

# Expert System for Diabetes Mellitus Detection and Handling Using Certainty Factor on Android-Based Mobile Device

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*Abstract:* Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a chronic disease that occurs when the pancreas cannot produce insulin. The expert system seeks to adopt human knowledge to solve problems, usually done by specialists or experts. Construction of expert system in this research using Expert System Development Life Cycle (ESDLC) methodology, Android operating system, Java programming languages, XML and database program using SQLite. The process of disease detection using the certainty factor method. By the certainty factor method, an accurate result obtained from calculations based on the weight of symptoms of the selected user can be provided. From test results, it can be concluded that the results of the application using the black-box method and direct testing by the expert, both the fault functions as well as the disease misdetection processes in the application are not found. This application can perform early disease detection following expert recommendation symptom data. The certainty factor method was successfully implemented in this DM expert system and can provide result a correct percentage of detection with the highest value of 90%. The response on a questionnaire from users determines the validity of disease detection results.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

DM is defined as a chronic disease or disorder with multiple etiologies characterized by high blood sugar levels with carbohydrate, lipid and protein metabolism disorders as a result of insulin function insufficiency [1]. According to website of ristekdikti.go.id, DM is still a serious health problem of the world, including Indonesia. Indonesia is ranked fourth with the highest prevalence of diabetes in the world after India, China and the United States [2]. Even the number of people with diabetes continues to increase from year to year, especially for type 2 DM. According to [3] among degenerative diseases, diabetes is one of the non-contagious diseases that will increase in the future [3].

The World Health Organization (WHO) makes an estimate that in 2000 the number of people with diabetes over the age of 20 is 150 million people and within 25 years later by 2025, that number will swell to 300 million people [4]. DM is divided into four types, namely Type 1 Diabetes, Type 2 Diabetes, other types of DM, and Gestational Diabetes [5, 6]. However, besides the type of DM, there is also a condition called pre-diabetes.

In pre-diabetes, a patient's blood glucose level will be higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as DM [3]. Pre-diabetes may increase a person's risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. The reason is when DM is

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not handled properly, it will cause chronic complications such as stroke, heart attack, peripheral nerve disorders, and amputation [7, 8, 9]. As a chronic disease, diabetes is associated with other disease complications. Collection of glucose in the bloodstream (hyperglycemia) causes other disease complications. However, these complications can be overcome by self-control management is done regularly and well. Self-control management of DM disease is a very important to do by patients since they can monitor their health. Self-control can be done with medication, diet, exercise, and monitoring blood sugar levels [10]. Die in patients purposes to lower sugar in the urine, to achieve normal weight, optimal nutritional status, and prevent diabetes complications [11, 12, 13].

In line with the current technological developments, many technologies are developed to utilize in the health field. One of the most widely used technologies in health is expert system. The expert system is a system that adopts human knowledge into computers, so that the computer can solve the problems commonly done by experts [14]. With expert systems, the general public can quickly identify the problem of the disease with accurate information that should only be resolved by an expert or an expert in the field.

Expert system are knowledge-based programs that provide solutions with expert knowledge standards to solve problems within a specific domain. Expert systems are also developed on the basis of knowledge and rules because the problems encountered are solved based on the expert's knowledge, rules, and experience [15]. Implementation of expert systems are widely used in health field. One of them is to detect a symptom or type of DM disease [16]. Expert system can also be used for medical consultations or diagnostic consultations. In this application, DM expert system is designed using Android Studio with Java programming language and SQLite database [17].

Nowadays expert system implementation has been widely used in the health field. The expert system is used as a storage of expert knowledge in computer programs so that decisions can be given with intelligent reasoning. One of the implementations of expert systems in the field of health is to diagnose symptoms of patients with DM [16]. One of diagnosis of DM symptoms can be analyzed using forward chaining method. The forward chaining method is a search method or forward-tracking technique that begins with existing information and the combination of rules to produce a conclusion and purpose, so that this method can be implemented to handle control or forecasting problems [15]. The expert system development in health can be applied in a mobile device application. The use mobile devices application can also be used as a self-control management of DM patients [18]. The application can be implemented in various platforms like Android, iOS, as well as in Windows Phone.

Most number of mobile device applications are based on Android platform as a healthy control device [19]. The advantages of using an expert system are fast, cost saving, improved quality, save on working time, as well as have the reliable information [20].

The author designed an expert system application that will be able to detect DM that can run on the Android platform so that it can be used anytime and anywhere to detect whether a person suffering from DM so it can be treated appropriately.

