

## **CALCULATIONS USED IN THE FASTENING OF THE TOROIDAL LPG TANKS**

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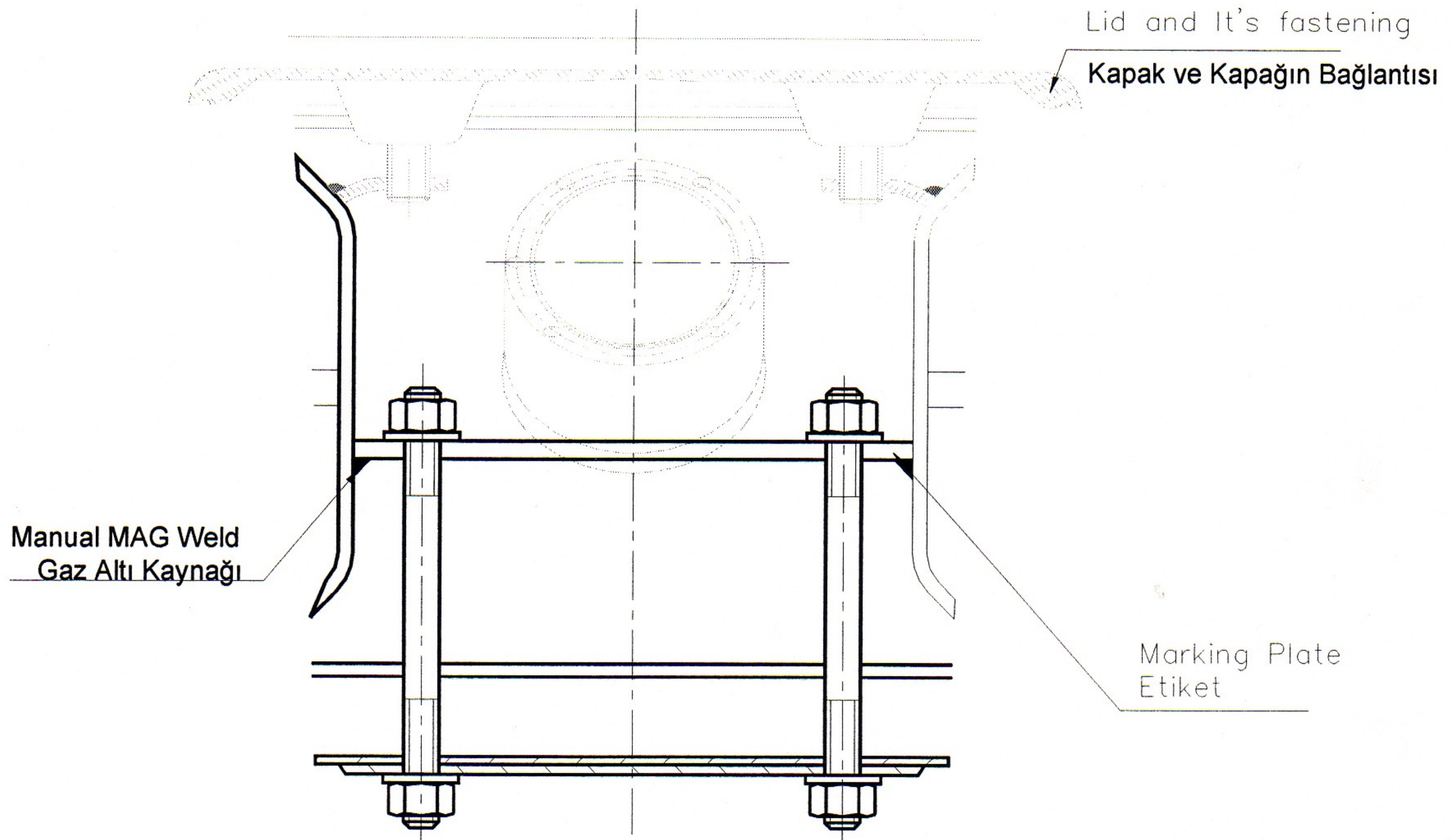
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## 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

### 1.1 Scope:

This calculation is for the fastening elements used in the mounting of the Toroidal LPG Tank shown in Fig. 1.

### Fastening of Toroidal Tank Toroidal Tankın Bağlanması



Şekil 1

Figure 1

The calculation is done for the following tank which is the biggest tank produced by this company.

Outer Diameter	:650 mm.
Height	:270 mm.
Capacity	:72 dm <sup>3</sup>

The materials used in the production of the tank has been chosen according to the EN 10120 and complies the provided characteristics of the regulation ECE-R 67.01.

### 1.2 The Basis of Calculation:

Regulation ECE-R 67.01 Part: 17 Item: 17.4

### 1.3 The Elements Calculated For:

- a.- Bolt M10
- b.- Nut M10
- c.- Washer D30x2.4 mm

### The Characteristics of the Materials Used:

Name	Material	Yield Strength $\sigma_A$ [Mpa]	Tensile Strength $\sigma_K$ [Mpa]
Fastening Hook	P265 NB	265	450
Bolt M10	C30	400	600
Nut M10	C30	400	600

### 1.3 Fastening of the Tank:

The fastening of the tank is shown in Fig. 1.

### 1.4 The Criteria Used in the Calculation:

The forces apply to the fastening of the tank and taken into the calculation are shown in Fig 2.

