

Application of Topsis Method to Analyze Causes of Suicide Thought in Domestic Violence

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Abstract - Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution (TOPSIS) is the best method to find out the ideal solution of the problem. In recent years, TOPSIS has been widely applied to many fields with good results such as marketing strategy selection, mechatronic system optimization, network security management, location planning for urban distribution centers, business competition evaluation, irrigation water pricing decision making, emergency management, low carbon development evaluation, spaceflight mission planning, Environmental Science. This is the first time we study the causes of suicidal thought in domestic violence using TOPSIS Method. This paper has four sections. Section one gives the introduction to the suicide thought. Second section gives the Algorithm of TOPSIS method is explained. In section three we derive the framework of the research topic. Final section gives the conclusion based on our study.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Suicide rates in India have increased steadily over the last few decades. The WHO estimates that there were 1,90,000 suicide deaths in India in 2010 alone. Suicide has become the second leading cause of death among young Indians. It is the cause of twice as many deaths as HIV/AIDS and almost the same number as maternal deaths in young women [3].The large majority of suicide victims in India are married and the broad class of ‘family problems’ is the main reported cause of suicide for both men and women. Durkheim’s ground breaking work, the relationship between marriage and suicides has been much studied empirically in sociology but mostly ignored in economics [14]. It emphasize how increased opportunities for women can accentuate tensions and marital discord within households, by challenging traditional roles, increasing the importance of negotiation and raising the potential for conflict. There are numerous empirical accounts investigating the possible consequences of female empowerment on suicides. Suicides of married women and men as a response to family conflict are a common occurrence particularly in developing countries. Canetto discusses the cultural ramifications of suicide-that relative to developed countries, where suicidal behavior tends to be interpreted as a symptom of individual mental health, in poorer countries, suicide is often considered a normal, albeit last resort response, to a serious family conflict.

There is no one single factor to account for violence perpetrated against women. Increasingly, research has focused on the inter-relatedness of various factors that should improve

our understanding of the problem within different cultural contexts. Several complex and interconnected institutionalized social and cultural factors have kept women particularly vulnerable to the violence directed at them, all of them manifestations of historically unequal power relations between men and women. Factors contributing to these unequal power relations include: socio economic forces, the family institution where power relations are enforced, fear of and control over female sexuality, belief in the inherent superiority of males, and legislation and cultural sanctions that have traditionally denied women and children an independent legal and social status.

II. THE TOPSIS METHOD

TOPSIS method is a technique for order preference by similarity to ideal solution and proposed by Hwang and Yoon (1981). The ideal solution (also called positive ideal solution) is a solution that maximizes the benefit criteria/attributes and minimizes the cost criteria/ attributes, whereas the negative ideal solution (also called anti-ideal solution) maximizes the cost criteria/ attributes and minimizes the benefit criteria/attributes. The so-called benefit criteria/attributes are those for maximization, while the cost criteria/attributes are those for minimization. The best alternative is the one, which is closest to the ideal solution and farthest from the negative ideal solution. In recent years, TOPSIS has been widely applied to many fields with good results such as marketing strategy selection[7], mechatronic system optimization [8], network security management [20], location planning for urban distribution centers[1], business competition evaluation[11], irrigation water pricing decision making[9], emergency management[21], low carbon development evaluation[12], spaceflight mission planning[18], Environmental studies and this is the first time we studying the causes of suicidal thought in domestic violence using TOPSIS Method. The basic steps of TOPSIS method are presented as follows.

Step 1: Construct a multi-criteria decision matrix.

Suppose a decision-making problem has m alternatives, each of which consists of n attributes. The j^{th} criterion of the i^{th} alternative is denoted as x_{ij} ($i=1,2,\dots,m; j=1,2,\dots,n$), then the decision matrix X of this problem is:

$$X = (x_{ij})_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{m1} & x_{m2} & \cdots & x_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

According to the relationship between values of the criteria and their relative superiority, we can divide the criteria into benefit-

type and cost-type. The more the value is, the better the criterion is, which is called a benefit-type criterion; in contrast, the more the value is, the worse criterion is, which is called a cost-type criterion.

