

The Group Decision Support Model to Determine The Level of Depression Among Married Couple

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Abstract. According to the basic health research report in 2013, the Indonesian population has a mental disorder prevalence of up to 6 percent. The one of mental disorder is depression. Subject on this paper, focus on depression in marriage life. Recognizing depression is important. A psychologist usually performs a psychological assessment to achieve the prognosis and decide what strategies or approaches. Some case of depression involved by more than one psychologist. Therefore, to accommodate this condition, every psychologist can provide his preferences on criterion. Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) is the psychological assessment that usually used, but the BDI manual has determined one weight for all criteria, does not support group assessment. Hence, this paper proposes a new model which is combining BDI with another model resolve that issues. It is a group decision support model who combines BDI with Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) and Geometric Mean. The model provides an opportunity for the group of a psychologist to give their preferences with a minimal element of subjectivity. A group decision support model has been produced to determine the level of depression among married couples. Based on testing to expert, the proposed model is quite valid.

Keywords: AHP, BDI, Geometric Mean, Depression, Married Couple

1 Introduction

Statistical data from WHO stated that 300 million people are depressed, 60 million are bipolar, schizophrenia affecting 23 million people and 50 million people estimated as dementia[1]. According to the basic health research report in 2013, the Indonesian population has a mental disorder prevalence of up to 6 percent and the prevalence of mental disorders weighing around 1.7 per mile [2]. The one of mental disorder is depression. The depression is a mood disorder with several features such as sadness, pessimism, decrease activity, fatigue, weight loss, sleeplessness or sleep too much and feel inappropriate guilt [3]. Severe depression can encourage sufferers to commit suicide [3].

Depression condition has an impact on daily life including family life and relationships among married couples [4]. On the other hand, family conditions or marriage life can be one of the triggers of depression[5]. Subject on this paper, focus on depression in marriage life.

Recognizing depression is important. This activity requires handling from psychologists. A psychologist usually performs a psychological assessment to achieve the prognosis and decide what strategies or approaches are appropriate for treatment [6]. An assessment needs an appropriate measuring scale. Some case of depression involved by more than one psychologist. Therefore, to accommodate this condition, every psychologist can provide his preferences on criterion that used. Actually, these preferences can create strong subjectivity and also create a gap preference among psychologist. This will affect validity prognosis and therapy to be given.

This case require a model which has capability to decrease subjectivity's issues. Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) is the psychological assessment that mostly used [7], but the BDI manual has determined one weight for all criteria, does not support group assessment. Hence, this paper proposes a new model which is combining BDI with several methods to resolve that issues. This is a group decision support model. Next, in implementation phase, the models will be running on computer system through the creation of a Group Decision Support System.

This paper will describe modeling of group decision support to determine level of depression among married couple.

2 Research method

There are several phases of research used to model a group decision support for determine level of depression among married couples. Figure 1 show the phases of this research.

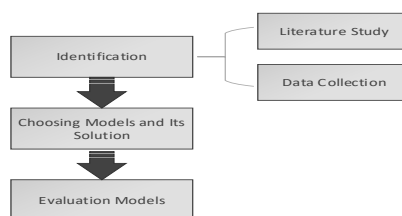


Fig 1. The Phases of Research

2.1 Identification

The first phase, doing identification in some literature that relate to this topic, such as some method which is used. The data takes from PUSKAGA UII, the institution which concern to family and marriage life.

The data such as the interpretation of BDI scores (shown in Table 2) and the item question of questionnaire.

Table 2. The Interpretation of BDI Score

Index	Level of Depression
< 21	Minimum/normal
21-25	Mild
26-33	Moderate
≥ 34	Severe

2.2 Choosing Models and Its Solution

The depression issues usually represent with particular psychology measuring scale, such as Beck Depression Inventory. Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) is a measuring scale that aims to determine the severity of depression[8]. The BDI works in many aspects such as adolescents[9], patients[10], pregnancy[11]and others. BDI has 21 criteria, shown in Table 1[12]. Each item consists of 4 level statements that rated on intensity on a scale of 0-3 [13]. The results of BDI, obtained by multiplying each criterion with the client questionnaire answers. The maximum score of BDI is 63. BDI results represent levels of depression.

