

## Development of Adventure Multimedia Game Based on Mobile Learning in Pyramid Topic for Junior High School

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**Abstract.** *Mathematics is a difficult subject for students, causing low motivation, interest and student learning outcomes. To attract students to be more interested in learning mathematics, they must use interactive learning media so that learning is not boring and fun. This study aims to develop a multimedia adventure game in pyramid topic based on mobile learning in grade eight. This study uses the 4-D development model, however, at the stage of dissemination only limited distribution is carried out. The subjects in this study were grade eight students of one of junior high school in Gorontalo District, Indonesia. The results of the study based on the validation of topic and media experts showed that the quality of multimedia was good. Meanwhile, based on the teacher's ability for managerial to learn is also categorized as good, the activities of students during the learning process reach the ideal time criteria, the responses of all students are classified as very positive of 90.56% and learning tests show that 72.5% of students achieve completeness. This shows that the adventure multimedia game based on mobile learning in pyramid topic is valid, practise, and effective.*

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### Introduction

The subjects that are considered difficult to understand is mathematics. These students are reluctant to learn mathematics, even mathematics is often feared by them. This causes students' motivation and interest in learning mathematics to tend to below so that the learning outcomes are achieved even less satisfactory.

One of the causes of low student learning outcomes is the lack of variety in the learning provided, one of which is the media used. The use of this learning media can more easily help teachers interact with students during the learning process or vice versa. By using the media, learning is not only centered on the teacher. Learning media can also help students increase their motivation, present data interestingly, and reliably, facilitate data interpretation, and condense information (Arsyad, 2014). Furthermore, learning media is a factor that supports the learning process success (Ahern, 2016). Digital media and various types of educational technology can support students to develop various learning abilities, providing more educational opportunities (Russell & Hannon, 2012). Whereas, Darmawan and Suparman (2019) designing of teaching materials and learning media focuses on three things, like content, constructs, and language.

According to Munir (2012), generally, multimedia is related to the use of more than one medium to present information. Multimedia can also be interpreted as a combination of images, videos, animations, and sounds in one software that allows users to interact directly. With a multimedia display that presents interesting concepts, students will not feel bored during learning, so the material provided is easier to understand. One of the technological developments in the world of education is the emergence of the concept of m-learning (mobile learning). Likewise, according to Darmawan (2013), that mobile learning is an alternative learning service that can be implemented anytime and anywhere. Smartphones are mobile devices that can be developed as m-learning media and are easy to carry everywhere. The use of mobile devices is expected to make it easier for students and is considered more flexible in bringing these devices anytime and anywhere for students to use as learning media (see also Kurniawan & Susanti, 2020). However, the present reality is very far from expectations, the use of smartphones has not been maximized by students to support learning. Most students use smartphones only to access entertainment applications, such as music, social media, cameras, games, and so on.

To enhance the learning and teaching process with mobile learning, Truong (2014) has shown how to design a mobile application (we can also see Jan, Ullah, Ali, & Khan, 2016). Meanwhile, Rakhmawati and Firdha (2018) exemplify the use of mobile learning applications for basic digital electronics learning, and for digital logic gates, Tafrikhatin, Marsyaly, and Khairudin (2017) develop mobile learning in Vocational Schools. As mobile devices become smarter and more complex which derived applications developers to design and provide more robust mobile learning applications and services. Considering the benefits of these devices and applications is becoming more important than learning without devices. Having a good user experience for users is the target of all stakeholders. This study identified three different stages of the benefits of mobile learning systems (Hosseini, 2009).

Multimedia games can also be used to improve cultural understanding in children's learning. Hendriana and Ariyana (2015) conducted this study on the Sasak tribe of Lombok. They conducted a study from of making this game application program required a supporting applications capable of performing the functions, like: doyan nada, enemy, basket of rice, ketupat, fruit, score, and level. They concluded that based on the study and design of game development hooked tone that: multimedia adventure game application has been created folklore "*Doyan Nada*" to enhance culture understanding of Sasak (Lombok) to student learning, and from these results it is concluded that, there is a difference or not difference improve student's understanding of Sasak (Lombok) culture before and after the trial was carried out using this game application using the side-scrolling method.

