

Computational Evolution of Neural and Morphological Development

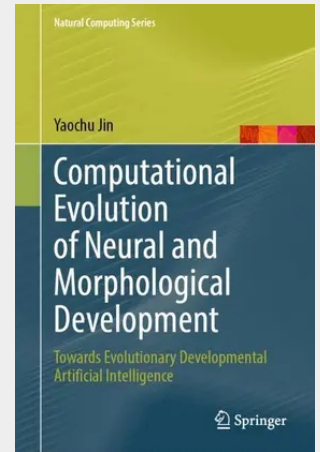
Towards Evolutionary Developmental Artificial Intelligence

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