Step 2: Calculate the normalized decision matrix. In order to make the different criteria comparable, the decision matrix X is needed to be normalized, resulting in the Normalize the decision matrix $X = (x_{ij})_{m \times n}$ using the equation below:

$$r_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij}}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^m x_{kj}^2}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Where r_{ij} is the normalized criteria/attribute value /rating.

Step 3: Calculate the weighted normalized decision matrix.

The value v_{ij} is calculated as $v_{ij} = w_j r_{ij}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$; $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, Where w_j is the relative weight of the j^{th} criterion

or attribute and $\sum_{j=1}^n w_j = 1$. Thus, the weighted normalized decision matrix $V = (v_{ij})_{m \times n}$ is established.

Step 4: Determine the Positive-ideal and Negative-ideal solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given } A^+ &= \{v_1^+, v_2^+, \dots, v_m^+\} \\ &= \left\{ \left(\max_j v_{ij} \mid j \in \Omega_b \right), \left(\min_j v_{ij} \mid j \in \Omega_c \right) \right\} \\ A^- &= \{v_1^-, v_2^-, \dots, v_m^-\} \\ &= \left\{ \left(\min_j v_{ij} \mid j \in \Omega_b \right), \left(\max_j v_{ij} \mid j \in \Omega_c \right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where Ω_b and Ω_c are the sets of benefit criteria/attributes and cost criteria/attributes, respectively. It is easy to see that applying Range Method to standardize the data can help to determine the numerical values of the positive ideal and negative ideal solution quickly.

Step 5: Calculate the separation measures.

The separation of each alternative from the positive ideal solution, d_i^+ is given as

$$d_i^+ = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (v_{ij} - v_j^+)^2}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m;$$

Similarly, the separation of each alternative from the negative ideal solution, d_i^- is given as

$$d_i^- = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (v_{ij} - v_j^-)^2}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m;$$

Step 6: Calculate the relative closeness to the ideal solution.

The relative closeness of the i^{th} alternative with respect to the ideal solution C_i is defined as

$$D_i = \frac{d_i^-}{d_i^+ + d_i^-}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m;$$

The relative closeness of the $d_i^+ \geq 0$ and $d_i^- \geq 0$, then clearly, $D_i \in [0, 1]$.

Step 7: Rank the preference order. Rank the alternatives according to the relative closeness to the ideal solution. The best alternative is the one with the greatest relative closeness to the ideal solution.

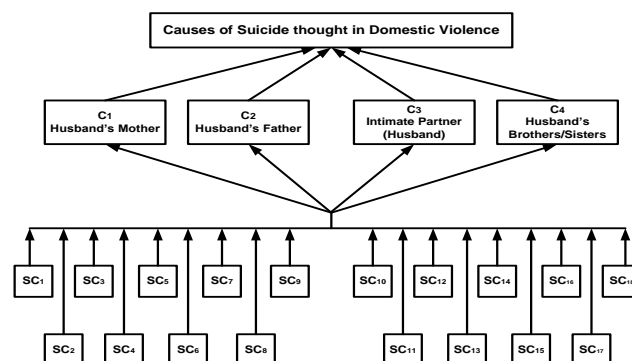
III. RESEARCH FRAMEWORK

The research follows the following steps. First we interviewed 100 women's in Chennai. From that identified the causes of suicidal thought in the domestic violence. The theme of our research i.e., domestic violence against women is happening by following criteria:

- C₁- Husband's Mother(Mother-in-law)
- C₂- Husband's Father(Father-in-law)
- C₃- Intimate partner (Husband)
- C₄- Husband's Brothers/Sisters(Brother-Sister-in-law)

And the Causes of Suicidal thought considered as sub-criteria.