To attract students to be more interested in learning, it is interspersed with games in the learning process, so that learning does not become boring. Concerning mobile learning, Sarrab, Elgamel, and Aldabbas (2012) also present a description of mobile learning and the educational environment, (see also Mehipour & Zerehkafi, 2013; Metha, 2016). Even Kartika, Wahyuni, Sinaga, and Rajagukguk (2020) stated that design adventure education mathematics game can improve students' ability to think creatively in learning mathematics.

In this study, researchers combined a learning system with games, in this multimedia learning, educational games were given as quizzes containing questions that students had to answer. The difference with other studies is that in the adventure in pyramid multimedia games, there are questions about the pyramid topic which are packaged in interesting challenges on each island. This makes students feel challenged so that the class atmosphere is not boring. Where students are divided into several groups and each group completes the given challenge together. Based on observations and interviews at SMP Negeri 1 Tilango, Gorontalo Distric, Gorontalo Province, Indonesia, there are several facts that I found, namely that there are still many students who are reluctant to learn mathematics because they think mathematics is a difficult subject to understand, especially during a pandemic like this. At SMP Negeri 1 Tilango applying face-to-face learning. This is because there are still many children who do not have smartphones or laptops to support distance learning. This makes it difficult for teachers to do online learning. As for the material for building a flat side, there are several sub-materials, namely cubes, blocks, prisms, and pyramid. Especially for the pyramid sub topic, mathematics learning is still teacher-centered, namely by using lecture and discussion methods. The learning media used is only in the form of printed books combined with teaching aids and occasionally using power points. This makes the lack of student interest in learning so that learning objectives are difficult to achieve.

From the problems above, it is hoped that there will be many more products that can be an alternative to learning, for example, such as interactive learning media. That the researchers developed a multimedia learning game based on mobile learning (m-learning) in learning mathematics on pyramid topic. It is hoped that this development can be an alternative to learning mathematics that reduces students' thinking that mathematics is a difficult subject to understand (Admiraal, Huizenga, Akkerman, & Ten Dam, 2011; Arai, 2015; Dewantara, Wati, Misbah, Mahtari, & Haryandi, 2019).

Educational games develop by always adapting the principles of various learning theories. The first generation was limited to drilling and practicing tasks, respecting behaviorism-based theory. They have limited value for acquiring knowledge or changing attitudes towards learning content because the first generation of these applications did not

support adjustment to the development of learners (Konert, 2015). Educational games also improve student learning mastery (Zendejas, Cook, Bigener, Huebner, Dunn, Sarr, & Farley, 2011). Mastery learning is well suited to competency-based education, as the emphasis is on a set goal rather than a set learning time or several procedures. Mastery learning also has the benefit of outlining the principles behind the assignment and determining the outcome of the task, which makes learning clearer (Manjunath, Subramanya, Smith, & Lonie, 2017). Mastery learning is an approach that is philosophically based on the design of the classroom environment which is still causing controversy among researchers in the field of educational research and development (Block & Burns, 2016). Therefore, the research question of this study is how are the results of developing a multimedia adventure game based on mobile learning in pyramid topics that meet the valid, practical, and effective criteria?

## Method

This study is developmental research using the 4-D model according to Thiagarajan, Semmel, and Semmel (1974), which stands for define, design, development, and dissemination. The stages of developing a 4-D model consisting of four stages which include the stages of defining, designing, developing, and disseminating. However, in this study the dissemination stage conducted only in one class. This is due to the limited time and cost.

The participants of this study were grade eight students of one of junior high school in Gorontalo District, Indonesia. The research involved 40 grade eight students. Pyramid topic was chosen because based on the results of observations, many students who only fantasize about building pyramid when explained by the teacher because they don't know, what kind of pyramid shape. The data collection techniques in this study included validation sheets, teacher observation sheets managing learning, student activity observation sheets, student response questionnaire sheets, and learning outcomes tests.

This study uses descriptive data analysis techniques. Product development quality learning must meet the criteria of valid, practical and effective (Nieveen, 1999). Validity criteria includes content validity, namely the suitability of the components that underlie product manufacture, and construct validity, namely the interrelationship of all components in product development. The practicality of product development is determined from the opinion of the teacher which states that the resulting product can used and the product is easy to use by teachers and students in accordance with developer intent. Effectiveness product development in terms of consistency between design/objectives with experience and learning outcomes achieved by students.

