

**Reachable Configurations** A configuration is reachable from another configuration, if the former may be required for the evaluation of the latter after any number of steps.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Reach} : \text{Module} \times \text{state} \times \text{Stmts} \\ \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Stmts} \times \text{state}) \end{aligned}$$

In figure 2 we define the function  $\text{Reach}$  by cases on the structure of the expression, and depending on the execution of the statement. The set  $\text{Reach}(M, \sigma, \text{stmts})$  collects all configurations reachable during execution of  $\sigma, \text{stmts}$ . Note that the function  $\text{Reach}(M, \sigma, \text{stmts})$  is defined, even when the execution should diverge; of course then it may be an infinite set. The definedness of  $\text{Reach}(M, \sigma, \text{stmts})$  is important, because it allows us to give meaning to capability policies without requiring termination.

**Lemma 3** ( $\text{Reach}$  and  $\leadsto$ ). *For all  $M, M', \sigma, \sigma', \sigma'$ , and  $\text{stmt}, \text{stmt}',$  and  $\text{stmt}''$ :*

- *If  $M, \sigma, \text{stmt} \leadsto \sigma'$ , then  $(\_, \sigma') \in \text{Reach}(M, \sigma, \text{stmt})$ .*
- *If  $(\text{stmt}', \sigma') \in \text{Reach}(M, \sigma, \text{stmt})$ , and  $(\text{stmt}'', \sigma'') \in \text{Reach}(M, \sigma', \text{stmt}')$ , then  $(\text{stmt}''', \sigma'') \in \text{Reach}(M, \sigma, \text{stmt})$ .*
- *If  $M * M'$  is defined, and  $(\text{stmt}', \sigma') \in \text{Reach}(M, \sigma, \text{stmt})$ , then  $(\text{stmt}', \sigma') \in \text{Reach}(M * M', \sigma, \text{stmt})$ .*
- *If  $M * M'$  is defined, then  $\text{Arising}(M) \subseteq \text{Arising}(M * M')$ .*

**Proof** By structural induction on  $\leadsto$  and the definition of  $\text{Reach}$  and  $\text{Arising}$ . □

**Notation** We shall use  $\sigma' \in \text{Reach}(M, \sigma, \text{stmt})$  as a shorthand for  $(\_, \sigma') \in \text{Reach}(M, \sigma, \text{stmt})$  and  $\sigma' \in \text{Arising}(M)$  as a shorthand for  $(\_, \sigma') \in \text{Arising}(M)$ .