

To show that  $\mathbf{P}$  is closed under complements, we argued that switching the accept and reject states in a deterministic Turing machine produces a machine that decides the complement.

For this question, you are to show that this argument does not work for  $\mathbf{NP}$ . Give an example of a language  $L \in \mathbf{NP}$  and a polynomial-time, non-deterministic Turing machine  $M_L$  that decides  $L$ ; and argue that the machine  $M'$  obtained by switching the accept and reject states of  $M_L$  does not decide  $\bar{L}$ . What language does  $M'$  decide?

It suffices to describe your Turing machine at a high level, for example using the “guess and check” paradigm.