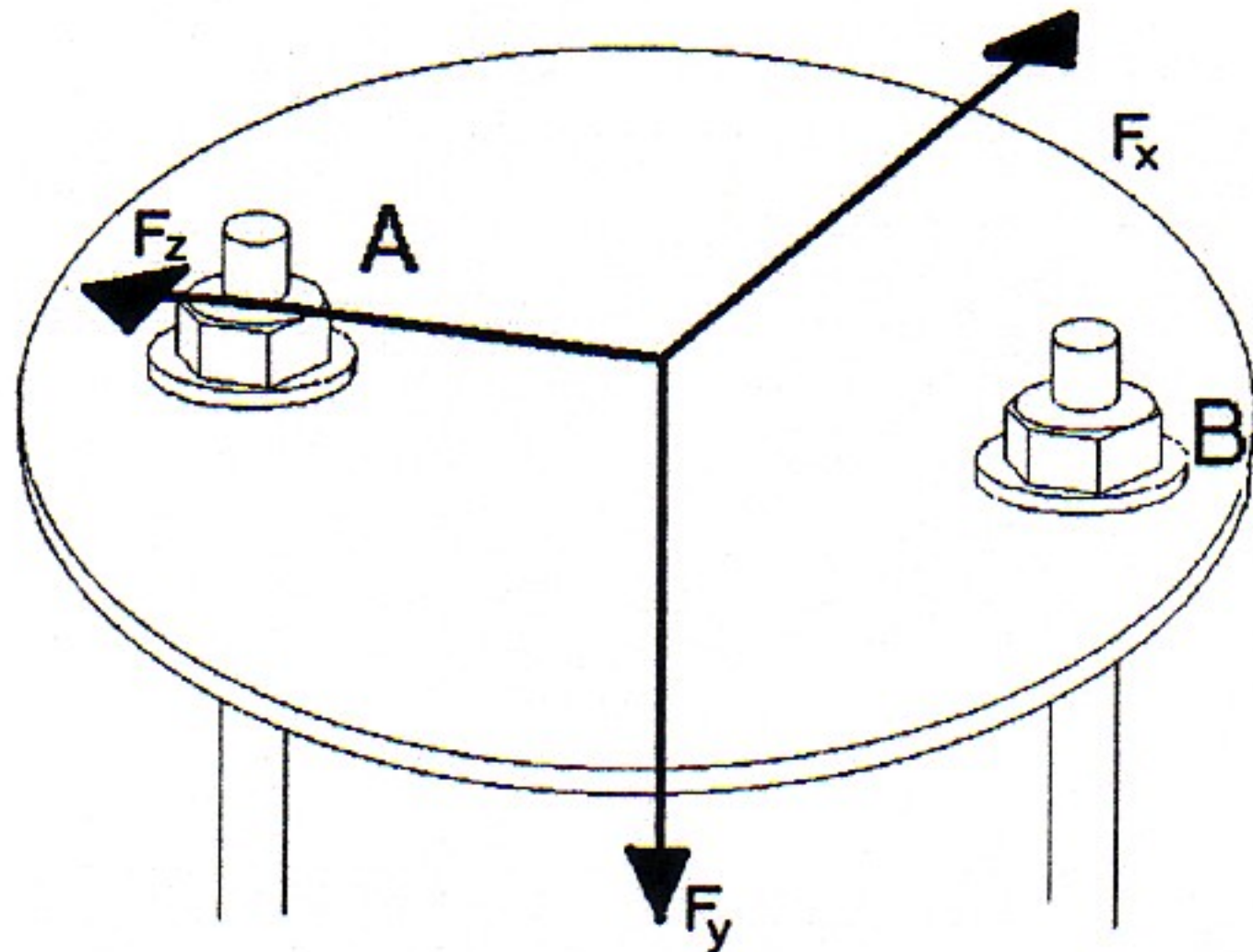


Figure 2

- $F_x$ , The inertia force in the direction of the movement of the vehicle
- $F_z$ , Inertia force perpendicular to  $F_x$  and at the same time in horizontal direction
- $F_y$ , Vertical force coming from the weight of the tank

### 1.5 Forces Apply to Tank:

- a.- Multivalve mounted on the tank 0.8 Kg.
- b.- Tank weight empty 37 Kg
- c.- LPG 80% of the volume 0.509 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>
- d.- The gravity acceleration ~10 kgm/s<sup>2</sup>

### Possible dynamic forces applying to the tank mounted on a vehicle during movement:

$F_x$  (Force of Inertia) according to the regulation ECE-R 67.01 17.4.6.(a)

$$F_x = 20 \times G$$

$F_z$  (Force of Inertia) according to the regulation ECE-R 67.01 17.4.6.(b)

$$F_z = 8 \times G \text{ taken}$$

### Reaction Forces:

$R_A$  : Reaction forces at point A

$R_B$  : Reaction forces at point B

## 2. CALCULATIONS:

### 2.1 Characteristics:

$V=72 \text{ dm}^3$  : Tank Capacity  
 $\gamma=0.509 \text{ kg/dm}^3$  : Density of LPG  
 $m=0.8 \text{ kg}$  : Weight of multivalve  
 $K=37 \text{ kg}$  : Weight of tank empty  
 $g=\sim 10 \text{ kgm/s}^2$  : Gravity acceleration  
 $F_y=G$  : Weight of 80% LPG filled tank

