

# Elliptic curves, lattices, and some differential geometry – part I

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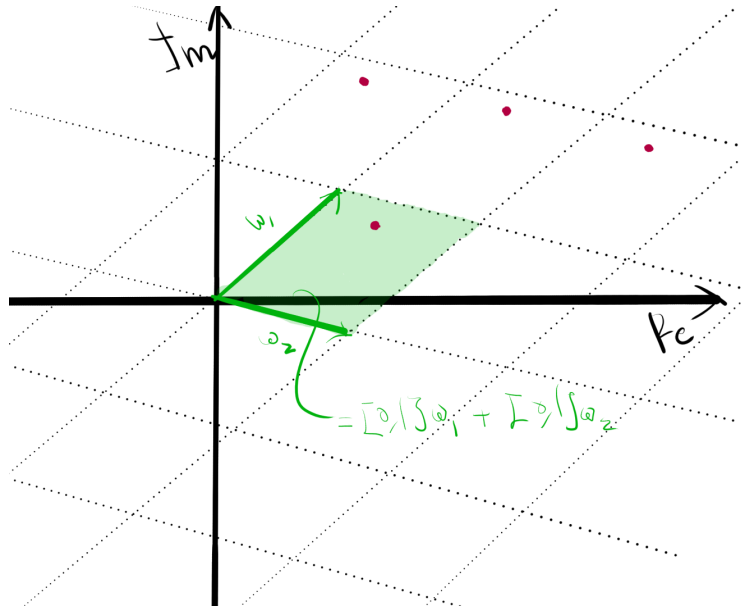
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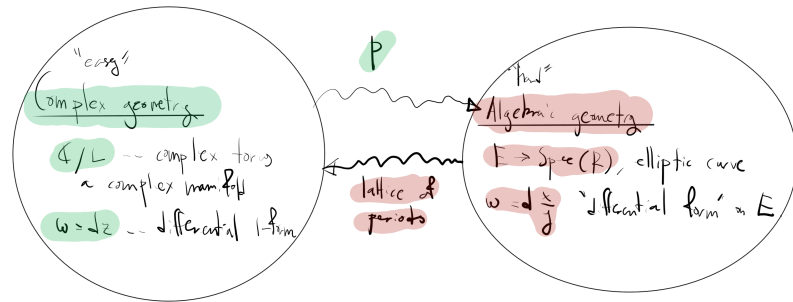
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