

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 $w \iff M$ halts on w .
So if we could solve the Halting
Problem^{thm} we could solve the
Acceptance problem. But we know
the latter is undecidable.
So the former is too.