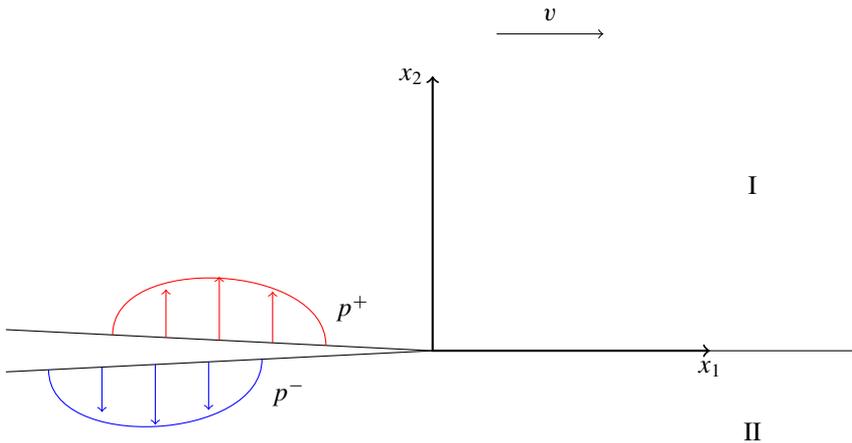


Figure 1. Geometry.

velocities was plotted. The expressions for the stress field along the interface and the displacement along the crack line derived in these papers, which are used in further analysis, are reported in [Section 2.1](#). In [Section 2.2](#) the weight function defined in [Willis and Movchan 1995] is introduced and, finally, in [Section 2.3](#), it is shown how the Betti formula can be used to relate the weight functions and the physical solutions for a problem concerning a propagating crack.

2.1. Steady-state interfacial crack: Stroh formalism. For both anisotropic elastic media, occupying the upper and lower half-planes in [Figure 1](#), Hooke's law is given by

$$\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl}\epsilon_{kl} = C_{ijkl}\frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_l}, \quad \text{for } i, j, k, l = 1, 2, \quad (2)$$

where σ is the stress, ϵ is the strain, C is the stiffness tensor for the material, v is the speed at which the crack is moving, and ρ is the material density. The following relationship relating the stress and displacement is also used:

$$\sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2}. \quad (3)$$

Combining (2) and (3) gives

$$C_{ijkl}\frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_j \partial x_l} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2}. \quad (4)$$

A new coordinate system is now introduced: ($\tilde{x}_1 = x_1 - vt$, $\tilde{x}_2 = x_2$). The following relationship is therefore found in this new coordinate system:

$$\tilde{C}_{ijkl}\frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial \tilde{x}_j \partial \tilde{x}_l} = 0, \quad (5)$$

where $\tilde{C}_{ijkl} = C_{ijkl} - \rho v^2 \delta_{ik} \delta_{1j} \delta_{1l}$.

From here on, for convenience, the moving coordinates will be written as $\tilde{x}_1 = x$ and $\tilde{x}_2 = y$. In order to find expressions for the displacement and stress fields in both of the materials, the Stroh formalism can be applied, and a solution in the form $u_i = A_j f(x + py)$ derived. Introducing this expression into the balance equations (5), the following eigenvalue problem is obtained:

$$(\mathbf{Q} + p(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{R}^T) + p^2 \mathbf{T})\mathbf{A} = 0, \quad (6)$$

where $\mathbf{Q} = C_{i1k1} - \rho v^2 \delta_{ik}$ depends on the material constants and the crack speed. However, $\mathbf{R} = C_{i1k2}$ and $\mathbf{T} = C_{i2k2}$ depend only on elastic constants of the material. This eigenvalue problem was solved in [Ting 1996], and general expressions for the traction and displacement fields can be found therein. At this stage the following matrices are also defined:

$$\mathbf{L} = (\mathbf{R}^T + p\mathbf{T})\mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{B} = i\mathbf{A}\mathbf{L}^{-1},$$

where \mathbf{B} is the surface admittance tensor of the material. It is also important, for further analysis, to introduce the bimaterial matrices \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{W} :

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{B}_I + \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{II}, \quad \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{B}_I - \bar{\mathbf{B}}_{II}, \quad (7)$$

where the subscript I or II determines which material the matrix relates to. It is important to note that, in the considered dynamic steady-state case, the matrices \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{L} , \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{H} , and \mathbf{W} all depend on both the elastic constants for the materials and the crack speed, v .

The analysis performed in [Suo 1990] considered the static, homogeneous traction-free form of the physical problem shown in Figure 1, with continuous traction and displacement across the interface ($x_1 > 0$). Suo’s work has been extended to the steady-state crack in [Yang et al. 1991] using the new coordinates x and y . Considering the traction-free condition, the following Riemann–Hilbert problem is satisfied along the negative portion of the real axis [Suo 1990]:

$$\mathbf{h}^+(x) + \bar{\mathbf{H}}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{h}^-(x) = 0, \quad -\infty < x < 0. \tag{8}$$

Here, $\mathbf{h}(z)$ is a function found in the form

$$\mathbf{h}(z) = \mathbf{w} z^{-1/2+i\epsilon}.$$

The branch cut of $\mathbf{h}(z)$ is placed along the negative real axis. Combining this solution with (8) gives the eigenvalue problem

$$\bar{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{w} = e^{2\pi\epsilon} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{w}, \tag{9}$$

which can be used to find ϵ and \mathbf{w} , both of which depend on the crack velocity [Yang et al. 1991].

For the positive part of the real axis the following expression for the physical traction was found in [Suo 1990]:

$$\mathbf{t}(x) = \mathbf{h}^+(x) + \bar{\mathbf{H}}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{h}^-(x), \quad 0 < x < \infty. \tag{10}$$

Combining this with the results from (9), Suo found the following expression for the traction ahead of the crack tip:

$$\mathbf{t}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \operatorname{Re}(K x^{i\epsilon} \mathbf{w}), \tag{11}$$

where $K = K_1 + iK_2$ is the complex stress intensity factor, and includes both mode I and mode II contributions to the traction.

The displacement jump across the crack, defined as $[\mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{u}(x, 0^+) - \mathbf{u}(x, 0^-)$, was also found in [Suo 1990] for $x < 0$:

$$[\mathbf{u}](x) = \left(\frac{2(-x)}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{(\mathbf{H} + \bar{\mathbf{H}})}{\cosh \pi\epsilon} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{K(-x)^{i\epsilon} \mathbf{w}}{1 + 2i\epsilon}\right). \tag{12}$$

For the physical problem with forces acting on the crack faces the asymptotic expansions of the physical traction and the jump in displacement across the interface, as $x \rightarrow 0$, can be written as follows [Morini et al. 2013]:

$$[\mathbf{u}](x) = \frac{(-x)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathcal{U}(x) \mathbf{K} + \frac{(-x)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathcal{U}(x) \mathbf{Y}_2 + \frac{(-x)^{5/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathcal{U}(x) \mathbf{Y}_3 + \mathcal{O}((-x)^{7/2}), \tag{13}$$

$$\mathbf{t}(x) = \frac{x^{-1/2}}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathcal{T}(x) \mathbf{K} + \frac{x^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathcal{T}(x) \mathbf{Y}_2 + \frac{x^{3/2}}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathcal{T}(x) \mathbf{Y}_3 + \mathcal{O}(x^{5/2}), \tag{14}$$

where $\mathbf{K} = [K, \bar{K}]$ and $\mathbf{Y}_i = [Y_i, \bar{Y}_i]$. The Y_i are constants derived in the same manner as the stress

intensity factor K in order to find further terms in the asymptotic expansions. The matrices ${}^0\mathcal{U}(x)$ and $\mathcal{T}(x)$ are represented as

$${}^0\mathcal{U}(x) = \frac{2(\mathbf{H} + \bar{\mathbf{H}})}{\cosh \pi \epsilon} \left[\frac{\mathbf{w}(-x)^{i\epsilon}}{1 + 2i\epsilon}, \frac{\bar{\mathbf{w}}(-x)^{-i\epsilon}}{1 - 2i\epsilon} \right], \quad \mathcal{T}(x) = 2[\mathbf{w}x^{i\epsilon}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}x^{-i\epsilon}]. \quad (15)$$

An explicit formula for computing the stress intensity factor for symmetric loading was given in [Suo 1990]. It was shown that

$$\mathbf{K}^S = -\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} \cosh \pi \epsilon \int_{-\infty}^0 (-x)^{-1/2-i\epsilon} \langle \mathbf{p}_1 \rangle(x) dx, \quad (16)$$

where the vector $\langle \mathbf{p}_1 \rangle(x)$ is related to the applied traction $\mathbf{p}(x)$ in the following way:

$$\langle \mathbf{p}_1 \rangle = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{w}}^T \mathbf{H} \langle \mathbf{p} \rangle}{\bar{\mathbf{w}}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{w}}.$$

Note here that the work in [Suo 1990] only studied symmetric loading, which is why the formula above only shows the part of the stress intensity factor corresponding to the symmetric part of the loading $\langle \mathbf{p}_1 \rangle$. For symmetric loading the asymmetric contribution to the loading, $[\mathbf{p}_1]$, is equal to 0.

