

Problem 1:

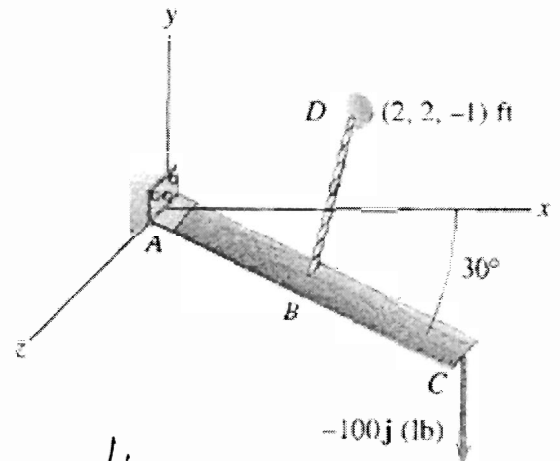
Given:

The figure shown

Length of the bar = 4 ft

Required:

Tension in the cable and the reactions exerted on the bar by the hinge.



Solution:

First, the FBD is drawn as shown.

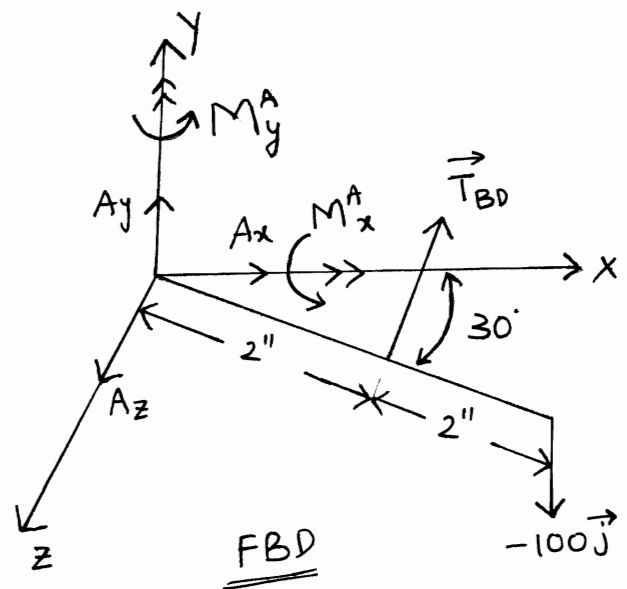
Note that there are Six unknowns (five at A and T_{BD}) and Six equations in 3-D OK

$$\vec{A} = A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j} + A_z \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{M}_A = M_x^A \vec{i} + M_y^A \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k}$$

Note that there are five reactions at the hinge at A.
(Why!!)

For \vec{T}_{BD} , we need \vec{r}_{BD} first. (Why!!)



$$A(0, 0, 0)$$

$$B(2\cos 30^\circ, -2\sin 30^\circ, 0)$$

$$C(4\cos 30^\circ, -4\sin 30^\circ, 0)$$

$$D(2, 2, -1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}_{BD} &= (D) - (B) \\ &= (2 - 2\cos 30^\circ)\vec{i} + [2 - (-2\sin 30^\circ)]\vec{j} + (-1 - 0)\vec{k} \\ &= 0.26795\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 1\vec{k} \quad (\text{ft})\end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{r}_{BD}| = 3.1736 \text{ ft}$$

$$\vec{T}_{BD} = \frac{\vec{r}_{BD}}{|\vec{r}_{BD}|} T_{BD} = (0.084431\vec{i} + 0.94530\vec{j} - 0.31510\vec{k}) T_{BD}$$

