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Simulation Project

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Team 2

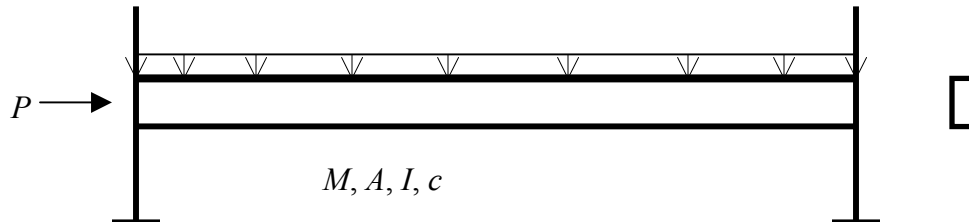
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Problem Statement:

Each team is required to investigate the compressive stress at the extreme fiber of a steel beam shown below. The compressive stress at the extreme fiber is given by

$$\sigma = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{Mc}{I} \leq F_y$$



where σ = computed compressive stress, c = distance from the neutral axis to the extreme fiber, P = applied axial load, M = applied moment due to external loads, A = cross sectional area of the beam, I = centroidal moment of inertia of the cross section, and F_y = yield strength of steel. The variables c , P , M , A , I , and F_y are called basic random variables. The probabilistic characteristics of these variables are provided in the table shown below (Table 1).

1. Determine the probabilistic characteristic of the compressive stress σ .
2. Compute the yield stress exceedence probability.
3. Perform parametric analysis.
4. Develop additional items of your own creation.
5. Prepare a report that also includes your findings and the results on the experimental simulation of two dice/coins.

Table 1. Probabilistic Characteristic of Basic Random Variables for the Stress σ

Random Variable	Mean	Coefficient of Variation (<i>COV</i>)	Distribution Type
c (in)	12	-	-
P (kip)	185	0.18	Lognormal
M (kip-in)	3,550	0.28	Lognormal
A (in ²)	185	0.10	Normal
I (in ⁴)	1,400	0.06	Normal
F_y (ksi)	40	0.15	Lognormal

Report:

Professional presentation of the project report is required. It should consist of neat and organized solutions on one side of 8.5"x11" papers. Computer and spreadsheet-generated plots and printouts are required for all samples and summary calculations. The report should include:

- Title Page, Abstract, and Table of Contents
- Problem Description
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Simulation Data
- Probabilistic Characteristics of σ
- Yield Strength Exceedence Probability
- Parametric Analysis
- Confidence Intervals
- Additional Items
- Conclusions
- References and Appendices (if applicable)

Due Date:

The project is due on the last day of classes.