

**Definition 1.21:** Let  $p$  and  $q$  are two propositions, then

1. The proposition " $q \rightarrow p$ " is called the **converse** of " $p \rightarrow q$ ".

2. The proposition " $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$ " is called the **inverse** of

" $p \rightarrow q$ ".

**Example 1.22:** What is the converse and the inverse of the conditional statement:

"if  $x > 5, x \in N$  then  $x > 3$ "?

What is the truth value of the statement and its inverse and converse?

**Solution:** The statement "if  $x > 5$  then  $x > 3$ " Type equation here.

The truth value:  $T \rightarrow T = T$

The **converse** is "if  $x > 3$  then  $x > 5$ "

The truth value: for  $x = \{4, 5\}; T \rightarrow F = F$

For  $x = \{6, 7, \dots\}, T \rightarrow T = T$

The **inverse** is "if  $x \leq 5$  then  $x \leq 3$ "

The truth value: for  $x = \{1, 2, 3\}; T \rightarrow T = T$

For  $x = \{4, 5\}, T \rightarrow F = F$

**Properties of the conditional operator:** (خواص أداة الشرط) ( $\rightarrow$ )

Let  $p, q$  and  $r$  are three propositions. Using the **truth table** show that: (H.

W) 1.  $p \rightarrow q \neq q \rightarrow p$

2.  $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r \neq p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$



3. Find the truth value of:  $p \rightarrow T$ ,  $p \rightarrow F$ ,  $p \rightarrow \sim p$ ,  $p \rightarrow p$

4. **Bi-conditional operator** أداة الشرط المزدوج : English word (if and only if), Arabic word (إذا فقط إذا), symbol ( $\leftrightarrow$ )

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be propositions. The *bi-conditional* statement " $p \leftrightarrow q$ " is the proposition " $p$  if and only if  $q$ ". The bi-conditional statement is **true** when  $p$  and  $q$  have the same true value, and is **false** otherwise.

لتكن كل من  $p$  و  $q$  عبارة بسيطة. تكون العبارة المركبة " $p$  إذا فقط إذا  $q$ " والتي يرمز لها بالرمز ( $\leftrightarrow$ ) صادقة في حالة تشابه قيم صدق العبارتين وكاذبة فيما عدا ذلك.

P	Q	P if and only if Q
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

The truth table for the bi-conditional of two propositions

**Remark1.23:** There are some other ways to express " $p \leftrightarrow q$ ":

" $p$  iff  $q$ "

"if  $p$  then  $q$ , and if  $q$  then  $p$ "

" $p$  is necessary and sufficient for  $q$ ".

**Example1.24:** Find the truth value of " $x > 0 \leftrightarrow 2x > 0$ "

**Solution:** The statement is true because

If  $x > 0$  then  $2x > 0$  and if  $2x > 0$  then  $x > 0$

**Example1.25:** Find the truth value of " $x > 0 \leftrightarrow x^2 > 0$ " (H. W.)

**Example1.26:** Let  $p$ : you can take the flight (True)



$q$ : you can buy a ticket (True)

Then the bi-conditional statement  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is

“you can take the flight if and only if you can buy a ticket”

Discuss the truth values of the bi-conditional statement.

**Solution:** The statement  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is **true**

“you buy a ticket  $\leftrightarrow$  can take the flight”

or

“you do not buy a ticket  $\leftrightarrow$  cannot take the flight”.

The statement  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is **false** when  $p$  and  $q$  have opposite truth values.

“you do not buy a ticket  $\leftrightarrow$  you can take the flight”

or

“you buy a ticket  $\leftrightarrow$  cannot take the flight”.

### Properties of the biconditional operator خواص أداة الشرط المزدوج

Let  $p, q$  and  $r$  are three propositions. Using the **truth table** show that: (H. W)

1.  $p \leftrightarrow q = q \leftrightarrow p$

2.  $(p \leftrightarrow q) \leftrightarrow r = p \leftrightarrow (q \leftrightarrow r)$

3. Find the truth value of:  $p \leftrightarrow T, p \leftrightarrow F, p \leftrightarrow \sim p, p \leftrightarrow p$ .

### Exercise 1.27:

1. Find the truth value of the following statements:

[(if  $2 + 3 = 4$  then  $x + 4 = 4 + x$ ) and 8 is an even number] iff ( $2 \leq -10$  or  $2 \geq -10$ ).



