

8-9. A steel angle has a cross-section area of  $A = 3.2 \text{ in}^2$ . The smallest radius of gyration occurs about the  $u-u$  axis and is  $r_u = 0.72 \text{ in}$ . The angle is 9-ft-long and is pin-connected in a system. Assume that the modulus of elasticity follows  $E \sim N(29 \times 10^3, (2 \times 10^3)^2) \text{ ksi}$ . Determine the distribution of the critical axial buckling load that can be applied through its centroid  $C$ .

(Ans.  $P_{cr} \sim N(40.707, 2.807^2) \text{ ksi}$  )

