The influence of mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient on English language education students’ statistics learning outcomes

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Abstract: The internal factors (characteristics) of students are assumed to have an impact on the learning process. Internal factors of students include motivation, creativity, intelligence, emotional intelligence, anxiety, etc. Most English language education students still worry about statistics course, which contains numbers and different calculation process types. However, the ‘statistics’ course is a compulsory subject that students must study, particularly at IKIP PGRI Bojonegoro, which is very useful to complete final and daily assignments. Statistics is a part of mathematics that studies how to access, analyze, and interpret data. Most English language education students find numbers-related topics difficult. Anxiety in subjects related to numbers is assumed to affect students’ psychological state, especially emotional states, which is an important factor that leads to achievement. This study aimed to determine the effect of mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient on English language education students’ statistics learning outcomes at IKIP PGRI Bojonegoro. The subjects in this study were the third-year students of English language education in 2019/2020. The technique of data analysis used was the Multiple Regression Analysis. The data were obtained from questionnaires and documentation. The results showed that mathematical anxiety and emotional quotient affect English Language Education students’ statistics learning outcomes at IKIP PGRI Bojonegoro. This is evidenced by the value of \( F_{\text{count}} = 69,992 \) higher than \( F_{\text{table}} = 1,607 \). Mathematical anxiety and emotional quotient affect the statistics learning outcomes by 74.9% (strong category).

Keywords: Mathematics Anxiety, Emotional Quotient, Statistics learning outcomes

Pengaruh mathematic anxiety dan emotional quotient terhadap hasil belajar statistika mahasiswa pendidikan Bahasa Inggris

emotional quotient mempengaruhi hasil belajar statistika mahasiswa Pendidikan Bahasa Inggris IKIP PGRI BOJONEGORO. Hal ini dibuktikan dengan nilai $F_{hitung} = 69.992$ lebih besar daripada $F_{table}=1,607$. Mathematic Anxiety dan emotional quotient mempengaruhi hasil belajar statistika mahasiswa pendidikan bahasa inggris sebesar 74,9%. Pengaruh mathematic anxiety dan emotional quotient sebesar 74,9% masuk dalam kategori kuat.

Kata kunci: Mathematic Anxiety, Emotional Quotient, Hasil Belajar Statistika

INTRODUCTION

Feeling nervous or anxious about something is often encountered in people's daily lives. Anxiety is a psychological factor that defines a person's state of feeling, emotional state, restlessness, uncertainty, or fear of reality when confronted with reality or events in his or her life. Anxiety, according to Freud, is an unpleasant feeling and can cause emotional distress. Tang defines anxiety as an emotional state when there is fear, anxious and uneasy passions associated with a fear of something (M. & S. Z., 2016).

There is also anxiety in the academic sphere. Sometimes students are anxious and depressed about a specific topic. Based on the author's observations since the beginning of 2018, most students in the English language education program worry about numerical topics and a long process of calculation so that they can influence their learning outcomes. Number anxiety and all sorts of calculations are often referred to as mathematical anxiety.

Richardson and Suinn (in Fitriza, 2020) report mathematical anxiety as a feeling of tension and anxiety that interfaces when someone is experiencing mathematical problems in real and academic life. Lyons and Beylock (in Istikomah & Wahyuni, 2018) asserted that mathematics anxiety has similar symptoms with those suffered by the body for other causes. Because of the posterior insula, a part of the brain that perceives pain in the body becomes an active part of the brain on the subject with mathematics anxiety, particularly subjects with high mathematics anxiety.

Mathematical anxiety is a form of students' emotional response in ‘exact’ courses when resolving numerical problems and discussing solutions. Suppose anxiety about numbers predominates in the mind of a person. In that case, it will be difficult for him to think about exact courses that students ultimately refuse to learn and tend to stay away from these. Moreover, if students are anxious about mathematics, this will affect the learning process and the achievement of learning goals. The high level of mathematics anxiety interferes with students thinking processes in solving the mathematics problem (Udil et al., 2017).

Emotional intelligence is often referred to as the emotional quotient. Every person has a different emotional intelligence level. It is considered that emotional intelligence can influence a person in resolving problems. Differences in individual emotional intelligence can contribute to a better understanding of the implications of effective policy changes that occur in an organization. Individuals with poor emotional
control would react negatively toward the proposed changes. In contrast, individuals with the ability to use emotions appropriately, optimistic and often also take the initiative, in general, decided to reframe their perceptions of the program of change recently introduced and looked at it as an exciting challenge (Ali et al., 2018).

