

A Study of Acoustic-phonetic of “Saat Terakhir” Song by ST12 in Dangdut and Pop Versions

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ABSTRACT

This study is carried out due to the differences in the pronunciation of song lyrics between dangdut and pop singers. For example, dangdut singers pronounce the word */cinta/* in “Saat Terakhir” by ST12 as [cInta], while pop singers pronounce it as [c^hInc^ha]. The data were from “Saat Terakhir” by ST12 sung by Charly Van Houten and Lesti Kejora as they have a quite similar voice color. This study focuses on the acoustic-phonetic differences of the two singers including (a) duration, (b) frequency or pitch, and (3) intensity or voice. The data were obtained through downloading the song and analyzed using acoustic-phonetic theory with the help of the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) for phonetic transcription and Praat software for acoustic-phonetic analysis. The results indicate that in terms of pronunciation, the pop singer adds aspirated sounds of [h] to phonemes of /c/, /t/, and /d/ and pronounce the sound /t/ to [c^h] and [t^h], while the Dangdut singer tends to pronounce them in accordance with the rules of the language. The Dangdut singer tend to sing longer than pop singers with a duration of 42.067394 microseconds. Further, the Dangdut singer has a higher tone frequency than the pop singer of 533.2434584525848 Hz. Meanwhile, the pop singer has a higher voice loudness than the Dangdut singer with a scale of 86.16124255533789 dB.

Keywords: Acoustic-phonetics, dangdut singer, duration, frequency, intensity, pop singer.

1. INTRODUCTION

Indonesia has many genres of music and two of them are dangdut music and pop music. Setiaji (2017) mentions that dangdut has been an exist music genre since the 60s to present. Setiyan (2021) also mentions that dangdut and pop music are two of the many existing music genres in Indonesia. Even, these genres are still presented at national-scale music festivals, such as the Synchronize Festival.

This study chose a song entitled “Saat Terakhir” by ST12 which was sung by Charly Van Houten as a pop singer and Lesti Kejora as a dangdut singer. Both singers sang the same song and were popular on YouTube. Besides, their pronunciation is suspected to be different because of the different genres of music they practice. For example, in the song “Saat Terakhir”, Lesti pronounces the word */terjadi/* as [terjadi], while Charly pronounces it as [cherjadhi]. Therefore, this study can show that each genre of music has a different way of pronunciation and not all singers pronounce songs according to the sound rules of the language.

This shows that not all singers follow a good and correct pronunciation. Indeed, songs do not only serve as a mere entertainment. Nowadays, many people learn languages either in terms of pronunciation or vocabulary through songs. Songs with the correct pronunciation can be used as learning media. This is reinforced by the results of studies by Ifadah and Aimah (2012), Hasan (2017), and Ranuntu and Tulung (2018) in which songs are very effective in teaching pronunciation and enriching vocabulary. Thus, the analysis of pronunciation, tone frequency, and intensity of a song is highly considered in language teaching.

There are 3 relevant previous studies with the present study. First, a study by Alimi and Kassin (2018) which showed that phonological analysis in native Malay songs can help to assess the singer’s pronunciation adherence to Malay. Pronunciation of original Malay songs meets the rules of the Malay language, such as glottis, nasal assimilation, and others. Second, a study by Osatananda and Thinchana (2021) used Software Praat to identify teaching English pronunciation of 6 college students in Thailand. The results showed that Praat can help students to learn how to pronounce language authentically.

Thus, a study by Rahmatunisa and Syarifudin (2021) used Praat software to analyze suprasegmental sound elements in English debate and it showed that intonation and stress can affect the meaning of speech, especially in debating.

The difference between this present study and the previous studies are the data, instrument, and focus of the study. This study uses Praat software to analyze the duration, tone frequency, and intensity of a song sung by two singers with different musical genre backgrounds. Besides, this study also focuses on the pronunciation of pop and dangdut singers based on the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA). There is no acoustic phonetic analysis of songs using Praat software as a data analysis instrument thus far.

1.1. Phonology

Phonology is a linguistic study that studies, discusses, and analyzes the sounds of language produced by the human speech organs (Chaer, 2013; Katamba, 1992). Phonology is associated with the organization of speech in a particular language or with sound systems and patterns of a particular language. An important feature of the sentence structure is the pronunciation, the structure of the sound. Odden (2005) states that the pronunciation of certain words is a fundamental part of word structure. Indeed, the principles of pronunciation in languages can change over time. The study of phonology even touches on other linguistic domains. A common characterization of phonetics is related to physical “actual” sound as manifested in human speech and concentrates on acoustic waveforms, formant values, duration measurements in milliseconds, amplitude, and frequency, or in the physical principles underlying sound production.

