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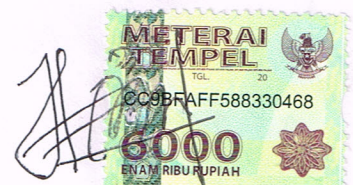
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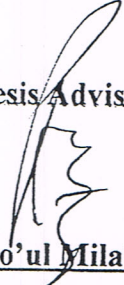
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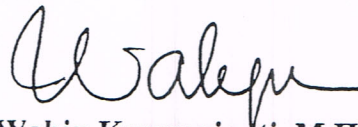


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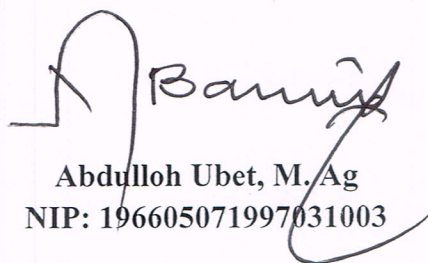
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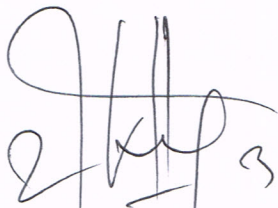
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Twitter is one of the famous social media, many people used Twitter for communicated with other via online communication. Twitter has a sequence messages of the user's update called as tweet. The reseacher chose Twitter as the main source to collect the data of this study because every user of Twitter can express their own style of tweets and all of their tweets will be appeared in their platform as the sequence of tweets. In the other hand, the writer will easier to know someone's characteristics through their style of writing.

Mostly, Twitter account of public figure or celebrities are verified, in order to prevent another fake account. So that, to establish the original identity, most of public figure verified their Twitter account. Usually, the twitter account that have been verified are indicated by the sign of  $\checkmark$  in their last of name accounts. In Twitter, there are a lot of trending topic that appeared every day. But the most dominant one of trending topic is about entertainment (Hargittai & Lit 2010).

Most of people in this world disposed that entertainment is interesting topic to be discussed. Every people certainly followed some of public figure or usually can be called as celebrity in their account. In order to know what are the activities of their idol through his or her tweets. It means that all of the tweets by every public figure especially celebrities will become the trendsetter for their follower.

Celebrities usually have a lot of followers in their social media. As stated by Holmes (2013, p.227) a new trend that followed by most of people in this life are carry out by some celebrities in their speech or even their behavior. The writer

interested to analyze the tweets of celebrities because their tweets are showing or representing their characteristic and whatever they did or write in Twitter will be followed with their fans. In this case, the features of their language form are represented of their characteristic. Even in different genders or different ages.

The language that used in online communication are indicated the personality of the users. As mentioned by Holmes (2013, 21) linguistic choice which used by the user would formed naturally based on their characters. Therefore, in this thesis, the researcher would like to analyze and compare tweets produced by Anne Marrie and Charlie Puth. The tweets collected from the Twitter account of both singers that have been verified. These two singers are taken because they are most popular singer since 2009 until now. The song from Anne Marie and Charlie Puth always become a trending topic in the Twitter. Therefore, both of Anne Marie and Charlie Puth are active in their social media. They used social media in order to share their daily life, share their feeling towards their fans, promoting their album, promoting their concert, and either to selling their ticket of their concert.

Anne Marie Rose Nicholson (Anne Marie) is an English Singer and songwriter born on April 7, 1991 now 27 years old. Anne Marie's account are followed for about 492 thousand followers. Meanwhile, Charlie Otto Puth Jr (Charlie Puth) is an American singer, songwriter and record producer, born on December 2, 1991 now 27 years old. Charlie Puth's account is followed for about 2.7 million. Because of that indicators, the writer quiet sure that their tweets will shows a lot of language features and various dictions. The writer chose Anne

Marie and Charlie Puth because both of them have some factors which is possible to be compared those are; their age, music genre, and ethnicity.

