# Chapter 4: Axial Load

#### **Chapter Objectives**

- ✓ Determine the elastic deformation of axially loaded members
- Apply the principle of superposition for total effect of different loading cases
- $\checkmark$  Deal with compatibility conditions
- $\checkmark$  Deal with thermal stresses
- Misfit problems

## Static **Determinate** Problems



## Static Indeterminate Problems



#### Problems involving temperature changes



**Verrazano-Narrows Bridge**: Because of thermal expansion of the steel cables, the bridge roadway is 12 feet (3.66 m) lower in summer than in winter

The device is used to measure a change in temperature. Rod AC and BD are made of Tungsten and Magnesium respectively. At a given temperature  $T_o$ , the rigid bar CDE is in the horizontal position. Determine an expression for the temperature T as a function of the vertical displacement of point E,  $\delta_E$ .



- Rod AC: Tungsten  $\alpha_t$
- Rod BD: Magnesium  $\alpha_m$

 $\alpha_m > \alpha_t$ 

#### Statically indeterminate problems





 $E_1 = E_2 = E$  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha$  $A_1, A_2$