

important factor (but since Acuff-Rose  
it is now not determinative. However, it is  
arguable that in cases other than critical  
use where a licence would not be given,  
the effect on the market and licensing availability  
is a critical factor in fair dealing.

If the court maintains its current position  
on fair dealing and the availability of licensing,  
the law libraries will likely win. However,  
if the court sees the ~~effect~~ <sup>implications</sup> of its ~~ways~~, then  
it might not be considered fair. ~~implications~~

- ④ The statement is a persuasive defence to the patent  
system <sup>in theory</sup> in which ~~patents are only~~ monopolies are granted.  
The patent system was not designed to grant rewards  
just for having created something. Society wants to  
reward <sup>the creation of</sup> socially beneficial inventions ~~only~~  
~~totally~~ by giving a monopoly only when such  
inventions would not have been disclosed but  
for the inducement of the patent. This "but for"  
test comes from the Graham v. John Deere case.  
The economic rationale behind this requirement is  
that monopolies are bad because they raise prices  
of goods. They are only to be tolerated if the  
monopoly provides an offsetting benefit to society  
which is the invention itself. If the invention  
would not have been created but for the lure  
of the patent then it's clearly better to have the  
invention at monopoly pricing than to not have  
it at all. The monopolies are not necessary  
because of the likelihood of ~~that~~ <sup>to</sup> independent  
creation and the fact that it is not a defence

in the patent regime ~~that~~ as opposed to copyright. However, while the defence is good in theory, it is not in practice as the "but for" test for obviousness cannot be implemented easily. The court needs evidence as to non-patent residual incentives, how quickly technology is changing and other data to ensure it is applying the test appropriately. However, this evidence does not make it before the courts.

This is the "logic conundrum" of the obviousness requirement as it is central to promote innovation but it is impossible to apply. We know that if the invention would have come about one day after the patent that the patent is not warranted and that if it came one day before it expired that it is warranted. However, there is a magic point in the middle where the benefit of the earlier introduction just offsets the higher price for the remainder of the term which is obviousness point. Since we can't know exactly where this point is, there is inevitably dead patents out there that would have been created anyway without the due of the patent and thus impeded innovation through wasteful monopolies. Furthermore, as this obviousness standard is difficult to apply, the courts are moving the standard ~~from~~ ~~one of obviousness~~ more towards the novelty standard. For example, the court in Beloit, essentially said that if it's not new, it's not obvious by adopting its "classical touchstone" of a robot totally devoid of any intuition. The problem policy-wise is that this standard is too low and it doesn't weed out dead patents i.e. those that would have been created anyway. Thus, while the defence is good in theory, in practice it cannot be properly implemented to ensure innovation is not impeded.