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#### ABSTRACT

**Purpose** – This study aims to examine the role of emotion achievement in mediating the relationship of goal orientation and extraneous load with germane load.

**Methodology** – This survey study involved voluntary 487 university students who were selected using the cluster random sampling technique. They responded three adapted scale in Bahasa Indonesia version, namely Achievement Goal Questionnaire (AGQ), Achievement Emotions Questionnaire (AEQ), and Cognitive Load Questionnaire. Data were collected 20 menutes before the Statistics Class ended and analyzed using bootstraped bias corrected (CI = 95%; N=5000) in Structural Equation Modelling (SEM).

**Findings** – The results of this study indicated the effect of emotional mediators on achievement of the relationship between goal orientation and extraneous load with germane load. Specifically, enjoyment positively mediated the relationship between mastery approach orientation and germane load, while anxiety mediated the relationship between mastery approach and performance-avoidance goals orientation with germane load. Although extraneous load had a negative direct correlation with germane load, the prediction of extraneous load on germane load was positively mediated by anxiety and negatively by enjoyment.

**Significance** – The findings of this study confirm the impact of motivation and emotions on cognitive load and specify the extraneous load relationship with germane load through achievement emotions.

Keywords: achievement goals, cognitive load, achievement emotions

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Students' emotional condition during learning influence their learning performance

(Chen & Sun, 2012; Marchand & Guterez, 2012; Sunawan & Xiong, 2017) because

both cognitive and affective processes require allocation of attention to process information (Awh, Vogel, & Oh, 2006), whereas working memory resources are limited to process cognitive and emotional information (King & Schaefer, 2011). In the perspective of cognitive load theory, the use of limited cognitive resources will be optimal if students focus on processing related-learning information (germane load) and reduce the allocation of cognitive resources in processing irrelevant and unnecessary learning information during the instructional process (extraneous load; Sweller, Ayres, & Kalyuga, 2011).

Many studies have been designed to identify the impact of achievement emotions on cognitive performance. Based on control-value theory of academic emotions (Pekrun, 2006), the study showed the prediction of achievement emotions on the use of learning strategies (You & Kang, 2014) and academic achievement (Marchand & Guttieres, 2012). Based on cognitive-affective theory of learning with media (CATLM; Moreno, 2006), the study showed that emotional design of multimedia had prediction on emotions, learning activity and cognitive load (Park, Knorzer, Plass, & Brunken, 2015). In short, various studies have indicated that achievement emotions had relatively significant and consistent prediction on cognitive performance.

However, there are still unanswered questions about the impact of emotions on cognitive performance, such as, "Is the impact of achievement emotions on cognitive performance linear?" (Plass & Kaplan, 2016). This question is important

to get confirmation and clarification because many studies of emotions and cognitive performance showed that achievement emotions positively predict cognitive load (Chen & Chang, 2009; Sunawan & Xiong, 2017), the use of learning strategies, self-regulated learning and academic achievements (Pekrun, Goetz, Frenzel, Barchfeld, & Perry, 2011). Whereas, Pekrun (2006) warned that positive emotions are not always adaptive, while negative emotions are not always less adaptive because individuals need a little negative emotion, such as anxiety, to extent and increase their motivation. On the other hand, the existence of excessive positive emotions, such as enjoyment, makes students tend to pay less attention to the learning information. This opinion is important to be clarified because the research findings from D'Mello, Lehman, Pekrun and Graesser (2014) showed that confusion as a negative achievement emotion can encourage further learning processes and the use of deep thinking strategies. In order to clarify the gaps in findings about the positive prediction of positive emotions and the negative prediction of negative emotions on cognitive performance, this study was designed to clarify the findings of the impact of achievement emotions on cognitive performance by testing the affect of enjoyment as positive emotion and anxiety as a negative emotion on germane load.

In other side, achievement emotions may be stimulated by goal adoption (Linnenbrink, 2007). Most of the studies relatively consistent showed that mastery achievement goal orientation positively predict positive emotions, such as enjoyment, but performance-avoidance goal orientation positively predict negative emotion, such as anxiety (Linnenbrink, Ryan, & Pintrich, 1999; Pekrun, Elliot, & Maier, 2009). Then, students' negative emotions decrease working memory performance (Linnenbrink, Ryan, & Pintrich, 1999). To extend the study from Linnenbrink, Ryan, and Pintrich (1999), present study explores both enjoyment as a positive emotion and anxiety as a negative emotion in mediating the prediction of achievement goals on germane load. Furthermore, the role of achievement emotions in mediating the unecessary and irrelevant information to learning during instructional process as extraneous load also investigated ini present study. In short, this study explore the indirect effect of achievement emotions in mediating the relationship between achievement goals orientation, particularly mastery-approach and performance-avoidance goals orientation, and extraneous load with germane load.