### 2.2 Calculation of the Forces Applying to Tank

$$F_y = G = g \cdot [m + (\gamma \cdot V \cdot 80\%) + K]$$

$$F_y = 658.43 \text{ N}$$

$$F_x = 20 \cdot G$$

$$F_x = 13168.6 \text{ N}$$

$$F_z = 8 \cdot G$$

$$F_z = 5267.44 \text{ N}$$

### 2.3 Distribution of the Reaction Forces in the Screw Mounting:

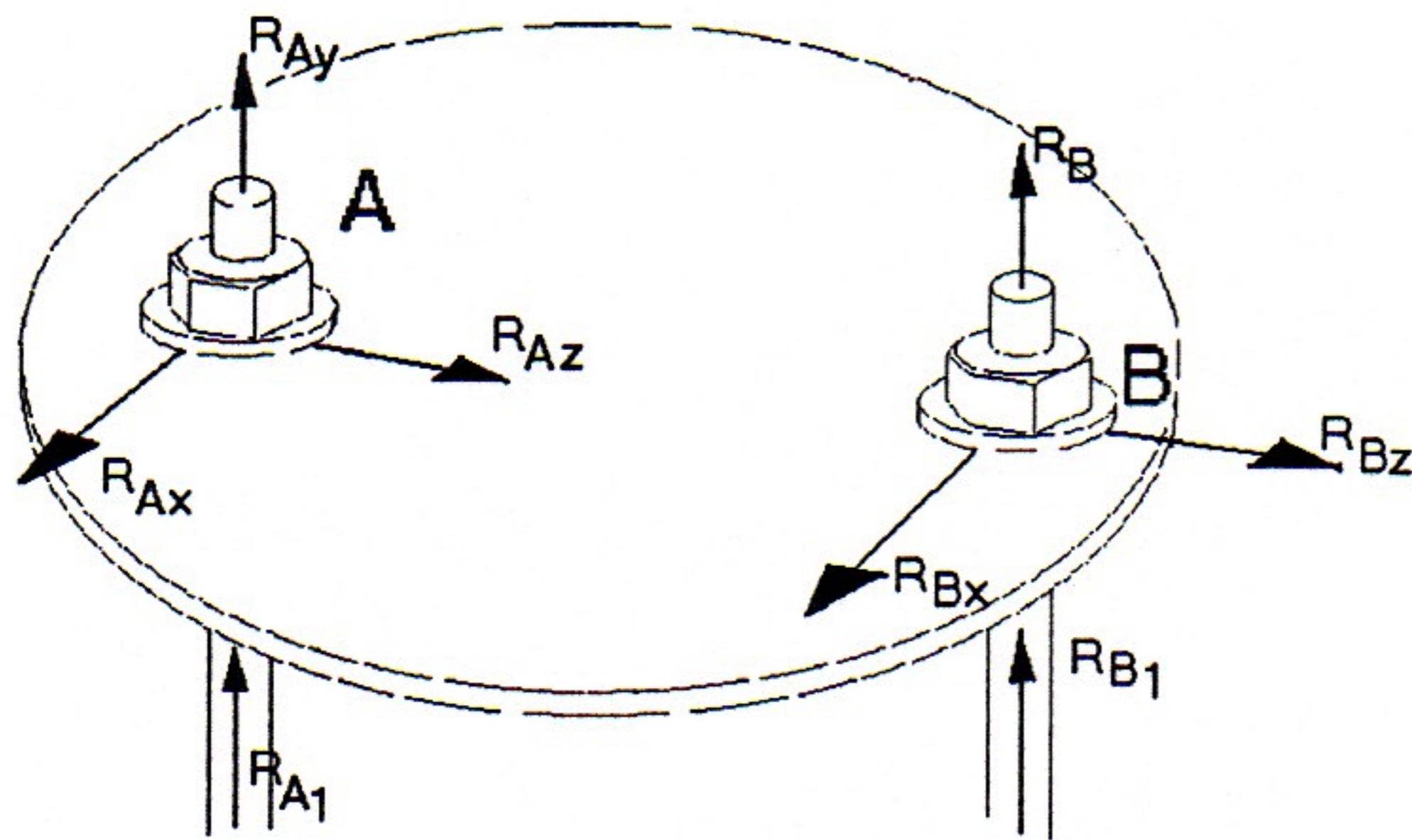


