

MODIFIED SPECHT'S PLATE BENDING ELEMENT AND ITS CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS *

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Abstract. This paper discusses Specht's plate bending element, shows the relationships between $\int_{F_{\rho}} w \, ds$ or $\int_{F_{\rho}} \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} \, ds$ and the nodal parameters (or degrees of freedom), further it sheds lights on the construction methods for that element, and finally it introduces a new plate bending element with good convergent properties (which passes the F-E-M-Test (cf.[11])) is derived.

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