

12. Given that  $L$  is Turing recognizable, some enumerator  $E$  enumerates  $L$ . Consider another TM  $D$  that operates as follows. For a given input  $i$ ,  $D$  runs  $E$  until it prints  $\langle M_i \rangle$ , the  $i$ th item. Then  $D$  runs  $M_i$  on input  $i$ . Finally, if  $M_i$  accepts,  $D$  rejects, and if  $M_i$  rejects,  $D$  accepts. Clearly,  $D$  always terminates on all inputs, and is thus a decider itself. Let's call the (decidable) language of  $D$  as  $L_D$ .

Now, let's assume that there is some  $\langle M \rangle \in L$  such that  $M$  decides  $L_D$ . Then  $\langle M \rangle$  must appear at some index  $k$  in the enumeration done by  $E$ . Now, since  $M$  and  $D$  are both deciders for  $L_D$ ,  $M$  must accept input  $k$  iff  $D$  accepts input  $k$ . However, by definition,  $D$  rejects  $k$  if  $M$  accepts  $k$ . Therefore, our supposition that such a TM  $M$  exists is wrong, which implies that the language  $L_D$  has no decider in  $L$ . This concludes the proof.

20. Consider the following transformation procedure on any DFA  $D$ .

1. Create an NFA  $N^r$  as follows.
2. Copy over all states from  $D$  into  $N^r$ .
3. If there exists a transition  $\delta_D(q, a) \rightarrow q'$  in  $D$ , add correspondingly the transition  $\delta_{N^r}(q', a) \rightarrow q$ . This is visually equivalent to reversing the transition edges.
4. Add a new state  $s$  and mark it as a start state of  $N^r$ . Add transitions of the form  $\delta_{N^r}(s, \epsilon) \rightarrow f$  for each state  $f$  that is an accept state in  $D$ .
5. Make the start state of  $D$  the only accept state of  $N^r$ .
6. Finally, convert the NFA  $N^r$  into an equivalent DFA  $D^r$ .

Now, we can see from the above construction that  $N^r$  (and thus also  $D^r$ ) accepts  $w^r$  iff  $D$  accepts  $w$ . Therefore,  $N^r$  (and thus also  $D^r$ ) accepts both  $w^r$  and  $w$  iff  $D$  too accepts both  $w$  and  $w^r$ . Taking this to its conclusion, we can see that  $N^r$  (and thus also  $D^r$ ) and  $D$  are equivalent iff for any string  $w$ ,  $D$  accepts  $w^r$  iff it accepts  $w$ .

Now, consider a TM  $M$  that for any given DFA description  $\langle d \rangle$ , performs the above DFA transformation procedure on  $d$ , and then checks whether  $d$  and  $d^r$  are equivalent. The transformation procedure itself takes a finite number of steps. Further, we know (from chapter 4 text) that the problem of determining whether two DFAs are equivalent is decidable, and thus can also be done in a finite number of steps. Therefore the TM  $M$  is a decider. In fact, it decides the language  $S = \{\langle D \rangle \mid D \text{ is a DFA that accepts } w^r \text{ iff it accepts } w\}$ . This concludes the proof.