

# Copyright Damages and Statistics

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## Summary

**This paper discusses the statistical issues that arise in conducting an economic damages analysis in the context of a litigation matter involving copyrights. Calculating damages in copyright cases turns out to be a natural application for econometric modelling methods. Surprisingly, elementary statistical issues can be a source of significant debate between the experts in such matters. In this paper, we present a case study and illustrate how issues such as interpretation of  $p$ -values and what “rejection of the null hypothesis” really “means” in such matters.**

*Key words:* Copyrights; Economic damages;  $p$ -values.