

MEC516/BME516: Fluid Mechanics I

Chapter 3: Control Volume Analysis

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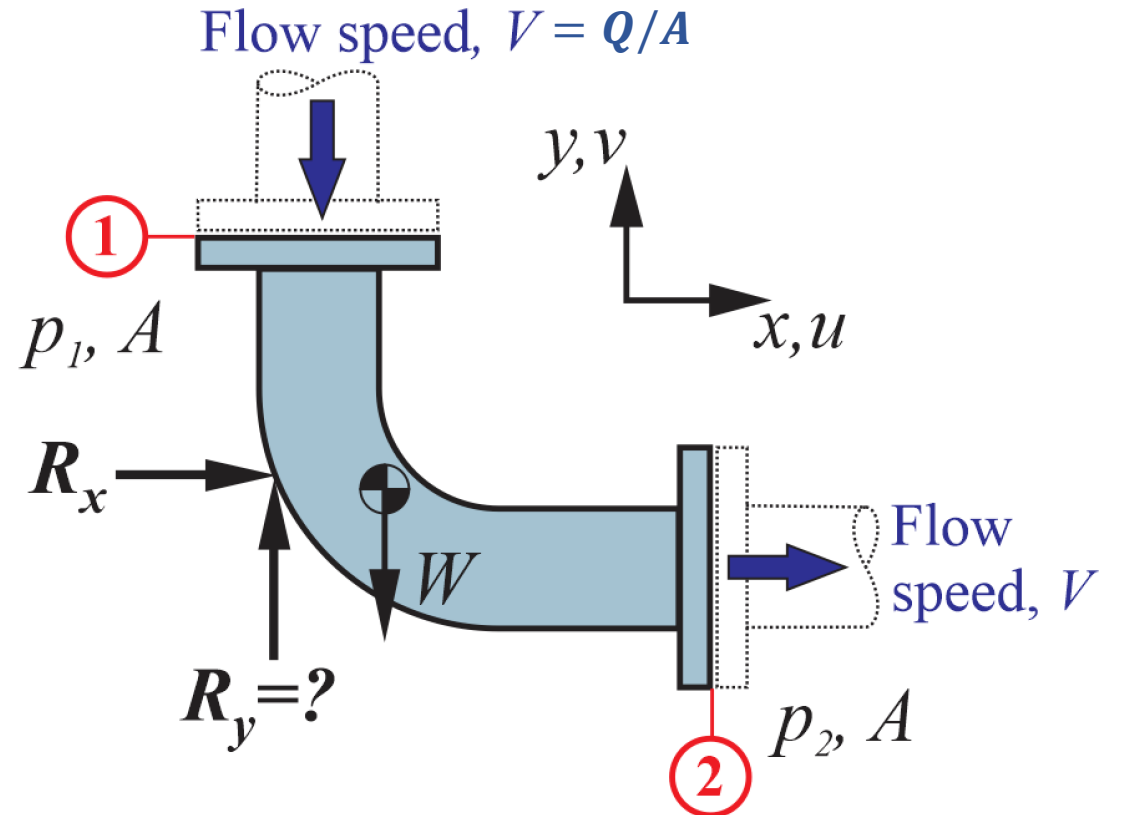
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Concept Problem: Conservation of Linear Momentum

Oil flows at a steady mass flow rate \dot{m} through a 90° elbow with at constant speed V . The pipe has cross sectional area A . The gauge pressures at the inlet and outlet are p_1, p_2 . The weight of the elbow and oil is W .

What force in the y -direction (R_y) is required to hold the elbow in place?