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### Prediction of Extraneous Load on Germane Load

Cognitive load theory discusses the load of working memory during process information. Because cognitive resource of working memory was limited, allocating working memory resource for optimal processing relevance information with learning objecting determine students' learning performance. In this circumstance, cognitive load was the most predictor for students' learning performance (Clark, Nguyen & Sweller, 2006). Paas, vanGog and Sweller (2010: 116) defined cognitive load as "the learning of complex cognitive tasks, in which learners are often overwhelmed by the number of interactive information elements that need to be processed simultaneously before meaningful learning can commence." The level of cognitive load is depend on the amount of element interactivity of information (Sweller, 2010). A larger amount of information usually has a more complex element interactivity and vice versa, and prior knowledge also influence the complexity level of element interactivity of information (Scheiter, Gerjets, Vollmann & Catrambone, 2009).

There are three types of cognitive load, namely extraneous, intrinsic and germane cognitive load (Sweller, 2010). Intrinsic cognitive load related to the complexity of intrinsic information that should be processed. Extraneous cognitive load related to the irrelevan learning-information which come from instructional method when presenting information. Germane cognitive load related to the effort to process and create new information. Present study intended to investigate the relationship between extraneous load and germane load.

Previous study has been found that extraneous load negatively predicted germane load (Lange, Costle, & Han, 2017). If the level of extraneous load are exceed the capacity of working memory, then the processing of learning-information in working memory will be decrease. Contrary, when cognitive resource experience less extraneous cognitive load, working memory enable to process more information. In short, decreasing extraneous cognitive load will increase germane cognitive load. This situation give beneficial for optimal learning and information processing. Considering finding of previous study which showed the impact of anxiety on cognitive load under low lead condition (Dvorak-Bertsch, Curtin, Rubinstein, & Newman, 2007), effect of instructional design which presenting irrelevance information with learning objectives on germane load need to be studied by involving the role of achievement emotions as a mediator. As preliminary investigation of achievement emotions in mediation correlation between extraneous load and germane load, present study involved two types of academic achievement, namely enjoyment and anxiety, because the two types of emotions most occur in learning. The research questions that arise in this study, "Is the negative impact of extraneous load on germane load consistent when mediated by emotions of enjoyment and anxiety?" If there are currently two contradictory theories about interplay of anxiety with cognitive load, namely (1) cognitive load can reduce anxiety and (2) cognitive load can reduce anxiety (Vytal, Cornwel, Arkin, & Grillon, 2012), then this study explores the role of enjoyment and anxiety in reducing cognitive performance.

## Prediction of Achievement Goals on Germane Load through Achievement Emotions

Elliot and Fryer (2008) defined goal orientation as a cognitive representation of future objects that the organism is committed to approach or avoid. In learning context, this definition suggested that the goal being a cognitive representation of what a student wants to attain or achieve from their learning in the future. Achievement goal orientation provide the basis, rationale, and direction for effort, motivation, the use of learning strategies, academic achievement and achievement (Anderman, Austin, & Johnson, 2002; Trust & Hursh, 2008; Pekrun, Meier, & Elliot, 2009).

Moreover, Elliot dan McGregor (2001) divided achievement goal orientation into 2 (definition: mastery vs performance) x 2 (valence: approach vs avoidance) dimensions. Mastery-approach goals are a form of defining competencies within intrapersonal scope that must be mastered to meet personal demands and have a positive valence to master them. Performance-approaches goals are a form of defining competencies normatively and have a positive valence to achieve them. Mastery-avoidance goals are a form of defining competencies within intrapersonal scope that must be meet personal demands and have a positive valence to achieve them. Mastery-avoidance goals are a form of defining competencies within intrapersonal scope that must be mastered to meet personal demands and have a negative valence to achieve them. Performance-avoidance goals are a form of defining competencies within intrapersonal scope that must be mastered to meet personal demands and have a negative valence to achieve them. Performance-avoidance goals are a form of defining competencies within normative limits and having a negative valence to attain them. Present study involved two contradictory achievement goal orientation, namely mastery-approach goal orientation and performance-avoidance goal orientation.

