

# NYONG BUNGAH DADI WONG TEGAL: AN ETHNOMATHEMATICS MODULE INCORPORATING LOCAL WISDOM OF SARUNG GOYOR IN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS' PROBLEM-SOLVING AND CREATIVE THINKING LEARNING

*NYONG BUNGAH DADI WONG TEGAL: UN MÓDULO DE ETNOMATEMÁTICAS QUE INCORPORA LA SABIDURÍA LOCAL DE SARUNG GOYOR EN EL APRENDIZAJE DE LA RESOLUCIÓN DE PROBLEMAS Y EL PENSAMIENTO CREATIVO DE LOS ESTUDIANTES DE PRIMARIA*

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## Abstract

Abstract: This study aims to develop an ethnomathematics module titled Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal based on the local wisdom of Sarung Goyor to improve elementary students' creative thinking and problem-solving skills. The research and development process follows the ADDIE model by Dick, Carey, and Carey. The findings indicate that the module's feasibility, as evaluated by content experts, achieved an average score of 68 (97%), categorized as very good. Evaluation experts awarded a perfect score of 100 (100%), also classified as very good. The module development expert rated the module with a score of 83 (93%), indicating good quality. Teacher practicality assessments resulted in an average score of 88 out of 100, categorized as good, while student practicality scored 42 out of 50, also classified as good. The effectiveness test for creative thinking skills yielded a significance value of  $p=0.01$  ( $p<0.05$ ), indicating that the module effectively enhances students' creative

## Resumo

Resumo: Este estudo teve como objetivo desenvolver um módulo de etnomatemática intitulado Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal, baseado na sabedoria local de Sarung Goyor, para aprimorar o pensamento criativo e as habilidades de resolução de problemas de alunos do ensino fundamental. O processo de pesquisa e desenvolvimento seguiu o modelo ADDIE de Dick, Carey e Carey. Os resultados indicam que a viabilidade do módulo, avaliada por especialistas no assunto, alcançou uma pontuação média de 68 (97%), classificada como muito boa. Os especialistas em avaliação atribuíram a pontuação máxima de 100 (100%), também classificada como muito boa. O especialista em desenvolvimento do módulo avaliou o módulo com uma pontuação de 83 (93%), indicando boa qualidade. As avaliações de praticidade do professor resultaram em uma pontuação média de 88 em 100, classificada como boa, enquanto a praticidade do aluno



thinking. Similarly, the problem-solving effectiveness test showed a significance value of  $p=0.01$  ( $p<0.05$ ), confirming the module's effectiveness in improving students' problem-solving skills. Overall, the effectiveness tests for both creative thinking and problem-solving skills demonstrated a significance value of  $p=0.01$  ( $p<0.05$ ), indicating that the ethnomathematics module effectively enhances these essential student competencies.

**Keywords:** Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal Module. Ethnomathematics. Problem-Solving. Creative Thinking. Local Wisdom of Sarung Goyor.

*obteve 42 em 50, também classificada como boa. O teste de eficácia para habilidades de pensamento criativo apresentou um valor de significância de  $p=0,01$  ( $p<0,05$ ), indicando que o módulo efetivamente aprimora o pensamento criativo dos alunos. Da mesma forma, o teste de eficácia na resolução de problemas apresentou um valor de significância de  $p=0,01$  ( $p<0,05$ ), confirmando a eficácia do módulo no aprimoramento das habilidades de resolução de problemas dos alunos. No geral, os testes de eficácia tanto para o pensamento criativo quanto para as habilidades de resolução de problemas demonstraram um valor de significância de  $p=0,01$  ( $p<0,05$ ), indicando que o módulo de etnomatemática aprimora efetivamente essas competências essenciais dos alunos.*

**Palavras-chave:** Módulo Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal. Etnomatemática. Resolução de problemas. Pensamento Criativo. Sabedoria Local de Sarung Goyor.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Over the past five years, scholars worldwide have developed numerous ethnomathematics modules for elementary schools. These include a 3D Geometry-based ethnomathematics module aimed at enhancing elementary students' metacognitive skills (Sutarto *et al.*, 2022), the Pancasila Student Profile Strengthening Project (P5) module with ethnomathematics content for Phase A in Indonesia's Merdeka Curriculum (Amreta *et al.*, 2023), an ethnomathematics module incorporating Lombok's cultural heritage for improving fourth-grade students' mathematical literacy in Indonesia (Khair *et al.*, 2023), a Problem-Based Learning (PBL) ethnomathematics module for enhancing problem-solving skills in elementary schools (Ula *et al.*, 2024), a basic geometry education module based on ethnomathematics for elementary schools (Bidiyah *et al.*, 2024), and an ethnomathematics module serving as a mathematics teaching resource for elementary schools (Uji *et al.*, 2024). Despite these developments, no elementary school ethnomathematics module has been found that incorporates the local wisdom of *Sarung Goyor*, a traditional heritage from Tegal Regency, Central Java, Indonesia, to support students' problem-solving and creative thinking skills. Therefore, developing an ethnomathematics module infused with *Sarung Goyor's* cultural values is essential to enhance these critical skills among elementary school students.

