Overview

Brain diseases are one of the leading cause of death in people with different age groups across the globe. These diseases can be of different types such as cerebrovascular disease (stroke), neoplastic diseases (brain tumor), infectious diseases, and degenerative diseases. Almost all of the brain diseases cause serious issues in the human brain and sometimes prompt to death. Early detection of such diseases not only help the radiologist to treat better, but also reduces the mortality rate. As a consequence, many automated pathological brain detection systems (PBDS) have been proposed in past years in order to arrive at correct and quick clinical decisions.

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is the most popular advanced neuroimaging used in both hospitals and institutes, due to its better resolution of brain tissues and its radiation-free properties as compared to traditional imaging modalities such as CT and X-ray. Nevertheless, to interpret a magnetic resonance (MR) images need the expertise from neurologists, physicians, and radiologists. Besides, manual interpretation suffers from fatigue and may be non-repeatable. They express thus a strong demand for detection, quantification and classification support tools in diagnostic and interventional procedures.

In past decades, artificial intelligence (AI) has been successfully applied to medical image processing to devise CAD systems for physicians’ use and gaining importance across the globe. The goal of this course is to provide attendees with innovative, high-impact research evidence related to the evaluation and treatment of several brain diseases. This course will provide a detail description of the fundamentals of magnetic resonance image processing, and the latest advances of computer vision (CV) and AI applications in this field.

Course participants will learn these topics through lectures and hands-on experiments. Also case studies and assignments will be shared to stimulate research motivation of participants.
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