Figure 3

In direction x:

$$F_x = R_{Ax} + R_{Bx}$$

In direction y:

$$F_y = R_{Ay} + R_{By} + R_{A1} + R_{B1}$$

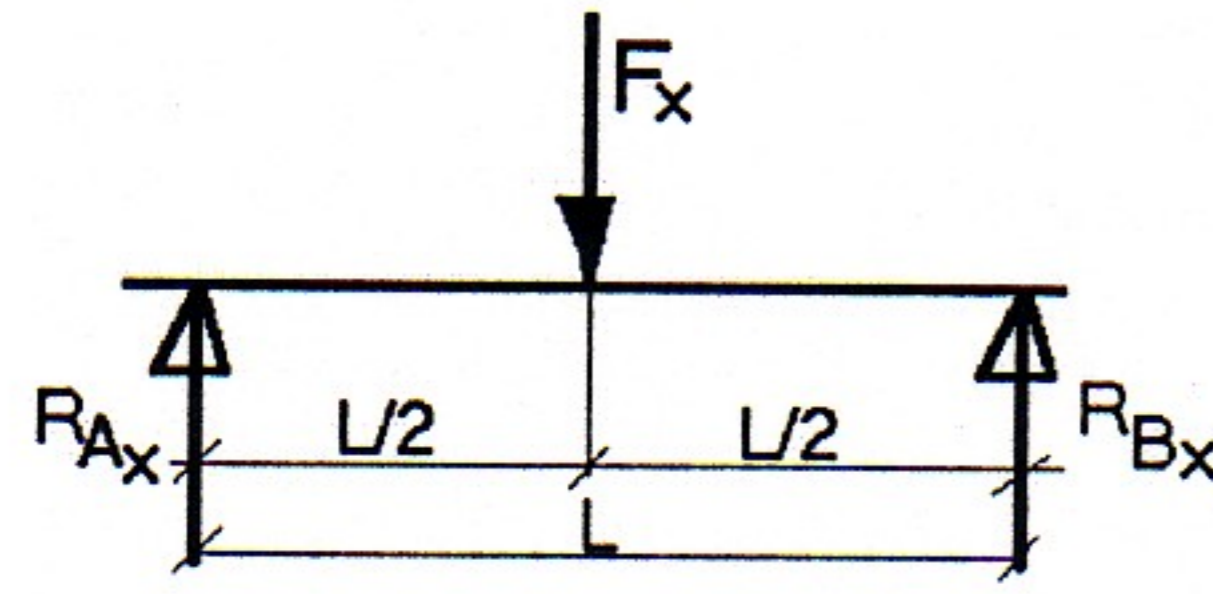
In direction z:

$$F_z = R_{Az} + R_{Bz}$$

### Calculation of Reaction Forces:

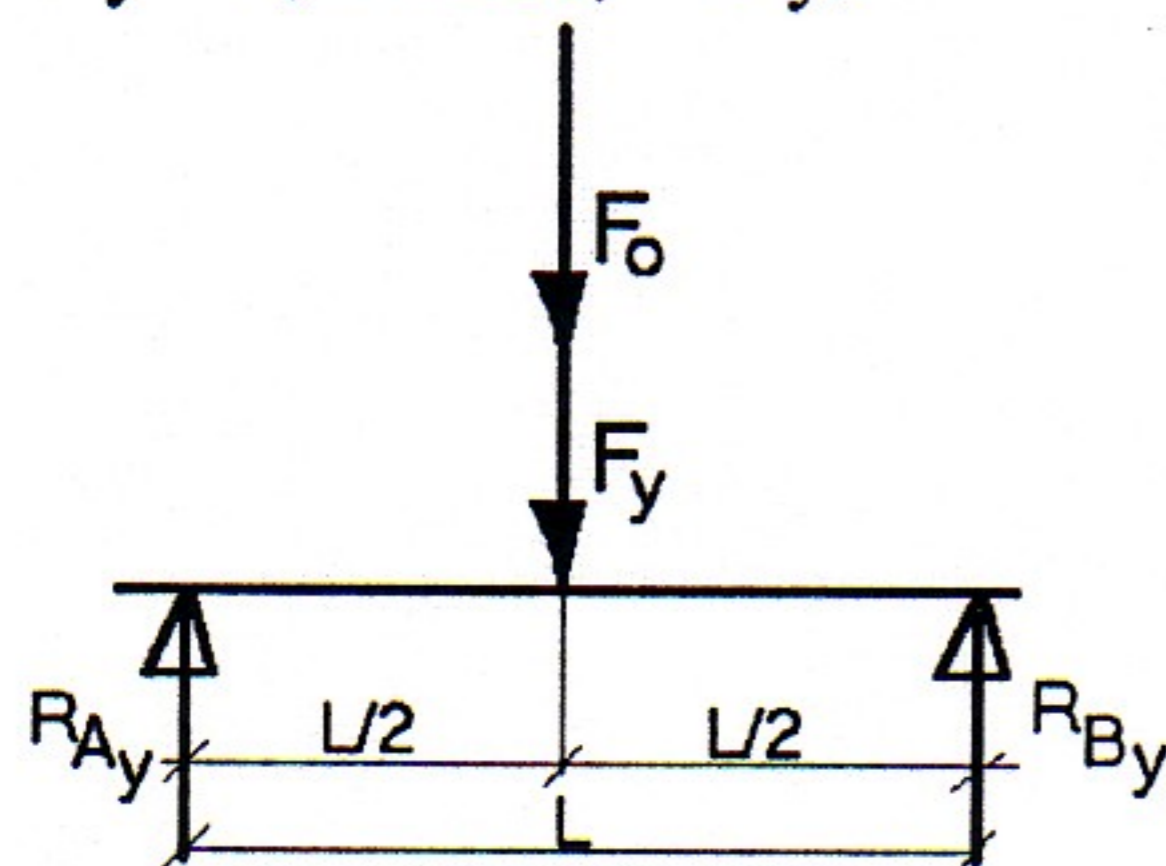
Reaction forces in X direction:

$$R_{Ax} = R_{Bx} = F_x/2 = 6534.3 \text{ N}$$



Reaction forces in Y direction:

$$\Sigma F_y = (2 \times F_{o1}) + F_{yt}$$



$F_{o1}$ : Pretension

$F_{yt}$ : Tank weight = G

$A_1$ : The crosssection of M10

$$F_{o1} = \sigma_0 \times A_1 = 10920 \text{ N}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 22498.43 \text{ N}$$

$$R_{Ay} = R_{By} = 22498.43/2 = 11249 \text{ N}$$

Reaction forces in Z direction:

$$R_{Az} = R_{Bz} = 2633 \text{ N}$$



Friction analysis:

$$\mu = 0.25$$

$F_r$  = Friction Force

$$F_r = \Sigma F_y \times \mu = 2812 \text{ N}$$

**CONCLUSION:**

Since  $F_r > R_{Az} = R_{Bz}$  ; it is safe.

### 3. ANALYSIS OF THE STRENGTH TO THE SURFACE PRESSURE

Calculation of the Contact Area of the Washer:

$$A_r = \frac{\pi}{4} (D_w^2 - D_a^2) = 6.115 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2.$$

$$P_{\max} = \Sigma F_y / A_r = 1.8 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}$$

For steel  $P_{em}$ :

$$P_{em} \sim \sigma_{Ak} / 4 = 400 / 4 = 100 \text{ Mpa} = 10 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}$$

For nut  $P_{em}$ :

$$P_{em} = 265 / 4 = 66.25 \text{ Mpa} = 6.625 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}$$

\*\*\* **The Result:** Since  $P_{\max} < P_{em}$ ; it is safe.

### 4. ANALYSIS OF THE AUTOBLOCADE CONDITION

$d_o$  = Median diameter of M10 thread = 9.172 mm.

$h$  = Pitch: 1.2 mm

$\alpha$  = Helix angle

$\rho$  = Friction angle

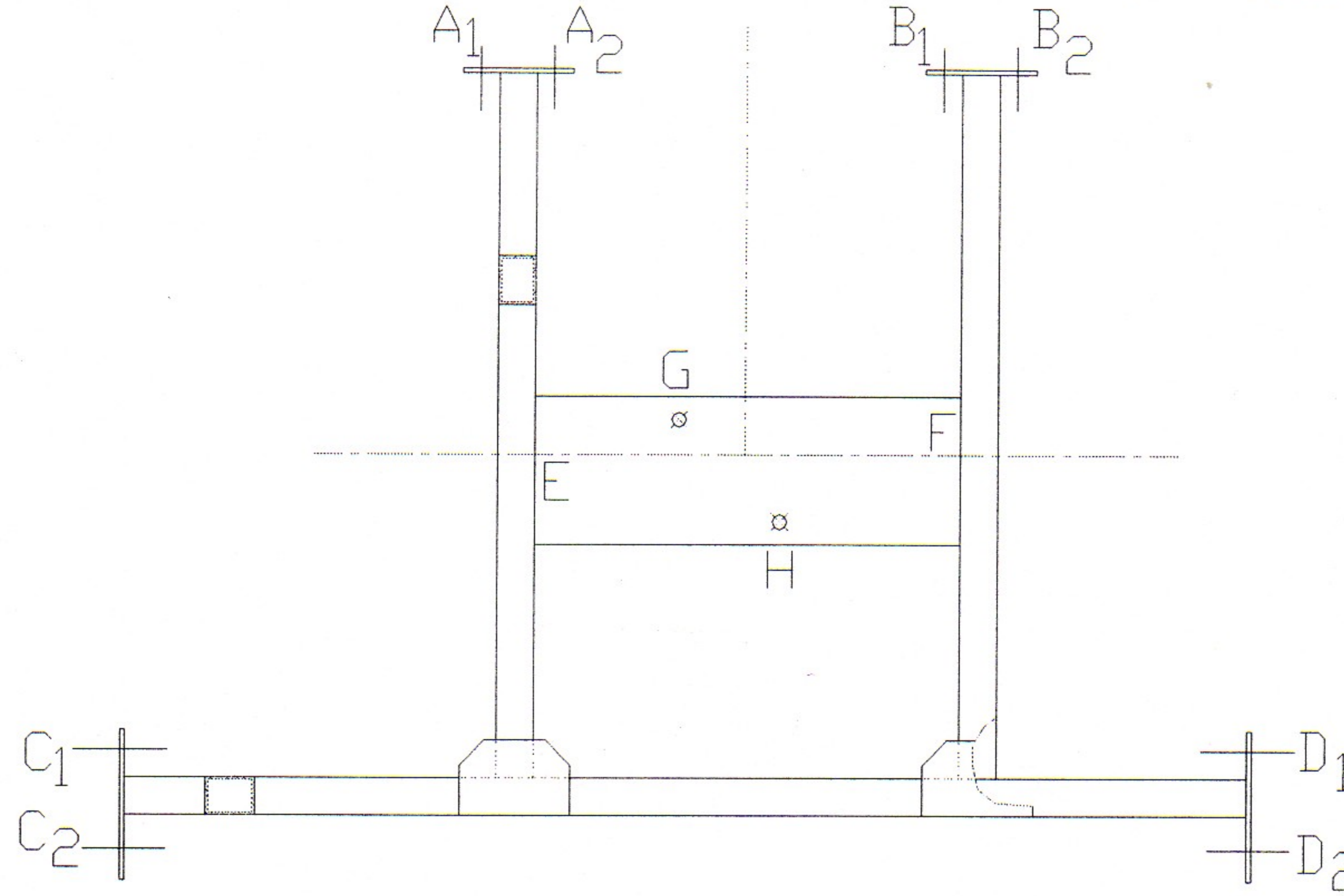
$$\text{tg } \alpha = h / (\pi \times d_o) \rightarrow \alpha = 2.38^\circ$$

