

Chapter 5.2 Practice Key

1. If I said $A \leq_M B$ and B is undecidable, what does this say about A ?

Nothing. A can be undecidable, Turing recognizable or Turing decidable.

2. If I said $A \leq_M B$ and A is undecidable, what does this say about B ?

B is undecidable too. B cannot be any “harder” or more decidable than A .

3. If I said $A \leq_M B$ and B is decidable, what does this say about A ?

A is decidable.

4. If I said $A \leq_M B$ and A is decidable, what does this say about B ?

Nothing. B can be undecidable, Turing recognizable or Turing decidable.

5. If I said $A \leq B$ and B is undecidable, what does this say about A ?

Nothing. This is not a mapping reduction, just a reduction. More processing will happen in A , so they are not directly related.

6. If I said $A \leq B$ and A is undecidable, what does this say about B ?

Even though this is not a mapping reduction, just a reduction. A still decides the limits of B , so B is undecidable.

7. Discuss what the following means: $A \leq_M B$ and $B \leq_M C$

This implies $A \leq_M C$.