

I Year II Semester
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FRACTURE MECHANICS
(ELECTIVE - III)

UNIT-I

Introduction: Prediction of mechanical failure. Macroscopic failure modes; brittle and ductile behaviour. Fracture in brittle and ductile materials – characteristics of fracture surfaces; inter- granular and intra-granular failure, cleavage and micro-ductility, growth of fatigue cracks, The ductile/brittle fracture transition temperature for notched and unnotched components. Fracture at elevated temperature.

UNIT-II

Griffiths analysis: Concept of energy release rate, G , and fracture energy, R . Modification for ductile materials, loading conditions. Concept of R curves.

Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics, (LEFM). Three loading modes and the state of stress ahead of the crack tip, stress concentration factor, stress intensity factor and the material parameter the critical stress intensity factor, crack tip plasticity, effect of thickness on fracture toughness.

UNIT-III

Elastic-Plastic Fracture Mechanics; (EPFM). The definition of alternative failure prediction parameters, Crack Tip Opening Displacement, and the J integral. Measurement of parameters and examples of use.

UNIT-IV

Fatigue: definition of terms used to describe fatigue cycles, High Cycle Fatigue, Low Cycle Fatigue, mean stress R ratio, strain and load control. S - N curves. Goodmans rule and Miners rule. Micromechanisms of fatigue damage, fatigue limits and initiation and propagation control, leading to a consideration of factors enhancing fatigue resistance. Total life and damage tolerant approaches to life prediction.

UNIT-V

Creep deformation: the evolution of creep damage, primary, secondary and tertiary creep. Micro-mechanisms of creep in materials and the role of diffusion. Ashby creep deformation maps. Stress dependence of creep – power law dependence. Comparison of creep performance under different conditions – extrapolation and the use of Larson-Miller parameters. Creep-fatigue interactions. Examples.

TEXT BOOKS:

1. T.L. Anderson, Fracture Mechanics Fundamentals and Applications, 2nd Ed. CRC press,(1995)
2. J.F. Knott, Fundamentals of Fracture Mechanics, Butterworths (1973)

3. G. E. Dieter, Mechanical Metallurgy, McGraw Hill, (1988)
4. S. Suresh, Fatigue of Materials, Cambridge University Press, (1998)

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1. B. Lawn, Fracture of Brittle Solids, Cambridge Solid State Science Series 2nd ed 1993.
2. J.F. Knott, P Withey, Worked examples in Fracture Mechanics, Institute of Materials.
3. H.L.Ewald and R.J.H. Wanhill Fracture Mechanics, Edward Arnold, (1984).
4. L.B. Freund and S. Suresh, Thin Film Materials Cambridge University Press, (2003).
5. 9. D.C. Stouffer and L.T. Dame, Inelastic Deformation of Metals, Wiley (1996)