Announcements

- Check your grades on compass $(- \neq 0)$
- Quiz 3 starts tomorrow

□ Upcoming deadlines:

- Friday (10/12)
 - WA
- Tuesday (10/16)
 - PL HW



Objectives

- Truss Analysis
 - Zero-force member
 - Method of section





Zero-force members

- Particular members in a structure may experience no force for certain loads.
- Zero-force members are used to increase stability
- Identifying members with zero-force can expedite analysis.







How many zero-force members are in the truss?



Internal forces

• How are two-force members being held together internally?



Method of sections

- Determine external support reactions
- "Cut" the structure at a section of interest into two separate pieces and set either part into force and moment equilibrium
- Be aware of number of unknowns after your cut! P = a = C





Determine the force in members *EI* and *JI* of the truss which serves to support the deck of a bridge. State if these members are in tension or compression. **8000 lb**



Determine the force in members *BF*, *BG*, and *AB*, and state if the members are in tension or compression.