Another key component in the analysis of fracture mechanics is the determination of the energy release rate (ERR) when a unit area of interface is cracked. An expression was found for the ERR, denoted G , in [Irwin 1957]:

$$G = \frac{1}{2\Delta} \int_0^\Delta \mathbf{t}^T (\Delta - r) [\mathbf{u}](r) dr, \quad (17)$$

where Δ is an arbitrary length scale. It was stated in [Yu and Suo 2000] that this equation can still be used with an arbitrary Δ as long as the crack is moving at subsonic speeds. It was shown in [Suo 1990], using (11) and (12), that the ERR can be written as

$$G = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{w}}^T (\mathbf{H} + \bar{\mathbf{H}}) \mathbf{w} |K|^2}{4 \cosh^2(\pi \epsilon)}. \quad (18)$$

The value of G will change as the crack moves at different speeds. This is one of the key features this paper will be studying, with the results shown in Section 5.

2.2. Weight functions. The weight function \mathbf{U} is now defined in the same vein as in [Willis and Movchan 1995]. We now consider $\mathbf{U} = (U_1, U_2)^T$, the singular displacement field obtained in the problem where the steady-state crack occupies the region of the x -axis with $x > 0$. Thus \mathbf{U} is discontinuous over the positive portion of the real axis. The symmetric and skew-symmetric parts of the weight function are given by

$$[\mathbf{U}](x) = \mathbf{U}(x, 0^+) - \mathbf{U}(x, 0^-), \quad (19)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{U} \rangle(x) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{U}(x, 0^+) + \mathbf{U}(x, 0^-)). \quad (20)$$

The traction field associated with the displacement field, \mathbf{U} , is denoted by $\Upsilon = (\Upsilon_1, \Upsilon_2)^T$ and is taken to be continuous over the interface ($x < 0$); the zero traction condition is imposed on the crack faces.

Therefore, the following Riemann–Hilbert problem stands along the positive section of the real axis for this problem, as seen in [Morini et al. 2013]:

$$\mathbf{h}_+(x) + \bar{\mathbf{H}}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{h}_-(x) = 0, \quad 0 < x < \infty. \tag{21}$$

A solution for $\mathbf{h}(z)$ is found in the form

$$\mathbf{h}(z) = \mathbf{v} z^{-3/2+i\epsilon}, \tag{22}$$

where the branch cut is now said to be along the positive x -axis. This gives the eigenvalue problem

$$\bar{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{v} = e^{-2\pi\epsilon} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{v}. \tag{23}$$

\mathbf{H} is positive-definite hermitian, and therefore it is clear, by comparing (23) with (9), that $\mathbf{v} = \bar{\mathbf{w}}$.

An expression for Υ along the negative real axis is given by

$$\Upsilon(x) = \mathbf{h}_+(x) + \bar{\mathbf{H}}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{h}_-(x), \quad -\infty < x < 0. \tag{24}$$

Therefore the singular traction in the steady state has the form [Morini et al. 2013]

$$\Upsilon(x) = \frac{(-x)^{-3/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \operatorname{Re}(R(-x)^{i\epsilon} \bar{\mathbf{w}}), \tag{25}$$

where $R = R_1 + iR_2$ is an arbitrary, complex number in a similar fashion as the stress intensity factor for the physical problem. By considering the results obtained for Υ when $\{R_1 = 1, R_2 = 0\}$ and $\{R_1 = 0, R_2 = 1\}$ it is possible to obtain two linearly independent vectors, and therefore a 2×2 matrix, representing Υ [Piccolroaz et al. 2009].

An expression relating the Fourier transform, defined as

$$\hat{f}(\chi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{i\chi x} dx,$$

of the symmetric and skew-symmetric weight functions was found in [Morini et al. 2013] following from the work seen in [Piccolroaz et al. 2007]:

$$[\hat{\mathbf{U}}]^+(\chi) = \frac{1}{|\chi|} (i \operatorname{sign}(\chi) \operatorname{Im}(\mathbf{H}) - \operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{H})) \hat{\Upsilon}^-(\chi), \tag{26}$$

$$\langle \hat{\mathbf{U}} \rangle(\chi) = \frac{1}{2|\chi|} (i \operatorname{sign}(\chi) \operatorname{Im}(\mathbf{W}) - \operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{W})) \hat{\Upsilon}^-(\chi). \tag{27}$$

Here the superscripts \pm denote whether the function is analytic in the upper or lower half-plane.

2.3. The Betti formula. It was mentioned previously that there are now two displacement fields to consider: the physical displacement, \mathbf{u} , and the singular displacement, \mathbf{U} . However, \mathbf{U} is discontinuous across the x -axis for $x > 0$ whereas \mathbf{u} is discontinuous across the x -axis for $x < 0$. Also considered is the traction associated with \mathbf{U} , given by Υ , which is continuous when $x < 0$, and the traction \mathbf{t} associated with \mathbf{u} , which is continuous when $x > 0$.

It was shown in [Willis and Movchan 1995] that the Betti formula still holds for a steady-state crack in isotropic materials. Using the same method it can be shown that the Betti formula still holds for the moving coordinate system in anisotropic materials. Therefore, the following expressions are found along

the upper and lower parts of the real axis, respectively:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ \mathbf{U}^T(x' - x, 0^+) \mathcal{R}\boldsymbol{\sigma}(x, 0^+) - \Upsilon^T(x' - x, 0^+) \mathcal{R}\mathbf{u}(x, 0^+) \} dx = 0, \tag{28}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ \mathbf{U}^T(x' - x, 0^-) \mathcal{R}\boldsymbol{\sigma}(x, 0^-) - \Upsilon^T(x' - x, 0^-) \mathcal{R}\mathbf{u}(x, 0^-) \} dx = 0, \tag{29}$$

where

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The homogeneous case of (8) is now considered. Combined with the applied traction on the crack faces, $\mathbf{p}(x)$, we obtain for the traction

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(x, y = 0^+) = \mathbf{p}^+(x) + \mathbf{t}(x), \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}(x, y = 0^-) = \mathbf{p}^-(x) + \mathbf{t}(x). \tag{30}$$

Subtracting (29) from (28) and using (30), along with the definition of the symmetric and skew-symmetric parts of the weight function, the following formula is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ [\mathbf{U}]^T(x' - x) \mathcal{R}\mathbf{t}(x) - \Upsilon^T(x' - x, 0) \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{u}](x) \} dx \\ = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ [\mathbf{U}]^T(x' - x) \mathcal{R}\langle \mathbf{p} \rangle(x) + \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle^T(x' - x) \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{p}](x) \} dx. \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

Here, $\langle \mathbf{p} \rangle$ and $[\mathbf{p}]$ refer to the symmetric and skew-symmetric parts of the loading, respectively.

Using the Fourier convolution theorem the following identity, which relates the Fourier transforms of the weight functions and the solutions of the physical problem, is obtained [Piccolroaz et al. 2007; Morini et al. 2013]:

$$[\hat{\mathbf{U}}]^{+T} \mathcal{R}\hat{\mathbf{t}}^+ - \hat{\Upsilon}^{-T} \mathcal{R}[\hat{\mathbf{u}}]^- = -[\hat{\mathbf{U}}]^{+T} \mathcal{R}\langle \hat{\mathbf{p}} \rangle - \langle \hat{\mathbf{U}} \rangle^T \mathcal{R}[\hat{\mathbf{p}}], \tag{32}$$

where the \pm denotes whether the transform is analytic in the upper or lower half-plane.

