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### Exercise 29A

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**Question 1:** Which of the following sentences are statements? In case of a statement mention whether it is true or false.

- (i) The sun is a star.
- (ii)  $\sqrt{7}$  is an irrational number.
- (iii) The sum of 5 and 6 is less than 10.
- (iv) Go to your class.
- (v) Ice is always cold.
- (vi) Have you ever seen the Red Fort?
- (vii) Every relation is a function.
- (viii) The sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side.
- (ix) May God bless you!

**Solution:**

- (i) The sun is a star is a statement.

It is a scientifically proven fact, therefore this sentence is always true.

- (ii) An irrational number is any number which cannot be expressed as a fraction of two integers. Here,  $\sqrt{7}$  cannot be expressed as a fraction of two integers, so  $\sqrt{7}$  is an irrational number.

Therefore, " $\sqrt{7}$  is an irrational number" is a statement, and it is true.

- (iii) Sum of 5 and 6 =  $5 + 6 = 11 > 10$

Sum of 5 and 6 is 11, which is greater than 10.

Therefore, "The sum of 5 and 6 is less than 10" is a statement, but not true.

- (iv) The sentence 'Go to your class' is an order.  
This is an Imperative sentence. Hence it is not a statement.

- (v) Ice is always cold is a statement.  
It is scientifically proven the fact, therefore the sentence is always true.

- (vi) The sentence 'Have you ever seen the Red Fort?'  
This is an interrogative sentence. Hence not a statement.

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(vii) 'Every relation is a function' is a statement.

There are relations which are not functions.

Therefore, the sentence is false.

(viii) 'The sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side'

It is a statement and mathematically proven result.

Hence the statement is true.

(ix) 'May God bless you!' is an exclamation sentence. Hence it is not a statement.

**Question 2: Which of the following sentences are statements? In case of a statement, mention whether it is true or false.**

(i) Paris is in France.

(ii) Each prime number has exactly two factors.

(iii) The equation  $x^2 + 5|x| + 6 = 0$  has no real roots.

(iv)  $(2 + \sqrt{3})$  is a complex number.

(v) Is 6 a positive integer?

(vi) The product of -3 and -2 is -6.

(vii) The angles opposite the equal sides of an isosceles triangle are equal.

(viii) Oh! it is too hot.

(ix) Monika is a beautiful girl.

(x) Every quadratic equation has at least one real root.

**Solution:**

(i) Paris is in France, is a statement.

Paris is located in France, so the sentence is true.

So, the statement is true.

(ii) Each prime number has exactly two factors, is a statement.

This is a mathematically proven fact.

So, the statement is true.

(iii) The equation  $x^2 + 5|x| + 6 = 0$  has no real roots.

Find the roots of  $x^2 + 5|x| + 6 = 0$ :

Case 1:  $x \geq 0$

$x^2 + 5x + 6 = (x+2)(x+3) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, -3$  but we already assumed  $x \geq 0$ , which is a contradiction.

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Case 2:  $x < 0$

$x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x-2)(x-3) = 0 \Rightarrow x = (2,3)$  but we already assumed  $x < 0$ , which is a contradiction.

So, equation  $x^2 + 5|x| + 6 = 0$  has no real roots.

Therefore, the given sentence is true, and it is a statement.

**(iv)**  $(2 + \sqrt{3})$  is a complex number, is a statement.

Complex numbers are in the form ' $a+ib$ '.

$(2 + \sqrt{3})$  cannot be expressed in ' $a+ib$ ' form,.

$2 + \sqrt{3}$  is not a complex number.

The given sentence is a statement, and it is false.

**(v)** Is 6 a positive integer?

This is an interrogative sentence, so it is not a statement.

**(vi)** The product of -3 and -2 is -6, is a statement.

Product of -3 and -2 =  $-3 \times -2 = 6 \neq -6$

This statement is false.

**(vii)** The angles opposite the equal sides of an isosceles triangle are equal, is a statement.

It is a mathematically proven result.

So the given sentence is true.

**(viii)** Oh! it is too hot.

This is an exclamatory sentence, so it is not a statement.

**(ix)** Monika is a beautiful girl, is not a statement.

The given sentence is an opinion, can be true for some cases, false for some other case.

