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## SIGN CONVENTION FOR $A_\infty$ -OPERATIONS IN BOTT-MORSE CASE

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We give a definition of  $A_\infty$ -operations in Bott-Morse case (see Definition 2). Let  $L_i$  be a relatively spin collection of Lagrangian submanifolds, which intersects cleanly in  $(X, \omega)$ . (The argument presented here is also valid for immersed Lagrangian submanifolds.) Denote by  $R_\alpha$  a connected component of  $L_i$  and  $L_j$ . (We also consider the case that  $i = j$ .)

We use the convention on orientation on the fiber product (in the sense of Kuranishi structure) as in Section 8.2 in [1]. In this note, the dimension of moduli spaces means their virtual dimension. Let  $p : M \rightarrow N$  be a fiber bundle with oriented relative tangent bundle. Restrict the fiber bundle to an open subset, we may assume that  $N$  is oriented. Then we give an orientation on  $M$  using the isomorphism  $TM = p^*TN \oplus T_{\text{fiber}}M$ , where  $T_{\text{fiber}}M$  is the relative tangent bundle. Then our convention of the integration along fibers of  $p : M \rightarrow N$  is

$$\int_N \alpha \wedge p_! \beta = \int_M p^* \alpha \wedge \beta,$$

where  $\alpha \in \Omega^*(N)$  and  $\beta \in \Omega^*(M)$ , We have the following properties.

- $p_!((p^*\theta) \wedge \beta) = \theta \wedge (p_!\beta)$ , where  $\theta \in \Omega^*(N)$  and  $\beta \in \Omega^*(M)$ .
- Let  $p : M \rightarrow N$  and  $q : N \rightarrow B$  be fiber bundles with oriented relative tangent bundles. For  $\beta \in \Omega^*(M)$ , we have

$$(q \circ p)_! \beta = q_! \circ p_!(\beta).$$

Using them, we find that

$$(q \circ p)_!(p^*\theta \wedge \beta) = q_!(\theta \wedge p_!\beta). \tag{1}$$

We also have

- (base change) Let  $f : S \rightarrow N$  be a smooth map (or a strongly smooth map between spaces with Kuranishi structure). Denote by  $\bar{p} : f^*M \rightarrow S$  the pull-back of the fiber bundle  $p : M \rightarrow N$  and  $\tilde{f} : f^*M \rightarrow M$  the bundle map covering  $f$ . Then we have

$$f^* \circ p_! = \bar{p}_! \circ \tilde{f}^*.$$

For the definition of the integration along fibers of weakly submersive strongly smooth map in the case of Kuranishi structure is given in Section 9.2 in [2]. We will use the Stokes type formula in Theorem 9.28 in [2], the composition formula in Theorem 10.21 in [2]. See Chapter 27 in [2] in the case with coefficients in local systems. In fact, the composition formula is a consequence of these properties.

Let  $(\Sigma, \partial\Sigma)$  be a bordered Riemann surface  $\Sigma$  of genus 0 and with connected boundary and  $\vec{z} = (z_0, \dots, z_k)$  boundary marked points respecting the cyclic order on  $\partial\Sigma$ . Let  $u : (\Sigma, \partial\Sigma) \rightarrow (X, \cup L_i)$  be a smooth map such that  $u(z_j \widehat{z_{j+1}}) \subset L_{i_j}$ ,  $j \bmod k + 1$ ,  $u(z_j) \in R_{\alpha_j}$ , where  $R_{\alpha_j}$  is a connected component of  $L_{i_{j-1}} \cap L_{i_j}$ . For such  $u$  and  $u'$ , we introduce the equivalence relation  $\sim$  so that

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$u \sim u'$  when  $\int_{\Sigma} \omega = \int_{\Sigma'} \omega$  and (2) the Maslov indices of  $u$  and  $u'$  are the same. Denote by  $B$  the equivalence class.

Consider the moduli space

$$\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; L_{i_0}, \dots, L_{i_k}; R_{\alpha_0}, \dots, R_{\alpha_k})$$

of bordered stable maps of genus 0, with connected boundary and  $(k+1)$  boundary marked points, representing the class  $B$ .

Set  $\mathcal{L} = (L_{i_0}, \dots, L_{i_k})$  and  $\mathcal{R} = (R_{\alpha_0}, \dots, R_{\alpha_k})$  and write

$$\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; L_{i_0}, \dots, L_{i_k}; R_{\alpha_0}, \dots, R_{\alpha_k}).$$

Denote by  $ev_j^B : \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow R_{\alpha_j}$  the evaluation map at  $z_j$ .

For a pair of Lagrangian submanifolds  $L, L'$  which intersect cleanly, we constructed the  $O(1)$ -local system  $\Theta_{R_\alpha}^-$  on  $R_\alpha$  in Proposition 8.1.1 in [1]. Here  $R_\alpha$  is a connected component of  $L \cap L'$ . In this note, we simply write it as  $\Theta_{R_\alpha}$ .