Further work performed in [Piccolroaz et al. 2007] and [Morini et al. 2013], combining (26), (27), and (32), found an explicit expression for finding the stress intensity factor, \mathbf{K} , using the weight functions and the loading applied on the crack faces. The expression obtained was

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \mathcal{E}_1^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\hat{\mathbf{U}}]^{+T}(\tau) \mathcal{R}\langle \hat{\mathbf{p}} \rangle(\tau) + \langle \hat{\mathbf{U}} \rangle^T(\tau) \mathcal{R}[\hat{\mathbf{p}}](\tau) d\tau, \tag{33}$$

where \mathcal{E}_1 is a constant matrix derived from the asymptotic representation of (32). It can be shown that both expressions for \mathbf{K} , (16) and (33), are equivalent when the loading considered is symmetric.

Following the method developed in [Piccolroaz et al. 2007] and [Morini et al. 2013] an expression for further asymptotic coefficients can be found depending on whether the applied loading is smooth and has a Fourier transform that vanishes at a fast enough rate at infinity. If this is the case the general expression for the asymptotic coefficients can be found using

$$\mathbf{Y}_j = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \mathcal{E}_j^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tau^{j-1} \{ [\hat{\mathbf{U}}]^{+T}(\tau) \mathcal{R}\langle \hat{\mathbf{p}} \rangle(\tau) + \langle \hat{\mathbf{U}} \rangle^T(\tau) \mathcal{R}[\hat{\mathbf{p}}](\tau) \} d\tau. \tag{34}$$

Here, \mathcal{E}_j is also derived from the asymptotic representation of (32) and is found in Section 4.

3. Steady-state weight functions for orthotropic bimetals

In this section, expressions for the symmetric and skew-symmetric weight function matrices corresponding to a steady-state plane strain interfacial crack in orthotropic bimetals are reported. Substituting the solution for w found in [Yang et al. 1991], and shown in the Appendix of this paper, into (25), and using the method used in [Piccolroaz et al. 2009], yields the following linearly independent traction vectors for $-\infty < x < 0$:

$$\Upsilon^1(x) = \frac{(-x)^{-3/2}}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} i[(-x)^{i\epsilon} - (-x)^{-i\epsilon}] \\ \sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}} [(-x)^{i\epsilon} + (-x)^{-i\epsilon}] \end{pmatrix}, \tag{35}$$

$$\Upsilon^2(x) = \frac{(-x)^{-3/2}}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} -[(-x)^{i\epsilon} + (-x)^{-i\epsilon}] \\ i\sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}} [(-x)^{i\epsilon} - (-x)^{-i\epsilon}] \end{pmatrix}, \tag{36}$$

where H_{11} and H_{22} are parameters depending on the crack tip speed and elastic constants of both considered materials. Explicit expressions for H_{11} and H_{22} have been introduced in [Yang et al. 1991] and are given in the Appendix. The branch cut for these vectors is situated along the positive real axis and polar coordinates with angle between -2π and 0 are taken. The Fourier transforms obtained are

$$\hat{\Upsilon}^{1-}(\chi) = \frac{(i\chi)^{1/2}\sqrt{2}}{(1+4\epsilon^2)\sqrt{\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} i\left[-\frac{1}{2}-i\epsilon\right]\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+i\epsilon\right)(i\chi)^{-i\epsilon} - \left(-\frac{1}{2}+i\epsilon\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-i\epsilon\right)(i\chi)^{i\epsilon} \\ \sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}}\left[\left(-\frac{1}{2}-i\epsilon\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+i\epsilon\right)(i\chi)^{-i\epsilon} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}+i\epsilon\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-i\epsilon\right)(i\chi)^{i\epsilon}\right] \end{pmatrix}, \tag{37}$$

$$\hat{\Upsilon}^{2-}(\chi) = \frac{(i\chi)^{1/2}\sqrt{2}}{(1+4\epsilon^2)\sqrt{\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} -\left[\left(-\frac{1}{2}-i\epsilon\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+i\epsilon\right)(i\chi)^{-i\epsilon} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}+i\epsilon\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-i\epsilon\right)(i\chi)^{i\epsilon}\right] \\ i\sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}}\left[\left(-\frac{1}{2}-i\epsilon\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+i\epsilon\right)(i\chi)^{-i\epsilon} - \left(-\frac{1}{2}+i\epsilon\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-i\epsilon\right)(i\chi)^{i\epsilon}\right] \end{pmatrix}, \tag{38}$$

where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the gamma function and the branch cut of $\hat{\Upsilon}^-$ is situated along the positive imaginary axis. Note that the expressions (37) and (38) are written using a different representation than was used in [Morini et al. 2013]. The reason behind this will become clearer in Section 4.

The Fourier transforms (26) and (27) can now be computed, for $\chi \in \mathbb{R}$, with the expressions for \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{W} found in [Yang et al. 1991] and [Morini et al. 2013], respectively:

$$[\hat{\mathbf{U}}]^+(\chi) = \frac{1}{|\chi|} \begin{pmatrix} -H_{11} & -i\beta \operatorname{sign}(\chi)\sqrt{H_{11}H_{22}} \\ i\beta \operatorname{sign}(\chi)\sqrt{H_{11}H_{22}} & -H_{22} \end{pmatrix} \hat{\Upsilon}^-(\chi), \tag{39}$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{U}})(\chi) = \frac{1}{2|\chi|} \begin{pmatrix} -\delta_1 H_{11} & i\gamma \operatorname{sign}(\chi)\sqrt{H_{11}H_{22}} \\ -i\gamma \operatorname{sign}(\chi)\sqrt{H_{11}H_{22}} & -\delta_2 H_{22} \end{pmatrix} \hat{\Upsilon}^-(\chi), \tag{40}$$

where the branch cuts are now situated along the negative imaginary axis. Here β , γ , δ_1 , and δ_2 are all dimensionless parameters depending on the elastic coefficients of the bimaterial and the crack tip velocity [Yang et al. 1991]. Full expressions for both matrices, \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{W} , are given in the Appendix, including full expressions for the parameters β , γ , δ_1 , and δ_2 . It can be clearly seen from the results of

[Yang et al. 1991] that β is of great importance when considering oscillations near the crack tip as $\epsilon = 0$ when $\beta = 0$.

4. Evaluation of the coefficients in the asymptotic expansion of the displacement and stress fields for the steady-state crack

4.1. Determination of the stress intensity factor. It is now possible to develop a method in order to find the stress intensity factor for an orthotropic bimaterial, similar to that seen for the static crack in [Morini et al. 2013]. In the case of orthotropic materials, the matrix $\mathcal{T}(x)$ in (14) is given by

$$\mathcal{T}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} -ix^{i\epsilon} & ix^{-i\epsilon} \\ \sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}}x^{i\epsilon} & \sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}}x^{-i\epsilon} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{41}$$

Note that this result is equivalent to (15) with the known value of \mathbf{w} inserted. The Fourier transform of this expansion is computed in order to find the asymptotic expansion as $\chi \rightarrow \infty$, with $\text{Im}(\chi) \in (0, \infty)$. The result is

$$\hat{\mathbf{t}}(\chi) = \frac{(-i\chi)^{-1/2}}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathfrak{T}_1(\chi) \mathbf{K} + \frac{(-i\chi)^{-3/2}}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathfrak{T}_2(\chi) \mathbf{Y} + \mathcal{O}((\chi)^{-5/2}), \tag{42}$$

where

$$\mathfrak{T}_1(\chi) = \begin{pmatrix} -i(-i\chi)^{-i\epsilon} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + i\epsilon) & i(-i\chi)^{i\epsilon} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - i\epsilon) \\ \sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}}(-i\chi)^{-i\epsilon} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + i\epsilon) & \sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}}(-i\chi)^{i\epsilon} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - i\epsilon) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{43}$$

$$\mathfrak{T}_2(\chi) = \begin{pmatrix} -i(-i\chi)^{-i\epsilon} \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} + i\epsilon) & i(-i\chi)^{i\epsilon} \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} - i\epsilon) \\ \sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}}(-i\chi)^{-i\epsilon} \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} + i\epsilon) & \sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}}(-i\chi)^{i\epsilon} \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} - i\epsilon) \end{pmatrix}. \tag{44}$$