**(x)** Every quadratic equation has at least one real root, is a statement.

Because not every quadratic equation will have a real root.

So the given sentence is false.

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**Question 3:** Which of the following statements are true and which are false? In each case give a valid reason for your answer.

- (i) p:  $\sqrt{11}$  is an irrational number.
- (ii) q: Circle is a particular case of an ellipse.
- (iii) r: Each radius of a circle is a chord of the circle.
- (iv) S: The center of a circle bisects each chord of the circle.
- (v) t: If a and b are integers such that  $a < b$ , then  $-a > -b$ .
- (vi) y: The quadratic equation  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$  has no real roots.

**Solution:**

- (i) p:  $\sqrt{11}$  is an irrational number.

True statement.

Reason:

An irrational number is any number which cannot be expressed as a fraction of two integers.  $\sqrt{11}$  cannot be expressed as a fraction of two integers, so  $\sqrt{11}$  is an irrational number.

- (ii) q: Circle is a particular case of an ellipse.

True statement.

Reason:

The equation of an ellipse is  $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 = 1$

Special case: When  $a = b$

Then  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ , which is an equation of circle.

So, we can say that, a circle is a particular case of an ellipse with the same radius in all points.

- (iii) r: Each radius of a circle is a chord of the circle.

False statement.

Reason:

A chord intersects the circle at two points, but radius intersects the circle only at one point.

So the radius is not a chord of the circle.

- (iv) S: The center of a circle bisects each chord of the circle.

False statement.



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Reason:

The only diameter of a circle is bisected by the center of the circle. Except for diameter, no other chords are passes through the center of a circle.

(v) t: If a and b are integers such that  $a < b$ , then  $-a > -b$ .

True statement.

Reason:

$a < b$ , then  $-a > -b$  [By rule of inequality]

(vi) y: The quadratic equation  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$  has no real roots.

True statement.

Reason:

General form of a quadratic equation,  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , has no real roots if discriminant,  $D < 0$ .

Where  $D = b^2 - 4ac < 0$ .

Given equation;  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

Here,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 1$  and  $c = 1$

Now,  $b^2 - 4ac = 1 - 4 \times 1 \times 1 = -3 < 0$

So, there is no real root.

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### Exercise 29B

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**Question 1:** Split each of the following into simple sentences and determine whether it is true or false.

- (i) A line is straight and extends indefinitely in both the directions.
- (ii) A point occupies a position and its location can be determined.
- (iii) The sand heats up quickly in the sun and does not cool down fast at night.
- (iv) 32 is divisible by 8 and 12.
- (v)  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$ .
- (vi) 3 is rational, and  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational.
- (vii) All integers are rational numbers and all rational numbers are not real numbers.
- (viii) Lucknow is in Uttar Pradesh, and Kanpur is in Uttarakhand.

**Solution:**

(i) Let p: A line is straight.

And q: A line extends indefinitely in both the directions.

Both the sentences are True.

Therefore, the given sentence is TRUE.

(ii) Let p: A point occupies a position.

And q: Its location can be determined.

Both the sentences are True.

Therefore, the given sentence is TRUE.

(iii) Let p: The sand heats up quickly in the sun.

And q: The sand does not cool down fast at night.

Both the sentences are True.

Therefore, the given sentence is TRUE.

(iv) Let p: 32 is divisible by 8.

And q: 32 is divisible by 12.

The first sentence is True and the second sentence is False.

Therefore, the given sentence is FALSE.

(v) Let p:  $x = 1$  is a root of the equation  $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$

And q:  $x = 2$  is a root of the equation  $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$

The first sentence is False and the second sentence is True.

Therefore, the given sentence is FALSE.

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(vi) Let  $p$ : 3 is rational.

And,  $q$ :  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational.

Both the sentences are True.

Therefore, the given sentence is TRUE.

(vii) Let  $p$ : All integers are rational numbers.

And,  $q$ : All rational numbers are not real numbers.

The first sentence is True and the second sentence is False.

Therefore, the given sentence is FALSE.

(viii) Let  $p$ : Lucknow is in Uttar Pradesh.

And  $q$ : Kanpur is in Uttarakhand.

The first sentence is True and the second sentence is False.