We recall the construction of  $\Theta_{R_\alpha}$  briefly. We assume that  $L, L'$  are equipped with spin structures. In the case of a relative spin pair, we take  $TX \oplus (W \otimes \mathbb{C})$  (on the 3-skeleton of  $X$ ) instead of  $TX$  and  $TL \oplus W$ , (resp.  $TL' \oplus W$ ) (on the 2-skeleton of  $L$ , (resp.  $L'$ ) instead of  $TL$ , (resp.  $TL'$ ). Then the argument goes in the same way. As written in Section 8.8 in [1], we consider the space  $\mathcal{P}_{R_\alpha}(TL, TL')$  of paths of oriented Lagrangian subspaces in  $T_p X$ ,  $p \in R_\alpha$ , of the form  $\lambda(t) \oplus R_\alpha$  such that  $\lambda(0) \oplus R_\alpha = T_p L$  and  $\lambda(1) \oplus R_\alpha = T_p L'$ . Here  $\lambda$  is regarded as a path of Lagrangian subspaces in  $V_{R_\alpha} = (T_p L + T_p L') / (T_p L + T_p L')^\perp = (T_p L + T_p L') / (T_p L \cap T_p L')$ , which is a symplectic vector space. Pick a compatible complex structure on it and consider the Dolbeault operator  $\bar{\partial}_\lambda$  on  $Z_- = (D^2 \cap \{\operatorname{Re} z \leq 0\}) \cup ([0, \infty) \times [0, 1])$ .

We set  $\mu(R_\alpha; \lambda) = \operatorname{Index} \bar{\partial}_\lambda$ . The parity of  $\mu(R_\alpha; \lambda)$  is independent of the choice of  $\lambda$  above, since  $\lambda \oplus T_p R_\alpha$  is a path of oriented subspaces with fixed end points,  $T_p L, T_p L'$ ,  $p \in R_\alpha$  which are oriented. Denote by  $\mu(R_\alpha) = \mu(R_\alpha; \lambda) \bmod 2$ . Then we have

$$\dim \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}) \equiv \dim R_{\alpha_0} + \mu(R_{\alpha_0}) - \sum_{i=1}^k \mu(R_{\alpha_i}) + k - 2 \pmod{2}.$$

We have the determinant line bundle of  $\{\operatorname{Index} \bar{\partial}_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_{R_\alpha}(TL, TL')}$ . Pick a hermitian metric on  $X$ . Denote by  $P_{SO}(\lambda \oplus T_p R_\alpha)$  is the associated oriented orthogonal frame bundle of  $\lambda \oplus T_p R_\alpha$ . Note that  $P_{SO}(\lambda \oplus T_p R_\alpha)|_{t=0}$  and  $P_{SO}(\lambda \oplus T_p R_\alpha)|_{t=1}$  are canonically identified with  $P_{SO}(L)|_p$  and  $P_{SO}(L')|_p$ , respectively. We glue the principal spin bundle  $P_{Spin}(\lambda \oplus T_p R_\alpha)$  at  $t = 0, 1$  with  $P_{Spin}(L)|_p$  and  $P_{Spin}(L')|_p$ . There are two isomorphic classes of resulting spin structure on the bundle  $TL \cup (\lambda \oplus T_p R_\alpha) \cup TL'$  on  $L \cup [0, 1] \cup L'$ , where  $p \in L$  and  $p \in L'$  are identified with  $0, 1 \in [0, 1]$ , respectively. This gives an  $O(1)$ -local system  $\mathcal{O}_{spin}$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{R_\alpha}(TL, TL')$ . Proposition 8.1.1 in [1] states that the tensor product  $\det \bar{\partial}_\lambda \otimes \mathcal{O}_{spin}$  descends to an  $O(1)$ -local system  $\Theta_{R_\alpha}$  on  $R_\alpha$ .

Then the relative spin structure for  $\{L_i\}$ , namely relative spin structures for each  $L_i$  with a common oriented vector bundle  $W \rightarrow X$ <sup>[3]</sup>, determines an isomorphism  $\Phi^B$  below.

(i) Case that  $k = 0$ . ( $L$  is an immersed Lagrangian submanifold with clean self intersection or  $R_{\alpha_0} = L$ )

$$\Phi^B : ev_0^{B*} \Theta_{R_{\alpha_0}} \rightarrow ev_0^{B*} \mathcal{O}_{R_{\alpha_0}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}_1(B; L)}$$

(ii) Case that  $k = 1$ .

$$\Phi^B : ev_0^{B*} \Theta_{R_{\alpha_0}} \rightarrow ev_0^{B*} \mathcal{O}_{R_{\alpha_0}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}_2(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})} \otimes ev_1^{B*} \Theta_{R_{\alpha_1}}.$$

(iii) Case that  $k \geq 2$ .

