



**Figure 4.5.2** Axial deformation of a composite member (a) Geometry and loading. (b) Finite element representation.

The governing equations are given by

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d}{dx} \left( E_s A_s \frac{du}{dx} \right) &= 0, \quad 0 < x < h_1 \\ -\frac{d}{dx} \left( E_a A_a \frac{du}{dx} \right) &= 0, \quad h_1 < x < h_1 + h_2 = L \end{aligned} \quad (4.5.9)$$

where the subscript “s” refers to steel and “a” to aluminum. The boundary conditions are obvious. We consider the following data:

$$\begin{aligned} E_s &= 30 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}, \quad A_s = (c_1 + c_2 x)^2, \quad E_a = 10^7 \text{ psi} \\ A_a &= 1 \text{ in.}^2, \quad h_1 = 96 \text{ in.}, \quad L = 216 \text{ in.}, \quad P_0 = 10,000 \text{ lb} \end{aligned} \quad (4.5.10)$$

The finite element equations for a uniform bar element with constant  $E_e A_e$  and  $f(x) = 0$  are given by [see Eq. (3.3.5a)]

$$\frac{E_e A_e}{h_e} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1^e \\ u_2^e \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1^e \\ Q_2^e \end{Bmatrix} \quad (4.5.11a)$$

where  $Q_i^e$  are the end forces

$$Q_1^e = \left[ -EA \frac{du}{dx} \right]_{x_a}, \quad Q_2^e = \left[ EA \frac{du}{dx} \right]_{x_b} \quad (4.5.11b)$$

For the present problem,  $A_e$  is not constant, but Eq. (4.5.11a) is still valid with

$$A_e = (c_1^e)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(c_2^e)^2(x_b^2 + x_a^2 + x_a x_b) + c_1^e c_2^e (x_b + x_a)$$

To see this, we calculate  $K_{ij}^e$  for the problem using the local coordinate  $\bar{x}$  ( $x = \bar{x} + x_a$ ). We have

$$\begin{aligned} K_{ij}^e &= \int_{x_a}^{x_b} E_e (c_1^e + c_2^e x)^2 \frac{d\psi_i^e}{dx} \frac{d\psi_j^e}{dx} dx = \int_0^{h_e} E_e [c_1^e + c_2^e (\bar{x} + x_a)]^2 \frac{d\psi_i^e}{d\bar{x}} \frac{d\psi_j^e}{d\bar{x}} d\bar{x} \\ K_{11}^e &= \frac{E_e}{h_e^2} \int_{x_a}^{x_b} (c_1^e + c_2^e x)^2 dx \end{aligned}$$