

24. A steel thin-wall tube is 60 in long and has a square cross section with side length  $b = 3$  in and wall thickness  $t = 0.3$  in. It is subjected to a torque  $T \sim N(50,000, 5,000^2)$  lbf·in. The shear modulus of the tube is  $G = 11.5(10^6)$  psi. If the allowable shear stress is  $\tau_a \sim N(25, 3^2)$  kpsi, and  $T$  and  $\tau_a$  are independent, determine the probability of failure using the First Order Second Moment Method.

**Answer:**  $p_f = 1.19(10^{-5})$

