

West Java local rice panicle branching architecture

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Abstract. As local varieties of rice have a very important role as a source of valuable traits in developing high yielding variety through plant breeding programs, it is needed to be characterized. Panicle branching characterization is one of the efforts to understand local varieties of rice characteristics more. We have observed thirteen characters of panicle branching on 24 West Java local rice varieties. Five panicles of each varieties as accession was observed and statistical analysed. Tukey's Honest Significant Difference (HSD) test showed differences among accessions in all panicle branching characteristics observed. Based on Principles Component Analysis (PCA), the panicle branching characters observed generally showed the same direction, but among them were not always to be correlated. In the result of clustering based on the ward linkage method, the accessions were divided into two clusters. The first one had 8 members, and the second one had 16 members. The cophenetic correlation coefficient was 0.60, indicated that the clustering through standardized value was faithfully enough to represent the original distances. The result of this research can provide the information for breeder in selecting rice genotypes which have more seeds per panicle as parent in assembling new high yielding rice varieties.

1 Introduction

Local variety was defined as one which cultivated by subsistence farmer from one generation to the next and it had adapted in a specific area. The local varieties are used by the farmers as the main component of their cultivation based on their knowledge of adapted varieties and quality. The local varieties have valuable traits which can represent the gene pool. So, it is important to collect and to make a document of such varieties as a source of valuable traits in developing high yielding variety through plant breeding program [1]. Chaudary et al. [2] stated that indigenous rice varieties which traditionally cultivated and maintained by the farmers had high level of diversity in genetic, so it could be used as a source in improving yield, performance of agronomic, and resistance to pest and pathogen.

Characterization is the activity to describe accessions, establish accessions' characteristic and classified it into groups based on relationship among traits, among accessions, and among geographic groups [3]. The characterized accessions could be

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grouped into several clusters based on morpho-physicochemical characters [4] morpho-agronomic characters [5] or other characters.

West Java has abundant local rice varieties and grouped as landraces. Although most of the field area was changed with new varieties, there were still found local varieties. Local varieties of rice commonly showed long-harvest date (4 – 6 months), tall plant height (126 – 177 cm), and less number of productive tiller (< 14). Based on their characteristics, local rice varieties belong to Javanica rice. Javanica rice was characterized by awn on its grains, long-harvest date, tall plant height, and less number of tiller [6].

As the panicle branching of rice has the important role in determining the number of grain and affect to the yield, the observation and characterization of panicle structure is very important. Nurhasanah et al. [7] declared that local rice variety which had the dense panicle could be used as promising germplasm to create high yielding varieties. This study was aimed to understand the characteristics of panicle branching structure and clustering of local rice varieties in West Java.

2 Materials and methods

Genetic material were observed originated from exploration in the previous year, which some were taken from rejuvenation and others from observation planting. There were 24 local rice varieties (accessions) as genetical material as shown at Table 1. Five panicles of each accession were observed and each was taken as replication because of the limitation of panicle number collected.

Table 1. West Java local rice varieties as genetic material

Accession number	Accession name	Origin
L01	Mujaer Mundur	Cianjur
L02	Tusir Super	Sumedang
L03	Jalur	Sumedang
L04	Sri Dewi	Bandung
L05	Narkotik	Garut
L06	Jadul	Garut
L07	Mori bodas	Bandung
L08	TSP	Cianjur
L09	Marahmay	Cianjur
L10	Morneng	Cianjur
L11	GH Panjang	Bandung
L12	Torondol	Sumedang
L13	Apel Bodas	Bogor
L14	Osog	Garut
L15	Sri Kuning	Bandung
L16	Tusir	Sumedang
L17	Menet	Garut
L18	Ketan Kidang	Sukabumi
L19	Panak	Sukabumi
L20	Buntut Nyiruan	Sukabumi
L21	Cere Cikapundung	Sukabumi
L22	Cere batu	Sukabumi
L23	Beureum Beunying	Sukabumi
L24	Bonbon	Sukabumi

The observation was carried out in West Java Assessment Institute for Agricultural Technology (West Java AIAT). The characters observed were panicle length (PL), node number (NN), number of grain number per panicle (NGP), number of primary panicle

branches (NPB), number of secondary panicle branches (NSB), number of tertiary panicle branches (NTB), primary branches length (PBL), secondary branches length (SBL), number of grain per primary branches (GPB), number of grain per secondary branches (GSB), total length of primary branches (TLPB), total length of secondary branches (TLSB), and number of secondary branches per primary branches (NSBperPB). The observation of each character was presented at Table 2.

Table 2. The panicle branching characters observed of local rice varieties

Characters	The measurement manner of panicle branches characters
PL	is measured from panicle neck to the tip of panicle
NN	is counted the number of nodes which a group of primary braches grow
NGP	is counted the total number of filled and unfilled grains per panicle
NPB	is counted the number of primary branches per panicle
NSB	is counted the number of secondary branches per panicle
NTB	is counted the number of tertiary branches per panicle
PBL	is measured from the base to the tip of primary branch
SBL	is measured from the base to the tip of secondary branch
GPB	is counted the number of grains per primary branch
GSB	is counted the number of grains per secondary branch
TLPB	is the total length of primary branches per panicle
TLSB	is the total length of secondary branches per panicle
SBperPB	is counted the number of secondary branches per primary branch

To find out the information about homogeneity of variance and distribution, data were analysed using Bartlett’s test for homogeneity of variance and Shapiro-Wilk test for distribution. Further, data were ANOVA analysed and performed by Statistical Tool for Agricultural Research (STAR Nebula). The significant results were continued by further analysis using Tukeys's Honest Significant Difference (HSD) Test. The R statistics 4.0.5 version was used to perform Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering (AHC) and Principle Component Analysis (PCA). The method of AHC was based on the *ward method*, and data were standardized before analysed.

