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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

$\{a\}$	=	generalized d.o.f. vector
$[B]$	=	relationship matrix between strain and nodal displacement
D	=	flexural rigidity
$\{d\}$	=	nodal displacement vector
E	=	Young's modulus
$\{F\}$	=	external structure load vector
G	=	shear modulus
k	=	factor of effect of transverse shear stress
$[k]$	=	element stiffness matrix
$[K]$	=	structure stiffness matrix
M_x	=	bending moment in *x*-direction
M_y	=	bending moment in *y*-direction
M_{xy}	=	twisting moment in *xy*-plane
$\lfloor N \rfloor$	=	shape function
$\{p\}$	=	external element load vector
q	=	distributed lateral force
Q_x	=	shear stress per unit length in *x*-direction
Q_y	=	shear stress per unit length in *y*-direction
t	=	thickness of flat plate
T_0	=	temperature change
u	=	displacement in *x*-direction
U	=	strain energy
v	=	displacement in *y*-direction
w	=	the deflection of the midsurface in *z*-direction
$w,_x$	=	slope of the plate surface in *x*-direction
$w,_y$	=	slope of the plate surface in *y*-direction
ψ_x	=	rotations of a midsurface normal in *x*-direction
ψ_y	=	rotations of a midsurface normal in *y*-direction
ε_x	=	normal strain in *x*-direction
ε_y	=	normal strain in *y*-direction
γ_{xy}	=	shear strain in *xy*-plane
γ_{yz}	=	shear strain in *yz*-plane
γ_{zx}	=	shear strain in *zx*-plane
σ_x	=	normal stress in *x*-direction
σ_y	=	normal stress in *y*-direction
τ_{xy}	=	shear stress in *xy*-plane

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ν	=	Poisson's ratio
Ω	=	the potential of applied loads
$\prod$	=	the potential energy
$\{\kappa\}$	=	curvature vector
$\{\kappa_0\}$	=	initial curvature vector