Start the statics equations by

$$\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{0} \quad (\text{Why?!})$$

$$\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{M}_A + \vec{M}_{T_{BD}} + \vec{M}_{-100\vec{j}}$$

$$\vec{M}_{T_{BD}} = \vec{r}_{AB} \times \vec{T}_{BD}$$

$$\vec{r}_{AB} = (B) - (A) = 1.7321\vec{i} - 1\vec{j} + 0\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{M}_{-100\vec{j}} = \vec{r}_{AC} \times (-100\vec{j})$$

$$\vec{r}_{AC} = (C) - (A) = 3.4641\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 0\vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{0} = (M_x^A \vec{i} + M_y^A \vec{j}) + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1.7321 & -1 & 0 \\ 0.084431 T_{BD} & 0.94530 T_{BD} & -0.31510 T_{BD} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3.4641 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -100 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (M_x^A + 0.3151 T_{BD}) \vec{i} + (M_y^A + 0.54578 T_{BD}) \vec{j} + (1.7218 T_{BD} - 346.41) \vec{k} = \vec{0}$$

$$\sum M_z = 0 \Rightarrow 1.7218 T_{BD} - 346.41 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T_{BD} = 201.2 \text{ lb}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum M_x = 0 \Rightarrow M_x^A + 0.3151(201.2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{M_x^A = -63.40 \text{ ft lb}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum M_y = 0 \Rightarrow M_y^A + 0.54578(201.2) = 0$$

$$\boxed{M_y^A = -109.8 \text{ ft lb}}$$

$$\sum \vec{F} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{A} + \vec{T}_{BD} - 100\vec{j} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow A_x + 0.084431(201.2) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{A_x = -16.99 \text{ lb}}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow A_y + 0.9453(201.2) - 100 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{A_y = -90.19 \text{ lb}}$$

$$\sum F_z = 0 \Rightarrow A_z - 0.3151(201.2) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{A_z = 63.40 \text{ lb}}$$

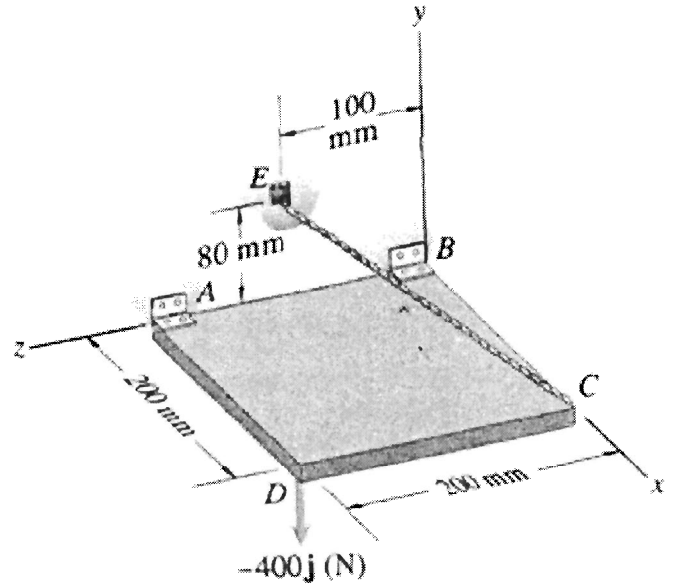
Problem 2:

Given:

The figure shown

Required:

Reactions at the hinges and the tension in the cable.



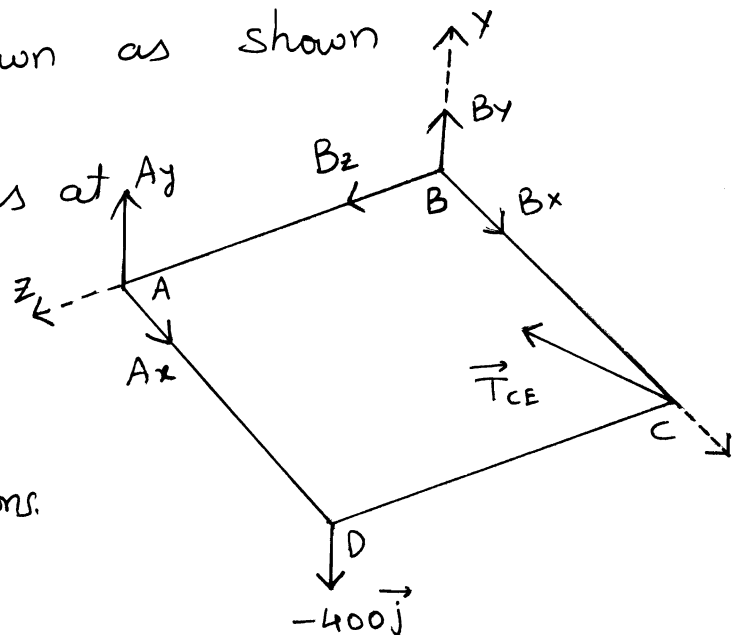
Solution:

First, the FBD is drawn as shown

Note how many reactions at A and at B. (Why?!)

Also note that there are 6 unknowns and 6 equations.

⇒ OK



Start the solution by taking $\sum \vec{M}_B = \vec{0}$ (Why?!)

$$\sum \vec{M}_B = (\vec{r}_{BA} \times \vec{A}) + (\vec{r}_{BC} \times \vec{T}_{CE}) + (\vec{r}_{BD} \times (-400\vec{j})) = \vec{0}$$

Coordinates: ((mm))

$$A(0, 0, 200); B(0, 0, 0); C(200, 0, 0); D(200, 0, 200);$$

$$E(0, 80, 100)$$

$$\vec{r}_{BA} = (A) - (B) = 0\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 200\vec{k} \text{ (mm)}$$

$$\vec{A} = A_x\vec{i} + A_y\vec{j} + 0\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{r}_{BC} = (C) - (B) = 200\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 0\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{T}_{CE} = \frac{\vec{CE}}{CE} T_{CE}$$

$$\vec{CE} = (E) - (C) = -200\vec{i} + 80\vec{j} + 100\vec{k} \Rightarrow CE = 237.487 \text{ mm}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{T}_{CE} = (-0.842152\vec{i} + 0.336861\vec{j} + 0.421076\vec{k}) T_{CE}$$

$$\vec{r}_{BD} = (D) - (B) = 200\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 200\vec{k}$$

$$\sum \vec{M}_B = \vec{0} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 200 \\ A_x & A_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 200 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.842152 T_{CE} & 0.336861 T_{CE} & 0.421076 T_{CE} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 200 & 0 & 200 \\ 0 & -400 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-200 A_y + 80,000)\vec{i} + (200 A_x - 84.2152 T_{CE})\vec{j} + (67.372 T_{CE} - 80,000)\vec{k} = \vec{0}$$

$$\sum M_x = 0 \Rightarrow -200 A_y + 80,000 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{A_y = 400 \text{ N}}$$

$$\sum M_z = 0 \Rightarrow 67.372 T_{CE} - 80,000 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{T_{CE} = 1187 \text{ N}}$$

$$\sum M_y = 0 \Rightarrow 200 A_x - 84.2152 T_{CE} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{A_x = 500 \text{ N}}$$

$$\sum \vec{F} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 = A_x + B_x + T_{CE}^x \Rightarrow$$

$$500 + B_x + (-0.842152 \times 1187) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{B_x = 500 \text{ N}}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 = A_y + B_y + T_{CE}^y - 400 \Rightarrow \boxed{B_y = -400 \text{ N}}$$

$$\sum F_z = 0 \Rightarrow B_z + T_{CE}^z = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{B_z = -500 \text{ N}}$$

Problem 3:

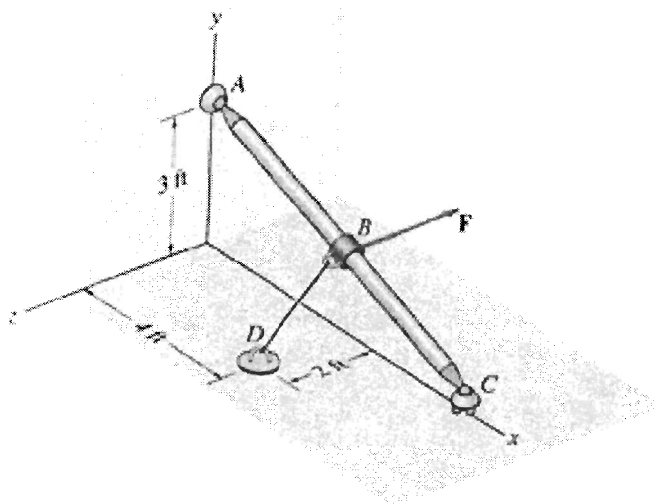
Given:

The figure shown

Force $F = -50\mathbf{k}$ (lb)

Required:

Tension in cable BD and
the reactions at A and C.



Solution:

First, the FBD is drawn.

coordinates

$$A(0, 3, 0), B\left(\frac{8\cos\theta}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$C(8\cos\theta, 0, 0), D(4, 0, 2)$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)$$

$$\theta = 22.0243^\circ$$

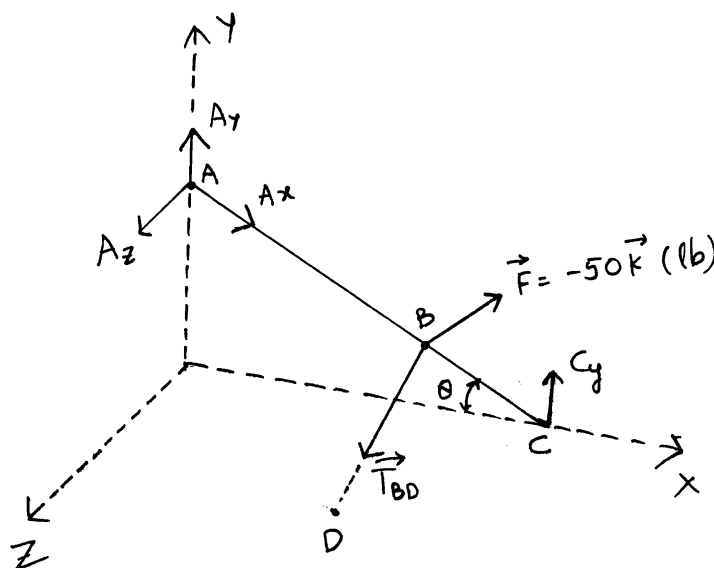
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } 8\cos\theta &= x_c = \sqrt{8^2 - 3^2} \\ &= \sqrt{55} \approx 7.4162 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } B(3.7081, 1.5, 0); C(7.4162, 0, 0)$$

Note that there are 5 unknowns and 6 equations.

we should select one equation to be "trivial"

(i.e., non usable; $0=0$). However, we need to check and verify this "guessing".



Let's start by taking $\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{0}$ (Why?!!)

$$\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{0} = \underbrace{\vec{r}_{AB} \times \vec{F} + \vec{r}_{AB} \times \vec{T}_{BD}}_{\text{we can combine them (Why & How?!)}} + \vec{r}_{Ac} \times \vec{C} \Rightarrow$$

$$\vec{r}_{AB} = (B) - (A) = 3.7081 \vec{i} - 1.5 \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k} \quad (\text{ft})$$

$$\vec{F} = -50 \vec{k} \quad (\text{lb})$$

$$\vec{T}_{BD} = T_{BD} \frac{\vec{r}_{BD}}{r_{BD}}$$

$$\vec{r}_{BD} = (D) - (B) = 0.2919 \vec{i} - 1.5 \vec{j} + 2 \vec{k} \Rightarrow r_{BD} = 2.5170 \text{ ft}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{T}_{BD} = (0.1160 \vec{i} - 0.5960 \vec{j} + 0.7946 \vec{k}) T_{BD}$$