Data analysis was carried out, namely data from validation results. Based on the validity criteria, the data used are data on the ability of teachers to manage learning, data on student activities, data on student positive responses, and data on student learning outcomes. Multimedia learning is used if the validator provides an assessment with a minimum category of good enough. The description of the average score can be seen in the following table.

Table 1. Average score of validation results

No.	Score interval	Criteria
1.	$\bar{x} > 4.2$	Excellent
2.	$3.4 < \bar{x} \leq 4.2$	Good
3.	$2.6 < \bar{x} \leq 3.4$	Fair
4.	$1.8 < \bar{x} \leq 2.6$	Poor
5.	$\bar{x} \leq 1.8$	Very poor

Source: Morgan (2011)

The practicality of adventure multimedia game based on mobile learning development is determined from the opinion of the student's response which states that easy to use and the teacher's ability to manage class on adventure multimedia game based on mobile learning. Furthermore, student response data were analyzed by calculating the percentage of student responses to each statement. The criteria for the positive response of students are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Student responses

No.	Percentage of student responses ( $R$ )	Categories
1.	$85\% \leq R < 100\%$	Very positive
2.	$70\% \leq R < 85\%$	Positive
3.	$50\% \leq R < 70\%$	Less positive
4.	$0\% \leq R < 50\%$	Not positive

Source: Damopolii et al. (2019)

Student responses are said to be positive if 70% or more students respond in a positive category for each aspect.

The effectivity of adventure multimedia game based on mobile learning development there are 2 things criteria for the student activity during the learning activity in Table 3 and student learning outcomes. Determination of the criteria for the effectiveness of student activities based on the achievement of the ideal time specified in the preparation of the lesson plan, as shown in the following Table 2. The ideal time percentage is obtained from the average student activity during the learning activity. If the percentage meets the tolerance time limit, the student activity is in the effectiveness criteria.

Table 3. Criteria for the student activity during the learning activity

No.	Observation criteria	Effectiveness achievement criteria
1.	Listening/paying attention to teacher's explanation	$14\% \leq p < 24\%$
2.	Listening/paying attention to student's explanation	$13\% \leq p < 23\%$
3.	Student participation in the use of multimedia games	$20\% \leq p < 30\%$
4.	Student participation in groups during learning	$15\% \leq p < 25\%$
5.	Student activities in teaching and learning activities	$7\% \leq p < 17\%$
6.	Student activities at the end of learning	$1\% \leq p < 11\%$
7.	Irrelevant behavior during teaching and learning activities	$0\% \leq p < 5\%$

Source: Damopolii, et al. (2019)

Data analysis of student learning outcomes used post-test data with the determination of the classical mastery formula.

$$K = \frac{JT}{JS} \times 100\%$$

where:

$K$  : classical mastery

$JT$  : number of student mastery

$JS$  : a total of student

According to Morgan (2011) that the classical completeness is said to be achieved if the class is more than or equal to 70% of students who have completed their studies. Even Witte (1971) says that completeness can be achieved if 95% of students have completed their learning.

## Results and Discussion

This study obtained the following results.

### a. Define

#### 1. Front-end analysis

From front-end analysis identification, it was found that several problems faced by the teacher were that students often did not pay attention to what was explained by the teacher and played too much in the classroom. So that students find it difficult to understand the pyramid topic taught by the teacher.

#### 2. Learner analysis

Information was obtained that the lack of student motivation was due to the material being only presented in written form, and the lack of interesting media to support learning, especially in pyramid topic. So it takes interactive learning media that is interesting and fun for students. In addition, it was found that the students were familiar with technology and some students already had their smartphones, but the use of smartphones had not been maximized for learning.

### 3. Task analysis

Task analysis includes general tasks and specific tasks. General assignments refer to basic competencies in the 2013 curriculum, while special assignments refer to indicators of achievement of learning outcomes.

The results of the task analysis for the pyramid topic in class VIII of SMP Negeri 1 Tilango are: distinguish and define surface area and volume pyramid and resolving problems that related to surface area and volume of pyramid, as well as combinations with other curved side spaces are.

### 4. Concept analysis

The results of the analysis obtained by researchers are that the topic for pyramid is still poorly understood by students as in pyramid nets there are still many students who do not master, and the surface area and volume of the pyramid are still difficult for students to complete.