Ethnomathematics learning in elementary schools needs to be reinforced through modules that integrate local wisdom (Patri & Heswari, 2021). Mathematics is inherently connected to social and cultural life, making ethnomathematics a practical approach for helping students understand mathematical concepts through their surrounding culture via well-designed didactic and module-assisted learning. This approach makes learning more contextual, meaningful, and relevant (Supriadi, 2019). Elementary mathematics learning should be enriched with an ethnomathematics approach that links mathematical concepts with students' culture and everyday experiences (Moloi *et al.*, 2021). This strategy prepares students to face the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Moloi & Matabane, 2020). It supports the achievement of the fourth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), which emphasizes quality education (Olasoji *et al.*, 2023). Thus, mathematics becomes more than abstract; it becomes accurate, contextual, relevant, and meaningful to students. Local wisdom-integrated ethnomathematics modules serve as practical tools for implementing meaningful learning. Such modules allow students to learn mathematics while appreciating and recognizing their culture (Kurnia *et al.*, 2022).

In general, ethnomathematics learning modules can achieve the core goals of ethnomathematics education: making mathematics more accessible, increasing learning motivation, developing critical and creative thinking skills in solving math-related problems, and fostering a love for one's own culture (Paramita *et al.*, 2024). Local wisdom-based ethnomathematics modules can enhance the quality of mathematics learning in elementary schools, encouraging students to become more active and engaged learners (Arion, 2024; Salmia *et al.*, 2024). However, the implementation of ethnomathematics learning in elementary schools needs to be improved due to a lack of awareness about the importance of integrating mathematics and culture and insufficient innovation in module development (Bunga *et al.*, 2018; Pratama & Yelken, 2024). Further research on developing and implementing realistic mathematics learning models and teaching modules in elementary schools is essential (Yuliana *et al.*, 2022).

Several studies highlight the potential of ethnomathematics-based teaching modules in achieving 21st-century learning objectives and improving students' mathematical literacy (Masruroh & Amir, 2024; Wirawan *et al.*, 2024; Castro, 2024). Further research bridging education, culture, and mathematics is urgently needed to explore the impact of ethnomathematics-based learning media on students' creative thinking skills, particularly in geometry learning, which remains a critical issue (Yayuk,

2020; Fernandes *et al.*, 2024). Ethnomathematics can enhance students' creative thinking abilities through the development of modules based on local wisdom in their respective regions (Novelita *et al.*, 2024).

Ethnomathematics learning in elementary schools should aim to improve students' problem-solving abilities (Suryawan *et al.*, 2023). One major issue in elementary schools today is that many students struggle to generate effective solutions, often merely replicating methods demonstrated by teachers. They face difficulties when dealing with real-life problems, prefer receiving direct answers from teachers, and make little effort to find solutions independently (Kristiantari *et al.*, 2022). This indicates a lack of perseverance, as students give up easily when attempting to solve problems (Sengupta-Irving & Agarwal, 2017). Such challenges may stem from teaching practices where students memorize information provided by teachers without being encouraged to apply their knowledge to real-life problems (Hobbs & Porsch, 2021). As a result, students need help to identify what is known and what is being asked when encountering problem-solving tasks (Samosir *et al.*, 2024). Moreover, using problems requiring minimal cognitive engagement further weakens students' mathematical problem-solving skills. Teachers often prioritize correct answers over the problem-solving process and students' reasoning steps (Phonapichat *et al.*, 2014).

The integration of local wisdom and cultural values, such as traditional woven fabrics or batik, into ethnomathematics learning for character development in elementary schools remains an area requiring further exploration (Ramlan *et al.*, 2023). This issue is essential for understanding how ethnomathematics can contribute to students' holistic development (Adiraharja & Suhartini, 2023). Exploring local wisdom from various ethnic groups related to mathematics education and applying these insights to geometry learning is a critical field of study. The potential for integrating diverse cultural perspectives into mathematics education at the elementary level is vast. Traditional fabrics like *sarung* and batik not only possess artistic value but also embed mathematical concepts that can be integrated into learning, especially in teaching geometry and geometric transformations (Faiziyah *et al.*, 2020; Marsya *et al.*, 2023; Uula *et al.*, 2024).

One notable example of Indonesian cultural heritage is *Sarung Goyor*, a traditional woven fabric from Central Java, particularly the Tegal Regency. Its unique patterns distinguish it from similar fabrics in nearby regions like Pemasang Regency (Waspiah *et al.*, 2020), *Sarung Goyor* is made from flexible, smooth rayon threads using handlooms

rather than machines. It features distinctive motifs such as *Botolan* (bottle-like patterns), *Prilik* (abstract patterns), *Lung* (floral designs), *Balian* (large floral motifs), and *Ceplok* (central symmetrical motifs), all of which contain embedded mathematical elements. Despite its cultural richness, no prior research has explored developing an ethnomathematics module based on *Sarung Goyor* to enhance elementary students' problem-solving and creative thinking skills in Tegal Regency, Central Java, Indonesia (Harsono *et al.*, 2023). The scarcity of research on *Sarung Goyor* in educational contexts highlights the need for studies and development of ethnomathematics modules that incorporate its local wisdom. A preliminary study involving 35 teachers and elementary students in the Tegal Regency found that 92% of respondents strongly needed an ethnomathematics module featuring *Sarung Goyor* to improve students' problem-solving and creative thinking skills. They emphasized the importance of a concrete, contextual, and aligned module with everyday life. This study aims to develop an ethnomathematics module based on *Sarung Goyor*'s local wisdom to enhance elementary students' problem-solving and creative thinking skills. To achieve this objective, the following research questions were formulated:

1. What is the feasibility of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module?
2. How practical is the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module?
3. How effective is the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module?
4. How does the module impact elementary students' problem-solving and creative thinking skills?

