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Griffiths' infinitesimal invariant and the Abel-Jacobi map. (English) Zbl 0692.14003
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Let X be a hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^n . Let us name Noether-Lefschetz locus the locus of smooth subvarieties of X of a fixed codimension. - If $m \geq 3$ and one considers codimension one subvarieties of X the Lefschetz theorems show immediately that the $N - L$ locus is empty in all degrees. In higher codimension the situation is more interesting. There is the following conjecture due to *P. A. Griffiths* and *J. Harris*: On a general 3-fold X of degree ≥ 6 , the Abel-Jacobi map α from algebraic 1-cycles on X homologically equivalent to zero to the intermediate Jacobian $J^2(X)$ is zero.

The author draws a three steps program for proving the above conjecture and does the first two, getting the following partial result: If X is a 3-fold as above then the image of α is contained in the set of torsion points of the intermediate Jacobian.

The proof is mainly based on an improvement of an infinitesimal invariant of normal functions introduced by *P. A. Griffiths* [*Compos. Math.* 50, 267-324 (1983; [Zbl 0576.14009](#))] and a vanishing theorem for Koszul cohomology due to the author [*J. Differ. Geom.* 27, 155-159 (1988; [Zbl 0674.14005](#))].

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MSC:

- [14C30](#) Transcendental methods, Hodge theory (algebraic-geometric aspects)
- [14K30](#) Picard schemes, higher Jacobians
- [14J99](#) Surfaces and higher-dimensional varieties
- [14C15](#) (Equivariant) Chow groups and rings; motives
- [14D05](#) Structure of families (Picard-Lefschetz, monodromy, etc.)

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