

Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k-1} then be vector fields to σ_α^k along γ and v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n vector fields to Δ_j^{n-k+1} along r s.t

$v_1(0), \dots, v_{k-1}(0), \gamma'(0)$ is an oriented basis for $T_{\gamma(0)}(\sigma_\alpha^k)$ &
 $v_{k+1}(0), \dots, v_n(0)$ is an " for $T_{r(0)}(\Delta_\alpha^{n-k})$ &
 $v_1(0), \dots, v_{k-1}(0) \in T_{\gamma(0)}(\sigma_\alpha^{k-1})$
 $v_{k+1}(0), \dots, v_n(0) \in T_{r(0)}(\Delta_j^{n-k+1})$.

By hypothesis,

$$\bar{L}_{r(0)}(\sigma_\alpha^k \cdot \Delta_\alpha^{n-k}) = +1$$

the basis $v_1(0), \dots, v_{k-1}(0), \gamma'(0), v_{k+1}(0), \dots, v_n(0)$ is positive for the given orientation on M . Moreover, since $\gamma'(0)$ is inward normal to Δ_j^{n-k+1} at $\gamma(0)$ and since $v_{k+1}(0), \dots, v_n(0)$ is positively oriented for $T_{r(0)}(\Delta_\alpha^{n-k})$,

the basis $\gamma'(0), v_{k+1}(0), \dots, v_n(0)$ will have a sign $(-1)^{n-k}$ w.r.t the orientation on Δ_j^{n-k+1} .

By continuity, these last two assertions will hold as well as $r(1)$.

There, since $\gamma'(1)$ is outward normal to Δ_j^{n-k+1} at $\gamma(1)$, and since $v_1(1), \dots, v_{k-1}(1), \gamma'(1)$ is positively oriented for $T_{\gamma(1)}(\sigma_\alpha^k)$, the basis $v_1(1), \dots, v_{k-1}(1)$ will be negatively oriented for σ_j^{n-k-1} .

Thus $\bar{L}_{r(1)}(\sigma_j^{k-1} \cdot \Delta_j^{n-k+1}) = (-1)^{n-k+1}$ as desired.

We see from this that the map

$\sigma_\alpha^k \longmapsto \tilde{\Delta}_\alpha^{n-k}$ induces an isomorphism between the complex (C_*, ∂) of chains in the original