The BDI manual has determined one weight for all criteria, so it does not support the decision of a group of psychologists. BDI will be combined with several methods to overcome this.

Table 2. Criterion of BDI

Index	Criterion
K1	Sadness
K2	Pessimism
K3	Feel failed
K4	Not satisfied
K5	Feel guilty
K6	Feel punished
K7	Self-hate
K8	Blame your self
K9	Suicidal tendency
K10	Crying
K11	Irritability
K12	Social Withdrawal
K13	Indecision
K14	Feel ugly
K15	Decrease activity
K16	Sleep disorder
K17	Fatigue
K18	Changing in appetite
K19	Loss in body weight
K20	Somatic preoccupation
K21	Loss of sexual interest

The proposed new model is a group decision support model, which combines BDI with Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) and Geometric Mean.

The depression issues is a problem with multiple criteria. It is suitable to Multiple Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) model. The one of MCDM solution is AHP. This AHP comparing each criterion with create matrix of pairwise comparison judgement. The method used to determine weight of each BDI criterion based on psychologist preference. AHP has ability to test the consistency of preferences, to decrease subjectivity's issues. The procedure following some steps, they are [14]:

- 1) *Define* the objectives and problem decomposition

- 2) *Determine the priority element.* Comparative judgment on the pairwise comparison matrix using the nominal ratio scale of 1 to 9 among decision elements and form comparison matrices.
- 3) *Normalize the pairwise comparison matrices* using formula (1) and calculate the weight criterion vector (W_i) using formula (2)

$$A' = \frac{a_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij}} \quad (1)$$

$$W_i = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij}}{N} \quad (2)$$

- 4) *Test of consistency*, consist of 5 steps as follows:
 - a) *Multiplying* the comparison matrix by the weight column to get the weighted sum vector.
 - b) *Calculate the consistency vector.* The weighted sum vector divided by the weight vector,
 - c) *Compute the lamda (λ) max.* The consistency vector divided by the matrix size
 - d) *Compute the consistency index* through formula (3)

$$CI = \frac{\lambda \max - n}{n - 1} \quad (3)$$

- e) Calculate the consistency ratio. Consistency index divided by Random Index (RI). The RI use the value proposes by Alonso and Lamata [15]. If the value of the consistency ratio is greater than 0.1, it is inconsistent judgments. We need to revise the subjective judgment.

Geometric mean chosen to get one value of preference of group psychologist. The aim of this technique is to avoid the gap preference among psychologist. The implementation of geometric mean in AHP, will increase consensus rate [15, 16]. The formula of Geometric Mean (GM) shown in (4).

$$GM = \sqrt[n]{a_1 \bullet a_2 \bullet a_3 \cdots a_n} \quad (4)$$

2.3 Evaluation Models

The last phase is evaluating models with comparing the depression prognosis between the usual approach (only BDI) with the new one, BDI-AHP-GM hybrid.

3 Result and discussion

The steps of problem solving shown in Figure 2.

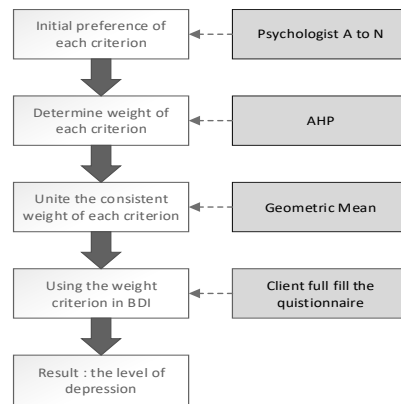


Fig 2. Step of Problem Solving

3. 1 Decision Model

Figure 2. This section describe the result of implementation models using the sample data. According to AHP steps, each psychologist gives their preference values than the values will be comparing as pairwise in the matrix (check step 3 of AHP). The pairwise comparison matrix will be normalized (check step 4 of AHP). The matrix normalization given in Table VI. The result of weighted vector for each criterion, shown in Table III. This result have been proven to be consistent through consistency test, with consistency ratio of 0.053.