Since the friction coefficient between bolt and nut threads is  $\mu = 0.15$ :

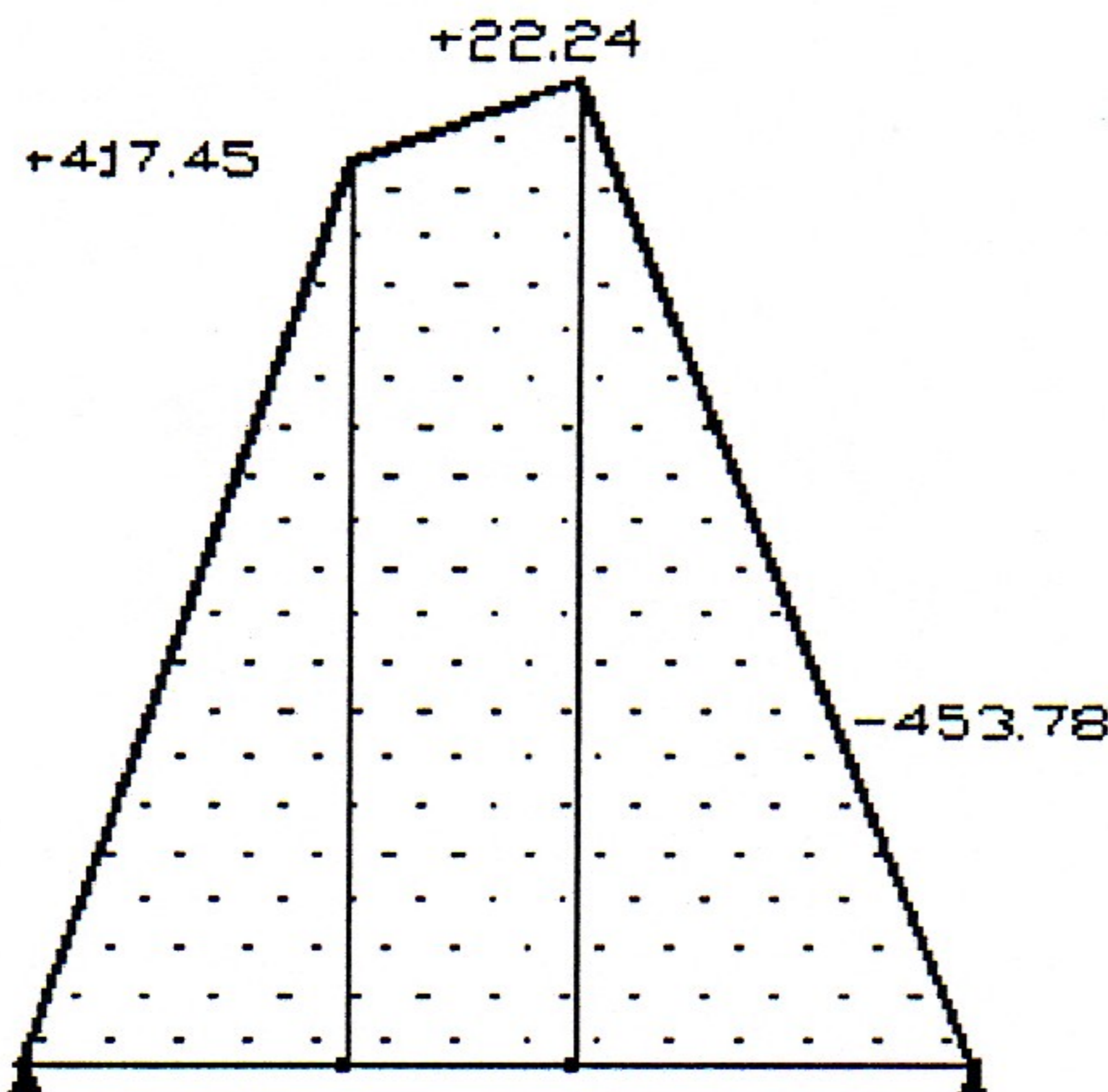
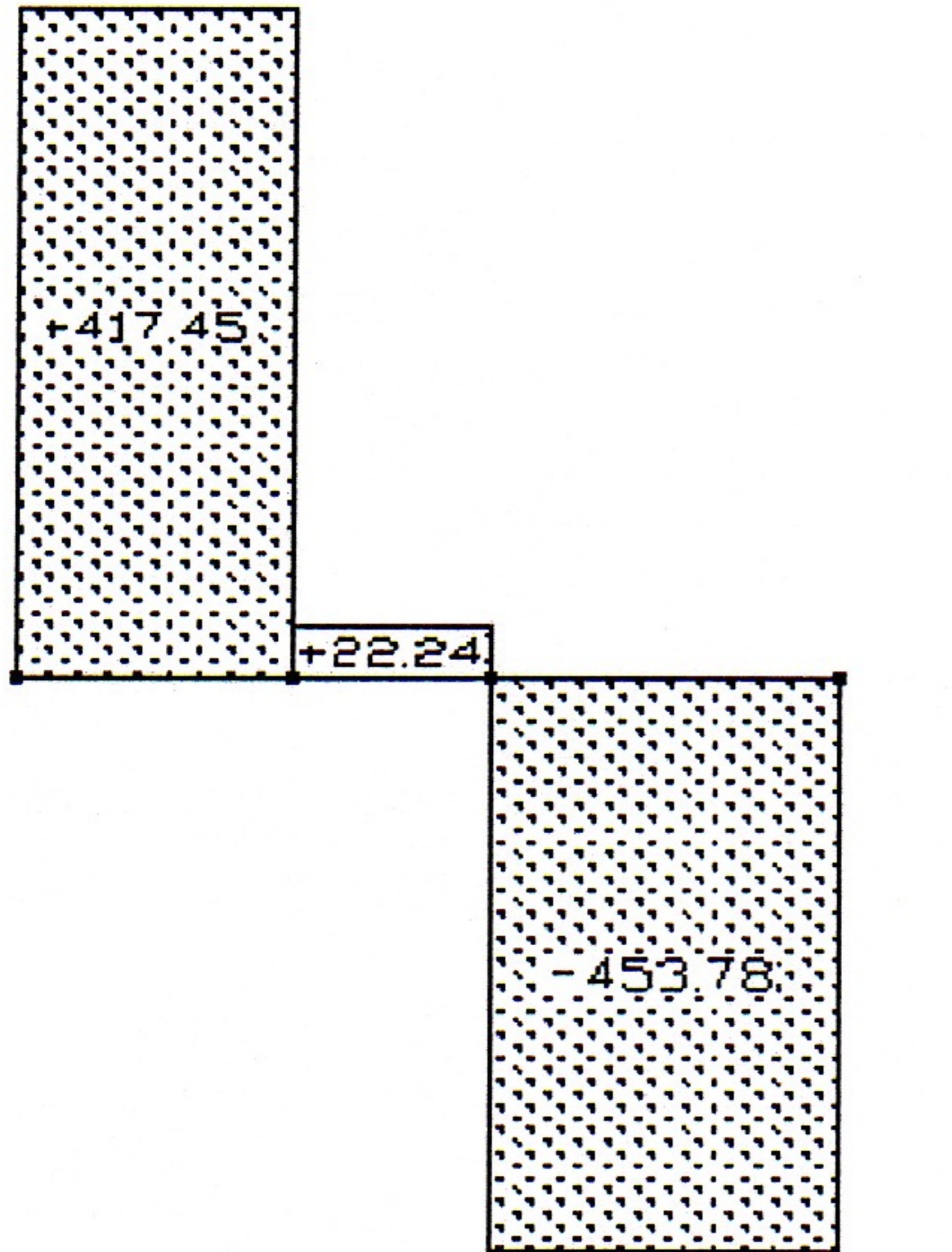
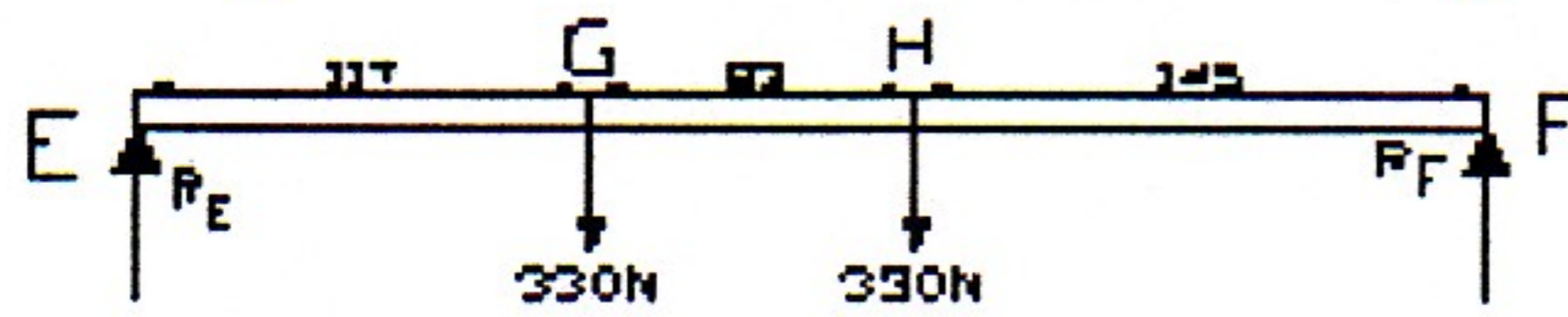
$$\text{tg } \rho = \mu \rightarrow \rho = 8.5^\circ$$

