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Transfer of ideas from biology to computer science based on the example of genetic algorithms

ABSTRACT. Those who have developed genetic algorithms assert that they were inspired by ideas in evolutionary biology. The author of this article investigates whether programmers who deal with genetic algorithms really did borrow ideas from biology and bring them to computer science. In order to facilitate the understanding of these issues, the author also outlines the major ideas in evolutionary biology and the way in which classical genetic algorithms work

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