### 5. Specifying instructional objectives

The specifying instructional objectives are carried out by describing the basic competencies in indicators of achievement of specific learning outcomes.

## *b. Design*

This stage consists of three steps, namely:

#### 1. Media selection

Based on the results of the analysis, it was found that the suitable media needed for learning the pyramid topic is a multimedia learning adventure game based on mobile learning that can attract the attention of students. Meanwhile, the tools needed during the learning process are mobile phones.

#### 2. Format selection

The media development format chosen is a concept that can cover all learning objectives of the pyramid topic which includes the notion of pyramid, pyramid nets, pyramid surface area, and pyramid volumes that are contained in multimedia so that it can facilitate students in learning.

#### 3. Initial design

The results of the initial design of the multimedia adventure game in pyramid have been carried out at the define stage and other phases previously at this design stage. Here are the results of the initial design of the multimedia adventure game in pyramid:

Welcome page

This opening page contains the start button to be directed to the main menu, and the exit button to exit the application.



Figure 1. Welcome page

Main menu page

This page contains a material button that contains about pyramid topic, and a game button to start the adventure in pyramid multimedia games.



Figure 2. Main menu page

Material page

This page contains the pyramid topic that will be studied, namely the understanding of pyramid, types of pyramid, jaring-jaring pyramid, pyramid surface area, and pyramid volume.

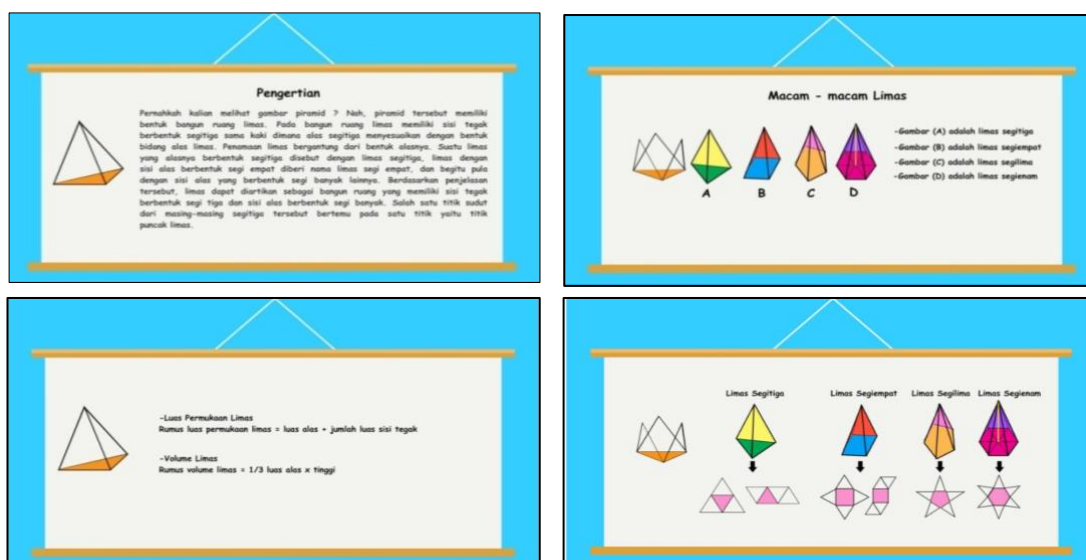


Figure 3. Material page



### Game page

This page contains practice questions that are done in groups on each island, after completing the questions on each island the scores will appear automatically.



Figure 4. Game page

### c. Develop

#### 1. Expert appraisal results

##### (a) Media expert appraisal

Based on the results of media expert appraisal (validation), it was obtained an average of 4.5 with good criteria so that it can be concluded that based on these aspects the adventure in pyramid multimedia games can be tested in class with a few revisions.

##### (b) Material expert appraisal

Based on the results of material expert validation, an average of 4.35 was obtained with good criteria, so it can be concluded that based on these aspects, this adventure in pyramid multimedia games can be tested in the classroom with a few revisions.

#### 2. Developmental testing results

##### (a) Student response analysis

The average percentage obtained is more than 85%, namely 90.56%, which means that the student's response is said to be very positive in the category (happy, new, interested, clear, and interested). According to Darmawan (2012), using interactive media in learning activity can boost student's motivation because of their interests to multimedia system which provides text, picture, video, audio, and animation.

