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We give a definition of A_∞ -operations in Bott-Morse case (see Definition 2). Let L_i be a relatively spin collection of Lagrangian submanifolds, which intersects cleanly in (X, ω) . (The argument presented here is also valid for immersed Lagrangian submanifolds.) Denote by R_α 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

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

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 Σ 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_{α_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_α in Proposition 8.1.1 in [1]. Here R_α is a connected component of $L \cap L'$. In this note, we simply write it as Θ_{R_α} .

We recall the construction of Θ_{R_α} 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 λ 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 λ 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 O_{spin} on $\mathcal{P}_{R_\alpha}(TL, TL')$. Proposition 8.1.1 in [1] states that the tensor product $\det \bar{\partial}_\lambda \otimes O_{spin}$ descends to an $O(1)$ -local system Θ_{R_α} on R_α .

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

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

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

(ii) Case that $k = 1$.

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

(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_{α_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 σ_{α_i} of $O(1)$ -local systems Θ_{α_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

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

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 σ_{α_0} , since σ_{α_0} appears twice in the right hand side of (2), and gives a differential form on R_{α_0} with coefficients in Θ_{α_0} . For general $\xi_i \in \Omega^*(R_{\alpha_i}; \Theta_{\alpha_i})$, we use partitions of unity on R_{α_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 Θ_{R_α} . 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_∞ -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

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

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

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

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

over $j = 1, \dots, k$, k', k'' such that $k' + k'' = k + 1$, R_α 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 Φ^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 preserving¹. 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 $\partial \mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R}) = \partial(\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})^\circ \times \mathcal{M}_{k+1})$ and $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}') \times_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'') = (\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')^\circ \times \mathcal{M}_{k'+1}) \times_{ev_j^{B'}} \times_{ev_0^{B''}} (\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')^\circ \times \mathcal{M}_{k''+1})$. 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_{α_0} around $u(z_0)$. Then we can equip $\mathcal{M}_{k+1}(B; \mathcal{L}; \mathcal{R})$, $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')$ and the relative tangent bundle of $ev_0^{B''} : \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'') \rightarrow R_\alpha$ 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,

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

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.

¹ (-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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where $\pi_{B'}^B$ and $\pi_{B''}^B$ are projections from the fiber product $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')_{ev_j^{B'} \times ev_0^{B''}} \times \mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')$ to $\mathcal{M}_{k'+1}(B'; \mathcal{L}'; \mathcal{R}')$ and $\mathcal{M}_{k''+1}(B''; \mathcal{L}''; \mathcal{R}'')$, respectively. Note that σ_α appears twice and the right hand side of (8) does not depend on the choice of local section σ_α of the $O(1)$ -local system Θ_α .

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 ξ_i , $i = 1, \dots, k$ as differential forms on R_{α_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

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_4 &= \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} |\xi_i|' + \epsilon(\xi_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_{k'', B''}(\xi_j, \dots, \xi_{j+k''-1}), \dots, \xi_k) + \epsilon(\xi_j, \dots, \xi_{j+k''-1}). \\ \delta_5 &= (\mu(R_\alpha) - \sum_{i=j}^{j+k''-1} \mu(R_{\alpha_i}) + k'' - 2) \left(\sum_{i=j+k''}^k \deg \xi_i \right), \end{aligned}$$

² $\partial o(\sigma_{\alpha_0}; \sigma_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\alpha_k})$ 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

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

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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