



## The Formation of Indonesian and Japanese Affixal Negation

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### Abstract

*There is still a lack of interest in researching affixal negation, especially among linguists, although the phenomenon of construction formation is interesting to explore. It has been understood that the negation dichotomy that Klima introduced is still commonly used in classifying the form of negation. It is classified into two forms: sentential and constituent negation. Based on Klima's negation dichotomy, it can be said that affixal negation is part of the subdomain in constituent negation. Indonesian and Japanese used the same strategy in constructing the affixal negation. Both languages use the negative prefix, which attaches to other constituents, to form the affixal negation construction. This research tries to explore and compare the process as well as the principles of forming the affixal negation in both Indonesian and Japanese. The main source of data used for this research is primarily taken from dictionaries and published articles related to negation. The comparison analysis is done using a theoretical contrastive analysis method to determine the contrast features and variables in Indonesian and Japanese affixal negation formation. The analyzed data shows that the borrowed affixes, change of sounds, word element, and derivation process are the main contrast features in affixal negation formation, especially in Indonesian and Japanese. In addition, the affixation process, role, and flexibility are the variable features during affixal negation formation in both languages.*

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### Introduction

Negation is one of the universal grammatical systems that hold interesting problems to be analyzed. One of them is related to the scope of the affixal negation constituent, which the researcher explores. This article describes some interesting ideas

about the word formation process involving affixal negation in both Indonesian and Japanese. In discussing the construction of affixal negation, it is crucial to differentiate between negative and negation. Negative is the element that can produce the negation construction. The form shares the same entity as it can also produce other words whose

meaning does not have negation at all. Creating the affixal negation construction requires the negative affix attached to other word units. Negative affixes in Indonesian and Japanese both have the ability to create grammatical and meaningful negation. When treated as grammatical in negative, the affixal negation construction does not always create meaning related to negation. This paper will address how it can happen.

Negation is a *sine qua non* of every human language but is absent from the other complex systems of animal communication (Déprez & Espinal, 2020; Horn, 2010). Through negation, humans can disclaim and deny an idea or concept. Research about negation has been done since Aristotle and it has been developed in other scientific fields; one of them is linguistics. Aristotle explained that the core of negation theory is an opposition system among paired terms (Horn, 1978). The opposition is classified into four categories. They are 1) Correlation (between two relatives), e.g., *double vs. half*; 2) Contrariety (between two contraries), e.g., *good vs. bad*; 3) Privation (private to positive), e.g., *blind vs. sight*; and 4) Contradiction (affirmative to negative), e.g., *he sits vs. he does not sit*.

Classification of negation categories has been developed through research, especially in linguistics. It was started by an opposition statement from Aristoteles, and more classifications of negations were expanded after him. Jespersen (1917) classifies negation as special negation and nexal negation. Klima (1964), on the other hand, classifies it as sentence negation and constituent negation. Another negation classification is from Payne (1985), who differentiates negation into standard negation, negated quantifier, inherently negative quantifier, negated adverbial, and inherently negated adverbs. This was followed by Horn (1989), who divided negation into descriptive negation and metalinguistics negation. Varied classifications of negation are proposed by language experts, but the person concerned with the discussion of negation form is Klima (1964).

One classification of negation that focuses on discussing form was carried out by Klima (1964). This theory consists of negation dichotomies that differ into constituent and sentence. Although some scholars disagree with this theory, others found similarities between the theory and other languages outside English. Affixal negation is one of the negation subdomains of constituent negation, and it focuses on the implication of affixes in forming the negation construction within a language. In his study, he included morphology, syntax, and semantics in describing the characteristic element that contributes to the formation of the affixal negation category (Joshi, 2020).

