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List of 10 Fracture Mechanics Formulas

Fracture Mechanics

1) Fracture toughness given stress intensity factor

$$\text{fx } K_I = Y \cdot K_o$$

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$$\text{ex } 5.339472\text{MPa}\cdot\text{sqrt(m)} = 1.1 \cdot 4.854065\text{MPa}\cdot\text{sqrt(m)}$$

2) Fracture toughness given tensile stress at edge of crack

$$\text{fx } K_I = Y \cdot \left(\sigma \cdot \left(\sqrt{\pi \cdot a} \right) \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 5.339471\text{MPa}\cdot\text{sqrt(m)} = 1.1 \cdot \left(50\text{N/mm}^2 \cdot \left(\sqrt{\pi \cdot 3\text{mm}} \right) \right)$$

3) Half crack length given fracture toughness

$$\text{fx } a = \frac{\left(\frac{K_I}{Y \cdot \sigma} \right)^2}{\pi}$$

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$$\text{ex } 3.183099\text{mm} = \frac{\left(\frac{5.50\text{MPa}\cdot\text{sqrt(m)}}{1.1} \right)^2}{50\text{N/mm}^2 \cdot \pi}$$



4) Half crack length given stress intensity factor

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$$\text{fx } a = \frac{\left(\frac{K_o}{\sigma}\right)^2}{\pi}$$

$$\text{ex } 3\text{mm} = \frac{\left(\frac{4.854065\text{MPa}\cdot\text{sqrt}(\text{m})}{50\text{N}/\text{mm}^2}\right)^2}{\pi}$$

5) Nominal tensile stress at edge of crack given fracture toughness

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$$\text{fx } \sigma = \frac{\frac{K_I}{Y}}{\sqrt{\pi \cdot a}}$$

$$\text{ex } 51.50323\text{N}/\text{mm}^2 = \frac{\frac{5.50\text{MPa}\cdot\text{sqrt}(\text{m})}{1.1}}{\sqrt{\pi \cdot 3\text{mm}}}$$


6) Nominal tensile stress at edge of crack given load, plate thickness and plate width

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$$\text{fx } \sigma = \frac{L}{w \cdot t}$$

$$\text{ex } 50\text{N}/\text{mm}^2 = \frac{5250\text{N}}{70\text{mm} \cdot 1.5\text{mm}}$$



7) Nominal tensile stress at edge of crack given stress intensity factor 

$$fx \quad \sigma = \frac{K_o}{\sqrt{\pi \cdot a}}$$

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$$ex \quad 50N/mm^2 = \frac{4.854065MPa \cdot \sqrt{m}}{\sqrt{\pi \cdot 3mm}}$$

8) Stress Intensity factor for cracked plate 

$$fx \quad K_o = \sigma \cdot (\sqrt{\pi \cdot a})$$

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$$ex \quad 4.854065MPa \cdot \sqrt{m} = 50N/mm^2 \cdot (\sqrt{\pi \cdot 3mm})$$

9) Thickness of plate given nominal tensile stress at edge of crack 

$$fx \quad t = \frac{L}{(\sigma) \cdot (w)}$$

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$$ex \quad 1.5mm = \frac{5250N}{(50N/mm^2) \cdot (70mm)}$$

10) Width of plate given nominal tensile stress at edge of crack 

$$fx \quad w = \left(\frac{L}{(\sigma) \cdot t} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 70mm = \left(\frac{5250N}{(50N/mm^2) \cdot 1.5mm} \right)$$







Variables Used

- **a** Half Crack Length (*Millimeter*)
- **K_I** Fracture Toughness (*Megapascal sqrt(meter)*)
- **K_O** Stress Intensity Factor (*Megapascal sqrt(meter)*)
- **L** Load on Cracked Plate (*Newton*)
- **t** Thickness of Cracked Plate (*Millimeter*)
- **w** Width of Plate (*Millimeter*)
- **Y** Dimensionless Parameter in Fracture Toughness
- **σ** Tensile Stress at Crack Edge (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)








Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Function:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)
A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Millimeter (mm)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Fracture Toughness** in Megapascal sqrt(meter) (MPa*sqrt(m))
Fracture Toughness Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Stress** in Newton per Square Millimeter (N/mm²)
Stress Unit Conversion 



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