

**Classroom Problem 3.8-1:** A steel truss is loaded with service load  $P$  at points B, C, and D.  $P = 70$  kips, including 60% dead load and 40% live load. Member BC consists of two angles ( $2L\ 6 \times 4 \times \frac{1}{2}$ ) bolted to a  $\frac{5}{8}$ -in.-thick gusset plate by six  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in.-diameter bolts in standard holes. Check whether member BC is safe based on all three limit states of the angles and the gusset plate block shear. Assume  $A_e = 0.90A_n$ . **A572 Grade 50** steel ( $F_y = 50$  ksi,  $F_u = 65$  ksi) is used for all components.

