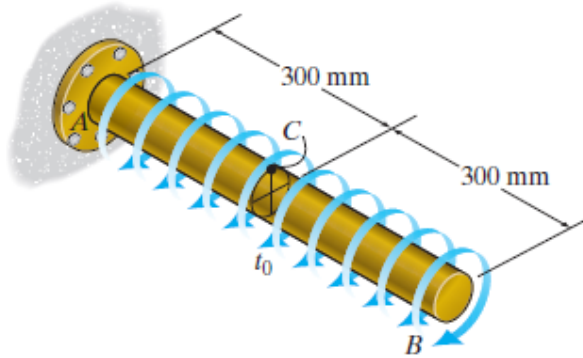


Practice Answer key & Solutions [Strength of Material] [ME/CE]

Q.1 If the rod is subjected to a uniform distributed torque of $t_0 = 1.5 \text{ kN-m/m}$, determine the rod's minimum required diameter d if the material has an allowable shear stress of $\tau_{\text{allow}} = 75 \text{ MPa}$.



Ans. $d = 39.4 \text{ mm}$

Sol.

Internal loadings : The maximum internal torque developed in the shaft, which occurs at A, is shown in figure.

Allowable shear stress : The polar moment of inertia of the shaft is $J = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^4 = \frac{\pi}{32} d^4$.

We have

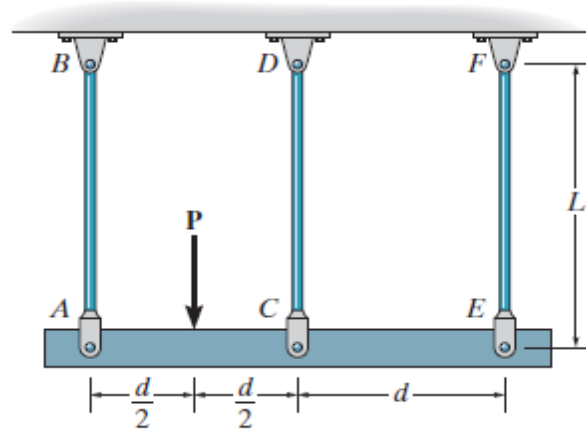
$$\tau_{\text{allow}} = \frac{T_{\text{max}} c}{J},$$

$$75(10^6) = \frac{1.5(10^3)(0.6) \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)}{\frac{\pi}{32} d^4}$$

$$d = 0.03939 \text{ m} = 39.4 \text{ mm}$$

Ans.

Q.2 The three suspender bars are made of the same material and have equal cross-sectional areas A . Determine the average normal stress in each bar if the rigid beam ACE is subjected to the force P .



Ans. $\sigma_{AB} = \frac{7P}{12A}$, $\sigma_{CD} = \frac{7P}{3A}$, $\sigma_{EF} = \frac{P}{12A}$

Sol.

$$\curvearrowright + \sum M_A = 0,$$

$$F_{CD}(d) = F_{EF}(2d) - P\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$F_{CD} + 2F_{EF} = \frac{P}{2}$$

....(i)

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0, F_{AB} + F_{CD} + F_{EF} - P = 0$$

....(ii)

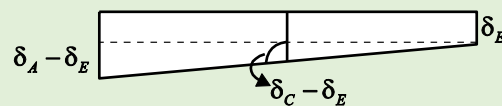
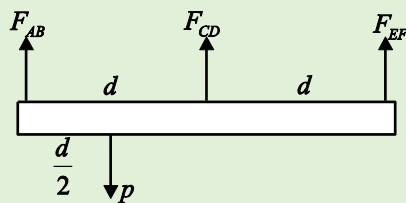
$$\frac{\delta_C - \delta_E}{d} = \frac{\delta_A - \delta_E}{2d}$$

$$2\delta_C = \delta_A + \delta_E$$

$$\frac{2F_{CD}L}{AE} = \frac{F_{AB}L}{AE} + \frac{F_{EF}L}{AE}$$

$$2F_{CD} - F_{AB} - F_{EF} = 0$$

....(iii)



Solving equation (i), (ii) and (iii) yields

$$F_{AB} = \frac{7P}{12}, F_{CD} = \frac{P}{3}, F_{EF} = \frac{P}{12}$$

$$\sigma_{AB} = \frac{7P}{12A}$$

Ans.

