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Different IP regimes: Patent, Copyright, Trade Secret, (Contract)

1976 Copyright Act: elegant, "technology-neutral"

Significance of digital information

Information becomes functional

Significance of networking

"Information-defined networks"

Classical copyright

idea/expression dichotomy

bundles of rights

work/copy distinction

publisher as bottleneck

first sale doctrine

Gateway vision:

direct dealing between publisher and end-user

multiple intermediaries adding value

Multimedia problems

diverse industries

underlying rights

uncertain technological environment

lack accounting mechanisms and systems

Need for CONTU 2 -- areas of controversy and uncertainty

Software patents

Copyright in compilations (Feist decision)

"Reverse engineering" (Sega v. Accolade)

"Look and feel" (Lotus cases)

Derivative works (Galoob v. Nintendo)

Fair use (Texaco, Sony)

Public performance/public display

Contract (licensing) as a solution

Government information

legal perspective

"Let the courts work it out."

business perspective

"Settle the groundrules now."

decreasing length of protection →

trade secret

indefinite

-- *taking by*

"improper means"

copyright

life plus 50 yrs/ 75 yrs

-- *actual copying*

patent

17 yrs

-- *manufacture & use*

increasing scope of protection →

contract

state law

contract

trade secret

tort

copyright

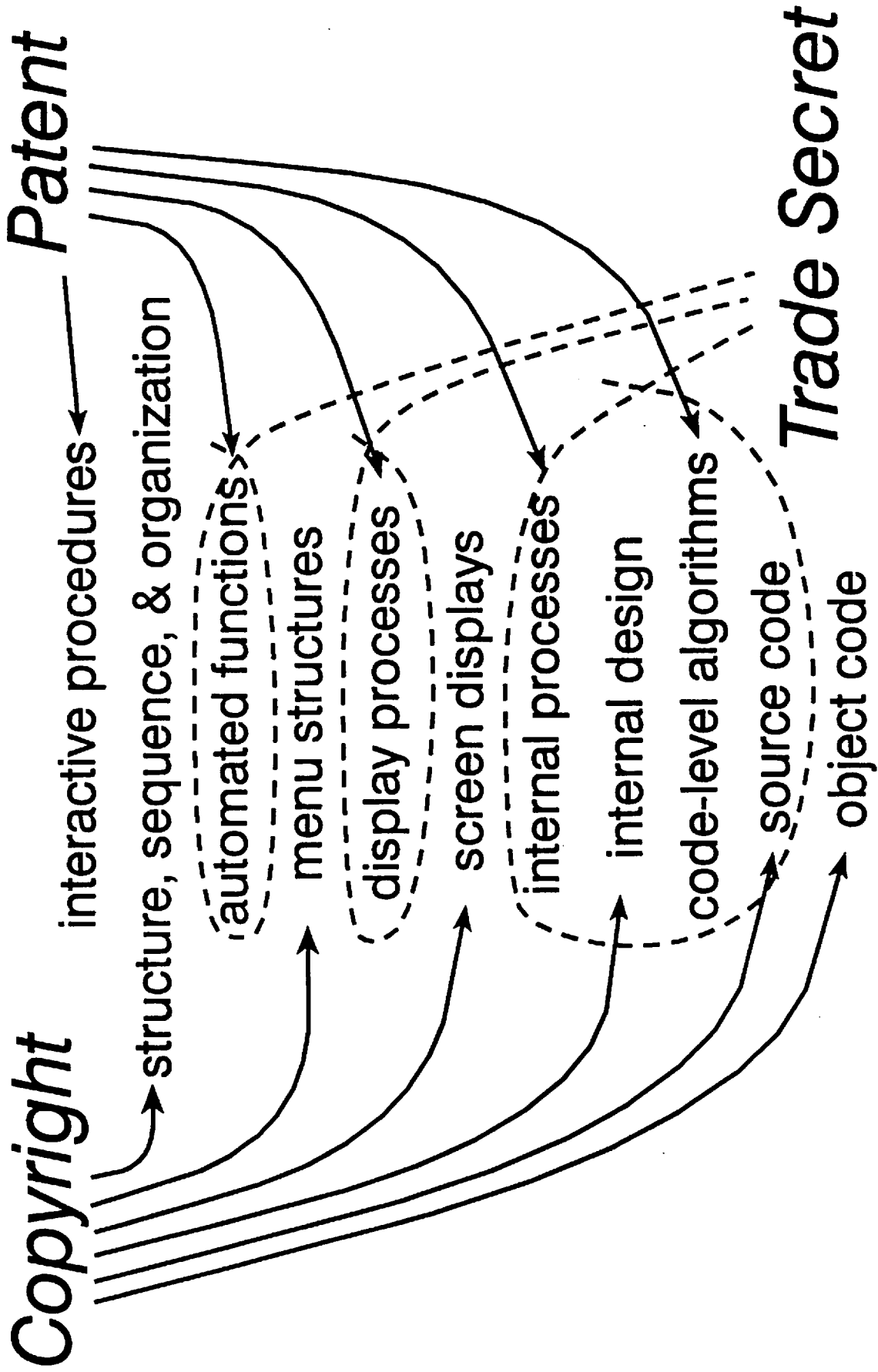
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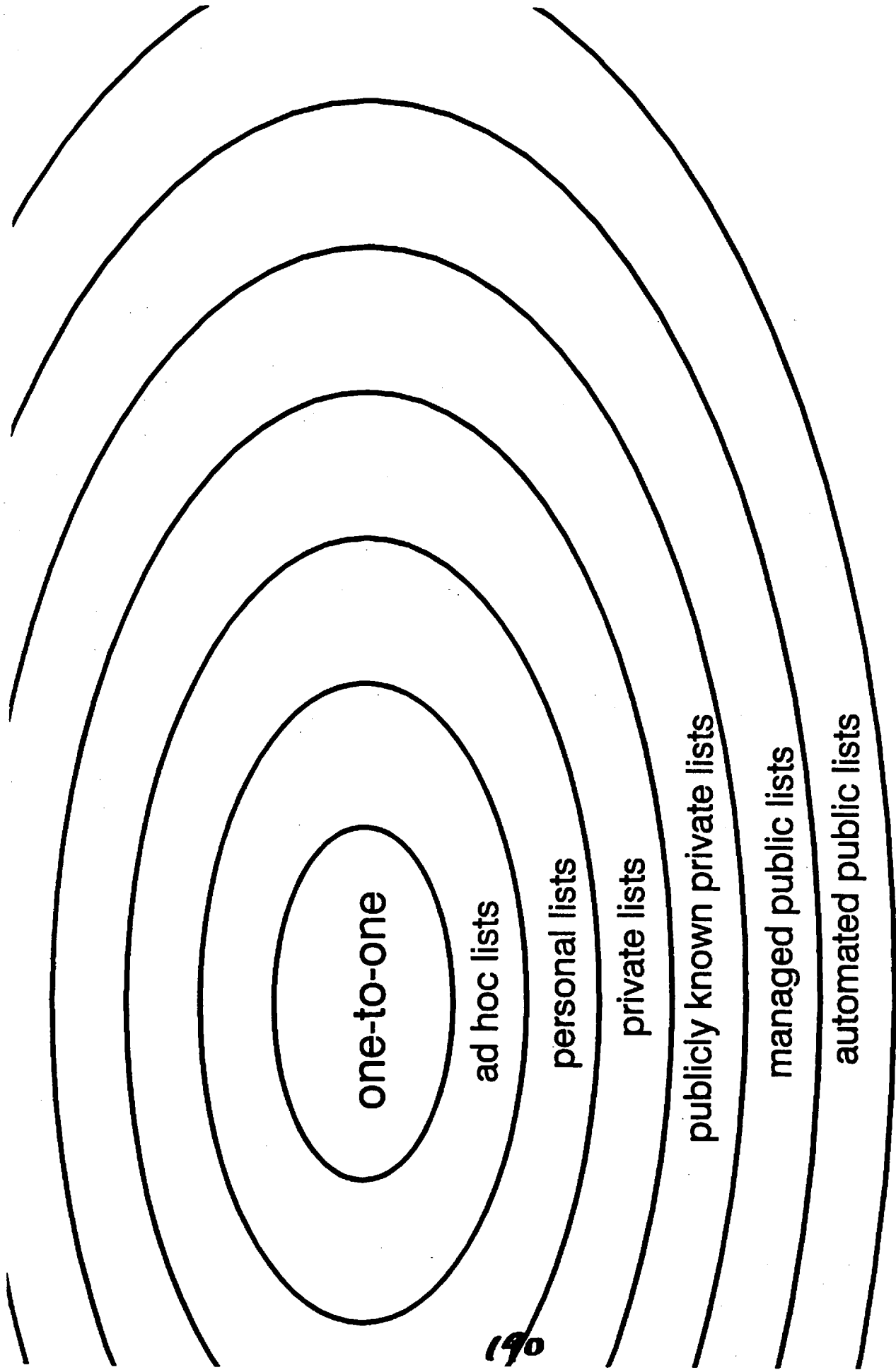
*tort-like
property*

