

# 3.8 Notes: "The HL-Postulate"

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**Postulate:** If there exists a correspondence between the vertices of 2 **rights triangles** such that the **hypotenuse** and a leg of one triangle are congruent to the corresponding parts of the other triangle, the 2 right triangles are congruent by **HL**.

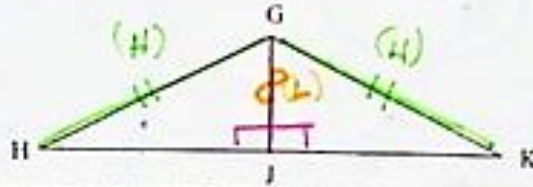
To use HL, we must show in our proof:

- 2 right angles. \*
- 2 corresponding hypotenuses and  $\cong$
- 2 corresponding legs  $\cong$

\* If using HL, then you do NOT have to say the right  $\angle$ 's are  $\cong$

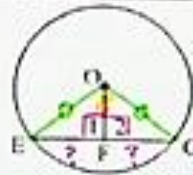
1. Given:  $\overline{GJ}$  is an altitude to  $\overline{HK}$   
 $\overline{HG} \cong \overline{KG}$  (H)

Prove:  $\triangle HGJ \cong \triangle KGJ$



Statements	Reasons
1. $\overline{GJ}$ is an altitude to $\overline{HK}$	1. Given
* 2. $\angle GJH$ & $\angle GJK$ are rt $\angle$ 's	2. An alt forms rt $\angle$ 's on opp side of $\Delta$
3. $\overline{HG} \cong \overline{KG}$ (H)	3. Given
4. $\overline{GJ} \cong \overline{GJ}$ (L)	4. Reflexive Prop
5. $\triangle HGJ \cong \triangle KGJ$	5. HL (2; 3, 4)

2. Given:  $\odot O$   
 $\overline{OF}$  is an altitude  
 Prove:  $\overline{EF} \cong \overline{FG}$



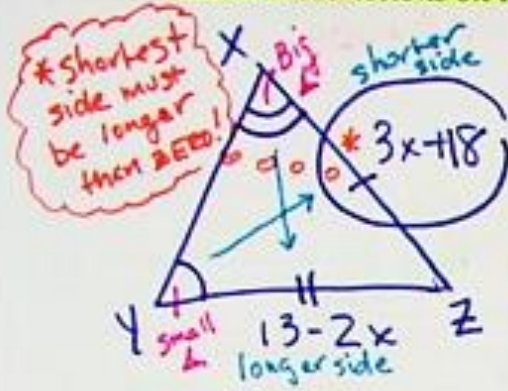
Statements	Reasons
1. $\odot O$	1. Given
2. Draw $\overline{OE}$ & $\overline{OG}$	2. Any 2 points determine a line.
3. $\overline{OE} \cong \overline{OG}$ (H)	3. All radii of a $\odot$ are $\cong$
4. $\overline{OF}$ is an altitude	4. Given
* 5. $\angle 1$ & $\angle 2$ are rt $\angle$ 's	5. An alt forms rt $\angle$ 's on opp side of $\Delta$
6. $\overline{OF} \cong \overline{OF}$ (L)	6. Reflexive
7. $\triangle OEF \cong \triangle OGF$	7. HL (5; 3, 6)
8. $\overline{EF} \cong \overline{FG}$	8. CPCTC

Class Examples:

**Example 1)** *Draw! (and label)*

Given:  $\triangle XYZ$ ;  $(m\angle X) > (m\angle Y)$ ;  $YZ = 13 - 2x$ , and  $XZ = 3x + 18$

Find the restrictions on the value of  $x$ .



$$\begin{aligned} (YZ > XZ) \\ 13 - 2x > 3x + 18 \\ +2x \quad +2x \\ \hline 13 > 5x + 18 \\ -18 \quad -18 \\ \hline -5 > 5x \\ -\frac{5}{5} > \frac{5x}{5} \\ -1 > x \quad x < -1 \end{aligned}$$

(shorter side > 0)

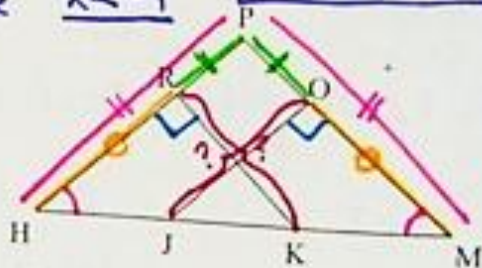
$$\begin{aligned} * 3x + 18 > 0 \\ 3x > -18 \\ \frac{3x}{3} > \frac{-18}{3} \\ x > -6 \end{aligned}$$