According to Mayer and Salovey (1990), Emotional quotient refers to an ability to understand our emotions and others. The emotional quotient gives a sense of empathy and motivation in confronting reality, including motivation for academic activities that affect learning. When we can process emotions, motivation will grow to improve learning outcomes.

In the English language education program, statistics is the subject that deals with the number and sometimes makes students feel nervous and frustrated and incapable of adequately processing emotional intelligence in the face of statistical problems. They are also thought to affect learning performance. Statistics courses obtained are essential, on the one hand. Statistical courses, however, are essential in order to deepen further and comprehensive research. In that statistical skills can promote understanding of research methods appropriate (Idris, 2013).

Many studies investigated the effect of emotional intelligence on students’ learning outcomes. From those studies, it was revealed that, in general, emotional intelligence has positive effects on students’ learning outcomes. Septian (2016) investigated the influence of emotional intelligence on learning outcomes in the Economic education program of Sebelas Maret University. His study found that the \( t_{\text{count}} > t_{\text{table}} (5.381>1.97) \) with \( p\)-value < 0.05 (0.000 < 0.05), so that \( H_0 \) is rejected and \( H_1 \) is accepted. This means that there is a positive and significant impact of emotional intelligence on the students’ academic achievement.

Another study conducted by (Rawa & Mastika Yasa, 2019) reveals that the level of students’ mathematics anxiety in primary school teachers education program at STKIP Citra Bakti, East Nusa Tenggara was that there were 29 students (90.63%) indicated to experience anxiety, 12 students (37%) experienced severe anxiety, 9 students (28.12%) experienced moderate anxiety, and 8 students (25%) experienced light anxiety. Meanwhile, only 3 students (9.38%) were not indicated to have mathematics anxiety.

Further, research carried out by (Setiadi, 2018) conclude that the contribution of self-concept, emotional intelligence, and anxiety to the statistics learning outcomes is 59.50%. Thus, the STIS students’ statistical learning outcome is determined by these three variables: self-concept, emotional intelligence, and anxiety.

Based on the elaboration above, this study was intended to know the effect of mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient on solving statistical problems. Thus, this study was entitled ‘The influence of mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient on English language education students’ statistics learning outcomes.’
RESEARCH METHOD

The subjects of this study were the third-year students of the English language education program in 2019/2020. There were two variables in this study, i.e., independent and dependent variables. The independent variables of this study were mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient. Meanwhile, the dependent variable of this study was students’ learning outcomes of a statistics course.

This study's population was all of the third-year students of the English language education program at IKIP PGRI Bojonegoro in 2019/2020. The sample of this study was taken from the whole population so that the sampling technique used was saturation sampling.

The data in this study were gathered through questionnaires and documentation methods. A questionnaire method was used to measure students’ mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient. There were two types of questionnaires in this study, i.e., math anxiety and emotional quotient questionnaires. Meanwhile, the students’ learning outcomes of the statistics course was taken from the documentation method.

The questionnaire of mathematics anxiety was presented in ‘Google Form’ through this link https://forms.gle/aGpnvsisEATbyFDs9, and the students filled it out online. Two experts validated the mathematics anxiety questionnaire instrument. The instrument validity values ranged from 0.301 to 0.562. Based on the r product moment table, if the sample size is 32 with a significance level of 5%, the r table value is 0.349. Thus, the calculated r-value (0.384-0.730) is higher than the r table (0.349) so that the instrument is valid. The instrument reliability value was 0.858. According to (Budiyono, 2011), if the reliability value is more than 0.70, the instrument is reliable. The mathematics anxiety questionnaire instrument was adopted from (Husnul, 2016), with the questionnaire indicators as follows.
Table 1. The Indicators of *Math Anxiety* Questionnaire