$$\vec{r}_{Ac} = (C) - (A) = 7.4162 \vec{i} - 3 \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{C} = 0 \vec{i} + C_y \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{0} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3.7081 & -1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -50 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3.7081 & -1.5 & 0 \\ 0.1160 T_{BD} & -0.5960 T_{BD} & 0.7946 T_{BD} \end{vmatrix} +$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 7.4162 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & C_y & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (75 \vec{i} + 185.4 \vec{j}) + (-1.192 T_{BD} \vec{i} - 2.9466 T_{BD} \vec{j} - 2.036 T_{BD} \vec{k}) + (7.4162 C_y \vec{k}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum M_x = 0 = 75 - 1.192 T_{BD} \Rightarrow \boxed{T_{BD} = 62.92 \text{ lb}}$$

$$\sum M_y = 0 = 185.4 - 2.9466 (62.92) \Rightarrow 0 = 0 \quad (\text{trivial!})$$

Thus we have only 5 usable equations and 5 unknowns. \Rightarrow OK

$$\sum M_z = 0 = -2.036(62.92) + 7.4162 C_y$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C_y = 17.27 \text{ lb}}$$

Now, we take $\sum \vec{F} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow$

$$\sum F_x = 0 = A_x + 0.1160 T_{BD} \Rightarrow \boxed{A_x = -7.29 \text{ lb}}$$

opposite of
that shown in
FBD

$$\sum F_y = 0 = A_y - 0.5960 T_{BD} + C_y \Rightarrow \boxed{A_y = 20.23 \text{ lb}}$$

$$\sum F_z = 0 = A_z - 50 + 0.7946 T_{BD} \Rightarrow \boxed{A_z = 0}$$

Problem 4:

Given:

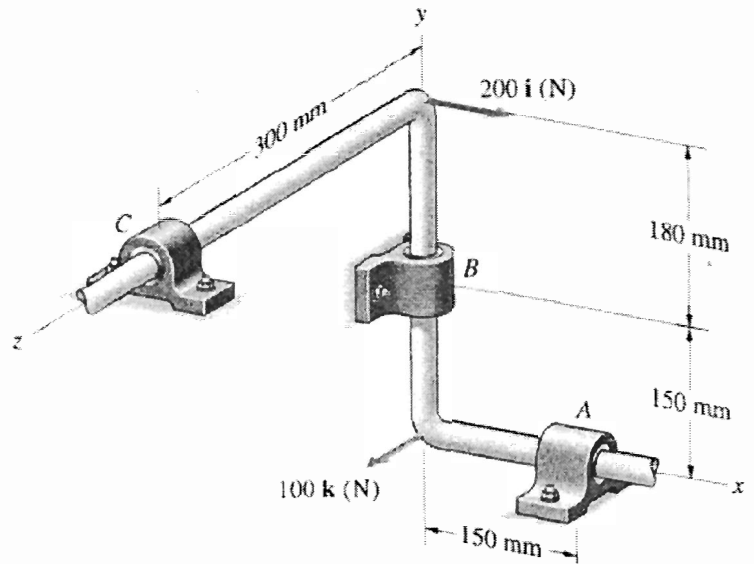
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Required:

Reactions at the bearings

Solution:

First, the FBD is drawn.



Note that each of the bearings has 2 reactions. (Why!!)