These expressions differ from those seen in [Morini et al. 2013] and [Piccolroaz et al. 2007] in that they incorporate the different branch cut used in this paper. It is now possible to find the asymptotic expansion of the members of Betti’s identity from (32), using expressions (39) and (40), as $\chi \rightarrow \infty$:

$$[\hat{\mathbf{U}}]^T \mathcal{R} \hat{\mathbf{t}}^+ = \chi^{-1} \mathcal{L}_1 \mathbf{K} + \chi^{-2} \mathcal{L}_2 \mathbf{Y}_2 + \chi^{-3} \mathcal{L}_3 \mathbf{Y}_3 + \mathcal{O}(\chi^{-4}), \quad \text{where } \text{Im}(\chi) \in (0, \infty), \tag{45}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^{-T} \mathcal{R} [\hat{\mathbf{u}}]^- = \chi^{-1} \mathcal{L}_1 \mathbf{K} + \chi^{-2} \mathcal{L}_2 \mathbf{Y}_2 + \chi^{-3} \mathcal{L}_3 \mathbf{Y}_3 + \mathcal{O}(\chi^{-4}), \quad \text{where } \text{Im}(\chi) \in (-\infty, 0). \tag{46}$$

The matrices \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 are given by

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = -\frac{H_{11}}{4s^+s^-(1+4\epsilon^2)} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{(\beta-1)(1-2i\epsilon)}{E^2} & E^2(\beta+1)(1+2i\epsilon) \\ \frac{i(\beta-1)(1-2i\epsilon)}{E^2} & iE^2(\beta+1)(1+2i\epsilon) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = -\frac{H_{11}}{4(1+4\epsilon^2)} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{(\beta-1)(1-2i\epsilon)}{g^+s^-E^2} & \frac{E^2(\beta+1)(1+2i\epsilon)}{s^+g^-} \\ \frac{i(\beta-1)(1-2i\epsilon)}{g^+s^-E^2} & \frac{iE^2(\beta+1)(1+2i\epsilon)}{s^+g^-} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$E = e^{\epsilon(\pi/2)}, \quad s^\pm = \frac{(1+i)\sqrt{\pi}}{2\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} \pm i\epsilon)}, \quad g^\pm = \frac{(1-i)\sqrt{\pi}}{2\Gamma(\frac{3}{2} \pm i\epsilon)}.$$

Following the method of Morini et al. [2013], (32) is rewritten as

$$\psi^+(\chi) - \psi^-(\chi) = -[\hat{U}]^{+T} \mathcal{R}[\hat{\rho}] - \langle \hat{U} \rangle^T \mathcal{R}[\hat{\rho}]. \tag{47}$$

Using the Plemelj formula it is possible to find $\psi^\pm(\chi)$ using the formula

$$\psi^\pm(\chi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\psi(\tau)}{\tau - \chi} d\tau, \tag{48}$$

where $\psi(\tau) = -[\hat{U}]^{+T}(\tau) \mathcal{R}[\hat{\rho}](\tau) - \langle \hat{U} \rangle^T(\tau) \mathcal{R}[\hat{\rho}](\tau)$. The solution of (47) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{U}]^{+T} \mathcal{R}[\hat{u}]^+ &= \psi^+, & \text{where } \text{Im}(\chi) \in (0, \infty), \\ \hat{\gamma}^{-T} \mathcal{R}[\hat{u}]^- &= \psi^-, & \text{where } \text{Im}(\chi) \in (-\infty, 0). \end{aligned}$$

The asymptotic expansion of the Plemelj formula as $\chi \rightarrow \infty^\pm$ is given by

$$\psi^\pm(\chi) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\psi(\tau)}{\tau - \chi} d\tau = \chi^{-1} V_1^\pm + \chi^{-2} V_2^\pm + \mathcal{O}(\chi^{-3}). \tag{49}$$

Comparing the terms of this asymptotic expansion with the terms of the expansions (45) and (46) it is clear that $V_j^\pm = \mathcal{L}_j Y_j$, where $Y_1 = K$. Using (49) it is easily seen that the stress intensity factor, K , is given by

$$K = \lim_{\chi \rightarrow \infty^\pm} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \mathcal{L}_1^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(-[\hat{U}]^{+T}(\tau) \mathcal{R}[\hat{\rho}](\tau) - \langle \hat{U} \rangle^T(\tau) \mathcal{R}[\hat{\rho}](\tau))}{\tau - \chi} d\tau, \tag{50}$$

where the explicit expression for \mathcal{L}_1^{-1} is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_1^{-1} = \frac{2s^+s^-(1+4\epsilon^2)}{H_{11}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E^2}{(\beta-1)(1-2i\epsilon)} & \frac{iE^2}{(\beta-1)(1-2i\epsilon)} \\ -\frac{1}{(\beta+1)(1+2i\epsilon)E^2} & \frac{i}{(\beta+1)(1+2i\epsilon)E^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Assuming that the loading disappears in the region of the crack tip the limit in (50) exists and therefore the general expression for the stress intensity factor, K , for the steady state is identical to that found in [Morini et al. 2013] (see (33)).

Now that an expression for the stress intensity factor has been found it is possible to determine the energy release rate (ERR). Using (18) the following expression is obtained for the ERR in orthotropic materials:

$$G = \frac{1}{4} H_{11} (1 - \beta^2) |K|^2. \tag{51}$$

4.2. General expression for the coefficients of the higher-order terms. Using the asymptotic expansions (45) and (46) and the corresponding terms of (49) a general expression for the j -th coefficient of the asymptotic expansions, Y_i , is found

$$V_j^\pm = \lim_{\chi \rightarrow \infty^\pm} \left[\frac{\chi^j (-1)^{j-1}}{2\pi i (j-1)!} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \psi(\tau) \frac{d^{j-1}}{d\chi^{j-1}} \left(\frac{\chi^{j-1}}{\tau - \chi} \right) d\tau \right]. \tag{52}$$

This gives a general expression for the coefficients of the asymptotic expansion of the displacement and stress fields as

$$Y_j = \lim_{\chi \rightarrow \infty^\pm} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \mathcal{L}_j^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \tau^{j-1} ([\hat{U}]^{+T}(\tau) \mathcal{R}[\hat{p}](\tau) + \langle \hat{U} \rangle^T(\tau) \mathcal{R}[\hat{p}](\tau)) \left(\frac{\chi}{\chi - \tau} \right)^j d\tau. \tag{53}$$

If the loading is applied in such a way that the limit exists it is clearly seen that (53) is identical to (34). The limit in (53) can only be computed directly for $j \geq 2$ if the loading is given by a particularly smooth function which is therefore differentiable. However, this paper considers a general loading system in which case (34) cannot always be used. An example of loading for which (34) cannot be used is when point forces are applied on the crack faces [Piccolroaz et al. 2009]. To find further asymptotic terms, for arbitrary loading, an alternate method must be used.

As the function p only exists on the negative real x -axis its Fourier transform is analytic in the lower half χ -plane. Therefore, $[\hat{p}]$ and $\langle \hat{p} \rangle$ are also analytic in the lower half-plane. As long as the applied loading p vanishes within a region of the crack tip it is clearly seen that $[\hat{p}]$ and $\langle \hat{p} \rangle$ decay exponentially as χ tends to $-i\infty$. It is also known that both $[\hat{U}]^+$ and $\langle \hat{U} \rangle$ are analytic in the lower half-plane apart from the negative imaginary axis.

For computing Y_j the contour of integration shown in Figure 2 is used. However, due to exponential decay as χ goes to $-i\infty$, $L_{-\infty}$ and L_∞ do not contribute to the total integral. Equation (53) now becomes

$$Y_j = \lim_{\chi \rightarrow \infty^\pm} \left(-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \mathcal{L}_j^{-1} \left[\int_{\tilde{L}_l} \tau^{j-1} \psi(\tau) \left(\frac{\chi}{\chi - \tau} \right)^j d\tau - \int_{\tilde{L}_r} \tau^{j-1} \psi(\tau) \left(\frac{\chi}{\chi - \tau} \right)^j d\tau \right] \right). \tag{54}$$

The limit of (54) can be taken to give

$$Y_j = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \mathcal{L}_j^{-1} \int_{-i\infty}^0 \tau^{j-1} [\psi(\tau)] d\tau, \tag{55}$$

where $[\psi(\tau)]$ refers to the jump of the function ψ over the negative imaginary axis.

