



Given

$F = 6 \text{ kN}$, line of action

To find

- unit vector associated with F (\hat{n})
- x & y scalar components of F

Solution

$$\hat{n} = \frac{(x_2 - x_1) \mathbf{i} + (y_2 - y_1) \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{[10 - (-3)] \mathbf{i} + [(-8 - 7)] \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{[10 - (-3)]^2 + (-8 - 7)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{13 \mathbf{i} + (-15) \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{13^2 + (-15)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{13 \mathbf{i} - 15 \mathbf{j}}{19.85}$$

$$\hat{n} = 0.655 \mathbf{i} - 0.756 \mathbf{j}$$

$$F_{x\hat{c}} = F \times n_i$$

$$= 6 \times 0.655 = 3.93 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_{y\hat{c}} = F \times n_j$$

$$= 6 \times -0.756 = -4.534 \text{ kN}$$