

8-1. A vertical force  $F$  acting on a bar is shown below. Given that the length of the bar  $L = 1.5 \text{ m}$ , and the spring has a stiffness of  $k \sim N(0.5, 0.03^2) \text{ N/mm}$ , determine the distribution of the critical buckling load of the bar. (**Ans.**  $F_{cr} \sim N(187.5, 11.25^2) \text{ N}$ )