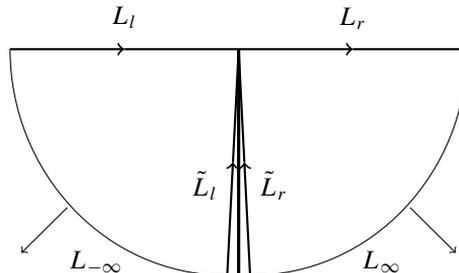


Figure 2. Integration shift in the χ -plane.

The expression (55) can be simplified further by considering the continuity of (39) and (40). The first term in both equations is analytic in the lower half-plane and therefore continuous over the negative imaginary axis. For this reason they do not contribute to the general expression for the asymptotic coefficients, (55). Therefore, (55) simplifies to give

$$Y_j = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \mathcal{L}_j^{-1} \int_{-i\infty}^0 \tau^{j-1} [\phi(\tau)] d\tau, \tag{56}$$

where $\phi(\tau)$ is given by

$$\phi(\tau) = \frac{\text{Re}(\mathbf{H})\{\hat{\Upsilon}^-(\tau)\mathcal{R}(\hat{\mathbf{p}})(\tau)\}}{|\tau|} + \frac{\text{Re}(\mathbf{W})\{\hat{\Upsilon}^-(\tau)\mathcal{R}[\hat{\mathbf{p}}](\tau)\}}{2|\tau|}.$$

5. Specific examples

Specific examples for computing the stress intensity factors for orthotropic materials are now considered. Firstly, the loading on the crack faces is given by a point force of magnitude F acting perpendicular to the upper crack face a distance a behind the crack tip and two point forces, both of magnitude $F/2$, acting perpendicular to the lower crack face a distance b away from the point force acting upon the upper crack face. The loading moves at the same speed and in the same direction that the crack is propagating. This example is shown in Figure 3. The forces are represented mathematically using the Dirac delta function [Piccolroaz et al. 2009]:

$$p_+(x) = -F\delta(x+a), \quad p_-(x) = -\frac{F}{2}\delta(x+a+b) - \frac{F}{2}\delta(x+a-b). \tag{57}$$

It is now possible to decompose the loading into its symmetric and skew-symmetric components:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p \rangle(x) &= \frac{1}{2}[p_+(x) + p_-(x)] = -\frac{F}{2}\delta(x+a) - \frac{F}{4}\delta(x+a-b) - \frac{F}{4}\delta(x+a+b), \\ [p](x) &= p_+(x) - p_-(x) = -F\delta(x+a) + \frac{F}{2}\delta(x+a+b) + \frac{F}{2}\delta(x+a-b). \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

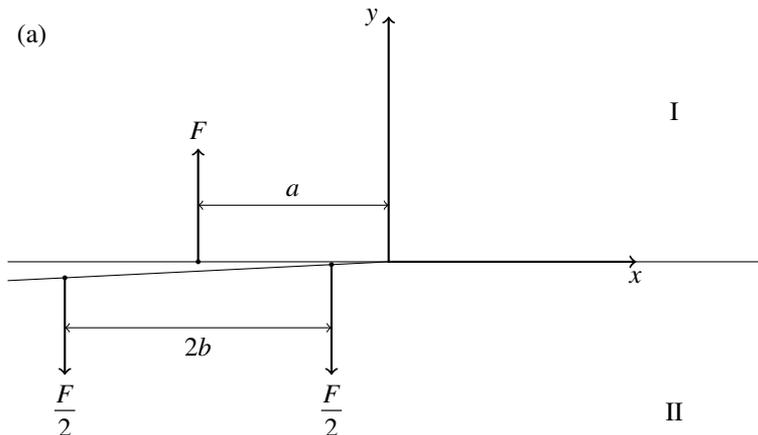


Figure 3. Mode I-dominant loading.

In order to compute the stress intensity factors the Fourier transforms of the skew-symmetric and symmetric parts of the loading are required. These are given by

$$\langle \hat{p} \rangle(\chi) = -\frac{F}{2}e^{-i\chi a} - \frac{F}{4}e^{-i\chi(a+b)} - \frac{F}{4}e^{-i\chi(a-b)}, \quad (59)$$

$$[\hat{p}](\chi) = -F e^{-i\chi a} + \frac{F}{2}e^{-i\chi(a+b)} + \frac{F}{2}e^{-i\chi(a-b)}. \quad (60)$$

It is now possible to compute expressions for the first and second-order asymptotic coefficients, \mathbf{K} and \mathbf{Y}_2 , using expressions (50) and (56), respectively.

To find an expression for \mathbf{K} (50) is used, which is identical to using the dynamic equivalent of (33). The solution is split into parts corresponding to the symmetric and antisymmetric parts of the loading, denoted K^S and K^A , respectively:

$$K_{(a)}^S = F \frac{E^2}{(1-\beta)} \sqrt{\frac{H_{22}}{H_{11}}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Lambda(1, a, b, \epsilon), \quad K_{(a)}^A = F \frac{E^2 \delta_2}{(1-\beta)} \sqrt{\frac{H_{22}}{H_{11}}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Xi(1, a, b, \epsilon), \quad (61)$$

where

$$\Lambda(c, a, b, \epsilon) = a^{-c/2-i\epsilon} \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}(1+b/a)^{-c/2-i\epsilon} + \frac{1}{4}(1-b/a)^{-c/2-i\epsilon} \right],$$

$$\Xi(c, a, b, \epsilon) = a^{-c/2-i\epsilon} \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}(1+b/a)^{-c/2-i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{4}(1-b/a)^{-c/2-i\epsilon} \right].$$

Regarding higher-order asymptotic coefficients for the loading shown in Figure 3, the alternate method developed in Section 4.2 must be used. Once again the coefficient is split into symmetric and antisymmetric parts. The second-order term is given by

$$Y_{2(a)}^S = F \frac{E^2}{(\beta-1)} \sqrt{\frac{H_{22}}{H_{11}}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Lambda(3, a, b, \epsilon), \quad Y_{2(a)}^A = F \frac{E^2 \delta_2}{(\beta-1)} \sqrt{\frac{H_{22}}{H_{11}}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Xi(3, a, b, \epsilon). \quad (62)$$

A different configuration has also been considered. This other point loading system consists of point forces acting on the crack faces at the same points as previously considered but the forces are now running parallel to the crack, as opposed to the perpendicular system shown in Figure 3. This different loading is shown in Figure 4.

For this loading the following expressions are found for the symmetric and antisymmetric parts of the stress intensity factors:

$$K_{(b)}^S = iF \frac{E^2}{(1-\beta)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Lambda(1, a, b, \epsilon), \quad K_{(b)}^A = iF \frac{E^2 \delta_1}{(1-\beta)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Xi(1, a, b, \epsilon). \quad (63)$$

Using the method developed in Section 4.2, the symmetric and antisymmetric components of the second-order asymptotic coefficient are found:

$$Y_{2(b)}^S = iF \frac{E^2}{(\beta-1)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Lambda(3, a, b, \epsilon), \quad Y_{2(b)}^A = iF \frac{E^2 \delta_1}{(\beta-1)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Xi(3, a, b, \epsilon). \quad (64)$$

Having computed expressions for the stress intensity factors it is now possible to calculate the ERR for two given materials. The velocity is normalized by dividing by c_R , the lowest of the two Rayleigh wave speeds for the given materials. This is done because the Rayleigh wave speed is a limiting velocity

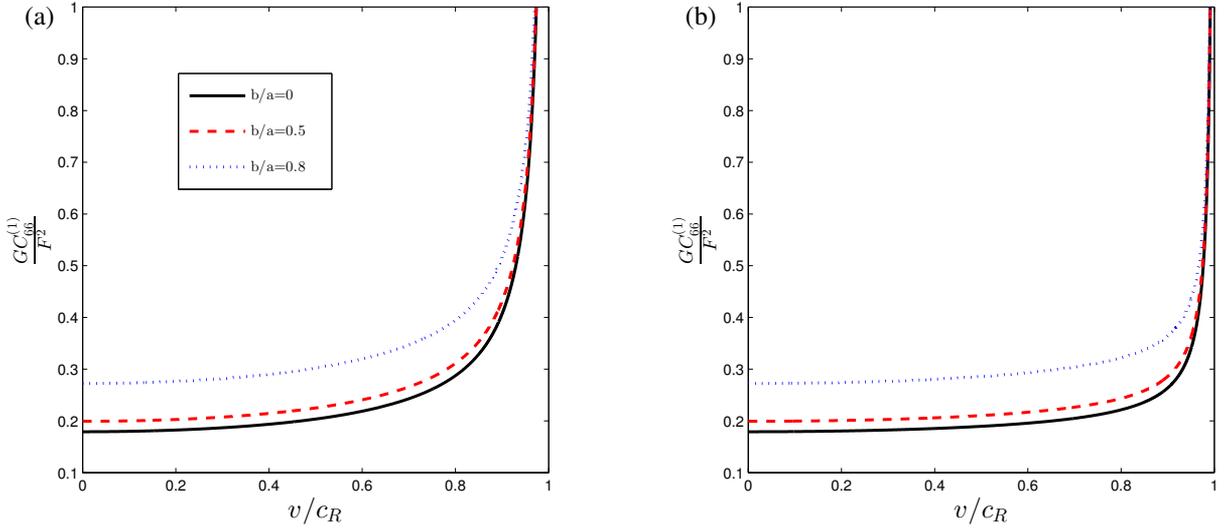


Figure 5. The normalized ERR, as a function of the velocity, for different positions of the self-balanced point forces applied to the crack surfaces, described by the ratio b/a .

