



Two members are pin connected at  $B$  and are pin connected to the surface at  $A$  and  $C$ . If a force with magnitude  $F$  acts on the frame at the pin connection  $B$  such that its component acting along member  $AB$  is  $F_{AB}$ , directed from  $B$  to  $A$ , find the angle  $\phi$  ( $0^\circ \leq \phi \leq 45^\circ$ ) and the magnitude of the force component acting along member  $BC$ .

Using Cosine Law:

$$F_{BC} = \sqrt{F^2 + F_{AB}^2 - 2 \cdot F \cdot F_{AB} \cos(\theta)}$$

Using Sine Law:

$$\frac{F}{\sin(\phi + 45^\circ)} = \frac{F_{BC}}{\sin(\theta)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{F \sin(\theta)}{F_{BC}}\right) - 45^\circ$$