



to the subgroup of  $(n-k)$ -cycles that do not intersect a hyperplane, i.e., the image of the map

$$H_{n-k}(M-V) \xrightarrow{\cap H} H_{n-k}(M).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma & H^{n-k}(M) & \xrightarrow{L} H^{n+k+2}(M) \\ & \cup & \downarrow \\ & P^{n-k}(M) & \longrightarrow 0 \\ \Rightarrow & H_{n-k}(M) & \xrightarrow{\cap H} H_{n-k-2}(M) \end{array}$$

This explains the above claim.  $\square$

Such cycles are called *finite cycles* since  $M-V$  is the "finite part"  $M \cap \mathbb{C}^N$  of  $M$ ;  
(See P 16)

their importance will be more apparent when we prove the Lefschetz theorem on hyperplane sections.

As another application of the Hodge and Lefschetz decompositions, we will now describe the Hodge-Riemann bilinear relations. We define a bilinear form

$$Q: H^{n-k}(M) \otimes H^{n-k}(M) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

by setting  $Q(\xi, \eta) = \int_M \xi \wedge \eta \wedge \omega^k.$