



Discussion

Authors' reply

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In Ref. [3] the boundary conditions exhibit non-uniform edge constraints, and in Refs. [4,5] the plate thickness is also variable. Other references cited consider in-plane loads or have elastic constraints that vary according to the angular coordinate. The mention of these important references adds to the completeness of our paper and is very welcome. It increases the range of cases to which our paper is applicable.

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