1.2. Phonetics

Marsono (2013) states that phonetics is a study of language sound. It covers the frequency, intensity, timbre as air vibrations, and how the sound is received by the ear. Irawan (2017) states phonetics is the study of language sounds at the surface level and it is also called lower-level phonology. The sound of the language needs to be transcribed into phonetic transcription to identify the form of the sound of the language. Chaer (2013) states that phonetic transcription is the writing of language sounds accurately or precisely by using letters or phonetic writing. Phonetic letters are made based on modified Latin letters (alphabet) or with diacritical marks.

Further, Irawan (2017) explains that after the sounds of the language are transcribed, then the sounds are described with sound symbols referring to the International Phonetic Alphabet. Davenport and Hannahs (2005) state that articulatory phonetics relates to speech sounds and how they are made; auditory phonetics relates

to how they are perceived; and acoustic phonetics relates to the physics involved. However, this study only focuses on acoustic-phonetic analysis.

1.3. Acoustic Phonetics

Irawan (2017) states that acoustic phonetics is an interdisciplinary science of phonetics and acoustics. The object of acoustic-phonetic study is the sound of language when it propagates in the air and this study discusses sound waves and the frequency, pressure, and sound intensity (Chaer, 2013; Marsono, 2013). Further, it also examines the decibel scale, resonance, acoustics of sound production, and acoustic measurements.

Davenport and Hannahs (2005) mention that acoustic phonetics does not only focus on the physical properties of speech sounds, but also the linguistically relevant acoustic properties of speech sounds. Not all sounds produced by the human vocal are linguistic, for example, belching, coughing, and hiccups. Fry (1976) explains that acoustics in its wider use refers primarily to the study of the formation and measurement of sound waves, and acoustic phonetics have to use acoustic physical methods for the same objective that is to establish the nature of sound stimuli to the ear.

Salmani and Birjandi (2005) explain that acoustic phonetics can be defined as the study of sound waves produced by human vocal organs for communication. Speech sounds, like sound in general, are transmitted through the air as small, rapid variations in air pressure that propagate in longitudinal waves from the speaker’s mouth and can be heard, recorded, visualized, and measured.

2. METHOD

This study is a qualitative descriptive study. It describes qualitatively the pronunciation, duration, frequency, and intensity of a song “Saat Terakhir” sung by dangdut and pop singers. The data were from a song entitled “Saat Terakhir” sung by Lesti Kejora and Charly Van Houten on the Trinity YouTube channel. The data were collected by downloading, note-taking, and listening techniques. Then, the data were analyzed using phonetic analysis with the help of the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) and acoustic-phonetic analysis with the help of Praat software.

The steps of the note-taking technique in this study were 1) watching the video, 2) downloading the video, 3) recording the phonetic transcription of the pronunciation of Lesti Kejora and Charly Van Houten, and 4) recording the duration, the Hertz scale, and the decibel scale. Then, the steps of the listening technique covered 1) watching the video and 2) listening to the pronunciation, length of duration, vocal cord vibrations (frequency), and intensity of voice.

3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Findings

3.1.1 Phonetic Transcription of the Song

Table 1. Phonetic transcription of the song

| Lyrics | Phonetic Transcription by Lesti | Phonetic Transcription by Charly |
|---|---|--|
| Tak pernah terpikir olehku | [ta? pernah terfikir olehku] | [c ^h a? pernah terfikir olehku] |
| Tak sedikitpun kubayangkan | [ta? sədikitpUn kubayanʒkan] | [ta? sədikitpUn kubayanʒkan] |
| Kau akan pergi tinggalkanku sendiri | [ka _w akan pergi tɪŋgalkanku sendiri] | [ka _w akan pergi tɪŋgalkanku sendiri] |
| Di bawah batu nisan kini kau tlah sandarkan | [di bawah batu nisan kini ka _w tlah sandarkan] | [di bawah bat ^h u nisan kini ka _w tlah sandarkan] |
| Kasih sayang kamu begitu dalam | [kasɪh sayanʒ kamu bəgitu dalam] | [kasɪh sayanʒ kamu bəgitu d ^h alam] |
| Sungguh ku tak sanggup ini terjadi | [sUŋgUh ku ta? sangUp ini terjadi] | [sUŋgUh ku t ^h a? sangUp ini c ^h erjad ^h i] |
| Karena ku sangat cinta | [karəna ku sanʒat cɪnta] | [karəna ku sanʒat c ^h ɪnc ^h a] |

Based on Table 1, Lesti’s pronunciation remains consistent with the proper pronunciation of the letter sounds, for example, she pronounced the letter /d/ into [d], /t/ into [t] not [t^h], /b/ into [b], and so does for other letters. Besides, she glottaling the sound of the letter /k/ at the end of the word /tak/ into [ta?]. Meanwhile, Charly added an aspirated sound in the form of [h] when pronouncing the sounds of the letters /d/, /t/ and /c/, for example the letter /d/ into [d^h] in the word /terjadi/ which is pronounced as [c^herjad^hi] and the sound of the letter /t/ into [t^h] and [c^h], for example, the word /batu/ into [bat^hu] and the word /cinta/ into [c^hɪnc^ha]. He also eliminated the letter /k/ in the word /tak/ into [t^ha?].