The growth of research concentrating on negation comparison in Indonesia is still limited, but not in Japanese. One of the initial research was completed by Sya'diah (2016), who compares Indonesian negations and Mange (local language of North Maluku, Indonesia) and then followed by Syafar (2020), Sulaiman (2020), dan Adiantika (2020), who compared Indonesian and English. Triyono, Sahayu, and Margana (2020) compare Indonesian negation with Germany. The contrastive research between Indonesian and other languages still focuses on sentence negation; none of them concentrate on affixal negation construction as descriptive or contrastive research. In the Japanese language, several studies have the main function of comparative research, including Weinreich (1964) and Nomura (1973), who compare the Japanese affixal negation. Other contrastive research with other languages has also been conducted by Fujita (1975) and Nishioka (1999) that compare Japanese and English and then Kato & Kato (2009) with Spanish as well as Hiraide (2020). Research that compares the negation in Japanese and Korean has also been done by Kim & Sells (2011) and Yoon (2013), and Danielewicz (2016) tries to compare Japanese with Arabic. Contrastive research on affixal negation in Indonesian and Japanese has never been done.

Improvement is needed in research about affixal negation in Indonesian. Currently, there is no specific research that focuses on this issue, and none of them tries to compare it to other languages. It is also the main reason this paper

will try to describe the similarities and differences of affixal negation in Indonesian and Japanese.

## Methodology

The main source of data on this article is taken from dictionaries and articles that have been published, especially those that discuss negation. The dictionaries used in this research are *Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia* (the fifth edition), which will be named *KBBI V*, and *Nihongo Kokugo Daijiten* or *NKD*. *KBBI V* was chosen as the main source as it is the most complete raw data for Indonesian vocabulary, the same as *Nihongo Kokugo Daijiten* dictionaries, which is also the complete source for Japanese.

The analysis of the data was done using the contrastive linguistic approach, which is suitable for comparing languages within language studies (Whitman, 1970). As one of the approaches that can be used in comparing language, there are at least two analytical methods, including theoretical contrastive analysis and applied contrastive analysis (Ke, 2019). In theoretical contrastive analysis, the analytical steps in comparing the language use the general grammatical theories, which are later followed by observing the universal categories or universal features. The universal category (X) is common to all languages or at least to the pair of languages being compared. The contrastive analysis task is to examine how these universal categories or features (X) are recognized and used in particular languages, for example, A and B. In contrastive morphology, the universal category X can be a group of morphological features. Contrastive theory then compares how language A and language B rely on this set of morphological features to form their respective X<sub>a</sub> and X<sub>b</sub> morphological systems and in what way the two systems differ from each other (Ke, 2019).

This research used a contrastive linguistic approach to find similarities and differences in affixal negation in Indonesian and Japanese. As a result, the first step in analyzing the data is to determine the universal grammatical features of the languages analyzed and then compare how

Indonesian and Japanese enforce the universal features from the perspective features to compare how both languages prevail toward the systems (Ke, 2019). This research compared the affixal negation between two languages. The theory of negation is that affixal is commonly used to compare the formation of affixal negation construction in two languages. The classification of negative affixes used in this research was referred to by Sudaryono (1993) for Indonesian and Kishimoto (2018) for Japanese. Both kinds of research are chosen because they can elaborate most of the native affixes that can form affixal negation construction in detail and complete. Based on the clarification, data that contain negative affixes will be classified based on their form.

After the classification, the data were analyzed and determined based on the valid system during affixal negation formation. The analysis of theoretical contrastive was bidirectional or multidirectional because it analyzes the universal features of grammar from multi-language perspectives (Ke, 2019). The study included the process of affixal negation formation in Indonesian and Japanese. Through analysis, the same features between the two languages were unveiled and they were mentioned constantly while the differences were named as variables. Constant variables were also named *tertium comparationis* in Latin, which means common ground that unifies two compared elements, abbreviated as TC.

