

8-7. A steel control rod AB is subject to a force P applied to the handle as shown in the figure. The rod is pin connected at its ends and its diameter is $d = 1.2 \text{ in}$. The force P follows a normal distribution $P \sim N(55, 2^2)$ kip. The modulus of elasticity follows $E \sim N(25 \times 10^3, (2 \times 10^3)^2)$ ksi. Find the probability of failure of the rod caused by buckling. Assume that Euler's formula is valid. Also, assume that P and E are independent. (Ans. $p_f = 4.94 \times 10^{-6}$)

