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I am a recent graduate with a B.S. in Mathematics & Computer Science.

I am concerned about software patents and their implications. Like mathematics, computer algorithms are discovered and not invented. They are fundamental truths underlying the nature of reality.

Imagine if someone owned a patent on the long division algorithm. I have not doubt that it would be profitable (for the owner), but it would hurt society as a whole.

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