patent

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→ *"stronger" protection*



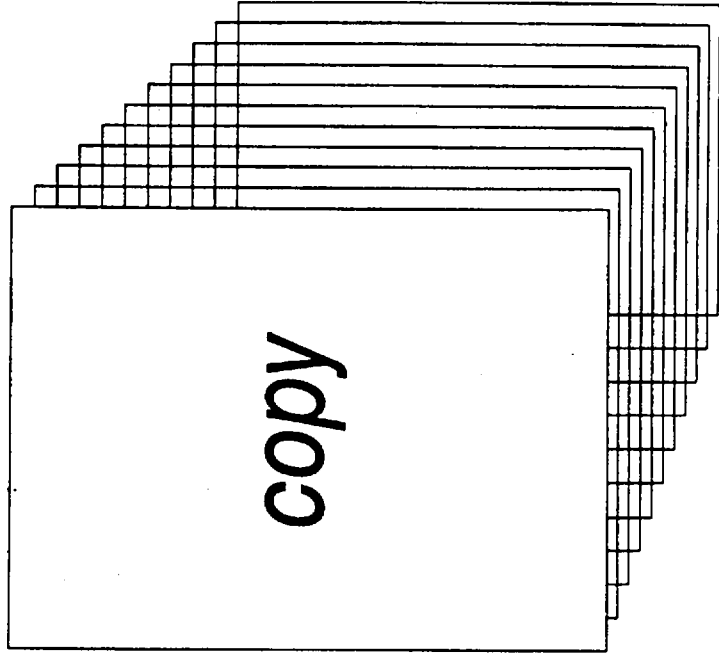


expression

embodied expression

"work"

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extrinsic

publicity &
promotion

addressing
schemes

navigation
systems

intrinsic

interface
design

"finger-
printing"

copy
protection

policy-based
routing
secrecy
agreements
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policy-defined

