

# Warm Up

ON HALF SHEET:

Write the formula that was used in the video for today.

# SECTION 3.8- THE HL POSTULATE

Proving  $\Delta$ 's  $\cong$

AAS

SAS

SSS

ASA



# Why Do You Need To Know This?

- ▣ Let's say you need to prove triangles congruent - what postulates can you use?  
SSS, SAS, ASA or AAS
- ▣ But suppose there is not enough information for any of those!
- ▣ Now you're stuck right?
- ▣ .....WRONG!
- ▣ The Hypotenuse Leg Postulate is another method of proving triangles congruent 😊

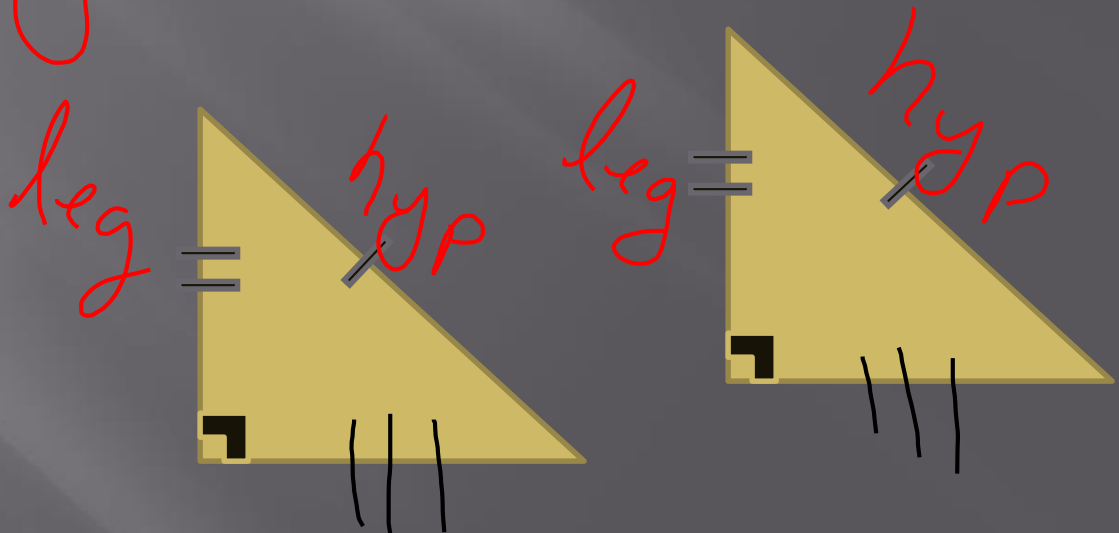
# What is the HL Postulate?

H - Hypotenuse (longest side of a rt.  $\Delta$ )

L - Leg (side that isn't hypotenuse)

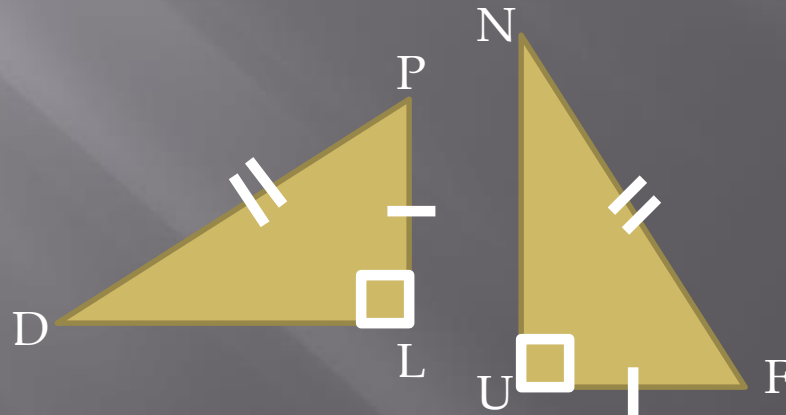
$\Delta$ 's must be right  $\Delta$ 's

$$\begin{array}{l} a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \\ a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \end{array}$$



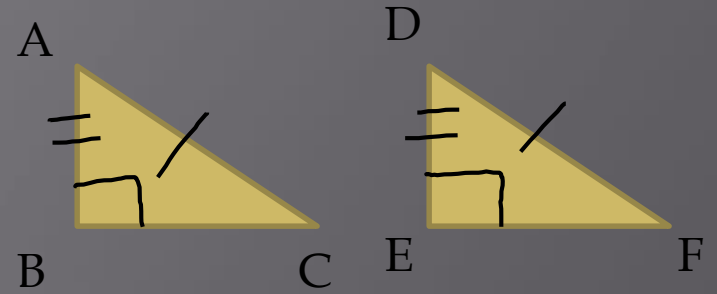
# How and When to Use It

- ▣ The HL Postulate only works with **right triangles**.
- ▣ When used in a proof, you must first establish the two are right triangles.
- ▣ Then, you get the legs and hypotenuses congruent and you're done!



$$\triangle PLD \cong \triangle FUN$$

# Sample Problem



Given:  $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{BC}$

$\overline{DE} \perp \overline{EF}$

$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}$

$\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$

Given

⑤  $\perp$  lines form rt  $\angle$ 's

⑥ If a  $\Delta$  has a rt  $\angle$   
 Prove:  $\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$   
 then it is a rt  $\Delta$ .

⑦ HL

$\overline{AB} \perp \overline{BC}$

$\overline{DE} \perp \overline{EF}$

$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{DE}$  ✓

$\overline{AC} \cong \overline{DF}$  ✓

⑤  $\angle ABC + \angle DEF$

are rt  $\angle$ 's

⑥  $\Delta ABC + \Delta DEF$

are rt  $\Delta$ 's

⑦  $\Delta ABC \cong \Delta DEF$