## 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

### 2.1 Ethnomathematics Module *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal*

The ethnomathematics module titled *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* stems from the concept that a module is a key instructional resource designed to assist students in learning (K. *et al.*, 2024). As an essential learning component, the module facilitates students' understanding of instructional material. The title *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal*, meaning "I Am Happy to Be a Tegal Native," reflects the unique local language of Tegal Regency, Central Java. The availability of such modules helps students access learning materials effectively (Made *et al.*, 2021). One of a module's primary functions

is to represent the teacher by delivering instructional content to students (Hartley, 2022). An ethnomathematics module is a systematically structured, engaging, and contextually relevant teaching resource to support independent learning. The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module incorporates elements and motifs from *Sarung Goyor*, aiming to enhance student's creative thinking and mathematical problem-solving skills through culturally relevant materials and real-life examples (Marchisio *et al.*, 2022; Pornpimon *et al.*, 2014). Existing mathematics modules often present overly broad content or emphasize nationally relevant issues, overlooking students' everyday cultural contexts. Learning modules provided by the government are frequently abstract and disconnected from students' daily lives (Yuliana *et al.*, 2022). The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module bridges this gap by integrating local cultural elements, making mathematics learning more concrete, contextual, and meaningful.

Previous studies have explored how ethnomathematics approaches influence mathematics learning (Pratama & Yelken, 2024). Furthermore, ethnomathematics modules enable students to learn contextually, increasing their interest in mathematics education (Chrisnawati, 2024). Through promoting higher-order thinking, Ethnomathematics modules based on local wisdom can enhance curiosity, foster a love for one's culture, and develop critical and systematic thinking skills (Sa'dijah *et al.*, 2024). Ethnomathematics-based modules have demonstrated feasibility, effectiveness, and practicality, making them suitable for students (Milenia dkk., 2022). A development model is employed to produce effective learning media, highlighting the significance of this model in the development of educational modules. Using a development paradigm, the module has been tested for its feasibility and effectiveness, ensuring its quality and appropriateness in education.

In the context of this research, the developed module is an ethnomathematics module based on the local wisdom of Tegal, specifically the *Sarung Goyor* motifs, aimed at enhancing creative thinking and mathematical problem-solving skills in elementary students. The production of *Sarung Goyor* in Tegal Regency is not limited to large-scale factories but also occurs in home industries, making the *Sarung Goyor* culture familiar to students. From the analysis above, the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is an instructional resource systematically organized, structured, unique, and engaging for students. It is designed to assist in teaching mathematics, incorporating the distinctive local wisdom motifs of *Sarung Goyor* from Tegal.

## 2.2 Local wisdom of *Sarung Goyor*

As a form of artistic creation, the *Sarung Goyor* weaving motif represents one of Indonesia's local wisdom elements. *Sarung Goyor* is a traditional product unique to Tegal Regency, Central Java, Indonesia, with a significant cultural value that can be integrated into the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* ethnomathematics module. Conceptually, local wisdom encompasses knowledge, values, norms, and practices developed within a community through experiences, adaptation, and interaction with natural, social, and cultural environments passed down from generation to generation. This wisdom can be integrated into ethnomathematics learning modules. Local wisdom reflects a way of life that harmonizes with the environment while embodying moral, social, cultural, and spiritual values that shape community identity (Safrijal *et al.*, 2024; Mar'atussolichah *et al.*, 2024). Integrating *Sarung Goyor* motifs into the *Nyong Bungah Dari Wong Tegal* module contextualizes mathematics learning, enhances appreciation for local culture, and strengthens regional identity among students. Previous studies on *Sarung Goyor* have focused on its history, motifs, and production process without exploring its ethnomathematical aspects (Armaidi *et al.*, 2024). Research addressing the integration of *Sarung Goyor*-based ethnomathematics into learning remains scarce and lacks in-depth analysis (Ashari *et al.*, 2023; Ashari *et al.*, 2024). Local wisdom holds strategic value as a teaching tool that connects students with their cultural heritage while fostering long-term cultural preservation (Zainuri *et al.*, 2024).

In the context of this research, the local wisdom of *Sarung Goyor* refers to the knowledge, values, norms, and practices of the Tegal community in crafting traditional *Sarung Goyor* woven fabrics. This local wisdom focuses on the patterns and symmetries found in *Sarung Goyor* motifs. The specific motifs of *Sarung Goyor* from Tegal are limited to woven fabrics made from flexible, smooth, non-stiff rayon threads using traditional handlooms (non-mechanical). These motifs include *Botolan* (bottle-like patterns), *Prilik* (abstract patterns), *Lung* (floral motifs), *Balian* (large floral patterns), and *Ceplok* (geometric-centered motifs), all of which contain mathematical elements. In Tegal, many students' parents work as artisans and craftsmen producing *Sarung Goyor*.

### 2.3 Problem-solving and creative thinking in elementary school students

Problem-solving is applying previously acquired knowledge to unfamiliar situations (Fassbender *et al.*, 2022). It represents the highest type of learning compared to other learning types (Chikkamath *et al.*, 2024). Problem-solving is an application of concepts and skills, usually involving a combination of these in a new situation (Borah *et al.*, 2024). Problem-solving skills are crucial for students and their future (Susanti *et al.*, 2023). Problem-solving ability is discovering a combination of applicable rules to address a novel situation (Mellon *et al.*, 2024). In this study, problem-solving ability is limited to mathematical problem-solving, a mental and intellectual process of identifying and solving a problem based on accurate data and information to draw precise and correct conclusions (Kelly *et al.*, 2022). Developing mathematical problem-solving skills is one of the primary learning objectives in mathematics education (Rézio *et al.*, 2022). Mathematical problem-solving depends significantly on problems within the context of mathematics itself (Torres *et al.*, 2022). A problem is a situation where students have a specific goal and must find ways to achieve it meaningfully (O'Connor *et al.*, 2024).

