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y, m

A(-3, 7)

0

F = 6 kN

x, m

B(10, -8)

Given

F = 6 kN, line of action

To find

- unit vector associated with F (n)
- x & y scalar components of F

Solution

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

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

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

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

$$n = 0.655i - 0.756j$$

$$F_x = F \times n_i$$

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

$$F_y = F \times n_j$$

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