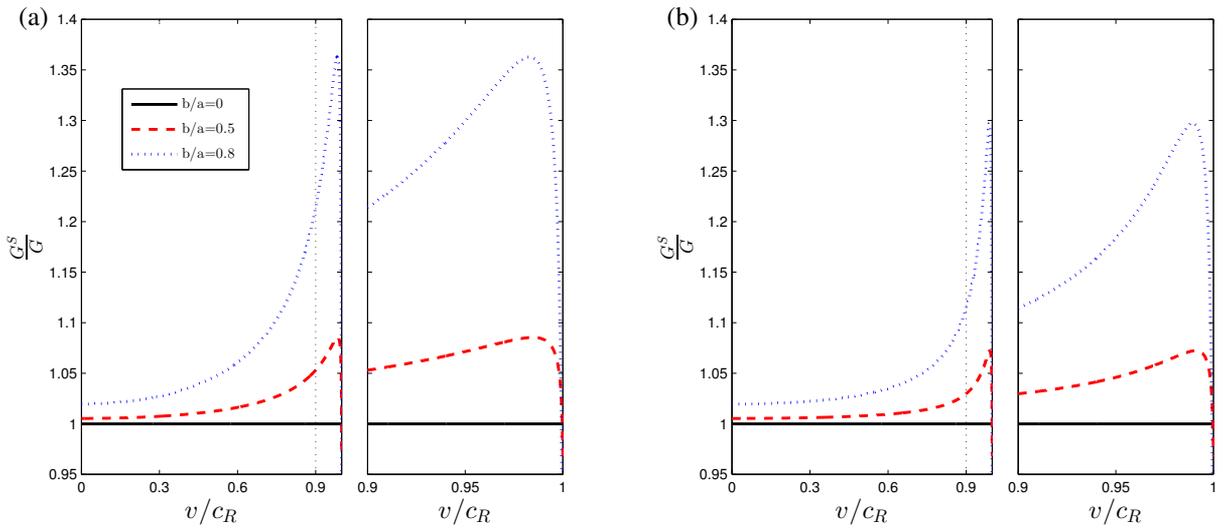


Figure 6. The normalized symmetric part of the ERR, as a function of the velocity, for different positions of the self-balanced point forces applied to the crack surfaces, described by the ratio b/a .

with the results found for isotropic and anisotropic bimetals in [Piccolroaz et al. 2009] and [Morini et al. 2013]. When asymmetry is introduced into the loading it is observed that the symmetric contribution to the ERR is higher than the total ERR and the ratio increases as the velocity increases. Upon approaching the Rayleigh wave speed there is an unexpected sharp decrease in the ratio G^S/G . This effect should be studied further by performing experiments on crack propagation at near-Rayleigh speeds.

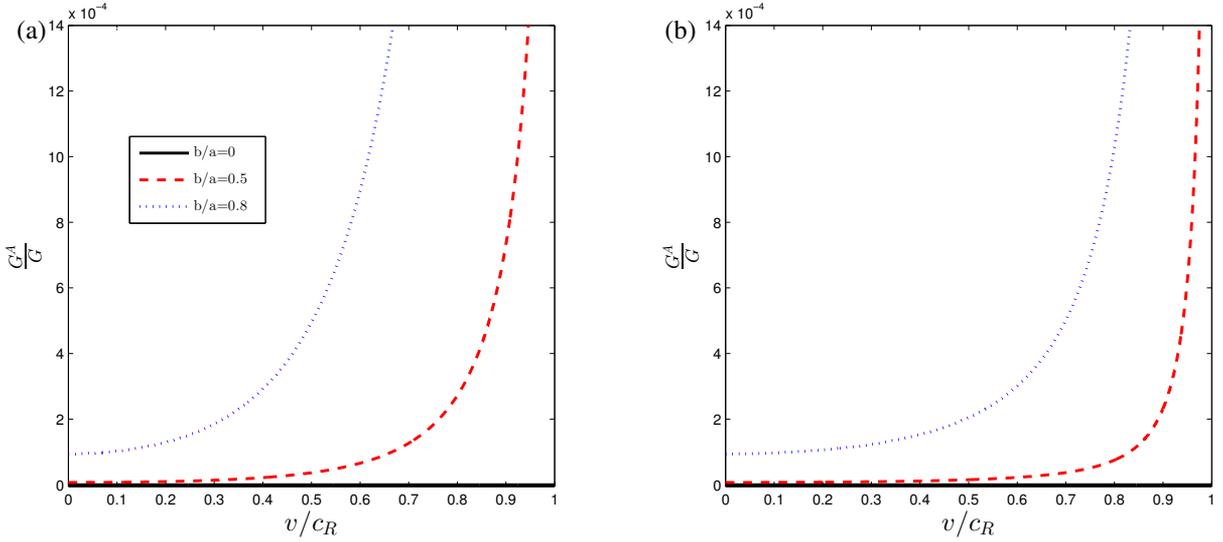


Figure 7. The normalized antisymmetric part of the ERR, as a function of the velocity, for different positions of the self-balanced point forces applied to the crack surfaces, described by the ratio b/a .

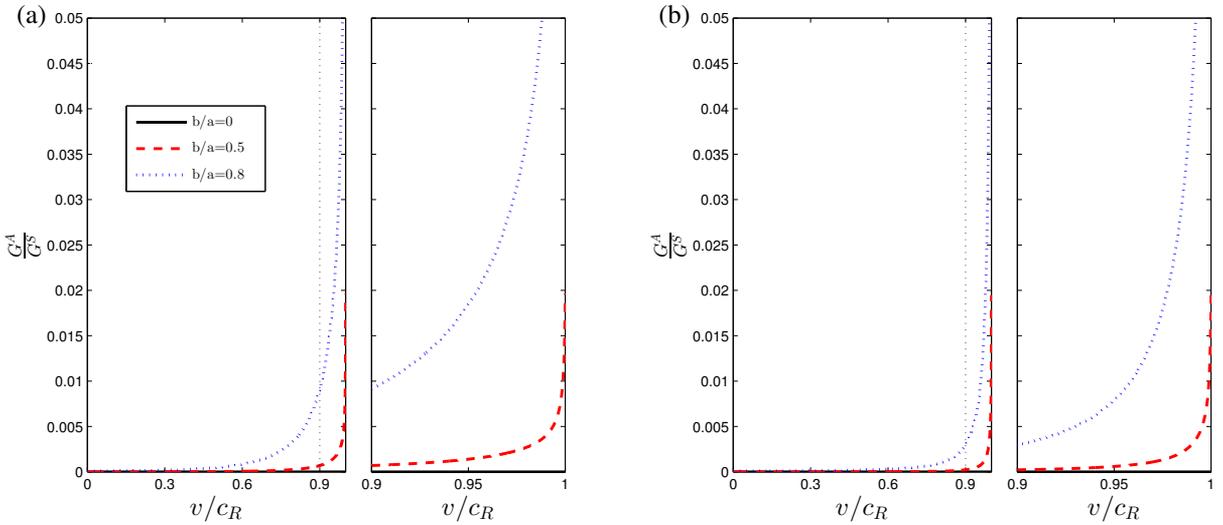


Figure 8. The ratio of antisymmetric and symmetric parts of the ERR, as a function of the velocity, for different positions of the self-balanced point forces applied to the crack surfaces, described by the ratio b/a .