First, both of them have same ages that is twenty seven years old. Second, they are Pop and RnB singers. Last but not least, both of them are White-American . However, by looking at Anne Marie and Charlie Puth's gender, we all clearly understand that Anne Marie is Female and Charlie Puth is Male. They have different gender. It is impossible that Anne Marie and Charlie Puth have same style in languages and dictions. As states by Holmes (2001, p. 150) man and woman naturally have different form when used language features, female tend to be more respectful than male. Because of that reasons, the writer wants to examined this research of internet language features and dictions further.

There are several studies that discussed about internet language features. First is by Badriah (2015) entitled "*Internet Language Features Used by Male and Female Online Shopper on Instagram*" from State Islamic University Sunan Ampel Surabaya. She analyzed about the differences when male and female giving comment on online shop in Instagram. The result found a great number of features used both male and female that is abbreviations. Besides, in giving comment on online shop in Instagram, female's feature is higher than male. That is 207 features by female and 53 features by male.

Second is conducted by Harsono (2013) entitled '*An Analysis of Internet Language Features Used by Male and Female Kaskusers in [www.kaskus.co.id](http://www.kaskus.co.id)*' from Airlangga University. The result show that the dominant features used by

male is asterisks for emphasis. Meanwhile, the dominant features used by female is abbreviation.

There was a study which analyzes the internet language features and dictions. Avrilla (2014) investigated *The Internet Language Features and Dictions of Male and Female Commenters on Music Videos* from Airlangga University. Avrilla, investigated the typical Internet language features and dictions used by difference YouTube users with two videos that contain body's explorations. How do male and female giving comment through that videos.

The results indicated that males and females have different Internet language features. In that's research males in both videos used Multiple Punctuation to express pauses, while females in both videos mostly used Emoticons to express their feeling. Males are used taboo term when giving comments. It can be concluded that female is more expressive when giving comment than male.

Therefore, in this present analysis the researcher tries to analyze the internet language features and dictions between Anne Marie and Charlie Puth in Twitter. Because the writer wants a specific object of this research like focused in a similar age and life background. In Anne Marie and Charlie Puth's Twitter account, there are many tweets with different topics, that contains lot of internet language features and dictions. Male and female have different ways to communicate. Female are less responses than male when they are in a similar group discussion (Herring.1993, 1996). Meanwhile, when female communicate in















intimate, and polite. According to Coates (2004) the language that used by female are represent relations and intimacy, meanwhile the language that used by male are represent of status and independency. Women's thought that talking with other people is the way to increase a good relationship, because of that most of women represent a good manner and intimacy in their speech. Meanwhile, man's thought that talking with other people is the way to get acknowledgement and domination than the others, because of that most of man represent of status and independence.

It is very interesting to talk about language and gender relationship. Many reseacher interested to did some research about language and gender. The pioneer of this field is the linguist Robin Tolmach Lakoff. She explained that when women talk especially in writing communication, they tend to use more than one internet features or usually we called as women's linguistic features. When women say or declare about something. Their sounds are like they were asked about something. The reason is because women's intonations in the last sentences was ended with raising intonation.

Lakoff published her book entitled *language and Woman's Place* in 1975. She claims that women have several unique language features such as; women often use more hedges when they declare something, for example like *sort of, it seems like* and so on. Furthermore, women also used emphatic modifier, those are *very, so* and ect. That kind of modifier is used to give an emphasize in sentences. Besides that, Lakoff state that women used hypercorrect grammar, pronunciation and sometimes made hyperpolite request like "*would you please turn on the radio, if you do not mind?*" Lakoff (1975, p. 45-79).

One of the study that related to language and gender have proved, when male and female say something. Coates (2004) Male tends to give a pause in his sentences before he continued by said *yeeeah* or *hmmm*. Talking about power, some perspectives from several linguists shown that female language is less than language of male. Based on Haas (1978, cited in Coates 1986) believe that males are more talk active than female. The women who have a high status or high education, usually they speak in powerless language. Cameron and Coates (1985) explains that the frequency of our speech is influenced by several case such as out position, job, and daily habits.

For example, women who work as doctors, sometimes she is interrupted by their male patients. In that case, we know that women's language is powerless than man. According to Lakoff (1975) stated that women's language as the 'language of powerlessness,' a reflection of their subordinate place in relation to men. Its means that man's language has the power to attract the attention of public.