In addition to problem-solving skills, fostering creative thinking is essential in elementary mathematics education (Astuti *et al.*, 2020). Creative thinking involves generating new ideas by applying existing knowledge (Eteokleous, 2020). It is a critical approach to adapting to changes and addressing increasingly complex problems (Hanfy *et al.*, 2022). Creative thinking enables individuals to create innovative solutions with significant societal value. It encompasses various abilities, including (1) Sensitivity: Students exhibit heightened awareness of their surroundings, (2) Fluency: Students can generate diverse and accurate responses to problems, (3) Flexibility: Students demonstrate the ability to solve problems using multiple correct methods, (4) Originality: Students provide unconventional solutions derived from their unique thinking processes, and (5) Elaboration: Students combine elements, principles, and concepts into a cohesive and integrated whole (Yasa *et al.*, 2023).

In this research and development context, problem-solving skills are confined to mathematical problem-solving and creative thinking abilities, which are developed through the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module. This module is designed based on the ethnomathematics approach and aims to enhance both problem-solving and creative thinking skills. The *Sarung Goyor*-based mathematics module highlights mathematical

concepts, mainly geometric materials in *Sarung Goyor* patterns. Through this module, students are given opportunities to develop creative thinking and problem-solving skills by engaging with mathematical problems relevant to their daily lives, particularly in geometry concepts found in *Sarung Goyor* motifs. The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module, rooted in the local wisdom of *Sarung Goyor*, serves as an effective teaching material for training students in solving challenging geometry-related problems.

### 3 METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Research design

This research and development method refers to the analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation (ADDIE) model by Dick, Carey, and Carey (Dick *et al.*, 2014), as it is relevant to the product being developed, namely the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module based on the local wisdom of *Sarung Goyor*. The scope of this study is the development of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module, based on *Sarung Goyor* motifs, to enhance elementary school students' creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

#### 3.2 Sample and data collection

The respondents used were selected through the purposive sampling method. It was found that the results of school administration were several fourth grades in public elementary schools in Tegal Regency with students between the ages of 10 and 11 and taught by teachers who had the same qualifications and socioeconomic status. Needs analysis and implementation were carried out in two elementary schools with 4 teachers and 132 elementary school students in Tegal Regency, Indonesia, with an experimental class of 66 students and a control class of 66 students.

The experimental group was taught using the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module while the control group was trained using conventional methods, and all students were guided by expert instructors. This research was conducted in September and October 2024, which is an even school year.

### 3.3 Analyzing of data

Based on the needs analysis results, the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module was designed, focusing on material, images, colours, and the selection of questions. The development results included feasibility tests conducted by module experts (Prof. Dr. Ali Muhtadi), mathematics content experts (Dr. Ferry Muhammad Firdaus), and learning evaluation experts (Dr. Herwin). In the implementation stage, a limited-scale trial was conducted in a control class and an experimental class at elementary schools in Tegal Regency to assess the impact of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module. In the evaluation stage, the researcher made revisions to the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module based on suggestions, criticisms, and feedback from teachers and students during the implementation stage, resulting in the final version of the module.

Data collection techniques included needs analysis questionnaires, expert validation questionnaires for module experts, content experts, and evaluation experts, effectiveness test questionnaires, structured observations, in-depth interviews, and document studies. Structured observations were carried out in the classroom during the needs analysis and effectiveness tests. In-depth interviews were conducted with fourth-grade teachers to gather data on facilities and infrastructure, the curriculum applied, and the material on flat geometry. Document studies were conducted to review teaching module documents (lesson plans), the Merdeka Curriculum, and the mathematics learning material on flat geometry. Data processing was done using the Jamovi version 2.3.2 application. The data findings regarding the feasibility, practicality, and effectiveness of the module, as well as the impact of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module on elementary students' creative thinking and problem-solving abilities, are presented in the form of tables and narratives.

A *p-value* of  $<0.05$  indicates that the data is valid and reliable. In addition, the Shapiro-Wilk and Levene tests were used to determine the normality and homogeneity of the test consisting of three hypotheses. The *One sample t-test* was used to test whether the average score of the student's creative thinking ability or mathematical problem solving test was significantly greater than or equal to the minimum score (75), as well as the calculation of *the effect size* to assess how strong the difference between the average student's post-test score and the minimum score was. The *Paired Sample T-Test* was used to test whether there was a significant increase between the average pretest score to the

posttest, the student's creative thinking ability or mathematical problem solving. And the Manova test was used to determine the effectiveness of *the Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module on improving students' creative thinking skills and mathematical problem solving.

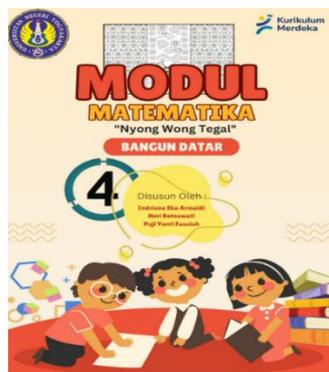
## 4 FINDINGS/RESULTS

### 4.1 Development of the *Nyong Wong Bungah Dadi Tegal* Module

The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is an ethnomathematics module featuring *Sarung Goyor* motifs for elementary school students. It includes activities to enhance students' problem-solving skills and mathematical creativity. Below, we present images related to the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module.