Therefore, the given sentence is FALSE.

**Question 2: Split each of the following into simple sentences and determine whether it is true or false. Also, determine whether an 'inclusive or' or 'exclusive or' is used.**

(i) The sum of 3 and 7 is 10 or 11.

(ii)  $(1 + i)$  is a real or a complex number.

(iii) Every quadratic equation has one or two real roots.

(iv) You are wet when it rains, or you are in a river.

(v) 24 is a multiple of 5 or 8.

(vi) Every integer is rational or irrational.

(vii) For getting a driving license, you should have a ration card or a passport.

(viii) 100 is a multiple of 6 or 8.

(ix) Square of an integer is positive or negative.

(x) Sun rises or Moon sets.

**Solution:**

(i) The sum of 3 and 7 is 10 or 11.

Let  $p$ : The sum of 3 and 7 is 10.

And  $q$ : The sum of 3 and 7 is 11.

First sentence is TRUE. Second sentence is FALSE.

Or used is 'Exclusive or'.

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(ii)  $(1 + i)$  is a real or a complex number.

Let  $q$ :  $(1 + i)$  is a real number.

And  $q$ :  $(1 + i)$  is a complex number.

First sentence is TRUE. Second sentence is FALSE.

Or used is 'Exclusive or'.

(iii) Every quadratic equation has one or two real roots.

Let  $q$ : Every quadratic equation has one real root.

And  $q$ : Every quadratic equation has two real roots.

$P$  and  $q$  both are False.

Given sentence is FALSE.

(iv) You are wet when it rains, or you are in a river.

Let  $p$ : You are wet when it rains.

And  $q$ : You are wet when you are in a river.

$(p \text{ or } q)$  is true.

Or used is 'Inclusive or' because you can get wet either it rains or when you are in the river.

(v) 24 is a multiple of 5 or 8.

Let  $p$ : 24 is a multiple of 5.

And  $q$ : 24 is a multiple of 8.

First sentence is FALSE. Second sentence is TRUE.

Or used is 'Exclusive or'.



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**(vi)** Every integer is rational or irrational.

Let p: Every integer is rational.

And q: Every integer is irrational.

(p or q) is true.

'Or' used is 'Exclusive or'.

**(vii)** For getting a driving license you should have a ration card or a passport.

Let p: For getting a driving license you should have a ration card.

And q: For getting a driving license you should have a passport.

(p or q) is true.

Or used is 'Inclusive or', because you can get a driving license with ration card or with passport or when they have both.

**(viii)** 100 is a multiple of 6 or 8.

Let p: 100 is a multiple of 6.

And q: 100 is a multiple of 8.

(p or q) is FALSE.

**(ix)** Square of an integer is positive or negative.

Let p: Square of an integer is positive.

And q: Square of an integer is negative.

(p or q) is FALSE.

**(x)** Sun rises or Moon sets.

Let p: Sun rises.

And q: Moon sets.

(p or q) is TRUE.

Here, Or used is 'Exclusive or'.

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**Question 3:** Find the truth set in case of each of the following open sentences defined on  $N$ :

(i)  $x + 2 < 10$

(ii)  $x + 5 < 4$

(iii)  $x + 3 > 2$

**Solution:**

(i)

Given: The open sentence  $x + 2 < 10$  is defined on  $N$ .

Here  $N: \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, \dots\}$

At  $x = 1 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 3 < 10$

At  $x = 2 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 4 < 10$

At  $x = 3 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 5 < 10$

At  $x = 4 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 6 < 10$

At  $x = 5 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 7 < 10$

At  $x = 6 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 8 < 10$

At  $x = 7 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 9 < 10$

At  $x = 8 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 10$

$x = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  satisfies  $x + 2 < 10$ .

So, the truth set of open sentence  $x + 2 < 10$  defined on  $N : \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

(ii) The open sentence  $x + 5 < 4$  is defined on  $N$ .

Here  $N: \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, \dots\}$

At  $x = 1 \Rightarrow 1 + 5 = 6 > 4$

So, the truth set of open sentence  $x + 5 < 4$  defined on  $N$  is an empty set,  $\{\}$ .

(iii) The open sentence  $x + 3 > 2$  is defined on  $N$ .

