Assignment 5

The clamping of the plate shown allows displacement in y-direction. At the free edge, the plate is loaded by distributed force p. Determine the critical value $p_{\rm cr}$ of the distributed force making the plate to buckle. Use the approximation $w(x,y) = a_0(x/L)^2$ and assume that $N_{xx} = -p$ and $N_{yy} = N_{xy} = 0$. Material parameters E, v and thickness of the plate t are constants.

