

How to Consider Industrial Property and Patents When Using Artificial Intelligence for Creation

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ABSTRACT:

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the creation of industrial property and patents has raised critical questions regarding intellectual property rights, ownership, and the legal frameworks that govern these domains. As AI technologies become increasingly sophisticated, they are capable of generating inventions that challenge traditional notions of inventorship and ownership. This paper delves into the implications of AI-generated inventions on industrial property, with a particular focus on the patentability criteria established by current legal systems. It examines the challenges associated with attributing inventorship to AI systems, as traditional legal frameworks typically recognize only human inventors. Furthermore, the discussion highlights the urgent need for updated legal frameworks that can adequately address the complexities introduced by AI in the innovation process. By analysing case studies and recent developments in patent law, this paper aims to provide insights into how policymakers and legal experts can navigate the evolving landscape of intellectual property in the AI age, ensuring that inventors' rights are protected while fostering innovation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies has significantly transformed various sectors, including manufacturing, design, and innovation. As AI systems advance to the point where they can autonomously generate new inventions, the intersection of AI and intellectual property law presents unique challenges that necessitate a reevaluation of existing frameworks. This paper aims to analyze the implications of AI involvement in the creation of industrial property, with a specific focus on patents. Industrial property encompasses various forms of intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, and industrial designs, each governed by distinct legal principles. A patent grants the inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a limited time, provided it meets the criteria of novelty, non-obviousness, and industrial applicability.

This study delves into the complexities surrounding the attribution of inventorship when AI systems contribute to the invention process. It examines current patent laws and their applicability in scenarios where AI is the primary innovator, raising critical questions about authorship, ownership, and the legal status of AI-generated inventions. Furthermore, the paper explores potential reforms needed in intellectual property law to accommodate the unique characteristics of AI-generated inventions, ensuring that the patent system remains robust and relevant in the face of rapid technological advancements.

The contribution of this paper lies in its comprehensive analysis of the legal challenges posed by AI in the realm of industrial property, providing a framework for policymakers, legal practitioners, and scholars to navigate the evolving landscape of intellectual property rights. By identifying gaps in current legislation and proposing actionable recommendations, this research aims to foster a more

equitable and effective intellectual property system that encourages innovation while safeguarding the rights of all stakeholders involved. Ultimately, this paper serves as a critical resource for understanding the future of patents in an era increasingly defined by AI-driven creativity and invention.

2. Literature review

Afshar argues for a rethinking of patent law to accommodate AI as an inventor. Abbott discusses the implications of recognizing AI contributions and suggests that current legal frameworks need to evolve to reflect technological advancements. (Afshar 2022, [1])

Veale et al. examine how AI challenges traditional notions of authorship in copyright law. The article discusses the need for legal reform to address the complexities introduced by AI-generated works and the implications for copyright protection. (Veale, Binns, and Edwards 2018, [17])

The intersection of artificial intelligence and intellectual property highlights the challenges and opportunities arising from the role of AI in innovation. The paper discusses how IP law must adapt to the realities of AI-generated inventions and creative works. ("Generative Intellectual Property and Artificial Intelligence: A New Frontier," 2024, [8]). The implications of AI-generated content on copyright law, emphasizing the need for a legal framework that accommodates the contributions of AI. The article discusses potential reforms to ensure that copyright law remains relevant in the digital age. ("The Future of Copyright in the Age of Artificial Intelligence," 2024 [14]).

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) report provides a comprehensive overview of the implications of AI for global IP systems. It includes case studies and recommendations for policymakers on how to address the challenges posed by AI in the context of intellectual property. ("What Is The Future Of Intellectual Property In A Generative AI World?," 2024 [20]) Shemtov's study focuses on the issue of inventorship in AI-generated inventions, comparing different legal approaches. The paper argues for a nuanced understanding of inventorship that reflects the collaborative nature of AI and human innovation. (Shemtov, 2024 [12])

Gaon discusses the transformative impact of AI on intellectual property law, particularly in the areas of patents and copyrights. The article calls for a reevaluation of existing legal frameworks to better accommodate AI technologies. (Gaon, 2021 [7]) The legal and ethical implications of AI inventions, questioning traditional definitions of inventorship. The paper emphasizes the importance of accountability and transparency in the innovation process involving AI. ("Can an AI Be an Inventor? Not yet. | MIT Technology Review," 2024 [5])