3 Result and discussion

Based on Bartlett’s test, the characters of number of primary panicle branches, number of tertiary panicle branches, secondary branches length, and number of grain per secondary branches were heterogenous. While based on Spahiro Wilk test, the characters of number of tertiary panicle branches and secondary branches length were not normally distributed (Table 3). As the parametric statistic requires the assumption of homogeneity of variance and normality distributed, the characters of number of primary panicle branches, number of tertiary panicle branches, secondary branches length, and number of grain per secondary branches were discarded for ANOVA analysis. Normality and equal of variance assumption in the comparison of three or more groups useful for decreasing Type I error in analysis result [8].

There were differences among accessions in panicle branching characteristics. The accession which had the longest panicle was Sri Kuning and the shortest was Mujaer Mundur, each was 32.3 cm and 22.7 cm respectively. The accessions of Tusir Super, Sri Dewi, Jadul, Marahmay, Morneng, Ketan Kidang, and Cere Cikapundung were not significantly different with Sri Kuning. On the other hand, although its panicle was shortest, Mujaer Mundur had the most number of node on its panicle (11 nodes). The lowest number of node observed in the accessions of Jadul, TSP, Marahmay, and Menet, those were not significantly different each other (Table 4).

Table 3. Descriptive statistics of panicle branching characters observed of West Java rice local varieties

Characters	Min	Max	Mean±StdDev	CV	Bartlett's test	Saphiro Wilk test
Panicle length	19.00	34.60	27.29±2.93	10.74	0.0624	0.5201
Node number	5.00	11.00	8.61±1.54	17.84	0.4732	0.4499
Number of grain number per panicle	50.00	426.00	228.07±72.13	31.63	0.2673	0.9881
Number of primary panicle branches	6.00	20.00	11.64±2.45	21.03	0.0049	0.0610
Number of secondary panicle branches	3.00	74.00	42.61±14.57	34.20	0.3542	0.6615
Number of tertiary panicle branches	0.00	34.00	3.21±5.20	161.57	0.0000	0.0000
Primary branches length	7.36	15.89	11.92±1.68	14.07	0.1296	0.3036
Secondary branches length	2.22	4.28	3.09±0.43	13.89	0.0034	0.0453
Number of grain per primary branches	6.25	35.50	19.77±5.41	27.34	0.5610	0.9026
Number of grain per secondary branches	2.92	5.51	3.78±0.47	12.36	0.0375	0.5365
Total length of primary branches	52.70	221.40	138.40±31.64	22.86	0.2841	0.3923
Total length of secondary branches	8.70	253.50	133.06±50.91	38.26	0.7570	0.8918
Number of secondary branches per primary branches	1	5.69	3.73±1.01	27.19	0.6905	0.4564

Bold letter indicated significant value (p -value \leq 0.05), population was heterogenous, and/or data was not normally distributed

In the character of grain number per panicle, Marahmay showed the most (330.8 grains), was not significantly different with Tusir Super, Jalur, Sri Dewi, Jadul, Mori Bodas, Morneng, Torondol, Apel Bodas, Osog, Sri Kuning, Tusir, and Ketan Kidang. While the lowest number of number grain per panicle was showed on Cere Batu accession. The accessions which have more grains per panicle can be recommended as parent for assembling new plant types of rice. High grain yield can be achieved through breeding program using rice with more seed in the panicle. So, rice breeders have a chance to assembly new plant type rice with spikelet number more than 250 seeds [9]. The accession of Morneng had the most number of secondary panicle branch (61.6 branches). The other thirteen accessions, namely Tusir Super, Jalur, Sri Dewi, Jadul, Mori Bodas, Marahmay, GH Panjang, Torondol, Apel Bodas, Osog, Sri Kuning, Tusir, and Panak were not significantly different.

There was also differences in the character of primary panicle branches length. The longest primary panicle branches length was 14.4 cm and 14.6 cm respectively, showed in the accession of Sri Dewi and Jadul. Both were not significantly different. There were also accessions which had long primary panicle branches length, i.e Tusir Super, Jalur, Mori Bodas, Marahmay, Morneng, GH Panjang, Apel Bodas, and Cere Cikapundung. All the accessions above were not significantly different with Sri Dewi and Jadul based on HSD test. Number of grain per primary panicle branch was range from 10.6 – 27.8. The highest number of grain per primary panicle branch was in the accession Marahmay, but it was not significantly different with Tusir Super, Jalur, Sri Dewi, Narkotik, Jadul, Mari Bodas, Morneng, GH Panjang, Apel Bodas, Osog, and Tusir.

Primary branches per panicle in the accessions observed showed vary in total length (90.3 – 174.4 cm). The longest total length of primary branches per panicle was Sri Kuning, and the shortest was Cere Batu. The majority of the accessions observed showed had long total length of primary branches per panicle, i.e Tusir Super, Jalur, Sri Dewi, Mori Bodas, TSP, Marahmay, Morneng, GH Panjang, Torondol, Osog, Tusir, Menet, Ketan Kidang, Panak, and Cere Cikapundung. While total length of secondary branches per panicle was range between 47 - 197.5 cm. The longest was in Mari Bodas, and the shortest was Cere Batu. Other accessions which had long of total length of secondary branches per panicle were Tusir Super, Jalur, Sri Dewi, Jadul, Marahmay, Morneng, GH Panjang, Apel Bodas, Osog, Tusir, Panak, and Cere Cikapundung.