Table 2. Phonetic transcription of the song

| Lyrics | Phonetic Transcription by Lesti | Phonetic Transcription by Charly |
|---|--|--|
| Inilah saat terakhirku melihat kamu | [inilah saat teraxɪrku məlihat kamu] | [inilah saat c ^h eraxɪrku məlihat kamu] |
| Jatuh air mataku menangis pilu | [jatUh air mataku mənənʒɪs pilu] | [jat ^h Uh air mac ^h aku mənənʒɪs pilu] |
| Hanya mampu ucapkan selamat jalan kasih | [haŋa mampu ucapkan səlamat jalan kasɪh] | [haŋa mampu ucapkan səlamat jalan kasɪh] |
| Satu jam saja ku telah bisa | [satu jam saja ku təlah bisa] | [satu jam saja ku c ^h əlah bisa] |
| Sayangi kamu di hatiku | [sayanʒi kamu di hatiku] | [sayanʒi kamu di hac ^h iku] |
| Namun bagiku lupakanmu | [namUn bagiku lupakanmu] | [namUn bagiku lupakanmu] |
| Butuh waktuku seumur hidup | [butUh waktuku səumUr hidUp] | [buc ^h Uh wake ^h uku səumUr hid ^h Up] |

Based on Table 2, Lesti’s pronunciation of the song “Saat Terakhir” tended to be in accordance with how the sound should be pronounced, for example, she pronounced the letter /t/ into [t] not [t^h] or [c^h] as Charly did. Charly pronounced the letters the same as Lesti, but the difference is that Charly pronounced the letter /t/ into [c^h] and the letter /d/ into [d^h]. Charly pronounced the letters /t/ into [t^h] and [c^h] as in the word /jatuh/ into [jat^hUh], /mataku/ into [mac^haku], and the word /terakhirku/ into [c^heraxɪrku].

3.1.2 Duration of the Song

Based on the total duration data on Table 3, the duration spent by Lesti is longer than Charly with a difference of 3.409010 microseconds. It means Lesti sang it with a longer duration than the original singer of the song, Charly. The difference in singing duration is because Lesti often uses *cengkok* at the beginning, middle, or end of song lyrics. Thus, her singing duration becomes longer than Charly’s.

3.1.3 Frequency of the Song

The contour of the tone or commonly referred to as the frequency can indicate the density of the sound. The denser the spectrum, the higher the density and the sound. The clearer the dark band on the spectrogram, the higher the Hz. Observe the image of the frequency below to see the density and highs and lows of the sound.

Table 3. Duration of the song

| Lyrics | Charly | Lesti |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Inilah | 0.780317 | 1.087581 |
| Saat | 0.629576 | 0.679139 |
| Terakhirku | 1.658395 | 1.550034 |
| Melihat | 1.274507 | 1.302348 |
| Kamu | 0.850117 | 0.967814 |
| Jatuh | 0.807691 | 0.696946 |
| Air | 0.680194 | 0.636173 |
| Mataku | 1.534391 | 1.698955 |
| Menangis | 1.415753 | 1.369642 |
| Pilu | 1.092503 | 0.831740 |
| Inilah | 1.041395 | 1.062395 |
| Saat | 0.685751 | 0.582040 |
| Terakhirku | 1.552792 | 1.592051 |
| Melihat | 1.339973 | 1.369506 |
| Kamu | 0.891713 | 1.379179 |
| Selamat | 0.793723 | 1.169767 |
| Jalan | 1.320708 | 0.775681 |
| Kasih | 2.384556 | 5.098640 |
| Lupakanmu | 2.075181 | 1.998976 |
| Butuh | 1.229313 | 1.310428 |
| Waktuku | 1.974352 | 2.099229 |
| Seumur | 1.713588 | 1.959281 |
| Hidup | 1.690370 | 1.528368 |
| Total Duration | 29.445110 | 32.854120 |

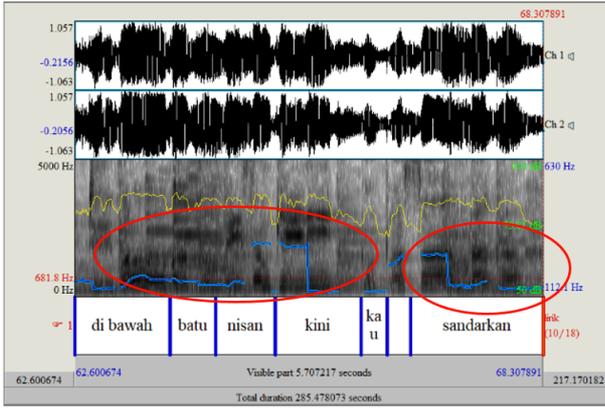


Figure 1 Frequency of the song by Charly Van Houten.