Previous studies suggested that the impact of achievement goals orientation on learning performance were indirect and mediated by learning strategies (Wirth, Kunsting, & Leutner, 2009) and emotions (Putwain, Sanger & Larkin, 2013). Because a study from Pekrun, Elliot and Meier (2009) showed that prediction of achievement goals orientation were inconsistent when mediated by different type of achievement emotions, present study investigated the mediation role of enjoyment and anxiety. The potential for indirect effects of achievement goal orientation on cognitive load can be seen from the results of experimental studies Wirth, Kunsting, and Leutner (2009) which indicated that participants who adopted the goal of problem solving had a higher cognitive load compared to participants who adopted learning goals. Furthermore, the findings of the study concluded that the impact of goals on cognitive load appears in terms of strategy use, where participants with learning objectives have strategies that are more effective than participants with the aim of problem solving.

The impact of goal orientation on achievement emotions can be seen from the research findings conducted by Pekrun, Elliot, and Meier (2009). The results of the study indicated that goal orientation both mastery goal orientation predicts positive pleasure, while anxiety is positively predicted by performance-avoidance goal orientation. The meta-analysis conducted by Huang (2011) shows that mastery goal orientation correlates positively with positive emotions, while performance-avoidance goal orientation correlates positively with negative emotions. Furthermore, results of the Huang's study showed that the approach-performance goal orientation is not too consistent with positive emotions. Therefore, this research only involves two extremely types of goal orientation, namely mastery approach goal orientation and performance-avoidance goal orientation.

#### METHODOLOGY

**Participants** 

The sample involved in this study were 487 students (191 men and 296 women) from Faculty of Education, Universitas Negeri Semarang, who were selected using the cluster random sampling technique. Their willingness to participate in this study was expressed in informed consent.

#### Measurements

Data of this study was collected using three scales, namely Achievement Goal Questionnaire (AGQ), Achievement Emotions Questionnaire (AEQ), Cognitive Load Questionnaire in version of Bahasa Indonesia. Because the origin version of those scales were English, a back-transtaltion procedure was applied to adapt English version of the scales into Bahasa Indonesian version.

#### **Cognitive load**

Students' extraneous cognitive load and germane cognitive load during attending Statistical class was measure subjectively using a scale which adapted from Cognitive Load Questionnaire (Leppink, Paas, Gog, Vlueten & Merrienboer, 2014). The scale has 8 items for assessing extraneous load (4 item; "*The explanations and instructions in Statistics class were very unclear.*"), and germane load (4 items; "*Statistics class really enhanced my understanding of the content that was covered.*"). The reliability test in present study indicated that this scale had alpha coefficient of .90 for extraneous load and .89 for germane load (see Table 1).

#### Achievement emotions

Present study assessed students' emotions of enjoyment and anxiety during study in Statistics class using Academic Emotions Questionnaire (AEQ; Pekrun, Goetz, Titz, & Perry, 2002). Students' enjoyment were assessed using 4 items ("*I get*  *excited about going to Statistics class.*"), whereas students' anxiety were assessed using 5 items (*"I feel nervous in Statistics class.*"). The alpha reliability of this scale were .78 for both enjoyment and enxiety (see Table 1).

#### Acievement goal orientation

The Achievement Goals Questionnaire (AGQ; Elliot & McGregor, 2001) were implemented to assess two kinds of students goal orientation during learning in Statistics class, namely mastery-approach goal orientation (3 items; "*I want to learn as much as possible from Statistics class.*") and performance-avoidance goal orientation (items; "*I just want to avoid doing poorly in Statistics class.*"). The AGQ had 7-point scale from not at all the case (1) to completely the case (7). Results ot reliability test showed that the alpha coefficients were .73 for mastery-approach goal orientation and .81 for performance-avoidance goal orientation (see Table 1).

#### Procedures

At the beginning of class, participants were told that before the Statistics lecture was terminated they would be asked to respond the scale of the study according to their experiences during attending the Statistics class that day. They were asked to study at Statistics classes as usual and do not need to be nervous. All responses from respondents were not related to the assessment in the Statistics class. Twentyminutes before the class ended, they were asked to express their experiences during study by responding cognitive load scales, academic emotions, and goal orientation, respectively. Participants were asked to respond to all scale items voluntarily. Participants respectively responded the Cognitive Load Scale, Academic Emotion Questionnaire, and Achievement Goal Questionnaire in about 15 minutes.