The number of secondary branches per primary branch was ranging from 1.9 – 4.9. The three top of accessions which had most number of secondary branches per primary branch were Sri Dewi, Marahmay, and Morneng, while other accessions which was not showed significantly different with the three accessions above were Mujaer Mundur, Tusir Super, Jalur, Narkotik, Jadul, Mori Bodas, GH Panjang, Apel Bodas, Osog, and Tusir. The significant differences in the characters observed indicated that there was wide variation among the accessions tested [10]. Akinwale et al. [11] reported that study in agronomic characters of rice revealed that most characters observed exhibited wide range of variability. It seems that rice panicle branching characters also had the same trend.

Table 4a. The average of panicle branching characteristic of West Java rice local varieties

Varieties	PL		NN		GNP		NSB		PBL	
Mujaer Mundur	22.7±2.0	i	11.0±0.0	a	207.8±72.1	c-h	38.4±6.7	d-h	12.0±0.6	b-f
Tusir Super	28.9±0.8	a-e	9.4±0.9	ab	282.6±32.0	a-c	59.4±8.9	ab	12.9±0.6	a-e
Jalur	27.4±1.3	b-g	8.0±1.2	ab	266.6±56.5	a-f	51.8±9.6	a-e	12.7±0.6	a-d
Sri Dewi	29.2±1.6	a-e	8.0±1.9	ab	276.6±58.6	a-d	51.0±9.6	a-e	14.6±1.0	a
Narkotik	25.2±0.9	e-i	8.2±1.3	ab	215.4±18.9	c-h	39.4±3.6	c-h	12.2±0.7	b-f
Jadul	29.6±1.4	a-d	7.4±0.6	b	234.2±51.8	a-h	42.6±10.9	a-h	14.4±0.9	a
Mori bodas	27.8±1.5	b-f	9.2±0.8	ab	288.8±34.2	a-c	57.2±6.6	a-d	12.8±0.5	a-d
TSP	23.4±1.6	g-i	7.2±0.8	b	166.0±32.16	f-i	27.0±7.6	g-i	11.3±0.6	d-h
Marahmay	29.0±1.8	a-e	7.6±1.7	b	330.8±81.51	a	57.8±7.3	a-c	13.0±1.0	a-d
Morneng	29.8±1.7	a-c	9.6±1.1	ab	317.8±61.8	ab	61.6±10.6	a	13.2±1.7	a-c
GH Panjang	26.4±1.6	c-i	8.4±1.8	ab	227.2±32.3	b-h	43.4±6.4	a-h	13.4±0.9	a-c
Torondol	24.8±2.2	f-i	8.4±1.7	ab	234.2±108.3	a-h	44.0±22.5	a-h	10.4±1.2	f-h
Apel Bodas	28.0±1.0	b-f	8.8±1.3	ab	238.0±37.5	a-h	45.0±7.0	a-h	12.0±0.9	b-f
Osog	27.4±1.1	b-g	7.8±1.9	ab	257.2±58.6	a-g	46.0±10.5	a-g	13.7±0.8	ab
Sri Kuning	32.3±2.9	a	8.4±1.8	ab	231.6±68.1	a-h	47.2±14.3	a-f	10.7±0.4	e-h
Tusir	27.9±1.6	b-f	9.4±0.9	ab	273.0±45.9	a-e	54.2±11.2	a-e	12.3±0.5	b-f
Menet	23.2±0.6	hi	7.4±1.1	b	196.8±39.0	c-i	36.0±8.8	e-h	11.5±0.9	c-g
Ketan Kidang	31.0±2.2	ab	9.2±1.3	ab	172.0±58.3	e-i	30.0±11.4	f-i	11.2±0.9	d-h
Panak	28.2±1.2	b-f	9.2±1.5	ab	263.8±45.2	a-g	46.4±10.4	a-f	10.4±0.5	f-h
Buntut Nyiruan	27.2±3.1	b-h	8.6±1.8	ab	147.6±35.5	hi	26.2±7.7	hi	9.9±0.8	gh
Cere Cikapundung	28.5±0.7	a-f	9.0±1.9	ab	206.8±53.5	c-h	41.8±6.6	b-h	12.9±0.3	a-d
Cere batu	25.3±4.4	e-i	8.0±1.9	ab	97.6±40.4	i	15.4±8.6	i	9.8±1.8	gh
Beureum Beuning	25.7±1.6	d-i	9.8±0.8	ab	177.6±32.6	d-i	30.8±6.9	f-i	9.6±0.8	gh
Bonbon	26.1±2.4	c-i	8.6±1.3	ab	163.6±30.0	g-i	30.0±4.5	f-i	9.4±0.4	h
CV (%)	6.22		16.03		18.81		18.89		6.92	

GNP = number of grain number per panicle;

NSB = number of secondary panicle branches;

PBL = primary branches length; Value in the same colom which followed by the same letter was not significantly different based on Tukeys's Honest Significant Difference (HSD) Test

Table 4b. The average of panicle branching characteristic of West Java rice local varieties (continued)