Solution:  $[(F \rightarrow T) \wedge T] \leftrightarrow (F \vee T) = [T \wedge T] \leftrightarrow T = T \leftrightarrow T = T$

2. Let  $p$ : horse can swim

$q$ : Conjunction operator is useful

$r$ :  $\sqrt{x+y} = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$  for  $x, y \in N$

Find the truth value of the following statements:

1.  $\neg p \rightarrow r$

$\rightarrow$

2.  $(p \wedge r) \wedge q$

$\rightarrow$

3.  $[(p \wedge r) \vee (q \rightarrow \sim p)]$

3. Write the truth table of the following statements:

i)  $\sim p \wedge q$

ii)  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$  iii)  $(p \rightarrow q) \vee \sim (q \leftrightarrow p)$

4. Write the following statements using the connections operators  $\rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \wedge, \vee$

i) If  $p$  and  $q$  integer numbers and  $q \neq 0$  then  $\frac{p}{q}$  is a rational number

ii) If  $x^2$  is integer number then  $x$  is even or odd number iii)  $xy > 0$  if and only if  $(x > 0$  and  $y > 0)$  or  $(x < 0$  and  $y < 0)$

**Definition 1.28:** A compound proposition that is always true is called a **tautology** or **lemma** or **theorem**.

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A compound proposition that is always false is called a **contradiction**.



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**Example 1.29:** Show that  $(p \vee \sim p)$  is tautology and  $(p \wedge \sim p)$  is contradiction.

**Solution:**

p	$\sim p$	$p \vee \sim p$ tautology	$p \wedge \sim p$ contradiction
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F

**Example 1.30:** (H. W) which of the following compound statements is theorem (tautology) and which one is contradiction  $p \wedge F$ ,  $p \vee T$ ,  $p \leftrightarrow \sim p$ ,  $[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge p] \wedge \sim q$

**Definition 1.31: Logical Equivalence** التكافؤ المنطقي

Two statements (propositions) that have **same** truth values are called **logically equivalent**. The notation  $p \equiv q$  or  $p = q$  denotes that p and q are logically equivalent.

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**Example 1.32:** show that  $\sim (p \vee q) = \sim p \wedge \sim q$  (logically equivalent).

**Hint:** make truth table

**Solution:** The truth table for  $\sim (p \vee q)$  and  $\sim p \wedge \sim q$  is



P	Q	$p \vee q$	$\sim(p \vee q)$	$\sim p$	$\sim q$	$\sim p \wedge \sim q$
T	T	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	T	T	T	T

**Definition 1.33:** Let  $p, q$  and  $r$  three propositions, then define the following logical equivalence:

$$1. p \wedge q = \sim(\sim p \vee \sim q)$$

$$2. p \rightarrow q = \sim p \vee q$$

$$3. p \leftrightarrow q = (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

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**De Morgan's Theorem:** Let  $p$  and  $q$  are two propositions. Then

$$1. \sim(p \wedge q) = \sim p \vee \sim q \text{ (H. W)}$$

$$2. \sim(p \vee q) = \sim p \wedge \sim q$$



**Proof (2):** Take the right hand side (R. H. S)



$$\begin{aligned} \sim p \wedge \sim q &= \sim (\sim \sim p \vee \sim \sim q) \quad [\text{definition of } \wedge] \\ &= \sim (p \vee q) \quad [\text{double negation law: } \sim \sim p = p] \\ &= \text{Left hand side (L. H. S).} \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 1.34:** Simplify the following statements:

1.  $\sim(p \vee \sim q)$
2.  $\sim(\sim p \rightarrow q)$
3.  $\sim(\sim p \leftrightarrow q)$

**Solution(1):**  $\sim(p \vee \sim q) = \sim p \wedge \sim \sim q$  [De Morgan's law]  
 $= \sim p \wedge q$  [ $\sim \sim q = q$ ]

**Solution(2):**  $\sim(\sim p \rightarrow q) = \sim(\sim \sim p \vee q)$   
 $= \sim(p \vee q)$  [ $\sim \sim p = p$ ]  
 $= \sim p \wedge \sim q$  [De Morgan's law]

### Laws of Logical Equivalence قوانين التطابق المنطقي

Let  $p, q$  and  $r$  are propositions. The following are some of the common logical equivalence rules:

