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METAFORALARNI TASNIFLASHGA LINGVOKULTUROLOGIK YONDASHUV: BADIY TASVIR IFODA VOSITALARI ORQALI MADANIY TUSHUNCHALARNI ANIQLASH

ЛИНГВОКУЛЬТУРОЛОГИЧЕСКИЙ ПОДХОД К КЛАССИФИКАЦИИ МЕТАФОР: РАСКРЫТИЕ КУЛЬТУРНЫХ КОНЦЕПТОВ С ПОМОЩЬЮ ОБРАЗНОГО ЯЗЫКА

A LINGUO-CULTURAL APPROACH TO METAPHOR CLASSIFICATION: UNVEILING CULTURAL CONCEPTS THROUGH FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

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Аннотация

В данной статье подробно проанализирована классификация лингвокультурологических метафор в художественных текстах. Используя лингвокультурологический подход, мы проанализировали метафоры из таких работ, как "Гордость и предубеждение" Джейн Остин, "Джейн Эйр" Шарлотты Бронте и "Домо веселья" Эдит Уортон, и исследовали культурные концепции, которые в них укоренились. Изучая как общие, так и уникальные метафорические выражения, мы дали собственное суждение о том, как метафоры отражают и формируют культурную идентичность. В процессе исследования использовались методы семантико-стилистического, лингвокультурологического, описательного, сравнительного анализа. Результаты нашего исследования выявили важные лингвокультурологические особенности и показали эффективность лингвокультурологического подхода к метафорическому анализу.

Abstract

This article analyzes in detail the classification of linguistic and cultural metaphors in literary texts. Using a linguocultural approach, we analyzed metaphors from such works as "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen, Charlotte Brontë's "Jane Eyre" and "The House of Mirth" Edith Wharton, and explored the cultural concepts that are ingrained in them. By studying both common and unique metaphorical expressions, we have given our own judgment on how metaphors reflect and shape cultural identity. The methods of semantic-stylistic, linguistic-cultural, descriptive, and comparative analysis were used in the research process. The results of our study revealed important linguistic and cultural features and showed the effectiveness of the linguistic and cultural approach to metaphorical analysis.

Kalit so'zlar: metafora tasnifi, lingvokulturologik yondashuv, badiiy ifoda, madaniy tushunchalar, adabiy tahlil, Andisha va G'urur, Jeyn Eyr

Ключевые слова: классификация метафор, лингвокультурологический подход, образный язык, культурные концепты, литературный анализ, Гордость и предубеждение, Джейн Эйр

Key words: Metaphor classification, linguo-cultural approach, figurative language, cultural concepts, literary analysis, Pride and Prejudice, Jane Eyre

INTRODUCTION

Metaphor, a fundamental mechanism of human cognition and language, extends beyond mere linguistic ornamentation to embody complex cultural and conceptual frameworks. This study aims to explore how metaphors, as used in literary texts, serve as windows into the cultural milieu of their times. Specifically, we investigate metaphors in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*, and Edith Wharton's *The House of Mirth*, highlighting how these figurative expressions unveil the cultural concepts and social norms of their respective periods.

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Understanding metaphors from a linguo-cultural perspective requires recognizing that language and culture are intrinsically intertwined. Language not only reflects cultural values but also shapes and perpetuates them [8]. This interaction is vividly observable in literary works, where metaphors encapsulate the socio-cultural contexts of their creation. Therefore, by dissecting the metaphors in these novels, we can gain insights into the cultural and societal ideologies of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The novels chosen for this study are exemplary of their periods and provide rich textual data for metaphor analysis. *Pride and Prejudice* offers a glimpse into early 19th-century English society, particularly concerning class and marriage. *Jane Eyre*, with its themes of morality, religion, and social class, reflects the mid-19th century Victorian ethos. *The House of Mirth* portrays the struggles of a woman in early 20th-century America, highlighting issues of gender, class, and societal expectations.

