

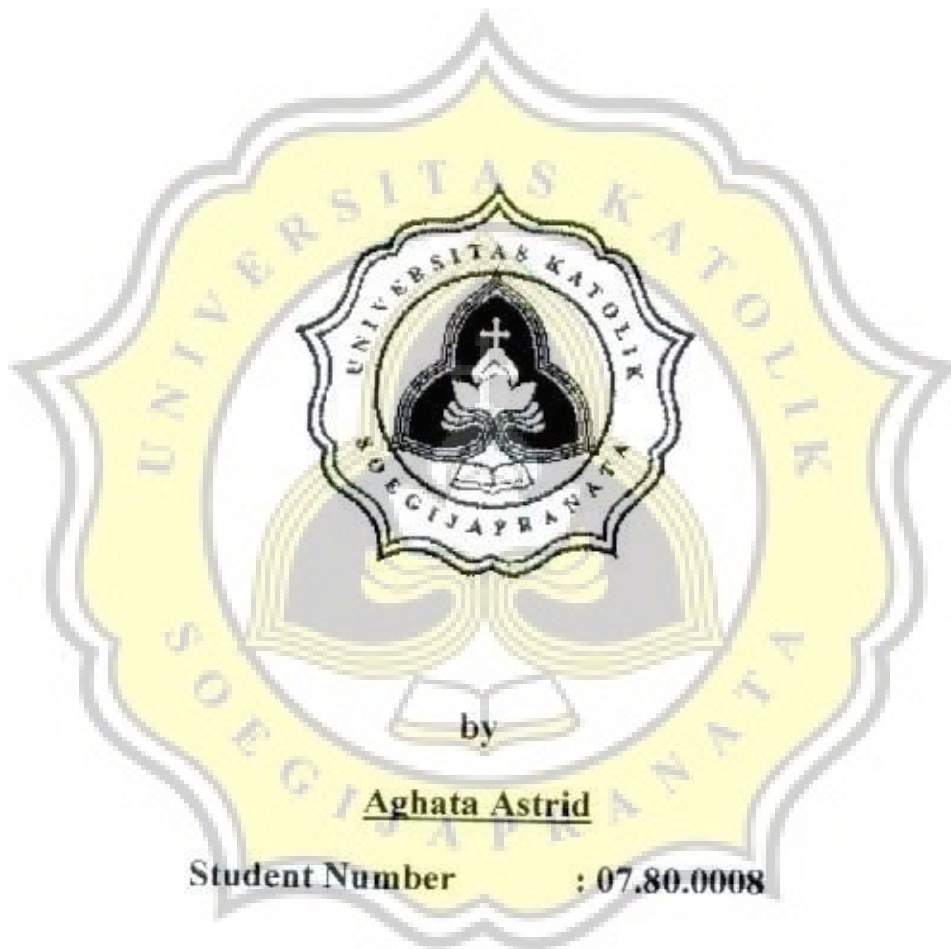


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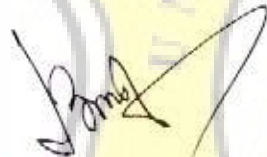
