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# **Traditional Square of Opposition**

# Opposition

Standard form of categorical proposition having same subject term and same predicate term but differ from each other in Quality and Quantity is called opposition.

# Four types of Traditional square of opposition

- Contradictories
- Contraries
- Sub-contraries
- Sub-Alternation

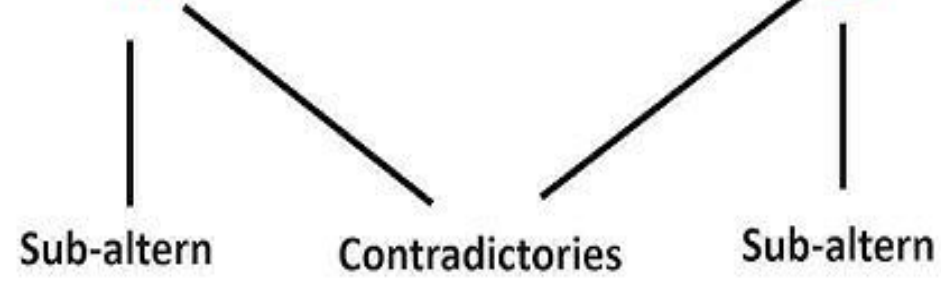
All S are I

No S are I

**A and E are Contraries**

**A** — Contraries — **E**

Both can be false together,  
but both can't be true  
together.



**I and O are Sub-contraries**

Both can be true together,  
but both can't be false  
together.

Some S are I

Some S are not I

# Contraries

Two propositions having same subject term and same predicate term but differ in quality, but same in quantity.

Both cannot be true but both can be false.

# Example of contraries

- All poets are dreamers,
- No poets are dreamers.

# Sub-Contraries

When two propositions having same subject term and same predicate term and differ in quality but same in quantity.

Both cannot be false but both can be true.





# Example of sub-contraries

- Some diamonds are precious stones.
- Some diamonds are not precious stones

# Sub-Alternation

When two propositions having same subject term and same predicate term agree in quality but different in quantity.

# Example of Sub-Alternation

- All Spiders are eight leged animal.
- Some spiders are eight leged animal
  
- No whales are fishes
- Some wales are fishes

## Sub-Alternation has two types

- 1) Super-altern
- 2) Sub-altern

# Super-altern

It is used for universal proposition

# Sub-Altern

It is used for particular proposition

# Contradictories

One is the denial or negation of the others

Both cannot be true

Both cannot be false

## Example of Contradictories

- All Judges are lawyers.
- Some Judges are not lawyers.



**Thank You**