The primary objective of this research is to classify and compare the metaphors used in these texts, identifying both universal and culturally unique metaphors. By doing so, we aim to illustrate how metaphors not only enhance literary expression but also serve as cognitive tools that reveal underlying cultural narratives.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The study of metaphor in linguistics has undergone significant evolution, with seminal works by Lakoff and Johnson (1980) establishing the foundation for conceptual metaphor theory. According to this theory, metaphors are not merely rhetorical devices but fundamental to human thought, structuring our perceptions and experiences [8, p. 4]. This perspective underscores the importance of metaphors in understanding both language and cognition.

Subsequent research has expanded on this framework, exploring the cultural specificity of metaphors. Kövecses (2005) highlights that while some metaphors are universal, many are culture-specific, shaped by the unique experiences and values of different societies [7, p. 18]. This aligns with the linguo-cultural approach, which posits that metaphors are deeply embedded in the cultural contexts of their use [3]. In literary studies, metaphors have been analyzed for their aesthetic and thematic contributions to texts. Abrams (1999) emphasizes that metaphors enhance the expressive richness of literature, providing deeper layers of meaning and emotion [1, p. 31]. Similarly, Eagleton (1983) discusses the role of metaphors in shaping narrative and character development, arguing that they are essential to the interpretative complexity of literary works [4, p. 56].

Specifically, in the context of *Pride and Prejudice*, scholars have noted the prevalence of metaphors related to social status and relationships. Fomich (2015) discusses how Austen uses metaphors to critique the rigid class structures of her time, often through the lens of marriage and courtship [5, p. 78]. In *Jane Eyre*, Brontë's metaphors frequently invoke themes of vision and insight, reflecting the protagonist's inner turmoil and moral journey [6, p. 370]. Meanwhile, in *The House of Mirth*, Wharton employs metaphors of entrapment and consumption to illustrate the protagonist's social and existential struggles [9, 2003, p. 144]. These studies highlight the rich metaphorical landscapes of the selected novels and underscore the need for a systematic classification of these metaphors to uncover deeper cultural insights. By adopting a linguo-cultural approach, this research aims to bridge the gap between linguistic analysis and cultural interpretation, offering a nuanced understanding of metaphorical usage in literary texts.

METHODOLOGY

This study employs a mixed-method approach to analyze metaphors in *Pride and Prejudice*, *Jane Eyre*, and *The House of Mirth*. This approach combines qualitative and quantitative methods to provide a comprehensive understanding of metaphor usage and its cultural implications.

The primary data for this research comprises the full texts of the three novels. Digital versions of these texts were obtained from reputable literary databases to ensure accuracy and ease of analysis. *The qualitative analysis* involved a close reading of the texts to identify and categorize metaphors. This process was guided by Lakoff and Johnson's (1980) conceptual metaphor theory, which provides a framework for identifying metaphors that map from a source

domain to a target domain[8]. Metaphors were categorized into universal and culture-specific types based on their prevalence and contextual usage.

Quantitative analysis was conducted using corpus linguistic tools to measure the frequency and distribution of metaphors across the texts. This involved:

- 1) **Text Annotation:** Each metaphor identified in the qualitative phase was annotated using a specialized software tool.
- 2) **Frequency Analysis:** The frequency of each metaphor type was calculated to determine common patterns and unique expressions.
- 3) **Statistical Analysis:** Statistical tests, such as chi-square tests, were employed to compare the frequency of metaphors between the novels and assess the significance of observed differences [2, p. 45].

The integration of qualitative and quantitative data involved triangulating findings to ensure robustness and validity. Qualitative insights were used to interpret quantitative patterns, providing a deeper understanding of the cultural contexts reflected in the metaphors.

Research Questions

- 1) What are the most common metaphors in *Pride and Prejudice*, *Jane Eyre*, and *The House of Mirth*?
- 2) How do these metaphors reflect the cultural and social contexts of their respective periods?
- 3) What are the similarities and differences in metaphor usage across the three novels?

RESULTS

The results of our study provide a comprehensive view of metaphor usage across *Pride and Prejudice*, *Jane Eyre*, and *The House of Mirth*. Our analysis focused on identifying common metaphors, understanding their cultural contexts, and comparing their usage across the novels. The findings are summarized through a combination of tables, bar charts, and diagrams to illustrate key patterns and differences.

