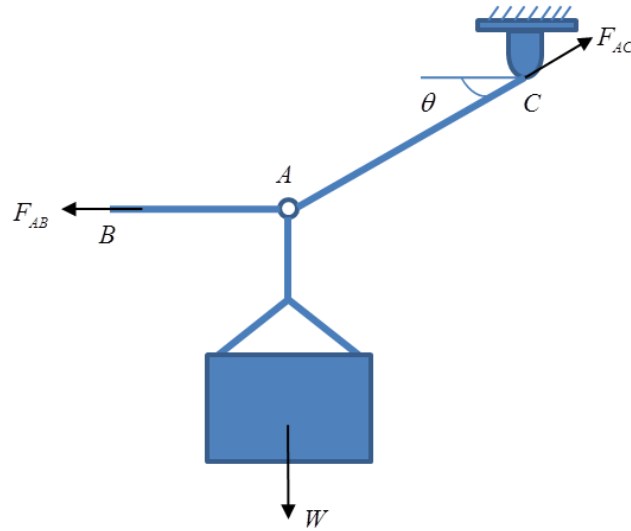


6. The weight of the crate follows a normal distribution  $W \sim N(1000, 120^2)$  lb and the crate is hoisted using ropes  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Each rope can withstand a maximum tension  $T_{\max} \sim N(6000, 220^2)$  lb before it breaks. If  $AB$  always remains horizontal and  $\theta$  is  $12^\circ$ , determine the probability that rope  $AB$  and  $AC$  will break. Note all the forces  $W$ ,  $T_{\max}$ ,  $F_{AB}$ , and  $F_{AC}$  are independently distributed.



Solution

The probability of the break of rope  $AC$  is 0.027 and the probability of the break of rope  $AB$  is 0.016.