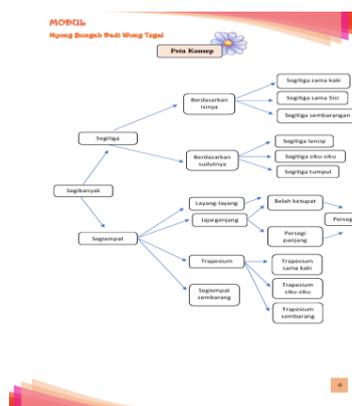
**Figure 1.**

*Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* Module Cover

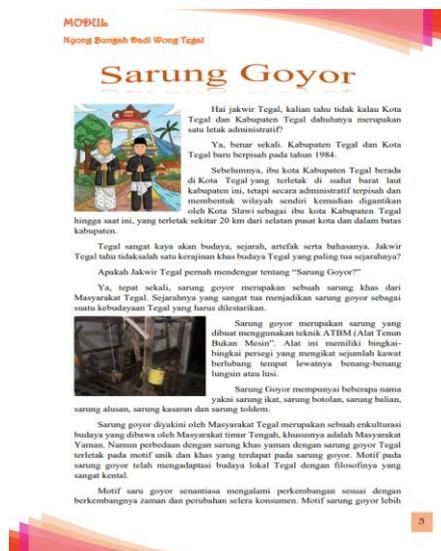


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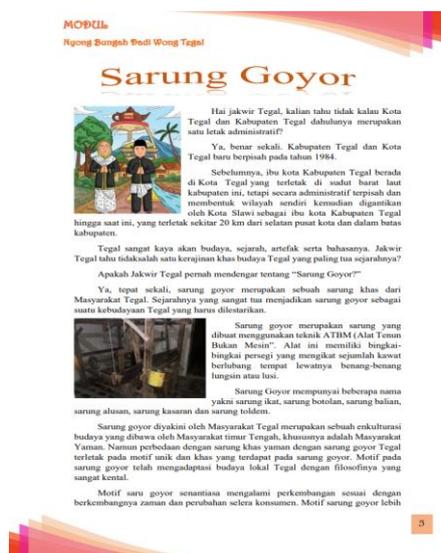
*Instructions Using the Module*



**Figure 3.**  
*Sarung Goyor Explanation Material*



**Figure 4.**  
*Sarung Goyor Motif*



The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is an ethnomathematics teaching material based on the local wisdom of *Sarung Goyor*, designed for fourth-grade elementary (SD/MI) students by the Merdeka Curriculum. The focus of the learning includes the concept of flat geometry, covering characteristics, composition, and decomposition, as well as the calculation of area and perimeter. This module consists of 111 pages, with the main content including an introduction describing *Sarung Goyor* and its connection to flat geometry. It also includes the learning objectives and expected

outcomes. The primary material covers flat shapes: triangles, quadrilaterals, parallelograms, rectangles, rhombuses, kites, and trapezoids; composition and decomposition: combining and separating flat shapes from the *Sarung Goyor* motifs, area and perimeter: calculating the area and perimeter of flat shapes in the context of the motifs, exercises and evaluation: practice problems, remedial tasks, and evaluations to assess students' understanding. The cultural values aspect introduces the history, philosophy, and distinctive motifs of *Sarung Goyor*, such as *Lung*, *Botolan*, *Balian*, *Prilik*, and *Ceplok*, as applications of ethnomathematics. This module integrates mathematical concepts with local culture to make learning more contextual, enjoyable, and meaningful.

The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is a mathematics teaching material that integrates the local wisdom of *Sarung Goyor*, a traditional product unique to Tegal, into flat geometry lessons for fourth-grade elementary students. This module is designed by the Merdeka Curriculum, presenting mathematical material within a cultural context to facilitate student understanding. Through the *Sarung Goyor* motifs, such as *Lung*, *Botolan*, *Balian*, *Prilik*, and *Ceplok*, students are introduced to the concept of flat shapes such as triangles, squares, rectangles, parallelograms, rhombuses, and trapezoids. Activities include the composition and decomposition of flat shapes and the calculation of area and perimeter, all directly linked to traditional weaving motifs. The module has practice problems, evaluations, and remedial exercises, fostering students' critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and creativity. In addition to strengthening mathematical skills, this module also instils a sense of pride and love for local cultural heritage.

## 5 DISCUSSION

### 5.1 Feasibility of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module

Based on the feasibility test of the *Nyong Bungah Wong Tegal* module by content experts, media experts, and evaluation experts who are competent in their fields, it has been shown that this module is suitable for use in elementary schools. The feasibility test by the experts was conducted using the ADDIE model by Dick, Carey, and Carey, leading to the conclusion that this module is appropriate for use in elementary schools. The module developed by the researcher is deemed suitable for trial after revisions. The *Nyong*

*Bungah Wong Tegal* module was validated by three experts: a module expert, a mathematics content expert, and a school learning evaluation expert specializing in elementary school mathematics. The assessment by the content expert, a doctor in elementary school mathematics at Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta, rated it as suitable with a score of 97%. The media expert, a professor in Educational Science at Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta, gave it a score of 93% and assessed the feasibility of the *Nyong Bungah Wong Tegal* module. The third expert, an evaluation expert in learning and a doctor in basic education at Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta scored 100% and assessed the feasibility of the module. Based on the validation results from these three experts, the *Nyong Bungah Wong Tegal* module is deemed suitable in terms of media, flat geometry material, and its ability to foster creative thinking and problem-solving skills in elementary school students, making it applicable in both limited and wide-scale trials in elementary schools.