In comparison to the symmetric contribution shown in [Figure 6](#), the asymmetric part of the ERR, illustrated in [Figure 7](#), is very small, in particular for low velocities. As the velocity starts to increase the asymmetric contribution to G becomes larger. This result is supported by [Figure 8](#), showing the ratio G^A/G^S , which also shows an increased contribution by the asymmetric part of the loading at higher velocities.

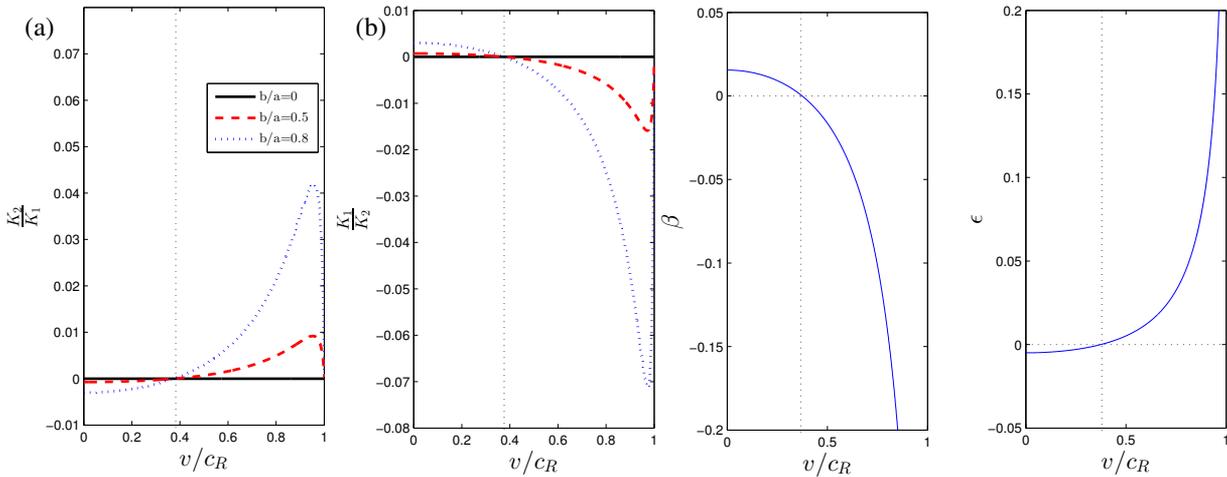


Figure 9. The ratios K_2/K_1 and K_1/K_2 for the mode I and mode II loadings, respectively. The graphs of β and ϵ , as functions of velocity, are also shown.

The dependence of the stress intensity factor, K , on the normalized crack tip speed is illustrated in Figure 9. The first graph shows the ratio K_2/K_1 for mode 1-dominant loading. Here, K_1 and K_2 are the mode 1 and 2 contributions to the stress intensity factor, respectively. For symmetric loading there is no mode 2 contribution to K , due to the fact that there is only mode 1 opening of the crack. It is important to observe that if asymmetry is introduced, for all values of b/a , there exists a velocity at which K_2 changes sign. The second image in Figure 9 shows a similar result for the mode 2-dominant loading considering the ratio K_1/K_2 . In this case, it is the K_1 component which changes sign. The velocity at which this change takes place is the same for both types of loading and does not depend on the asymmetry. This velocity corresponds to the value of the crack tip speed at which the Dundurs parameter, β , vanishes. This characteristic velocity can be found by solving the algebraic equation $\beta(v) = 0$ and depends only on the elastic properties of the materials and the speed at which the crack is propagating; the asymmetry of the load does not affect the value at which the stress intensity factors have a change in sign. It is also clear from (A.7) that when β vanishes the oscillatory term, ϵ , vanishes; this has also been shown in Figure 9. This agrees with the obtained results as, when $\epsilon = 0$, it can be observed that (61) consists only of real terms and (63) only has imaginary components.

It can be said that, when the crack tip speed reaches this characteristic value of the velocity associated with $\beta = 0$, the propagation should continue along the interface in a straight line. Instead, when neither K_1 or K_2 is 0 there is a possibility of kinking or branching of the propagation. Increased magnitudes of the ratios considered in Figure 9 lead to an increased probability of crack redirection. As the velocity increases the ratios exhibit this behavior, which explains why straight propagation along the interface is unlikely for high crack speeds. These results are in agreement with many theoretical and experimental studies which have demonstrated that there exists a specific sub-Rayleigh velocity which is related to the stability of the crack propagation [Obrezanova et al. 2002a; 2002b].

The behavior of the stress intensity factor is also observed in Figure 10 for different materials in the lower half-plane. The asymmetry of the load was fixed at $b/a = 0.8$. The results in these graphs show that the previously mentioned speed at which the direction of the crack propagation changes does not

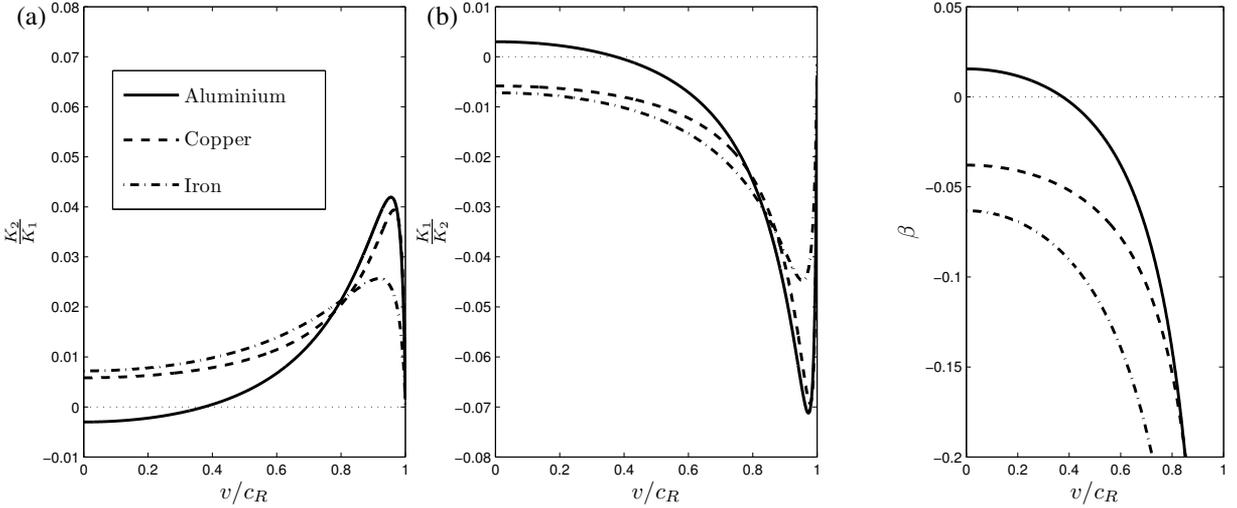


Figure 10. The change in behavior of the crack propagation when the material below the crack is changed, for fixed asymmetry of the loading.

exist for all bimetals. This is due to the fact that there does not always exist a velocity at which $\beta = 0$. For bimetals which do not have this characteristic velocity the change of behavior of the crack propagation would not be expected. However, the increased probability of kinking/branching at higher velocities is still observed.