Here  $N: \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, \dots\}$

At  $x = 1 \Rightarrow x + 3 = 4 > 2$

At  $x = 2 \Rightarrow x + 3 = 5 > 2$

At  $x = 3 \Rightarrow x + 3 = 6 > 2$

At  $x = 4 \Rightarrow x + 3 = 7 > 2$

At  $x = 5 \Rightarrow x + 3 = 8 > 2$

At  $x = 6 \Rightarrow x + 3 = 9 > 2$

At  $x = 7 \Rightarrow x + 3 = 10 > 2$

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And so on...

$x = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots\}$  satisfies  $x + 3 > 2$ .

So, the truth set of open sentence  $x + 3 > 2$  defined on  $N$  is an infinite set i.e.  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots\}$

**Question 4:** Let  $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$ . Examine whether the statements given below are true or false.

(i)  $\exists x \in A$  such that  $x + 3 > 9$ .

(ii)  $\exists x \in A$  such that  $x$  is even.

(iii)  $\exists x \in A$  such that  $x + 2 = 6$ .

(iv)  $\forall x \in A$ ,  $x$  is prime.

(v)  $\forall x \in A$ ,  $x + 2 < 10$ .

(vi)  $\forall x \in A$ ,  $x + 4 \geq 11$

**Solution:**

Given:  $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$

(i)  $\exists x \in A$  such that  $x + 3 > 9$ .

We have to check whether there exists 'x' which belongs to 'A', such that  $x + 3 > 9$ .

When  $x = 7 \in A$ ,

$$x + 3 = 7 + 3 = 10 > 9$$

So,  $\exists x \in A$  and  $x + 3 > 9$ .

So, the given statement is TRUE.

(ii)  $\exists x \in A$  such that  $x$  is even.

We have to check whether there exists 'x' which belongs to 'A', such that  $x$  is even.

$x = 2$ , is an even number and  $2 \in A$ .

So, the given statement is TRUE.

(iii)  $\exists x \in A$  such that  $x + 2 = 6$ .

We have to check whether there exists 'x' which belongs to 'A', such that  $x + 2 = 6$ .

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$$\text{At } x = 2 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 4 \neq 6$$

$$\text{At } x = 3 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 5 \neq 6$$

$$\text{At } x = 5 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 7 \neq 6$$

$$\text{At } x = 7 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 9 \neq 6$$

None of the values satisfy the equation.

So, the given statement is FALSE.

(iv)  $\forall x \in A$ ,  $x$  is prime.

We have to check whether for all 'x' which belongs to 'A', such that  $x$  is a prime number.

All 'x' which belongs to  $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$  is a prime number.

All are prime numbers.

So, the given statement is TRUE.

(v)  $\forall x \in A$ ,  $x + 2 < 10$ .

We have to check whether for all 'x' which belongs to 'A', such that  $x + 2 < 10$ .

$$A = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$$

$$\text{At } x = 2 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 4 < 10$$

$$\text{At } x = 3 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 5 < 10$$

$$\text{At } x = 5 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 7 < 10$$

$$\text{At } x = 7 \Rightarrow x + 2 = 9 < 10$$

$\forall x \in A$ ,  $x + 2 < 10$ , is a TRUE statement.

(vi)  $\forall x \in A$ ,  $x + 4 \geq 11$ .

We have to check whether for all 'x' which belongs to 'A', such that  $x + 4 \geq 11$ .

$$A = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$$

$$\text{At } x = 2 \Rightarrow x + 4 = 6 \geq 11$$

$$\text{At } x = 3 \Rightarrow x + 4 = 7 \geq 11$$

$$\text{At } x = 5 \Rightarrow x + 4 = 9 \geq 11$$

$$\text{At } x = 7 \Rightarrow x + 4 = 11 \geq 11$$

Only for  $x = 7$ , statement is true.

$\forall x \in A$ ,  $x + 4 \geq 11$ , is a FALSE statement.



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### Exercise 29C

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**Question 1:** Rewrite the following statement in five different ways conveying the same meaning.