1. **Commutative Law** قانون الإبدال:  $p \wedge q = q \wedge p$

$$p \vee q = q \vee p$$

$$p \leftrightarrow q = q \leftrightarrow p$$

2. **Associative Law** قانون التجميع:  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r = p \wedge (q \wedge r)$



$$(p \vee q) \vee r = p \vee (q \vee r)$$

$$(p \leftrightarrow q) \leftrightarrow r = p \leftrightarrow (q \leftrightarrow r)$$

3. Distributive Law (from left) قانون التوزيع من اليسار:

$$p \wedge (q \vee r) = (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

$$p \wedge (q \wedge r) = (p \wedge q) \wedge (p \wedge r)$$

$$p \vee (q \wedge r) = (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$$

$$p \vee (q \vee r) = (p \vee q) \vee (p \vee r)$$

$$p \vee (q \rightarrow r) = (p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \vee r)$$

$$p \vee (q \leftrightarrow r) = (p \vee q) \leftrightarrow (p \vee r)$$

4. Distributive Law (from right) قانون التوزيع من اليمين:

$$(q \vee r) \wedge p = (q \wedge p) \vee (r \wedge p)$$

$$(q \wedge r) \wedge p = (q \wedge p) \wedge (r \wedge p)$$

$$(q \wedge r) \vee p = (q \vee p) \wedge (r \vee p)$$

$$(q \vee r) \vee p = (q \vee p) \vee (r \vee p)$$

$$(q \rightarrow r) \vee p = (q \vee p) \rightarrow (r \vee p)$$

$$(q \leftrightarrow r) \vee p = (q \vee p) \leftrightarrow (r \vee p)$$

5. Idempotent Law قانون تساوي القوى :  $p \wedge p = p$ ;  $p \vee p = p$



6. Identity Law:  $p \wedge T = p; p \vee F = p$

7. Domination Law:  $p \wedge F = F; p \vee T = T$

**Exercise 1.35:** Simplify the following statements using laws of logical equivalence:

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1.  $(p \vee q) \wedge \sim p$

2.  $(p \vee q) \vee (\sim p \wedge q)$

**Exercise 1.36:** Prove (without using the truth table) that

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$$\sim (p \vee (\sim p \wedge q)) = \sim p \wedge \sim q$$

**Solution:** Take the L. H. S

$$\begin{aligned} \sim (p \vee (\sim p \wedge q)) &= \sim p \wedge \sim (\sim p \wedge q) \text{ [ De Morgan's law]} \\ &= \sim p \wedge (\sim \sim p \vee \sim q) \text{ [ De Morgan's law]} \\ &= \sim p \wedge (p \vee \sim q) \text{ [by double negation law]} \\ &= (\sim p \wedge p) \vee (\sim p \wedge \sim q) \text{ [by distributive law]} \\ &= F \vee (\sim p \wedge \sim q) \text{ [}\sim p \wedge p = F\text{]} \\ &= (\sim p \wedge \sim q) \vee F \text{ [by commutative law]} \\ &= \sim p \wedge \sim q \text{ R. H. S} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.37:** (Properties of  $\rightarrow$ )



Let  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $r$  are three propositions. Prove the following properties without using truth tables:

1.  $p \rightarrow p = T$

2.  $\sim p \rightarrow p = p$

3.  $p \rightarrow T = T$

4.  $T \rightarrow p = p$

5.  $p \rightarrow F = \sim p$

6.  $F \rightarrow p = T$

7.  $p \rightarrow q = \sim q \rightarrow \sim p$

8.  $p \rightarrow q = (p \wedge \sim q) \rightarrow \sim p$

9.  $p \rightarrow q = (p \wedge \sim q) \rightarrow (r \wedge \sim r)$

10.  $\sim (p \rightarrow q) = p \wedge \sim q$

**Proof 1:** To prove  $p \rightarrow p = T$

$$\begin{aligned} p \rightarrow p &= \sim p \vee p \quad [\text{def. of } \rightarrow] \\ &= T \end{aligned}$$

**Proof 4:** To prove  $T \rightarrow p = p$

$$\begin{aligned} T \rightarrow p &= \sim T \vee p \quad [\text{def. of } \rightarrow] \\ &= F \vee p \quad [\sim T = F] \\ &= p \end{aligned}$$