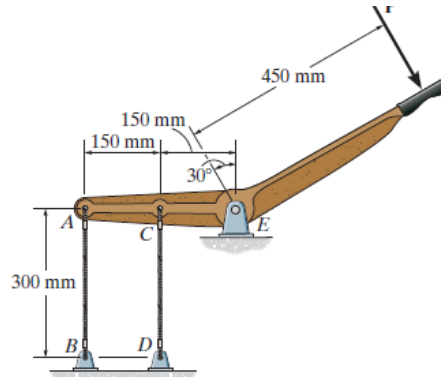
$$\sigma_{CD} = \frac{P}{3A}$$

Ans.

$$\sigma_{EF} = \frac{P}{12A}$$

Ans.

Q.3 The rigid lever arm is supported by two A-36 steel wires having the same diameter of 4 mm. Determine the smallest force P that will cause (a) only one of the wires to yield: (b) both wires to yield. Consider A-36 steel as an elastic perfectly plastic material.



Ans. (a) $P = 2.62 \text{ kN}$ (b) $P = 3.14 \text{ kN}$

Sol.

Equation of Equilibrium : Referring to the free-body diagram of the lever arm shown in figure (a),

$$\sum M_E = 0, F_{AB}(300) + F_{CD}(150) - P(450) = 0$$

$$2F_{AB} + F_{CD} = 3P \quad \dots(i)$$

(a) Elastic Analysis : The compatibility equation can be written by referring to the geometry of fig.(b)

$$\delta_{AB} = \left(\frac{300}{150}\right)\delta_{CD}$$

$$\delta_{AB} = 2\delta_{CD}$$

$$\frac{F_{AB}L}{AE} = 2\left(\frac{F_{CD}L}{AE}\right)$$

$$F_{CD} = \frac{1}{2}F_{AB} \quad \dots (ii)$$

Assuming that wire AB is about to yield first,

$$F_{AB} = (\sigma\gamma)_{st} A_{AB} = 250(10^6) \left[\frac{\pi}{4} (0.004)^2 \right] = 3141.59 \text{ N}$$

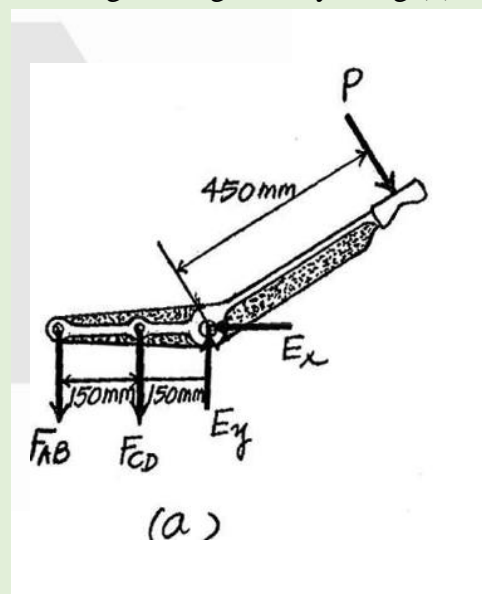
From equation (ii),

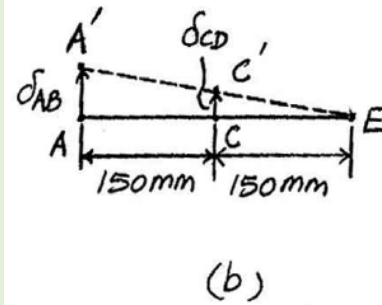
$$F_{CD} = \frac{1}{2}(3141.59) = 1570.80 \text{ N}$$

Substitution the result of F_{AB} and F_{CD} into equation (i),

$$P = 2618.00 \text{ N} = 2.62 \text{ kN}$$

(b) Plastic Analysis : Since both wires AB and CD are required to yield,





$$F_{AB} = F_{CD} - (\sigma\gamma)_{st} A 250(10^6) \left[\frac{\pi}{4} (0.004^2) \right] = 3141.59 \text{ N}$$

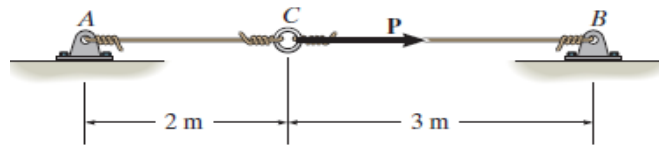
Substituting this result into equation (i),

$$P = 3141.59 \text{ N} = 3.14 \text{ kN}$$

Ans.

