

Engineering Calculation Report: Problem 2-1

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Description

Determine the magnitude of the resultant force and its direction, measured counterclockwise from the positive x axis.

1 1. Known Variables

Symbol	X (N)	Y (N)	Magnitude (N)	Angle (deg)	Reference
F_1	225	389.711	450	60	+x
F_2	-676.148	-181.173	700	15	-x

2 2. Unknown Variables (To Calculate)

Symbol	X (N)	Y (N)	Magnitude (N)	Angle (deg)	Reference
F_R	-451.148	208.538	?	155.192	+x

3 3. Equations Used

1. $F_{1_x} = -F_1 \cos(\theta)$
2. $F_{1_y} = -F_1 \sin(\theta)$
3. $F_{2_x} = -F_2 \cos(\theta)$
4. $F_{2_y} = -F_2 \sin(\theta)$
5. $F_{R_x} = F_{1_x} + F_{2_x}$
6. $F_{R_y} = F_{1_y} + F_{2_y}$
7. $|F_R| = \sqrt{(F_{R_x})^2 + (F_{R_y})^2}$
8. $\theta = \tan^{-1}(F_{R_y} / F_{R_x})$

4 4. Step-by-Step Solution

Step 1: Solve for F_{1_x}

Equation:

$$F_{1_x} = |F_1| \cos(60^\circ)$$

Result:

$$F_{1_x} = 225.000 \text{ N}$$

Step 2: Solve for F_1_y

Equation:

$$F_{1y} = |F_1| \sin($$

Result:

$$F_{1y} = 389.711 \text{ N}$$

Step 3: Solve for F_2_x

Equation:

$$F_{2x} = |F_2| \cos($$

Result:

$$F_{2x} = -676.148 \text{ N}$$

Step 4: Solve for F_2_y

Equation:

$$F_{2y} = |F_2| \sin($$

Result:

$$F_{2y} = -181.173 \text{ N}$$

Step 5: Solve for F_R_x

Equation:

$$F_{Rx} = F_{1x} + F_{2x}$$

Result:

$$F_{Rx} = -451.148 \text{ N}$$

Step 6: Solve for F_R_y

Equation:

$$F_{Ry} = F_{1y} + F_{2y}$$

Result:

$$F_{Ry} = 208.538 \text{ N}$$

Step 7: Solve for —F_R—

Equation:

$$|F_R| = ((F_{Rx} + (F_{Ry})$$

Result:

$$|F_R| = 497.014 \text{ N}$$

Step 8: Solve for

Equation:

$$= \tan(F_{Ry}/F_{Rx})$$

Result:

$$= 155.192^\circ$$

5 5. Summary of Results

Symbol	Magnitude (N)	Angle (deg)	F_x (N)	F_y (N)

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