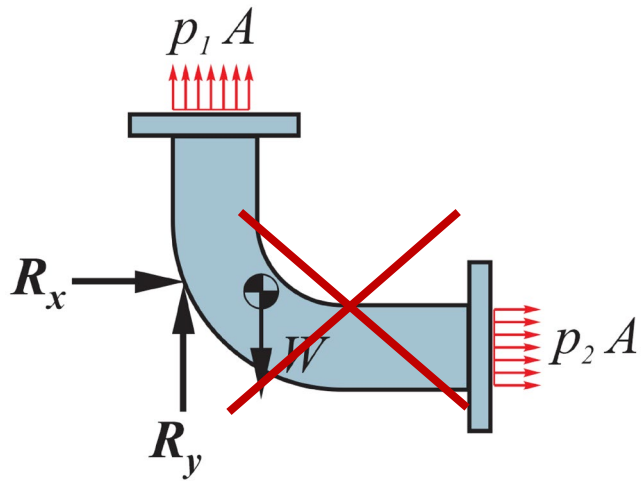
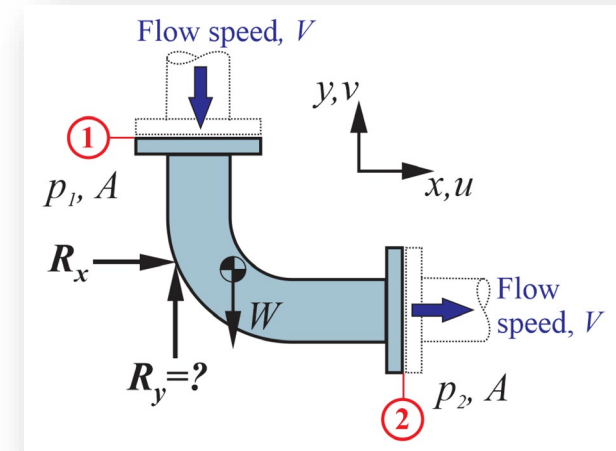
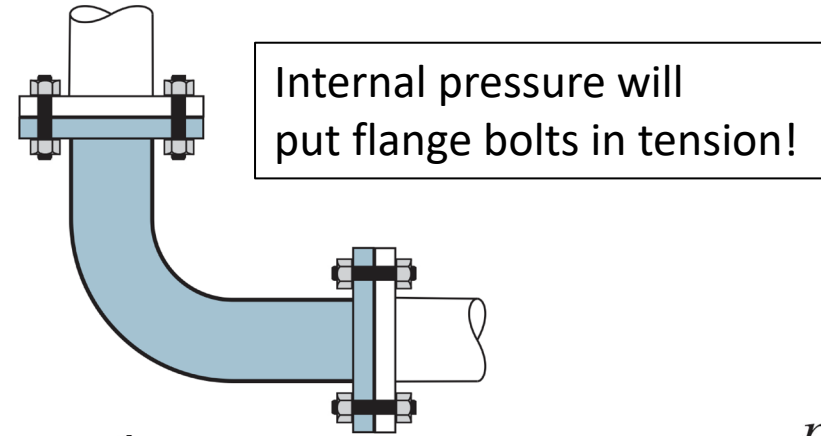
- a) $R_y = \dot{m}V + W + p_1A$
- b) $R_y = \dot{m}V + W - p_1A$
- c) $R_y = -\dot{m}V + W + p_1A$
- d) $R_y = -\dot{m}V - W - p_1A$



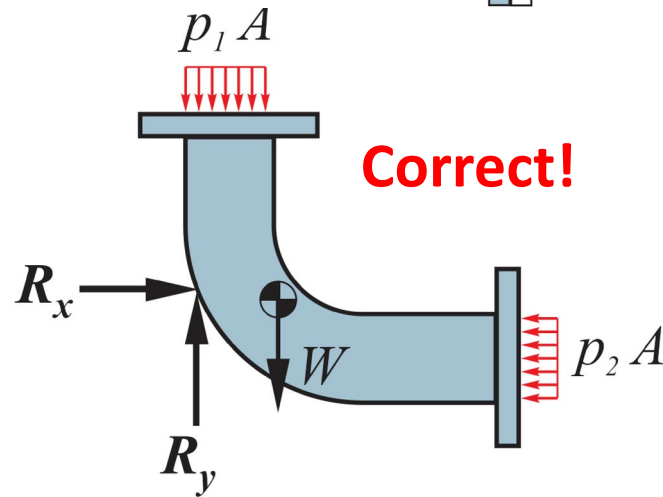
(I'll also consider R_x , the flange bolt forces in the x -direction.)