Schwartz analyzes the DABUS case, which raises the question of whether an AI can be recognized as an inventor. The article discusses the potential legal ramifications of this case and its implications for future patent law. (Schwartz and Rogers, 2022 [11])

Samuelson explores the challenges that AI poses to copyright law, particularly regarding authorship. The article discusses the need for legal frameworks that can adapt to the complexities of AI-generated works. ("Generative Intellectual Property and Artificial Intelligence: A New Frontier," 2024 [8])

Sun's paper addresses the need for a rethinking of patent law in light of AI's capabilities. The article discusses potential reforms to ensure that the patent system remains effective and relevant in the face of AI-generated inventions. (Sun, 2024 [13])

The Yale Law Journal examines the intersection of copyright, creativity, and AI, emphasizing the need for legal adaptations to account for AI's role in content creation. The article discusses the implications for authorship and copyright protection. ("The Yale Law Journal" [16])

Bird discusses the ethical considerations surrounding AI inventorship, advocating for a practical approach to address the complexities of AI-generated inventions. The paper emphasizes the importance of ethical frameworks in technology. (Bird et al. 2024; "The Future of Copyright in the

Age of Artificial Intelligence," [4]) The role of AI in the patent system and discusses the future of inventorship, there is an argue for a reevaluation of patent laws to better accommodate the contributions of AI. ("The Future of Copyright in the Age of Artificial Intelligence," 2024 [14])

The relationship between invention and the patent system focuses on AI's implications and the potential challenges AI poses to traditional patent law concepts. ("AI & IP: A Not-so-Perfect Pairing: Quarles Law Firm, Attorneys, Lawyers," 2024 [2]; "The Yale Law Journal – Forum: ARTificial: Why Copyright Is Not the Right Policy Tool to Deal with Generative AI," 2024 [16])

Yale low journal addresses the challenges of patentability in the context of AI-generated inventions. The paper discusses the implications for innovation and the need for legal clarity in this area. ("The Yale Law Journal – Forum: ARTificial [16]; Why Copyright Is Not the Right Policy Tool to Deal with Generative AI," 2024 [16])

Pitch et al. explores the new paradigm of copyright in the age of AI, discussing how traditional copyright concepts may need to be redefined. The article emphasizes the need for legal frameworks that recognize AI contributions. Pitch et al. discusses the challenges and opportunities presented by AI in copyright law. The article advocates for legal adaptations to ensure that copyright law remains effective in the digital landscape. (Picht and Thouvenin 2023 [10]; "The Future of Intellectual Property in the Era of AI – Network Readiness Index," 2024 [15])

Afshar examines the implications of AI for the patent system and the challenges of defining inventorship. The article discusses the potential need for legal reforms to address these challenges. (Afshar, 2022 [1])

Kuai discusses the future of intellectual property in the context of AI, emphasizing the need for legal frameworks that can adapt to the rapid advancements in technology and their implications for IP law. (Kuai, 2024 [9])

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research was conducted with the aim of exploring AI-generated inventions and their implications for patentability. The research process was structured into several stages, each serving a specific role in achieving the proposed objectives.

3.1. Defining the Objective and Research Questions

In the initial stage, the research objective was clearly established, focusing on identifying AI-generated inventions and evaluating their patentability status. Research questions were formulated to guide the analysis, including aspects related to patentability criteria and associated legal challenges.

3.2. Data collection

Relevant data was extracted from the Dimensions database, which provides access to a wide range of scientific publications, patents, and other academic resources. The Dimensions database is a comprehensive and interconnected research information platform that provides access to a vast array of scholarly content, including publications, patents, clinical trials, and datasets. It is designed to facilitate the discovery and analysis of research outputs across various disciplines. Its user-friendly interface allows researchers to explore relationships between different types of research outputs, providing valuable insights into trends, collaborations, and the evolution of scientific knowledge.