Based on Figure 1, the highest density is in the words “nisan” and “kini” in accordance with the red circle above. Besides, the density of sound also lies in the words “di bawah”, “stone”, and “sandarkan” because the dark band is quite dense, but not as dense as the words “nisan” and “kini”. Meanwhile, no dark band on lyrics “kau” indicates that there is no density, and Charly’s voice is not at a high pitch.

The dark band of the frequency of Lesti Kejora is clearer in the vibration of her vocal cords. Almost all the words in the lyrics of “di bawah batu nisan kini kau tlah sandarkan” have a very thick concentration. It indicates that Lesti Kejora sings the lyrics in a high tone.

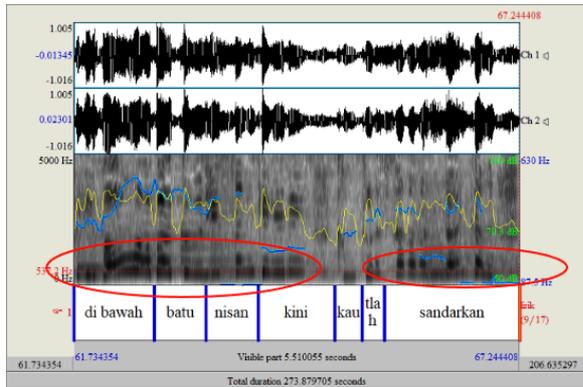


Figure 2 Frequency of the song by Lesti Kejora.

Based on Table 4, the highest frequency of Charly reaches 222.5675036521646 Hz in the word “tlah”. But that word has a very short duration of 0.285667 microseconds so that the dark band is not visible. Then, the highest frequency can also be found in the words “nisan” and “kini”. It is in line with Figure 1 which shows that the word “nisan” and “kini” have a thick sound density. Besides, the word “tlah” becomes the lowest frequency with 97.74466219454082 Hz. Meanwhile, the highest frequency of Lesti is 442.4129223181451 Hz in the word “batu”. Besides, the word “di bawah” also has a high frequency of 367.8091985892726 Hz.

Figure 2 shows the visualization of the frequency of Lesti that the word “di bawah” and “batu” have a very dense spectrogram, even the vibrations of the sound can be seen. Lesti also has a large frequency for the word “tlah” which is 364,82022313836035 Hz. Both have the shortest duration of the lyrics of other words. However, apart from density and frequency, Lesti’s tone density is higher than Charly’s, and even Lesti Kejora’s highest frequency is twice Charly Van Houten’s.

Based on Figure 3 and 4, on the words “inilah”, “saat”, “terakhirku”, “menangis”, and “pilu” have dark band on the spectrogram. The same with the previous figure, the dark band on the spectrogram can be an indicator of a higher density and tone in that part.

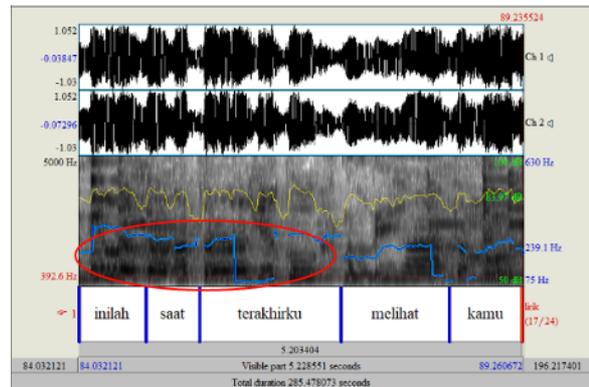


Figure 3 Frequency of the song by Charly Van Houten.

Table 4. Frequency of the song

| Lyrics | Charly | Lesti |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Di bawah | 136.02594355996754 Hz | 367.8091985892726 Hz |
| Batu | 136.19029727681882 Hz | 442.4129223181451 Hz |
| Nisan | 182.53035152898622 Hz | 225.41334101885988 Hz |
| Kini | 187.22812917336785 Hz | 215.64133542890528 Hz |
| Kau | 97.74466219454082 Hz | 293.6148764005714 Hz |
| Tlah | 222.5675036521646 Hz | 364.82022313836035 Hz |
| Sandarkan | 152.4610920492718 Hz | 248.19917810742487 Hz |