- SC₁- Did not permit to meet/interact with female
- SC₂- Restricted interaction with your family
- SC₃- Did not permit to handle money
- SC₄- Did not permit to choose/buy a things
- SC₅- Irritated/suspicious/angry if you talking to man
- SC₆- Accused you of being unfaithful
- SC₇- Insisted on knowing where you were always
- SC₈- Treated you like a servant
- SC₉- Did not allow you to partake in decision making
- SC₁₀- He kept away from home for days or weeks
- SC₁₁-He was unfaithful to you/ had extra-marital relationships
- SC₁₂-Did not react against his relatives/agreed with relatives, when they insulted you
- SC₁₃- Insulted you in front of others
- SC₁₄- Slapped you/Twisted you are/pulled your hair
- SC₁₅- Beat you on other body parts
- SC₁₆- Pushed/Punched you with fist or some objects
- SC₁₇- Kicked/dragged/ Chocked you or inflicted burns
- SC₁₈- Attacked you with knife or some other weapon



We are meant to construct the hierarchical structure of the research.

Step 1: A multi-criteria decision matrix is
 Weight 0.3 0.2 0.4 0.1

Attributes	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄
SC ₁	9	7	9	6
SC ₂	8	6	8	3
SC ₃	8	5	6	1
SC ₄	6	4	7	2
SC ₅	8	6	9	4
SC ₆	9	7	9	7
SC ₇	6	4	8	2
SC ₈	9	3	9	8
SC ₉	6	2	6	4
SC ₁₀	4	6	7	5
SC ₁₁	9	8	9	6
SC ₁₂	5	4	5	1
SC ₁₃	9	3	7	8
SC ₁₄	8	4	9	4
SC ₁₅	8	5	8	2
SC ₁₆	7	3	9	3
SC ₁₇	7	2	9	2
SC ₁₈	8	4	8	4

Step 2: The normalized decision matrix is

Attributes	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄
SC ₁	0.2796	0.3356	0.2656	0.3103
SC ₂	0.2485	0.2877	0.2361	0.1551
SC ₃	0.2485	0.2397	0.1771	0.0517
SC ₄	0.1864	0.1918	0.2066	0.1034
SC ₅	0.2485	0.2877	0.2656	0.2068
SC ₆	0.2796	0.3356	0.2656	0.3620
SC ₇	0.1864	0.1918	0.2361	0.1034
SC ₈	0.2796	0.1438	0.2656	0.4137
SC ₉	0.1864	0.0959	0.1771	0.2068
SC ₁₀	0.1243	0.2877	0.2066	0.2585
SC ₁₁	0.2796	0.3836	0.2656	0.3103
SC ₁₂	0.1553	0.1918	0.1476	0.0517
SC ₁₃	0.2796	0.1438	0.2066	0.4137
SC ₁₄	0.2485	0.1918	0.2656	0.2068
SC ₁₅	0.2485	0.2397	0.2361	0.1034
SC ₁₆	0.2175	0.1438	0.2656	0.1551
SC ₁₇	0.2175	0.0959	0.2656	0.1034
SC ₁₈	0.2485	0.1918	0.2361	0.2068

Step 3: Multiply each column by w_j to get v_{ij}.

Attributes	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄
SC ₁	0.0839	0.0671	0.1063	0.0310
SC ₂	0.0746	0.0575	0.0944	0.0155
SC ₃	0.0746	0.0479	0.0708	0.0052
SC ₄	0.0559	0.0384	0.0826	0.0103
SC ₅	0.0746	0.0575	0.1063	0.0207
SC ₆	0.0839	0.0671	0.1063	0.0362
SC ₇	0.0559	0.0384	0.0944	0.0103
SC ₈	0.0839	0.0288	0.1063	0.0414
SC ₉	0.0559	0.0192	0.0708	0.0207
SC ₁₀	0.0373	0.0575	0.0826	0.0259
SC ₁₁	0.0839	0.0767	0.1063	0.0310
SC ₁₂	0.0466	0.0384	0.0590	0.0052
SC ₁₃	0.0839	0.0288	0.0826	0.0414
SC ₁₄	0.0746	0.0384	0.1063	0.0207
SC ₁₅	0.0746	0.0479	0.0944	0.0103
SC ₁₆	0.0652	0.0288	0.1063	0.0155
SC ₁₇	0.0652	0.0192	0.1063	0.0103
SC ₁₈	0.0746	0.0384	0.0944	0.0207

