The big-step operational semantics S we provide is sound iff for all Verse terms  $t \in V$  and all equivalent  $V^-$ terms  $t^- \in V^-$ , there exist evaluation orders  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  s.t. applying Verse rewrite rules R in order  $O_1$  and applying our big-step rules in order  $O_2$  to t and  $t^-$  respectively yields equivalent results.

In mathspeak:

$$\exists r_1 \dots r_n \in R, s_1 \dots s_m \in S. \ r_n \circ \dots \circ r_1(t) = s_m \circ \dots \circ s_1(t^-)$$