

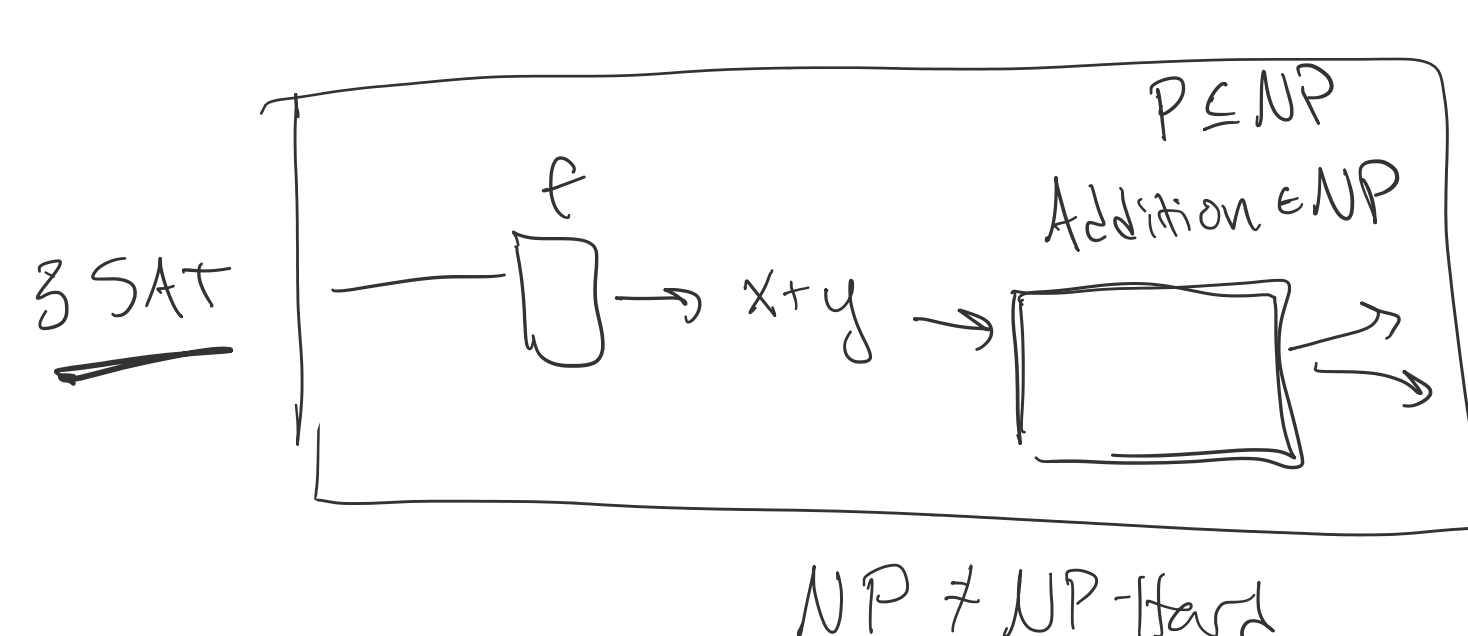
Goals

- Prove Nondeterministic Connection
- Build Understanding of coNP

Q's: how does a NTM work (IRL),

Q's: Everyone is kind of confused.

Q's: Why does NP-Hard not include all of NP.



Prove $NP_1 = NP_2$

$$NP_1 \subseteq NP_2, \quad NP_2 \subseteq NP_1$$

$NP_1 \subseteq NP_2$

Let $L \in NP_1$. The [def]. Let M' be the NTM that acts like M , except whenever M reads a bit of u , M' makes a non-deterministic choice between what M would do if the bit of u were 0 or 1. Since M runs in polytime, M' runs in polytime. If $x \in L$, $\exists u$ s.t. $M(x, u) = 1$, so the corresponding path in M' will accept.

Try to do on your own!

$NP_2 \subseteq NP_1$

Let $L \in NP_2$. Then [def]. Let M' be a TM that on input $\langle x, u \rangle$ follows the non-deterministic path of M given by u . Since M is polytime, M' is polytime. If $x \in L$, there is an accepting path, so there is a witness u s.t. $M(x, u) = 1$. If $x \notin L$, there is no accepting path, so no witness will cause M' to accept. Thus $L \in NP_1$.

def:

Let $L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$. Then $\bar{L} \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$, the complement of L , is

$$\bar{L} = \{x : x \notin L\}$$

$$L = \{01, 10, 11, 00\}$$

$$\bar{L} = \{\emptyset, 1, 0, 00, 001, \dots\}$$

def

$$coNP = \{L : \bar{L} \in NP\}$$

$$L = \{\langle x \rangle : x \text{ describes a sudoku grid with no solutions}\}$$

