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Computational Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence

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In this talk, we briefly introduce two research areas – computational neuroscience and artificial intelligence, and their connections. In the first part, we discuss several kinds of computational models for the neuronal dynamics in brain and understand the differences between these models and their applications. In the second part, we introduce what artificial neural networks are, how they are organized, what mathematics is behind machine learning and deep neural networks. Finally, we summarize the interdisciplinary courses preparation for computational neuroscience and machine/deep learning.

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