

Possible Choices of Complex Structures for a Surface

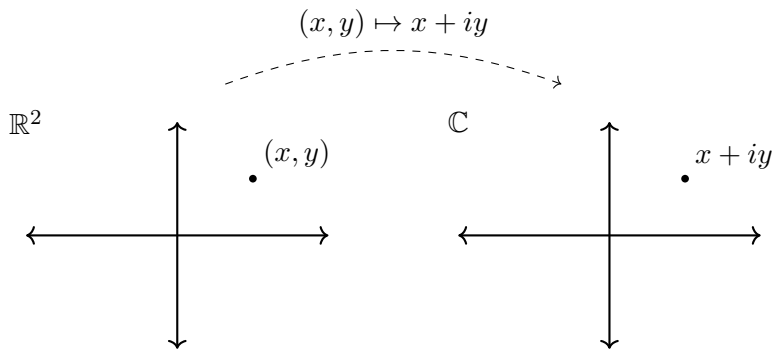
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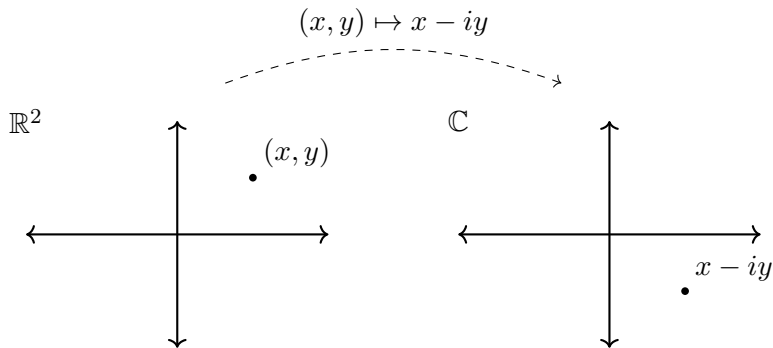
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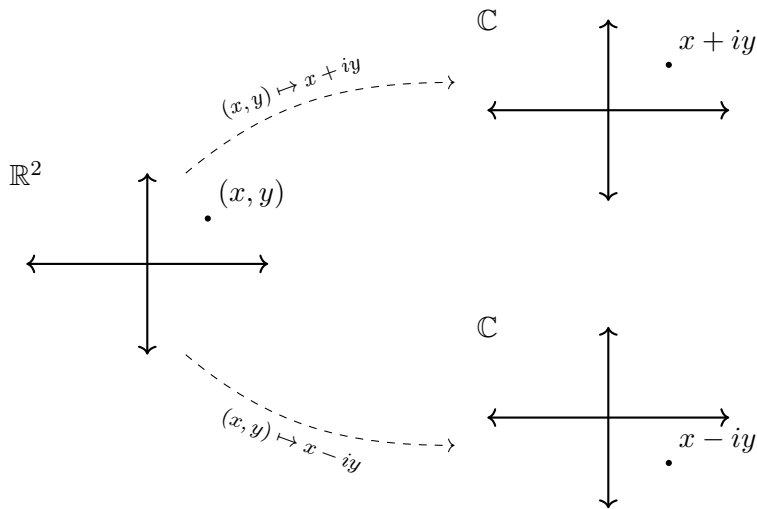
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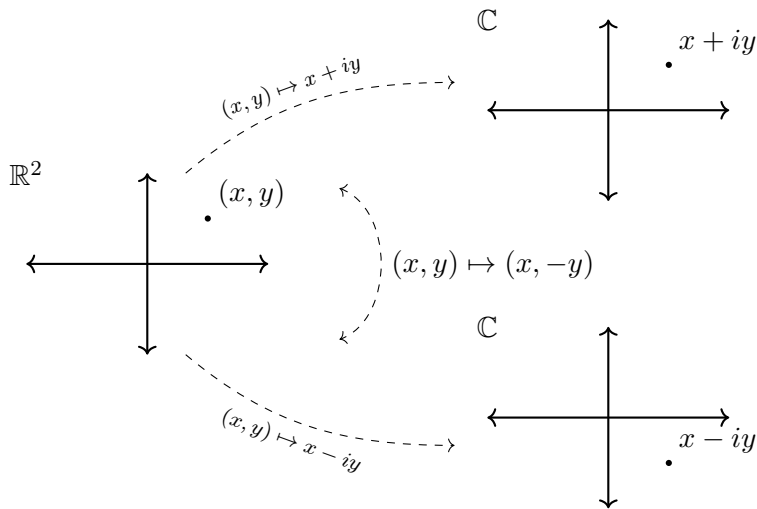
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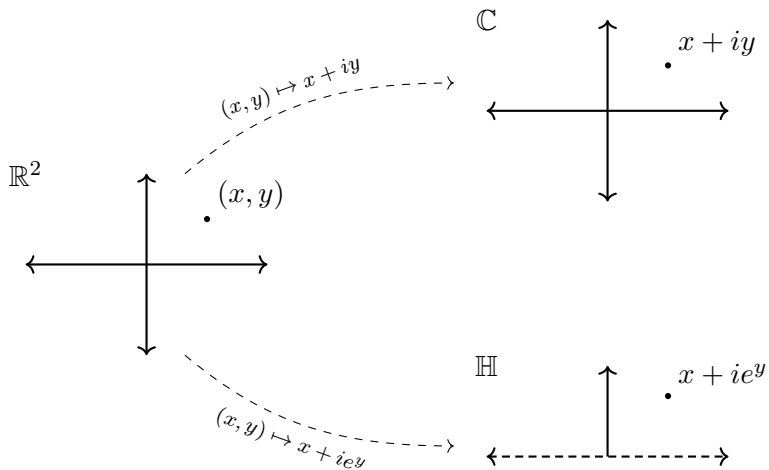