## II. RESEARCH METHOD

The research method used is ESDLC that has 6 stages, starting from the state assessment stage until the maintenance phase [21].

The first stage in system development is the state assessment stage. At this stage, the requirement analysis associated with problems DM disease was done. To acquire the data, the direct observation on the place become the object of research was done.

The second stage is the collection stage of knowledge. The collection of various knowledge on DM diseases is done at this stage. The result of this stage is the knowledge base of the expert system to be developed.

The third stage is the design stage. The description on how the working or work processes of the expert system to be made are done at this stage. The fourth stage is testing. At this stage a system test is conducted to ensure that the system is built in accordance with the design and needs.

The fifth stage is to evaluate the system. At this stage what is done is a review of the system whether it is necessary to add to the system or not. The last stage is maintenance. The purpose of this stage is to maintain the performance of the system has been built.

#### A. System Design

This application of DM expert system is designed using Android Studio with Java programming language and SQLite database. The stage of making system is done according to the system requirement.

#### B. Work Process Design

One of the stages in the design of work process is making a general description of the system requirements using data flow diagram. Fig. 1 shows the data flow diagram of the system. There are two processes that run in the system that is to detect and provide information about the disease. In the first process the disease detection has 3 data streams consisting of "Choice of Symptoms", "List of Symptoms", and "Detection Result". From the flow of data the system will display the symptoms to the user and then users choose the symptoms suffered. Furthermore, the system will process user-selected symptoms by matching data from data storage. As a result the system will give the "Results Detection" to the user.



Fig. 1. Data flow diagram of the system

In the second process, i.e., looking at disease information, there are two data streams consisting of "Information Option" and "Disease Information". This process will occur if the user inputs what information you want to show in the app. The process on DFD Level 0 is then translated into a form of process specification used to describe all the data flow modeling process of the DM system application. Table 1 shows the DFD Level 0 specification table.

There are two things that are very influential in detecting DM disease apart from the symptoms, those are genetic factors and blood sugar levels. In this system will be used certainty factor method to show the size of certainty to a fact or rule. Table 2 shows the list of symptoms

## [22].

The sequence of workings of the system is illustrated by a flow chart. The detection process starts after the user chooses the symptoms of the disease. The inserted symptoms will be processed and calculated percent confidence through the calculation of certainty factor. When the results of certainty factor certainty 10%-25% it will show the results of detection is Normal. Furthermore, when the calculation of certainty factor 26%-75% will be shown the results of detection of Pre-DM, and when the calculation of certainty factor 76%-90% then the result of the detection is DM. Fig. 2 shows the flow chart of the system.

Process	Description
Number	1
Name	Detection of disease
Description	The process of detecting the disease from the symptoms selected by user
Input	Choice of Symptoms
Output	Detection Result
Process Logics	BEGIN
-	- Displays a list of symptoms stored in database
	- IF (Choice of Symptoms == NULL) Begin
	- Displays a warning
	- END
	- ELSE Begin
	- Sums the score from the list of selected symptoms of the user
	- Matches with the contents of the data
	- Displays detection result
	END
Number	2
Name	Viewing Disease Information
Description	The process of displaying disease information
Input	Information Options
Output	Disease Information
Process Logics	BEGIN
0	- Displays user-selected disease information
	END

TABLE 1PROCESS SPECIFICATION OF DFD LEVEL 0

### TABLE 2 LIST OF SYMPTOMS

Symptom Code	Symptom Name
B01	Increased urine expenditure
B02	Increased thirst
B03	Increased hunger
B04	Fatigue and muscle weakness
B05	Increased infection rate
B06	Skin disorders: itching, boils
B07	excessive vaginal discharge (for women only)
B08	Tingling
B09	Weakness of the body
B10	Injuries or ulcers that do not heal
B11	In men sometimes complain of impotence (decreased production of sex hormones)
B12	Blurred eyes caused by cataracts

# C. Database Design

The first step in the process of making the system is to create a database that contains expert knowledge base. Database design is done using SQLite. This database is used as a data storage medium. There are two tables made, namely the symptom table and also the response table. Table 3 shows the symptom table used in making this application.

The symptom table contains three columns, namely the id\_symptom column, symptom\_name, gender, and groups. Id\_symptom contains the id of each symptom and becomes the primary key or is the key of the table that makes the data has its own identity and distinguishes one from the other. The column symptom\_name contains the questions for each symptom, the gender column contains the numbers 0.1 and 2, where for the questions that must appear when the user detects the number 0, number 1 means that the question only appears when the user chooses a male gender and number 2 for female specific questions. The group column contains groups of symptoms that will be used to find the value of certainty factor. Table 4 shows the contents of the response table.



