

36. A steel ball is subjected to a force  $F \sim N(100, 10^2)$  N and is placed against a steel plate. The diameter, modulus of elasticity, and Poisson's ratio are  $d \sim N(80, 0.1^2)$  mm,  $E = 207$  GPa and  $\nu = 0.3$ , respectively. What is the mean and standard deviation of the maximum pressure that occurs at the contact area? Note that  $d$  and  $F$  are independent.

**Answer:**  $\mu_p = 5.39(10^8)$  Pa,  $\sigma_p = 1.80(10^7)$  Pa

