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Problem 16.162

Two slender rods of length l and mass m, are released from rest in the positions shown. Knowing that a small knob at end B of rod AB bears on rod CD, determine immediately after release

a) the acceleration of end C of the rod CD

b) the force exerted on the knob

- Step 1: Identify System: Both Rods
- Step 2: Identify Form of Equations Required: need acceleration and force, therefore use Rate Form

Step 3: Draw system diagrams according to choice of equation form and identify unknowns : FBD and KD





Step 4 : Kinetics

COLM(RF) in y-dir

COLM(RF) in x-dir

COLM(RF) in y-dir

COAM(RF) about point G

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Rod AB

COLM(RF) in x-dir	$A_x = ma_{G_{AB_x}}$	(1)
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$$A_{y} + B_{y} - W_{AB} = ma_{G_{ABy}}$$
⁽²⁾

$$-A_{y}\frac{l}{2}+B_{y}\frac{l}{2}=I_{G_{AB}}a_{AB}$$
(3)

Rod CD

$$D_x = ma_{G_{CD_x}} \tag{4}$$

$$D_y - B_y - W_{CD} = ma_{G_{CD_y}}$$
⁽⁵⁾

$$D_{y}\frac{l}{2} = I_{G_{CD}}\boldsymbol{a}_{CD}$$
(6)