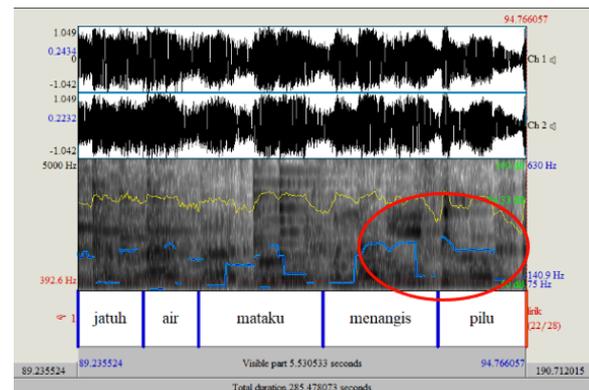


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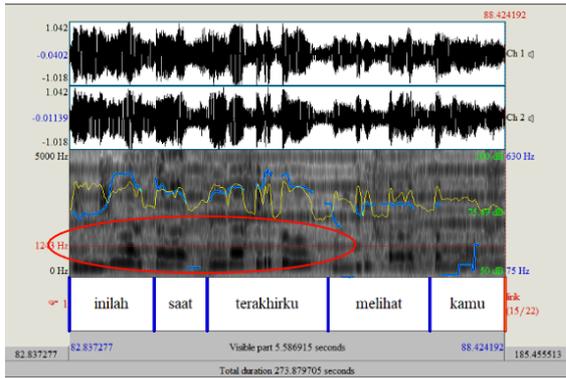


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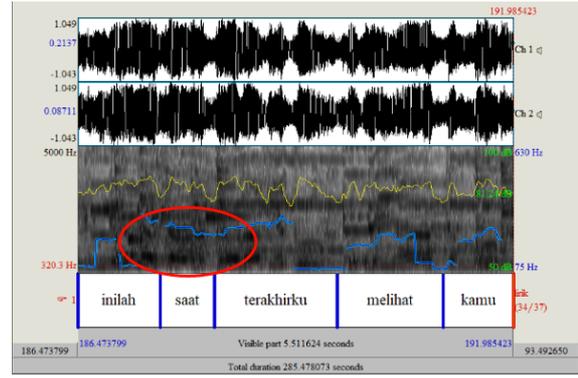


Figure 7 Frequency of the song by Charly Van Houten.

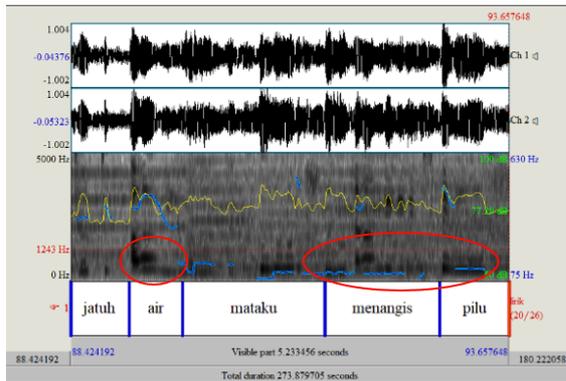


Figure 6 Frequency of the song by Lesti Kejora.

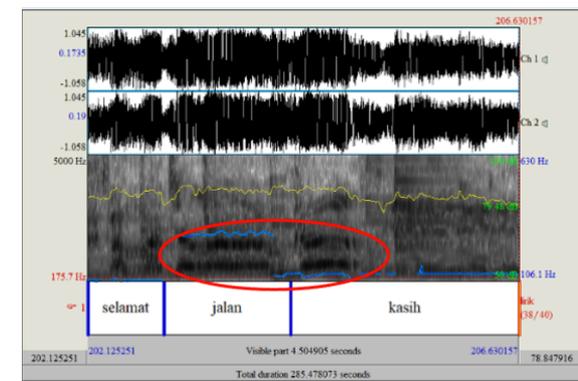


Figure 8 Frequency of the song by Charly Van Houten.

Based on Figure 5 and 6, the lyrics of “*inilah*”, “*saat*”, “*terakhirku*”, and “*air*” show a concentrated spectrogram. In particular, in the lyric “*inilah saat terakhirku*” the density is very visible when compared to the lyric of “*air*”. It shows that the frequency (Hz) in the lyric of “*inilah saat terakhirku*” and the lyrics of “*air*” is different because the darker the dark band on the spectrogram, the higher the frequency (Hz).

Based on Figure 7 and 8, a dark band can be seen in the spectrogram, especially in the lyrics of “*saat*”, “*terakhirku*” and “*jalan*.” The lyrics shows a density and high voice. The density can be determined based on the presence of the dark band on the spectrogram.

Based on the frequency data in Table 5, the highest frequency of Charly is 272.5434960153962 Hz for the word “*inilah*”, 268.8739827473333 Hz for the word

“*saat*”, 226.2608128629321 Hz for the word “*terakhirku*”, and 236.24945416612942 Hz for the word “*pilu*”. Meanwhile, the highest frequency of Lesti’s frequency is 426.1415870433368 Hz for the word “*inilah*”, 352.36422216561186 Hz for the word “*saat*”, 471.426392119308 Hz for the word “*terakhirku*”, and 383.9726533754091 Hz for the word “*air*.” Lesti’s frequency is presented in Figure 6 with the density on the words of “*inilah*”, “*saat*”, “*terakhirku*”, and “*air*”.