Fig. 2. Flowchart of application work process

#### TABLE 3 TABLE OF SYMPTOMS

No	id_symptom	Symptom_name	Gender	cf_user
1	B01	Are you from a family who has a history of DM or has DM?	0	0.9
2	B02	How many times a day do you excrete urine?	0	0.1
3	B03	How many glasses of water do you drink every day?	0	0.1
4	B04	How many times a day do you eat?	0	0.3
5	B05	In the past month, how many kilograms have you lost?	0	0.5
6	B06	When do activities do you feel tired quickly?	0	0.7
7	B07	When your body parts have an infection, how long can the infection heal?	0	0.9
8	B08	When your body part is itchy, how long can the itch heal?	0	0.1
9	B09	In parts of the body where you often tingle?	0	0.3
10	B10	When you have a foot injury, how long can it heal?	0	0.5
11	B11	What eye disorders have you ever felt?	0	0.7
12	B12	How many days have you experienced leucorrhoea in a month?	2	0.9
13	B13	How many times a day (in the morning) do you have an erection?	1	0.1
14	B14	What is your blood sugar level?	0	0.3

RESPONSE TABLE				
No	id_response	id_symptom	response	cf_user
1	I01	B01	Ves	0.9
2	J02	B01	No	0.1
3	J03	B02	1 - 4 times a day	0.1
4	J04	B02	5 times a day	0.3
5	J05	B02	6 - 9 times a day	0.5
6	J06	B02	10 times a day	0.7
7	J07	B02	11 - 12 times a day	0.9
8	J08	B03	1 - 2 glass(es) a day	0.1
9	J09	B03	3 - 4 glasses a day	0.3
10	J10	B03	5 - 8 glasses a day	0.5
11	J11	B03	9 - 10 glasses a day	0.7
12	J12	B03	11 - 15 glasses a day	0.9
13	J13	B03	Once a day	0.1
14	J14	B04	Twice a day	0.3
15	J15	B04	3 - 7 times a day	0.5

TABLE 4 ESPONSE TAB

The answer table above contains four columns, namely the id\_response, id\_symptom, response, and cf\_user columns. The primary key of the answer table is id\_jwb. The answer column contains the answer to the symptom question, and the cf\_user column contains the certainty factor value from the answer obtained from the expert. The answer table contains 65 answers, where for the first question using two answers, questions 2-13 use five answers for each question, and question 14 uses three answers. In this expert system detection results are divided into three, namely Normal, Pre-Diabetes, and DM.

# **III. IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING STAGE**

# A. Implementation

In the implementation phase of the display interface of the previously designed application of expert DM system described at this stage. The Home page of the application is shown in Fig. 3.

In this page, there are two parts, those are the name of the application located at the top of the page and the application menu located in the middle of the page. There are three menus in this expert system application: the Start Detection menu, Disease Info menu, and the About Application menu. After Start Detection button selected, the Select Gender page appears which its design is shown in Fig. 4.



Fig. 3. Home page display



Fig. 4. Display of select\_gender page

The Start Detection page display is a page that displays questions from symptoms and on this page users are required to fill in the answers to each question. On this page the user must choose the gender first, because the question displayed will match the gender of the user. Once the user selects the gender then it will go to the page containing the symptom question. Fig. 5 shows a page that contains the question of symptoms.

Detection	
Please Select the Symptoms	Please Select the Symptoms
Are you from a family who has a history of Dabetes Melitus or has Dabetes Melitus? Yes No No	What is your blood sugar level?   O < 100 mg / dL   O 100 - 126 mg / dL   O > 126 mg / dL

Fig. 5. Display of detection page

There are two buttons on the Detection Result page, the Next button, the Back button and the Detection Result button. When the user wants to proceed to the next question then the user must click the Next button, then when the user wants to return to the previous question and want to replace the answer then the user clicks Back button. Then after the user has finished answering all questions then clicking the Results button and the results of disease detection will appear according to the symptom question that has been selected as in Fig. 6.



Fig. 6. Display of results page

Then on Disease Info page there are three menu choices that are DM Description, DM Symptoms, and DM Prevention. When the user selects the DM Description menu, the DM definition and classification will appear. In the DM Symptoms menu option contains the types of DM symptoms that are often suffered by people with DM. While in the menu of DM Prevention contains tips for prevention and treatment of DM. Fig. 7 depicts a sample of DM Description page.



