

4-4. Two vertical random forces  $P_1 \sim N(400, 35^2)$  lb and  $P_2 \sim N(750, 50^2)$  lb act on a shaft as shown in the figure. The sleeve bearings at  $A$  and  $B$  support only vertical forces. The diameter of the shaft is  $d = 2$  in, and the allowable bending stress of the shaft is  $S_a \sim N(16, 0.8^2)$  ksi.  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , and  $S_a$  are independent. Determine the probability of failure of the shaft.

(Ans.  $p_f = 1.68 \times 10^{-6}$ )