Table 5. Frequency of the song

| Lyrics | Charly | Lesti |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Inilah</i> | 272.5434960153962 Hz | 426.1415870433368 Hz |
| <i>Saat</i> | 268.8739827473333 Hz | 352.36422216561186 Hz |
| <i>Terakhirku</i> | 226.2608128629321 Hz | 471.426392119308 Hz |
| <i>Melihat</i> | 210.47274603925084 Hz | 332.1981732221228 Hz |
| <i>Kamu</i> | 226.29243678308492 Hz | 156.11500536055868 Hz |
| <i>Jatuh</i> | 189.48342328723757 Hz | 360.4354424583988 Hz |
| <i>Air</i> | 168.84040746516402 Hz | 383.9726533754091 Hz |
| <i>Matakmu</i> | 176.3151139913008 Hz | 140.1237354653436 Hz |
| <i>Menangis</i> | 209.45557001326017 Hz | 134.66437488556517 Hz |
| <i>Pilu</i> | 236.24945416612942 Hz | 224.35518530064516 Hz |

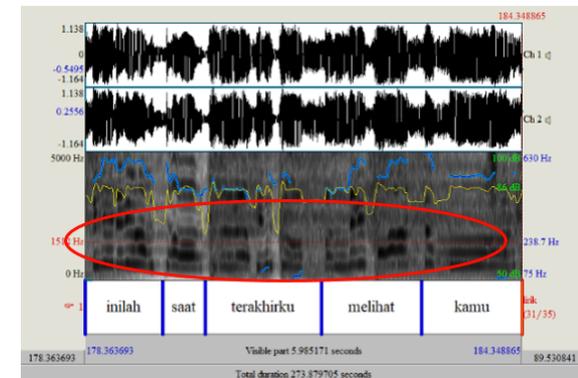


Figure 9 Frequency of the song by Lesti Kejora.

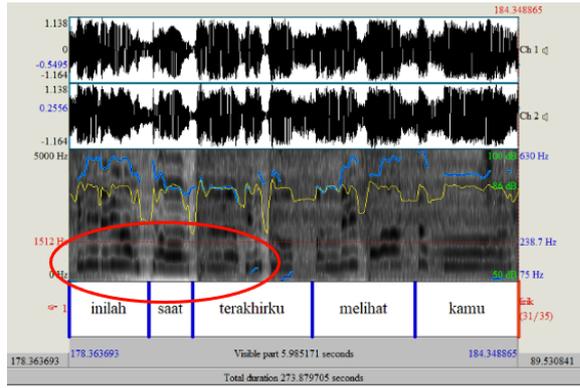


Figure 10 Frequency of the song by Lesti Kejora.

Table 6. Frequency of the song

| Lyrics | Charly | Lesti |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Inilah</i> | 199.22143185419395 Hz | 514.815103806664 Hz |
| <i>Saat</i> | 267.65867197648856 Hz | 480.0300809841492 Hz |
| <i>Terakhirku</i> | 216.05764516835785 Hz | 399.4380914441164 Hz |
| <i>Melihat</i> | 183.93162682912796 Hz | 533.2434584525848 Hz |
| <i>Kamu</i> | 212.73367318799114 Hz | 457.7674385113408 Hz |
| <i>Selamat</i> | 81.73568161507606 Hz | 464.15593671628557 Hz |
| <i>Jalan</i> | 265.6443133234369 Hz | 434.13139142618866 Hz |
| <i>Kasih</i> | 108.48239302905434 Hz | 169.9494216265146 Hz |

Based on Lesti’s frequency on Figure 9 and Figure 10, there are many dark bands in the spectrogram. The dark band on the spectrogram and blue wavy lines indicate that Lesti’s vocal cords are vibrating. The more vibrating the vocal cords, the higher the pitch frequency.

As seen in Table 6, the highest frequency of Charly’s is 267.65867197648856 Hz for the word “*saat*”, 216.05764516835785 Hz for the word “*terakhirku*”, and 265.6443133234369 Hz for the word “*jalan*”. Meanwhile, Lesti’s highest frequency is higher than Charly’s. For example, in the word “*melihat*”, her frequency is 533.2434584525848 Hz, while his frequency is 83.93162682912796 Hz. Differences in density, vibration, and high and low sound are visible from the image and frequency data.

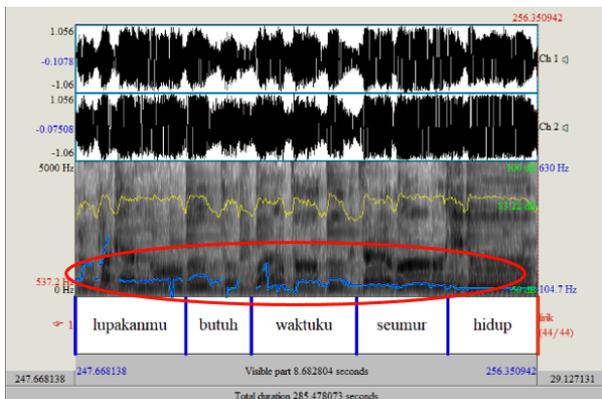


Figure 11 Frequency of the song by Charly Van Houten.