Varieties	GPB		TLPB		TLSB		NSB perPB	
Mujaer Mundur	19.8±3.3	b-h	127.3±23.1	c-f	121.3±25.3	c-i	3.7±0.6	a-g
Tusir Super	21.4±1.2	a-h	164.8±11.2	a-c	150.0±20.5	a-g	4.5±0.4	ab
Jalur	23.3±3.8	a-e	142.4±11.4	a-e	180.6±38.9	a-d	4.5±0.6	ab
Sri Dewi	26.7±4.0	ab	151.8±26.5	a-d	190.9±36.4	ab	4.9±0.6	a
Narkotik	20.8±2.0	a-h	126.6±10.2	c-f	128.2±21.1	b-i	3.8±0.3	a-f
Jadul	26.2±2.2	ab	128.3±25.2	b-f	165.4±36.4	a-d	4.7±0.2	ab
Mori bodas	23.3±2.5	a-e	158.6±9.3	a-c	197.5±28.7	a	4.6±0.5	ab
TSP	14.2±2.3	g-i	133.3±25.2	a-f	83.9±26.4	g-j	2.5±0.4	f-h
Marahmay	27.8±5.0	a	153.6±23.6	a-d	187.5±47.0	a-c	4.9±0.3	a
Morneng	25.3±5.1	a-c	166.2±18.6	a-c	181.1±43.4	a-d	4.9±0.9	a
GH Panjang	21.0±3.8	a-h	146.9±18.8	a-d	142.2±31.5	a-h	4.0±0.8	a-e
Torondol	17.1±5.4	d-i	139.5±38.2	a-e	124.3±73.8	b-i	3.5±1.0	b-g
Apel Bodas	23.0±3.5	a-f	124.1±11.8	c-f	140.3±26.4	a-h	4.4±0.7	a-d
Osog	24.5±3.5	a-d	142.7±22.1	a-e	155.9±32.9	a-e	4.4±0.6	a-c
Sri Kuning	15.9±2.4	e-i	174.4±53.9	a	117.7±40.8	d-i	3.1±0.4	c-h
Tusir	21.6±2.2	a-g	155.0±12.0	a-c	152.5±30.4	a-f	4.3±0.6	a-d
Menet	16.9±3.1	e-i	135.6±29.2	a-f	117.7±32.0	d-i	3.2±0.7	c-h
Ketan Kidang	14.1±3.0	hi	135.8±28.2	a-f	96.5±41.7	e-j	2.5±0.7	gh
Panak	16.4±2.0	e-i	173.6±21.8	ab	135.2±36.7	a-i	3.0±0.5	e-h
Buntut Nyiruan	15.2±2.2	g-i	97.8±26.9	ef	71.2±22.8	ij	2.7±0.6	e-h
Cere Cikapundung	17.9±2.7	c-i	146.9±22.9	a-d	144.6±24.4	a-g	3.6±0.2	a-g
Cere batu	10.6±2.8	i	90.3±36.0	f	47.0±30.6	j	1.9±0.6	h
Beureum Beunying	15.6±2.3	f-i	108.6±14.8	d-f	85.2±18.3	f-j	2.9±0.6	e-h
Bonbon	16.3±3.7	e-i	97.5±6.7	ef	76.5±11.5	h-j	3.1±0.5	d-h
CV (%)	15.91		13.90		21.31		14.78	

GPB = number of grain per primary branches;

TLSB = total length of secondary branches. Value in the same colom which followed by the same letter was not significantly different based on Tukeys's Honest Significant Difference

Table 5. Correlation among local rice panicle branching observed (Spearman correlation, not all characters were qualify to be analysed with Pearson correlation)

	PL	NN	GNP	NPB	NSB	NTB	PBL	SBL	GPB	GSB	TLPB	TLSB
PL	1.000											
NN	0.139 ^{ns}	1.000										
GNP	0.501*	0.121 ^{ns}	1.000									
NPB	0.256 ^{ns}	0.370 ^{ns}	0.414*	1.000								
NSB	0.550**	0.187 ^{ns}	0.974**	0.503*	1.000							
NTB	0.111 ^{ns}	-0.195 ^{ns}	0.514*	-0.377 ^{ns}	0.397 ^{ns}	1.000						
PBL	0.404 ^{ns}	-0.216 ^{ns}	0.655**	-0.109 ^{ns}	0.598**	0.620**	1.000					
SBL	0.072 ^{ns}	-0.424*	0.219 ^{ns}	-0.398 ^{ns}	0.103 ^{ns}	0.538**	0.723**	1.000				
GPB	0.378 ^{ns}	-0.114 ^{ns}	0.844**	-0.066 ^{ns}	0.769**	0.816**	0.858**	0.538**	1.000			
GSB	0.235 ^{ns}	-0.064 ^{ns}	0.527**	-0.381 ^{ns}	0.427*	0.923**	0.627**	0.484*	0.823**	1.000		
TLPB	0.593**	0.181 ^{ns}	0.756**	0.744**	0.825**	-0.009 ^{ns}	0.468*	0.017 ^{ns}	0.429*	0.012 ^{ns}	1.000	
TLSB	0.502*	-0.014 ^{ns}	0.910**	0.160 ^{ns}	0.860**	0.639**	0.863**	0.559**	0.933**	0.661**	0.642**	1.000
NSBperPB	0.429*	-0.031 ^{ns}	0.861**	0.0004 ^{ns}	0.813**	0.764**	0.847**	0.480*	0.980**	0.774**	0.478*	0.935**

ns: non-significant correlation; *, ** significant correlation at alpha 0.05 and 0.01 respectively

Some characters showed positive and significant correlation among characters (Table 5). Panicle length had positive and significant correlation with grain number per panicle, number of secondary panicle branches, total length of primary branches, total length of secondary branches, and number of secondary branches per primary branch. It was contrast with study reported by Akinwale et al. and Lakshmi et al. [11, 12] that panicle length was not correlated with other characters observed, including number of grain per panicle. Negative and significant correlation was showed at correlation between node number and secondary branch length. The most positive and significant correlation was seen at grain

number per panicle and number of panicle branches per panicle, number of secondary branches per panicle, number of tertiary branches per panicle, primary branch length, number of grain at primary branches, number of grain at secondary branches, total length of primary branches, total length of secondary branches, and number of secondary branches per primary branch. It was confirmed by the research result by Akinwale et al. [11] that that grain yield was positively correlated with number grain per panicle. Number grain per panicle was determined by components which made up the seed, i.e number of primary branches, number of secondary branches, number of tertiary branches, panicle branches length, grain number per primary branches, grain number of secondary branches, total length of primary branches, total length of secondary branches, and number of secondary branches per primary branch. Number of primary panicle branches had positive and significant correlation with number of secondary branches and total length of primary branches, while number of secondary branches showed positive and significant correlation with a lot of characters, i.e primary branch length, number of grain at primary branches, number of grain at secondary branches, total length of primary branches, total length of secondary branches, and number of secondary branches per primary branch. Number of tertiary panicle branches also showed positive and significant correlation with primary branch length, secondary branch length, number of grain at primary branches, number of grain at secondary branches, total length of secondary branches, and number of secondary branches per primary branch. Panicle branch length also had positive and significant correlation with secondary branch length, number of grain at primary branches, number of grain at secondary branches, total length of primary branches, total length of secondary branches, and number of secondary branches per primary branch.