Q.4 Two steel wires, each having a cross-sectional area of 2mm^2 are tied to a ring at C, and then stretched and tied between the two pins A and B. The initial tension in the wires is 50 N. If a horizontal force P is applied to the ring, determine the force in each wire if $P = 20 \text{ N}$. What is the smallest force P that must be applied to the ring to reduce the force in wire CB to zero?

Take $\sigma_y = 300 \text{ MPa}$. $E_{st} = 200 \text{ GPa}$.



Ans. $F_{AC} = 62 \text{ N}$, $F_{BC} = 42 \text{ N}$, $P = 125 \text{ N}$

Sol.

Equilibrium :

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0, 20 + (50 - P_2) - (50 + P_1) = 0$$

$$P_1 + P_2 = 20 \quad \dots \text{ (i)}$$

Compatibility condition :

$$\delta_c = \frac{P_1(2)}{AE} = \frac{P_2(3)}{AE}$$

$$P_1 = 1.5 P_2 \quad \dots \text{ (ii)}$$

Solving equation (i) and (ii) yields :

$$P_1 = 12 \text{ N}, P_2 = 8 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{AC} = 50 + 12 = 62 \text{ N}$$

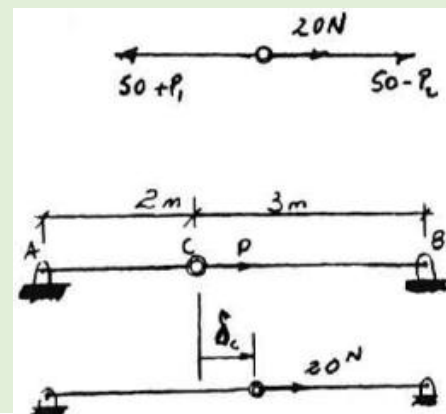
$$F_{BC} = 50 - 8 = 42 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{For } F_{CB} = 0, 50 - P_2 = 0$$

$$P_2 = 50 \text{ N}$$

$$P_1 = 1.5(50) = 75 \text{ N}$$

$$P = 75 + 50 = 125 \text{ N}$$

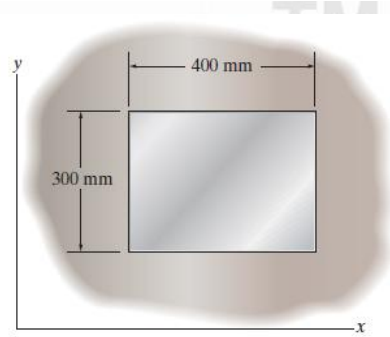


$$F_{At} = 50 + 75 = 125 \text{ N}$$

$$\sigma_{At} = \frac{125}{2(10^{-6})} = 62.5 \text{ MPa}$$

$$62.5 \text{ MPa} < \sigma_y$$

- Q.5** The 6061-T6 aluminum alloy plate fits snugly into the rigid constraint. Determine the normal stresses σ_x and σ_y developed in the plate if the temperature is increased by $\Delta T = 50^\circ\text{C}$. To solve, add the thermal strain $\alpha\Delta T$ to the equations for Hooke's Law. Coefficient of thermal expansion $= \alpha = 24 \times 10^{-6}$ and $E = 68 \text{ GPa}$



Ans. $\sigma_x = \sigma_y = -127.2 \text{ MPa} = 127 \text{ MPa (C)}$

Sol.

Generalized Hooke's Law : Since the sides of the aluminum plate are confined in the rigid constraint along the x and y directions, $\epsilon_x = \epsilon_y = 0$. However, the plate is allowed to have free expansion along the z direction. Thus, $\sigma_z = 0$. With the additional thermal strain term, we have

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} [\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)] + \alpha\Delta T$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{68.9(10^9)} [\sigma_x - 0.35(\sigma_y + 0)] + 24(10^{-6})(50)$$

$$\sigma_x - 0.35\sigma_y - 82.68(10^6) \quad \dots \text{ (i)}$$

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$$\sigma_y - 0.35\sigma_x = -82.68(10^6) \quad \dots \text{ (ii)}$$