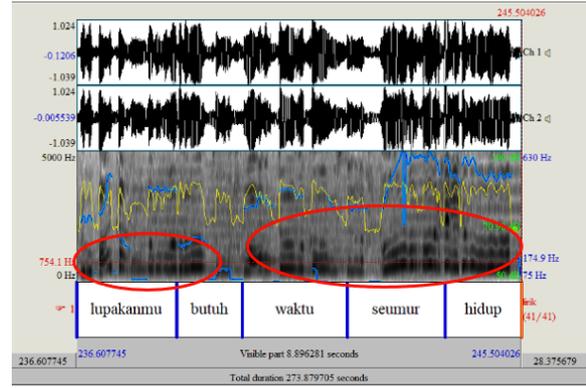


Figure 12 Frequency of the song by Lesti Kejora.

Table 7. Frequency of the song

| Lyrics | Charly | Lesti |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Lupakanmu</i> | 159.1075883664097 Hz | 317.3241527693762 Hz |
| <i>Butuh</i> | 139.7353969500439 Hz | 166.7459964401929 Hz |
| <i>Waktuku</i> | 130.89985618906144 Hz | 324.3902597198768 Hz |
| <i>Seumur</i> | 123.83958926154735 Hz | 465.0161978583005 Hz |
| <i>Hidup</i> | 110.40277072145003 Hz | 528.3917548852684 Hz |

Based on Figure 11, there is a dark band on Charly’s spectrogram. However, the dark band is not clear when compared to Lesti’s. In Figure 12, the dark band on the spectrogram is very clear, especially in the lyrics “*hidup*”, dark band and sound vibrations are clear and dense.

Based on Table 7, the frequency of Charly in each of his words is not too much of a difference. His highest frequency is 159.1075883664097 Hz in the word “*lupakanmu*”, and the lowest frequency is 110.40277072145003 Hz in the word “*hidup*.” Meanwhile, the frequency of Lesti’s tone is quite high and the difference from one word to another is quite significant. Her highest frequency is 528.3917548852684 Hz in the word “*hidup*” and her lowest frequency is 166.7459964401929 Hz in the word “*butuh*”. When compared, the lowest frequency of Lesti is higher than the highest frequency of Charly. In other words, the word “*hidup*” is the lowest frequency of Charly, but this word has the highest frequency for Lesti. The highest frequency of Lesti is even three times higher than that of Charly.

3.1.4 Intensity of the Song

Intensity can indicate loudness of voice. The larger the decibel scale (dB), the louder the sound and vice versa. Based on Table 8, Charly’s highest decibel scale is 85.55663681273677 dB on the word “*di bawah*”, while the lowest decibel scale is 78.92998148378989 dB on the word “*tlah*”.

Table 8. Intensity of the song

| Lyrics | Charly | Lesti |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Di bawah</i> | 85.55663681273677 dB | 82.629442556414 dB |
| <i>Batu</i> | 85.10677538477125 dB | 82.14093155562736 dB |
| <i>Nisan</i> | 84.85577175493462 dB | 79.48348905098789 dB |
| <i>Kini</i> | 83.87060073273509 dB | 79.88786245327705 dB |
| <i>Kau</i> | 78.95820782911686 dB | 75.2074433031461 dB |
| <i>Tlah</i> | 78.92998148378989 dB | 78.10920730557145 dB |
| <i>Sandarkan</i> | 83.81536777989025 dB | 80.18184229355839 dB |
| <i>Kamu</i> | 81.12662227896804 dB | 83.40854820152993 dB |
| <i>Kamu</i> | 80.69640851343543 dB | 83.54625157759298 dB |
| <i>Kamu</i> | 79.91490426509253 dB | 82.08564534255569 dB |
| <i>Di hatiku</i> | 82.0489467931982 dB | 82.84965579760214 dB |

In contrast to Charly, Lesti’s highest decibel scale is 83.54625157759298 dB for the word “*kamu*”, while the lowest decibel scale is 75.2074433031461 dB for the word “*kau*”. The intensity and frequency of the tone between dangdut and pop singers are contradictory. In terms of frequency, Lesti’s tone has a higher Hz scale than Charly’s, then the decibel scale is the exact opposite. Charly has a decibel scale higher than Lesti.

Based on Table 9, Charly’s highest decibel scale is 86.16124255533789 dB for the word “*jalan*”, while the lowest decibel scale is 83.24356352711888 dB for the word “*pilu*”. Meanwhile, Lesti’s highest decibel scale is 85.07487013039524 dB for the word “*selamat*”, while the lowest decibel scale is 77.61912396226836 dB for the word “*jatuh*”. The same with the previous table, Charly’s intensity or decibel scale is higher than Lesti’s. It shows that Charly’s voice sounded louder than Lesti’s.

