1.

The language  $SUBSET_{CFG}^{DFA}$  is decidable. If  $L(G) \subseteq L(M)$  then  $w \in L(G)$  implies  $w \in L(M)$  and therefore  $w \notin \overline{L(M)}$ . Therefore, the languages L(G) and  $\overline{L(M)}$  must be disjoint. We know that given M we can construct a DFA  $\overline{M}$  with  $L(\overline{M}) = \overline{L(M)}$  by interchanging the final and non-final states of M. We also can effectively construct a PDA P with L(P) = L(G). Given these machines we can construct a PDA for  $L(P) \cap L(\overline{M})$  by giving the machine states that keep track of both the current state of P and the current state of P and the current state of P is language. We also know that we can decide emptiness for the language of a CFG. By applying the emptiness procedure for the CFG for for  $L(G) \cup L(\overline{M})$  we can decide whether  $L(G) \subseteq L(M)$ .

The language  $SUBSET_{DFA}^{CFG}$  is not decidable. If it were decidable, given  $\langle M, w \rangle$  we could decide whether  $\langle M, w \rangle \in A_{TM}$  by constructing a CFG, H, for the complement of the accepting computation histories of M (with alternating configurations reversed) and checking to see whether  $\Sigma^* \subseteq L(H)$ . If not, we know that  $L(H) \neq \Sigma^*$  implying that M accepts w. This is the same proof technique we used to show that  $ALL_{CFG}$  is not decidable. In fact, an alternate approach to this problem is to show that  $ALL_{CFG}$  can be reduced to  $SUBSET_{DFA}^{CFG}$ .

2.

If  $A \leq_m A_{TM}$  then there is some computable function f such that  $f(w) \in A_{TM} \iff w \in A$ . We know that there exists a machine  $M_{A_{TM}}$  that recognizes  $A_{TM}$ . Therefore, we could construct a machine  $M_A$  that recognized A by having that machine first apply f to its input and then run  $A \leq_m A_{TM}$  on the result f produces.

If A is recognizable, then there must exist some TM  $M_A$  that recognizes A. The computable function  $f(w) = \langle M_A, w \rangle$  then shows that  $A \leq_m A_{TM}$ .

3.

(a) The key thing to recognize here is that "decidable" means decidable by a Turing machine.

One of the direct consequences of the assumption the problem makes about DMs is that there is a Turing machine UD that decides the language  $\{\langle D,w\rangle\mid \text{ D is a DM and }w\in L(D)\}$ . We can build a Turing machine that decides  $REJECT_{DM}$  using UD. In particular, we can build  $M_{REJECT}$  that operates as follows:

- $\bullet$  On input w, if w is not an encoding of a DM, reject
- Otherwise, given  $w = \langle D \rangle$ , make a copy of w on the machine's tape including extra delimiting symbols as needed to form  $\langle D, \langle D \rangle \rangle$ .

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• Run UD on  $\langle D, \langle D \rangle \rangle$  and accept if it rejects or reject if it accepts (we can do this since UD is a decider).

Given this construction, it is clear that  $L(M_{REJECT}) = REJECT_{DM}$  showing that this language is decidable.

(b) Suppose that the machine  $D_{REJ}$  is a DM that decides  $REJECT_{DM}$ . That is, assume that  $L(D_{REJ}) = REJECT_{DM}$ .

Consider whether  $\langle D_{REJ} \rangle \in L(D_{REJ})$ . If  $\langle D_{REJ} \rangle \in L(D_{REJ})$  then D is not a DM that rejects its own description, so  $\langle D_{REJ} \rangle \notin REJECT_{DM} = L(D_{REJ})$ . That is,  $\langle D_{REJ} \rangle \in L(D_{REJ})$  implies  $\langle D_{REJ} \rangle \notin L(D_{REJ})$  which is a contradiction. Similarly, if we assume  $\langle D_{REJ} \rangle \notin L(D_{REJ})$  then  $D_{REJ}$  is a DM that rejects its own description so  $\langle D_{REJ} \rangle \in REJECT_{DM} = L(D_{REJ})$ , a similar contradiction. From these contradictions, we can conclude that our assumption that  $L(D_{REJ}) = REJECT_{DM}$  must be false and that there is no DM that decides  $REJECT_{DM}$ .

4.

Consider the computable function

$$f(w) = w$$
 if w is not a valid TM description  
=  $M'$  if  $w = \langle M \rangle$ 

where M' is a machine identical to M except its reject state has been replaced by a state that loops infinitely.

This function shows that  $ALL_{TM} \leq_m TOTAL_{TM}$  because if M accepts all input, it is clearly total and it never enters its reject state so that M' will behave identically to M and therefor  $\langle M' \rangle \in TOTAL_{TM}$ . On the other hand, if M rejects some input, M' will loop on that input so  $\langle M' \rangle \notin TOTAL_{TM}$ .

At the same time, f shows that  $\overline{ALL_{TM}} \leq_m \overline{TOTAL_{TM}}$ .

We know that neither  $ALL_{TM}$  nor  $\overline{ALL_{TM}}$  is recognizable. Therefore, we can conclude that neither  $TOTAL_{TM}$  nor  $\overline{TOTAL_{TM}}$  is recognizable.

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