## Results and Discussion

### *Affixal negation in Indonesian*

Affixal negation formation includes prefixes and suffixes (Joshi, 2020). Both Indonesian and Japanese use the same strategies in affixal negation formation by including prefixes. Some of the Indonesian prefixes that can be used to form negation affixes are *a-*, *awa-*, *de-*, *des-*, *dis-*, *in-*, *im-*, *i-*, *non-*, *nir-*, *tan-*, and *tuna-* (Sudaryono, 1993). These affixes can also be called negative affixes because they can be used to form negation construction. Some of the negative affixes in Indonesian originated from the local language and foreign language, those that are taken from the local language are: *awa-*, *tan-*, *tuna-*, and

*nir-*. Prefixes *awa-*, *tan-*, and *tuna-* originated from the old Java language while *nir-* is taken from Balinese (Sealang, 2005). The use of these prefixes can be seen in the following samples:

- (1) *Awaracun* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 134)  
'Doesn't contain poison'
- (2) *Nirguna* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 1149)  
'Useless'
- (3) *Tansuara* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 1671)  
'Without voice'
- (4) *Tunadaksa* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 1790)  
'Body defect'

Affix *awa-*, *nir-*, *tan-*, and *tuna-* are words taken from the local language originating from the Sanskrit language (Sealang, 2005). It has been understood that the process of affixal negation formation can be done by attaching the negative affix to a single word. Affix is a bound morpheme attached to words and is also an independent morpheme. However, it is also common to find its use where the words do not have the basic words, as shown in the following example.

- (5) *Nirwana* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 1149)  
'A condition 'without soul' (an expression in Budism)'

*Nirwana* is a word that is borrowed entirely; as a result, the word *wana* without affixal does not have the meaning that constitutes *nirwana*. *Wana* in Indonesian has two meanings which are "forest" and "tribes" that live in the Poso region, Central Sulawesi Province (KBBI V, 2021).

Besides the negative affix from the local language, Indonesian also loans negative affixes from English. Some of them are generally variants of sounds of the other affixes. However, in Indonesian, these affixes are classified by their forms as it is shown in the following data:

- (6) *Degradasi* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 362)  
'Degradation'
- (7) *Desorientasi* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 381)  
'Disorientation'
- (8) *Disinformasi* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 396)  
'Disinformation'

Affixes *de-* and *des-* are realizations of prefix *de-* originated from Latin *de-* 'off, from' via Old French *des-* which is also taken from Latin *dis-* (Oxford Dictionary, 2023). Indonesian borrows *de-* in English and objectify it as *des-*. Although *des-* is the form that is used in Old French, it can still be understood that affix *des-* in Indonesian resulted from English, as shown by the words attached to affix *des-* on the data, which are words that originated from English.

Datum (7) is not normative datum in Indonesian. The form of the words is actually *disorientasi* using the *dis-* prefix. However, datum (7) is still valid because it presents in *KBBI*, meaning that the words have been approved as the official words in Indonesian. In addition, the prefix *des-* has also been approved as a prefix in Indonesian.

The same variation also happens to *i-*, *in-*, and *im-* which is the other form of the prefix *in-*. As it is shown in the following data:

- (9) *Illegal* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 628)  
'Illegal'
- (10) *Imperfek* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 632)  
'Imperfect'
- (11) *Informal* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 641)  
'Informal'

Prefix *i-* acts as a negative affix on datum (9) and is borrowed from the prefix *il-* in English. Prefix *il-*, *ir-*, and *im-* are the variations which are resulted from the assimilation process from the prefix *in-* which is absorbed from English and Latin (Chapman and Skousen, 2005). The prefix *im-* and *in-* from datum (10) and datum (11) are taken as they are from the source language.

When a negative affix is attached to the word that is disclaimed, there are not many changes in terms of sound. The changes come from the omission of sound which commonly happens when the prefix that is used is *dis-*. As it is shown in the following datum.

- (12) *Distabilitas* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 398)  
'Instability'

When prefix *dis-* attached to words that begin with /s/ such as *stabilitas*, the omission of one sound /s/ will make the final word

change as *distabilitas* as shown on datum (12). This form is also present in other forms such as *instabilitas*, which is absorbed as it is from its original English language, *instability*. Both words *distabilitas* and *instabilitas* share the same meaning. The process of word formation is pretty interesting to be explored. *Dis-* as a prefix is absorbed into Indonesian from English. *Stabilitas* is also taken from English, which means *stability*. Then there is consistency during the borrowing of word elements from the same language source, it might imply that the result of the loanword process will be *instabilitas*. However, in Indonesian, it presents not only in its original form, *instabilitas*, but also *distabilitas*.

