

# Graphic Statics

## Description

This project provides opportunity to explore the graphic method of truss analysis

## Goals

To draw a graphic force diagram for a given truss.

To determine the member forces.

## Procedure

1. Determine the end reactions for the given king post truss.
2. Label the external cells. (A, B, C)
3. Label the internal cells. (1, 2)
4. Draw the force vectors. ( $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$ )
5. Draw vector  $C1$  through point C.
6. Draw vector  $A1$  through point A.
7. Label the intersection of  $C1$  and  $A1$  as point 1.
8. Draw vector  $B2$  through point B.
9. Draw vector  $A2$  through point A.
10. Label the intersection of  $B2$  and  $A2$  as point 2.
11. Draw vector  $12$  connecting points 1 and 2.
12. Measure each vector to determine the force in the member.
13. Record the force value next to the member on the truss drawing.