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<th>Operational Definition</th>
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<td><strong>Math anxiety</strong></td>
<td>Fear or anxiety, restlessness, helplessness when facing learning or math exams are shown by the following attitudes:</td>
<td>1. Cognitive 1.1 Students can understand mathematics learning materials</td>
<td>1.2 Students can answer mathematics test</td>
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<td>1. Restless 2. Heart palpitations 3. High blood pressure (easy emotions) 4. Cold sweat on the palms</td>
<td>2. Affective 2.1 Students can raise the hand before answering the question</td>
<td>2.2 Students can compete with their peers 2.3 Students can focus their mind during mathematics learning</td>
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<td>5. Tense 6. Cannot sleep 7. Quickly surprised 8. Insecurity 9. Sleep disorders 10. Nervous</td>
<td>3. Psychomotor 3.1 Students dare to do the mathematics task in front of the class (on the board)</td>
<td>3.2 Students can accept criticism from friends 3.3 Students can speak fluently when the teacher raises questions orally</td>
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<td>4. Somatic</td>
<td>4.1 do not experience muscle disorders when facing math tests, such as:</td>
<td>4.1 The heart beats faster b. Decreased appetite c. Stomach cramps d. Hands turn cold e. Face turns pale</td>
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Another instrument was the *emotional quotient* questionnaire. It was adopted from (Setiyawan, 2013) with the following indicators.

**Table 2. The Indicators of Emotional Quotient Questionnaire**

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<td>1. Recognizing self-emotion</td>
<td>1.1 Recognizing and feeling self-emotion</td>
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<td>1.2 Understanding the causes of emotion</td>
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<td>1.3 Recognizing the influence of feeling on action</td>
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<td>2. Managing emotion</td>
<td>2.1 Being tolerant of frustration</td>
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<td>2.2 Being able to express anger appropriately</td>
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<td>2.3 Being able to control aggressive behaviour which can damage oneself and others</td>
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<td>2.4 Being able to manage stress</td>
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<td>3. Self-motivation</td>
<td>3.1 Having a good self-control</td>
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<td>3.2 Being optimistic in facing problems</td>
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<td>3.3 Being able to focus on a given task</td>
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<td>4. Recognizing other’s emotion</td>
<td>4.1 Being able to accept others’ opinion</td>
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<td>4.2 Having empathy or sensitivity to others</td>
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<td>4.3 Being able to listen to others</td>
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<td>5. Having a relationship</td>
<td>5.1 Understanding the importance of having a relationship with others</td>
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<td>5.2 Being able to resolve conflicts with others</td>
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<td>5.3 Having good communication skills with others</td>
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<td>5.4 Having a friendly nature</td>
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<td>5.5 Having a deep concern for others’ interests</td>
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<td>5.6 Being able to live harmoniously with others</td>
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<td>5.8 Being mature and tolerant</td>
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The questionnaire was presented in ‘Google form’ with the link https://forms.gle/7disZnAQWVDBNVE19, and the students filled it out online. Two experts validated the emotional quotient questionnaire instrument. The instrument validity values ranged from 0.301 to 0.562. Based on the r product moment table, if the sample size is 50 with a significance level of 5%, the r table value is 0.279. Thus, the calculated r-value (0.301-0.562) is higher than the r table (0.279) to validate the instrument. The instrument reliability value was 0.724. According to (Budiyono, 2011), if the reliability value is more than 0.70, the instrument is reliable.

The data analysis used was the classical assumption test, which includes the normality test, multicollinearity test, and heteroscedasticity test. After fulfilling the classical assumption test, multiple regression analysis was carried out. All data analysis was done through the SPSS 22 application.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The normality test results are carried out by looking at the Normal Probability Plot graph, which can be seen in the following figure.

Figure 1 above shows that the data spread around the diagonal line and follows the diagonal line's direction so that the regression model meets the assumption of normality.
The multicollinearity test results are presented in the following figure.

![Multicollinearity Test](image)

**Figure 2. Multicollinearity Test**

From the figure above, it can be explained that in this multicollinearity test, the tolerance value for each independent variable is 0.313, which value is less than 0.5, while the VIF value of each independent variable is 3.192. The value is less than 10 so that it can be concluded that the regression model does not have multicollinearity.

The next general assumption test is the heteroscedasticity test. The test results can be seen in the following figure.

![Heteroscedasticity Test](image)

**Figure 3. Heteroscedasticity Test**

Figure 3 above shows the scatter plots between the predicted value of the dependent variable and its residual value spread below and above the 0 value on the Y axis, so there is no heteroscedasticity.

After the general assumption test has been fulfilled, the multiple regression analysis will be carried out. Multiple regression analysis in this study also used SPSS 22. The results of multiple regression analyses are presented in the following figure.
The significance value ($P$-value) for each of the independent variables, mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient, is $P < 0.05$, while the value of $t_{\text{count}} = -4.465 < t_{\text{table}} = -2.312$ for the mathematics anxiety variable and $t_{\text{count}} = 2.432 > t_{\text{table}} = 2.312$ for the emotional quotient variable. The critical area of the $t$ test is, $DK = \{t \mid t < -2.312 \text{ or } t > 2.312\}$. From this explanation, it can be concluded that the two variables, mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient, affect the dependent variable, students’ statistics learning outcomes.

