



A bar AB with a total uniform mass of m kg is supported by a smooth collar attached through a pin at point A , a roller at point B , and a cable BC . Find the magnitude of the reaction forces F_A , F_B , and F_{BC} , as well as the counter clockwise angle, θ such that $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$, between the force vector and the positive x - axis (horizontal line). Assume $g = 9.81$ N/kg.

$$A_y = B_x = BC_y = 0 \text{ N}$$

None of the supports used create moments internally.

All components are assumed to be pointing upwards or to the right

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \rightarrow A_x + BC_x = 0 \rightarrow A_x = -BC_x$$

BC_x is directed to the left since it is a tension force (- value)

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \rightarrow B_y - mg = 0 \rightarrow B_y = mg$$

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d}{2} \cdot mg \cos(\theta) - d \cdot A_x \sin(\theta) = 0 \rightarrow A_x = \frac{mg}{2 \tan(\theta)} = -BC_x$$

$$F_A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2} = A_x$$

$$F_B = \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2} = B_y$$

$$F_{BC} = \sqrt{BC_x^2 + BC_y^2} = |BC_x|$$

$$\theta_A = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{A_y}{A_x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{0}{A_x} \right)$$

Since A_x is positive, $\theta_A = 0^\circ$

$$\theta_B = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{B_y}{B_x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{B_y}{0} \right)$$

Since B_y is positive, $\theta_B = 90^\circ$

$$\theta_{BC} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{BC_y}{BC_x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{0}{BC_x} \right)$$

Since BC_x is negative, $\theta_{BC} = 180^\circ$