Expert System to Diagnose Appendicitis with the Certainty Factor Method

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ABSTRACT

Health is the main key to human life, for that the author also needs health in writing a thesis entitled appendicitis so that readers can understand and recognize appendicitis more quickly. According to Kusrini, S.Kom (2006:11). An expert system is a computer-based system that uses knowledge, facts and reasoning techniques in solving problems that can usually only be solved by an expert in the field. Basically expert systems are applied to support problem solving activities. According to (T. Sujoto, Edy Mulyanto, Dr. Vincen Suhartono, 2011: 125) the Certainty Factor (CF) theory is to accommodate the inexact reasoning of an expert proposed by Shortliffe and Buchanan in 1975. Here the author will discuss on the Expert System for Diagnosing Appendicitis, Certainty Factor Method is one of the Expert System Methods for diagnosing appendicitis. To make the application the author uses Microsoft Visual Studio 2010.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Health is the main key to human life, for that the author also needs health in writing a thesis entitled appendicitis so that readers can understand and recognize appendicitis more quickly. And the intestine is a normal intestine that has a worm-like shape so it is also called an appendage of worms, measuring 5 to 10 cm long which is connected to the large intestine. appendicitis when the intestine becomes inflamed, in the medical name appendicitis is also called appendicitis generally located in the lower right inner abdomen. When inflammation occurs, the intestine will swell full of pus in which bacteria and dead cells cause infection. If appendicitis is not treated quickly, the appendix will swell more and more, and when the appendix swells, it will cause the intestine to burst, and the contents of the intestine will spread throughout the abdominal cavity and result in infection and life-threatening.

Appendicitis can occur at any age, but is most common between the ages of 10 and 30. Appendicitis can be caused by a blockage in the appendix, either partially or totally. Complete obstruction of the appendix is an emergency and needs to be treated immediately with surgery. For public awareness about appendicitis is still very little, because people think this disease is not so dangerous to life, it will endanger lives if appendicitis is not treated immediately.

Not so many people know about the symptoms of appendicitis, therefore I as a writer want to implement this system to make it easier for people to know about the symptoms of appendicitis. The main symptom of appendicitis is abdominal pain. The pain can start from the navel, then move to the lower right part of the abdomen. However, the position of the pain may vary, depending on age and the position of the appendix itself. Within a few hours, the pain can get worse, especially

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when we move, take deep breaths, cough, or sneeze. In addition, this pain can also appear suddenly, even when the patient is sleeping. If appendicitis occurs during pregnancy, pain can appear in the upper abdomen, because the position of the appendix becomes higher during pregnancy.

There are also many hospitals that do not yet have expert doctors, especially for appendicitis, for that the author gets one of the advantages of making this system easier for the community. The diagnosis of appendicitis begins after the doctor asks the patient's symptoms and performs a physical examination. The examination aims to assess pain, and is done by pressing the area that feels pain. Appendicitis is characterized by pain that gets worse after the pressure is released quickly.

Artificial intelligence or artificial intelligence is part of computer science that makes machines (computers) able to do work as well as humans do. One of the things learned in artificial intelligence is using the Certainty Factor method of certainty. The reason for using Certainty Factor is because there is a certainty value compared to other methods where there is no comparison material in making solutions and solving problems.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

To complete the research, the stages of the research carried out are described as shown in Figure 1 below:

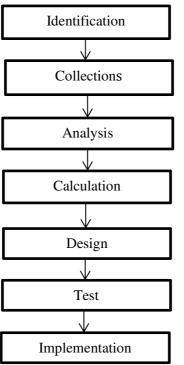


Figure 1. Research Stages Flow

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

While the symptoms of appendicitis obtained based on research results, can be seen in the following table:

Code Symptom Name

- G01 Pain in the lower right that appears suddenly.
- G02 Abdominal pain that starts from the heart (similar to an ulcer), then moves to the lower right abdomen.
- G03 Lower right abdominal pain that gets worse when coughing, walking or moving.
- G04 Nausea and vomiting
- G05 Loss of appetite.
- G06 Mild fever.
- G07 Constipation or diarrhea.
- G08 Stomach bloat.

