

5-4. A shear force  $V \sim N(320, 30^2)$  kN is applied to a square beam with the cross section as shown. If the allowable shear stress is  $\tau_a \sim N(12, 1.2^2)$  MPa, determine the probability of failure of the beam. Assume that  $\tau_a$  and  $V$  are independent. (Ans.  $p_f = 8.83 \times 10^{-4}$ )