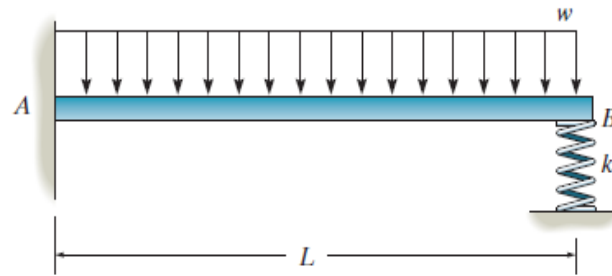
Solving equation (i) and (ii),

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = -127.2 \text{ MPa} = 127 \text{ MPa (C)}$$

Ans.

Since $\sigma_x = \sigma_y$ and $\sigma_y < \sigma_y$, the above results are valid.

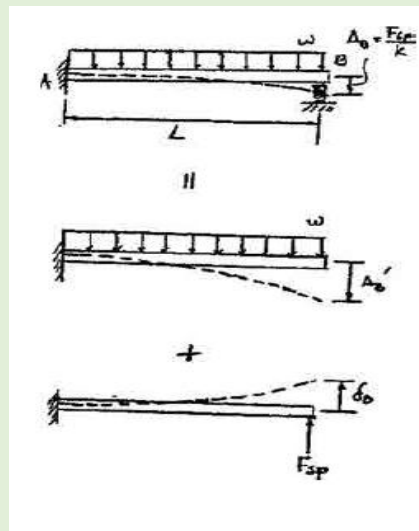
- Q.6** Determine the force in the spring. EI is constants



Ans. $F_{sp} = \frac{3kwL^4}{24EI + 8kL^3}$

Sol.

$$\Delta_B' = \frac{wL^4}{8EI}, \quad \delta_B = \frac{F_{sp}L^3}{3EI}$$



By superposition :

$$+\downarrow \Delta_B = \Delta_B' - \delta_B$$

$$\frac{F_{sp}}{k} = \frac{wL^4}{8EI} - \frac{F_{sp}L^3}{3EI}$$

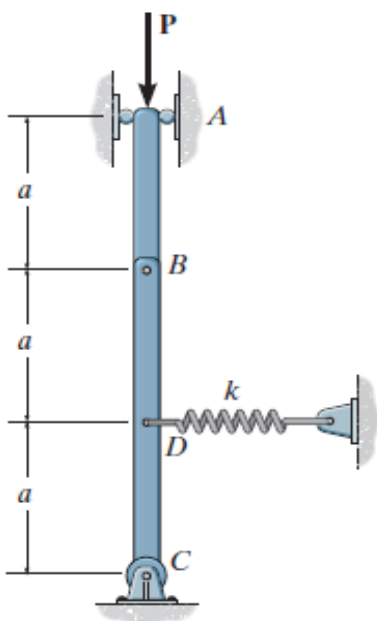
$$\frac{24EIF_{sp}}{k} = 3wL^4 - 8F_{sp}L^3$$

$$\frac{24EIF_{sp}}{k} + 8F_{sp}L^3 = 3wL^4$$

$$F_{sp} \left[\frac{24EI + 8kL^3}{k} \right] = 3wL^4$$

$$F_{sp} = \frac{3kwL^4}{24EI + 8kL^3}$$

Q.7 Rigid bars AB and BC are pin connected at B . If the spring at D has a stiffness k , determine the critical load P_{cr} for the system.



Ans. $P_{cr} = \frac{ka}{6}$

Sol.

Equilibrium : The disturbing force F can be related P by considering the equilibrium of joint A and then the equilibrium of member BC ,

Joint A (fig. b)

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = 0, F_{AB} \cos \phi - P = 0, F_{AB} = \frac{P}{\cos \phi}$$

