

## Exercício 6

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### Passo 1

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Let's have languages  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  and two reductions  $f_{AB}$  and  $f_{BC}$  such that  $A \leq_m B$  and  $B \leq_m C$ . Then we claim that  $A \leq_m C$  with the reduction being  $f = f_{BC} \circ f_{AB}$ .

Now let's take a string  $s \in A$  and take a look at  $f(s)$ :

$$f(s) = f_{BC}(f_{AB}(s)) = f_{BC}(s_1) = s_2, \text{ for some } s_1 \in B, s_2 \in C$$

On the other hand, if we take a string  $w \notin A$ , we get:

$$f(s) = f_{BC}(f_{AB}(w)) = f_{BC}(w_1) = w_2, \text{ for some } w_1 \notin B, w_2 \notin C$$

Now we can see that  $f$  is a mapping from  $A$  to  $C$  so we have  $A \leq_m C$ .

Therefore,  $\leq_m$  is a transitive relation.

### Resultado

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Take three sets  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  for which  $A \leq_m B$  and  $B \leq_m C$ .

Using their reductions, construct a reduction from  $A$  to  $C$ .

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