

$\bar{U}$  of  $U$ . Since we are interested in the local theory around the origin, we shall allow ourselves to decrease the radius  $\varepsilon$  as necessary. We assume that the  $f_i(z)$  have the origin as isolated common zero, or equivalently that set-theoretically  $f^{-1}(0) = \{0\}$ , where  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ . We set

$$D_i = (f_i) = \text{divisor of } f_i$$

$$D = D_1 + D_2 + \dots + D_n,$$

$$U_i = U - D_i,$$

$$U^* = U - \{0\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i.$$

Set-theoretically  $f^{-1}(0) = \{0\}$  is true since we choose  $\varepsilon$  small enough, ( $\because$  0 is an isolated <sup>common</sup> zero).  $\Rightarrow$

Note that  $\underline{U} = \{U_i\}$  gives an open cover of the punctured ball  $U^*$ .

We shall be interested in residues associated to a meromorphic  $n$ -form

$$\omega = \frac{g(z) dz_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dz_n}{f_1(z) \dots f_n(z)} \quad (g \in \mathcal{O}(\bar{U}))$$

having polar divisor  $D$ . The residue is a variant of the Cauchy integral in several variables, and is defined as follows: Let  $P$  be the real  $n$ -cycle defined by

$$P = \{z : |f_i(z)| = \varepsilon_i\}$$

and oriented by

$$d(\arg f_1) \wedge \dots \wedge d(\arg f_n) \geq 0.$$