

45. A rod  $BC$  is subjected to a force  $F \sim N(2000, 200^2)$  lbf as shown in the figure. Rod  $AB$  with a round cross section has a yield strength of  $S_y \sim N(2, 0.2^2)$  kpsi. If the maximum probability of failure is designed to be  $p_f = 10^{-5}$ , determine the minimum diameter of rod  $AB$  and select a preferred diameter.

**Answer:**  $d_{min} = 0.904$  in,  $d_{preferred} = 1.00$  in