Proof 7: To prove  $p \rightarrow q = \sim q \rightarrow \sim p$

$$\begin{aligned} p \rightarrow q &= \sim p \vee q \quad [\text{def. of } \rightarrow] \\ &= q \vee \sim p \quad [\vee \text{ is commutative}] \\ &= \sim q \rightarrow \sim p \end{aligned}$$

Proof 8: To prove  $p \rightarrow q = (p \wedge \sim q) \rightarrow \sim p$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Take the R. H. S: } & (p \wedge \sim q) \rightarrow \sim p \\ &= \sim (p \wedge \sim q) \vee \sim p \quad [\text{def. of } \rightarrow] \\ &= (\sim p \vee \sim \sim q) \vee \sim p \quad [\text{De Morgan}] \\ &= (\sim p \vee q) \vee \sim p \quad [q = \sim \sim q] \\ &= \sim p \vee (q \vee \sim p) \quad [\vee \text{ is associative}] \\ &= \sim p \vee (\sim p \vee q) \quad [\vee \text{ is comm.}] \\ &= (\sim p \vee \sim p) \vee q \quad [\vee \text{ is asso.}] \\ &= \sim p \vee q \quad [p \vee p = p] \\ &= p \rightarrow q \quad [\text{def. of } \rightarrow] \\ &= \text{L. H. S} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.38: (Properties of  $\leftrightarrow$ )**

Let  $p$  and  $q$  are two propositions. Prove the following properties without using truth tables:

1.  $p \leftrightarrow p = T, p \leftrightarrow T = p, p \leftrightarrow F = \sim p$

2.  $p \leftrightarrow \sim p = F$



$$3. \neg p \leftrightarrow q = \neg q \leftrightarrow p$$

$$4. p \leftrightarrow \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q = q$$

$$5. \neg p \leftrightarrow q = p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

$$6. \neg (p \leftrightarrow q) = \neg p \leftrightarrow q$$

$$7. \neg (p \leftrightarrow q) = p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

**Proof 1:** To prove  $p \leftrightarrow T = p$

$$\begin{aligned} p \leftrightarrow T &= (p \rightarrow T) \wedge (T \rightarrow p) \quad [\text{def. of } \leftrightarrow] \\ &= (\neg p \vee T) \wedge (\neg T \vee p) \quad [\text{def. of } \rightarrow] \\ &= (\neg p \vee T) \wedge (F \vee p) \quad [\neg T = F] \\ &= T \wedge p \quad [\neg p \vee T = T] \\ &= p \end{aligned}$$

**Proof 6:**  $\neg (p \leftrightarrow q) = \neg p \leftrightarrow q$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Take L. H. S: } \neg (p \leftrightarrow q) &= \neg [(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)] \quad [\text{def. of } \leftrightarrow] \\ &= \neg (p \rightarrow q) \vee \neg (q \rightarrow p) \quad [\text{De Morgan}] \\ &= \neg (\neg p \vee q) \vee \neg (\neg q \vee p) \quad [\text{def. of } \rightarrow] \\ &= (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p) \quad [\text{De Morgan}] \\ &= [(p \wedge \neg q) \vee q] \wedge [(p \wedge \neg q) \vee \neg p] \quad [\text{distributive } (\vee \text{ on } \wedge)] \\ &= [(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee q)] \wedge [(p \vee \neg p) \wedge (q \vee \neg p)] \quad [\text{dist. } (\vee \text{ on } \wedge)] \end{aligned}$$



$$= [(p \vee q) \wedge T] \wedge [T \wedge (\sim q \vee \sim p)]$$

$$= (p \vee q) \wedge (\sim q \vee \sim p)$$

$$= (\sim p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow \sim p) \text{ [ def. of } \rightarrow \text{]} = \sim p \leftrightarrow q \text{ [ def. of } \leftrightarrow \text{]}$$

### Mathematical Proof البرهان الرياضي

A mathematical proof is a valid argument that establishes the truth of a mathematical statement.

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### Methods of Proving Mathematical Statements (or Theorems)

#### 1. Direct Proof of a conditional statement $p \rightarrow q$

Direct proofs lead from the hypothesis of a theorem to the conclusion.