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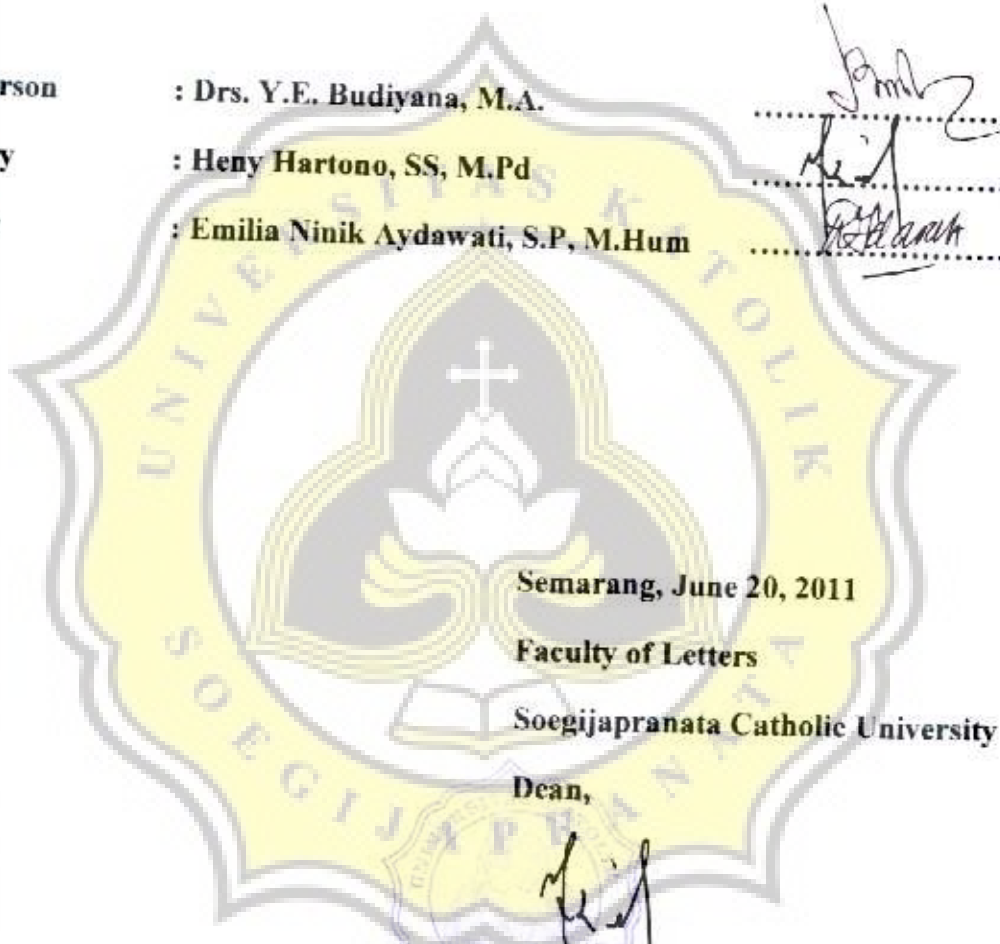
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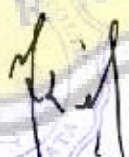