Conservation of Linear Momentum

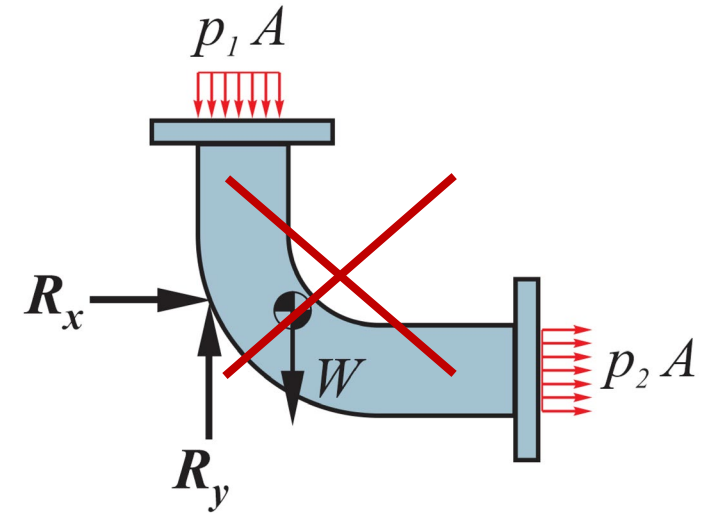
Free Body Diagram



Pressure Acts Outward?



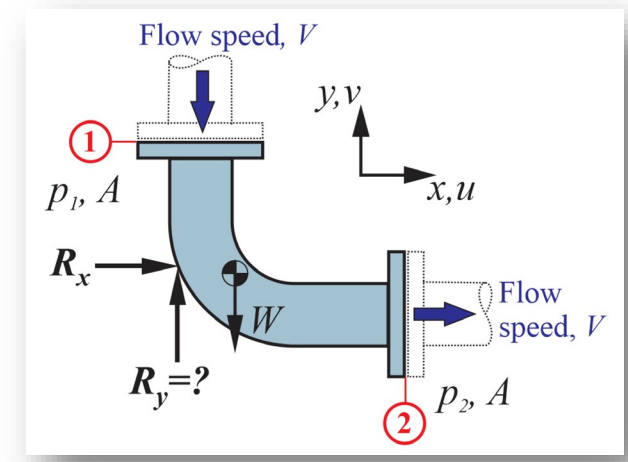
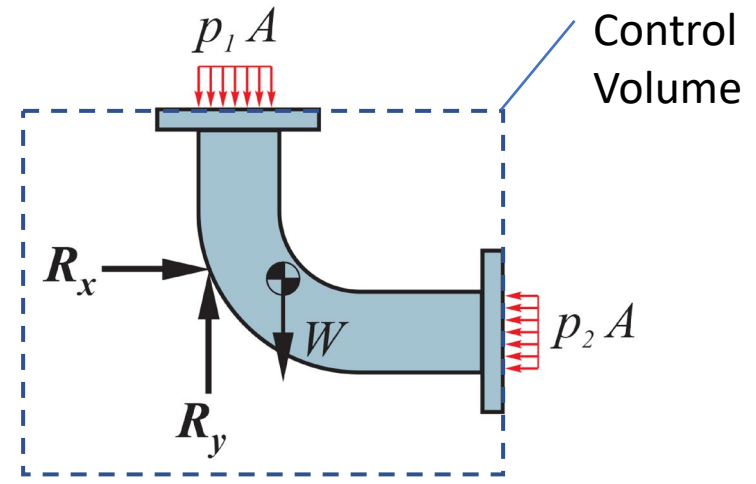
Pressure Acts Inward?



Pressure Acts in Flow Direction?