Secondary branch length had positive and significant correlation with number of grain at primary branches, number of grain at secondary branches, total length of secondary branches, and number of secondary branches per primary branch. While number of grain at primary branches showed positive and significant correlation with number of grain at secondary branches, total length of primary branches, total length of secondary branches, and number of secondary branches per primary branch. Number of grain at secondary branches and total length of primary branches had positive and significant correlation with total length of secondary branches, and number of secondary branches per primary branch, while total length of secondary branches showed positive and significant correlation with number of secondary branches per primary branch.

PCA is a multivariate data analysis to visualize data with scientific maps allows a better understanding of the relation among characters [13]. Dimension I of PCA could explain 55.7% of variation, while the second one could explain 21.9%. The two dimensions of PCA could explain variation of 77.6%. The next dimension explained < 10% from total variation. When two PCs had captured most information, the rest of PCs could be ignored and there were no important information lost.

Torres-salinas et al. [13] explained that multivariate data could be represented in a graphical mode as biplot. In a biplot, dots and vectors associated with columns and rows of a matrix to represent elements of data matrix. Based on PCA analysis, the characters which had the same direction, means that those characters showed the positive correlation (Figure 1). While the angle informed to us about the correlation. The smaller the angle, the tighter the correlation. In more deep explanation, the magnitude of correlation among the characters observed could be observed in the magnitude of the angle between two characters [13]. Based on the accessions, the accessions of L16, L02, L07, and L10 were grouped in quadrant I. In the second quadrant there were the accessions of L03, L09, L04, L11, L12, L14 and L06, while in the third quadrant there were L23, L08, L20, L24, L17, L01, L05, and L22. In the quadrant IV, there were four accessions, i.e L18, L15, L13, and L19.

Muthuramu et al. [14] explained that interaction in PCA was positive when genotype and environment showed the same sign on PCA axis. With the same understanding, when the accessions and the characters observed were in the same sign, it means their interaction was positive. Further, Muthuramu et al. [14] also said that the accessions near the origin was not sensitive to the interactions, while those far away was sensitive.

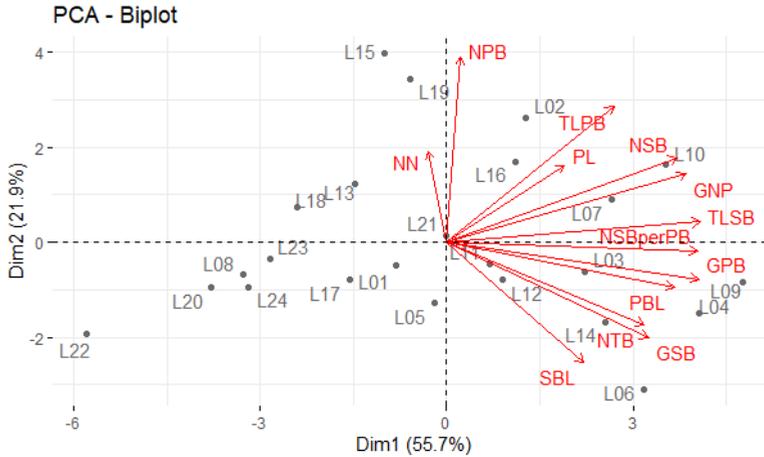


Fig. 1. PCA Biplot of local rice varieties and the panicle branching characters observed

From dendrogram, we could see dissimilarity among the accessions tested. The closer distance, the tighter relationship between the accessions. In Figure 2, there were two groups of accessions based on panicle branching characters (all data had been standardized). The first group consisted of 8 members (L13, L08, L17, L22, L18, L23, L20, and L24). While the second group consisted of 16 members (L09, L03, L14, L04, L06, L15, L19, L02, L16, L07, L10, L01, L21, L12, L05, and L11). Detail distance among accessions was presented at Table 6.

The vertical line indicated the genetic distance among the accessions, while the horizontal one indicated the accessions observed. The first group showed that among accessions had closer distance compared with the second one.

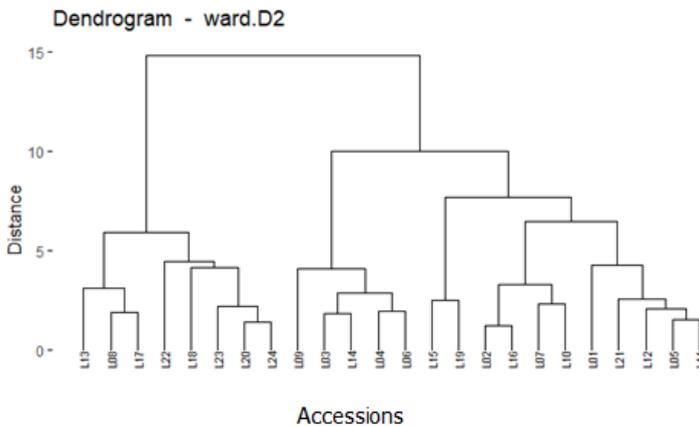


Fig. 2. Dissimilarity among West Java local rice varieties based on ward method of clustering of panicle branching characters

The first group of accessions dominate by the accessions origin from Cislok, Sukabumi (Cere Batu, Ketan Kidang, Beureum Beunying, Buntut Nyiruan, and Bonbon), while the rest were from Bogor (Apel Bodas), Cianjur (TSP), and Garut (Menet). The domination of Sukabumi's accession was predicted occurred because of its more genetic basis of environment adaption. Xu et al. [15] declare that local varieties of rice had genetic basis of adaptation more extensive than those in improved varieties. Figure 3 and 4a, 4b showed the architecture of panicle of West Java local rice varieties observed.

