University of Nottingham Department of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Engineering MMME3086 - Computer Modelling Techniques

Exercise Sheet (FE)-2 (Choosing elements)

Which elements would you recommend for the examples shown below? Note that more than one type of element may be suitable.

Example	Element Type	Reason
1. A thin square plate with a central circular hole subjected to a uniaxial stress.		
2. A standard fracture test specimen (called compact tension specimen) used to determine the fracture toughness of materials. Loading is applied to open the crack using pins inserted in circular holes.		
3. A thick-walled pressurised pipe containing a pressurised fluid.		

4. A paper clip loaded by two forces as shown.	
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5. A thin-walled gas pipe subjected to a concentrated point force.	
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6. Two steel cylindrical rollers pressed on a flat block.	
P/unit length P/unit length	