



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



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We agree that the comments will be of great help to us and to the readers of the journal who may have interest in extending the so-called *NDIF method* to more practical areas (NDIF: non-dimensional dynamic influence function). The comments provide important information on the practical application of the NDIF method to various fields of study: severe stress concentration at the corners of plates, theoretical connection of the NDIF method to conformal mapping and variational methods, non-homogeneous plates with non-uniform thickness, concentrated masses and elastic support points, and the dynamic behavior of printed circuit boards of electronic equipment. Although relatively many references are cited in our paper, they are mainly associated with the free vibration of membranes and plates (this is because the subject of our paper focuses on the eigenanalysis of clamped plates). In addition, our recent work on highly concavely shaped plates has almost been completed, and the extension of the NDIF method to composite membranes and plates is currently being carried out.