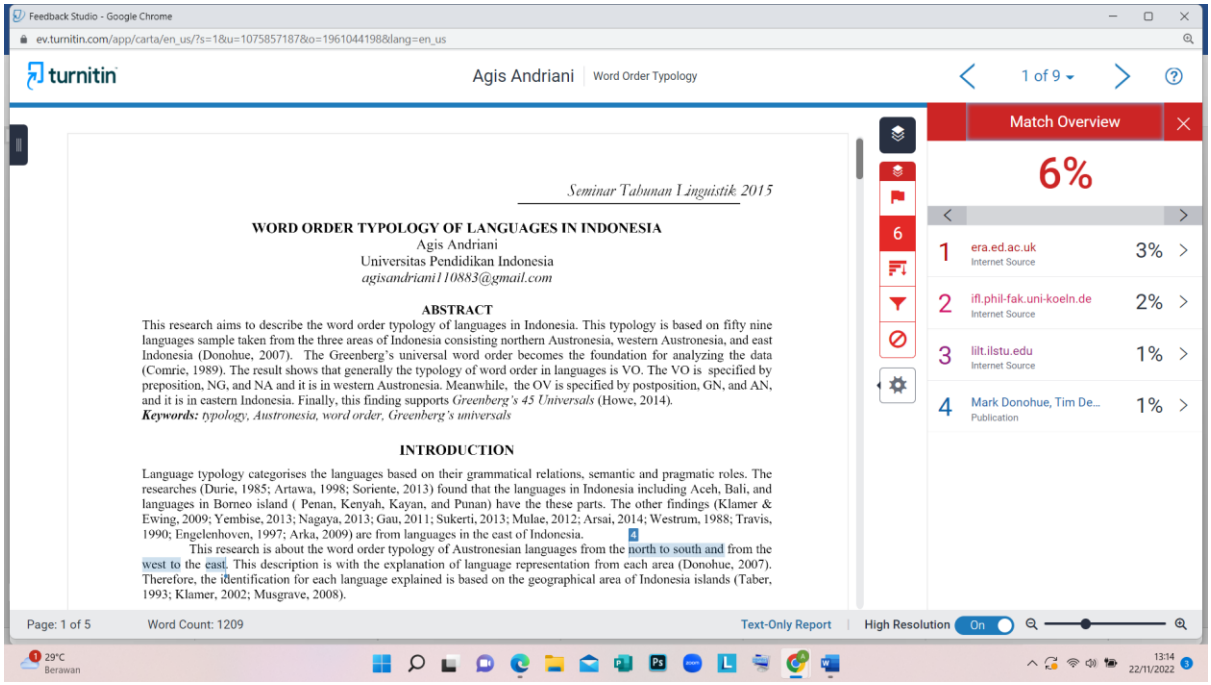
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WORD ORDER TYPOLOGY OF LANGUAGES IN INDONESIA
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ABSTRACT
This research aims to describe the word order typology of languages in Indonesia. This typology is based on fifty nine languages sample taken from the three areas of Indonesia consisting northern Austronesia, western Austronesia, and east Indonesia (Donohue, 2007). The Greenberg's universal word order becomes the foundation for analyzing the data (Comrie, 1989). The result shows that generally the typology of word order in languages is VO. The VO is specified by preposition, NG, and NA and it is in western Austronesia. Meanwhile, the OV is specified by postposition, GN, and AN, and it is in eastern Indonesia. Finally, this finding supports Greenberg's 45 Universals (Howe, 2014).
Keywords: typology, Austronesia, word order, Greenberg's universals
INTRODUCTION
Language typology categorises the languages based on their grammatical relations, semantic and pragmatic roles. The researches (Durie, 1985; Artawa, 1998; Soriente, 2013) found that the languages in Indonesia including Aceh, Bali, and languages in Borneo island ( Penan, Kenyah, Kayan, and Punan) have the these parts. The other findings (Klamer & Ewing, 2009; Yembise, 2013; Nagaya, 2013; Gau, 2011; Sukerti, 2013; Mulae, 2012; Arsai, 2014; Westrum, 1988; Travis, 1990; Engelenhoven, 1997; Arka, 2009) are from languages in the east of Indonesia.
This research is about the word order typology of Austronesian languages from the north to south and from the west to the east. This description is with the explanation of language representation from each area (Donohue, 2007). Therefore, the identification for each language explained is based on the geographical area of Indonesia islands (Taber, 1993; Klamer, 2002; Musgrave, 2008).
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