The genetic distance among 24 accessions was range from 1.50 – 10.69 (Table 6). According to Gasim et al. [16], the broad range of genetic dissimilarity among accessions indicated that there was high degree of dissimilarity among them. Gasim et al. [16] also explained that generally genetic background of local rice varieties was broader than those modern rice cultivar.

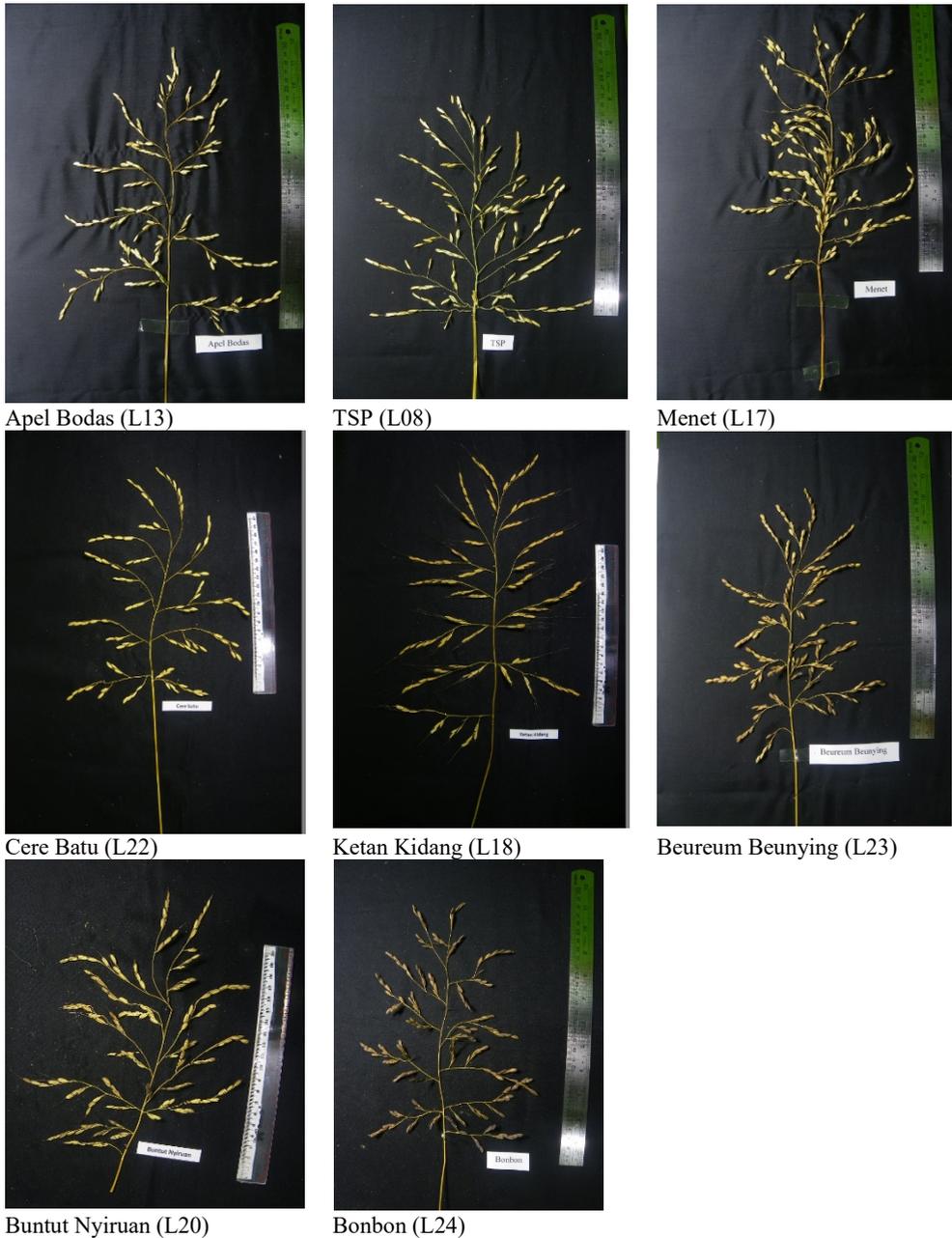


Fig. 3. Panicle branching performance of West Java local rice accessions from the first cluster

