

U_α is the union of U'_β 's. \Rightarrow

We can give the set of line bundles on M the structure of a group, multiplication being given by tensor product and inverses by dual bundles.

If L is given by data $\{g_{\alpha\beta}\}$, L' by $\{g'_{\alpha\beta}\}$, we have seen that

$$L \otimes L' \sim \{g_{\alpha\beta} g'_{\alpha\beta}\}, \quad L^* \sim \{g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}\},$$

and so the ^{group} structure on the set of line bundles is the same as the group structure on $H^1(M, \mathcal{O}^*)$. The group $H^1(M, \mathcal{O}^*)$ is called the Picard group of M , denoted $\text{Pic}(M)$.

We now describe the basic correspondence between divisors and line bundles. Let D be a divisor on M , with local defining functions $f_\alpha \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_\alpha)$ over some open cover $\{U_\alpha\}$ of M . Then the functions

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta} \quad \text{holomorphic and non-zero in } U_\alpha \cap U_\beta.$$

and in $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma$, we have

$$g_{\alpha\beta} g_{\beta\gamma} \cdot g_{\gamma\alpha} = \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta} \cdot \frac{f_\beta}{f_\gamma} \cdot \frac{f_\gamma}{f_\alpha} = 1.$$

The line bundle given by the transition functions $\{g_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta}\}$ is called the line bundle of D , and written $[D]$. We check the associated

that it is well-defined: if $\{f'_\alpha\}$ are the alternate local data for D , then $h_\alpha = \frac{f'_\alpha}{f_\alpha} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_\alpha)$,

$$\text{and} \quad g'_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f'_\alpha}{f'_\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \frac{h_\beta}{h_\alpha} \quad \text{for each } \alpha, \beta.$$

\Rightarrow By $(**)$ on p. 133, they define the same line bundle. \Rightarrow