## **2.2 Internet Language**

According by Naughton (1999, in Crystal 2006, p. 9) internet is extraordinary things that made by human. The circumstance of old media is removed with the existence of the internet. People were change they old media for communication like radio, television, press or others with the internet. It can be happen because internet provides many advantages of people. Internet becomes popular because most of people used internet to communicated with others. In

























### **3.2 Data and Data Sources**

Dealing with this topic of research, the data are in symbols, emoticons, and words. The words are called as “tweet”, posted by Anne Marie in her account @AnneMarie and Charlie Puth in his account @charlieputh. Then, the data sources of this research was taken from Twitter account between Anne Marie @AnneMarie and Charlie Puth @charlieputh. Twitter was chosen because in Twitter there are many hybrid word produced from people in all around the world. Twitter account can be verified which indicated an official account of person. Celebrity is one of the public figures who joined Twitter with verified account. Verification can be ensure the authenticity of their account.

The writer collected the corpus as the data in this research used social media. Twitter is used as the source of the data. The writer collected the tweets of Anne Marie and Charlie Puth in 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 until 31<sup>th</sup> December 2018 as the corpus of data. The writer chose these months because the recent data still exist and support the examination when this thesis started. The frequency that are found by the writer in Anne Marie’s tweets is 219 while in Charlie Puth’s tweets is 70. The writer analyzed the samples are 65 of Anne Marie, and 65 of Charlie Puth.

### **3.3 Research Instrument**

The instrument of this research was the writer herself. In this case, the writer counted the frequency of types of internet language features and dictions by herself. Besides that, the other tools is computer. A computer used to open the Twitter applications and also to count the corpus used Antconc software.





















**Table 4.1** Type of internet language features of Anne Marie's tweets

No	Internet Language Features	Data	Total Number Found	Percentage
1	Multiple Punctuation	!!!! ????! ....	25	17%
2	Eccentric Spelling	yessssssss whaaaaaaaaattttttttt omgggggggggggggggggg	10	7%
3	Capital Letters	TOUR DIARY COMING TOMORROW GOLD in USA LOVE IT SO MUCH OMG I LOVE if YOU think you're GREAT.....then.....who win OMG EVERYONE. @JazzSherman	42	28%
4	Asterisk for Emphasis	n/a	0	0%
5	Written Out Laughter	hahaha	1	0.7%
6	Music/Noise	Wowww Yaaaasssss AhhhH	5	3%
7	Description of Action	n/a	0	0%
8	Abbreviation	OMG U.K LA Asap Lotta	16	11%
9	Emoticons	😊😊😊😊 ♥♥♥♥ 😊😊😊😊😊😊 👩👩👩👩	47	32%
10	Rebus Writing	2nd	2	1,3%
11	All Lower Case	n/a	0	0%
	Total		148	100%



















































frequency words used by Charlie Puth for about 76.2%. Anne Marie has the higher common word used in daily communication than Charlie Puth. The low frequency words used by Charlie Puth are *damn*, *Shit*, *Fucking*, and so on. While, high frequency words used by Anne Marie are *coming*, *see*, *called* and so on. Anne Marie tend to use the common words to shares her feeling and opinions toward her tweets. But Charlie Puth, used several taboo word in his tweets. According by Coates (2004) said that male used swear and taboo words more than female.

The similarities found in Anne Marie and Charlie Puth tweets are, both of them did not used two features toward their tweets, those are asterisks for emphasis and description of actions. Both of them did not used asterisks for emphasis because they tend to used multiple punctuation to emphasis some words or sentences. Then function of description of actions was replace by another features that is emoticons. Besides that, written out laughter used by Anne Marie and Charlie Puth have the lowest frequency. As we know in Twitter there are only 140 characters in one tweet so both of them think that features of written out laughter will spend much place in their tweets. In order to be more efficient both of singer used emoticon that indicate laughter.

#### **4.2 Discussion**

In this part of this research, the writer explained the result of finding more detail and discuss some issues related in this topic that have been taken by the writer. The writer analyzed the similarities and differences of internet language features and dictions used by Anne Marie and Charlie Puth in their tweets.



means that female tend to abridge her words when write something than male. In order to save the time.