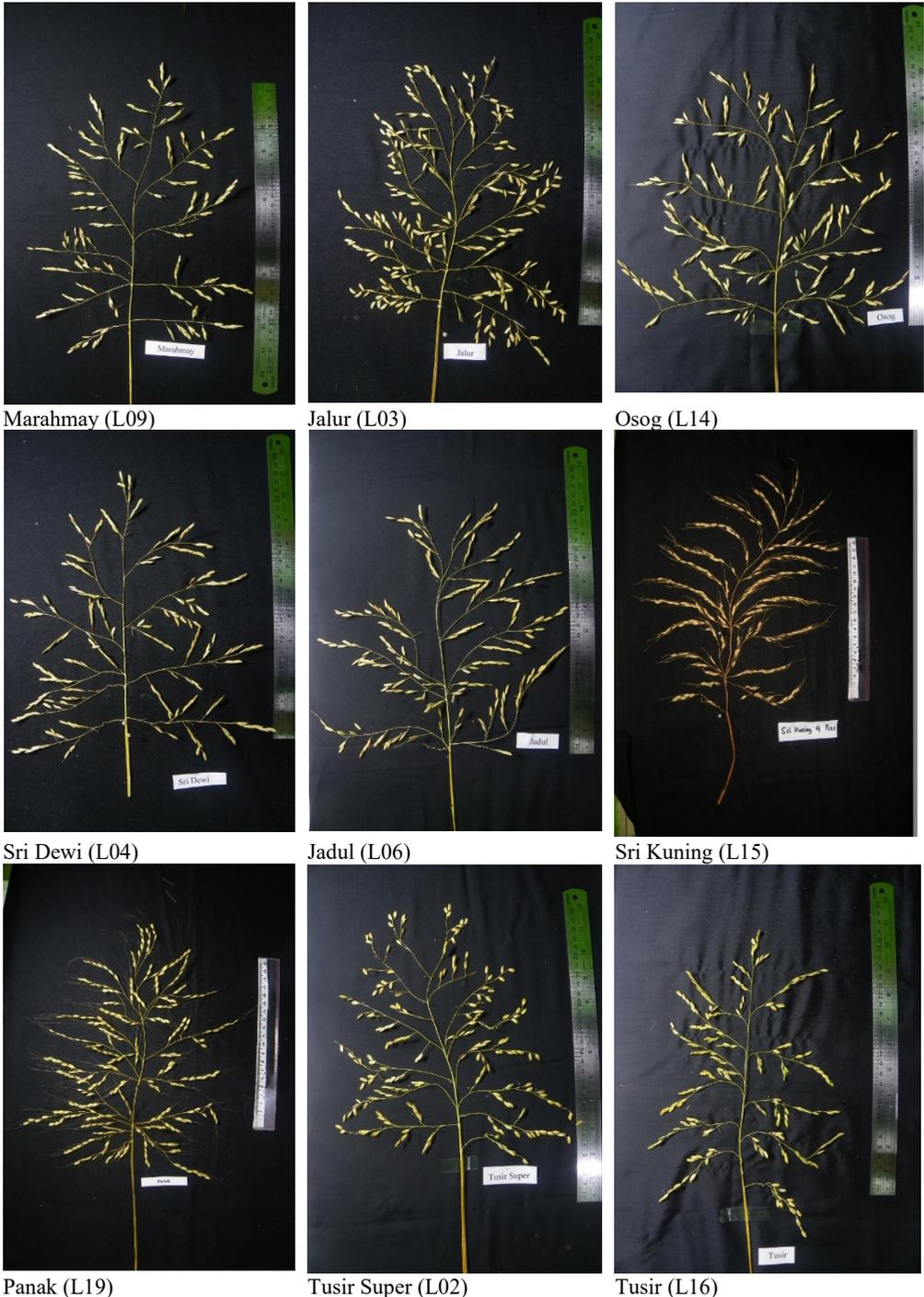


Fig. 4a. Panicle branching performance of West Java local rice accessions from the second cluster

