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**Ph.D. Qualifying Exam
in Solid Mechanics**

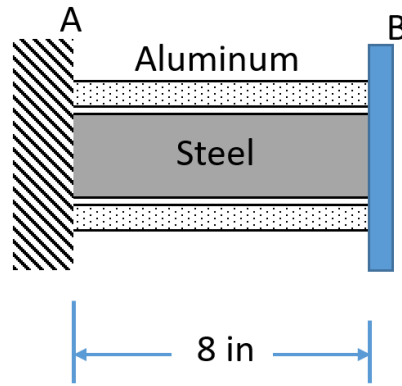
- **Open One Book**
- **Answer all questions. All questions have the same weight.**

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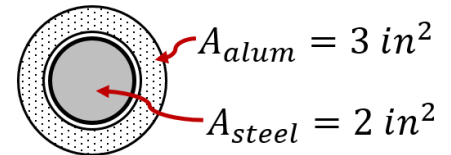
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Problem 1

A hollow aluminum tube is surrounding a solid steel cylinder. The tube and cylinder are fixed to the wall at A. They are both welded to a rigid plate at B. The plate can move freely. When the temperature is 45°F there are no internal stresses.



Cross section



- Find the reaction R_A for the steel bar when the temperature reaches 145°F .
- Find the internal stress in the steel bar when the temperature reaches 145°F .

Steel: Young's Modulus = $30 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$

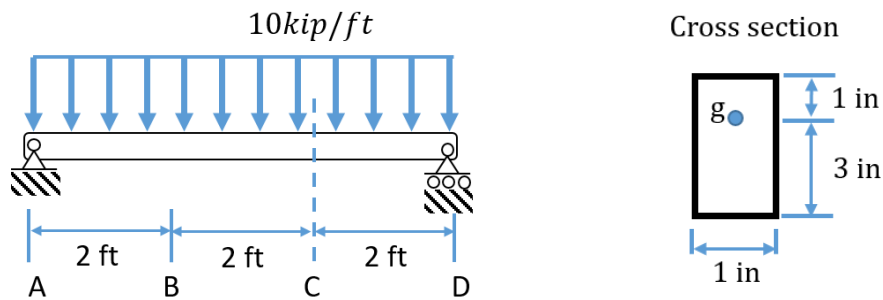
Coefficient of thermal expansion = $6.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ } 1/^{\circ}\text{F}$

Aluminum: Young's Modulus = $10 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$

Coefficient of thermal expansion = $13 \times 10^{-6} \text{ } 1/^{\circ}\text{F}$

Problem 3

The beam shown has a 10 kip/ft load across the whole beam. Find the 2D state of stress at point g, shown on the cross section at cut C.



Problem 4

Using the cut and integration method, find the piecewise function $y(x)$ for the deflection of the beam. What is the deflection at the end of the beam?

For this problem, use $EI = 5E3 \text{ [m}^4\text{Pa]}$