Figure 11 shows the variation in the real and imaginary parts of the normalized stress intensity factor when $v = 0$ and the asymmetry of the loading is varied. The loading considered here is mode I-dominant

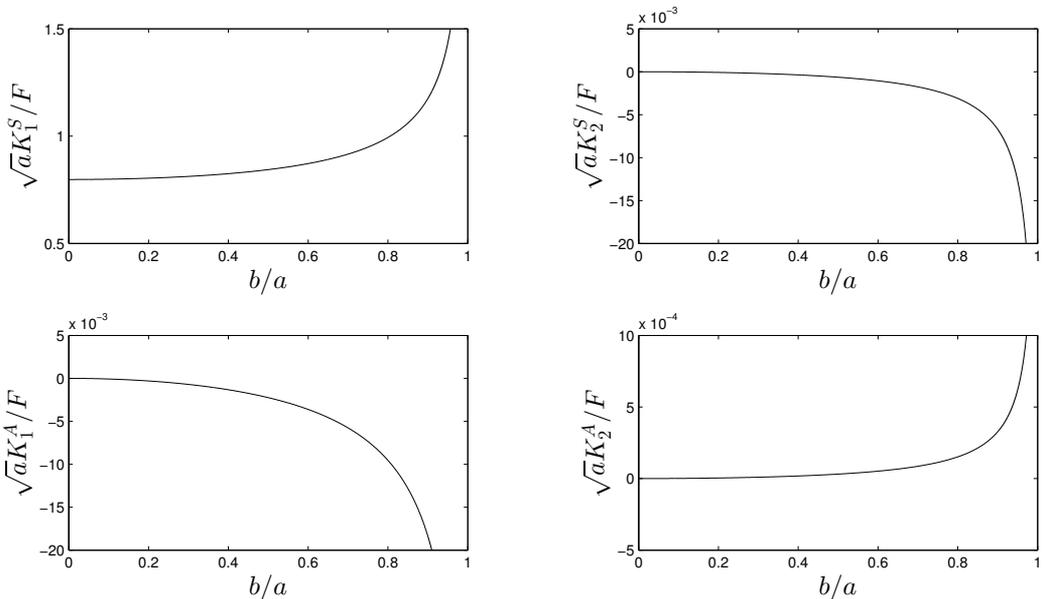


Figure 11. The normalized components of K^S and K^A for $v = 0$ with mode I-dominant loading.

so a comparison can be made to the results obtained for this system in [Morini et al. 2013]. The results shown agree with the ones there, with only the real part of the symmetric stress intensity factor existing for symmetric loading and the magnitude of all components increasing as the asymmetry becomes more profound. The behavior is not identical to that seen in [Morini et al. 2013] due to the different materials considered in this paper.

6. Conclusions

A general method for calculating stress intensity factors and higher-order terms in the asymptotic expansions of the displacement and stress fields for a dynamic steady-state crack at the interface between two dissimilar anisotropic materials has been developed. The proposed approach, based on weight functions theory and the Betti integral formula, can be applied to many crack problems in a wide range of materials, for example, several classes of anisotropic elastic media (monoclinic, orthotropic) and piezoceramics. As a particular case, a steady-state plane interfacial crack in orthotropic bimaterials has been studied. Expressions for the stress intensity factor and further higher-order asymptotic coefficients have been found for two different configurations of loading acting on the crack faces.

It has been shown in the considered examples that greater asymmetry of the loading configuration leads to an increase in the energy release rate at the crack tip and has a particularly large effect for high crack velocities. Moreover, the analysis of the stress intensity factors for both loadings shows the existence of a sub-Rayleigh velocity at which the stress intensity factor changes sign, which could lead to a change in the direction of the crack propagation. This effect was only observable when asymmetric loading was applied and may give some explanation for the fact that kinking/branching is more probable at certain velocities. As different materials for the lower half-plane are considered, it has been shown that this characteristic velocity does not exist for every bimaterial; therefore experimental study is of great importance in order to clearly detect the presence of this critical value and its physical implications on crack propagation stability.

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Appendix: Orthotropic Stroh matrices for a dynamic crack

For orthotropic materials the matrices \mathbf{Q} , \mathbf{R} , and \mathbf{T} are given by

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} - \rho v^2 & 0 \\ 0 & C_{66} - \rho v^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_{12} \\ C_{66} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{66} & 0 \\ 0 & C_{22} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Previously, expressions were found for the Stroh matrices for an orthotropic bimaterial with a crack propagating at a constant speed, v , in [Yang et al. 1991], where the following parameters were defined:

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_{\gamma\beta} &= \frac{C_{\gamma\beta}}{C_{66}}, & \alpha_1 &= \sqrt{1 - \frac{\rho v^2}{C_{11}}}, & \alpha_2 &= \sqrt{1 - \frac{\rho v^2}{C_{66}}}, \\ \xi &= \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \sqrt{\frac{\kappa_{11}}{\kappa_{22}}}, & s &= \frac{\alpha_2^2 + \kappa_{11} \kappa_{22} \alpha_1^2 - (1 + \kappa_{12})^2}{2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \sqrt{\kappa_{11} \kappa_{22}}}. \end{aligned}$$

It is seen that the eigenvalues, with positive imaginary parts, of (6) are given by

$$p_{1,2} = \begin{cases} i\sqrt{\xi} \left(\sqrt{\frac{s+1}{2}} \pm \sqrt{\frac{s-1}{2}} \right), & \text{for } s \geq 1, \\ \sqrt{\xi} \left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{1-s}{2}} + i\sqrt{\frac{1+s}{2}} \right), & \text{for } -1 < s < 1. \end{cases} \tag{A.2}$$

Using the same normalization as used in [Yang et al. 1991] the matrices A and L are given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\lambda_2^{-1} \\ -\lambda_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{A.3}$$

$$L = C_{66} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 - \lambda_1 & 1 - p_2 \lambda_2^{-1} \\ \kappa_{12} - \kappa_{22} p_1 \lambda_1 & \kappa_{22} p_2 - \kappa_{12} \lambda_2^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{A.4}$$

where

$$\lambda_\mu = \frac{\kappa_{11} \alpha_1^2 + p_\mu^2}{(1 + \kappa_{12}) p_\mu}.$$

It is now possible to find an expression for the hermitian matrix B :

$$B = iAL^{-1} = \frac{1}{C_{66}R} \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_{22} \alpha_2^2 \sqrt{2(1+s)/\xi} & i(\kappa_{22} - \kappa_{12} \alpha_2^2 / \xi) \\ -i(\kappa_{22} - \kappa_{12} \alpha_2^2 / \xi) & \kappa_{22} \sqrt{2\xi(1+s)} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{A.5}$$

where R is the generalized Rayleigh wave function given by

$$R = \kappa_{22}(\kappa_{22}\xi - 1 + \alpha_2^2) - \kappa_{12}^2 \alpha_2^2 / \xi.$$

The Rayleigh wave speed of a material can be found by solving the equation for $R = 0$.

The bimaterial matrix H , from (7), has the form

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & -i\beta\sqrt{H_{11}H_{22}} \\ i\beta\sqrt{H_{11}H_{22}} & H_{22} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{A.6}$$

From (A.5) it is seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{11} &= \left[\frac{\kappa_{22}\alpha_2^2\sqrt{2(1+s)/\xi}}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{I}} + \left[\frac{\kappa_{22}\alpha_2^2\sqrt{2(1+s)/\xi}}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{II}}, \\
 H_{22} &= \left[\frac{\kappa_{22}\sqrt{2\xi(1+s)}}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{I}} + \left[\frac{\kappa_{22}\sqrt{2\xi(1+s)}}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{II}}, \\
 \beta\sqrt{H_{11}H_{22}} &= \left[\frac{\kappa_{22} - \kappa_{12}\alpha_2^2/\xi}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{II}} - \left[\frac{\kappa_{22} - \kappa_{12}\alpha_2^2/\xi}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{I}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In order to compute the weight functions the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of (9) are required. Using the representation (A.6) it is found that

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{i}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}\right). \tag{A.7}$$

Another key component for calculating the weight functions is the bimaterial matrix \mathbf{W} , defined in (7). Using (A.5) it is seen that

$$\mathbf{W} = \sqrt{H_{11}H_{22}} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1\sqrt{\frac{H_{11}}{H_{22}}} & i\gamma \\ -i\gamma & \delta_2\sqrt{\frac{H_{22}}{H_{11}}} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{A.8}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma &= \frac{\left[\frac{\kappa_{22} - \kappa_{12}\alpha_2^2/\xi}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{I}} + \left[\frac{\kappa_{22} - \kappa_{12}\alpha_2^2/\xi}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{II}}}{\sqrt{H_{11}H_{22}}}, \\
 \delta_1 &= \frac{\left[\frac{\kappa_{22}\alpha_2^2\sqrt{2(1+s)/\xi}}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{I}} - \left[\frac{\kappa_{22}\alpha_2^2\sqrt{2(1+s)/\xi}}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{II}}}{H_{11}}, \\
 \delta_2 &= \frac{\left[\frac{\kappa_{22}\sqrt{2\xi(1+s)}}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{I}} - \left[\frac{\kappa_{22}\sqrt{2\xi(1+s)}}{C_{66}R} \right]_{\text{II}}}{H_{22}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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