technology-defined

inclusive



exclusive

copyright owner's rights

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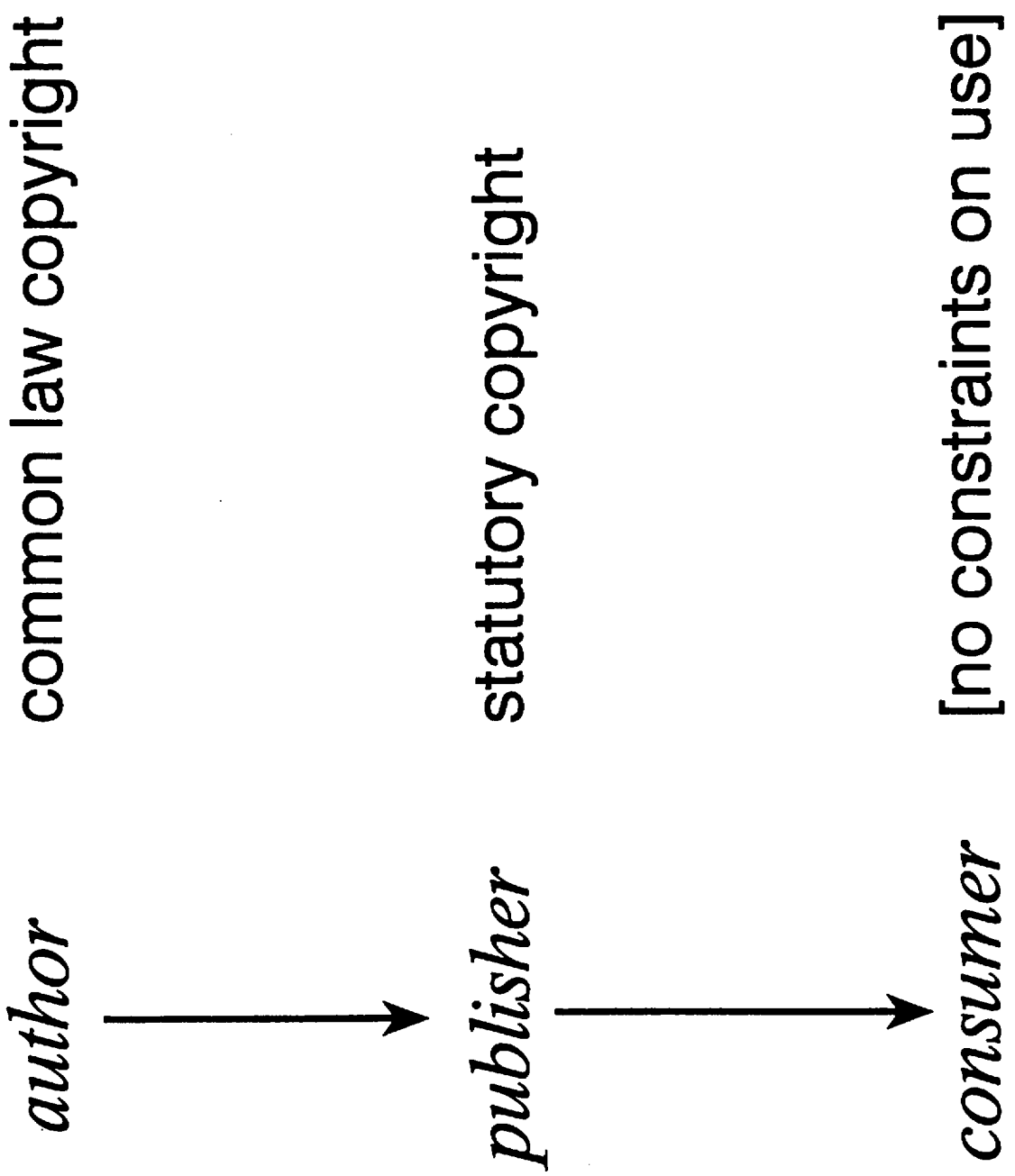
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user's rights



