

$$f^* \delta h = \delta f^* h.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (f^* \delta h)_{\alpha\beta\gamma} &= f^* ((\delta h)_{\alpha\beta\gamma}) = (\delta h)_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \circ f \\ &= (h_{\beta\gamma} - h_{\alpha\gamma} + h_{\alpha\beta}) \circ f = h_{\beta\gamma} \circ f - h_{\alpha\gamma} \circ f + h_{\alpha\beta} \circ f \\ &= f^*(h_{\beta\gamma}) - f^*(h_{\alpha\gamma}) + f^*(h_{\alpha\beta}) \\ &= (f^* h)_{\beta\gamma} - (f^* h)_{\alpha\gamma} + (f^* h)_{\alpha\beta} = (\delta(f^* h))_{\alpha\beta\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\exp h = g \Rightarrow \exp(f^* h) = \exp(h \circ f) = g \circ f = f^* g.$$

$$= f^* \exp h$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C^1(\underline{U}, \mathcal{O}^*) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & C^1(f^{-1}(\underline{U}), \mathcal{O}^*) \\ \uparrow \psi_g & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \uparrow \psi_{f^*g} \\ C^1(\underline{U}, \mathcal{O}) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & C^1(f^{-1}(\underline{U}), \mathcal{O}) \\ \uparrow h & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \uparrow f^* h \end{array}$$

We will be concerned in this subsection with giving two alternate interpretations of the Chern class; first, however, we want to make one observation:

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}^*$  denote the sheaves of  $C^\infty$ -functions and nonzero  $C^\infty$  functions, respectively. The transition functions of a  $C^\infty$  complex line bundle  $L$ , then, give a Čech cocycle

$$\{g_{\alpha\beta}\} \in C^1(M, \mathcal{Q}^*),$$

and by the same argument as for holomorphic bundles, the bundle  $L$  is determined, up to  $C^\infty$  isomorphism by the cohomology class  $[\{g_{\alpha\beta}\}] \in H^1(M, \mathcal{Q}^*)$ .