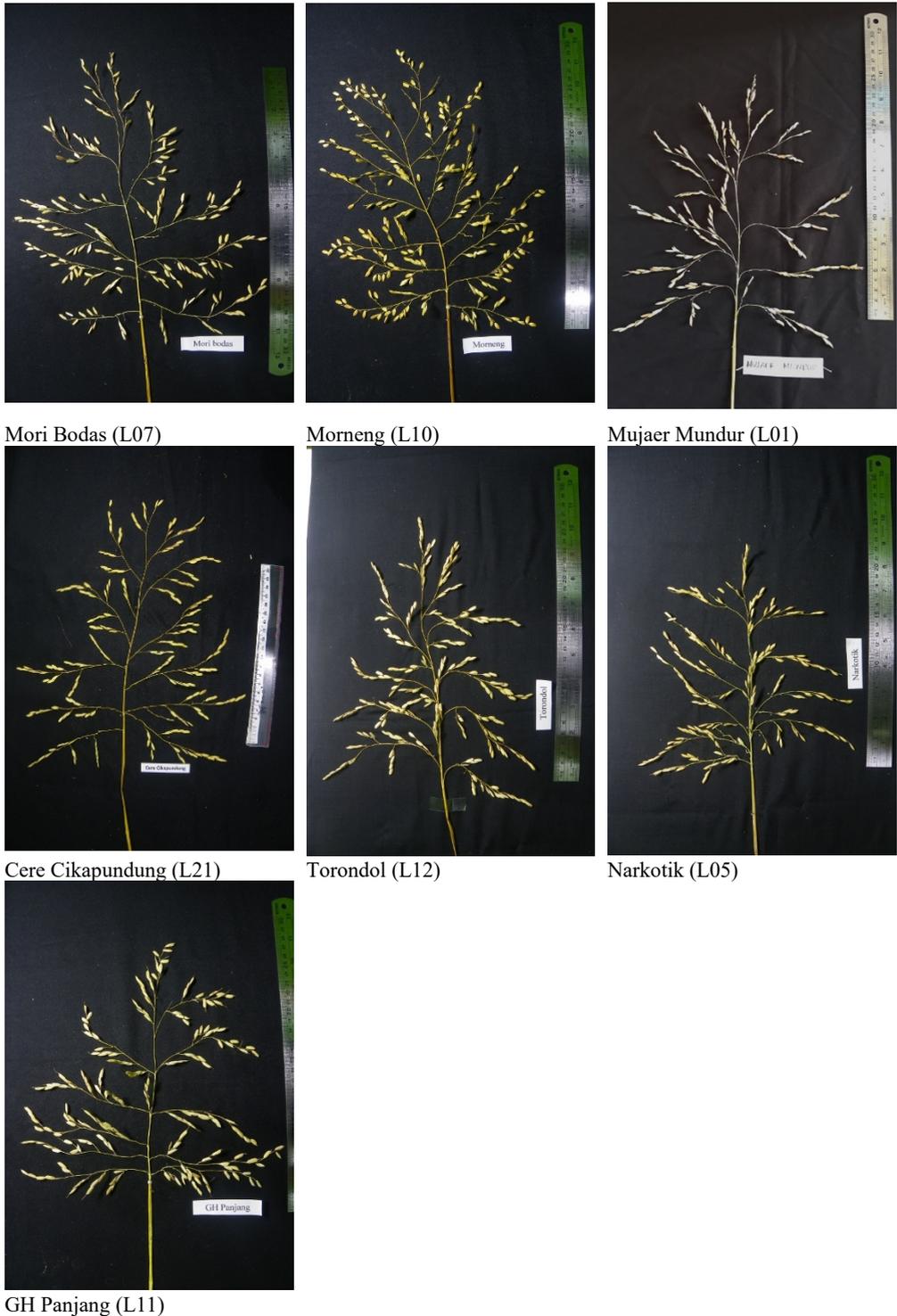


Fig. 4b. Panicle branching performance of West Java local rice accessions from the second cluster (continued)

Table 6. Distance among the accessions based on panicle branching characteristics

	L01	L02	L03	L04	L05	L06	L07	L08	L09	L10	L11	L12	L13	L14	L15	L16	L17	L18	L19	L20	L21	L22	L23
L01	0.00																						
L02	4.91	0.00																					
L03	4.76	3.84	0.00																				
L04	6.14	5.26	2.31	0.00																			
L05	3.32	4.32	2.64	4.36	0.00																		
L06	6.34	6.37	3.10	1.97	4.22	0.00																	
L07	4.66	2.99	1.91	3.10	3.72	4.50	0.00																
L08	5.20	6.26	5.73	7.54	3.66	7.23	6.55	0.00															
L09	7.21	5.79	3.72	3.11	5.66	4.06	4.40	8.49	0.00														
L10	5.52	2.79	3.21	3.65	4.93	5.17	2.30	7.73	3.65	0.00													
L11	3.63	3.43	2.00	3.61	1.50	3.97	2.73	4.31	5.18	3.95	0.00												
L12	3.62	3.63	2.11	3.61	1.91	3.74	3.01	5.17	4.52	3.58	1.98	0.00											
L13	4.00	3.63	4.24	6.39	2.97	6.76	4.46	3.19	6.88	5.34	3.22	3.62	0.00										
L14	5.08	4.76	1.79	1.88	2.97	2.16	3.23	6.12	3.10	3.73	2.57	2.42	5.11	0.00									
L15	6.79	3.90	5.94	7.52	5.80	8.16	5.60	5.69	7.76	5.69	5.28	5.62	3.91	6.78	0.00								
L16	3.98	1.21	2.92	4.57	3.32	5.57	2.21	5.60	5.30	2.61	2.50	2.65	3.04	3.93	4.16	0.00							
L17	4.29	5.19	4.05	5.96	2.22	5.83	4.96	1.86	6.93	6.29	2.87	3.79	2.42	4.58	5.51	4.36	0.00						
L18	4.84	5.11	5.41	6.91	4.10	6.78	5.62	3.89	8.09	6.45	4.14	4.42	3.77	5.95	4.10	4.55	4.07	0.00					
L19	5.37	3.52	5.10	6.82	4.93	7.65	4.47	5.24	7.17	5.04	4.48	4.98	3.01	6.06	2.48	3.36	4.65	4.17	0.00				
L20	4.75	6.24	6.18	7.88	3.95	7.35	6.92	3.32	8.71	7.67	4.90	4.63	3.84	6.44	5.96	5.62	3.84	3.24	5.91	0.00			
L21	3.74	3.64	2.96	4.44	2.39	4.72	3.09	4.32	6.22	4.50	1.71	2.72	3.37	3.78	4.73	2.78	3.29	2.96	4.01	4.60	0.00		
L22	6.43	8.46	8.06	9.72	5.76	8.96	8.92	3.51	10.69	9.91	6.69	6.84	5.63	8.29	7.63	7.81	4.88	4.63	7.62	2.68	6.30	0.00	
L23	3.33	5.60	5.68	7.36	3.65	7.14	6.08	4.01	7.92	6.73	4.53	4.07	3.36	5.90	5.78	4.84	3.90	3.48	4.99	2.29	4.28	4.33	0.00
L24	4.43	5.95	5.85	7.58	3.67	7.12	6.62	3.67	8.07	7.22	4.75	4.21	3.52	6.01	5.99	5.30	3.78	3.91	5.71	1.38	4.76	3.69	1.74

4 Conclusions

There was variation in panicle branching in West Java local rice varieties. Variation occurred as an implication of genetic diversity among accessions. Marahmay and Morneng were the accessions which had the dense panicle and could be choose as promising germplasm to create high yielding varieties. Based on PCA analysis, most of panicle branching characters observed showed the same direction, but among them were not always to be correlated. Based on dendogram, the 24th local rice accessions was divided into two clusters, which the first one had 8 members, i.e TSP (L08), Apel Bodas (L13), Menet (L17), Ketan Kidang (L18), Buntut Nyiruan (L20), Cere Batu (L22), Beureum Beunying (L23), and Bonbon (L24), and second one had 16 members i.e. Mujaer Mundur (L01), Tusir Super (L02), Jalur (L03), Sri Dewi (L04), Narkotik (L05), Jadul (L06), Mori Bodas (L07), Marahmay (L09), Morneng (L10), GH Panjang (L11), Torondol (L12), Osog (L14), Sri Kuning (L15), Tusir (L16), Panak (L19), and Cere Cikapundung (L21). To create a new high yielding rice variety, the rice breeders can select the accessions with more seeds per panicle and more secondary panicle branches.

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