Fig. 7. A sample of display of DM description page

The last menu in this application is the About Application menu. The About Application page display contains an explanation of the DM expert system application and application developer data. Fig. 8 shows the About Application page.



Fig. 8. Display of about application page

#### B. System Testing

Application testing is done using the black box method. From the test it can be shown that the application is already running in accordance with the desired result, as shown in Table 5 which shows the functional test results.

The application testing using the black box method indicates that the application is running in accordance with the desired results. As shown in Table 3 which displays the results of the "Succeed" application test in each action.

On the other hand, the results of tests conducted by experts indicate that the symptoms entered when testing

and the resulting detection results are appropriate. It can be shown that the questions that must be answered and the results obtained when the user detects the disease. Symptom questions displayed on the application are in accordance with expert knowledge. On the Detection Results page there are symptoms selected, which then displays the results of disease detection with 50% certainty factor percentage.

FUNCTIONAL LESTING				
Testing	Action	Desired Result	Result	
Menu Home	Accessing the initial page of appli- cation	Displaying the start page that con- tains three menus and application	Succeed	
Detection start menu	Accessing the detection page by clicking the Start Detection button on the Home menu	Displaying the choices of gender and symptoms of DM selected by the user	Succeed	
Male button on the Start Detection page	Clicking the Male button on the Start Detection page	Displaying questions and choices of answers to the symptoms of DM se- lected by the user	Succeed	
Female button on the Start Detection page	Clicking the Female button on the Start Detection page	Displaying questions and choices of answers to the symptoms of DM se- lected by the user	Succeed	
The Answer Options but- ton on the Start Detection page	Clicking the Answer Options button on the symptom question	To save the selected answer and pro- ceed to the next question.	Succeed	
The Next button on the Start Detection page	Clicking the Next button on the symptom question	Displays the next symptom question.	Succeed	
Next button on the Start Detection page	Clicking the Next button after the user has selected the answer to the symptom question	Displays the next symptom question.	Succeed	
Back button on the Start Detection page	Clicking the Back button after the user has selected the answer to the symptom question	Displays the previous symptom question.	Succeed	
Result button on the Start Detection page	Click the Result button after the user answers all symptom questions	Displays the result of detection from the selected symptoms	Succeed	
Disease Info Menu	Access the Disease Info page by clicking the Disease Info button on the Home menu	Displays a page with three menu options, i.e., DM Description, DM Symptoms, and DM Prevention	Succeed	
Description DM Menu	Select the DM Description menu op- tion on the Disease Info page	Displays the DM description page which contains the definition and classification of DM	Succeed	
DM Symptoms Menu	Select the DM Symptoms menu op- tion on the Disease Info page	Displays the DM Symptoms page that contains symptoms of DM	Succeed	
About Application Menu	Access the About Applications page by clicking the About Application button on the Home menu	Displays the About Application page that contains the application description and application developer.	Succeed	
Result button on the Start Detection page	Click the Result button after the user answers all symptom questions	Displays the result of detection from the selected symptoms	Succeed	

TABLE 5 FUNCTIONAL TESTING

The result of certainty factor percentage calculation begins with giving a Confidence Value (CF) for each fact of the patient's answer and symptoms by the expert. In the first symptom question, there are only 2 answer choices, "Yes" or "No". When the user chooses "Yes" then CF user = 0.9, and if the user chooses "No" then the user CF = 0.1. In the last symptom question, 3 (three) choices of answer is given. Each of which has a CF weight as depicted in Table 6.

Furthermore, for symptom questions 2-12, five answer choices are given with each CF weighted as shown in Table 7.

TABLE 6
WEIGHTS OF 3 (THREE) CHOICES OF ANSWER

Choices	Weight
1	0.1
2	0.5
3	0.9

	TABLE 7	
WEIGHTS OF 5 (F	IVE) CHOICES (	OF ANSWER

Weight	
0.1	
0.3	
0.5	
0.7	
0.9	

The process of calculating the certainty factor percentage is done using the sequential CF formula. Sequential CF is obtained from the calculation of the combination of rules of all premises in one rule with CF given by experts. The following is testing the calculation of certainty factor in the application using manual calculations to determine the suitability of the calculation results on the system with the results of manual calculations.

For example, Table 8 shows the expert answers from 13 symptom questions in this application with CFusers values based on answer choices.