**If a given number is a multiple of 6, then it is a multiple of 3.**

**Solution:**

- (i) A given number is a multiple of 6, it implies that it is a multiple of 3 as well.
- (ii) For a given number to be a multiple of 6, it is necessary that it is a multiple of 3.
- (iii) A given number is a multiple of 6 only if it is a multiple of 3.
- (iv) If the given number is not a multiple of 3, then it is not a multiple of 6.
- (v) For a given number to be a multiple of 3, it is sufficient that the number is multiple of 6.

**Question 2:** Write each of the following statements in the form 'if .... then' :

- (i) A rhombus is a square only if each of its angles measures  $90^\circ$ .
- (ii) When a number is a multiple of 9, it is necessarily a multiple of 3.
- (iii) You get a job implies that your credentials are good.
- (iv) Atmospheric humidity increase only if it rains.
- (v) If a number is not a multiple of 3, then it is not a multiple of 6.

**Solution:**

- (i) If each of the angles of a rhombus measures  $90^\circ$ , then the rhombus is a square.
- (ii) If a number is a multiple of 9, then the number is multiple of 3.
- (iii) If you get a job, then your credentials are good.
- (iv) If it rains, then the atmospheric humidity increases.
- (v) If a number is a multiple of 6, then it is a multiple of 3.

**Question 3:** Write the converse and contrapositive of each of the following :

- (i) If  $x$  is a prime number, then  $x$  is odd.
- (ii) If a positive integer  $n$  is divisible by 9, then the sum of its digits is divisible by 9.
- (iii) If the two lines are parallel, then they do not intersect in the same plane.
- (iv) If the diagonal of a quadrilateral bisect each other, then it is a parallelogram.
- (v) If  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $(X - B) \subseteq (X - A)$
- (vi) If  $f(2) = 0$ , then  $f(x)$  is divisible by  $(x - 2)$ .
- (vii) If you were born in India, then you are a citizen of India.
- (viii) If it rains, then I stay at home.

**Solution:**

(i) Converse: If  $x$  is an odd number, then it is a prime.

Contrapositive: If  $x$  is not an odd number, then it is not a prime.

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(ii) Converse: If  $x$  is an odd number, then it is a prime.

Contrapositive: If the sum of the digits of a positive integer  $n$  is not divisible by 9, then  $n$  is not divisible by 9.

(iii) Converse: If the two lines do not intersect in the same plane, then they are not parallel.

Contrapositive: If two lines intersect in the same plane, then they are not parallel.

(iv) Converse: If a quadrilateral is a parallelogram, then its diagonals bisect each other.

Contrapositive: If the quadrilateral is not a parallelogram, then its diagonals do not bisect each other.

(v) Converse: If  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$  such that  $(X - B) \subseteq (X - A)$ , then  $A \subseteq B$ .

Contrapositive: If  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$  such that  $(X - B)$  is not a subset of  $(X - A)$ , then  $A$  is not a subset of  $B$ .

(vi) Converse: If  $f(x)$  is divisible by  $(x-2)$ , then  $f(2) = 0$ .

Contrapositive: If  $f(x)$  is not divisible by  $(x-2)$ , then  $f(2) \neq 0$ .

(vii) Converse: If you are a citizen of India, then you were born in India.

Contrapositive: If you are not a citizen of India, then you were not born in India.

(viii) Converse: If I stay at home, then it rains.

Contrapositive: If I do not stay at home, then it does not rain.

**Question 4:** Given below are some pairs of statements. Combine each pair using if and only if:

(i)  $p$  : If a quadrilateral is equiangular, then it is a rectangle.

$q$  : If a quadrilateral is a rectangle, then it is equiangular.

(ii)  $p$  : If the sum of the digits of a number is divisible by 3, then the number is divisible by 3.

$q$  : If a number is divisible by 3, then the sum of its digits is divisible by 3.

(iii)  $p$  : A quadrilateral is a parallelogram if its diagonals bisect each other.

$q$  : If the diagonals of a quadrilateral bisect each other, then it is a parallelogram.

(iv)  $p$  : If  $f(a) = 0$ , then  $(x - a)$  is a factor of polynomial  $f(x)$ .

$q$  : If  $(x - a)$  is a factor of polynomial  $f(x)$ , then  $f(a) = 0$ .

(v)  $p$  : If a square matrix  $A$  is invertible, then  $|A|$  is nonzero.

