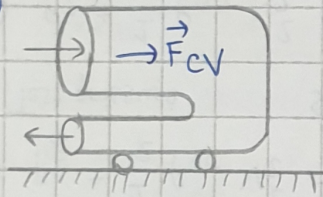


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The four devices rest on frictionless wheels are restricted to move in x -direction only and are stationary initially. The pressure at inlets and outlets of each is atmospheric and flow is incompressible. Each device has unknown contents. When released, which ones will move to the left and to the right?

a) Let control volume be the whole device



Conservation of momentum in steady-state case

$$\rho V_{x,o} A_o \vec{V}_{out} - \rho V_{x,i} A_i \vec{V}_{in} = \vec{F}_{CV}$$

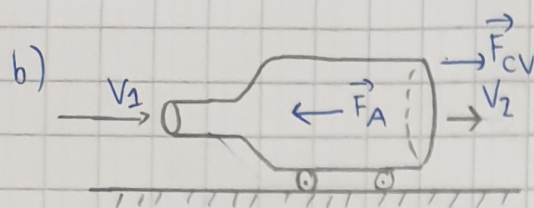
Since the total velocity is also in x -direction and $\vec{V}_{out} \times \vec{V}_{in}$

$$\Rightarrow \rho V_{out} A_{out} \vec{V}_{out} + \rho V_{in} A_{in} \vec{V}_{in} = \vec{F}_{CV}$$

Conservation of mass: $\rho V_{out} A_{out} = \rho V_{in} A_{in} = \dot{m}$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m} (\underbrace{\vec{V}_{out} + \vec{V}_{in}}_{\text{Always positive}}) = \vec{F}_{CV} \Rightarrow \vec{F}_{CV} \text{ has same direction with } \vec{V}_{in}$$

\Rightarrow device moves to the right

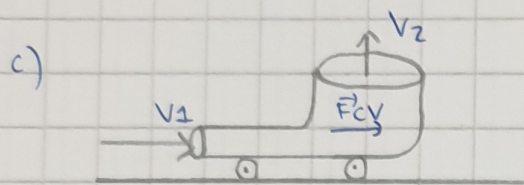


Due to mass conservation, momentum conservation of the system will be : $\dot{m} V_2 - \dot{m} V_1 = F_A$ (anchoring force)

According to figure : $V_2 < V_1$

$$\Rightarrow F_A = \dot{m} (V_2 - V_1) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{opposed } \vec{F}_{cV} \text{ is positive}$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{cV}$ has same direction with V_1 and $V_2 \Rightarrow$ The device moves to the right

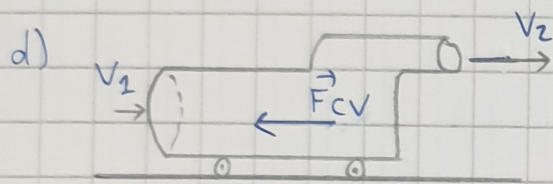


The device is only allowed to move horizontally

$$\Rightarrow V_{2,x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{cV} = \dot{m} (V_{1,x} - V_{2,x}) = \dot{m} (V_1 - 0) = \dot{m} V_1 > 0$$

\Rightarrow The device moves to the right



According to figure : $V_2 > V_1 \Rightarrow V_1 - V_2 < 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{cV} = \dot{m} (V_{1,x} - V_{2,x}) = \dot{m} (V_1 - V_2)$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{cV} < 0 \Rightarrow \vec{F}_{cV}$ has opposite direction with V_1 & $V_2 \Rightarrow$ The device moves to the left