Step 4(a): Positive Ideal Solution is

$$A^+ = \{0.0839, 0.0767, 0.1063, 0.0414\}$$

Attributes	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄
SC ₁	0.0839	0.0671	0.1063	0.0310
SC ₂	0.0746	0.0575	0.0944	0.0155
SC ₃	0.0746	0.0479	0.0708	0.0052
SC ₄	0.0559	0.0384	0.0826	0.0103
SC ₅	0.0746	0.0575	0.1063	0.0207
SC ₆	0.0839	0.0671	0.1063	0.0362
SC ₇	0.0559	0.0384	0.0944	0.0103
SC ₈	0.0839	0.0288	0.1063	0.0414
SC ₉	0.0559	0.0192	0.0708	0.0207
SC ₁₀	0.0373	0.0575	0.0826	0.0259
SC ₁₁	0.0839	0.0767	0.1063	0.0310
SC ₁₂	0.0466	0.0384	0.0590	0.0052
SC ₁₃	0.0839	0.0288	0.0826	0.0414
SC ₁₄	0.0746	0.0384	0.1063	0.0207
SC ₁₅	0.0746	0.0479	0.0944	0.0103
SC ₁₆	0.0652	0.0288	0.1063	0.0155
SC ₁₇	0.0652	0.0192	0.1063	0.0103
SC ₁₈	0.0746	0.0384	0.0944	0.0207

Step 4(b): Negative Ideal Solution is $A^- = \{0.0373, 0.0192, 0.0590, 0.0052\}$

This Step 4(a) and 4(b) is giving the positive ideal (maximum criteria) and negative ideal (minimum criteria) solution of the attributes Mother-in-law, Father-in-law, Intimate partner, Brothers-Sister-in-law.

Step 5(a): The separation of each alternative from the positive ideal solution, d_i^+ is

SC ₁₅	-0.0093	0.0001	-0.0288	0.0008	-0.0118	0.0001	-0.0310	0.0010
SC ₁₆	-0.0186	0.0003	-0.0479	0.0023	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0259	0.0007
SC ₁₇	-0.0186	0.0003	-0.0575	0.0033	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0310	0.0010
SC ₁₈	-0.0093	0.0001	-0.0384	0.0015	-0.0118	0.0001	-0.0207	0.0004

Step 5(b): The separation of each alternative from the negative ideal solution, d_i^- is

Attributes	C ₁		C ₂		C ₃		C ₄	
	$v_j - v_j^-$	$(v_j - v_j^-)^2$	$v_j - v_j^-$	$(v_j - v_j^-)^2$	$v_j - v_j^-$	$(v_j - v_j^-)^2$	$v_j - v_j^-$	$(v_j - v_j^-)^2$
SC ₁	0.0466	0.0022	0.0479	0.0023	0.0472	0.0022	0.0259	0.0007
SC ₂	0.0373	0.0014	0.0384	0.0015	0.0354	0.0013	0.0103	0.0001
SC ₃	0.0373	0.0014	-0.0288	0.0008	0.0118	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000
SC ₄	0.0186	0.0003	-0.0384	0.0015	0.0236	0.0006	0.0052	0.0000
SC ₅	0.0373	0.0014	0.0288	0.0008	0.0472	0.0022	0.0155	0.0002
SC ₆	0.0466	0.0022	0.0384	0.0015	0.0472	0.0022	0.0310	0.0010
SC ₇	0.0186	0.0003	-0.0096	0.0001	0.0354	0.0013	0.0052	0.0000
SC ₈	0.0466	0.0022	-0.0192	0.0004	0.0472	0.0022	0.0362	0.0013
SC ₉	0.0186	0.0003	0.0000	0.0000	0.0118	0.0001	0.0155	0.0002
SC ₁₀	0.0000	0.0000	0.0384	0.0015	0.0236	0.0006	0.0207	0.0004
SC ₁₁	0.0466	0.0022	0.0767	0.0059	0.0472	0.0022	0.0259	0.0007
SC ₁₂	0.0093	0.0001	0.0384	0.0015	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
SC ₁₃	0.0466	0.0022	0.0288	0.0008	0.0236	0.0006	0.0362	0.0013
SC ₁₄	0.0373	0.0014	0.0384	0.0015	0.0472	0.0022	0.0155	0.0002
SC ₁₅	0.0373	0.0014	0.0479	0.0023	0.0354	0.0013	0.0052	0.0000
SC ₁₆	0.0280	0.0008	0.0288	0.0008	0.0472	0.0022	0.0103	0.0001
SC ₁₇	0.0280	0.0008	0.0192	0.0004	0.0472	0.0022	0.0052	0.0000
SC ₁₈	0.0373	0.0014	0.0384	0.0015	0.0354	0.0013	0.0155	0.0002