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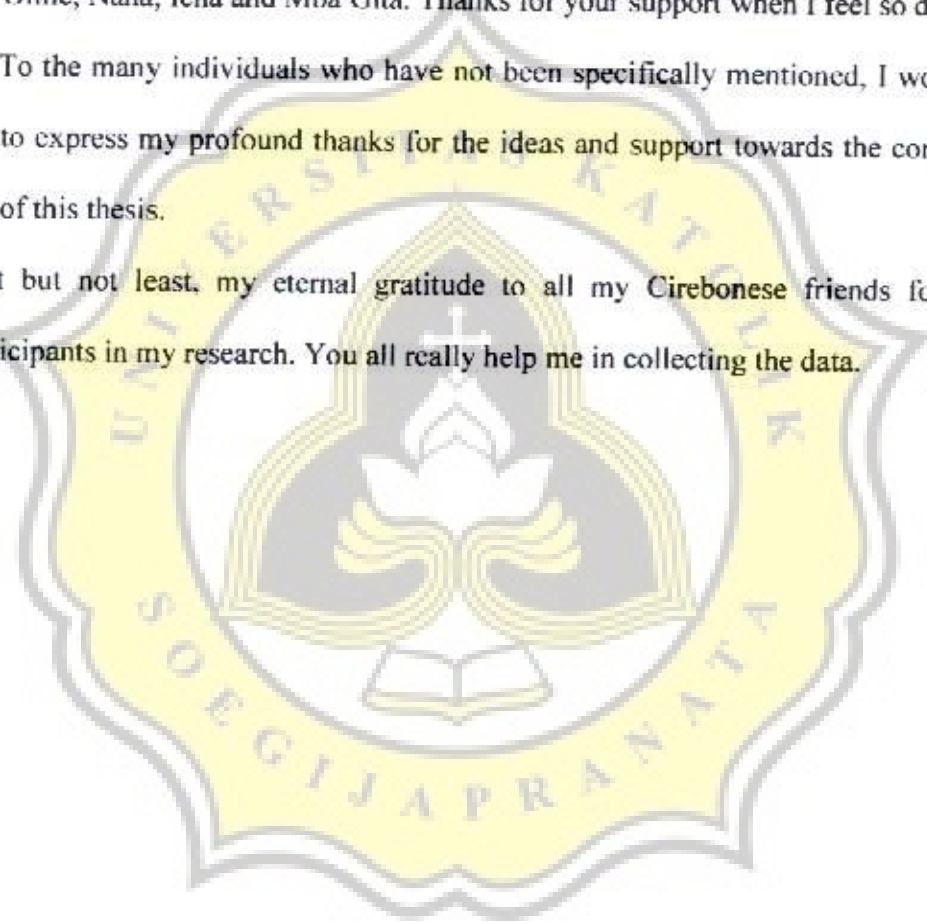
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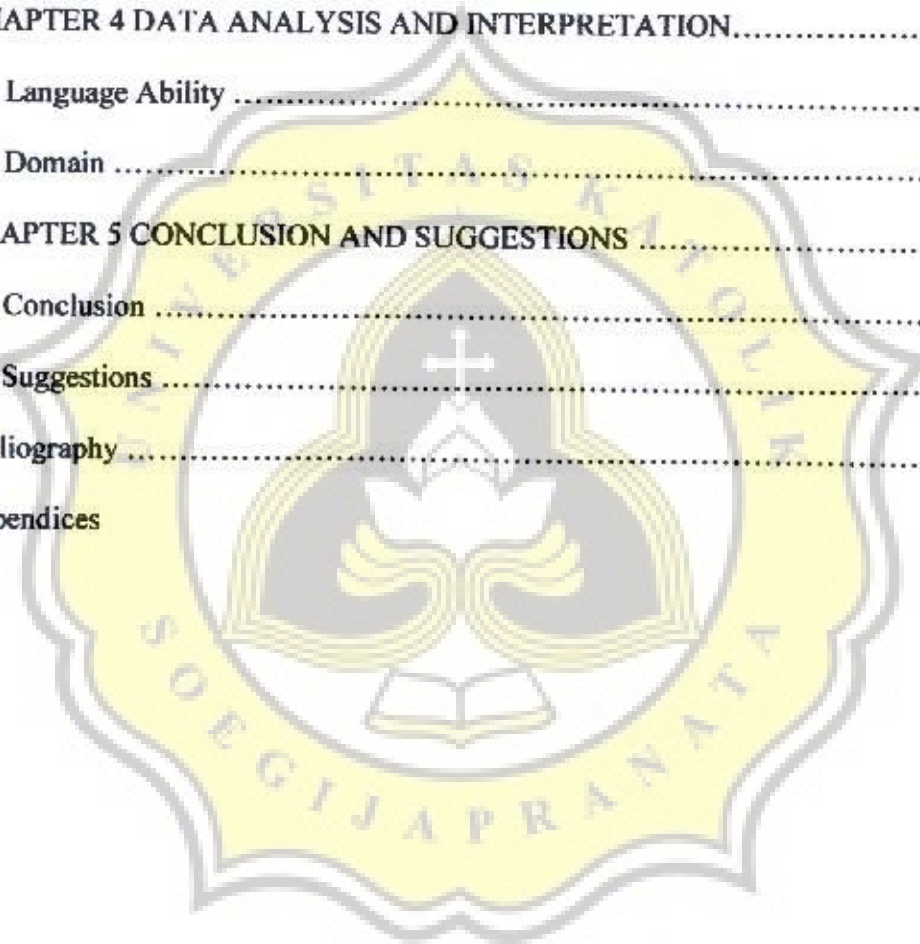