By integrating diverse data sources, Dimensions supports a holistic view of research activities and enhances the ability to conduct thorough literature reviews, making it an essential tool for academics, policymakers, and industry professionals alike. ("Dimensions AI | The Most Advanced Scientific Research Database," 2024 [6]) The search was conducted using specific keywords related to "AI-generated inventions" and "patentability." The result of this stage was the acquisition of a dataset consisting of 258 pertinent results.

3.3. Data Processing and Analysis

After downloading the dataset, VOSviewer software was utilized to analyze and visualize the relationships among the identified inventions. VOSviewer allows for the creation of co-citation and co-occurrence maps, facilitating a deeper understanding of knowledge networks and trends within the field. The analysis included assessing the frequency of term occurrences, relevant authors, and institutions involved in the development of these inventions ("VOSviewer – Visualizing Scientific Landscapes," 2024 [18]).

3.4. Interpreting Results

The obtained results were interpreted in the context of the initially established research questions. Emerging trends in the domain of AI-generated inventions were identified, as well as the legal and ethical challenges associated with their patentability. Interpretation was conducted by correlating the data with existing literature in the field.

Bibliographic coupling is a powerful method used in bibliometrics to identify and analyze the relationships between scholarly works based on their shared references. When two or more publications cite the same source, they are considered to be bibliographically coupled.

This technique can be particularly useful for identifying the most influential journals in a specific research area, as it highlights the connections between articles and the sources they reference. In the context of your research, bibliographic coupling was employed to systematically identify the most significant journals contributing to the field of AI-generated inventions and their patentability. By analyzing the citation patterns of the selected articles, it became possible to discern which journals are frequently referenced within this domain. This approach not only reveals the key publications that shape the discourse but also allows for the detection of emerging trends and the identification of leading journals that publish high-impact research. The process began with the collection of a dataset comprising relevant articles extracted from the Dimensions database. Subsequently, the references cited within these articles were analyzed to establish coupling relationships. Journals that exhibited a high degree of bibliographic coupling with the selected articles were identified as pivotal contributors to the academic conversation surrounding AI-generated inventions and patentability. This method provides a robust framework for understanding the landscape of scholarly communication and aids in mapping the intellectual structure of the field, thereby offering insights into the most influential journals that drive research and innovation in this area. By employing bibliographic coupling, this research not only highlights the key journals but also lays the groundwork for future studies to explore the evolving dynamics of research in AI and intellectual property, fostering a deeper understanding of the interplay between technology and legal frameworks.

In Figure 1 it is presented a bibliometric network visualization created using VOSviewer. It shows various academic journals and their connections based on co-citation or co-authorship relationships. The size of the nodes represents the prominence or frequency of mentions for each journal, while the lines or links between them signify collaborative or related content.

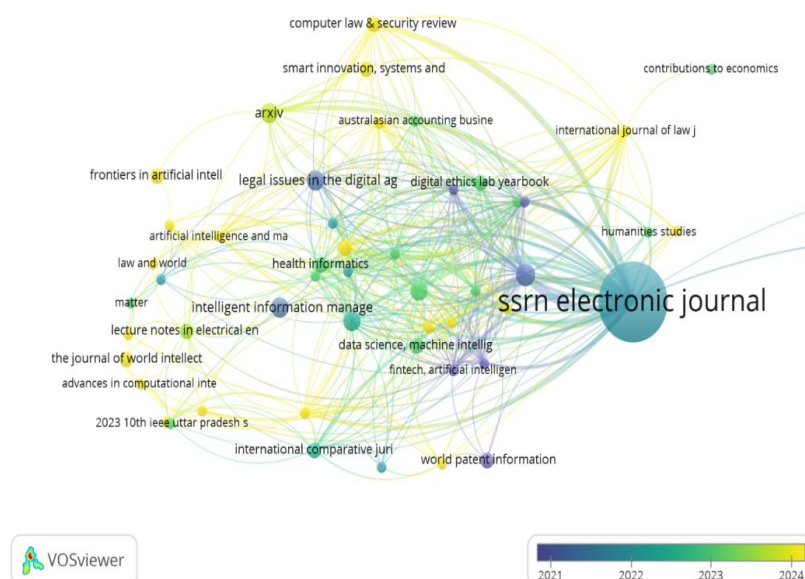


Figure 1: Bibliometric network

The color gradient, as indicated by the legend, represents a timeline from 2021 to 2024, highlighting how connections or relevance have evolved over time. In this research, the analysis of organizational affiliations was conducted to pinpoint the most influential institutions contributing to the body of knowledge surrounding AI-generated inventions.

