

1-4. The system supports a normally distributed weight  $W \sim N(25, 4^2)$  kN. If the cross sectional area of the support beam  $AC$  is  $1500 \text{ mm}^2$  and its allowable yield stress also follows a normal distribution  $S_y \sim N(50, 5^2)$  MPa, determine the probability that the structural member will fail. Assume  $W$  and  $S_y$  are independent variables and  $\theta = 60^\circ$ . (Ans.  $p_f = 8.42 \times 10^{-5}$ )