TABLE 8		
EXPERT ANSWERS FROM 13 SYMPTOM QUESTIONS		

No.	Symptom Names	CF <sub>Users</sub>
1.	Heredity factor	0.9
2.	Increased urine excretion	0.5
3.	Increased thirst	0.5
4.	Increased hunger	0.5
5.	Fatigue and muscle weakness	0.1
6.	Increased infection rate	0.7
7.	Itching, boils	0.3
8.	Tingling	0.7
9.	Body weakness	0.7
10.	Wounds and boils that do not heal	0.9
11.	Blurred eyes caused by cataracts	0.7
12.	Excess leucorrhoea (specifically for women) or decreased production of sexual	0.7
	hormones (especially for men)	
13.	Blood sugar level	0.5

The next step is to give CF experts for each of the following facts and symptoms:

1. Symptom 1 (heredity factor)

CFexpert: 0.4

2. Symptom 2 (Increased urine expenditure) AND

Symptom 3 (Increased thirst) AND

Symptom 4 (Increased hunger) AND

Symptom 5 (Fatigue and muscle weakness)

CFexpert : 0.4

3. Symptom 6 (increased infection rate) AND

Symptom 7 (itching, boils) AND

Symptom 8 (tingling) AND

Symptom 9 (body weakness)

CFexpert : 0,05

4. Symptom 10 (Wounds and boils that do not heal) AND

Symptom 11 (Blurred eyes caused by cataracts) AND Symptom 12 (excessive vaginal discharge for women or decreased production of sexual hormones for men)

CFexpert: 0,05

5. Symptom 13 (Blood sugar level)

CFexpert: 0,1

The next step is to calculate the combination of rules from CFusers then calculating CFsequential between CFexpert and CFusers. The combination of rules used in this calculation is as follows.

$$Fact(E1ANDE2) = min[CF(H, E1), CF(H, E2) \quad (1)$$

For the fact of (Symptom 1 AND Symptom 13), its se-

quential CF can be directly calculated because it stands alone. However, for other symptoms, their sequential CFs can be obtained by rules combination.

1. CFs equential 1 (Symptom 1) = 0.4 \* 0.9 = 0.36

2. Symptom 2, Symptom 3, Symptom 4, Symptom 5 = min [Symptom 2, Symptom 3, Symptom 4, Symptom 5] = min [0.5; 0.5; 0.5; 0.1] = 0.1

CFsequential 2 = 0.4 \* 0.1 = 0.04

3. Symptom 6, Symptom 7, Symptom 8, Symptom 9 = min [Symptom 6, Symptom 7, Symptom 8, Symptom 9] = min [0.7; 0.3; 0.7; 0.7] = 0.3

CFs equential 3 = 0.05 \* 0.3 = 0.015

4. Symptom 10, Symptom 11, Symptom 12 = min [Symptom 10, Symptom 11, Symptom 12] = min [0.9; 0.7; 0.7] = 0.7

CFsequential 4 = 0.05 \* 0.7 = 0.035

5. CFs equential 5 (Symptom 13) = 0.1 \* 0.5 = 0.05

Therefore, Total CF from the answers above can be determined as follows.

CFtotal = CFsequential 1 + CFsequential 2 + CFsequential 3 + CFsequential 4 + CFsequential 5

= 0.36 + 0.04 + 0.015 + 0.035 + 0.05

= 0.5 \* 100%

= 50%.

Based on the above manual calculation, it can be seen that the manual calculation is similar with the certainty factor calculation as result from application.

Table 9 depicts the comparison between manual and application calculation results.

## COMPARISON BETWEEN MANUAL CALCULATION AND APPLICATION CALCULATION RESULTS

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	Manual calculation	Application calculation
Percentage of CF	50%	50%
Detection result	Pre-DM	Pre-DM

While in how to handle the DM, the application provides some tips for prevention and treatment of DM, which included in DM Prevention menu.

# **CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS**

Based on the results of testing and analysis of the application, it can be concluded as follows. The application can detect disease early according to symptom data from expert recommendations. The certainty factor method has been successfully implemented in the DM Expert System and can provide results in the form of a percentage of confidence in the accuracy of detection with the highest percentage value of 90%. Answers from users determine the validity of disease detection results. If the user wants to get valid results, the user is expected to check blood sugar levels first so that they can answer some questions related to blood sugar levels. The black box test results indicate that the system is running well and has no errors in performing the function.

While in how to handle the DM, the application provides some tips for prevention and treatment of DM, which included in DM Prevention menu.

Based on the results of testing of the DM Expert System application that has been developed, there are several suggestions as follows. This expert system can be further developed to detect DM type 1, DM type 2, gestational diabetes and other types of diabetes. This expert system can be further developed for iOS mobile devices so that more and more smartphone users can use this expert system application.

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