Emoticons is one of the most used by each singer. Anne Marie and Charlie Puth has similarity when used of emoticons. Both of them are used facial expression and random symbols. The variation of emoticons used by Anne Marie is bigger than Charlie Puth. Female are expressive than male. It can be seen that Anne Marie has 47 emoticons, while Charlie Puth has 24 emoticons. It shows that Anne Marie is more expressive to share her feelings toward her tweets than Charlie Puth. It is proved with some studied by Fabes & Martin (1991) explained that women are needed to express more emotions more than man.

In capital letters features, Charlie Puth used more various types than Anne Marie. The form of capital letters used by Charlie puth are appeared in the beginning, in the middle, and in the last of sentence. Whereas, the used capital letter by Anne Marie appeared only in the middle and the last of sentences. But the frequency found, Anne Marie is higher than Charlie Puth. In this case, female is tended to used capital letter than male. In order to attract people attentions.

Eccentric spelling features that found in Anne Marie and Charlie Puth are totally different. It can be seen from the table 4.1 and 4.2. Both of vowel and consonant are appeared in Anne Marie's tweets. But the consonant is more dominant than vowel which is used to attract reader attentions. In the other word, female like to used eccentric spelling to give intonation of word in writing communication.

Furthermore, music/noise that used by Anne Marie and Charlie Puth has similarities. Based on the table 4.1 and 4.2 the features of music/noise by Anne Marie and Charlie Puth appeared 5 times and 4 times of each singer. The most dominant form used by both of Anne Marie is use “*yashhh*” and Charlie Puth is use “*wowwwwww*”. Although its differ, but these two words have similar function to showing expressive mood and indicate triumph.

All lower case is found in Charlie Puth tweets, yet, it did not found in Anne Marie’s tweets. It can be seen on the table 4.1 and 4.2. In Charlie Puth tweets it appeared 3 times. Male tend to uses all lower case mostly for the names of people or for the first letters. Charlie Puth did not used the capitalization’s rules in his tweets. Because it takes more times to typed sentences when used the rules of capitalizations. According to Mandel & Van der Leun (1996, 61 in Dannet 2001) people use all lower case it can indicate the laziness and disrespect of that people.

Multiple punctuation is the highest features used by Charlie Puth. It is appeared 34 times. Meanwhile, in Anne Marie’s tweets is only appeared 25 times. The form of multiple punctuation used by both of singers are different. Anne Marie has 3 types of multiple punctuation, those are multiple exclamation mark, multiple ellipsis dots, and multiple question marks. Meanwhile, in Charlie Puth only appeared 2 types, such as multiple exclamation mark and multiple ellipsis dots. Charlie Puth has a dominant frequency when used multiple punctuation because he like to give emphasis of the words.





Therefore, in Charlie Puth's tweets, the writer found some of taboo word like *damn, shit, fucking*. It means that male tend to used taboo words when he wants to share his feeling. According by Coates (2004) said that male swear and used taboo words more than female.

The last part of speech that found in Anne Marie and Charlie Puth is adverbs. The differences that the writer found is in the Anne Marie's tweets used adverb of place, adverb of time, and adverb of manner. While, Charlie Puth only used adverb of place and adverb of time. The similarities that the writer found is both of them used words *just, soon, back, and now* as adverb of time and place. Both of Anne Marie and Charlie Puth tends to use past and present time.

From the findings, the writer found that Anne Marie and Charlie Puth tend to used more than two internet language features in a sentence. As well as the combination of eccentric spelling and emoticons or capital letters with multiple punctuations. In the other hand, diction that used by Anne Marie has a high frequency, in contras dictions used by Charlie Puth has a low frequency. Besides, he also used taboo word in his tweets. Internet language features and dictions found in Anne Marie and Charlie Puth's tweets shows a great variation in online communication. Based on the findings, the writer revealed that Anne Marie use more dominant Internet language features than Charlie Puth when they were typed tweets in their account of Twitter. As shown in table 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6 there are some differences in the frequency in using internet language features and dictions between Anne Marie and Charlie Puth. It can be concluded that Anne Marie are more expressive and playfulness in fulfill the absence of the features















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