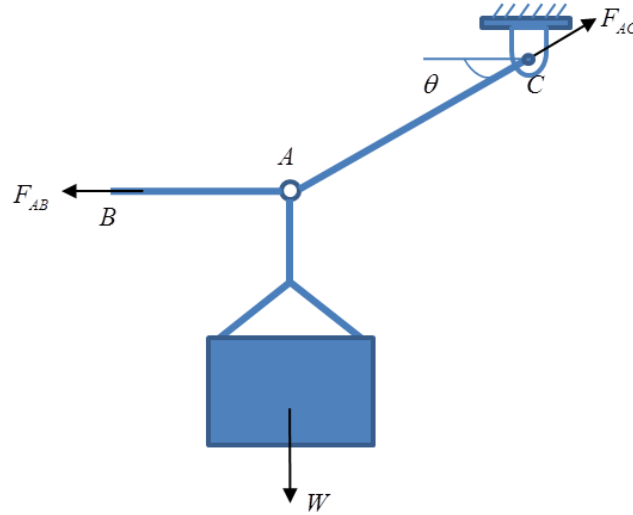


9. The weight of the crate follows a normal distribution  $W \sim N(900, 40^2)$  lb, and the crate is hoisted using ropes  $AB$  and  $AC$  with a constant speed.  $AB$  always remains horizontal, and  $\theta$  is  $15^\circ$ . If the strength (maximum tension) of the ropes also follows a normal distribution  $S \sim N(3600, 110^2)$  lb and  $S$  is independent of  $W$ , determine the probability that rope  $AB$  and  $AC$  will break, respectively.



**Solution:** The probability of the break of rope  $AC$  is 0.259 and the probability of the break of rope  $AB$  is 0.097.