In English, the word formation process with the prefix *dis-* does not indicate the omission of sound, as shown in the datum (12). It can also be seen in the following words, such as *dissatisfaction* and *disseason*, where the *dis-* as prefix attaches to *satisfaction* and *season* without the omission of the sound /s/. Datum (12) shows that the construction of an affixal negation that consists of a negative affix with words attached to it are both components that are borrowed separately. Because loan words are also present in Indonesian without the attachment of negative prefixes. Besides being loaned separately, there is also intact form of loan word process in affixal negation construction, as it is seen in the following datum.

- (13) *Disosiatif* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 398)  
'Dissociate'

Datum (13) is borrowed as a whole from English where the word's original form is *dissociate*. In English, this word is formed by the use of the prefixes *dis-* and *sociate*. However, in Indonesian, borrowing is done as a whole, so the word *sosiatif* is not present. This loanword process can be found in some cases in Indonesian, as seen as follows.

- (14) *Anonim* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 91)  
'Anonymous'

The word *anonim* is a borrowed word from English. It is taken from the late Latin form Greek in the 16th century which is

formed from the prefix *an-* 'without' and *anoma* 'name' and suffix *-ous* (Oxford Dictionary, 2023). This word is taken into Indonesia as a whole, datum (14) shows that the word without the presence of the negative affix is not available in Indonesian.

The difference in gaining negative affixes in Indonesian makes them have their role in word form. The affix from the local language can only be attached to the words rooted in Indonesia, while the affix absorbed from the foreign language can only be used on words borrowed from the foreign words. However, in some cases, you can also find affixes from the local language attached to words absorbed from English, as seen below.

- (15) *Nirkoneksi* (KBBI V, 2021, p. 1149)  
'Does not need direct connection'

It does not only occur one time where the negative affix from a local language such as *nir-* attaches to the loanword that is *koneksi* as it is seen on datum (25). It also presents the word *nirhubung* on datum (20), as the negative prefix on the words comes from the local language while the root word is borrowed from the foreign language.

The word forms with affixal negation can be presented in (2) different versions, but they still share the same meaning. It is shown in datum (14), which is also present in another form that is *awanama*, it is formed with the prefix *awa-* (which is taken from the local language) and the word *nama*. *Anonim* and *awanama* share the same meaning: *tanpa nama* or 'without a name'.

When a word is attached to a negative affix, it causes a change not only in word formation but also in word category. The process of change in affixal negation formation is derivative because it might lead to a new word (Joshi, 2012; Joshi, 2020). In forming the affixal negation construction, the negative prefix can attach to the different grammatical categories that influence nouns, adjectives, and even verbs. In Indonesian, the changes in categories can be seen as followings.

- (16) *Lengas* (Adj) → *Awalengas* (Verb)  
(KBBi V, 2021, p. 133)  
‘Has humidity’ ‘Removed the humidity’
- (17) *Wisma* (Noun) → *Tunawisma* (Adj)  
(KBBi V, 2021, p. 1791)  
‘A place to live’ ‘Without a place to live’
- (18) *Wujud* (Noun) → *Tanwujud* (Verb)  
(KBBi V, 2021, p. 1671)  
‘Form that can be touch’ ‘Intangible’
- (19) *Grahita* (Verb) → *Tunagrahita* (Adj) (KBBi V, 2021, p. 1790)  
‘Understood’ ‘Mind defect’
- (20) *Hubung* (Verb) → *Nirhubung* (Noun) (KBBi V, 2021, p. 1149)  
‘Connect’ ‘Does not require direct connection between one and more knot’

Although in most cases it can change the categories, but there are times when the categories remind the same as sees on the following data:

- (21) *Asam* (Noun) → *Awaasam* (Noun)  
(KBBi V, 2021, p. 132)  
‘Sour’ ‘Loss of sourness’
- (22) *Beku* (Adj) → *Awabeku* (Adj)  
(KBBi V, 2021, p. 132)  
‘Frozen’ ‘Loss of frozenness’

Either the process can cause change or not is present in the local language's negative affix. Meanwhile, the affixed borrowed from a foreign language does not show changes in categories during affixal negation formation. As seen in the following data:

- (23) *Aktivasi* (Noun) → *Deaktivasi* (Noun)  
(KBBi V, 2021, p. 358)  
‘Activation’ ‘Deactivation’

- (24) *Dependen* (Adj) → *Independen* (Adj)  
(KBBi V, 2021, p. 637)  
‘Dependent’ ‘Independent’

The process of affixal negation formation by using the negative affix taken from the foreign language will most likely follow the system of word formation from the same language. Not only can it attach to words, but affixes can also attach to compound words, as seen below.

- (25) *Tunahargadiri* (KBBi V, 2021, p. 1790)  
‘Feeling inferior to others’

As *tuna-* attached on datum (25), which is a compound word *harga diri* ‘pride’. Affixal negation construction that is formed can also be re-affixation by adding more affix on words as seen as:

- (26) *Mengawakutu* (KBBi V, 2021, p. 132)  
‘Logically detect mistakes in a program’
- (27) *Mengawahamakan* (KBBi V, 2021, p. 132 )  
‘To clear up the pest’
- (28) *Pengawabusa* (KBBi V, 2021, p. 132 )  
‘Ingredient that can prevent foam forming’

The data show that the words that have been added with negative affixes can still get re-affixation by adding the prefix *me-* on datum (26), as well as suffix *pe-* on datum (28), and a combination of affix *me-kan* on datum (27).

### **Affixal Negation in Japanese**

In Japanese, negative affixes can be found in *hi-*, *hu-*, *bu-*, *mu-*, and *mi-* (Martin, 2004). These prefixes are borrowed from the Chinese language. Prefix *hi-* originated from *fei* in Chinese, the prefix *fu-* from *pu*, and the prefix *mu-* from *wu* (Weinreich, 1964). At least there are four kanji that act as a negative affix in Japanese they are *hi-* (非) ‘negation,’ *fu-* (不) ‘negation,’ *mi-* (未) ‘incompletion,’ and *mu-* (無) ‘negation’ (Nomura, 1973; Kishimoto, 2018). Kanji, which serves as a negative affix, not only acts as a prefix but also as a suffix. However, when they become the suffix, those

kanji won't give influence in creating a disclaim (Nomura, 1973). As presented on the following data:

- (29) 皆無 (NKD, 2016)  
*Kaimu*  
'Nothing'  
(30) 前非 (NKD, 2016)  
*Zenpi*  
'Past error'

As seen in datum (29), words formed from kanji 無 *mu* which indicates negation is placed at the back of the word, and it only produces the meaning 'nothing' borrowed from negation kanji. The same case also occurs in datum (30); words formed from negation 非 *hi* can only produce meaning that is more dominant than the negation form. As a result, words created from the negation seem to be on their own, although the negation form is present as a morpheme attached to other parts. It will be different when the kanji are placed at the front of the words, and it can disclaim the words attached to it. It is why the presence of kanji as an affix will make the kanji act as an affixal negation in Japanese. When placed on the front word, kanji as an affix will vary in how it is read.

Kanji 無 as a prefix can be read as *mu* and *bu*. They are present in the following data:

- (31) 無用 (NKD, 2016)  
*Muyou*  
'Useless'  
(32) 無礼 (NKD, 2016)  
*Burei*  
'Impolite'

Kanji 不 also varies in way of reading as seen as follows.