Also note that there are

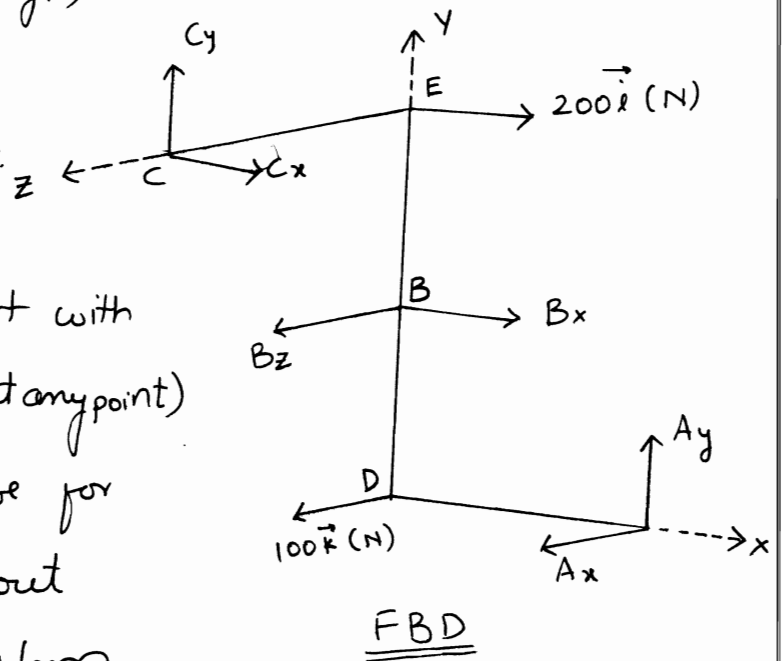
6 equations and 6 unknowns \Rightarrow OK.

Note that we can not start with any equation (ΣF or ΣM about any point) which will enable us to solve for the unknowns directly without the need to solve a system

simultaneous equations. (Try yourself!)

lets take $\Sigma \vec{M}_A = 0$ (we can also use $\Sigma \vec{M}_B = 0$ or $\Sigma \vec{M}_C = 0$;

they are of the same difficulty.) (Why?!)



$$\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{0} = \vec{r}_{AD} \times (100 \vec{k}) + \vec{r}_{AB} \times \vec{B} + \vec{r}_{AE} \times (200 \vec{i}) + \vec{r}_{AC} \times \vec{C} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -0.15 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 100 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -0.15 & 0.15 & 0 \\ B_x & 0 & B_z \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -0.15 & 0.33 & 0 \\ 200 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -0.15 & 0.33 & 0.3 \\ C_x & C_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow (0.15 B_z - 0.3 C_y) \vec{i} + (15 + 0.15 B_z + 0.3 C_x) \vec{j} + (-0.15 B_x - 66 - 0.15 C_y - 0.33 C_x) \vec{k} = \vec{0}$$

Note that there are 3 equations ($\sum M_x = 0$, $\sum M_y = 0$, $\sum M_z = 0$) and 4 unknowns (B_x, B_z, C_x, C_y). So we cannot solve. Thus we need to supplement it by another equation.

Let's take $\sum F_x = B_x + C_x + 200 = 0$. Why not $\sum F_y$ or $\sum F_z$?!?

Solving the system of equations. (4 eqns & 4 unknowns) \Rightarrow

$$B_x = 750 \text{ N}$$

$$B_z = 1800 \text{ N}$$

$$C_x = -950 \text{ N}$$

$$C_y = 900 \text{ N}$$

opposite direction

Now, we take $\sum F_y = 0 = A_y + C_y \Rightarrow A_y = -900 \text{ N}$ opposite direction

$\sum F_z = 0 \Rightarrow A_z + B_z + 100 = 0 \Rightarrow A_z = -1900 \text{ N}$ opposite direction

Problem 5:

Given :

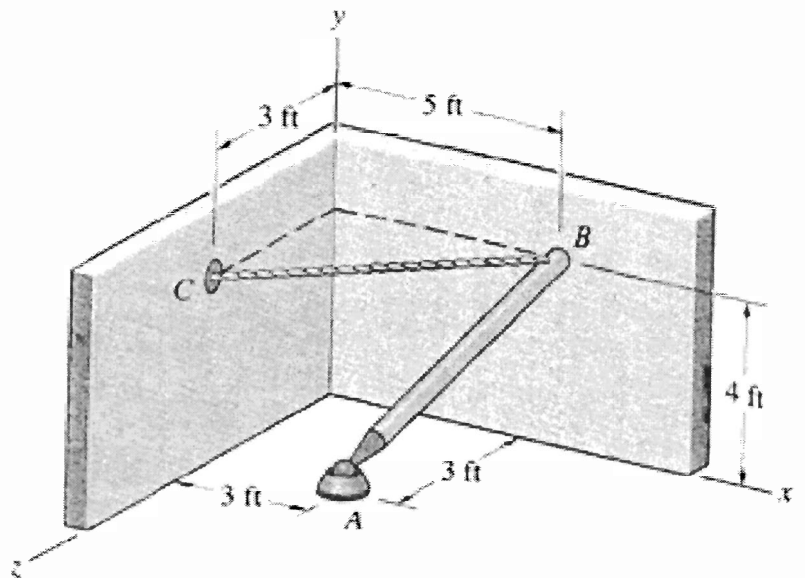
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Weight of bar = 80 lb