Prove $L \in coNP$

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Prove $\bar{L} \in NP$

$$\bar{L} = \{\langle x \rangle : x \text{ describes a sudoku grid with a solution}\}$$

OR

$$x \text{ does not describe a sudoku grid}\}$$

Define M that acts on $\langle x, u \rangle$

Checks

$$\text{accepts } \begin{cases} \bullet x \text{ is NOT a sudoku grid} \\ \bullet x \text{ is a grid + } u \text{ is a solution} \end{cases}$$

What is wrong with the following proof that

$$coNP \subseteq NP??$$

Pf

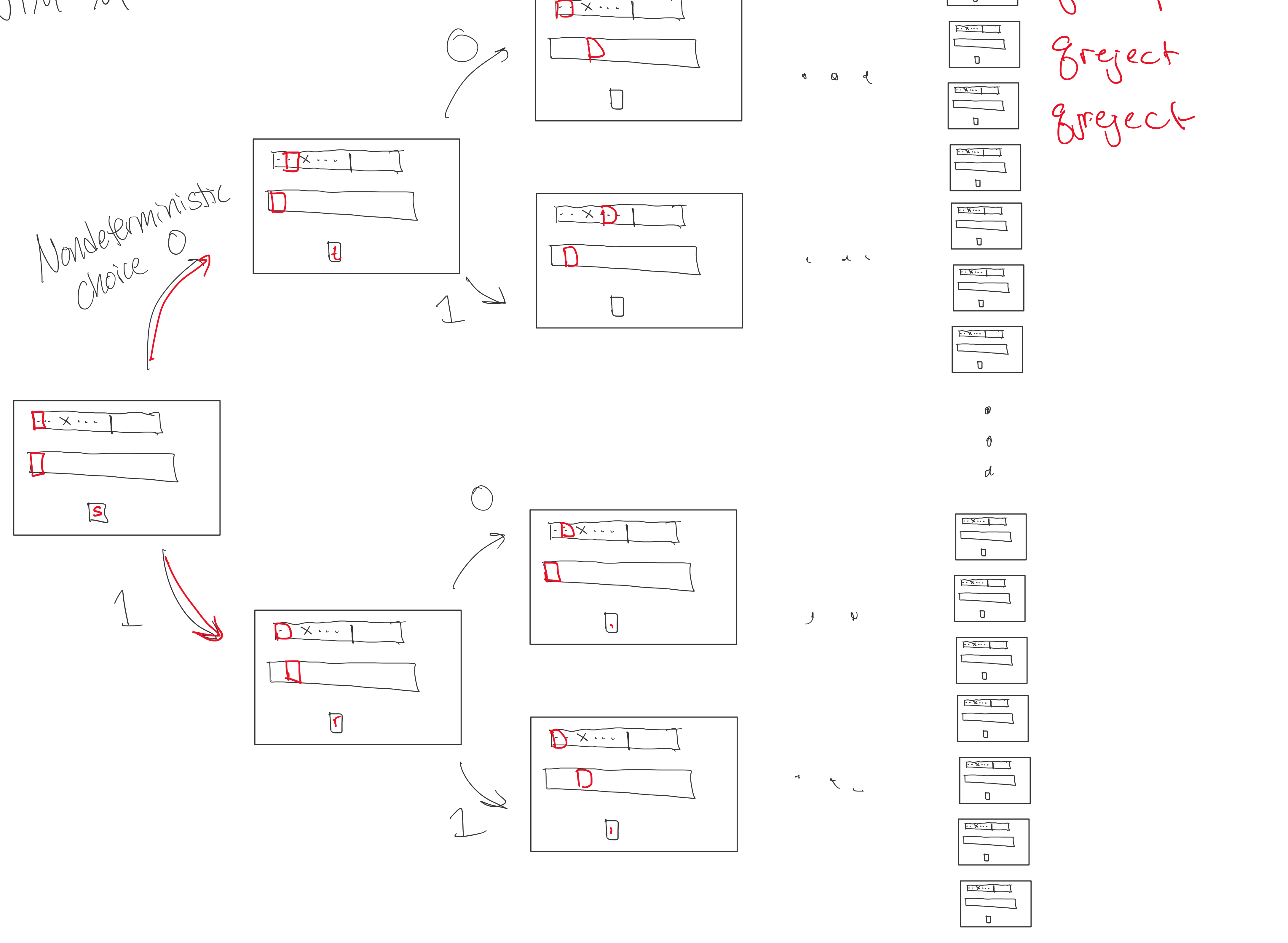
Let $L \in coNP$. Then $\bar{L} \in NP$. Then there exists a

polytime NTM M s.t. $x \in \bar{L}$ iff $M(x) = 1$. Then create a new NTM M' that on any path where M accepts, M' rejects, and any path where M rejects, M' accepts. Thus

$$x \notin \bar{L} \leftrightarrow M(x) = 0 \rightarrow M'(x) = 1 \leftrightarrow x \in L$$

