

# Alloy

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- A little awkward, defining each constraint for both father and mother
  - Parent makes more sense



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- Can also get an instance that satisfies the predicate
  - Run parent for 5

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- And check our assertion:

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check sibsNotParents for 5
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# Quantifiers

- `some` – same as  $\exists$ , one or more elements (match the property)
- `all` – same as  $\forall$ , all elements (match the property)
- `no` – same as  $\neg\exists$ , there exist no elements (match the property)
- `one` – exactly one element (matches the property)
- `lone` – zero or one element (match the property)

# Transitive Closure

- $p.mother$   
 $p.mother.mother$   
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...
- $p.^{\wedge}mother$  – a set of persons, closed under the *mother* operation
- $p.*mother$  – a set of persons, closed under the *mother* operation, includes  $p$