Announcing the Final Examination of Lyn Higgins for the degree of Master of Science

Time & Location: October 25, 2018 at 10:00 AM in Partnership III 216

Title: THE DETECTION OF ASTROCYTOMA/GLIOBLASTOMA MULTIFORME PRIOR TO CRITICAL MASS (VIA A VOLUMETRIC VOXEL/REGRESSION ANALYSIS)

As the underlying cause of Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) is presently unclear; currently, GBM can only be detected through a combination of MRI and CT brain scans, with the addition of a resection biopsy. Since astrocytoma only becomes evident at critical mass, when the cellular structure of the neoplasm becomes visible within the image, along with the evidence of neurological symptoms, this paper seeks to evaluate the plausibility in achieving earlier detection of the malignant area via a volumetric voxel approach to removing noise particulates and analyzing voxel differentials. Therefore, in order to investigate neoplasm continuity, a multi-polynomial/multi-domain regression algorithm is implemented, thus providing a graphical and mathematical analysis of the differentials within critical mass and non-critical mass images, having been preprocessed with the above requisite. Given these augmentations to MRI and CT image rectifications, it is highly probable that an increase in astrocytoma detection could be achieved, along with greater accuracy in diagnostic evaluations of the malignant area.

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The public is welcome to attend.