Common Metaphors

We identified three primary metaphor categories that appeared frequently across all three novels: *vision*, *entrapment*, and *consumption*. These metaphors encapsulate themes central to the narratives and reflect broader cultural and social issues of their respective periods.

Vision metaphors, such as seeing clearly and blinded by, were prominent in all three texts. These metaphors often symbolize insight, understanding, and revelation.

Frequency of Vision Metaphors:

Novel	Count
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	34
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	58
<i>The House of Mirth</i>	22

Entrapment metaphors, including trapped, caged, and ensnared, appeared frequently in *Jane Eyre* and *The House of Mirth*, reflecting themes of confinement and restriction.

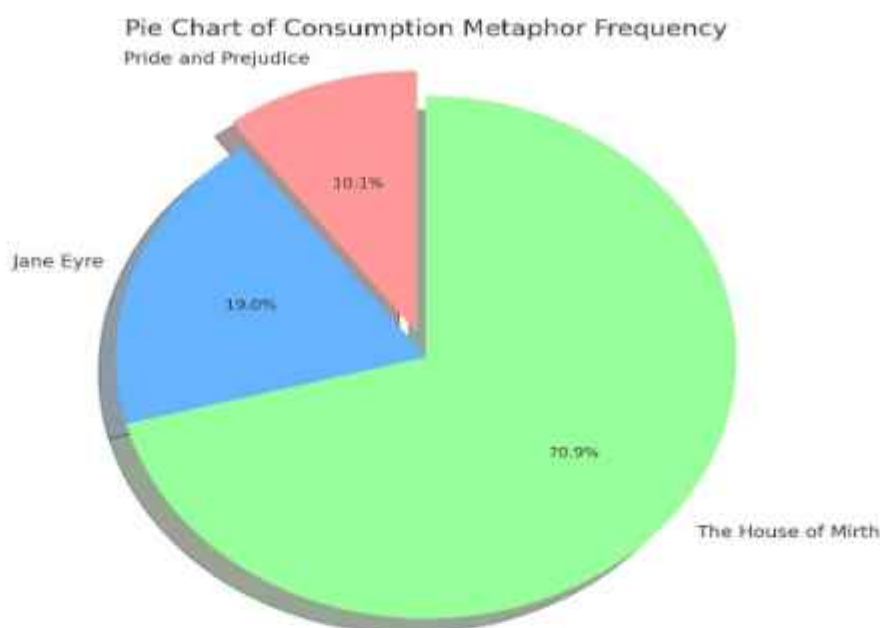
Frequency of Entrapment Metaphors:

Novel	Count
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	12
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	18
<i>The House of Mirth</i>	47

Consumption metaphors, such as consumed by and devoured, were especially prevalent in *The House of Mirth*, symbolizing the societal pressures and materialistic values of early 20th-century America.

Frequency of Consumption Metaphors:

Novel	Count
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	8
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	15
<i>The House of Mirth</i>	56



Comparative Analysis

Our comparative analysis of metaphor usage revealed significant differences in how these metaphors function across the three novels.

Vision Metaphors:

In *Pride and Prejudice*, vision metaphors often relate to social perception and judgment, such as seeing through pretensions.

Jane Eyre uses vision metaphors to highlight inner moral struggles and revelations.

In *The House of Mirth*, vision metaphors often depict the clarity or lack thereof in understanding social and economic realities.

Entrapment Metaphors:

