

1-18. The system is subjected to a normally distributed force  $P \sim N(800, 80^2)$  lb as shown. What is the minimum cross sectional area that beam  $AC$  can have if the maximum normal stress is  $\sigma_a \sim N(120, 14^2)$  psi at point  $B$  and the probability of failure must be less than  $10^{-4}$ ? Assume  $P$  and  $\sigma_a$  are independent. (Ans.  $A = 62.32 \text{ in}^2$ )

