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*Abstract*

The variability of longitudinal bending strength of timber beams due to the presence of knots and other defects is analyzed. The weak zones model of timber beam bending strength used in the analysis consists of short weak zones (knots or group of them) and strong sections of clear wood. The load bearing capacity of timber beams is defined as an extreme (minimum) value problem or as a first downcrossing problem. (...)