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- For $r = 2p$, elements of $H^{p,p}(X, \mathbb{Z}) := H^{2p}(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cap H^{p,p}(X, \mathbb{C})$ are called *Hodge classes*.
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- It exists for singular as well as quasi-projective varieties.
- If X is non-singular, it is the classical Chow group i.e $Z^p(X)$ modulo rational equivalence.
- If X is non-singular, \overline{X} a compactification of X with boundary $Z := \overline{X} \setminus X$, we have:

$$0 \rightarrow A_c^p(X) \rightarrow A^p(\overline{X}) \rightarrow A^p(Z),$$

where $A_c^p(X)$ is the *compactly supported operational Chow cohomology*

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with good properties.

- Bloch-Gillet-Soulé: there is a (functorial) cycle class map

$$\text{cl}_p : A^p(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \text{Gr}_{2p}^W H^{2p}(X, \mathbb{Q}).$$

- If X is non-singular, this agrees with the usual cycle class map.
- For X projective, define the *algebraic cohomology group* denoted by $H_A^{2p}(X) \subset \text{Gr}_{2p}^W H^{2p}(X, \mathbb{Q})$. to be the image of the cycle class map cl_p .

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