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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN VISUAL LEXICOGRAPHY: NEW APPROACHES TO VOCABULARY REPRESENTATION IN DIGITAL DICTIONARIES

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ABSTRACT

The rapid development of artificial intelligence technologies has transformed numerous fields of human activity, including lexicography. Traditional dictionary compilation methods are increasingly being supplemented by intelligent systems capable of generating, organizing, and presenting lexical information through multimodal formats. This article investigates the role of artificial intelligence in visual lexicography and examines its impact on vocabulary representation in digital dictionaries. The study aims to identify innovative approaches employed by AI-powered visual dictionaries and to evaluate their potential contribution to language learning and lexicographic practice. Descriptive, comparative, and analytical methods were applied to examine contemporary digital lexicographic resources. The findings indicate that artificial intelligence facilitates automated image generation, semantic mapping, personalized vocabulary learning, and multimodal representation of lexical meaning. Furthermore, AI technologies enhance dictionary accessibility, adaptability, and user engagement. The study argues that the integration of artificial intelligence into visual lexicography contributes to the emergence of a new generation of digital dictionaries capable of functioning as intelligent knowledge systems. The article concludes that AI-assisted visual lexicography represents one of the most promising directions in contemporary lexicographic research.

Keywords: artificial intelligence, visual lexicography, digital dictionaries, multimodality, lexical representation, semantic mapping, language learning, digital humanities, computational linguistics, AI-assisted lexicography.

АННОТАЦИЯ

Стремительное развитие технологий искусственного интеллекта оказывает значительное влияние на современную лексикографию. В статье рассматривается роль искусственного интеллекта в визуальной лексикографии и анализируются новые подходы к представлению лексических единиц в цифровых словарях. Цель исследования заключается в выявлении инновационных возможностей искусственного интеллекта в создании мультимодальных словарных ресурсов. Использованы описательный, сравнительный и аналитический методы исследования. Результаты показывают, что технологии искусственного интеллекта способствуют автоматической генерации визуального контента, семантическому моделированию и персонализации процесса усвоения лексики. Сделан вывод о том, что искусственный интеллект формирует новое направление развития визуальной лексикографии и цифровых словарей.

Ключевые слова: искусственный интеллект, визуальная лексикография, цифровые словари, мультимодальность, семантическое моделирование, цифровая гуманитаристика.

INTRODUCTION

The digital transformation of society has fundamentally changed the way lexical information is created, distributed, and consumed. During the last decade, lexicography has experienced a

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gradual transition from traditional print-based dictionaries to interactive digital environments. Simultaneously, advances in artificial intelligence have opened new possibilities for processing linguistic data and representing lexical knowledge.

Visual lexicography, which integrates verbal and visual modes of communication, has become an increasingly important area of research within contemporary lexicographic studies. The incorporation of artificial intelligence into visual dictionary design has accelerated the development of innovative lexicographic resources capable of generating adaptive and user-centered content.

Unlike conventional dictionaries, AI-powered visual dictionaries can dynamically produce visual explanations, semantic networks, and personalized learning pathways. Such capabilities challenge traditional notions of dictionary compilation and redefine the relationship between lexicographic information and knowledge representation.

The purpose of this study is to investigate the role of artificial intelligence in visual lexicography and to evaluate its contribution to vocabulary representation within digital dictionaries.

The objectives of the study include:

- examining the theoretical relationship between artificial intelligence and visual lexicography;
- identifying AI-based approaches to lexical representation;
- analyzing the advantages of intelligent visual dictionaries;
- exploring future prospects of AI-assisted lexicographic systems.

LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Artificial Intelligence and Contemporary Lexicography

The integration of artificial intelligence into linguistic research has significantly influenced contemporary lexicographic practices. Traditional lexicography relied heavily on manual data collection, corpus analysis, and dictionary compilation performed by human experts. However, advances in machine learning, natural language processing (NLP), and large language models have introduced new possibilities for automating lexicographic tasks.

Recent studies demonstrate that artificial intelligence can support lexicographers in identifying lexical patterns, extracting semantic relationships, generating definitions, and organizing lexical databases. As a result, dictionary production has become more efficient and responsive to users' needs.

Researchers such as Lew (2024) argue that AI technologies are transforming dictionaries from static reference tools into dynamic knowledge systems capable of adapting to individual users. This shift is particularly relevant in digital environments where users expect immediate access to personalized lexical information.

2. The Emergence of Visual Lexicography

Visual lexicography has emerged as a response to the growing importance of multimodal communication in contemporary society. Traditional dictionaries primarily represent meaning through verbal definitions, whereas visual dictionaries combine textual and visual information.

The theoretical foundations of visual lexicography are closely related to multimodality theory, which views communication as an interaction among multiple semiotic modes. According to Kress and van Leeuwen, meaning is constructed not only through language but also through images, colors, spatial organization, and graphic design.

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Visual dictionaries therefore serve as multimodal resources that facilitate conceptual understanding through direct visual-semantic associations.

3. Artificial Intelligence in Visual Knowledge Representation

The application of artificial intelligence to visual knowledge representation has expanded rapidly in recent years.

AI systems can now:

- generate images from textual descriptions;
- recognize visual objects automatically;
- classify semantic categories;
- create conceptual maps;
- establish lexical-semantic networks.

These capabilities have important implications for visual lexicography because they enable automated generation of visual content that corresponds to lexical meaning.

Consequently, artificial intelligence contributes not only to dictionary compilation but also to innovative methods of meaning representation.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study adopts a qualitative research design combining lexicographic analysis, cognitive analysis, and technological evaluation.

The research materials consist of:

- contemporary digital dictionaries;
- visual dictionary platforms;
- AI-assisted language-learning applications;
- scholarly publications related to lexicography and artificial intelligence.

