Homework Problem H6.C

Given: A trapezoidal plate having a weight of W and with its center of mass at G, is supported by a sliding block at B and a collar at A. Block B is able to slide on a rough, horizontal surface, whereas collar A can slide on a rough, horizontal guide. The coefficient of static friction at both sliding surfaces is μ_s . A horizontal force F acts at corner D of the plate.

Find: For this problem:

- a) Determine the smallest force *F* needed to move the plate.
- b) What is the impending motion of the plate: tipping or slipping?

For this problem, use the following parameters: d = 0.2 m, h = 0.6 m, c = 0.4 m, W = 200 N and μ_s = 0.4.