$$\Phi^B : ev_0^{B*} \Theta_{R_{\alpha_0}} \rightarrow ev_0^{B*} O_{R_{\alpha_0}} \otimes O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})} \otimes \mathbf{forget}^* O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}} \otimes ev_1^{B*} \Theta_{R_{\alpha_1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes ev_k^{B*} \Theta_{R_{\alpha_k}}.$$

Here  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}$  is the moduli space of bordered Riemann surfaces of genus 0, connected boundary and  $(k+1)$  marked points on the boundary and  $\mathbf{forget} : \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{k+1}$  sends  $[(\Sigma, \partial\Sigma, \vec{z}), u]$  to  $[(\Sigma, \partial\Sigma, \vec{z})]$ . Here  $O_{R_{\alpha_0}}$ ,  $O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})}$  and  $O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}}$  are orientation bundles of  $R_{\alpha_0}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}$ , respectively. We consider  $ev_0^* O_{R_{\alpha_0}} \otimes O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})}$  the orientation bundle of the relative tangent bundle of  $ev_0 : \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow R_{\alpha_0}$ . In the notation in [1], we write

$$\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = R_{\alpha_0} \times {}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})^\circ \times \mathcal{M}_{k+1}.$$

These descriptions are considered as the splitting of tangent spaces. Using these notations, we have

$$ev_0^* O_{R_{\alpha_0}} \otimes O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})} = O_{{}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})}.$$

$$O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})} \otimes \mathbf{forget}^* O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}} = O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})^\circ}.$$

We give an orientation of  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1} = (\partial D^2)^{k+1} / \text{Aut}(D^2, \partial D^2)$  as the orientation of the quotient space following the convention (8.2.1.2) in [1]. Then the orientation bundle of  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$  is canonically isomorphic to the one of  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})^\circ$ . Hence, for  $\mathbf{u} = [u : (\Sigma, \partial\Sigma, \vec{z}) \rightarrow (X, \cup_{L \in \mathcal{L}} L, \cup_{R_\alpha \in \mathcal{R}} R_\alpha)]$ , the relative spin structure of  $\mathcal{L}$ , local sections  $\sigma_{\alpha_i}$  of  $O(1)$ -local systems  $\Theta_{\alpha_i}$  around  $u(z_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$ , determines a local orientation of the relative tangent bundle of  $ev_0^B : \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow R_{\alpha_0}$ , at  $\mathbf{u}$ , i.e., the kernel of  $T_{\mathbf{u}} \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow T_{u(z_0)} R_{\alpha_0}$ , which is denoted by  $o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})$ .

**Remark 1.** When  $k = 0$  and  $R_{\alpha_0} = L$ , the orientation on  $\mathcal{M}_1(B; L)$  is given in Section 8.4.1 in [1]. When  $k = 1$ , the orientation bundle of  $\mathcal{M}_2(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$  is given in Proposition 8.8.6 in [1]. Note that  $\Theta_{R_\alpha}^+ \otimes O_{R_\alpha} \otimes \Theta_{R_\alpha}^-$  is canonically trivialized. We write  $\Theta_{R_\alpha} = \Theta_{R_\alpha}^-$  in this note.

Hence Theorem 27.1 in [2] gives

$$(ev_0^B)_! \circ (ev_1^{B*} \times \cdots \times ev_k^{B*}) : \Omega^*(R_{\alpha_1}; \Theta_{R_{\alpha_1}}) \otimes \cdots \otimes \Omega^*(R_{\alpha_k}; \Theta_{R_{\alpha_k}}) \rightarrow \Omega^*(R_{\alpha_0}; \Theta_{R_{\alpha_0}}).$$

Namely, for  $\xi_i = \zeta_i \otimes \sigma_{\alpha_i} \in \Omega^*(R_{\alpha_i}; \Theta_{\alpha_i})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} & (ev_0^B)_! \circ (ev_1^{B*} \times \cdots \times ev_k^{B*})(\zeta_1 \otimes \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \zeta_k \otimes \sigma_{\alpha_k}) \\ &= (ev_0^B; o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k}))_!(ev_1^{B*} \zeta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_k^{B*} \zeta_k) \otimes \sigma_{\alpha_0}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Here  $(ev_0^B; o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k}))_!$  is the integration along fibers with respect to the relative orientation  $o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})$  of  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow R_{\alpha_0}$ . Note that the right hand side of (2) does not depend on  $\sigma_{\alpha_0}$ , since  $\sigma_{\alpha_0}$  appears twice in the right hand side of (2), and gives a differential form on  $R_{\alpha_0}$  with coefficients in  $\Theta_{\alpha_0}$ . For general  $\xi_i \in \Omega^*(R_{\alpha_i}; \Theta_{\alpha_i})$ , we use partitions of unity on  $R_{\alpha_i}$  and extend the definition of  $\mathfrak{m}_k$  multi-linearly.

