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Analysis of Student Graduation at SMK Negeri 1 Stabat Using the C4.5 Algorithm

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to analyze the graduation rates of students at SMK Negeri 1 Stabat in the general subjects group using the C4.5 algorithm. Secondary data covering 717 students was collected and underwent a preprocessing stage to ensure accuracy. The modeling results indicate that the average score threshold for graduation is 73.823; of the 717 students, 709 are declared graduated and 8 did not pass. The use of the C4.5 algorithm has proven effective in providing insights into student graduation as well as generating decision tree visualizations that clarify the decision-making process. This study emphasizes the importance of applying data mining technology in education to enhance understanding of student learning outcomes.

Keyword: C4.5 Algorithm; Data Mining; Student Graduation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In this modern era, technological advancements have brought significant changes to various aspects of life, including education. According to Syarif & Astuti, technology offers numerous benefits that can enhance the quality of education and strengthen human resource development (Sitorus et al., 2024). Education is one of the main priorities in nation-building, where its quality greatly determines the future of the next generation (Noperia et al., 2023).

Information technology has become a driver of positive transformation, bringing innovations and efficiencies that benefit the global community (Priandika & Setiawansyah, 2023). One rapidly growing application of technology is data mining, which involves extracting valuable information from large datasets (Suhirman, 2022). In the context of education, data mining is used to analyze various aspects that can enhance learning effectiveness and student outcomes (Nofianti et al., 2023).

Classification, as one of the main techniques in data mining, plays a crucial role in grouping data based on specific labels or targets (Mukhsinin et al., 2024). One commonly used method in classification is the Decision Tree, which is an effective predictive modeling technique (Baiq Nurul Azmi et al., 2023). Among the various algorithms available, the C4.5 algorithm is well-known as a reliable tool for building decision trees in decision-making processes (Yulia Viska & Elisa, 2023).

Through this research, the author will analyze the graduation rates of students at SMK Negeri 1 Stabat in the general subjects group using the C4.5 algorithm. This study aims to provide deeper insights into student graduation as well as the application of data mining technology in the field of education.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

- a. Graduation Classification: Based on the assessment results, if the average score is below 75, the student is declared not graduated; if the average score is 75 or above, the student is declared graduated.
- b. Data Collection: The data collected for this study is secondary data. Rahmawati Wahyu Eka states that secondary data refers to information that is already available, sourced from literature or publications obtained through reading, studying, quoting, and summarizing information related to the topic being discussed (Putera et al., 2024). This secondary data was taken from the document

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"List of Collected Diploma Scores for SMK Negeri 1 Stabat" for the 2023-2024 academic year, which includes a total of 717 students.

- c. Preprocessing: The collected data underwent preprocessing. Data preprocessing is a crucial stage that prepares the data for further analysis (Sidiq et al., 2024). The main goal of preprocessing is to clean and prepare the data so that it is easier to analyze and yields more accurate results (Haq et al., 2024).
- d. Modeling and Analysis: The processed data was modeled using RapidMiner, and the results of the modeling were subsequently analyzed. RapidMiner is one of the software tools for data mining (Indranu et al., 2024), and it also generates decision trees that can be viewed visually (Suriani et al., 2024).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Data Collection

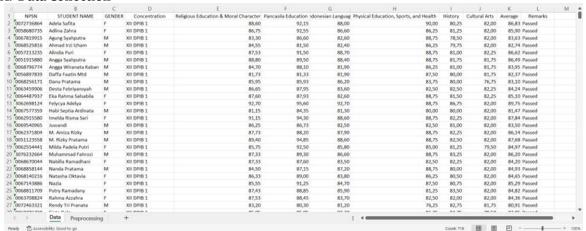


Fig 1. Data Collection

In Figure 1, it can be seen that the data collection from the scores of students in the General Subjects group consists of 717 students, which includes NPSN, STUDENT NAME, GENDER, Concentration, Religious Education & Moral Character, Pancasila Education, Indonesian Language, Physical Education, Sports and Health, History, Cultural Arts, Average, and Remarks.

B. Preprocessing

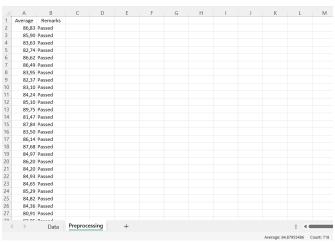


Fig 2. Preprocessing

In Figure 2, the data has undergone preprocessing, leaving the attributes of Average and Remarks.

C. Modeling and Analysis

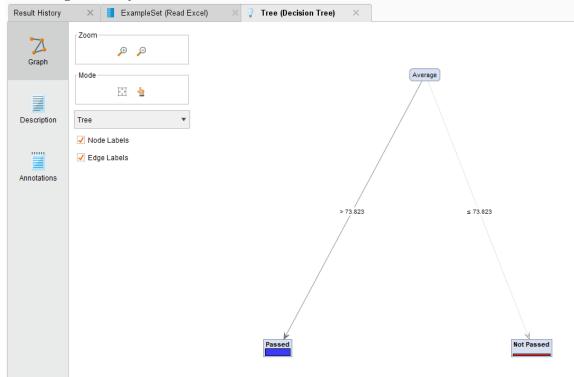


Fig 3. Modeling and Analysis

In this Tree modeling, the results of the evaluation based on the average scores of participants are illustrated. In the first branch, if the average score is greater than 73.823, the participant is considered "Passed." In the second branch, if the average score is less than or equal to 73.823, the participant is considered "Not Passed." Thus, this tree clearly shows the separation between the groups of participants who passed and those who did not, based on the established average criteria.

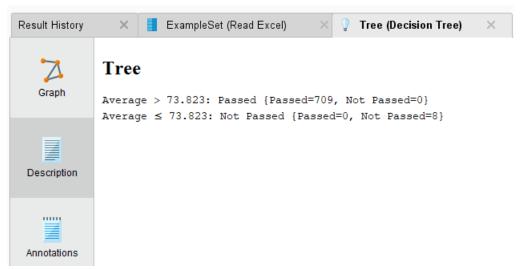


Fig 4. Description Tree

In this description of the tree, it explains that if the average is greater than 73.823, the status is 'Passed,' with a breakdown of 709 passing and 0 not passing. Conversely, if the average is less than or equal to 73.823, the status is 'Not Passed,' with a breakdown of 0 passing and 8 not passing.

4. CONCLUSION

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This research analyzes the graduation rates of students at SMK Negeri 1 Stabat in the general subjects group using the C4.5 algorithm. Utilizing secondary data from 717 students, the researcher performed preprocessing to prepare the relevant data. The modeling results indicate that graduation is determined by the average score with a threshold of 73.823; of the 717 students, 709 are declared graduated, while 8 did not pass. The use of the C4.5 algorithm has proven effective in providing insights into student graduation, as well as generating decision tree visualizations that make the decision-making process more transparent and easier to understand. This study underscores the importance of applying data mining technology in education.

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