**ABSTRACT** 

Teeth are hard parts organ in the mouth and has the function of aesthetics,

mastication, and speech. Dental care is essential to prevent various dental and mouth

diseases. One of the most common dental diseases, namely pulpitis. Pulpitis is a disease of

dental pulp becomes inflamed and divided into two Reversible pulpitis and Irreversible

pulpitis. Diagnosis of the disease is relatively difficult for the dental radiology since it

requires precise accuracy in analyzing the results of periapical radiographs. Therefore,

previous studies have been conducted with the digital image processing of the results of

periapical radiographs to aid in diagnosing pulpitis disease by utilizing some good features in

spatial and frequency domain and has been investigated several methods of classification that

can be used.

This final project studied the detection of pulpitis with image segmentation technique

using Multi Direction Gradient Vector Flow (MDGVF) by calculating the gradient direction

for each pixel value with different direction. After that, performed classification using K-

Nearest Neighbor method which results are expected to produce a system with 8 data image

irreversible pulpitis and reversible pulpitis that can detect the characteristic of dental disease

which is pulpitis reversible or irreversible with K=1 and 128x128, 256x256, and 512x512

pixels.

Keyword: Pulpitis, MDGVF, K-Nearest Neighbor

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