For  $\xi \in \Omega^*(R_\alpha; \Theta_\alpha)$ , we define the shifted degree

$$|\xi|' = \deg \xi + \mu(R_\alpha) - 1.$$

**Definition 2.** We set  $\mathfrak{m}_{0,0} = 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_{(1,0)}\xi = d\xi$  on  $\bigoplus \Omega^*(R_\alpha; \Theta_{R_\alpha})$ , i.e., the de Rham differential on differential forms with coefficients in the local system  $\Theta_{R_\alpha}$ . For  $(k, B) \neq (1, 0)$ ,

$$\mathfrak{m}_{k,B}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) = (-1)^{\epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k)} (ev_0^B)! \circ (ev_1^{B*} \times \dots \times ev_k^{B*})(\xi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \xi_k),$$

where  $\xi_i \in \Omega^*(R_{\alpha_i}; \Theta_{\alpha_i})$  and

$$\epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \left( i + \sum_{p=1}^{i-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) \right) (\deg \xi_i - 1) \right\} + 1.$$

In the rest of this note, we show the filtered  $A_\infty$ -relations. Denote by  $\hat{\mathfrak{m}}_{k,B}$  the extension of  $\mathfrak{m}_{k,B}$  as a coderivation with respect to the shifted degree  $|\bullet|'$ . We compute  $\mathfrak{m}_{k',B'} \circ \hat{\mathfrak{m}}_{k'',B''}$ . Clearly,,  $\mathfrak{m}_{1,0} \circ \mathfrak{m}_{1,0} = 0$ . We consider the case that  $(k', B') = (1, 0)$  or  $(k'', B'') = (1, 0)$ . Namely, for  $(k, B) \neq (1, 0)$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{m}_{1,0} \circ \mathfrak{m}_{k,B}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) = (-1)^{\epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k)} d(ev_0^B)! (ev_1^{B*} \xi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge ev_k^{B*} \xi_k) \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{m}_{k,B} \circ \hat{\mathfrak{m}}_{1,0}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) &= \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{\sum_{p=1}^{j-1} |\xi_p|'} \mathfrak{m}_{k,B}(\xi_1, \dots, d\xi_j, \dots, \xi_k) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{\sum_{p=1}^{j-1} |\xi_p|' + \epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, d\xi_j, \dots, \xi_k)} (ev_0^B)! (ev_1^{B*} \xi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge ev_j^{B*} d\xi_j \wedge \dots \wedge ev_k^{B*} \xi_k) \\ &= (-1)^{\epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) + 1} (ev_0^B)! d(ev_1^{B*} \xi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge ev_k^{B*} \xi_k) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Here we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=1}^{j-1} |\xi_p|' + \epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, d\xi_j, \dots, \xi_k) &= \sum_{p=1}^{j-1} \deg \xi_p + \sum_{p=1}^{j-1} (\mu(R_{\alpha_p}) - 1) + \epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) + (j + \sum_{p=1}^{j-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_p})) \\ &\equiv \sum_{p=1}^{j-1} \deg \xi_p + \epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) + 1 \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to compute  $\mathfrak{m}_{k',B'} \circ \hat{\mathfrak{m}}_{k'',B''}$ , we discuss the relation between the orientation bundle of  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')$   $_{ev_j^{B'} \times ev_0^{B''}}$   $\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')$  and the orientation bundle of the boundary of  $\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$ . The codimension 1 boundary of the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$  is the union of the fiber products of  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')$  with respect to  $ev_j^{B'} : \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}') \rightarrow R_\alpha$  and  $ev_0^{B''} : \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'') \rightarrow R_\alpha$ , where

$$\mathcal{L}' = (L_{i_0}, \dots, L_{i_{j-1}}, L_{i_{j+k''-1}}, \dots, L_{i_k}), \mathcal{L}'' = (L_{i_{j-1}}, \dots, L_{i_{j+k''-1}})$$

$$\mathcal{R}' = (R_{\alpha_0}, \dots, R_{\alpha_{j-1}}, R_\alpha, R_{\alpha_{j+k''}}, \dots, R_{\alpha_k}), \mathcal{R}'' = (R_\alpha, R_{\alpha_j}, \dots, R_{\alpha_{i_{j+k''-1}}})$$

over  $j = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $k', k''$  such that  $k' + k'' = k + 1$ ,  $R_\alpha$  a connected component of  $L_{i_{j-1}} \cap L_{i_{j+k''-1}}$ , all possible decomposition of  $B$  into  $B'$  and  $B''$ .

