

for  $A \cap \bar{U}$  = closure of  $A \cap U$  in  $A$  by Munkres, Topology a first course p 95. Th 6.4

$$A \cap U = \text{closure of } A \cap U = A \cap \bar{U}.$$

$\Rightarrow H_\lambda \cap V = H_\lambda \cap \bar{V}' = H_\lambda \cap V' =$  irreducible component of  $H_\lambda \cap V \Rightarrow H_\lambda \cap V$  is irreducible  $\cup$

Now the original lemma follows readily from the curve case: if  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  is any irreducible nondegenerate  $k$ -dimensional variety of degree  $d$ , then the generic intersection of  $V$  with hyperplanes is an irreducible, nondegenerate curve of degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{n-k+1}$ , and so,

$$d \geq n - k + 1.$$

$\square$   $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  irreducible, nondegenerate,  $k$ -dimensional variety of degree  $d$ .  $\Rightarrow V \cap H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_{k-1}$  is an irreducible nondegenerate curve of degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{n-k+1}$ .  
 $\dim(V \cap H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_{k-1}) = k - (k-1) = 1 \Rightarrow d \geq n - k + 1$ , since we proved above that  $d \geq n$  for a curve  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ .  $\cup$

We can restate the lemma as follows: any irreducible  $k$ -dimensional variety  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  of degree  $d$  must lie in a linear space of dimension  $d+k-1$ ; as a corollary, then we see again that any variety of degree one in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is a linear subspace.

$\square (\Rightarrow) V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  irreducible

(i) nondegenerate  $V$

$$\Rightarrow d \geq n - k + 1 \Rightarrow d + k - 1 \geq n \Rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{P}^n \subset \mathbb{P}^{d+k-1}$$