##### (b) Analysis of the teacher's ability to manage Class

The teacher's ability to manage class on adventure multimedia game based on mobile learning in class VIII SMP Negeri 1 Tilango is "good enough (score 3)". This means that adventure multimedia game based on mobile learning is practice.

##### (c) Student activity analysis

The following is a table of student activity analysis results:

Table 4. Student activity

No.	Observation criteria	Student activity (%)	Tolerance
1.	Listening/paying attention to the teacher's explanation	19%	$14\% \leq P < 24\%$
2.	Listening/paying attention to the explanation of friends (students)	19%	$13\% \leq P < 23\%$
3.	Student participation in the use of multimedia game material (pyramid)	22%	$20\% \leq P < 30\%$
4.	Student participation in groups during learning	18%	$15\% \leq P < 25\%$
5.	Student activities in teaching and learning activities	15%	$7\% \leq P < 17\%$
6.	Student activities at the end of the learning	5%	$1\% \leq P < 11\%$
7.	Irrelevant behavior during teaching and learning activities	2%	$0\% \leq P < 5\%$

Based on criteria for student effectiveness achievement on Table 3, we can see that the percentage of each aspect observed in each lesson plan is within the criteria for the ideal time tolerance limit so that student activities are said to be effective using adventure in pyramid multimedia games.

(d) Analysis of learning out comes test

The number of students who passed as many as 29 out of 40 students so that the graduation percentage was 72.5%. Therefore, classical completeness is achieved due to more than 70% of students who achive learning out comes.

The material contained in the multimedia adventure game in pyramid has five components to be studied, namely: understanding of pyramid, kinds of pyramid, pyramid nets, pyramid surface area, and pyramid volume (Catoni, Boccaletti, Cannat, Catoni, & Zampetti, 2011; Snyder & Sisam, 2010). In addition, in the multimedia adventure game in pyramid, an adventure game is presented which contains practice questions that are done in groups. Where, this exercise is made by paying attention to indicators of competency achievement so that it is easier for teachers to achieve learning goals. This multimedia is packaged as well as possible so that students can interact directly by operating the multimedia themselves according to their wishes. Adventure game in pyramid multimedia are also packaged with concepts in the form of audio, text, images, and animations that will make students more comfortable in learning and will not feel bored. In addition, in adventure game in pyramid multimedia, games that attract students are presented so that the learning process will be fun. Therefore, this adventure in pyramid multimedia games can stimulate students' interest in studying pyramid topic because the learning process is effective and fun. Educational games have various advantages for the environment learning, games are able to provide motivation in students, in some cases even

encourage students to learn, and make the learning process more pleasant (Alessi & Trollip, 2001). Educational games also improve student learning mastery (Zendejas et al, 2011).

Utilization of learning using interactive multimedia can improve the quality of learning in the classroom and it is an alternative teaching strategy for teachers (Priatmoko, 2008). In addition, math adventure educational games can improve students' creative thinking skills in learning mathematics (Kartika, et al., 2020). This adventure in the pyramid multimedia games is effectively used in terms of four categories, namely student activities, student responses, teacher abilities, and learning outcomes. This is in accordance with Pelletiere (2009) as well stated that games have a positive influence on learning process. In addition, Adventure games are effective because through adventure games students seek information, interpret information, make predictions and take actions through spatial visualization (Cavallari, Hedberg, & Harper, 1992).

## Conclusion

The results of the study based on the validation of topic and media experts showed that the quality of multimedia was good. Meanwhile, based on the teacher's ability for manage class to learn is also categorized as good, the activities of students during the learning process reach the ideal time criteria, the responses of all students are classified as very positive of 90.56% and learning tests show that 72.5% of students achieve completeness. This shows that the adventure in pyramid multimedia games based on mobile learning is valid, practise, and effective. Therefore, this media can be used as an alternative media to support the learning process of pyramid topic in class VIII which includes the understanding of pyramid, kinds of pyramid, pyramid nets, the surface area of pyramid, and volume of pyramid. This research was only conducted on one class consisting of 40 students, the next researcher is expected to implement this multimedia for many students.

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