publisher statutory copyright



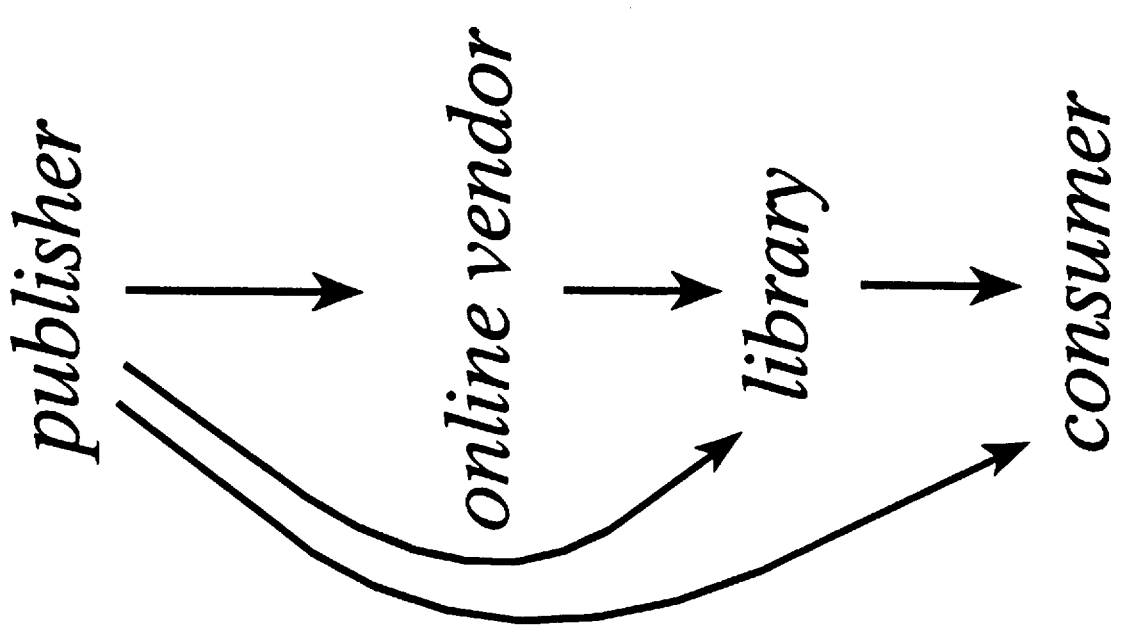
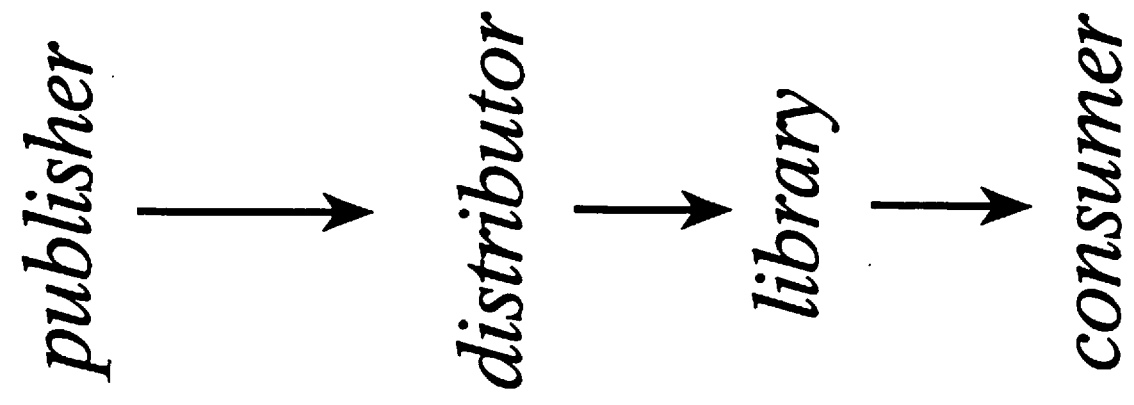
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