The Lexical Differences in the Javanese Varieties Spoken by People in the
Western and Eastern parts of Blitar Regency

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ABSTRACT

This study concerns with the lexical differences found in the Javanese
varieties spoken by people in the western and eastern parts of Blitar Regency. It
aims to describe the lexical differences found in the Javanese varieties spoken by
people in western and eastern parts of Blitar Regency and to determine the status
of the lexical differences. The data of this study were obtained from four
observation points in the eastern and western part of Blitar Regency. The four
observation points are Kesamben district and Wates district in the eastern part of
Blitar Regency, and Udanawu district and Bakung district in the western part of
Blitar Regency. Interviewing, recording, note taking, and rechecking were done to
collect the data. The analysis of the lexical differences was done by comparing
and contrasting the lexical items that have been obtained; whereas the status of the
lexical differences were determined by using lexical dialectometry as proposed by
Mahsun. The finding of this study shows that out of 400 glosses, there are 121
lexical differences. The lexical differences mostly occurred due to the different
geographical condition of the observation points. Furthermore, the lexical
dialectometry calculation determines that Bakung district compared to Udanawu
district, and Kesamben district compared to Wates district have sub dialects status
with the index percentage between 31%-50%. Meanwhile, Bakung district
compared to Kesamben district, Udanawu district compared to Wates district, and
Udanawu district compared to Kesamben district have the status of different
dialects with the index percentage between 51%-80%. Therefore, it can be
concluded that the Javanese varieties spoken by people in western and eastern
parts of Blitar Regency are different dialect.

Keywords: lexical differences, Javanese variety, western and eastern parts of
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