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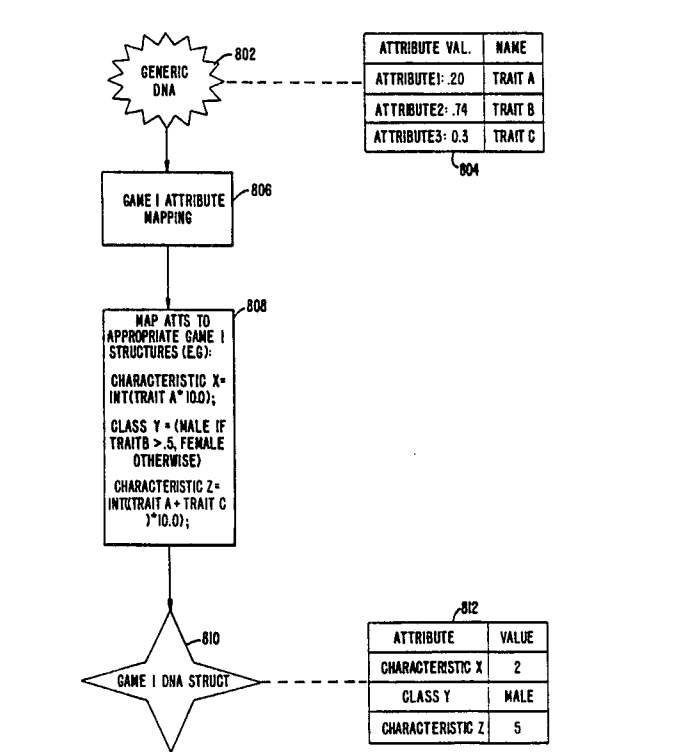
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(57) Abstract

The mapping of playing objects (806) from one game to another. In one embodiment, generic attributes (802) of an object may be mapped to game-specific attributes (812). The mapping may either change or maintain the look and feel to an object. For example, a fast but lightly-armed starship in one game may be mapped to a quick but weak warrior in another game.



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