

**ALGEBRAIC PROPERTIES OF EQUALITY**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be real numbers.

**Addition Property** If  $a = b$ , then  $a + c = b + c$ .

**Subtraction Property** If  $a = b$ , then  $a - c = b - c$ .

**Multiplication Property** If  $a = b$ , then  $ac = bc$ .

**Division Property** If  $a = b$  and  $c \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{c}$ .

**Substitution Property** If  $a = b$ , then  $a$  can be substituted for  $b$ .

**DISTRIBUTIVE PROPERTY**

$a(b + c) = ab + ac$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real numbers.

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**REFLEXIVE PROPERTY OF EQUALITY**

**Real Numbers** For any real number  $a$ ,  $a = a$ .

**Segment Length** For any segment  $AB$ ,  $AB = AB$ .

**Angle Measure** For any angle  $A$ ,  $m\angle A = m\angle A$ .

**SYMMETRIC PROPERTY OF EQUALITY**

**Real Numbers** For any real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a = b$ , then  $b = a$ .

**Segment Length** For any segments  $AB$  and  $CD$ , if  $AB = CD$ , then  $CD = AB$ .

**Angle Measure** For any angles  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $m\angle A = m\angle B$ , then  $m\angle B = m\angle A$ .

**TRANSITIVE PROPERTY OF EQUALITY**

**Real Numbers** For any real numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , if  $a = b$  and  $b = c$ , then  $a = c$ .

**Segment Length** For any segments  $AB$ ,  $CD$ , and  $EF$ , if  $AB = CD$  and  $CD = EF$ , then  $AB = EF$ .

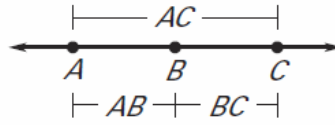
**Angle Measure** For any angles  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , if  $m\angle A = m\angle B$  and  $m\angle B = m\angle C$ , then  $m\angle A = m\angle C$ .

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### SEGMENT ADDITION POSTULATE

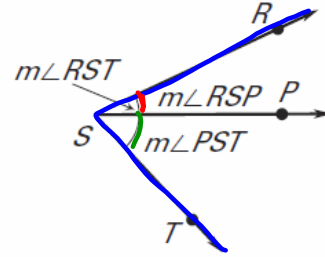
If  $B$  is between  $A$  and  $C$ , then  
 $AB + BC = AC$ .

If  $AB + BC = AC$ , then  $B$  is  
 between  $A$  and  $C$ .



### ANGLE ADDITION POSTULATE

**Words** If  $P$  is in the interior of  $\angle RST$ , then the measure of  $\angle RST$  is equal to the sum of the measures of  $\angle$  \_\_\_\_\_ and  $\angle$  \_\_\_\_\_.

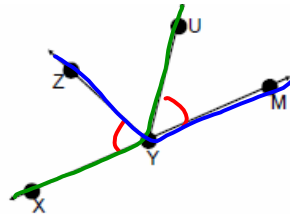


**Symbols** If  $P$  is in the interior of  $\angle RST$ , then  $m\angle RST = m\angle RSP + m\angle PST$ .

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#### YOU TRY NOW!

Given:  $\angle XYZ \cong \angle MYU$   
 Prove:  $\angle XYU \cong \angle MYZ$



| Statements   | Reason                      |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. $\angle XYZ \cong \angle MYU$                       | 1. Given                    |
| 2. $\angle ZYU \cong \angle ZYU$                       | 2. Reflexive Property       |
| 3. $\angle XYZ + \angle ZYU = \angle MYU + \angle ZYU$ | 3. Addition Property        |
| 4. $\angle XYZ + \angle ZYU = \angle XYU$              | 4. Angle Addition Postulate |
| 5. $\angle MYU + \angle ZYU = \angle MYZ$              | 5. Angle Addition Postulate |
| 6. $\angle XYU \cong \angle MYZ$                       | 6. Substitution             |

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