- (33) 不正 (NKD, 2016)  
*Fusei*  
'Injustice'  
(34) 不気味 (NKD, 2016)  
*Bukimi*  
'Weird'  
(35) 不見目な (NKD, 2016)  
*Mijimena*  
'Miserable'  
(36) 不味い (NKD, 2016)

- Mazui*  
'Bad taste'  
(37) 不足前 (NKD, 2016)  
*Tarazumae*  
'Deficit'  
(38) 不抱 (NKD, 2016)  
*Kakarawazu*  
'In spite of'  
(39) 不知火 (NKD, 2016)  
*Shiranuhi*  
'Phosphorescent light'

Data (33)-(39) show pronunciation variation from kanji 不. As it can be read as *bu* on datum (34), kanji 不 can also be replaced with kanji 無, and the way of reading and meaning are still the same. The variation occurs as the result of the word loan from China. However, the varieties of the way reading kanji 不 dan 無, are only *fu* dan *bu*, which can only be applied if both kanji are used to construct affixal negation in Japanese.

Kanji, as one of the main letters in Japanese, is used to write the word unit (dominant for categories noun, verb, and adjective). It can be present as it is or merged with other characters to represent the entire part of the words (Dylman and Kikutani, 2018). Kanji can be read in two ways; first is *on yomi* (the pronunciation based on the sound the Japanese associated with the Chinese pronunciation when the characters were introduced) and second, *kun yomi* (the reading based on the original Japanese name or pronunciation of what the Chinese character represents) (Sasahara, 2022). In creating the affixal negation, the negative affix will attach to kanji words, which can be read as both *on yomi* and *kun yomi* with variations of form. Attachment of negative affixes on words that are taken from a single kanji are:

- (40) 非- (NKD, 2016)  
*Hibon*  
'Extraordinary'  
(41) 不払い (NKD, 2016)  
*Fubarai*  
'Non payment'

Negative affix on words attached to kanji, which can be read as *on yomi* is seen on datum (40). While negative affix on kanji, which is

read as *kun yomi*, is present in datum (41). So far, no further reference explains attachment to negative affix in Japanese can cause the change of sound, but datum (41) shows the change of sound from /h/ to /b/ on words *harai* when being attached to prefix *fu-*. Negative affix can also attach to a combination of kanji as it is seen below.

- (42) 未青年 (NKD, 2016)  
*Miteinen*  
'Below adult age'
- (43) 不出来 (NKD, 2016)  
*Fudeki*  
'Poor workmanship'

Datum (42) shows the prefix *mi-* attached to the kanji combination, which is read as *onyomi*. While datum (43) indicates how negative affix attaches to kanji combination which is read as *kunyomi*. Negative affix in Japanese is not only attached to singular words but also plural forms as seen as:

- (44) 不平不満 (NKD, 2016)  
*Fuhei fuman*  
'Discontent and grumbling'
- (45) 無理無体 (NKD, 2016)  
*Murimutai*  
'By force'

Datum (44) is taken from the words *fuhei* and *fuman* which form a plural construction. It is similar to datum (45) from *muri* and *mutai*. Data indicate that the plural form of words would make the negative affix present double as long as they use the same negative affix.

In Japanese, some affixes are borrowed from English such as *noo-puree* 'no play', *noo-geemu* 'no game', *noo-hitto* 'no hits', *noo-ran* 'no runs', *noo-taimu* 'no time', *noo-kaunto* 'no count', *noo-saido* 'no side', *noo-siido* 'unseeded (team)' (Martin, 2004). The loanword process of negator *no* from English can be used on borrowed lexicon and lexicon which originated from Japanese, such as *noo-kankei* 'no interest' (see Martin, 2004), which is the positive form of *kankei* 'relation'. However, the user of these expressions cannot be found in the dictionary, but it is present in the actual conversation in Japanese.

The derivation process on affixal negation formation can cause changes in categories; sometimes, it remains as it is. In Japanese, negative affixes can only be attached to nouns and adjectives, especially affixal negation (Kishimoto, 2018). As seen as follows.