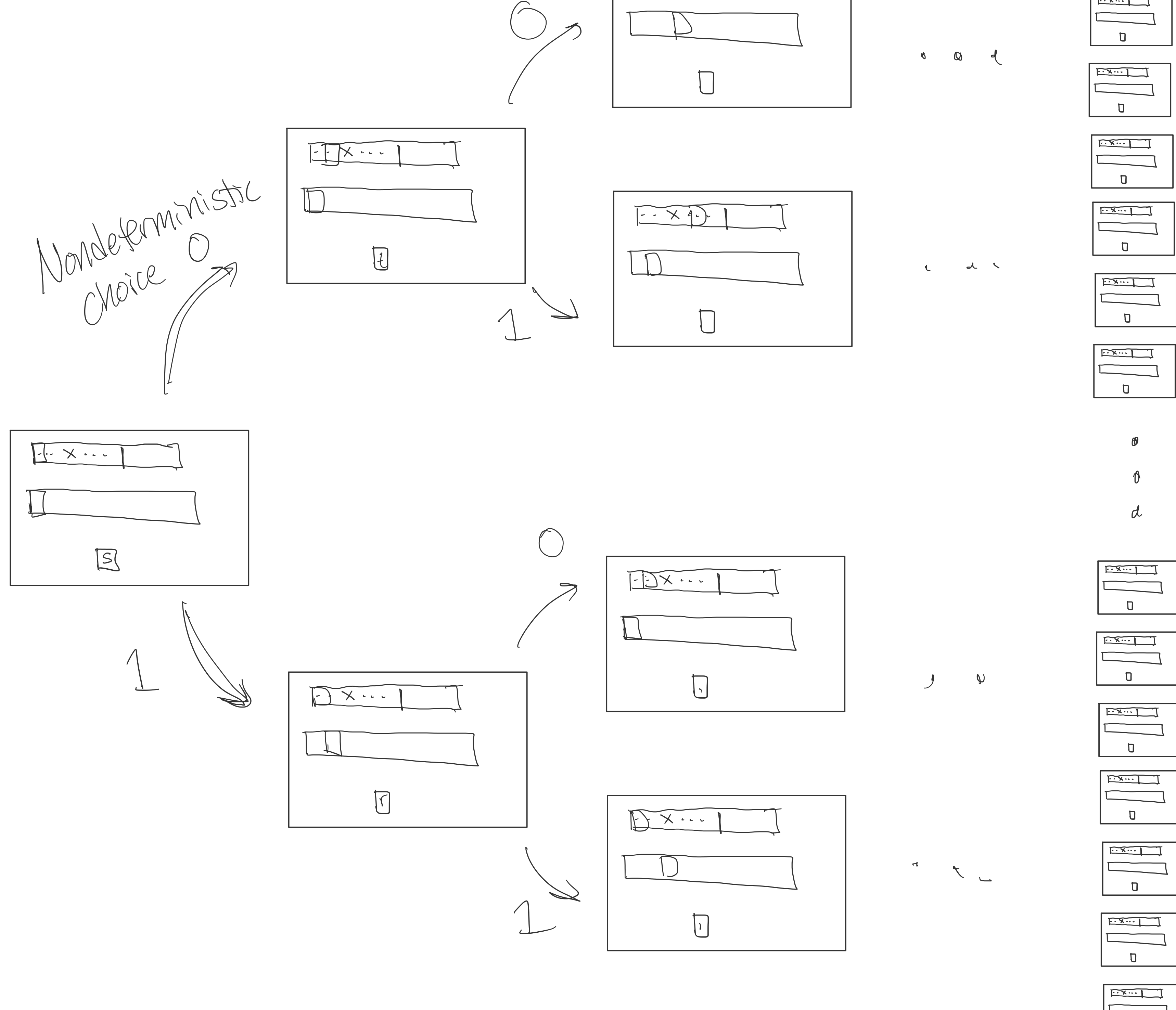
Thus M' decides L , and since M is a polynomial time NTM, we have $L \in NP$.

NTM M



accept ←
reject
reject

NTM M'



accept +
reject
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