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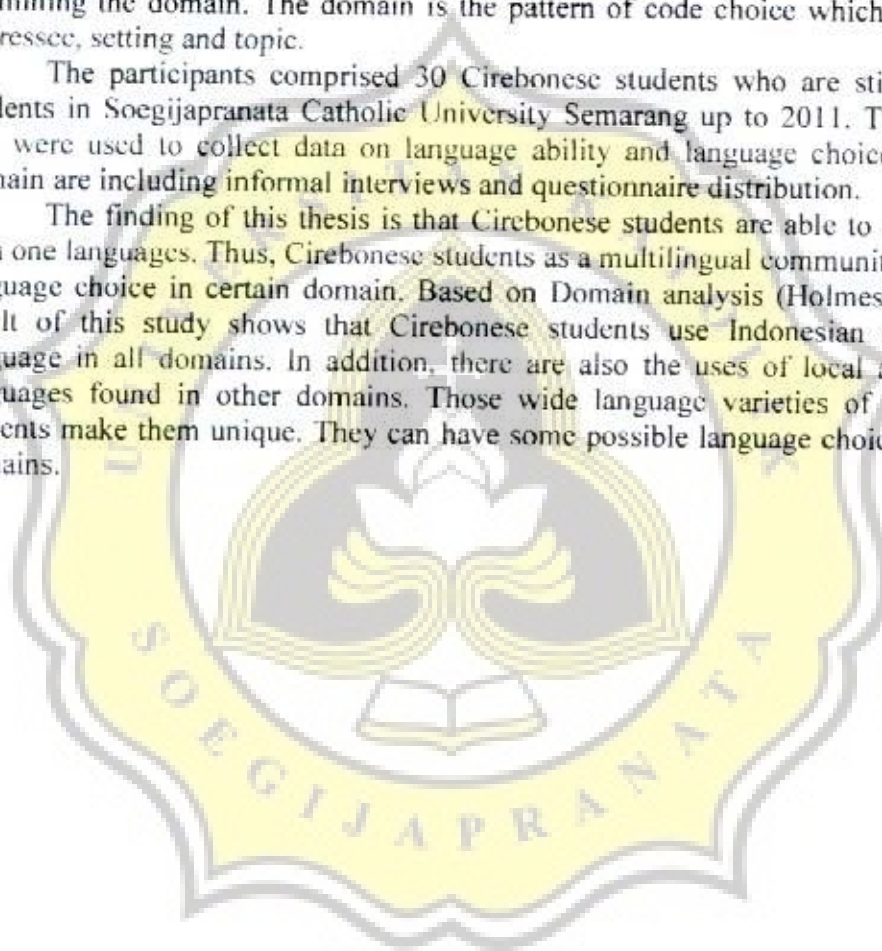


## ABSTRACT

This thesis explores the sociolinguistic practices of a minority language community in Soegijapranata Catholic University Semarang, the Cirebonese students. The study is explained by two complementary questions of sociolinguistic inquiry. First, the study aims to investigate languages that the Cirebonese students speak. Second, the study aims to analyze the language variety from interactions by examining the domain. The domain is the pattern of code choice which consists of addressee, setting and topic.

The participants comprised 30 Cirebonese students who are still active as students in Soegijapranata Catholic University Semarang up to 2011. The methods that were used to collect data on language ability and language choice in certain domain are including informal interviews and questionnaire distribution.

The finding of this thesis is that Cirebonese students are able to speak more than one languages. Thus, Cirebonese students as a multilingual community are doing language choice in certain domain. Based on Domain analysis (Holmes, 2001) the result of this study shows that Cirebonese students use Indonesian as national language in all domains. In addition, there are also the uses of local and foreign languages found in other domains. Those wide language varieties of Cirebonese students make them unique. They can have some possible language choices in some domains.



## ABSTRAK

Skripsi ini mengeksplorasi studi sosiolinguistik pada para pengguna bahasa minoritas di Universitas Katolik Soegijapranata Semarang, yaitu mahasiswa Cirebon. Penelitian ini dijelaskan dengan menggunakan dua pertanyaan yang berkaitan dengan penelitian sosiolinguistik. Pertama, tujuan dari penelitian ini untuk menginvestigasi bahasa apa saja yang digunakan para mahasiswa Cirebon. Kedua, tujuan dari penelitian ini untuk menganalisa variasi bahasa dari interaksi-interaksi dengan menggunakan pola pemilihan bahasa. Dimana domain adalah pola pemilihan bahasa yang terdiri dari sapaan, tempat, dan topik.

Partisipan yang digunakan terdiri dari tiga puluh mahasiswa Cirebon yang masih menjadi mahasiswa aktif di Universitas Katolik Soegijapranata Semarang hingga tahun 2011. Metode yang digunakan untuk mengumpulkan data terdiri dari interview informal serta pembagian kuesioner.

Penemuan dari skripsi ini adalah bahwa para Mahasiswa Cirebon memiliki kemampuan untuk berbicara menggunakan lebih dari satu bahasa. Oleh karena itu, Mahasiswa Cirebon sebagai sebuah komunitas multilingual melakukan pemilihan bahasa pada domain tertentu. Berdasarkan analisis Domain (Holmes, 2001) hasil penelitian pada skripsi ini menunjukkan bahwa Mahasiswa Cirebon menggunakan bahasa Indonesia sebagai bahasa nasional pada setiap domain. Selain itu, penggunaan bahasa lokal dan asing juga terjadi di beberapa domain lainnya. Banyaknya variasi bahasa yang dimiliki mahasiswa Cirebon ini membuat mereka menjadi tampak unik. Mereka memiliki beberapa kemungkinan pemilihan bahasa pada beberapa domain.