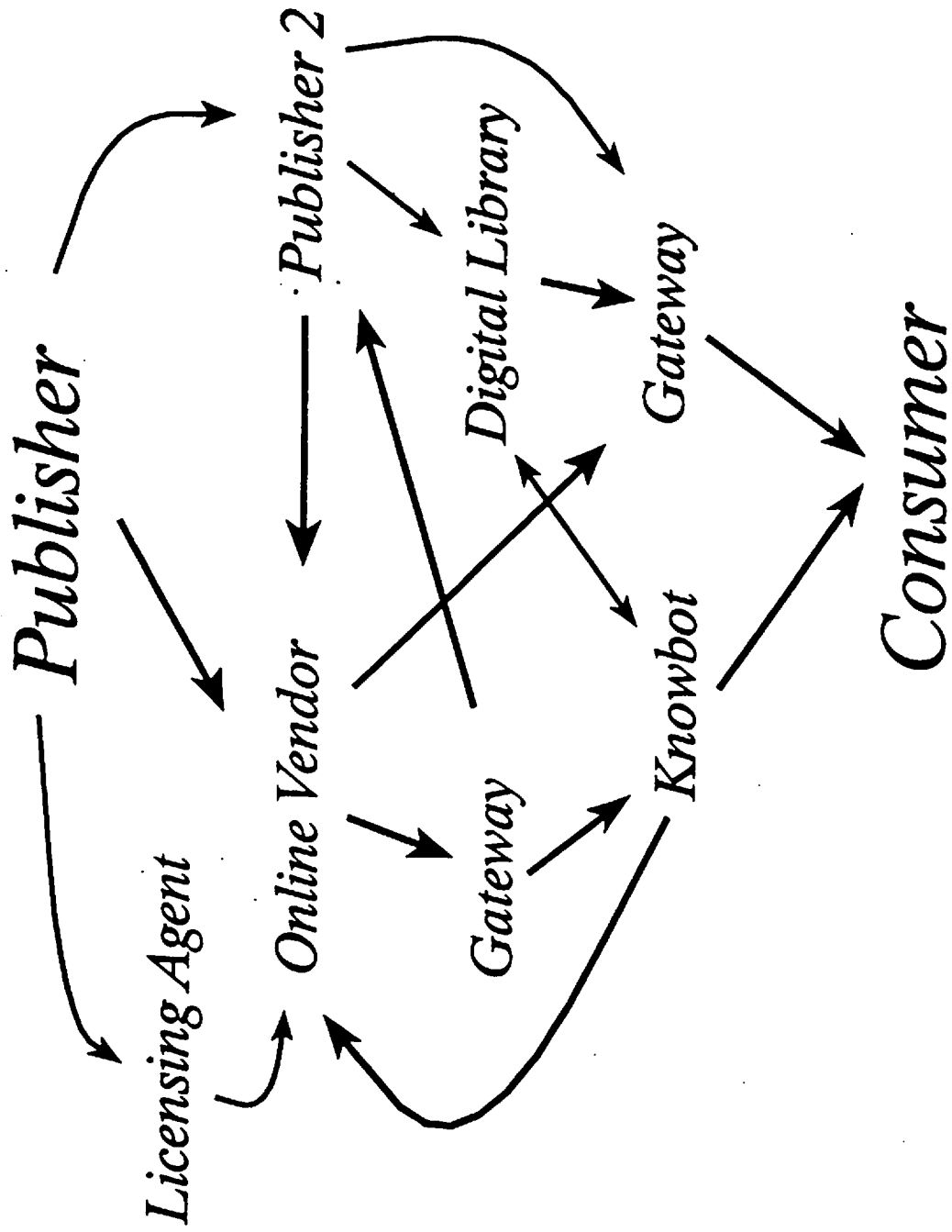
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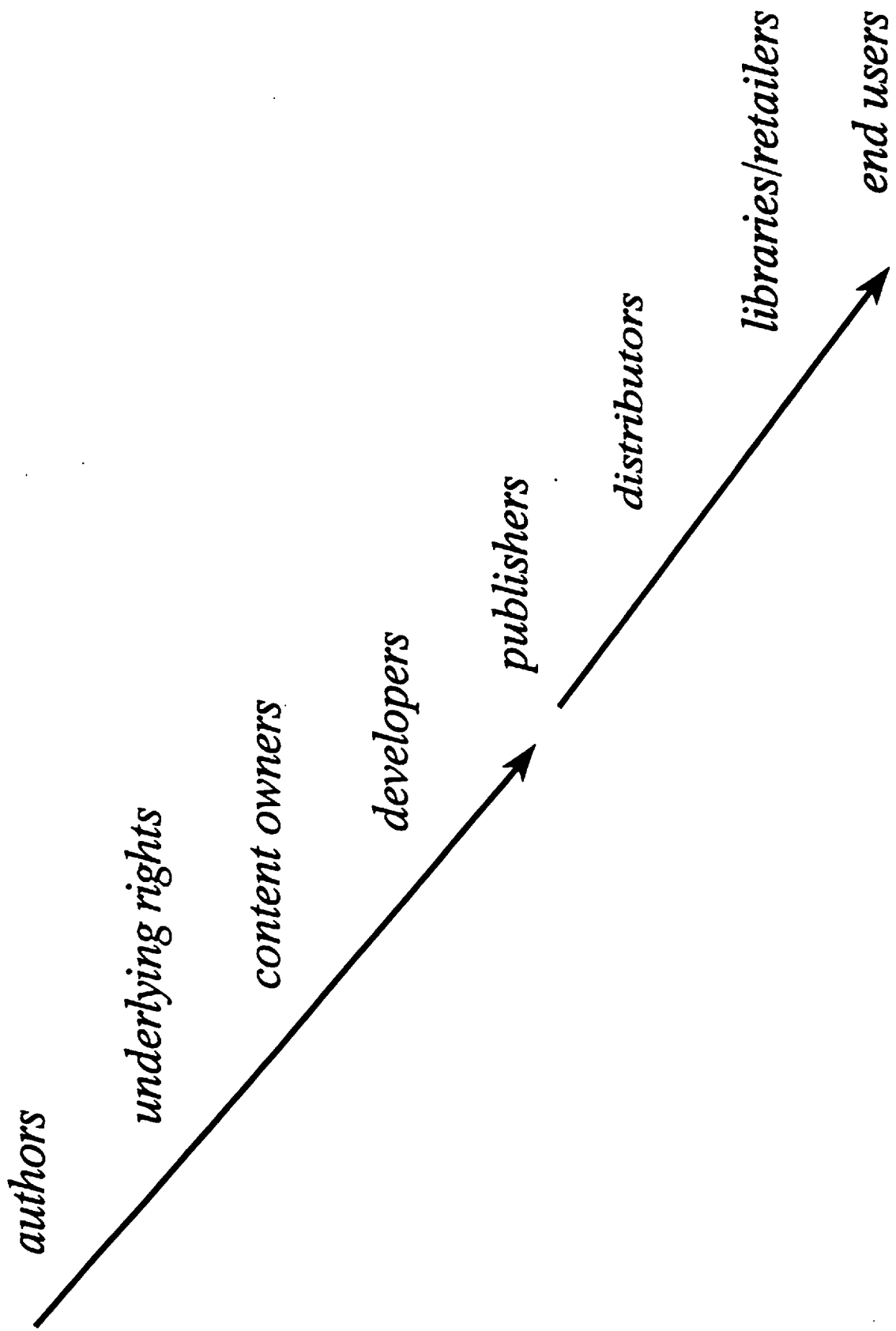


