# Study Problems Week 1 – Introduction, Vectors and Forces

### Question 1.11.

The two forces shown act at point A of the bent bar as shown. Determine the resultant R of the two forces.

#### Solution

Referring to Fig. (a)

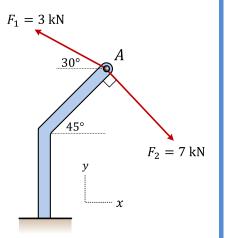
$$R_x = \sum F_x = -3\cos 30^\circ + 7\cos 45^\circ$$

 $R_x = 2.35 \text{ kN}$ 

$$R_y = \sum F_y = 3\sin 30^\circ - 7\sin 45^\circ$$

$$R_y = -3.45 \text{ kN}$$

$$R = 2.35 \, \underline{i} - 3.43 \, \underline{j} \, \text{kN}$$
 (Answer)



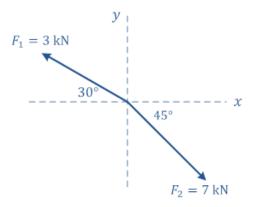


Fig. (a)

### Question 1.12.

Determine the magnitude and direction of the resultant force, measured clockwise from the positive x - axis.

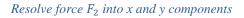
#### Solution

Resolve force  $F_1$  into x and y components

$$F_1 = F_{1x} \, \underline{i} + F_{1y} \, j$$

$$F_1 = -30 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) \underline{i} + 30 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \underline{j}$$

$$F_1 = (-24)\,\underline{i} + (18)\,\underline{j}$$



$$F_2 = F_{2x} \, \underline{i} + F_{2y} \, \underline{j}$$

$$F_2 = (-20 \sin 20^\circ) \, \underline{i} + (-20 \cos 20^\circ) \, \underline{j}$$

$$F_2 = (-6.84) \, \underline{i} - (18.79) \, \underline{j}$$

Resolve force  $F_3$  into x and y components

$$F_3 = F_{3x} \, \underline{i} + F_{3y} \, j$$

$$F_3 = (50) \, \underline{i} + (0) \, j$$

$$F_3 = (50) \, \underline{i}$$

Sum the x and y components

$$F_R = (-24 - 6.84 + 50) \ \underline{i} + (18 - 18.79 + 0) \ j$$

$$F_R = (19.16) \ \underline{i} + (-0.8) \ j$$

Thus the magnitude of the resultant force is

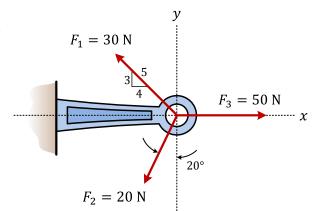
$$|F_R| = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2} = \sqrt{(19.16 \text{ N})^2 + (-0.8 \text{ N})^2}$$

$$|F_R| = 19.17 \text{ kN}$$
 (Answer)

and the direction  $\theta$  of  $F_R$  measured clockwise from the positive x - axis, is

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{0.8}{19.16}\right) = 2.39^{\circ}$$

(Answer)



## Question 1.13.

Determine the n- and t- components of the force F which is exerted by the rod AB on the crank OA. Evaluate your general expression for F=100 N and (a)  $\theta=30^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta=10^{\circ}$  and (b)  $\theta=15^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta=25^{\circ}$ .

#### Solution

Referring to Fig. (a)

$$F_n = F \sin(\theta - \beta)$$

$$F_t = F\cos(\theta - \beta)$$

(a) For 
$$\theta = 30^{\circ}$$
 and  $\beta = 10^{\circ}$ 

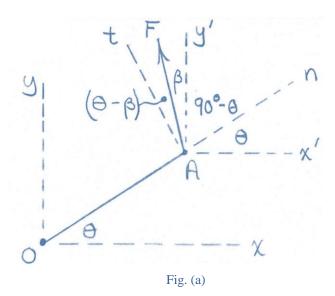
$$F_n = 100 \sin(30^\circ - 10^\circ) = 34.2 \text{ N}$$
 (Answer)

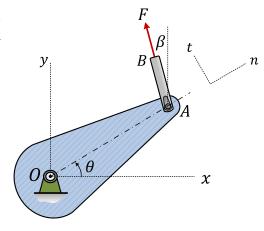
$$F_t = 100\cos(30^\circ - 10^\circ) = 94.0 \text{ N}$$
 (Answer)

(b) For 
$$\theta = 15^{\circ}$$
 and  $\beta = 25^{\circ}$ 

$$F_n = 100 \sin(15^\circ - 25^\circ) = -17.36 \text{ N}$$
 (Answer)

$$F_t = 100\cos(15^\circ - 25^\circ) = 98.5 \text{ N}$$
 (Answer)

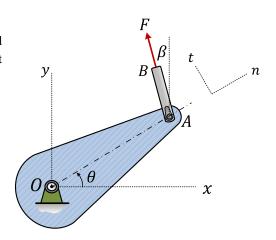




# Question 1.14.

The crank of previous problem is repeated here. If  $\overline{OA}=50$  mm,  $\theta=25^{\circ}$  and  $\beta=55^{\circ}$ , determine the moment of the force F of magnitude F=20 N about point O.

#### Solution



From the solution to Question 1.13

$$F_t = F\cos(\theta - \beta)$$

$$F_t = 20\cos(25^\circ - 55^\circ) = 17.32 \text{ N}$$

$$+ \circlearrowleft \sum M_o = F_t \overline{OA} = 17.32 \times 0.05$$

$$M_o = 0.866 \text{ N.m} \quad \text{(CCW)}$$
 (Answer)