$-6 < x < -1$

**Example 2)** Proof hw problem # 9 from pg. 159

Given:  $\overline{RK} \perp \overline{HR}$ ,  
 $\overline{JO} \perp \overline{PM}$ ,  
 $\overline{PR} \cong \overline{PO}$ ,  
 $\overline{PH} \cong \overline{PM}$  *> Subtract*

Conclusion:  $\overline{RK} \cong \overline{JO}$



Statements

Reasons

1.	$\overline{RK} \perp \overline{HR}$		1.	Given
* 2.	$\triangle HJK$ is a rt $\triangle$		2.	$\perp$ segs form rt $\triangle$ 's
3.	$\overline{JO} \perp \overline{PM}$		3.	Given
t 4.	$\triangle MOJ$ is a rt $\triangle$		4.	Same as #2
5.	$\triangle HJK \cong \triangle MOJ$	(A)	5.	All rt $\triangle$ 's are $\cong$
6.	$\overline{PR} \cong \overline{PO}$		6.	Given
7.	$\overline{PH} \cong \overline{PM}$		7.	Given
8.	$\overline{RH} \cong \overline{OM}$	(S)	8.	Subtraction Prop (steps 6, 7)
9.	$\angle H \cong \angle M$	(A)	9.	If $\triangle$ , then $\triangle$
10.	$\triangle HJK \cong \triangle MOJ$		10.	ASA (5, 8, 9)
11.	$\overline{RK} \cong \overline{JO}$		11.	C.P.C.T.C

### 3.8 The HL Postulate

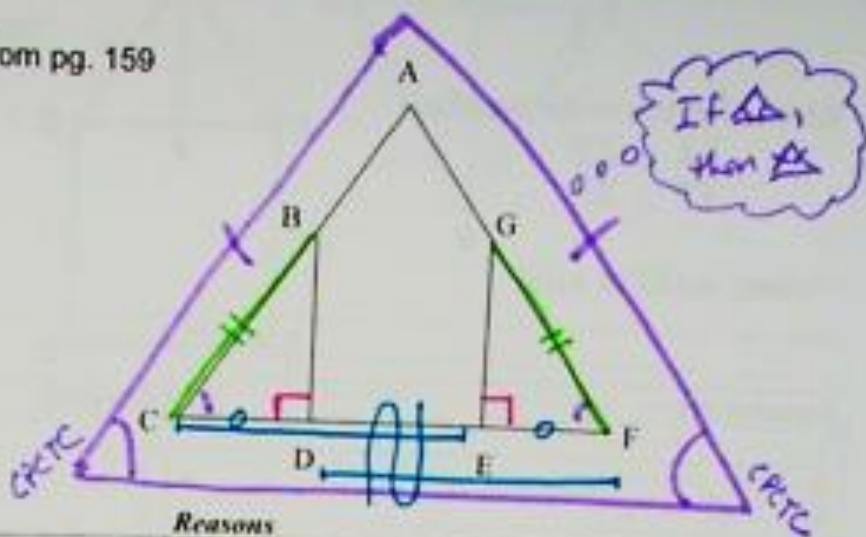
### Geometry Examples

**Example 3)** Proof hw problem #8 from pg. 159

Given:  $\overline{BD} \perp \overline{CF}$ ,  
 $\overline{GE} \perp \overline{CF}$ ,  
 $\overline{CE} \cong \overline{DF}$ ,  
 $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{GF}$

Prove:  $\triangle ACF$  is isosceles.

A  $\triangle$  with at least 2  $\cong$  sides



Statements

Reasons

1. $\overline{BD} \perp \overline{CF}$	1. Given
2. * $\triangle BDC$ is Rt $\triangle$	2. $\perp$ segs form Rt $\triangle$ s
3. $\overline{GE} \perp \overline{CF}$	3. Given
4. * $\triangle GEF$ is Rt $\triangle$	4. Same as #2
5. $\overline{CE} \cong \overline{DF}$	5. Given
6. $\overline{DE} \cong \overline{DE}$	6. Reflexive Prop
7. $\overline{CD} \cong \overline{EF}$ (L)	7. Subtraction (steps 5 & 6)
8. $\overline{BC} \cong \overline{GF}$ (H)	8. Given
9. $\triangle BDC \cong \triangle GEF$	9. HL (2,4; 8,7)
10. $\angle C \cong \angle F$	10. CPCTC
11. $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{AF}$	11. If $\triangle$ , then $\triangle$
12. $\triangle ACF$ is isos.	12. If at least 2 sides of a $\triangle$ are $\cong$ , then isosceles