Required:

All reactions

Solution:



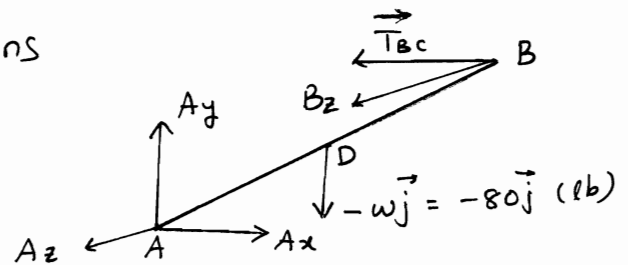
First, the FBD is drawn as shown.

Note that there are 5 unknowns only (and of course 6 equations).

So expect one equation

to be "useless".

Note B_z only. (Why?!))



coordinates

$$A(3, 0, 3) ; B(5, 4, 0) ; C(0, 4, 3) ; D\left(\frac{3+5}{2}, \frac{0+4}{2}, \frac{3+0}{2}\right) \\ \Downarrow D(4, 2, 1.5)$$

lets take $\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{0}$ (Why?!)

$$\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{0} = \vec{r}_{AD} \times \vec{W} + \underbrace{\vec{r}_{AB} \times \vec{B} + \vec{r}_{AB} \times \vec{T}_{BC}}_{\text{we can combine them (Why?!)}}$$

$$\vec{T}_{BC} = \frac{\vec{r}_{BC}}{r_{BC}} T_{BC}$$

$$\vec{r}_{BC} = (C) - (B)$$

$$= -5\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 3\vec{k} \Rightarrow r_{BC} = \sqrt{25+9} = 5.831 \text{ ft}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{T}_{BC} = (-0.8575\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 0.5145\vec{k}) T_{BC} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum \vec{M}_A = 0 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 2 & -1.5 \\ 0 & -80 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & B_z \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 4 & -3 \\ -0.8575T_{BC} & 0 & 0.5145T_{BC} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-120 + 4B_z + 2 \cdot 0.5145T_{BC})\vec{i} + (-2B_z + 1.5435T_{BC})\vec{j} + (3 \cdot 43T_{BC} - 80)\vec{k} = \vec{0}$$

Start with $\sum M_z = 0$ (why?!)

$$3 \cdot 43 T_{BC} - 80 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{T_{BC} = 23.32 \text{ lb}}$$

$$\sum M_y = 0 \Rightarrow -2B_z + 1.5435(23.32) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{B_z = 18.0 \text{ lb}}$$

$$\sum M_x = 0 \Rightarrow -120 + 4(18) + 2 \cdot 0.5145(23.32) \Rightarrow 0 = 0 \text{ ((trivial))}$$

$\Rightarrow \sum M_x = 0$ is useless \Rightarrow 5 "usable" equations and 5 unknowns \Rightarrow OK

$$\text{Now, } \sum F_x = 0 = A_x - 0.8575(23.32) \Rightarrow \boxed{A_x = 20.0 \text{ lb}}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 = A_y - 80 \Rightarrow A_y = 80.0 \text{ lb}$$

$$\sum F_z = 0 \Rightarrow A_z + 18 + 0.5145(23.32) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A_z = -30.0 \text{ lb}} \text{ In the opposite direction.}$$