3.2. Discussion

Based on the findings, this study shows that dangdut singer tends to pronounce language sounds according to the sound rules of the language. It can be seen through the results of phonetic transcription. Meanwhile, the pop

Table 9. Intensity of the song

| Lyrics | Charly | Lesti |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Inilah</i> | 84.8615486410138 dB | 84.7794616244387 dB |
| <i>Saat</i> | 84.10009329666515 dB | 82.06998119368484 dB |
| <i>Terakhirku</i> | 84.55916425535428 dB | 83.33278918621681 dB |
| <i>Melihat</i> | 83.30274717261476 dB | 80.18924583333657 dB |
| <i>Kamu</i> | 84.91042895658669 dB | 80.7972190026 dB |
| <i>Jatuh</i> | 84.78220434915458 dB | 77.61912396226836 dB |
| <i>Air</i> | 84.52882601103161 dB | 81.62539184240865 dB |
| <i>Mataku</i> | 84.55017180088355 dB | 81.75822315524727 dB |
| <i>Menangis</i> | 84.85502893517574 dB | 81.24892183096394 dB |
| <i>Pilu</i> | 83.24356352711888 dB | 83.292043835407 dB |
| <i>Inilah</i> | 85.05105927451608 dB | 84.5057321547872 dB |
| <i>Saat</i> | 84.4642083031797 dB | 83.32861033492422 dB |
| <i>Terakhirku</i> | 84.00823705911992 dB | 84.47360781404568 dB |
| <i>Melihat</i> | 83.3923098024186 dB | 84.24191597377659 dB |
| <i>Kamu</i> | 83.46672380569038 dB | 84.82612625595075 dB |
| <i>Selamat</i> | 84.7260204635299 dB | 85.07487013039524 dB |
| <i>Jalan</i> | 86.16124255533789 dB | 84.87972727439994 dB |
| <i>Kasih</i> | 84.0606707968209 dB | 84.03193046245585 dB |

singer tends to add aspirated sounds in the form of [h] to the phonemes /c/, /t/, and /d/ and pronounce the sound /t/ into [c^h] and [t^h], for example, the word /tak/ into [c^ha?], the word /terjadi/ into [c^herjad^hi], the word /cInta/ into [c^hInc^ha], the word /jatUh/ into [jat^hUh], and the word /hidUp/ into [hid^hUp]. A study by Andriyana (2020) also shows that the addition of aspirated sounds occurs in the phoneme /r/, such as the word /rumah/ which becomes [r^humah]. Based on the results of the transcription of the words, the pop singer’s pronunciation is different. Then, from the transcription, it can be seen that pop singers mostly pronounce the sound of the letter /t/ into [c^h]. The data shows that the singer’s compliance in pronouncing the sounds of the letters can be seen from the way of sings. Alimi and Kassin (2018) showed that phonological analysis in the original Malay song can help to assess the singer’s pronunciation compliance with the Malay language.

The duration of the dangdut singer’s singing in the song “*Saat Terakhir*” is longer than that of a pop singer. The dangdut singer spent 32.854120 microseconds, while pop singers spent 29.445110 microseconds. The biggest factor that affects the duration of singing is the use of *cengkok* by the dangdut singer. Besides affecting the duration of singing, *cengkok* also affects the frequency or vibration of the vocal cords of the dangdut singer. The frequency of the dangdut singer is higher than the pop singer with the highest frequency of 533.2434584525848 Hz in the word “*melihat*” and the pop singer’s highest frequency is 272.5434960153962 Hz in the word “*inilah*”. The frequency shows the vibrations of the vocal cords which are indicated by the Hertz (Hz) scale. The larger the Hertz scale, the more vibrating the vocal cords. If visualized through the Praat software, it can be indicated by the dark band on the spectrogram.

In contrast to the frequency, the intensity or loudness of the pop singer’s voice is greater than the dangdut singer with 86.16124255533789 dB in the word “*jalan*” while the intensity of the dangdut singers is 85.07487013039524 dB in the word “*selamat*”. The higher the decibel scale, the greater the sound received by the ear. The human hearing threshold is 0 dB, while the human pain threshold is 120 dB (Salmani & Birjandi, 2005).

The average decibel scale of the pop singer in each lyric also tends to have a larger decibel scale than the dangdut singer. It shows that the higher the intensity (dB) does not mean the larger the frequency (Hz). There is no study on acoustic phonetics that uses songs as data and compares them based on song genres so the findings of this study cannot be associated with the previous study.

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the analysis above, it can be concluded that the pronunciation of the sound /t/ between

pop singers and dangdut singers is different. The pop singer pronounces the sound of the letter /t/ into [t^h] and [c^h], while the dangdut singer pronounces the sound of the letter according to the language rules. The duration of the singing of the dangdut singer is relatively longer as at the end of the lyrics, the dangdut singer often inserts *cengkok*. Then, the frequency, the density of the voice of Lesti are higher than that of Charly. Furthermore, the intensity or loudness of Charly's voice is greater than Lesti. Therefore, it can be concluded that the higher the frequency (Hz) does not mean the greater the intensity (dB).

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