Select a W shape of A992 steel for the beam-column of the following figure. This member is part of a braced frame and is subjected to the service-load axial force and bending moments shown (the end shears are not shown). Bending is about the strong axis, and Kx = Ky = 1.0. Lateral support is provided only at the ends. Assume that B1 = 1.0.



• Step I: Compute the factored axial load and bending moments

 $P_u = 1.2P_D + 1.6P_L = 1.2(240) + 1.6(650) = 1328 \text{ kN}.$

 $M_{ntx} = 1.2M_{D} + 1.6M_{L} = 1.2(24.4) + 1.6(66.4) = 135.5 \text{ kN.m.}$

$$B_1 = 1.0 \rightarrow M_{ux} = B_1 M_{ntx} = 1.0(135.5) = 135.5 \text{ kN.m}$$

- **Step II:** compute ϕM_{nx} , ϕP_n
 - The effective length for compression and the unbraced length for bending are the same = KL = L_b = 4.8 m.
 - The bending is uniform over the unbraced length , so Cb=1.0

- Try a W10X60 with $\phi P_n = 2369$ kN and $\phi M_{nx} = 344$ kN.m
- Step III: Check interaction equation $\frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} = \frac{1328}{2369} = 0.56 > 0.2$ $\frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} + \frac{8}{9} \left(\frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{\phi_b M_{ny}} \right) = \frac{1328}{2369} + \frac{8}{9} \left(\frac{135.5}{344} + 0 \right) = 0.91 < 1.0$

• **Step IV:** Make sure that this is the lightest possible section.

→ Try W12x58 with $\phi P_n = 2247$ kN and $\phi M_{nx} = 386$ kN.m $\frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} = \frac{1328}{2247} = 0.59 > 0.2$ $\frac{P_u}{\phi_c P_n} + \frac{8}{9} \left(\frac{M_{ux}}{\phi_b M_{nx}} + \frac{M_{uy}}{\phi_b M_{ny}} \right) = \frac{1328}{2247} + \frac{8}{9} \left(\frac{135.5}{386} + 0 \right) = 0.90 < 1.0$ \Rightarrow Use a W12 x 58 section