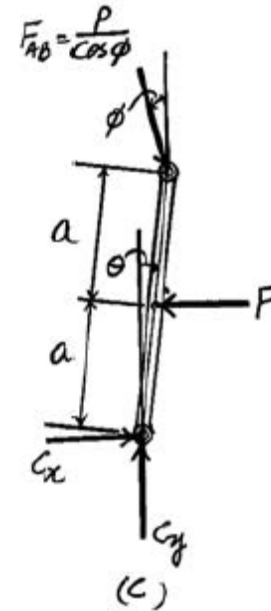
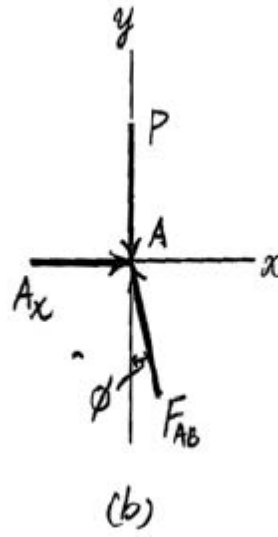
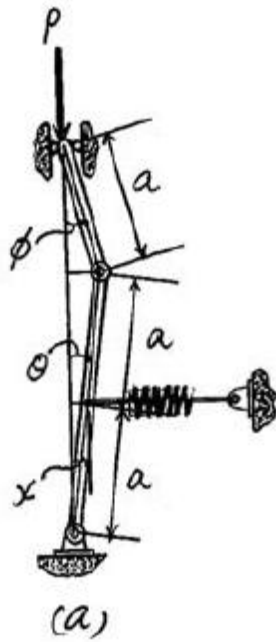
Member BC (fig. c)

$$\sum M_C = 0, F(a \cos \theta) - \frac{P}{\cos \phi} \cos \phi (2a \sin \theta) - \frac{P}{\cos \phi} \sin(2a \cos \theta) = 0$$

$$F = 2P(\tan \theta + \tan \phi)$$

Since θ and ϕ are small, $\tan \theta \cong \theta$ and $\tan \phi \cong \phi$. Thus,

$$F = 2P(\theta + \phi) \quad \dots (i)$$



Also, from the geometry shown in fig. a,

$$2a\theta = a\phi \quad \phi = 2\theta$$

Thus, equation (i) becomes

$$F = 2P(\theta + 2\theta) = 6P\theta$$

Spring force : The restoring spring force F_{sp} can be determined using the spring formula, $F_{sp} = kx$, where $x = a\theta$, fig.(a), thus,

$$F_{sp} = kx = ka\theta$$

Critical buckling load : When the mechanism is on the verge of buckling the disturbing force F must be equal to the restoring spring force F_{sp} .

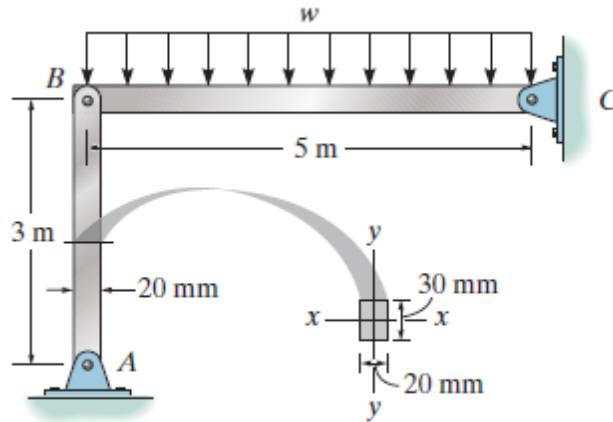
$$F = F_{sp}$$

$$6P_{cr}\theta = ka\theta$$

$$P_{cr} = \frac{ka}{6}$$

Ans.

Q.8 The steel bar AB has a rectangular cross section. If it is pin connected at its ends, determine the maximum allowable intensity w of the distributed load that can be applied to BC without causing bar AB to buckle. Use a factor of safety with respect to buckling of **1.5**, $E_{st} = 200 \text{ GPa}$, $\sigma_y = 360 \text{ MPa}$.



Ans. $P_{cr} = 4.39 \text{ kN}$

Sol.