Table 3. The Criteria Weighted Consistency Psychologist

Index	Weighted Criterion Psychologist A	Weighted Criterion Psychologist N
K1	0.053288	0.054103898
K2	0.025456	0.027385339
K3	0.050367	0.051185965
K4	0.023978	0.025826522
K5	0.047624	0.048436639
K6	0.04504	0.045837486
K7	0.09528	0.096019928
K8	0.089247	0.089943875
K9	0.175145	0.175722307
K10	0.022545	0.024317127
K11	0.021153	0.022854116
K12	0.083894	0.084557486
K13	0.042015	0.021434723
K14	0.079083	0.079719802
K15	0.019801	0.020056421
K16	0.013385	0.013507117
K17	0.012413	0.012521801
K19	0.010527	0.010610304
K20	0.040259	0.043372941
K21	0.038038	0.04102974

Furthermore, Geometric Mean calculations are performed so that the consensus value of the criteria is obtained, can seen in Table 4.

Table 4. The Consensus Value Of Weighted Criteria

Index	The Consensus Value of Weighted Criteria
K1	0.053694395
K2	0.026403232
K3	0.050774821
K4	0.024885203
K5	0.048028488
K6	0.045437146
K7	0.095649088
K8	0.08959454
K9	0.175433659
K10	0.023414072
K11	0.021987019
K12	0.084225045
K13	0.030009794
K14	0.079400985
K15	0.019928108
K16	0.01344608
K17	0.012467488
K18	0.011508604
K19	0.010568649
K20	0.041787185
K21	0.039505424

The values shown in Table 4 are used in BDI calculations. The client questionnaire answer multiplied by that values. Normalization process is carried out against the total value of the multiplication of results. The final score is generated are 30.052, this is equivalent to the middle depression level.

3.2 Model Testing Result

This test is to see the feasibility of the new model (BDI combine to AHP & Geometric Mean) offered. The test begins with filling out the questionnaire then the results will be calculated using the old method (just BDI) and the newly proposed method.

The result test shown in Table V. Based on that, can be seen that 7 out of 10 trials show the same level of depression, even though the total score is slightly different (Fig.3).

Table 5. Comparison of Depression Levels Status

BDI	BDI-AHP-GM
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Client I	Mild (10)	Mild (9.24)
Client II	Middle (32)	Middle (30.05)
Client III	Severe(63)	Severe (62.8)
Client IV	Middle (27)	Middle (28.4)
Client V	Mild (24)	Minimal (19.77)
Client VI	Middle (26)	Mild (23.3)
Client VII	Middle (30)	Severe (34.1)
Client VIII	Mild (24)	Mild (21.17)
Client IX	Minimal(17)	Minimal(14.55)
Client X	Mild (21)	Mild (24.11)

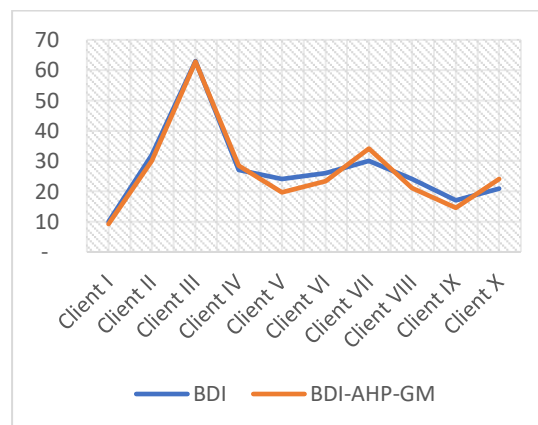


Fig 3. Comparison of Depression Level Scores

The model testing also carried out in the presence of expert from PUSKAGA UII. Expert state that this model quite valid.

4 Conclusion

The conclusion made is that a group decision support model has been produced to determine the level of depression among married couples. This new model combines BDI with AHP and Geometric Mean. The model provides an opportunity for the group of a psychologist to give their preferences with the minimal element of subjectivity. The proposed model is quite valid.

The suggestion for this work, should be field testing before applied to Group Decision Support System.

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