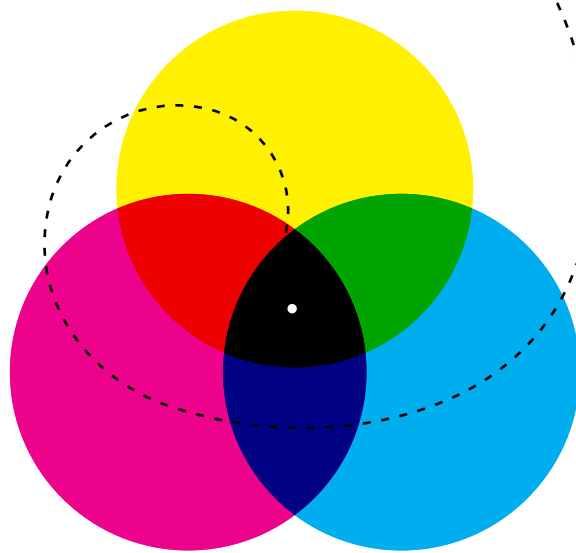


# The Law

A Wayward Engineer's Status Report



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After 16 years away from MIT engaged in the study of law and living among its practitioners, I am pleased to present this overview of my findings. This lively discussion will survey notable elements of the law as seen through the mirrorshades of a former engineer and scientist (the law is an emergent, self-modifying, and self-perpetuating property of civilization, a field-programmable logic array for stochastic governance).

We will pay special attention to those certain areas of law that, conversely, tend to govern the work of engineers and scientists (intellectual property law, patents, licensing, venture funding, etc.). Finally, we will review where and how technology gives rise to new law (as with the internet, e.g., and virtual realities) and we will reflect on the normative jurisprudence of such places. Also we will make fun of lawyers.