Mock Moonshine

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ABSTRACT

Even before the Mooonshine conjectures relat- ing representations of the Monster group and classical modular functions, was proved sev- eral researchers speculated that the Moonshine phenomena should extend to other groups, es- pecially symmetries of lattices. The result- ing program called Umbral Moonshine is now substantially complete. Recently, it has been shown that the partition functions counting de- generacy of BPS states in the Beckenstein- Hawking radiation from black holes in quan- tum gravity in a special N = 4 supersymmet- ric theory can be expressed in terms of newly discovered modular objects. They also include all of Ramanujans mock theta functions in his well known last letter to Hardy.