- (46) 金属 → 非金属 (NKD, 2016)  
*Kinzoku* (Noun) → *Hikinzoku* (Noun)  
'Metal' → 'Non metal'
- (47) 十分 → 不十分 (NKD, 2016)  
*Juubun* (Adj) → *Fujuubun* (Adj)  
'Sufficient' → 'Insufficient'
- (48) 常識 → 非常識 (NKD, 2016)  
*Joushiki* (Noun) → *Hijoushiki* (Noun/Adj)  
'Common sense' → 'Lack of common sense'

Data (46) and (47) do not show category changes. While datum (48) indicates changes when *hijoushiki* is used with the suffix *-na*. The formation of datum (48) will not change if it can act as a noun within a sentence. In Japanese, adjective categories are classified into adjective and adjective-noun (Ohkado, 1991). In affixal construction, only noun categories can be practiced in the process.

An adjective category has a distinct form compared to a noun-adjective, especially when explaining the noun in Japanese. The adjective is marked with the suffix *-i* when it is used to explain the noun, as it can also be named *i-keyoushi* or adjective *-i*. Meanwhile, the adjective noun is marked with the suffix *-na* when it is used to explain a noun, and it is also named *na-keiyoushi* or adjective *-na*. Adjective *-i* cannot take part in affixal negation formation, although datum (36) shows that there is adjective *-i* formed from kanji 不 as one of the kanji that acts as the negative affix. However, the process of forming affixal negation that occurs in datum (36) is slightly different from the process in other data. The presence of the negative affix 不 in the word *mazui* in datum (36) is a denial of the word *aji* which has the kanji 味. In datum (36), the kanji 味 is *onyomi* reading. The word *aji* means 'taste', and the presence of negative affixes causes a process of



denial and produces the meaning 'tasteless'. This different process occurs due to the loanwords process in Japanese that is originating from Chinese.

The construction of negation is affixal is marked by the disclaimed process of a word by the affix. In Japanese, there is a negative affixal construction that can be easily recognized in the root words, but there is also a possibility that the words are present as the basic word without negative affixes, as shown in the following data.

- (49) 非常 (NKD, 2016)  
*Hijou*  
'Emergency/ unusual/ extraordinary'

Datum (49) shows that *jou* without the prefix *hi-* is not present in Japanese. However, kanji 常 can replace it and read as *kunyomi*, *tsune*, which means 'usual'. It can be said that during the formation of affixal negation, there are words that can be directly outlined to determine the root words to look for similar sounds as seen in data (31)-(34). However, there are times when the basic word has a different way to be read when there is affixal negation process before it.

*Hijou* can act as a noun as it has particle *no*, which functions as a modificatory on noun phrase. Moreover, *hijou* can also be categorized as an adjective when it is attached to the suffix *-na* to modify the noun. It can also act as an adverb when used with the particle *ni* when explaining the verb within the sentences. When it is presented as a noun, datum (49) has the meaning of 'emergency'. It is different when it is categorized as an adjective and adverb, *hijou* can be understood as 'unusual', a disclaimed toward 'usual' that makes datum (49) can be classified into affixal negation elements if words that disclaimed.

## Conclusion

Contrastive analysis on affixal negation construction in Indonesia and the Japanese shows a couple of constant features and variables. Constant features during the formation of affixal negation in Indonesian and Japanese were shown in the loanword

process, change of sound, word construction, synonym, and derivation process. On the loanword process, it shows that both Indonesian and Japanese have affixal negation originating from a foreign language. The loanword process results from sound alteration when the affixal negation forms a lexical construction with basic words. Basic words that attach to affixal negation can be in the form of singular or compound words, as a result of foreign loanwords. There is affixal negation that produces the same meaning but in a different form. The process of affixal negation construction requires a derivation process that can change word categories, but sometimes it might change nothing.

In some cases, the variable features between the formation of affixal negation in both Indonesian and Japanese include the process of affixation, role, and flexibility. In Japanese, words that refer to affixal negation construction cannot proceed with another affixation. It is different in Indonesian where the words formed as the construction of affixal negation can take another process. In terms of role, negative affixes in Japanese are crucial for affixal negation and for forming words that do not contain negative meaning. As in flexibility, the construction of affixal negation has a more flexible category because it comes from varied sentence categories by allowing other constituents to get involved.

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