The dataset, derived from the Dimensions database, included a comprehensive list of articles relevant to the topic, along with the corresponding author affiliations. By aggregating and analyzing this information, it became possible to determine which organizations are most frequently associated with high-impact research in this domain. The methodology involved assessing the volume of publications, citation counts, and the degree of collaboration among different institutions. This approach allowed for the identification of key players in the field, revealing not only leading universities and research institutes but also private organizations and industry stakeholders that are actively engaged in research and development related to AI and patentability issues.

Furthermore, the analysis of organizations provides insights into collaborative networks, highlighting partnerships between academia and industry, as well as international collaborations that may influence the direction of research. By mapping these relationships, the study offers a nuanced understanding of how different organizations contribute to the advancement of knowledge in AI-generated inventions. Ultimately, this organizational analysis serves as a foundation for recognizing the critical roles that various institutions play in shaping the research landscape, guiding future inquiries into the dynamics of innovation and intellectual property within the context of artificial intelligence.

It underscores the importance of institutional collaboration in fostering advancements in technology and informing policy development in the realm of patent law and intellectual property rights. ("Artificial Intelligence and Ethics: Sixteen Challenges and Opportunities – Markkula Center for Applied Ethics," 2024; "What Is AI Ethics? | IBM," 2024, [3])

4. Conclusions and Recommendations

In conclusion, this paper underscores several key insights regarding the intersection of artificial intelligence (AI) and industrial property, particularly in the context of patent law.

1. Ethics in Artificial Intelligence is a Crucial and Current Topic in Our Society: The rapid advancement of AI technologies brings forth significant ethical considerations that must be addressed. Issues such as accountability, transparency, and fairness in AI systems are paramount. As AI becomes increasingly integrated into various sectors, including those related to industrial property, the ethical implications of allowing machines to create inventions warrant serious scrutiny. Stakeholders must engage in ongoing dialogue to establish ethical guidelines that ensure AI operates within a framework that respects human values and societal norms.
2. The Intersection of AI and Industrial Property Presents Both Challenges and Opportunities: The convergence of AI and industrial property law reveals a dual landscape of challenges and opportunities. On one hand, the ability of AI to generate novel inventions raises questions about traditional notions of inventorship and ownership. On the other hand, this technological advancement offers the potential to accelerate innovation and streamline the patent application process. By embracing the opportunities presented by AI, stakeholders can foster an environment that not only enhances creativity but also addresses the complexities of intellectual property rights in a digital age.
3. The Continued Evolution of AI Requires Legislation to Adapt to the Unique Nature of Inventions Generated Through the Use of AI: As AI technologies continue to evolve, so too must the legal frameworks that govern them. Current patent laws, which were designed for human inventors, may not adequately address the unique characteristics of AI-generated inventions. This paper advocates for a proactive approach in legislative reform to create a more adaptable and responsive intellectual property system. Such reforms should consider the role of AI in the inventive process, ensuring that the legal definitions of inventorship and ownership are sufficiently flexible to accommodate the complexities introduced by AI.
4. By Openly Addressing AI-Based Patenting and Intellectual Property Issues, an Environment that Encourages Innovation While Protecting the Rights of Creators Can Be Fostered: Transparency and open dialogue surrounding AI-based patenting and intellectual property issues are essential for fostering an innovative ecosystem. By actively engaging diverse stakeholders—including policymakers, legal experts, technologists, and the public—in discussions about the implications of AI on intellectual property, a balanced approach can be developed. This approach should aim to protect the rights of human creators while also recognizing the contributions of AI systems. By doing so, we can create an environment that not only encourages innovation but also ensures that the rights and interests of all parties are respected and safeguarded.

In summary, the integration of AI into the realm of industrial property presents a critical juncture for legal, ethical, and societal considerations. By addressing these challenges head-on and reforming existing frameworks, we can harness the full potential of AI-driven innovation while upholding the principles of justice and equity in intellectual property rights.

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