

8-10. A column is 5.5-meter long and is fixed at both ends. The cross-sectional area of this column is shown in the figure. If the modulus of elasticity follows  $E \sim N(200, 20^2)$  GPa . Determine the distribution of the critical axial buckling load. If the axial load acting on the column follows  $P \sim N(260, 25^2)$  kN , determine the probability of failure. Assume that  $E$  and  $P$  are independent.

(Ans.  $p_f = 1.9725 \times 10^{-6}$ )