According to the results of the feasibility test, which received an “excellent” rating from the mathematics content expert, ethnomathematics module expert, and learning evaluation expert, the *Nyong Bungah Wong Tegal* module has successfully addressed the research questions regarding its feasibility for use by elementary school students. The *Nyong Bungah Wong Tegal* module has been declared suitable for improving elementary school students' problem-solving and creative thinking skills. Additionally, the *Nyong Bungah Wong Tegal* module stands out from other modules due to its concrete, contextual characteristics, which align with students' everyday lives.

The research findings on the *Nyong Bungah Wong Tegal* module show outstanding results based on feasibility tests conducted by three experts: a mathematics content expert, an educational media expert, and a learning evaluation expert. This module has been declared suitable with an average evaluation score ranging from 93% to 100%, making it one of the modules ready for implementation in elementary schools. Regarding the feasibility of the content and learning evaluation aspects, the research findings confirm that the mathematics content expert scored 97%, indicating that the flat geometry content in this module aligns with elementary school mathematics learning standards. Recent research in the development of mathematics teaching materials emphasizes the importance of using context-based cultural media to enhance student engagement (Kadonsi *et al.*, 2023; Supriyadi *et al.*, 2024). This module aligns with the

ethnomathematics approach, which is seen as effective in improving understanding of mathematical concepts.

The educational media expert awarded a score of 93%, indicating that the visual media and module design have been crafted according to principles of readability and student engagement. According to several studies, context-based visual media modules can enhance learning engagement by up to 85%, significantly impacting student learning (Pertiwi *et al.*, 2024; Rosmaria & Heryani, 2024; Firdaus *et al.*, 2024). This module utilizes the *Sarung Goyor* motif as a visual medium, reflecting the application of locally-based cultural learning design from Tegal Regency, Indonesia. The evaluation expert gave a perfect score (100%), assessing that this module effectively measures critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Recent studies also emphasize the importance of formative and summative evaluation modules to assess problem-solving abilities and creative thinking (Shirawia *et al.*, 2024; Pokhre *et al.*, 2024; Sousa *et al.*, 2024). This module includes both evaluation forms through contextual activities based on real-life scenarios.

The *Nyong Bungah Wong Tegal* module offers innovation through a concrete and contextual ethnomathematics approach. This innovation includes the integration of local culture (*Sarung Goyor* local wisdom) as a teaching medium for flat geometry, which is rarely found in conventional mathematics modules, a contextual approach where every activity in the module is designed to reflect students' real-life experiences, thus increasing the appeal and relevance of the material, including in-depth evaluations to measure critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity skills. With excellent validation results, supported by the latest research in contextual teaching material development, the *Nyong Bungah Wong Tegal* module can become an innovative model for mathematics learning in elementary schools.

## **5.2 Practicality of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module**

Based on the practicality test of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module by education practitioners, namely teachers and elementary school students, it was shown that this module is suitable for use in elementary schools. The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module developed by the researcher is deemed appropriate for trial after revisions. Two education practitioners and a group of 4th-grade students conducted the practicality

test. The assessment from Practitioner 1 indicated that the module is practical, with a score of 99%. Practitioner 2 gave a score of 100% and evaluated the practicality of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module. According to student assessments, the module's practicality received a score of 42 out of 50, which falls into the “good” category, and students evaluated the module’s practicality. Regarding implementing learning activities, each learning activity in the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module received a score above 85%. Based on the results from the practitioners and students, the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is practical in terms of media, flat geometry content, and fostering creative thinking and problem-solving skills in elementary school students, making it applicable for both small- and large-scale implementation in elementary schools.

Based on the practicality test results, which received an “excellent” rating from the teachers and a “good” rating from the students, the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module effectively addresses the research questions regarding the practicality of using this module for elementary school students. The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is declared practical for improving elementary school students' problem-solving and creative thinking skills. The module also offers innovation compared to other modules, as it features concrete, contextual characteristics that align with the student's daily lives.

The practicality of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module shows excellent results based on tests conducted by teachers and elementary school students. The evaluations from education practitioners include high scores from two teachers (99% and 100%) and a good category rating from 4th-grade students (score of 42 out of 50). Each learning activity in the module received an implementation score above 85%, indicating a high level of practicality. From the teachers' perspective, they gave scores of 99% and 100%, assessing that the module is easy to use and supports the learning process. Several studies have shown that teachers consider mathematics modules with structured designs, step-by-step guidance, and project-based activities practical and facilitate their use (Suryani *et al.*, 2020; Scramim *et al.*, 2024; Elijah, 2024). The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module utilizes an active learning approach based on the local wisdom of *Sarung Goyor*, which makes it easier for teachers to deliver the material.

From the student's perspective, a 42 out of 50 score was obtained, indicating that the module is practical in the “good” category. Recent studies show that students tend to give positive assessments of mathematics modules that involve visual media and

activities relevant to their daily lives (Linda *et al.*, 2019; Klapwijk *et al.*, 2024; Aprilia *et al.*, 2024). The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module uses the *Sarung Goyor* motif as a visual learning tool, making the mathematics content more concrete and easier to understand. Regarding the implementation of learning activities, each activity in the module received an implementation score above 85%. Recent research reveals that high implementation scores correlate with the effectiveness of project-based mathematics modules and student engagement in learning activities (Ali *et al.*, 2022; Fitriyani *et al.*, 2023; Sevani & Ramadan, 2023; Tirado-Morueta *et al.*, 2024). This module includes activities such as the composition and decomposition of flat shapes relevant to students' lives.