**Definition 1.39:** The integer number  $x$  is called **even** if there exist  $k \in Z$  such that  $x = 2k$ .

**Definition 1.40:** The integer number  $x$  is called **odd** if there exist  $k \in Z$  such that  $x = 2k + 1$ .

**Theorem 1.41:** If  $x$  is an odd natural number ( $x \in O$ ) then  $x^2$  is odd

**Proof:** Assume that  $x$  is an odd natural number. We must prove  $x^2$  is odd

Since  $x$  is odd, then  $x = 2k + 1$  for some  $k \in N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= x \cdot x = (2k + 1)(2k + 1) = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $s = 2k^2 + 2k \in N$ , then  $x^2 = 2s + 1$

Hence,  $x^2$  is an odd number.



**Theorem 1.42:** (H. W.) If  $x$  is an even natural number ( $x \in E$ ) then  $x^2$  is even.

**Theorem 1.43:** The sum of two even natural numbers is even

The theorem can be written as follows: If  $x, y \in E^+$  then  $x + y \in E^+$   
where  $E^+ =$  set of positive even numbers.

**Proof:** Let  $p: x$  and  $y$  are even positive numbers,

$q: x + y$  is an even positive number

Let  $x = 2r$  and  $y = 2s$  ( $r, s \in N$ ). Then  $x + y = 2r + 2s = 2(r + s)$  such that  $r + s \in N$

$x + y = 2k$  where  $k = r + s$ . Therefore  $x + y$  is a positive even number.

**Theorem 1.44:** (H. W.)

i) If  $x \in E$  and  $y \in O$  then  $x + y \in O$

ii) If  $x \in E$  and  $y \in O$  then  $xy \in E$  iii)

iii) If  $x, y \in E$  then  $x + y \in E$

$$E + O = O$$

$$E \cdot O = E$$

$$E + E = E$$

## 2. Direct Proof of a conditional statement $p \leftrightarrow q$

To prove a proposition in the form  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , we prove its equivalence. i.e.,

$$p \leftrightarrow q = (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

**Theorem 1.45:**  $x$  is odd number  $\leftrightarrow x+1$  is an even

number **Proof:** Let  $p: x$  is odd number

$q: x+1$  is

an even number

من التعريف أعلاه يجب أن نبرهن بان  $p \rightarrow q$  و  $q \rightarrow p$



1. Prove  $p \rightarrow q$ : Let  $x \in O, x = 2k + 1; k \in Z$

$$x+1=2k+2=2(k+1); (k+1) \in Z$$

$$x+1=2r; r=k+1 \in Z$$

$$x+1 \in E$$

2. Prove  $q \rightarrow p$ : Let  $x+1 \in E$  To prove  $x \in O$

$$x+1=2k; k \in Z$$

$$x=2k-1; k \in Z \dots\dots(1)$$

Since  $k \in Z$ , then  $r = k - 1 \in Z$

$$k = r + 1 \dots\dots(2)$$

Substitute (2) in (1),  $x = 2(r + 1) - 1 = 2r + 1; r \in Z$

$$x = 2r + 1 \in O$$

**Theorem 1.46:**  $x$  is even  $\leftrightarrow x^2$  is even

**Proof:** Let  $p$ :  $x$  is even number

$q$ :  $x^2$  is even number

من التعريف أعلاه يجب أن نبرهن بان  $q \rightarrow p$  و  $p \rightarrow q$

1. Prove  $p \rightarrow q$ : Let  $x \in E, x = 2k; k \in Z$

Prove  $x^2 \in E$  (Theorem (1.44) مشابه لبرهان)

2. Prove  $q \rightarrow p$ : Let  $x^2 \in E$  To prove  $x \in E$

Take  $x^2 + x = x(x+1) \in E$  [from Theorem 1.46(ii)]

$\Rightarrow x = x(x+1) - x^2 \in E$  [Theorem 1.46(iii)]

$\Rightarrow x \in E$

$E \quad E$   
 $E + E = E \cdot (0)$   
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**Theorem 1.47:** (H. W.)  $x$  is odd number if and only if  $x^2$  is odd number.

### 3. Proof by Contradiction

البرهان بالتناقض هو أن نفرض عكس المطلوب إثباته ثم نحصل على تناقض مع الفرض

**Theorem 1.48:** Prove that: If  $x^2 \in O$  then  $x \in O$

**Proof:** Assume that  $x^2 \in O$ . To prove  $x \in O$

By contradiction, assume that  $x \in E$

$$x = 2k ; k \in Z$$

$$x^2 = 4k^2 \in E$$

تناقض مع الفرض لأنه في الفرض  $x^2 \in O$

$\therefore x \in O$ .