Buckling load :

$$P_{cr} = F_{AB} (F.S.) = 2.5w(1.5) = 3.75 w$$

$$I = \frac{1}{12} (0.03)(0.02)^3 = 20(10^{-9}) \text{ m}^4$$

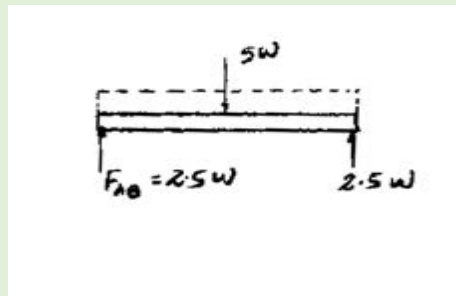
$$K = 1.0$$

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(KL)^2}$$

$$3.75w = \frac{\pi^2 (200)(10^9)(20)(10^{-9})}{[(1.0)(3)]^2}$$

$$w = 1170 \text{ N/m} = 1.17 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$P_{cr} = 4.39 \text{ kN}$$

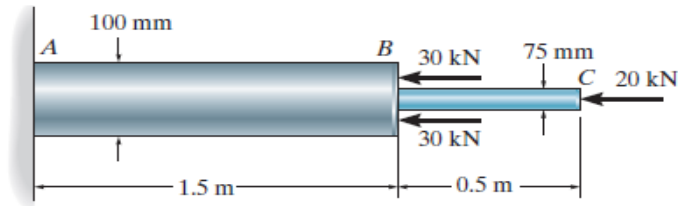


Check :

$$\sigma_{cr} = \frac{P_{cr}}{A} = \frac{4.39(10^3)}{0.02(0.03)} = 7.31 \text{ MPa} < \sigma_Y$$

Q.9 Determine the strain energy in the stepped rod assembly. Portion AB is steel and BC is brass.

$E_{br} = 101 \text{ GPa}$, $E_{st} = 200 \text{ GPa}$, $(\sigma_Y)_{br} = 410 \text{ MPa}$, $(\sigma_Y)_{st} = 250 \text{ MPa}$.



Ans. $U_i = 3.28 \text{ J}$

Sol.

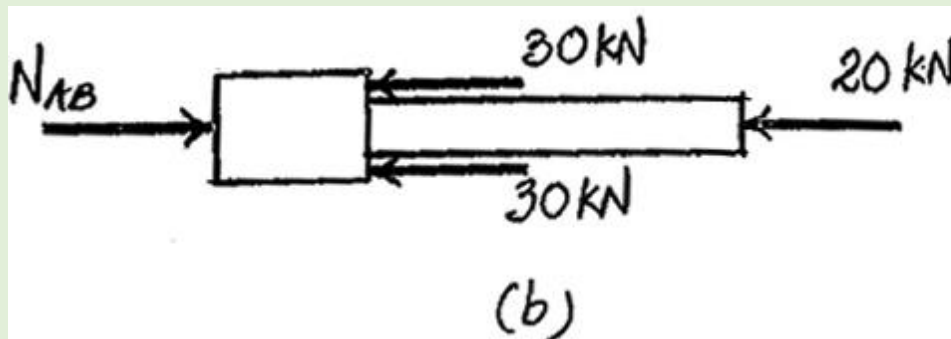
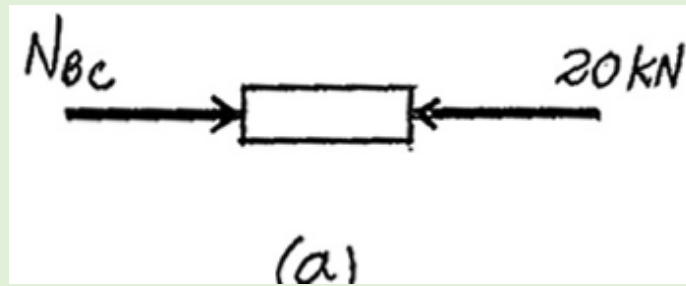
Referring to the FBDs of cut segments in fig. (a) and (b),

$$+\sum F_x = 0, N_{BC} - 20 = 0, N_{BC} = 20 \text{ kN}$$

$$+\sum F_x = 0, N_{BC} - 30 - 30 - 20 = 0, N_{AB} = 80 \text{ kN}$$

The cross-sectional area of segments AB and BC are $A_{AB} = \frac{\pi}{4}(0.1^2) = 2.5(10^{-3})\pi \text{ m}^2$

and $A_{BC} = \frac{\pi}{4}(0.075^2) = 1.40625(10^{-3})\pi \text{ m}^2$



$$\begin{aligned} (U_i)_a &= \sum \frac{N^2 L}{2AE} = \frac{N_{AB}^2 L_{AB}}{2A_{AB} E_{st}} + \frac{N_{BC}^2 L_{BC}}{2A_{BC} E_{br}} \\ &= \frac{[80(10^3)]^2 (1.5)}{2[2.5(10^{-3})\pi][200(10^9)]} + \frac{[20(10^3)]^2 (0.5)}{2[1.40625(10^{-3})\pi][101(10^9)]} \\ &= 3.28 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

