

## Unsatisfiability of $G_{p,\top}$

*Definition:*  $G_{p,\top}$  is obtained from  $G$  by deleting each clause, in which  $p$  occurs as a literal, and deleting each occurrence of  $\neg p$ .

*Claim:* If  $G$  is unsatisfiable, then  $G_{p,\top}$  is unsatisfiable.

*Proof.* We proof the *contra-positive* statement:

If  $G_{p,\top}$  is satisfiable, then  $G$  is satisfiable.

Assume that  $G_{p,\top}$  is satisfiable. Then, there is a model  $I$  of  $G_{p,\top}$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $p^I = \top$ , since the variable  $p$  does not occur in the formula  $G_{p,\top}$  (see Problem 3.41). We now show that for every clause  $C$  appearing in  $G$  it holds that  $C^I = \top$ :

Let  $C$  be a clause appearing in  $G$ . If  $p$  appears as a literal in  $C$ , then  $C^I = \top$  follows immediately from the definition of generalized disjunction. Otherwise,  $p$  does not appear as a literal in  $C$ . From the construction of  $G_{p,\top}$ , we know that there is a clause  $D$  appearing in  $G_{p,\top}$  that is obtained from  $C$  by deleting each occurrence of  $\neg p$ . We know by assumption that  $D^I = \top$ , since  $I$  is a model of  $G_{p,\top}$ . Then, there is a literal  $L$  appearing in  $D$  with  $L^I = \top$ . We know that  $L \neq \neg p$ , since  $\neg p^I = \perp$ , and  $L \neq p$  since  $p$  does not occur in  $D$ . Therefore,  $L$  appears in  $C$  as well. Then,  $C^I = \top$ . Consequently,  $I$  is a model of  $G$ . Hence,  $G$  is satisfiable.

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### Contraposition

Note that  $(F \rightarrow G) \equiv (\neg F \vee G) \equiv (G \vee \neg F) \equiv (\neg\neg G \vee \neg F) \equiv (\neg G \rightarrow \neg F)$