ME 323: Mechanics of Materials Summer 2024

Homework Set H09

Assigned/Due: June 20/June 24

A rigid, L-shaped bar BCD is pinned to ground at C. Two circular cross-section elastic members (1) and (2), each having a Young's modulus of E, coefficient of thermal expansion α and diameter d, are connected between the ends of the bar and ground, as shown below. The elastic members and sections of the bar are either vertically oriented or horizontally oriented. A horizontal force P is applied to joint B. In addition, the temperatures of the elastic members (1) and (2) are *increased* by amounts of ΔT and $2\Delta T$, respectively. Following the four steps below, you are asked to determine the stress in each of the elastic members.

- 1. *Equilibrium*. Draw the free body diagrams (FBD) of member BCD. Write down the appropriate equilibrium equations from your FBDs. Is this system determinate?
- 2. *Force/elongation equations*. Write down the force/elongation equations for members (1) and (2).
- 3. *Compatibility*. Write down the appropriate compatibility equation(s) relating the elongations of rods (1) and (2).