Denote by  $Sw$  the exchange of  $\Theta_{R_{\alpha_1}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \Theta_{R_{\alpha_{j-1}}}$  and  $O_{R_\alpha} \otimes O_{\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ}$  with the sign  $(-1)^{\delta_1}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 &= \left( \sum_{p=1}^{j-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) \right) (\dim \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'') - \dim R_\alpha - \dim \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}) \\ &\equiv \left( \sum_{p=1}^{j-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) \right) \left( \mu(R_\alpha) - \sum_{p=j}^{j+k''-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) \right) \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing  $\Phi^B$  and  $Sw \circ (id \otimes \cdots \otimes id \otimes \Phi^{B''} \otimes id \otimes \cdots \otimes id) \circ \Phi^{B'}$ , we find that

$$O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})^\circ} \rightarrow O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ} \otimes O_{R_\alpha} \otimes O_{\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ}$$

is  $(-1)^{\delta_1}$ -orientation preserving<sup>1</sup>. Here  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ$  is the moduli space of bordered stable maps with a fixed domain bordered Riemann surface with fixed boundary marked points. The  $O(1)$ -local system  $O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ} \otimes O_{R_\alpha} \otimes O_{\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ}$  is the orientation bundle of the fiber product  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ$ , which is the moduli space of bordered stable maps with a fixed boundary nodal Riemann surface with fixed boundary marked points.

Now we compare  $\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = \partial(\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \times \mathcal{M}_{k+1})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ = (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}) \times_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} (\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ \times \mathcal{M}_{k''+1})$ . We note that  $O_{\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})} = \mathbb{R}_{out} \otimes O_{\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})}$ . Here  $\mathbb{R}_{out}$  is the normal bundle of the boundary oriented by the outer normal vector.

We pick local flat sections  $\sigma_{\alpha_0}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k}, \sigma_\alpha$  of  $O(1)$ -local systems  $\Theta_{R_{\alpha_0}}, \dots, \Theta_{R_{\alpha_k}}, \Theta_{R_\alpha}$  and a local orientation  $o_{R_{\alpha_0}}$  of  $R_{\alpha_0}$  around  $u(z_0)$ . Then we can equip  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ$  and the relative tangent bundle of  $ev_0^{B''} : \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ \rightarrow R_\alpha$  with local orientations induced by them. Then a local orientation of  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = R_{\alpha_0} \times^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$  is given by  $o_{R_{\alpha_0}} \times o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})$ . As the fiber product of spaces with Kuranishi structures equipped with local orientations,

$$\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ = \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ$$

is locally oriented by

$$o_{R_{\alpha_0}} \times o(\sigma_{R_{\alpha_0}}; \sigma_{R_{\alpha_1}}, \dots, \sigma_{R_{\alpha_{j-1}}}, \sigma_{R_\alpha}, \sigma_{R_{\alpha_{j+k''}}}, \dots, \sigma_{R_{\alpha_k}}) \times o(\sigma_{R_\alpha}; \sigma_{R_{\alpha_j}}, \dots, \sigma_{R_{\alpha_{j+k''-1}}}).$$

We fix  $z_0 = +1, z_j = -1$  and consider the spaces of  $J$ -holomorphic maps  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R})$ ,  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}', \mathcal{R}')$ ,  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}'', \mathcal{R}'')$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}', \mathcal{R}') / \mathbb{R}_B,$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}') = \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}', \mathcal{R}') / \mathbb{R}_{B'},$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'') = \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}'', \mathcal{R}'') / \mathbb{R}_{B''}.$$

We may also write

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}) \times \mathbb{R}_B, \text{ etc.,}$$

as oriented spaces.

<sup>1</sup> $(-1)$ -orientation preserving means orientation reversing.

The case that  $z_0 = +1, z_1 = -1$  is discussed in page 699 of [1]. The case that  $z_0 = +1, z_j = -1$  differs from the case that  $z_0 = +1, z_1 = -1$  by an additional factor  $(-1)^{j-1}$  as below.

Note that

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = (-1)^{j-1} \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})^\circ \times \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i},$$

where  $z_0 = +1, z_j = -1$ ,

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}') = (-1)^{j-1} \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i},$$

where  $z'_0 = +1, z'_j = -1$ , and

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'') = \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i},$$

where  $z''_0 = +1, z''_1 = -1$ .

**Remark 3.** We have

$$(-1)^{j-1} \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i} = \mathcal{M}_{k+1} \times \mathbb{R}_B$$

$$(-1)^{j-1} \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i} = \mathcal{M}_{k'+1} \times \mathbb{R}_{B'}$$

and

$$\prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} = \mathcal{M}_{k''+1} \times \mathbb{R}_{B''}.$$

Marked points of  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')$  are related to marked points of  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$  in the following way.

$$(z'_0, \dots, z'_{k'}) = (z_0, \dots, z_{j-1}, z'_j, z_{j+k''}, \dots, z_k),$$

$$(z''_0, z''_1, \dots, z''_{k''}) = (z''_0, z_j, \dots, z_{j+k''-1}).$$

Here  $z'_j$  and  $z''_0$  are identified, i.e., the boundary node of the domain curve of an element in  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$ .