\*\* **Conclusion:** Since the Friction Angle  $>$  Helix angle, there is autoblocade.

## 5. CALCULATIONS FOR THE TOROIDAL TANK FASTENING



Load magnitudes are shown in Fig 2.2.



### 5.1 Calculation of the forces in "Y" axis:

$$\sigma = \frac{Mxc}{I} \quad \sigma_{sac} = 265 \text{ Mpa}$$

$$\sigma_{kaynak} = 265 \text{ Mpa}$$

$$\tau = kx \frac{V}{A}$$

$$\tau_{kaynak} = 0.65 \times \sigma_{kaynak} = 172.25 \text{ Mpa}$$

$$\sum M_E = 0$$

$$330 \times 117 + 330 \times 200 - R_F \times 345 = 0$$

$$R_F = 303.2 \text{ N}$$

$$\sum F_X = \sim 660 \text{ N}$$

$$R_E + R_F = 660 \rightarrow R_E = 660 - 303.2 = 356.8 \text{ N}$$

$$\tau_E = \frac{1.5 \times 303.2}{0.43 \times 12} = 95.9 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\sigma_F = \frac{1.5 \times 417.45}{0.43 \times 12} = 121.35 \text{ MPa} < \sigma_{kaynak}$$

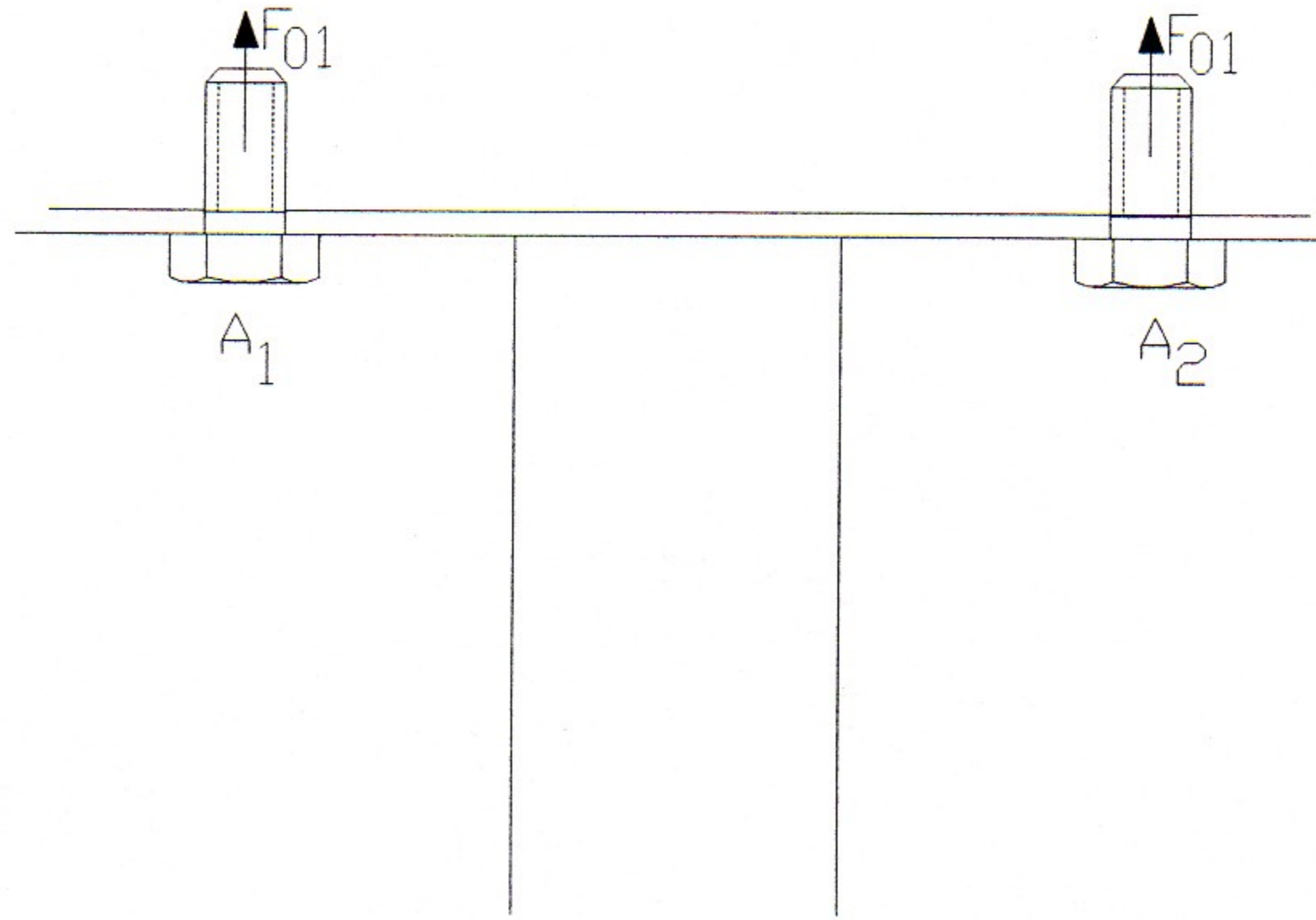
$$\sigma_{H \max} = \frac{453.78 \times 6}{0.43 \times 12^3 / 12} = 43.97 \text{ MPa} < \sigma_{sac}$$

$$\tau_E < \tau_{Kaynak} \quad \sigma_F < \sigma_{kaynak} \quad \sigma_{H \max} < \sigma_{Sac}$$

Conclusion: It is safe in "Y" axis.

## 5.2 Calculation of the forces in "Z" axis:

$$F_Z = 5267.44 \text{ N (Sec. 2.2)}$$



Picture: Example of fixing points A,B,C,D

Calculation is made for toroidal tank fastening mounted by 4 bolts at points A and B. ( $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$ ) and M10 is assumed for the bolts as the minimum diameter.

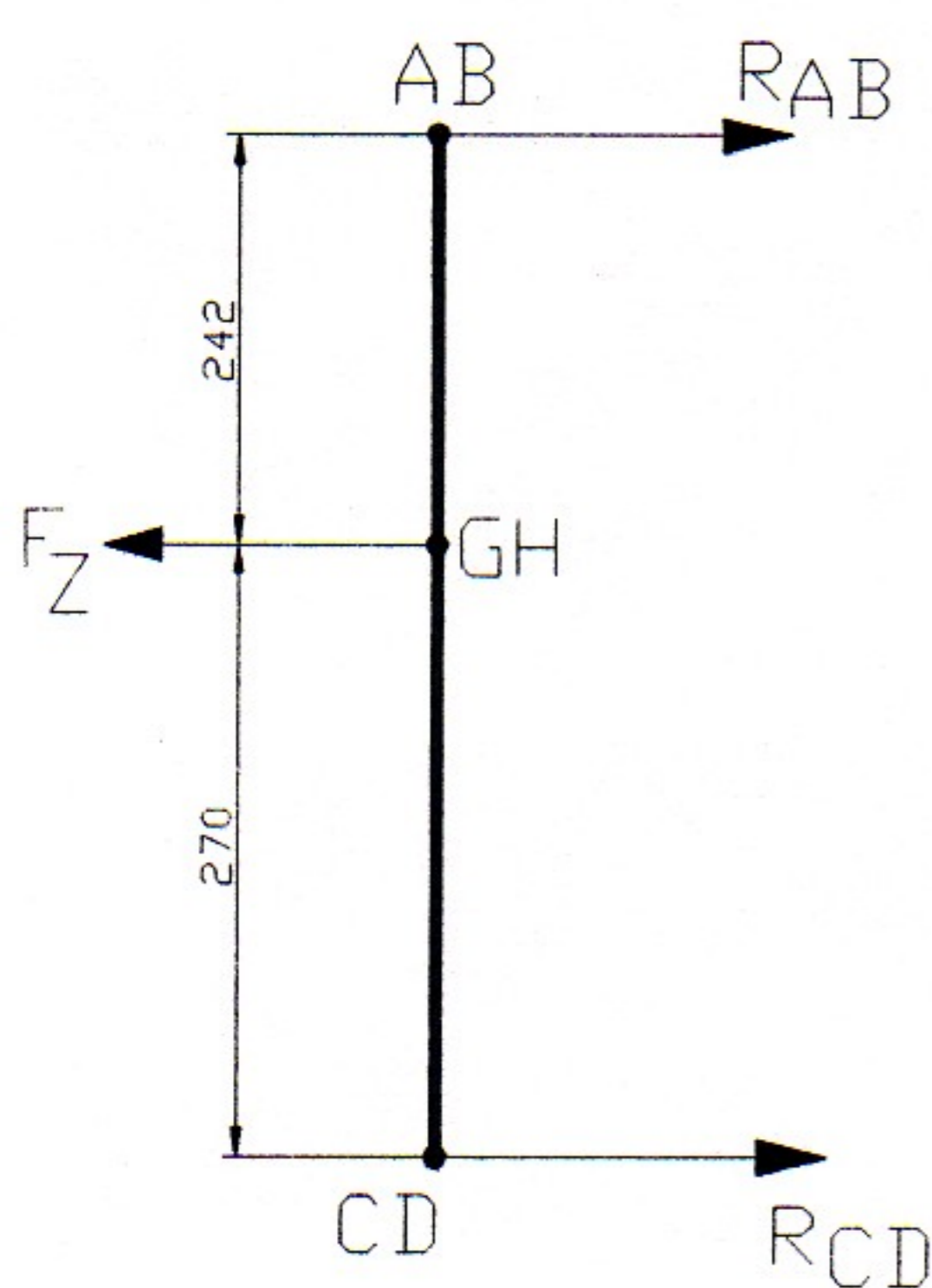
$$F_{01}: \text{Pretension} = 10920 \text{ N (Page 4 Sec. 2.3)}$$

