

# Halting Problem

The Halting Problem: on input  $M, w$  does TM  $M$  halt on string  $w$ .

FACT: Halting Problem is not decidable.

PROOF:

Take  $M$  and reprogram (if necessary) so that whenever tries to go to stop-and-reject, it just moves head right forever instead.

So  $M$  accepts  $w \Leftrightarrow M$  halts on  $w$ .

So if we could solve the Halting Problem<sup>then</sup> we could solve the Acceptance problem. But we know the latter is undecidable.

So the former is too.