Then we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) &= (-1)^{\delta_1} (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times_{R_\alpha} \times \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ) \times \\
&\quad (-1)^{j-1} \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i} \\
&= (-1)^{\delta_1+\delta_2} (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times (-1)^{j-1} \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i}) \\
&\quad \times_{R_\alpha} (\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i}) \\
&= (-1)^{\delta_1+\delta_2} (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}') \times \mathbb{R}_{B'}) \times_{R_\alpha} \times (\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'') \times \mathbb{R}_{B''}) \\
&= (-1)^{\delta_1+\delta_2+\delta_3} \mathbb{R}_{B'-B''} \times (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}') \times_{R_\alpha} \times \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')) \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{R}_{B'+B''} \\
&= (-1)^{\delta_1+\delta_2+\delta_3} \mathbb{R}_{out} \times (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}') \times_{R_\alpha} \times \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')) \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{R}_B, \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_2 &= (k'' - 1)(k' - j) + (k' - 1)(\dim \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ - \dim R_\alpha), \\
\delta_3 &= \dim \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}').
\end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{R}_{B'-B''}$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{B'+B''}$  are the oriented lines spanned by  $(1, -1), (1, 1) \in \mathbb{R}_{B'} \oplus \mathbb{R}_{B''}$ , respectively. Note that the ordered bases  $(1, 0), (0, 1)$  and  $(1, -1), (1, 1)$  give the same orientation of  $\mathbb{R}_{B'} \oplus \mathbb{R}_{B''}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_{B'-B''}$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{B'+B''}$  are identified with  $\mathbb{R}_{out}$  and  $\mathbb{R}_B$ , respectively.

Here is an explanation of the second equality, i.e., the appearance of  $(-1)^{\delta_2}$ . By the convention in Section 8.2 in [1], we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times_{R_\alpha} \times \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ \\
&= \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^{\circ\circ} \times R_\alpha \times {}^\circ\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ, \\
&= \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times {}^\circ\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ = \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^{\circ\circ} \times R_\alpha,$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ = R_\alpha \times {}^\circ\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ.$$



Using these notations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times_{R_\alpha} \times \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ) \times \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \\
= & (-1)^{\gamma_1} (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times_{R_\alpha} \times \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ) \times \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i} \\
= & (-1)^{\gamma_1} (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times {}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ) \times \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i} \\
= & (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times {}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i} \\
= & (-1)^{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} (\partial D)_{z_i} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k (\partial D)_{z_i}) \times_{R_\alpha} (\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{j+k''-1} (\partial D)_{z_i}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma_1 = (k''-1)(k'-j)$ , i.e.,  $(-1)^{\gamma_1}$  is the sign of exchange of  $(z_{j+k''}, \dots, z_k)$  and  $(z_{j+1}, \dots, z_{j+k''-1})$ , and  $\gamma_2 = \dim({}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ) (\dim \mathcal{M}_{k'+1} + 1)$ . Then  $\delta_2 = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$ .

Now we return to the discussion on local orientations of the orientation bundle of  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')$  and  $\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$ . Recall that

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}') \times \mathbb{R}_B. \quad (6)$$

Set  $\kappa = \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3$ . Comparing (5) and (6), we have

$$(-1)^\kappa \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'') \subset \partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}). \quad (7)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\kappa \equiv & (k''-1)(k'-j) + (k'-1) \left( \mu(R_\alpha) - \sum_{p=j}^{j+k''-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) \right) + \left( \sum_{p=1}^{j-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) \right) \left( \mu(R_\alpha) - \sum_{p=j}^{j+k''-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) \right) \\
& + \dim R_{\alpha_0} + \mu(R_{\alpha_0}) - \left( \sum_{p=1}^{j-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) + \mu(R_\alpha) + \sum_{p=j+k''}^k \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) \right) + k'.
\end{aligned}$$

From (1) in the setting of Kuranishi structures, (7), (1) and the base change formula for integration along fibers, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
& (ev_0^B |_{\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})}; \partial o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k}))_! \left( \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} ev_i^{B^*} \times \prod_{i=j+k''}^k ev_i^{B^*} \times \prod_{i=j}^{j+k''-1} ev_i^{B^*} \right) \\
= & (-1)^\kappa (ev_0^{B'}; o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_{j-1}}, \sigma_\alpha, \sigma_{\alpha_{j+k''-1}}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k}))_! \\
& \circ \left( \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} ev_i^{B'^*} \times \prod_{i=j+1}^{k'} ev_i^{B'^*} \times \left( ev_j^{B'^*} \circ (ev_0^{B''}; o(\sigma_\alpha; \sigma_{\alpha_j}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_{j+k''-1}}))_! \circ \prod_{i=1}^{k''} ev_i^{B''^*} \right) \right) \quad (8)
\end{aligned}$$

as operations applied to  $(\otimes_{i=1}^{j-1} \zeta_i) \otimes (\otimes_{i=j+k''}^k \zeta_i) \otimes (\otimes_{i=j}^{j+k''-1} \zeta_i)$ , where  $\xi_i = \zeta_i \otimes \sigma_{\alpha_i}, i = 1, \dots, k$ . Here  $\partial o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})^2$  is the orientation of the relative tangent bundle  $\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow R_{\alpha_0}$  induced from  $o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})$ .