#### RESULTS

#### **Descriptive Data**

The results of the intercorrelation matrix are presented in Table 1. Based on Table 1, it can be seen that there was a positive correlation between the types of goal orientation. Likewise with the types of academic emotions and cognitive load which also correlated. However, not all goal orientations correlated with any type of academic emotion. In turn, only emotions of anxiety that did not show a relationship with germane load, while pleasure emotions correlated with extranous load and germane load.

#### Tabel 1

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1. Mastery-approach	(.73)					
2. Performance-avoidance	.17**	(.81)				
3. Enjoyment	.33**	05	(.78)			
4. Anxiety	.02	.40**	- 28**	(.78)		
5. Extraneous load	03	.19**	28**	.37**	(.90)	
6. Germane load	.23**	.02	.44**	.05	.17**	(.89)
Μ	4.22	3.79	3.76	2.78	2.73	3.77
SD	0.62	0.84	0.65	0.78	0.87	0.54

The intercorrelation matrix, mean and standard deviation

Note: Alpha reliability is shown in parentheses \*\* p < .01

#### Relationship between Achievement Goals, Extraneous Load, and Germane

#### Load

This study examines predictions of achievement goals and extraneous load on germane load through achievement emotions (enjoyment and anxiety) as a mediator. The results of structural equation modelling produced an acceptable fit model ( $\chi^2$  (216) = 367.07, p < .01,  $\chi^2/df$  = 1.70, CFI = .997, RMSEA = .04).



*Figure 1*. Predicting model of germane load ( $\chi^2$  (216) = 367.07, p < .01,  $\chi^2$ /df = 1.70, CFI = .997, RMSEA = .04) \*p < .01 \*\*p < .05

Based on Figure 1, it can be seen that germane loads were positively predicted by enjoyment ( $\beta = .52$ , p <.01) and anxiety ( $\beta = .12$ , p <.05). However, the prediction of enjoyment on germane load was more powerfull than anxiety. Then, achievement emotions were predicted by the achievement goals and extraneous load; enjoyment was positively predicted by the mastery-approach goal orientation ( $\beta = .46$ , p <.01) and negatively predicted by extraneous load ( $\beta = -.33$ , p <.01). Anxiety was positively predicted by performance-avoidance goal orientation ( $\beta = .43$ , p <.01) and extraneous load ( $\beta = .34$ , p <.01), but negatively predicted by mastery-approach goal orientation ( $\beta = .43$ , p <.01) and extraneous load ( $\beta = ..14$ , p < .01). Beside achievement emotions, the model in this study showed that extraneous load also had a direct relationship with germane load

( $\beta$  = -.27, p <.01), while the relationship between goals orientation and germane load were mediated by achievement emotions.

#### The Mediating Effect of Achievement Emotions

The role of achievement emotions in mediating achievement goals and extraneous load with germane load were analyzed using bootstraped bias corrected (CI = 95%; N=5000). The mediation effect of achievement emotions were presented in Table 2. The findings of present study indicated that both enjoyment and anxiety had a significant mediator effect. Enjoyment positively mediated the relationship between the mastery-approach goal orientation and the germane load, but negatively mediated relationship between extraneous load and germane load. Contrary to enjoyment, anxiety negatively mediated the relationship between mastery-approach goal orientation and the relationship between mastery-approach goal orientation and germane load.

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EL ➔ Anx ➔ GL	.03	.01	.01	.05	<.05
EL → Enj → GL	11	.02	16	07	<.01

The mediation effects of academic emotions

Note: MAp = Mastery-approach goal orientation; PAv = Performance-avoidance goal orientation; Enj = Enjoyment; Anx = Anxiety; EL = Extraneous load; GL = Germane load

#### Discussion

The current study was intended to examine the impact of enjoyment and anxiety in mediating prediction of two achievement goals orientation (namely, mastery-approach goal orientation and performance-avoidance goal orientation) and extraneous load on germane load. In line with the findings of previous research (Chen & Chang, 2009; Vytal, et al., 2012), the results of this study indicated that enjoyment and anxiety are related to cognitive load. In addition, the results of this study also showed that the goal orientation predicts enjoyment and anxiety as found in previous studies from Pekrun, Elliot and Maier (2009). Interestingly, the findings of the present study were successful in identifying the mediator effect of achievement emotions (particularly enjoyment and anxiety) on achievement goals orientation and extraneous load with germane load. This finding supports the notion of cognitive affective theory of learning with media (CATLM; Moreno, 2006) which states that motivation and affection support the working memory performance. Findings of present study successfully proved that motivation,

particularly achievement goals orientation, do not have direct impact on working memory performance. Motivational contributions to working memory performance, especially germane load, can occur through academic emotions, such as enjoyment and anxiety. These findings of this study confirms the importance of achievement emotions during learning process.

