**Term Paper Proposal**

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The issue I am choosing to write about for my term paper is the concept of machines and if they should be allowed to own copyright.

I am interested in this issue because as time has passed, the capabilities of machine learning and artificial intelligence algorithms are only getting greater. Though much of the focus is on things like robotics, its influence is similarly leaking into media such as music or art. Now, we’ve seen the development of algorithms that can both create their own art pieces and write and produce their own songs. Traditionally, the songs and pieces of art that people create are subject to copyright such that other people cannot copy their work. However, it is harder to have the same standard for computer-generated media largely because of how it comes about. For example, algorithms need data to train on, so the data being used to train can be themselves copyrighted works.

I’m undecided about this topic because both sides can have valid arguments. On the side that does not support allowing copyright, we can again sat that training data itself is sometimes copyrighted. The argument can also be made that conceiving of an algorithm to do the creation is not equivalent to conceiving of the media yourself. On the side of supporting allowing copyright, we could argue that using copyrighted training data is similar to simply gaining inspiration from the work of other people and having it influence your own. We could also say that since software can copyrighted, the things that result from it should be as well.

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