# **Exercise 8: Datalog**

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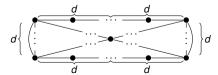
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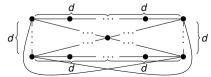
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2. For  $\varphi$  with quantifier rank r, consider counterexamples of size  $d=3^r$ :





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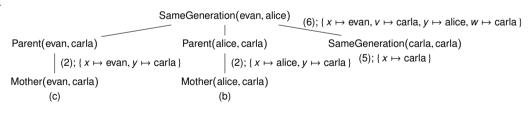
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