

# Logics and Statistics for Language Modeling

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- Let  $\varphi$  be a formula in DL. Then  $\varphi$  is satisfiable iff

$$M, g \models T_x(\varphi)$$

for  $M$  a first-order model for the signature  
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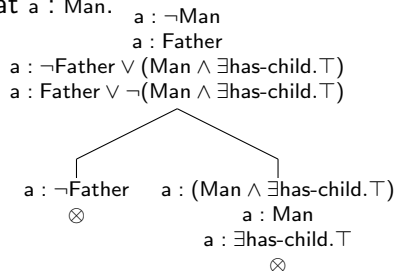


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## Exercises

Prove that, with respect to the following definitions,

$$\text{Man} \equiv \text{Male} \wedge \text{Human}$$

$$\text{Parent} \equiv \exists \text{children.} \top$$

$$\text{Father} \equiv \text{Man} \wedge \text{Parent}$$

$$\text{Father-with-only-male-children} \equiv \text{Father} \wedge \text{Human} \wedge (\forall \text{children. Male})$$

$$\text{Father-with-only-sons} \equiv \text{Man} \wedge (\exists \text{children.} \top) \wedge (\forall \text{children. Man})$$

the concept Father-with-only-sons and Father-with-only-male-children are **not** equivalent.