Motivational and emotional impacts on germane load in present study can be understood considering Valiente, Swanson and Eisinberg (2012) have explained that motivation and emotion enable enhance or inhibit performance of working memory. Enjoyment has known to encourages the implementation of effective strategies for processing learning information (You & Kang, 2014). A previous finding has showed that anxiety reduced performance of working memory (Meisner & Bogner, 2012), but in present study found that anxiety had a positive prediction on germane load, although the prediction of anxiety on germane load was lower than the prediction of enjoyment. This finding reflected that the low level of anxiety increases alertness to always process learning information. If the number of alertness is excessive, the attention will be diverted to the anxiety alertness instead of the learning information. This finding confirms Pekrun's (2006) view that not all negative emotions adversely affect cognitive performance.

Finding of present study also exerted that emotions are closer predictors for working memory performance than motivation. In line with studies from Putwain, Sender, and Larkin (2019) and Pekrun, Elliot and Maier (2009), present study found that achievement emotions mediated the correlation between motivation and cognitive performance. Specifically, enjoyment positively mediated the prediction of mastery-approach goal orientation on germane load, whereas anxiety negatively mediated the prediction of mastery-approach goal orientation on germane load, but positively mediated the prediction of performance-avoidance goal orientation on germane load. These findings suggested that adoption performance-avoidance goal orientation stimulate the alertness of failure risks to attain a certain level of learning performance so that raises anxiety. Then, a low level of anxiety encourages the using of cognitive resources to process learning information. However, the adoption of mastery-approach goal orientation encourages the optimally use of cognitive resources for processing learning information, so that the existence of anxiety decreases cognitive performance in processing information.

Another result of present study showed that extraneous load directly predicts germane load negatively. This result was supported a previous study from Lange and Costly (2017). Interestingly, finding of present study success to specify the impact of extraneous load on germane load when involving achievement emotions as a mediator. Anxiety mediates the positive prediction of extraneous load on germane load, but the enjoyment mediates the negative prediction of the extraneous load on germane load. The findings of this study suggested when the learning process presents or discusses irrelevant learning information raises anxiety about probability of learning failure in the future, it will encourage the use of cognitive resources to select and process relevant information to the learning objectives. However, when presenting irrelevant learning information throughout learning makes students happy, it will encourage students to ignore the relevant processing of learning-information.

Overall, the findings of this study had suggested the importance of adaptive achievement goals (particularly, mastery approach goal) for students and efforts to minimize the irrelevant learning-information during learning process. Implications for learning, students need to be facilitated to develop a mastery-approach goal orientation so that they are enjoy in attending class and, in turn, optimally use their cognitive resources to process learning information. In addition, when students realize that their learning are not relevant to achieving learning goals, they allocate efforts to re-focus on achieving learning goals.

#### CONCLUSION

Present study success to identify the role of achievement emotions as mediator between goal orientation and germene load. Specifically, enjoyment positively mediated the interplay between mastery-approach goal and germane load, but anxiety negatively mediated the relationhip between mastery-approach goal and germane load. The prediction of performance-avoidance goal on germane load was positively mediated by anxiety. Moreover, although extraneous load has direct correlation with germane load, the specific type of correlation between extraneous load and germane load was mediated by achievement emotions. There is a few limitation from present study. Firstly, findings of mediating role of achievement emotions in this study were proven from a correlational study. Future studies are expected to test the mediating role of achievement emotions under controlled situation from experimental study. Secondly, this study was limited on two types of achievement emotions, namely enjoyment and anxiety, two types of achievement goals orientation, namely mastery-approach goal orientation and performance-avoidance goal orientation. The findings of the next studies will provide meaningful enlightenment if it involves a more diverse type of emotion and the type of achievement goal orientation. Finally, self-rating scales were applied to assess students' emotions and cognitive load in this study. Therefore, the use of objective measurement methods in assessing emotions and cognitive load will be very beneficial because the findings of motivational and emotional effects on germane loads are drawn from the more accurate data.

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