For Four pcs nuts

$$F_{T01} = 4 \times 10920 = 43680 \text{ N}$$

Friction force created by the pretension ( $\mu = 0.25$ )

$$F_{RZ} = F_{T01} \times \mu = 43680 \times 0.25 = 10920 \text{ N.}$$



$$\sum M_{AB} = 0 \rightarrow = 242 \times F_Z - R_{CD} \times 512 = 0 \rightarrow R_{CD} = 2490 \text{ N.}$$

$$R_{AB} = F_Z - 2490 = 2778 \text{ N}$$

$$R_{AB}, R_{CD} < F_{RZ} = 10920 \text{ N.}$$

Conclusion: It is safe to "Z" axis.



### 5.3 Calculation of the forces in “X” axis:

$$F_x = 13168 \text{ N (Sec: 2.2)}$$

Calculation for CD points:

It is assumed that 4 bolts of M10 is used at points CD:

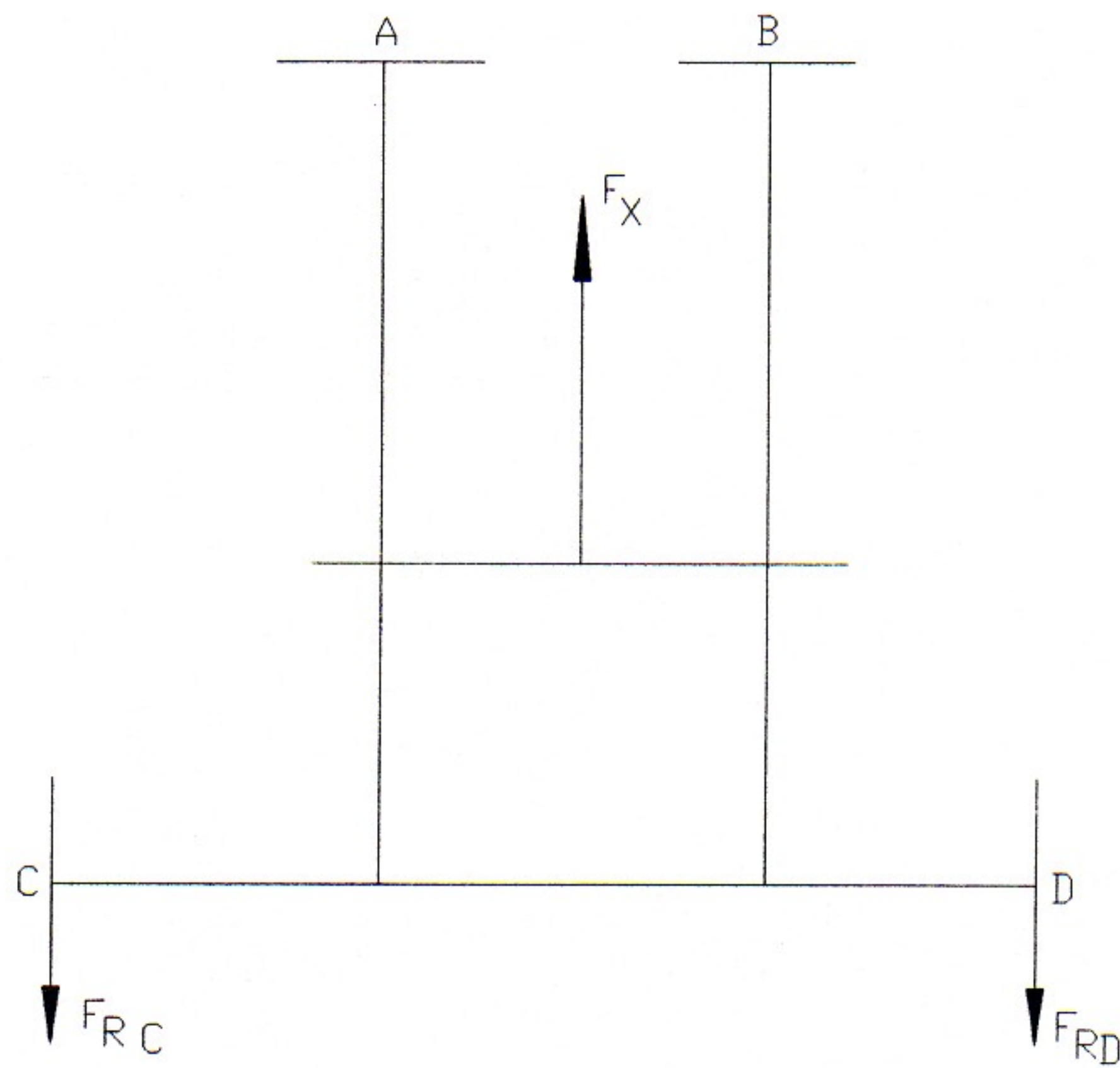
$$F_{01}: \text{Pretention} = 10920 \text{ N (Page 4 Sec. 2.3)}$$

Total bolt pretension:

$$F_{T01} = 4 \times 10920 = 43680 \text{ N}$$

Friction force created by the pretension ( $\mu = 0.25$ )

$$F_{Rx} = F_{T01} \times \mu = 43680 \times 0.25 = 10920 \text{ N.}$$



$$\Sigma M_{RD} = 0 \rightarrow F_{RC} = 5530 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{RD} = F_x - F_{RC} = 13168 - 5530 = 7638 \text{ N.}$$

Since  $F_{RC} < F_{Rx}$  and  $F_{RD} < F_{Rx}$ , it is safe in “X” axis.

### GENERAL CONCLUSION:

\*\*\* According to the calculations, the method used in fastening of the toroidal LPG tank is safe.