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For recent years, we have developed the so-called boundary node method for the eigensolutions of arbitrarily shaped membranes [1], 2-D acoustic cavities [2], concave membranes [3], and plates with clamped or mixed boundary conditions [4,5]. Dr J.T. Chen and his coworkers steadily gave us valuable information related to our aforementioned works [1–5]. We express our gratitude to their practical suggestions and comments.

In the previous paper dealing with clamped plates [4], it was proved using some numerical examples the fact that spurious singular values correspond to the eigenvalues of similarly shaped membranes. However, we could not *analytically* explain the reason of appearance of spurious singular values. In the current comments, Dr J.T. Chen and his coworkers have proved that, when the NDIF method is applied to a clamped plate, it always yields a spurious eigensolution corresponding to the eigensolution of a membrane with the same shape as the plate. Although their work lacks generality in that the object of the proof is limited to *circular* plates, it will be a great help to the readers of the journal who may require systematic and analytical explanation about the spurious eigensolution.

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