In Figure 4, the value of $F_{\text{count}} = 69.992 > F_{\text{table}} = 3.195$ and the significance value is $<0.05$, so it can be concluded that mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient variables simultaneously affect students’ statistics learning outcomes.

From Figure 4 above, it can be seen that the coefficient of determination is 0.749. The mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient affect students’ statistics learning outcomes by 74.9% and is included in the strong category, meaning that the two independent variables strongly influence the dependent variable. The regression equation from the above analysis is:

$$\hat{Y} = 91.987 - 0.859X_1 + 0.321X_2$$

For example, what is the student’s statistics learning outcome if the mathematics anxiety score is 80, and the emotional quotient is 150?

Then the predictive value is:

$$\hat{Y} = 91.987 - 0.859(80) + 0.321(150) = 71.417$$

Individually, the influence of mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient variables is presented in the following figure.
Figure 5. MA Regression Analysis of Statistics Learning Outcomes
Based on figures 5 and 6 above, mathematics anxiety affects students’ statistics learning outcomes by 71.7%, while emotional quotient affects students' statistics learning outcomes by 64.2%.

This study’s results are in line with research conducted by (Purwati & Hasanah, 2016). The study reveals an effect of emotional intelligence on students’ achievement in mathematics education at the University of Papua, with the regression equation Y = 3.239 + 0.032X. The emotional intelligence aspect that most influences students’ learning achievement is self-regulation, with a significant value of 0.025, and social skills with a significant value of 0.026. This is the same as the research conducted by (Pamungkas et al., 2014). This study concludes that there is a positive relationship between self-concept and mathematics anxiety on students' learning outcomes. The mentioned studies reinforce that mathematics anxiety is an internal factor affecting the students’ learning outcomes. Mathematics anxiety occurs because it is influenced by many factors, as revealed by (Yuberta et al., 2019), such as internal and external factors. An example of external factors is the environment around students, and the examples of internal factors are gender, psychological and emotional differences in students. Through these factors, the teacher or lecturer must balance students' abilities, both mentally and knowledge. Students’ mathematics anxiety does not interfere with understanding learning material because high anxiety can interfere academic success. Ilmiah et al., (2020) state that high levels of anxiety can disrupt concentration and memory, critical to academic success.

In this study, the emotional quotient also has a significant influence on students’ statistics learning outcomes. Pasaribu et al. (2018) conducted a study on the influence of spiritual quotient and emotional quotient on internal audit judgment. The study concludes that emotional intelligence has a more significant impact than spiritual intelligence on internal audit judgment. Besides, Fauziah (2015) conducted a study on the relationship between emotional intelligence and students’ achievement. The study
concludes that there was a significant relationship between emotional intelligence and learning achievement, as evidenced by p-value of 0.001 < 0.05. From the elaboration above, it can be seen that the emotional quotient has a large percentage of influencing students’ learning outcomes. The emotional quotient factor needs to be trained to have excellent emotional quotient because forming good emotional intelligence requires a process. Islam & Alauddin (2019) state that emotional quotient cannot be possessed instantly by someone. However, it takes a process in which the environment becomes one of the quotient aspects.

There are several essential principles for training the emotional intelligence of students. Uin et al. (2017) assert that training children's emotional intelligence is good principles, good parenting, interactional communication patterns, applying supportive communication patterns, and accepting reality realistically. Good emotional intelligence will positively impact individuals and the environment, both on attitudes and performance. Rahmatullah and Irianto (2018) state that someone who has an excellent emotional quotient considers more comprehensive and leads up more ethical behaviour. Emotional quotient has a vital role in getting satisfaction regarding the compensation and how someone can realize working procedures' vitality.

CONCLUSION
Simultaneously, mathematic anxiety and emotional quotient affect the statistics learning outcomes of English language education students at IKIP PGRI Bojonegoro by 74.9%. Meanwhile, 25.1% is influenced by other factors. Individually, mathematics anxiety affects students' statistics learning outcomes by 71.7%, while emotional quotient affects students' statistics learning outcomes by 64.2%. When students’ internal factors such as mathematics anxiety and emotional quotient are known, it will be easier to apply appropriate learning to minimize students’ anxiety and train students' emotional intelligence to be more able to control themselves in solving problems so that learning can run smoothly and learning objectives will be achieved.

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