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As a research scientist I find the broad scope of what is patentable today a threat to innovation and entrepreneurship. Today it is virtually impossible to put out in the market any innovative product that is not somehow under the threat of legal action from patent trolls. The case of software products is particularly troublesome. Because of the nature of the software business, it is today impossible to find any software process, product, or idea that is not related to prior art. Copyright protection should be enough in the case of software products.

Best regards,

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