Namely, for  $\mathbf{u} \in \partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$ ,  $o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})$  of  ${}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$  and  $\partial o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})$  of the relative tangent bundle of  $\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow R_{\alpha_0}$  are related as follows: we write

$$T_{\mathbf{u}} \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = \mathbb{R}_{out} \times T_{\mathbf{u}} \partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$$

$$T_{\mathbf{u}} \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = T_{u(z_0)} R_{\alpha_0} \times T_{\mathbf{u}} {}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$$

Then, under the following identification

$$\mathbb{R}_{out} \times T_{\mathbf{u}} \partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = \mathbb{R}_{out} \times T_{u(z_0)} R_{\alpha_0} \times T_{\mathbf{u}} {}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}),$$

we define  $\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) \rightarrow R_{\alpha_0}$  by

$$o_{R_{\alpha_0}} \times o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k}) = \mathbb{R}_{out} \times o_{R_{\alpha_0}} \times \partial o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k}).$$

Note that

$$ev_i^B |_{\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})} = \begin{cases} ev_i^{B'} \circ \pi_{B'}, & i = 1, \dots, j-1, \\ ev_{i-j+1}^{B''} \circ \pi_{B''}, & i = j, \dots, j+k''-1, \\ ev_{i-k''+1}^{B'} \circ \pi_{B'}, & i = j+k'', \dots, k, \end{cases}$$

where  $\pi_{B'}$  and  $\pi_{B''}$  are projections from the fiber product  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')_{ev_{B'} \times ev_{B''}} \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')$  to  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')$ , respectively. Note that  $\sigma_\alpha$  appears twice and the right hand side of (8) does not depends on the choice of local section  $\sigma_\alpha$  of the  $O(1)$ -local system  $\Theta_\alpha$ .

Next, we compute  $\mathbf{m}_{k', B'} \circ \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{k'', B''}$  with  $(k', B') \neq (1, 0)$ ,  $(k'', B'') \neq (1, 0)$ . Armed with (8), we regard  $\xi_i, i = 1, \dots, k$  as differential forms on  $R_{\alpha_i}$  in the computation below.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}_{k', B'} \circ \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{k'', B''}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) &= \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} |\xi_i|'} \mathbf{m}_{k', B'}(\xi_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_{k'', B''}(\xi_j, \dots, \xi_{j+k''-1}), \dots, \xi_k) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{\delta_4} (ev_0^{B'})! \left( ev_1^{B'*} \xi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge ev_{j-1}^{B'*} \xi_{j-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \wedge ev_j^{B'*} ((ev_0^{B''})! (ev_1^{B''*} \xi_j \wedge \dots \wedge ev_{k''}^{B''*} \xi_{j+k''-1})) \wedge \dots \wedge ev_{k'}^{B'*} \xi_k \right) \\ &= (-1)^{\delta_4 + \delta_5} (ev_0^{(B', B'')})! (ev_1^{(B', B'')*} \xi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge ev_k^{(B', B'')*} \xi_k) \\ &= (-1)^{\delta_4 + \delta_5 + \kappa} (ev_0^B |_{\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})})! (ev_1^{B*} \xi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge ev_k^{B*} \xi_k) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where

$$\delta_4 = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} |\xi_i|' + \epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_{k'', B''}(\xi_j, \dots, \xi_{j+k''-1}), \dots, \xi_k) + \epsilon(\xi_j, \dots, \xi_{j+k''-1}).$$

$$\delta_5 = (\mu(R_\alpha) - \sum_{i=j}^{j+k''-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_i}) + k'' - 2) \left( \sum_{i=j+k''}^k \deg \xi_i \right),$$

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<sup>2</sup> $\partial o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})$  is not the boundary orientation of  $\partial {}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$  induced from the orientation  $o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})$  of  ${}^\circ \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$ . They differ by  $(-1)^{\dim R_{\alpha_0}}$ .