**Theorem 1.49:** If  $x^2$  is even then  $x$  is even

**Proof:** Assume that  $x^2 \in E$ . To prove  $x \in E$

By contradiction, assume that  $x \in O$

$$x = 2k + 1 ; k \in Z$$

تناقض مع الفرض  $x^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 \in O$

$\Rightarrow x^2 \in E$ . Hence,  $x \in E$ .

**Theorem 1.50:** Prove that: If  $n = ab$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a \leq \sqrt{n} \vee b \leq \sqrt{n}$ .



**Proof:** Let  $p: n = ab$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integer **hypothesis**

$q: a \leq \sqrt{n} \vee b \leq \sqrt{n}$  **conclusion**

The first step is to assume that the **conclusion** is false as follows:

Assume that  $a \leq \sqrt{n} \vee b \leq \sqrt{n}$  is false (F). Hence,  $\sim(a \leq \sqrt{n} \vee b \leq \sqrt{n})$  is true (T).

$$\begin{aligned}\sim(a \leq \sqrt{n} \vee b \leq \sqrt{n}) &= \sim(a \leq \sqrt{n}) \text{ and } \sim(b \leq \sqrt{n}) \text{ [De Morgan's law]} \\ &= a > \sqrt{n} \text{ and } b > \sqrt{n}\end{aligned}$$

Multiply the two inequalities together,  $ab > n$  هذه المتراجحة تناقض الفرض

This shows that  $ab \neq n$  **contradiction with the hypothesis**

Thus,  $a \leq \sqrt{n} \vee b \leq \sqrt{n}$  is true.

### Definition 1.51: Variable المتغير

An alphabetic letter  $x, y, z, \dots$  which represents a number that is either arbitrary or unknown.

Example 1.52: " $4x - 7 = 5$ ":  $x$  is a variable

" $\sqrt[3]{z} = 3$ ":  $z$  is a variable

### Definition 1.53: Open Sentence الجملة المفتوحة

A sentence is called **open sentence** (or propositional function), if it contains one or more variables. Open sentence is denoted by  $p(x), q(x), g(x), \dots$  etc. (الكلمة المضروبة)

Example 1.54: The following are open sentences:

$p(x)$ :  $x$  is an odd number

إذا كانت  
أو أكثر  
 $p(x), q(x)$   
 $g(x) - -$



$q(x, y): x + y = 5$  such that  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$

$\sqrt[3]{z}: \sqrt[3]{z} = 3$  such that  $z \in \mathbb{R}$

$s(y)$ : computer  $y$  is working properly

**Example 1.55:** Let the open sentence " $p(x): x > 3$ ".

What are the truth value of  $p(5)$  and  $p(-1)$ ? Which values  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  that make  $p(x)$  true?

**Solution:**  $p(5): 5 > 3$  is a true proposition

$p(-1): -1 > 3$  is a false proposition

$p(x)$  is a true statement for  $x \in \{4, 5, 6, \dots\}$ .

**Example 1.56:** Let the propositional function  $q(x, y): x = y + 3$ . What are the truth values of  $q(1, 2)$  and  $q(3, 0)$ ?

**Solution:**  $q(1, 2): 1 = 2 + 3$ . This means  $1 = 5$  which is false. Thus,  $q(1, 2)$  is false statement

$q(3, 0): 3 = 0 + 3 = 3$ . Hence  $q(3, 0)$  is true proposition

**Example 1.57: (H. W)** Let the open sentence " $r(x, y, z): x + y = z$ ".

What are the truth values of  $r(1, 2, 3)$  and  $r(0, 0, 1)$ ?

**Definition 1.58: Solution Set (Truth set)**

Let  $p(x)$  be an open sentence and let  $A$  be a set. The solution set denoted by  $T_p$  is the set of all elements  $x$  of  $A$  for which  $p(x)$  is true. In other words

$$T_p = \{x \in A : p(x) \text{ is true}\}$$

مجموعة الحل أو مجموعة الصدق: هي مجموعة العناصر التي تجعل التعبير المفتوح  $p(x)$  عبارة صادقة.

$T_p$  مجموعة الصدق (مجموعة الحل)  
 $p(x)$  عبارة صادقة