The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module offers practical and contextual design innovation. Its concrete and easy-to-use design enables teachers and students to engage in learning actively. The activities based on the local wisdom of the *Sarung Goyor* motif as a teaching medium strengthen the concept of flat shapes within the cultural context close to the students. This module also includes formative and summative evaluations to measure critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity skills. With excellent practicality validation results supported by the latest research, the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module can potentially enhance mathematics learning in elementary schools.

### 5.3 Effectiveness of the Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal module

The effectiveness test of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module was processed using the Jamovi 2.3.2 application. The first hypothesis test was used to assess the effectiveness of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module in improving elementary school students' problem-solving skills. Before conducting the first hypothesis test, a normality test was performed to determine whether the students' creative thinking test scores followed a normal distribution. The normality test results for the first hypothesis showed *p value* of 0.532 which is greater than 0.05. The decision criterion for  $H_0$  is accepted if the significance is more significant than 0.05, indicating that the data come from a population that follows a normal distribution. After confirming that the data were normally distributed, the next test was an independent sample t-test, which resulted in a p-value of  $< 0.01$ . Therefore,  $H_0$  was rejected because the p-value was

less than 0.05. This means there is a significant difference in the average creative thinking skills between the experimental and control classes based on the class averages. The mathematics module based on the *Sarung Goyor* motif effectively facilitates students' creative thinking skills.

The effectiveness test for the second hypothesis was conducted to determine the effectiveness of the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module in improving elementary school students' problem-solving skills. Before this, a normality test was performed, and the results obtained were  $p\text{ value} = 0.841$ , which is greater than 0.05, the decision criterion  $H_0$  is accepted if the significance is greater than 0.05, which means the data comes from a normally distributed population. After stating that the data is normally distributed, the next test is to use the independent sample t-test to obtain the value results  $p\text{ value} = < 0.01$ , so that  $H_0$  declared rejected because of value  $p\text{ vaule} < 0.05$ . This means there is a difference in the average creative thinking skills between the experimental and control classes when looking at the class averages. Furthermore, it indicates that the mathematics module based on the *Sarung Goyor* motif effectively facilitates students' creative thinking skills.

The effectiveness test for the third hypothesis was conducted to determine the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module's effectiveness in improving elementary school students' problem-solving and creative thinking skills. The ANOVA test resulted in a  $p\text{-value} < 0.01$ . Therefore,  $H_0$  rejected (because the value of  $p < 0.05$ ) and  $H_1$  accepted. There is a difference in the average problem-solving and creative thinking abilities between the experimental and control classes. This means that learning using the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is more effective than learning without it in mathematics education when assessed based on these skills.

Based on the results of the effectiveness tests on the three hypotheses, the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is deemed effective in enhancing problem-solving and creative thinking abilities in elementary school students. This confirms that *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* addresses the issues examined in this study, offering an ethnomathematics module based on *Sarung Goyor* motifs for elementary school students and contributes to the field by developing ethnomathematics modules that can improve problem-solving and creative thinking skills in elementary school students.

The results of the effectiveness test for the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module show significant improvements in enhancing creative thinking and problem-

solving skills in elementary school students. The hypothesis tests conducted using Jamovi 2.3.2 included three main hypotheses, with results supporting the module's effectiveness. Regarding effectiveness in enhancing creative thinking, the normality test yielded a p-value of 0.532 ( $> 0.05$ ), indicating that the data are typically distributed. The independent sample t-test produced a p-value  $< 0.01$ , signifying a significant difference in creative thinking abilities between the experimental and control classes. Several studies have shown that culturally based modules effectively develop higher-order thinking skills (Hikmawati *et al.*, 2021; Salmia *et al.*, 2024b). This module utilizes *Sarung Goyor* motifs as a concrete context, aligning with the ethnomathematics approach recommended in recent research (Bauer & Müller-Hill, 2024; Karashtranova *et al.*, 2024). Regarding the effectiveness in enhancing problem-solving skills, the second hypothesis test showed that the data were normally distributed, with a p-value of 0.841 ( $> 0.05$ ). The t-test results yielded a p-value  $< 0.01$ , indicating a significant difference in problem-solving abilities between the experimental and control classes. Recent studies suggest that using context-based learning media accelerates mastery of problem-solving skills (Tesfaw *et al.*, 2024; Jannah *et al.*, 2025; Parhan *et al.*, 2024). This module is designed with contextual mathematical activities based on *Sarung Goyor* motifs, which have proven relevant in previous research. Regarding the combined effectiveness of creative thinking and problem-solving, the MANOVA test showed a p-value  $< 0.01$ , meaning there is a significant difference between the experimental and control classes in both creative thinking and problem-solving abilities. Recent research indicates contextual learning approaches with authentic task designs can enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills (Thamrin *et al.*, 2024; Mwangi & Njeri, 2024). This module integrates authentic activities based on *Sarung Goyor* motifs, creating meaningful learning experiences. The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module presents innovation as an ethnomathematics-based learning media that leverages the local wisdom of *Sarung Goyor* motifs, incorporating the development of creative thinking and problem-solving skills through contextual mathematical activities.

