

19. After the change in temperature the diameter of the steel rod is $D_s = D_{s0} + \alpha_s D_{s0} \Delta T$ and the diameter of the brass ring is $D_b = D_{b0} + \alpha_b D_{b0} \Delta T$, where D_{s0} and D_{b0} are the original diameters, α_s and α_b are the coefficients of linear expansion, and ΔT is the change in temperature. The rod just fits through the ring if $D_s = D_b$. This means $D_{s0} + \alpha_s D_{s0} \Delta T = D_{b0} + \alpha_b D_{b0} \Delta T$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T &= \frac{D_{s0} - D_{b0}}{\alpha_b D_{b0} - \alpha_s D_{s0}} \\ &= \frac{3.000 \text{ cm} - 2.992 \text{ cm}}{(19 \times 10^{-6} / \text{C}^\circ)(2.992 \text{ cm}) - (11 \times 10^{-6} / \text{C}^\circ)(3.000 \text{ cm})} = 335 \text{ C}^\circ .\end{aligned}$$

The temperature is $T = 25^\circ\text{C} + 335 \text{ C}^\circ = 360^\circ\text{C}$.