G09 Constipation.

G10 Can't pass gas (fart)

Table 1. Disease

Code	Diseanse Name	Treatment	
P1	Appendix	Appendicitis can be prevented by getting used to practicing a healthy lifestyle, such as drinking enough water, reducing eating seeds.	
P2	Inflammation of the intestine	To relieve symptoms, you can change the type of food and drink, stop smoking, exercise regularly	

Table 2. Relationships and Weights

Diseases/Symptoms	P1	P2	Weight
G01	\checkmark	✓	0,9
G02	\checkmark		0,7
G03	\checkmark	✓	0,9
G04	\checkmark	✓	0,6
G05	\checkmark	✓	0,8
G06	\checkmark		0,9
G07	\checkmark	✓	0,8
G08	✓	✓	0,9
G09	\checkmark		0,9
G10	✓	✓	0,7

Table 3. Confidence Level of User Answers

Certaint Term	Certainty Faktor	
Not sure	0	
Do not know	0.2	
A little sure	0.4	
Pretty sure	0.6	
Certainly	0.8	
Very sure	1	

One of the cases of diagnosis of appendicitis, namely the symptoms of the disease and the answers given by the user are as follows:

CF[H,E]1 Sudden onset of right lower abdomen pain Very certain

CF[H,E]2 Nausea and vomiting A little sure

CF[H,E]3 Loss of appetite Definitely

CF[H,E]4 Constipation Definitely

CF[H,E]5 Can't pass gas (fart) A little sure

CF[H,E]6 Mild fever Slightly for sure

Then the value of CF(H,E) is:

CF[H,E]1 = CF[H]1*CF[E]1 = 0.9*1 = 0.9 CF[H,E]2 = CF[H]2*CF[E]2 = 0.6 *0,6 = 0.36 CF[H,E]3 = CF[H]3*CF[E]3 = 0.8 *1 = 0.8 CF[H,E]4 = CF[H]4*CF[E]4 **1**7

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= 0.9 *0,4
= 0.36
CF[H,E]5 = CF[H]5*CF[E]5
= 0.7 * 0.6
= 0.42
CF[H,E]6 = CF[H]6*CF[E]6
= 0.9 *1
= 0.9
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The combination of CF[H,E] values based on the above calculations for each disease symptom is as follows:

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CFcombine CF[H,E]1,2 = CF[H,E]1 + CF[H,E]2 * (1 - CF[H,E]1)
                              = 0.9 + 0.36 * (1 - 0.9)
                              = 0.9 + 0.126
                              = 1.026 \rightarrow \text{old} 1
CFcombine CF[H,E]old1,3 = CF[H,E]old1 + CF[H,E]3 * (1 - CF[H,E]old1)
                              = 1.026 + 0.8*(1 - 1.026)
                              = 1.026 + -0.047476
                              = 0.978524 \rightarrow \text{old}2
CFcombine CF[H,E]old2,4 = CF[H,E]old2 + CF[H,E]4 * (1 - CF[H,E]old2)
                              = 0.978524 + 0.36*(1 - 0.978524)
                              = 0.978524 + 0.028746141
                              = 1.007270141 old3
CFcombine CF[H,E]old3,5 = CF[H,E]old3 + CF[H,E]5 * (1 - CF[H,E]old3)
                              = 1.007270141 + 0.42*(1 - 1.007270141)
                              = 1.007270141 + -0.01037645
                              = 0.996893691 old4
CFcombine CF[H,E]old4,6 = CF[H,E]old4 + CF[H,E]6 * (1 - CF[H,E]old4)
                              = 0.996893691 + 0.9*(1 - 0.996893691)
                              = 0.996893691 + 0.005892338
                            = 1.002786029
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So the percentage value of the user's level of trust in the expert system that diagnoses appendicitis and based on the above cases is:

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Percentage = CFDisease *100
= 1.002786029 * 100
= 100.27%
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4. CONCLUSION

By applying the weighted product method for determining the provision of electronic and furniture loans, it really helps the leadership in selecting who deserves to receive it by looking at the results of the calculations according to the criteria and weights that have been given.

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