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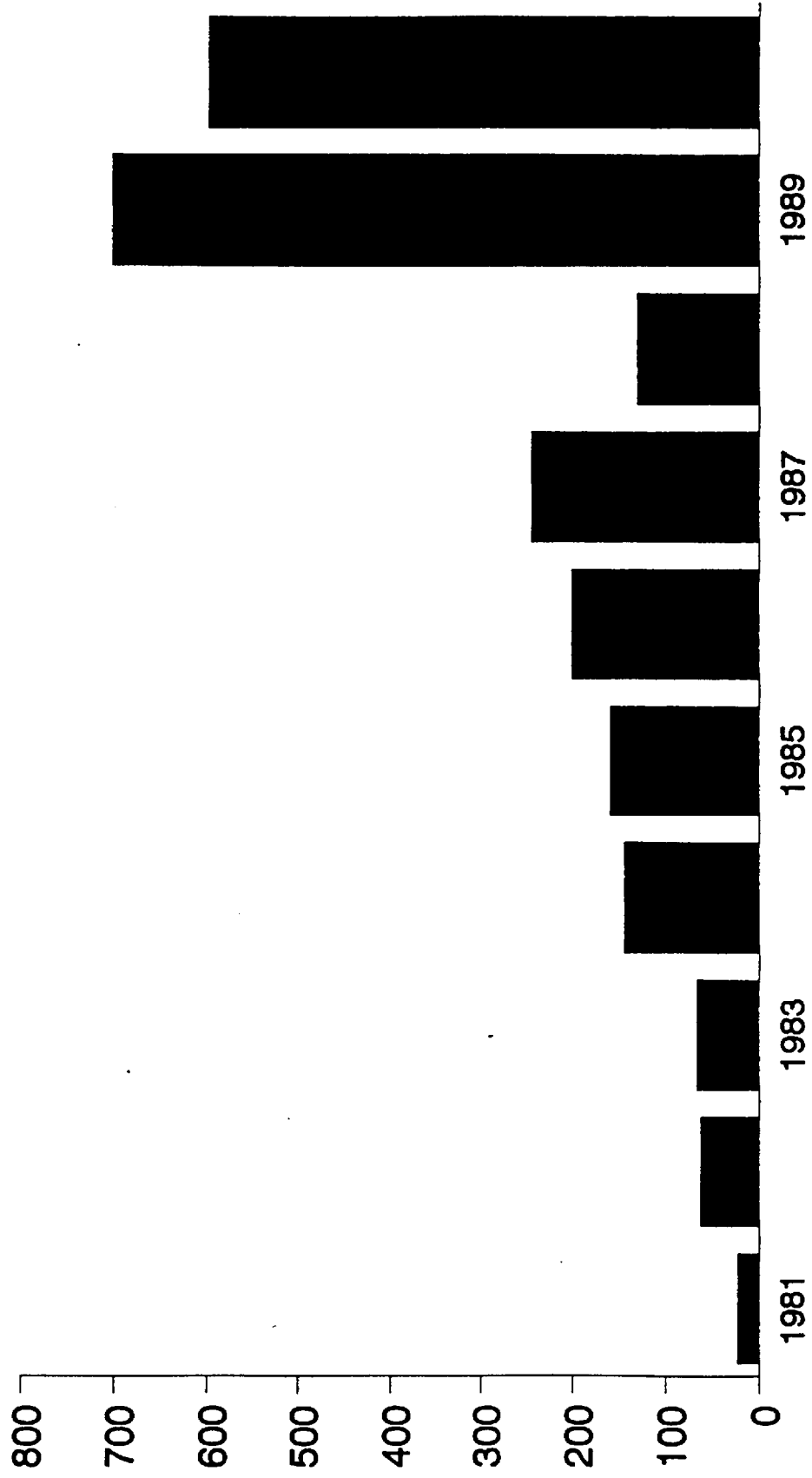
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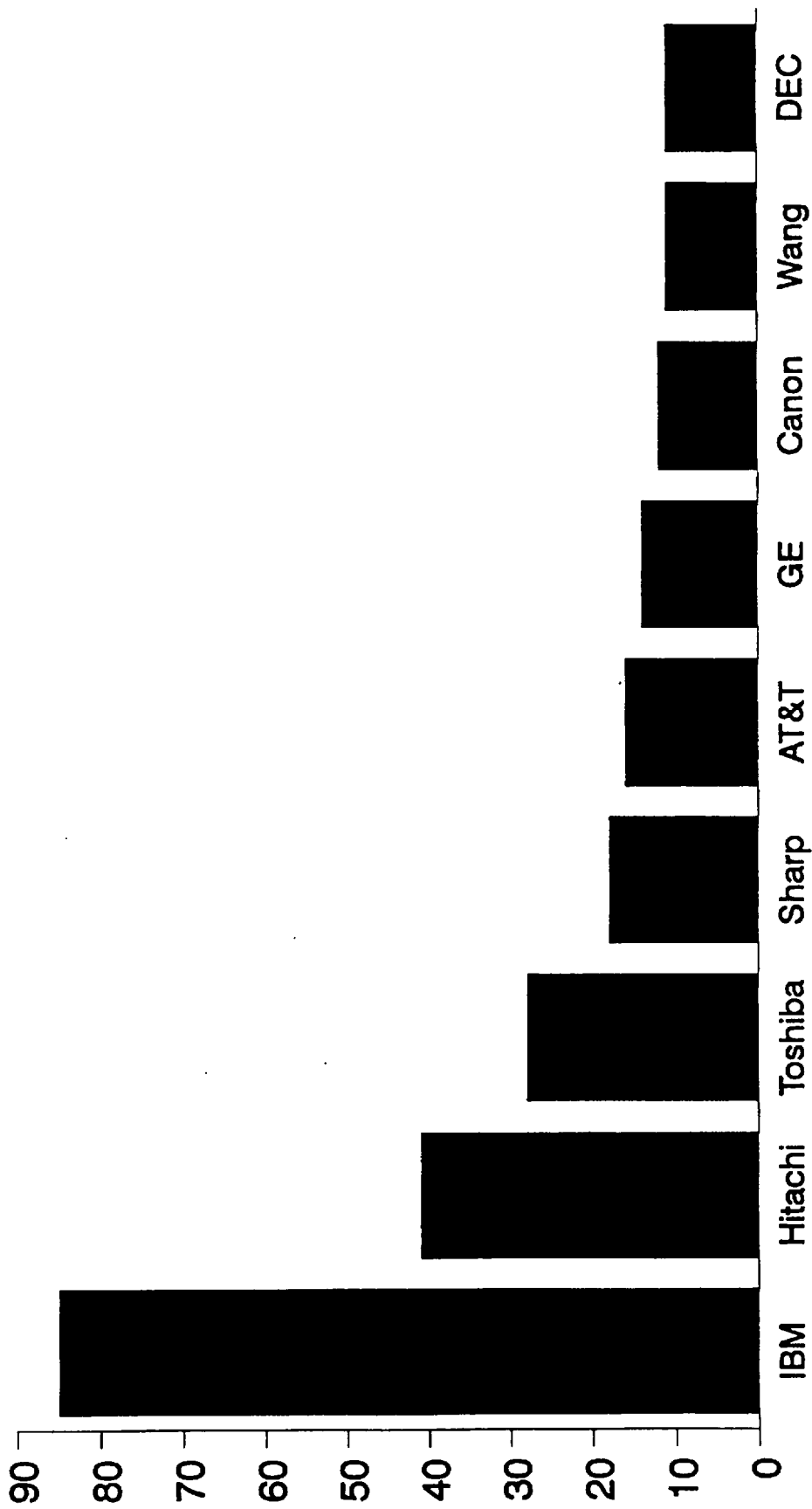
Software Patents: 1981-1990

source: EDS Research, 1991



Software Patents Issued in 1990

source: EDS Research, 1991



Whoever without authority ... uses within the United States a product which is made by a process patented within the United States shall be liable as an infringer....

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-- *Process Patents Amendments Act of 1988 [P.L. 100-418]*

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