Conservation of Linear Momentum

- All forces applied to C.V.
 - Unknown forces R_y, R_x
 - Weight & pressure forces
 - **Must** use *gauge* pressures (Why? See link in description)



- Conservation of momentum in y-direction. Steady flow, one inlet and one outlet:

$$\sum F_y = \dot{m} v_{out} - \dot{m} v_{in} = \dot{m} (v_2 - v_1) = \dot{m} V$$

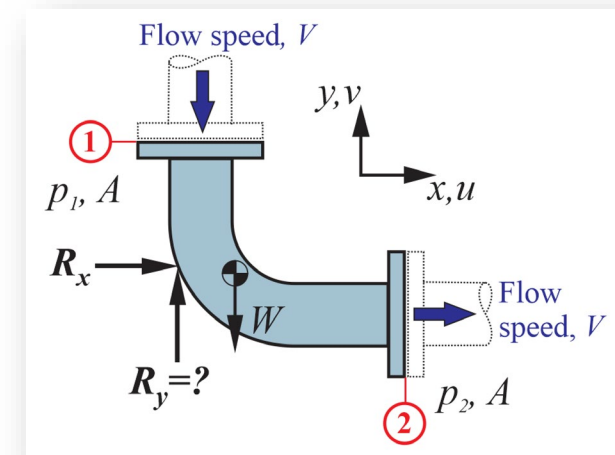
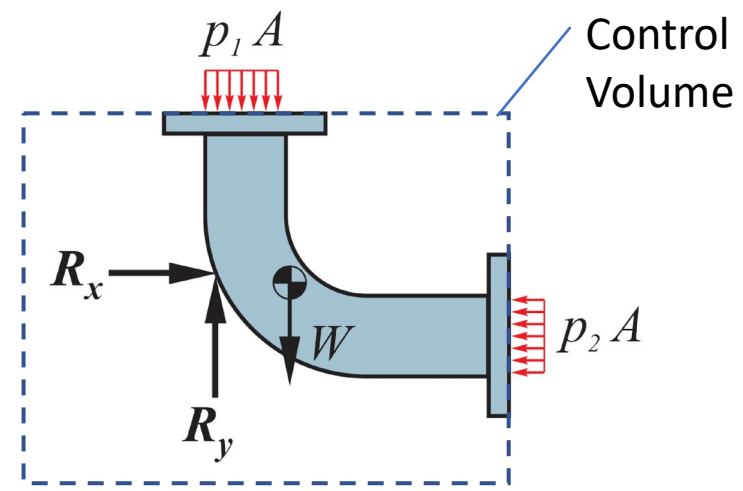
All forces on C.V. in y-direction

$$\uparrow^+ \sum F_y = R_y - p_1 A - W = \dot{m} V$$

a) $R_y = p_1 A + W + \dot{m} V$ Answer

Conservation of Linear Momentum

Although R_x was not required...



- Conservation of momentum in x -direction:

$$\sum F_x = \dot{m} u_{out} - \dot{m} u_{in} = \dot{m} (u_2 - u_1) = \dot{m} V$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = R_x - p_2 A = \dot{m} V$$

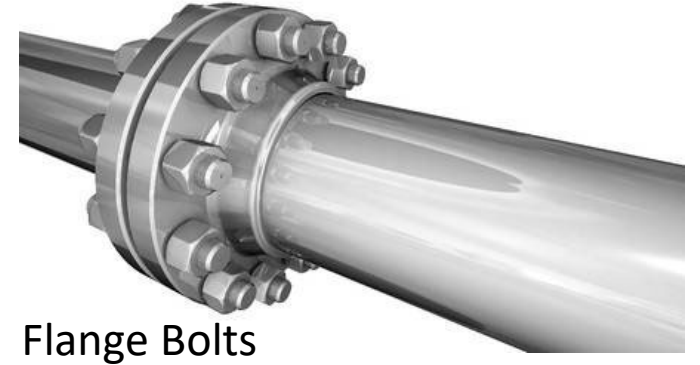
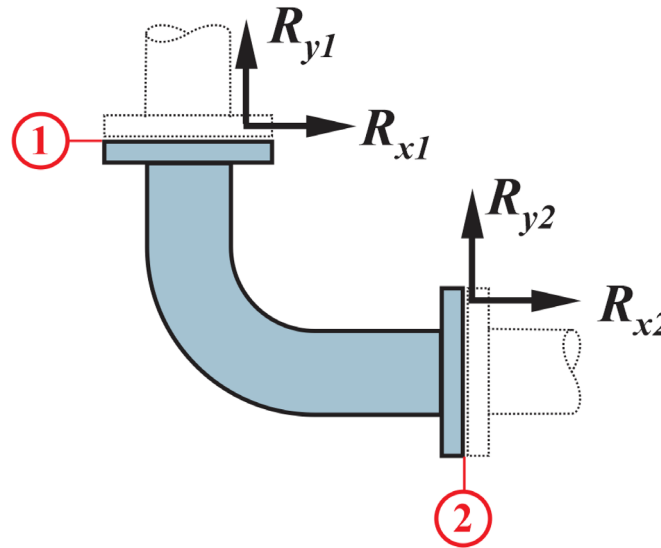
$$R_x = p_2 A + \dot{m} V \quad \text{Answer}$$