and  $ev_j^{(B', B'')} : \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'') \rightarrow R_{\alpha_j}$  is the evaluation map at the  $j$ -th marked point on the fiber product  $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')$ . Here the numbering of the marked points is the same as that on  $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$ . The appearance of  $(-1)^{\delta_5}$  above is due to (1) and the composition formula (Theorem 10.21 in [2]). Namely, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& (ev_0^{B'})! \left( ev_1^{B'*} \xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{j-1}^{B'*} \xi_{j-1} \wedge ev_j^{B'*} ((ev_0^{B''})! (ev_1^{B''*} \xi_j \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{k''}^{B''*} \xi_{j+k''-1}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. \wedge ev_{j+1}^{B'*} \xi_{j+k''} \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{k'}^{B'*} \xi_k \right) \\
= & (-1)^{\eta_1} (ev_0^{B'})! \left( (ev_1^{B'*} \xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{j-1}^{B'*} \xi_{j-1} \wedge ev_{j+1}^{B'*} \xi_{j+k''} \cdots \wedge ev_{k'}^{B'*} \xi_k) \right. \\
& \quad \left. \wedge ev_j^{B'*} \circ (ev_0^{B''})! (ev_1^{B''*} \xi_j \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{k''}^{B''*} \xi_{j+k''-1}) \right) \\
= & (-1)^{\eta_1} (ev_0^{B'})! \left( (ev_1^{B'*} \xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{j-1}^{B'*} \xi_{j-1} \wedge ev_{j+1}^{B'*} \xi_{j+k''} \cdots \wedge ev_{k'}^{B'*} \xi_k) \right. \\
& \quad \left. \wedge (\pi_{B'})! \circ \pi_{B''}^* (ev_1^{B''*} \xi_j \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{k''}^{B''*} \xi_{j+k''-1}) \right) \\
= & (-1)^{\eta_1} (ev_0^{B'})! \circ (\pi_{B'})! \left( (\pi_{B'}^* (ev_1^{B'*} \xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{j-1}^{B'*} \xi_{j-1} \wedge ev_{j+1}^{B'*} \xi_{j+k''} \cdots \wedge ev_{k'}^{B'*} \xi_k) \right. \\
& \quad \left. \wedge \pi_{B''}^* (ev_1^{B''*} \xi_j \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{k''}^{B''*} \xi_{j+k''-1}) \right) \\
= & (-1)^{\eta_1 + \eta_2} (ev_0^{B'} \circ \pi_{B'})! \left( (\pi_{B'}^* (ev_1^{B'*} \xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{j-1}^{B'*} \xi_{j-1}) \wedge \pi_{B''}^* (ev_1^{B''*} \xi_j \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_{k''}^{B''*} \xi_{j+k''-1}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. \pi_{B'}^* (ev_{j+1}^{B'*} \xi_{j+k''} \cdots \wedge ev_{k'}^{B'*} \xi_k) \right) \\
= & (-1)^{\eta_1 + \eta_2} (ev_0^{(B', B'')})! (ev_1^{(B', B'')*} \xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_k^{((B', B'')*} \xi_k),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta_1 = (((\sum_{i=j}^{j+k''-1} \deg \xi_i) + (\mu_{R_\alpha} - \sum_{i=j}^{j+k''-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_i}) + k'' - 2))(\sum_{i=j+k''}^k \deg \xi_i))$  and  $\eta_2 = (\sum_{i=j}^{j+k''-1} \deg \xi_i)(\sum_{i=j+k''}^k \deg \xi_i)$ . Then  $\delta_5 = \eta_1 + \eta_2 = (\mu(R_\alpha) - \sum_{i=j}^{j+k''-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_i}) + k'' - 2)(\sum_{i=j+k''}^k \deg \xi_i)$ . The second equality is a consequence of the base change formula for integration along fibers, i.e.,  $ev_j^{B'*} \circ (ev_0^{B''})! = (\pi_{B'})! \circ \pi_{B''}^*$ . The third equality follows from (1). Note that

$$ev_i^{(B', B'')} = \begin{cases} ev_i^{B'} \circ \pi_{B'}^B, & i = 0, 1, \dots, j-1, \\ ev_{i-j+1}^{B''} \circ \pi_{B''}^B, & i = j, \dots, j+k''-1, \\ ev_{i-k''+1}^{B'} \circ \pi_{B'}^B, & i = j+k'', \dots, k. \end{cases}$$

We find that

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_4 + \delta_5 + \kappa & \equiv \epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) + 1 + k + \sum_{i=1}^k \deg \xi_i + \dim R_{\alpha_0} + \mu(R_{\alpha_0}) - \sum_{p=1}^k \mu(R_{\alpha_p}) \\
& \equiv \epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) + 1 + \dim \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) + \sum_{i=1}^k \deg \xi_i \pmod{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 27.2 in [2], we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& d(ev_0^B)_!(ev_1^{B*}\xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_k^{B*}\xi_k) \\
= & (ev_0^B)_!d(ev_1^{B*}\xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_k^{B*}\xi_k) \\
& + (-1)^{\dim \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B;\mathcal{L};\mathcal{R}) + \sum_{i=1}^k \deg \xi_i} (ev_0^B|_{\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B;\mathcal{L};\mathcal{R})})_!(ev_1^{B*}\xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge ev_k^{B*}\xi_k). \quad (10)
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (3), (4), (9), (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{m}_{1,0} \circ \mathbf{m}_{k,B}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) + \mathbf{m}_{k,B} \circ \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{1,0}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) \\
& + \sum_{(k',B'),(k'',B'') \neq (1,0)} \mathbf{m}_{k',B'} \circ \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{k'',B''}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

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