Step 5(c) and Step 6: The separation of each alternative from the positive (d_i^+) and negative (d_i^-) ideal solutions are

Attributes	Positive Ideal Solution		Negative Ideal Solution		$D_i = \frac{d_i^-}{d_i^+ + d_i^-}$
	$\sum_{j=1}^n (v_j - v_j^+)^2$	$d_i^+ = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (v_j - v_j^+)^2}$	$\sum_{j=1}^n (v_j - v_j^-)^2$	$d_i^- = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (v_j - v_j^-)^2}$	
SC ₁	0.0002	0.0141	0.0074	0.0858	0.0858
SC ₂	0.0013	0.0355	0.0042	0.0650	0.0650
SC ₃	0.0035	0.0590	0.0024	0.0485	0.0485
SC ₄	0.0038	0.0614	0.0024	0.0490	0.0490
SC ₅	0.0009	0.0297	0.0047	0.0685	0.0685
SC ₆	0.0001	0.0109	0.0068	0.0827	0.0827
SC ₇	0.0034	0.0579	0.0017	0.0415	0.0415
SC ₈	0.0023	0.0479	0.0061	0.0780	0.0780
SC ₉	0.0058	0.0760	0.0007	0.0270	0.0270
SC ₁₀	0.0033	0.0578	0.0025	0.0496	0.0496
SC ₁₁	0.0001	0.0103	0.0110	0.1047	0.1047
SC ₁₂	0.0064	0.0800	0.0016	0.0395	0.0395
SC ₁₃	0.0029	0.0534	0.0049	0.0698	0.0698
SC ₁₄	0.0020	0.0446	0.0053	0.0730	0.0730
SC ₁₅	0.0020	0.0449	0.0050	0.0705	0.0705
SC ₁₆	0.0033	0.0576	0.0039	0.0628	0.0628
SC ₁₇	0.0046	0.0680	0.0034	0.0584	0.0584
SC ₁₈	0.0021	0.0461	0.0044	0.0660	0.0660

Step 7:

Rank the alternatives are

SC₁₁>SC₁>SC₆>SC₈>SC₁₄>SC₁₅>SC₁₃>SC₅>SC₁₈>SC₂>SC₁₆>SC₁₇>SC₁₀>SC₄>SC₃>SC₇>SC₁₂>SC₉ to the relative closeness to the ideal solution.

IV. CONCLUSION

The paper applies a decision making method to rank the causes linked to the suicidal thought in domestic violence. Four criteria and eighteen alternatives were used to be analyzed using TOPSIS method. The method suggests that “He was unfaithful to you/had extra-marital relationships” is the main cause of our problem.

This TOPSIS method give the ranking for the attributes, 0.9104>0.0858>0.0827>0.0780>0.0730>0.0705>0.0698>0.0685>0.0660>0.0650>0.0628>0.0584>0.0496>0.0490>0.0485>0.0415>0.0395>0.0270 i.e., the attributes, He was unfaithful to you/had extra-marital relationships, Did not permit to meet/interact with female, Accused you of being unfaithful to you, Treated you like a servant, Slapped you/Twisted you are/pulled your hair, Beat you on other body parts, Insulted you in front of others, Irritated/suspicious/angry if you talking to man, Attacked you with knife or some other weapon are highly promote the suicide thought in domestic violence.

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