

3-2. A shaft rotates with $\omega = 500 \text{ rpm}$ and transmits the power of $P \sim N(20, 2^2) \text{ kW}$. The allowable shear stress is $\tau_a \sim N(14, 0.5^2) \text{ MPa}$. Determine the probability of failure of the shaft. Given that the torsional stress-concentration factor $K = 1.27$. Assuming that P and τ_a are independent. (Ans. $p_f = 4.67 \times 10^{-4}$)