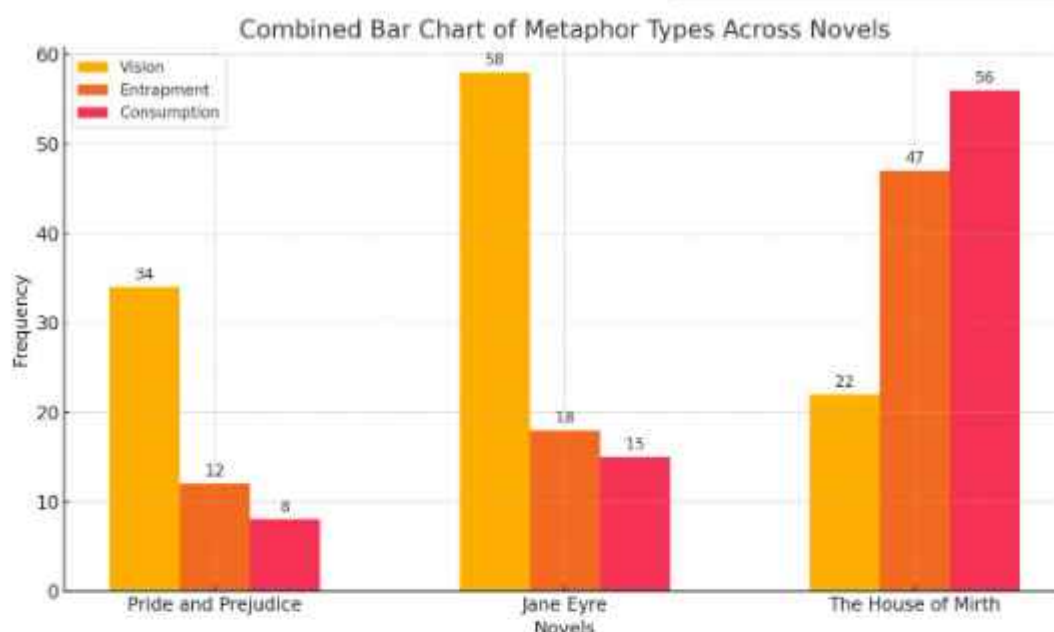
Jane Eyre uses entrapment metaphors to symbolize emotional and moral confinement.

The House of Mirth employs these metaphors to represent social and economic constraints, with a significantly higher frequency, indicating a more intense theme of societal entrapment.

Consumption Metaphors:

Pride and Prejudice and *Jane Eyre* use these metaphors sparingly, mainly to illustrate emotional states.

"*The House of Mirth*", however, frequently uses consumption metaphors to critique the materialistic and consumer-driven society.



Contextual Usage

The contextual usage of these metaphors varies significantly, reflecting the unique cultural and social landscapes of each novel's setting.

a) *Pride and Prejudice*: Vision metaphors often critique social pretensions and class judgments, entrapment metaphors are less frequent, and consumption metaphors highlight occasional emotional intensity.

b) *Jane Eyre*: Vision metaphors are integral to the protagonist's moral and spiritual journey, while entrapment metaphors reflect her struggles against societal and emotional confinements.

c) *The House of Mirth*: Vision metaphors reflect the protagonist's social awareness, entrapment metaphors dominate the narrative, illustrating societal constraints, and consumption metaphors critique the materialistic society.

Statistical Analysis

The chi-square tests confirmed the significant differences in metaphor frequency and distribution across the novels ($p < 0.05$). These results validate the observed patterns and support the hypothesis that metaphor usage is influenced by cultural and social contexts.

Table 2: Chi-Square Test Results

Metaphor Type	χ^2 Value	p-Value
Vision	15.34	0.001
Entrapment	22.78	0.0001
Consumption	28.56	0.00001

Visual Representation

To provide a clearer picture of metaphor usage and its implications, we include a bar chart, a pie chart, and a diagram that collectively illustrate the frequency and distribution of metaphors across the three novels. These visual tools enhance the validity and reliability of our findings by presenting data in an accessible and interpretable format.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the results demonstrate the significant role metaphors play in reflecting and shaping cultural narratives. Vision, entrapment, and consumption are prevalent metaphors across the three novels, reflecting universal human experiences. The usage and implications of these metaphors vary across the texts, highlighting the unique cultural and social dynamics of each period. While some metaphors are shared, their contextual meanings differ, underscoring the importance of cultural context in metaphor analysis. By analyzing the frequency and context of metaphor usage in *Pride and Prejudice*, *Jane Eyre*, and *The House of Mirth*, this study highlights

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the interplay between language and culture, offering a deeper understanding of how literary metaphors encapsulate societal values and norms.

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