### 5.4 Impact on elementary school students' problem solving and creative thinking learning

The impact on mathematical problem-solving skills can be elaborated through the results of hypothesis testing, which examines the significant difference between the average pre-test and post test scores of elementary school students' problem-solving abilities and the calculation of effect size to assess the strength of the improvement, as shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1**

*Paired Sample T-Test of Students' Problem Solving Ability*

<i>Paired Sample T-Test</i>								
			Statistic	p	Mean Diff	SE Diff	Cohen's <i>d</i>	Effect Size
Post	Pre	<i>Studen's t</i>	8.21	<0.001	23.5	1.69		3.43

Based on the table, it was found that the p-value = <0.001, which is smaller than 0.05. This means that there is an improvement in students' problem-solving abilities after using the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module. The mean difference obtained was 23.5, indicating that the average difference between the posttest and pretest scores was 23.5 points higher, and the effect size was 3.43, which is greater than 1.30. In addition to being statistically significant, the effect size value of 3.43 demonstrates that the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module dramatically facilitates students' mathematical problem-solving skills. The average score for the students' mathematical problem-solving test was 83.0, with 63 out of 66 students completing the test. This indicates that 90.625% of the students exceeded the minimum competency standard (KKTP). This shows that the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module significantly improves students' mathematical problem-solving abilities.

Meanwhile, the impact on creative thinking skills refers to the results of hypothesis testing to determine whether there is a significant improvement between the average pre-test and post test scores of students' creative thinking abilities and the calculation of effect size to assess the strength of the improvement, as shown in Table 2 below.

**Table 2.***Paired Sample T-Test of Students' Creative Thinking Ability*

<i>Paired Sample T-Test</i>								
			Statisti	p	Mean	SE		Effect
			c		Diff	Diff		Size
Post	Pre	<i>Studen's</i>	14.1	<0.00	30.2	0.53	<i>Cohen's</i>	3.45
		<i>t</i>		1			<i>d</i>	

Based on the table, the result shows a Mean Difference of 30.2, indicating that the average difference between the post-test and pre-test scores is 30.2 points higher. The effect size value is 3.45, which is greater than 1.30. Therefore, in addition to being statistically significant, the effect size value of 3.45 also demonstrates that the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module dramatically facilitates students' creative thinking abilities. Furthermore, the average score for students' creative thinking ability is 87.0, with 63 out of 66 students achieving mastery. This indicates that 90.625% of students surpassed or met the test's Learning Achievement Criteria. Based on these results, the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module significantly impacts creative thinking skills.

The impact on mathematical problem-solving skills is evidenced by the results of hypothesis testing, which show a significant improvement in students' problem-solving abilities after using the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module. According to the Paired Sample T-Test table, the p-value < 0.001 indicates a significant difference between pretest and post-test scores. The mean difference of 23.5 demonstrates an average score improvement, while the effect size (Cohen's d) of 3.43 (> 1.30) indicates a considerable impact. Recent studies suggest that context-based modules with real-world activities, such as cultural motifs, effectively improve problem-solving skills (Rahman *et al.*, 2024; Alwi *et al.*, 2024). Regarding the impact on creative thinking skills, the results indicate a significant improvement in students' creative thinking abilities. The Paired Sample T-Test table shows a mean difference of 30.2 and an effect size (Cohen's d) of 3.45 (> 1.30), indicating a considerable impact. The p-value < 0.001 further supports the conclusion that the module has a significant effect. Recent research emphasizes that culturally-based teaching can stimulate student creativity by encouraging them to explore concepts relevant to their lives (Sartika *et al.*, 2024; Lin *et al.*, 2024).

According to recent studies, the ethnomathematics approach facilitates the development of creative thinking skills by involving authentic exploration and problem-solving activities (Payadnya *et al.*, 2024). Integrating *Sarung Goyor* motifs as a teaching

medium distinguishes this module from conventional modules. With very high effect sizes in both measured aspects, this module has a more substantial impact than other general learning media. Moreover, in-depth statistical tests, such as the Paired Sample T-Test with Cohen's  $d$ , lend high validity to these findings, demonstrating a highly significant influence. With outstanding results in enhancing problem-solving and creative thinking abilities, the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module could be a model for innovative, context-based, locally grounded mathematics teaching in elementary schools.

## 6 CONCLUSION

The *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is highly feasible for teaching mathematics on plane geometry topics, with a feasibility score ranging from 97% to 100%. The practicality test for teachers scored 88 out of a maximum of 100, categorized as “very good,” while the students' practicality score was 50, categorized as “good.” Additionally, the implementation score reached 90%, indicating that the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module is practical for classroom use. The effectiveness test yielded a  $p$ -value of 0.01 ( $p < 0.05$ ), demonstrating that the *Nyong Bungah Dadi Wong Tegal* module effectively enhances elementary students' problem-solving and creative thinking skills. The mean difference was 34.5, indicating that the average post-test score was 30.2 points higher than the pre-test score. The effect size was 3.88, significantly exceeding the threshold of 1.30, confirming the module's substantial impact on improving students' creative thinking skills. Similarly, the mean difference for mathematical problem-solving ability was 23.5, meaning the average post-test score was 23.5 points higher than the pre-test. The effect size was 3.43, indicating a significant positive effect on enhancing students' mathematical problem-solving skills.

### Recommendations

Additionally, the research involved a limited number of schools and participants, which may affect the generalizability of the results. Future research should include module implementation across various educational levels and subjects to evaluate its broader validity and effectiveness. Studies involving more participants from diverse regions are also recommended to enhance the generalizability of the research findings.

## Limitations

This study was limited to teaching mathematics on plane geometry topics at the elementary school level, meaning its findings may not apply to other subjects or educational levels.

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