

8-5. The steel bar  $BC$  has a rectangular cross section as shown in the figure. It is pin connected at its ends. The force  $P$  acting on the bar  $AB$  follows a normal distribution  $P \sim N(2.7, 0.3^2)$  kN and the modulus of elasticity follows  $E \sim N(220, 30^2)$  GPa . Determine the probability of failure of the bar  $BC$  caused by  $x$ - $x$  axis buckling. Assume that  $E$  and  $P$  are independent. (Ans.  $p_f = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ )