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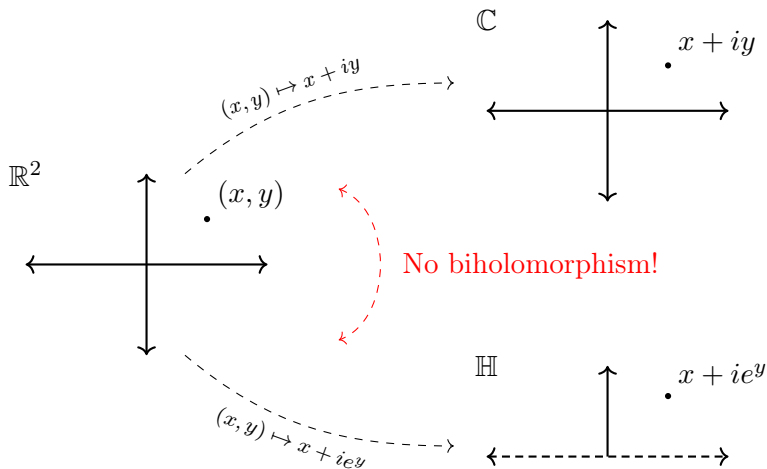
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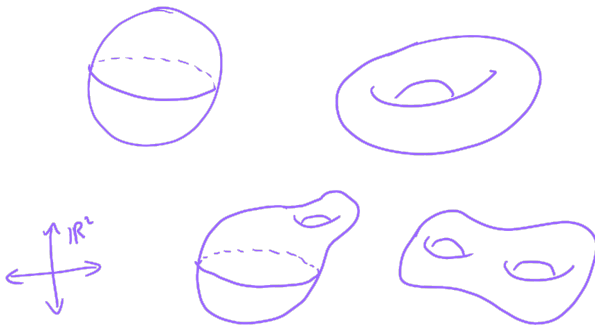
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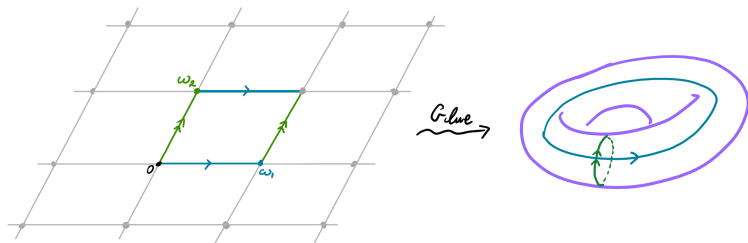
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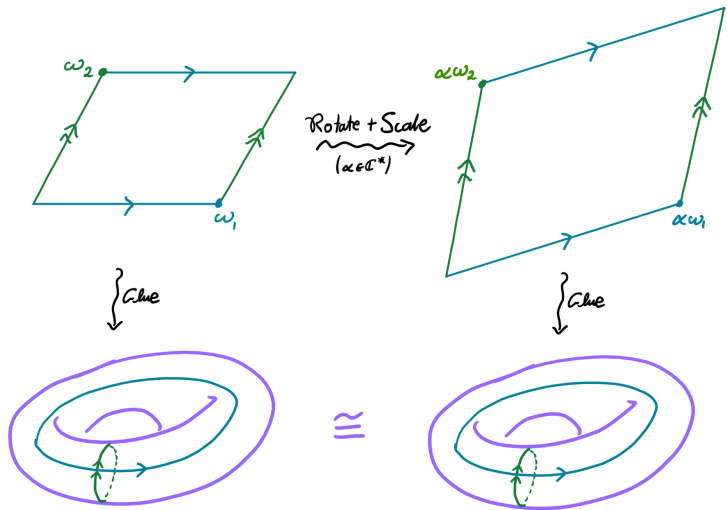
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$$\mathbb{C}/(\mathbb{Z}\omega_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}\omega_2) \cong X_\tau$$

for $\tau := \omega_2/\omega_1 \in \mathbb{H}$.

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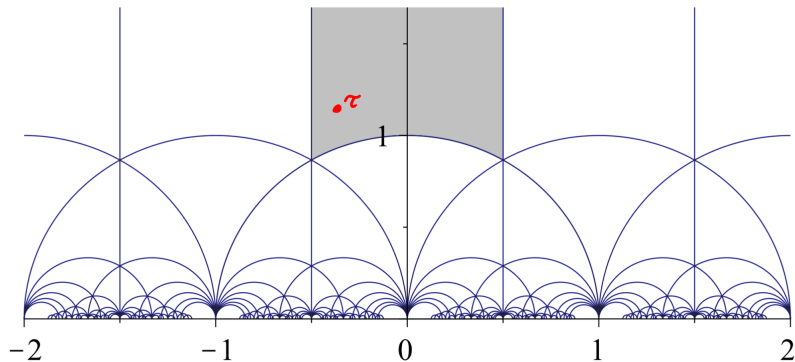


Figure: A fixed $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$.

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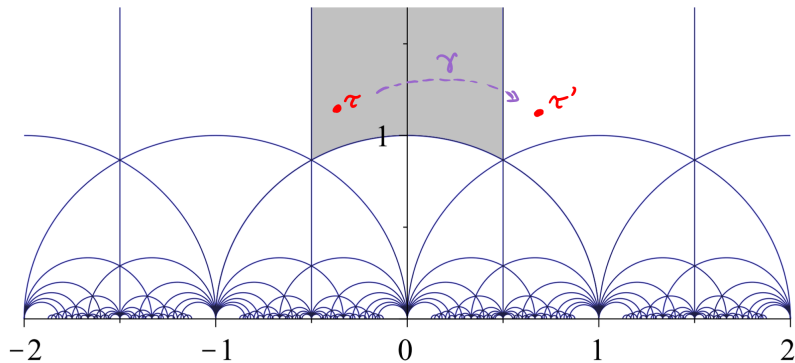


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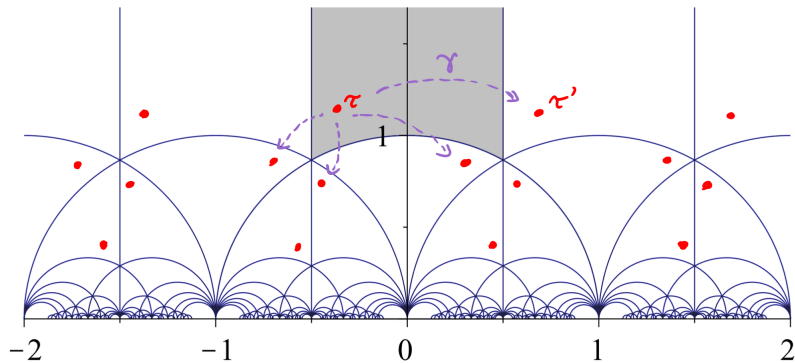


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Corollary

The moduli space of the torus is $\mathbb{H} / \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

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