Conservation of Linear Momentum

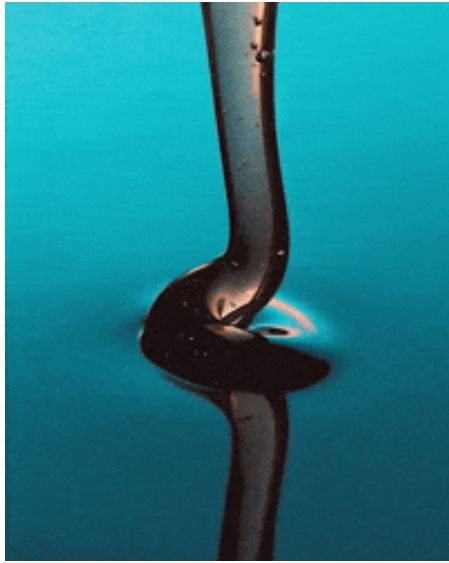
- R_x and R_y are the reaction forces required to hold the elbow place i.e., the bolt forces at the two flanges
- Linear momentum analysis can only tell you the *total* force in each direction:

$$R_x = R_{x1} + R_{x2}$$

$$R_y = R_{y1} + R_{y2}$$



Flange Bolts



Liquid Rope Coil Effect
Credit: www.gifer.com

END NOTES

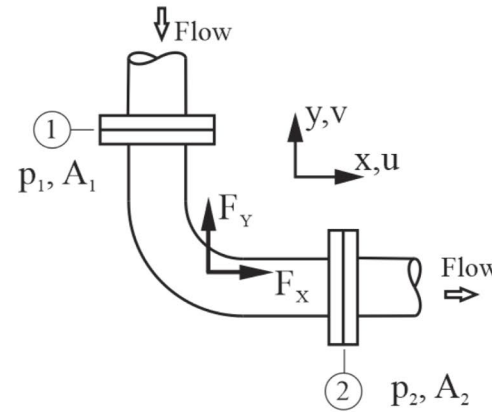
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Random Question 4

Consider flow through a 90 degree pipe elbow, shown in the sketch. The sketch shows the gauge pressures and cross sectional areas at points 1 and 2. The weight of the elbow is negligible. The magnitude of the constant fluid velocity (i.e. speed of the flow) in the pipe is V . What is the force in the y -direction (F_y) required to hold a pipe elbow in place? (Note that F_y is positive upward.)



- $F_y = -\dot{m} v_1 + p_1 A_1 = \dot{m} V + p_1 A_1$ 8 (36.36%)
- $F_y = -\dot{m} v_1 - p_1 A_1 = \dot{m} V - p_1 A_1$ 3 (13.64%)
- $F_y = \dot{m} v_1 + p_1 A_1 = -\dot{m} V + p_1 A_1$ 9 (40.91%)
- $F_y = \dot{m} v_1 - p_1 A_1 = -\dot{m} V - p_1 A_1$ 2 (9.09%)

← **Ouch!**

Average Grade 36.4%