

1-3. Determine the probabilities that the weight  $W \sim N(3000, 400^2)$  N will fall into the water due to the following two failure modes: yielding failure of  $AB$  and yielding failure of  $BC$ . The diameter of the bars is 8 mm and the yield strength of the bars is  $S_y \sim N(50, 6^2)$  MPa. Assume  $W$  and  $S_y$  are independent. Neglect the weight of the support rods and indestructible string. Does this structure need to be redesigned? (Ans.  $p_f = 0.20179$ )