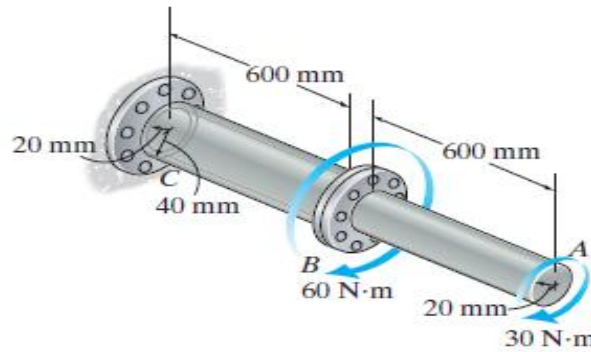
Ans.

This result is valid only if $\sigma < \sigma_y$

$$\sigma_{AB} = \frac{N_{AB}}{A_{AB}} = \frac{80(10^3)}{2.5(10^{-3})\pi} = 10.19(10^6) \text{ Pa} = 10.19 \text{ MPa} < (\sigma_y)_{st} = 250 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_{BC} = \frac{N_{BC}}{A_{BC}} = \frac{20(10^3)}{1.40625(10^{-3})\pi} = 4.527(10^6) \text{ Pa} = 4.527 \text{ MPa} < (\sigma_y)_{br} = 410 \text{ MPa}$$

Q.10 The shaft assembly is fixed at C. The hollow segment BC has an inner radius of 20 mm and outer radius of 40 mm, while the solid segment AB has a radius of 20 mm. Determine the torsional strain energy stored in the shaft. The shaft is made of 2014-T6 aluminum alloy. The coupling at B is rigid. Where $G = 27 \text{ GPa}$.



Ans. $U_i = 0.0638 \text{ J}$

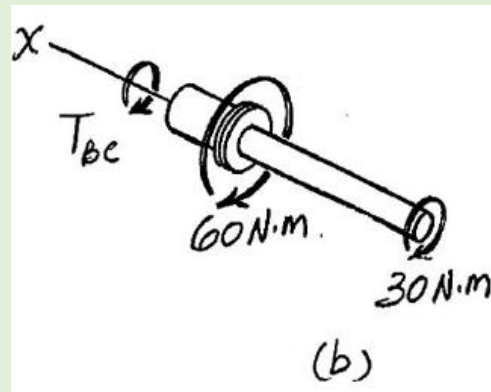
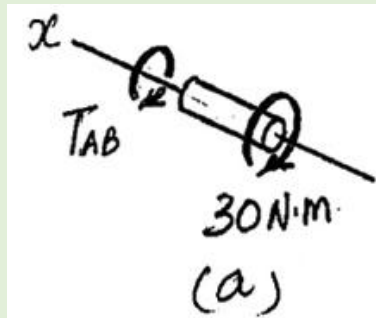
Sol.

Internal Torque : Referring to the free body diagram of segment AB, fig. a,

$$\sum M_x = 0, T_{AB} + 30 = 0, T_{AB} = -30 \text{ Nm}$$

Referring to the free body diagram of segment BC, fig. b,

$$\sum M_x = 0, T_{BC} + 30 + 60 = 0, T_{BC} = -90 \text{ Nm}$$



Torsional Strain Energy : Here, $J_{AB} = \frac{\pi}{2} (0.02^4) = 80(10^{-9})\pi \text{ m}^4$ and

$$J_{BC} = \frac{\pi}{2} (0.04^4 - 0.02^4) = 1200(10^{-9})\pi \text{ m}^4$$

$$\begin{aligned}(U_i)_t &= \sum \frac{T^2 L}{2GJ} = \frac{T_{AB}^2 L_{AB}}{2GJ_{AB}} + \frac{T_{BC}^2 L_{BC}}{2GJ_{BC}} \\ &= \frac{(-30)^2 (0.6)}{2[27(10^9)][80(10^{-9})\pi]} + \frac{(-90)^2 (0.6)}{2[27(10^9)][1200(10^{-9})\pi]} \\ &= 0.06379 \text{ J} = 0.0638 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

Ans.