



If member AB and BC are pin connected at B , determine the horizontal and vertical reaction components at pin A and pin C . Ignore the mass of the members.

Which of the following members (if any) are two force members?

Since AB experiences no forces besides those at the endpoints, AB is a two force member. (Force exerted by pin A on the AB member acts along the member)

$$F_{AB} = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2}$$

$$\frac{A_x}{A_y} = \frac{d_2}{d_1}$$

Find the reaction components.

Isolating the BC member:

$$\Sigma M_B = 0 \rightarrow (d_3 + d_4 + d_5) \cdot C_y - d_3 \cdot F_1 - (d_3 + d_4) \cdot F_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_y = \frac{d_3 \cdot F_1 + (d_3 + d_4) \cdot F_2}{d_3 + d_4 + d_5}$$

$$+ \uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0 \rightarrow C_y + A_y - F_1 - F_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_y = F_1 + F_2 - C_y$$

$$\Rightarrow A_x = \frac{d_2}{d_1} A_y = \frac{d_2}{d_1} (F_1 + F_2 - C_y)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow C_x = \frac{d_2}{d_1} (C_y - F_1 - F_2)$$