$q$  : If  $A$  is a square matrix such that  $|A|$  is nonzero, then  $A$  is invertible.

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**Solution:**

- (i) A quadrilateral is a rectangle if and only if it is equiangular.
- (ii) A number is divisible by 3 if and only if the sum of the digits of the number is divisible by 3.
- (iii) A quadrilateral is a parallelogram if and only if its diagonals bisect each other.
- (iv)  $(x-a)$  is a factor of polynomial  $f(x)$  if and only if  $f(a) = 0$ .
- (v) Square matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $|A|$  is nonzero.

**Question 5 : write each of the following using 'if and only if' :**

- (i) In order to get A grade, it is necessary and sufficient that you do all the homework regularly.
- (ii) If you watch television, then your mind is free, and if your mind is free, then you watch television.

**Solution:**

- (i) You get an A grade if and only if you do all your homework regularly.
- (ii) You watch television if and only if your mind is free.



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### Exercise 29D

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**Question 1:** Let  $p$  : If  $x$  is an integer and  $x^2$  is even, then  $x$  is even,

Using the method of contrapositive, prove that  $p$  is true.

**Solution:**

Let  $p$ :  $x$  is an integer and  $x^2$  is even.

$q$ :  $x$  is even

For contrapositive,

$\sim p$  =  $x$  is an integer and  $x^2$  is not even.

$\sim q$  =  $x$  is not even.

Now, the statement is: If  $x$  is an integer and  $x^2$  is not even, then  $x$  is not even.

Proof:

Let  $x$  be an odd integer and  $x = 2n + 1$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = (2n+1)^2 = 4n^2 + 4n + 1 \text{ (odd integer)}$$

Thus, if  $x$  is an integer and  $x^2$  is not even, then  $x$  is not even.

**Question 2:** Consider the statement:

$q$  : For any real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $a^2 = b^2 \Rightarrow a = b$

By giving a counter-example, prove that  $q$  is false.

**Solution:**

Let us take the numbers  $a = +7$  and  $b = -7$ .

$$a^2 = (+7)^2 = 49$$

$$b^2 = (-7)^2 = 49$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = b^2$$

But,  $+7 \neq -7$

$$\Rightarrow a \neq b.$$

Thus  $q$  is false.



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**Question 3: By giving a counter-example, show that the statement is false :**

**p : If n is an odd positive integer, then n is prime.**

**Solution:**

Prime number definition, a number must only have itself and 1 as its factors.

Let us take an odd positive integer,  $n = 15$

Since 15 is an odd positive integer but not prime number.

Thus, statement p is false.

**Question 4: Use contradiction method to prove that :**

**"p:  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational" is a true statement.**

**Solution:**

Contradiction statement:  $\sqrt{3}$  is a rational number.

Proof:

If  $\sqrt{3}$  is a rational number, then  $\sqrt{3} = p/q$  where (p, q) co-prime.

or  $q = p/\sqrt{3}$

or  $q^2 = p^2/3 \dots (1)$

Thus,  $p^2$  must be divisible by 3. Hence p will also be divisible by 3.

We can write  $p = 3k$ , where k is a constant.

$\Rightarrow p^2 = 9k^2$

(1) $\Rightarrow$

$q^2 = 9k^2/3 = 3k^2$

or  $k^2 = q^2/3$

Thus,  $q^2$  must be divisible by 3, which implies that q will also be divisible by 3.

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Thus, both  $p$  and  $q$  are divisible by 3.

Which is a contradiction, as we assume that  $p$  and  $q$  are co-prime.

Thus,  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational.

Hence, the statement  $p$  is true.

**Question 5: By giving a counter-example, show that the following statement is false:**  
 **$p$ : If all the sides of a triangle are equal, then the triangle is obtuse angled.**

**Solution:**

We know, Obtuse angles lie between  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ .

By the properties of triangles, if all sides of the triangle are equal, then all its angles are also equal.

Let each angle of the triangle be  $x^\circ$ , then

$$x^\circ + x^\circ + x^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$3x^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$x^\circ = 60^\circ$$

[The sum of all angles of a triangle is  $180^\circ$ ]

Thus, all angles of the triangle measure  $60^\circ$  which is an acute angle.

Thus, the statement  $p$  is false.