Three methodological approaches were employed.

Descriptive Analysis

This method was used to identify the main characteristics of AI-assisted visual dictionaries and to examine their structural features.

Comparative Analysis

Comparisons were conducted between traditional dictionaries, digital dictionaries, and AI-powered visual dictionaries.

Functional Analysis

The functional approach was applied to evaluate how artificial intelligence enhances lexical representation and user interaction.

The combination of these methods provides a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between artificial intelligence and visual lexicography.

RESULTS

1. AI-Based Approaches to Vocabulary Representation

The analysis revealed that artificial intelligence introduces several innovative approaches to vocabulary representation.

Automated Visual Generation

One of the most significant developments is the ability of AI systems to generate images automatically based on textual input.

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For example, when a lexical item is entered into an AI-powered system, the system can instantly generate a visual representation illustrating the concept.

This process eliminates the need for manually designed illustrations and allows dictionaries to expand their visual content rapidly.

Semantic Mapping

Artificial intelligence can establish semantic relationships among lexical units.

Instead of presenting isolated words, AI-powered dictionaries can visualize semantic networks showing:

- synonymy;
- antonymy;
- hypernymy;
- meronymy;
- conceptual associations.

Such representations facilitate deeper understanding of lexical meaning.

Contextual Representation

Traditional dictionaries often provide limited contextual information.

AI technologies enable the generation of context-sensitive examples that adapt to users' linguistic needs and proficiency levels.

As a result, lexical information becomes more relevant and accessible.

2. Personalized Lexicographic Systems

The study found that personalization constitutes one of the most important contributions of artificial intelligence to visual lexicography.

AI systems can analyze:

- user preferences;
- learning behavior;
- vocabulary level;
- educational objectives.

Based on these factors, the system can generate customized lexical content.

For instance, beginner learners may receive simplified visual explanations, whereas advanced learners may access more detailed semantic information.

This adaptive approach increases learning efficiency and user engagement.

3. Multimodal Meaning Construction

The analysis demonstrates that AI-powered visual dictionaries rely on multimodal meaning construction.

Meaning is represented through the interaction of:

- textual information;
- images;
- diagrams;
- audio components;
- interactive visualizations.

Artificial intelligence coordinates these resources and presents them according to user requirements.

The findings suggest that multimodal representation significantly improves lexical comprehension and retention.

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DISCUSSION

The results indicate that artificial intelligence is transforming visual lexicography in several fundamental ways.

First, AI reduces the time and effort required for dictionary development by automating many lexicographic processes.

Second, AI expands the possibilities of visual representation through dynamic image generation and semantic visualization.

Third, AI facilitates personalized learning experiences that were previously impossible within traditional lexicographic frameworks.

These developments support the view that future dictionaries will increasingly function as intelligent knowledge systems rather than static repositories of lexical information.

The integration of artificial intelligence into visual lexicography therefore represents a significant paradigm shift in contemporary lexicographic theory and practice.

Furthermore, AI-assisted visual dictionaries contribute to the democratization of lexical knowledge by making information more accessible to diverse groups of users regardless of linguistic background or educational level.

SCIENTIFIC NOVELTY OF THE RESEARCH

The scientific novelty of this study is determined by its interdisciplinary approach to the analysis of artificial intelligence within visual lexicography.

Unlike previous studies that primarily focused on digital lexicography or educational applications of visual dictionaries, the present research examines artificial intelligence as a transformative factor in the development of visual lexicographic systems.

The following original contributions can be identified:

- a conceptual framework connecting artificial intelligence, visual lexicography, and multimodal communication is proposed;
- the role of AI-generated visual content in lexical meaning representation is theoretically explained;
- the concept of AI-assisted visual-semantic mapping is introduced as a mechanism for vocabulary acquisition;
- a classification of AI-supported functions in visual dictionaries is developed;
- future directions for intelligent visual lexicographic systems are outlined.

The study therefore expands the theoretical foundations of contemporary lexicography and contributes to emerging research on AI-driven language resources.

PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The practical value of this research extends to several domains.

Language Education

AI-assisted visual dictionaries can significantly improve vocabulary acquisition by providing learners with adaptive visual explanations and personalized lexical support.

Teachers may use such resources to:

- increase student engagement;
- facilitate conceptual understanding;
- improve vocabulary retention;
- support autonomous learning.

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Dictionary Compilation

Lexicographers can employ artificial intelligence to automate image generation, semantic classification, and content organization.

Such applications reduce production costs and improve dictionary accessibility.

Digital Learning Platforms

Educational software developers may integrate AI-powered visual lexicographic modules into e-learning environments.

These tools can support multilingual education and individualized learning pathways.

Knowledge Management

Visual dictionaries enhanced by artificial intelligence can function as knowledge organization systems in professional, scientific, and educational contexts.

The findings therefore possess both theoretical and practical relevance.

FUTURE PROSPECTS OF AI-ASSISTED VISUAL LEXICOGRAPHY

The future development of visual lexicography will be closely connected to technological innovation.

Several promising directions can be identified.

Generative Artificial Intelligence

Generative AI models are capable of producing customized images, illustrations, and explanatory visualizations for lexical items.

Future dictionaries may generate visual content dynamically rather than relying on pre-existing image databases.

Adaptive Learning Systems

Artificial intelligence will enable dictionaries to adapt continuously to user performance and learning behavior.

As a result, each user may receive a unique lexicographic experience.

Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality

Immersive technologies may transform visual dictionaries into interactive learning environments.

Users may explore lexical concepts through three-dimensional representations and virtual simulations.

Intelligent Semantic Networks

Future dictionaries may automatically construct semantic relationships among lexical units and visualize these relationships in real time.

Such systems would facilitate deeper conceptual understanding and more efficient vocabulary learning.

Multilingual Visual Knowledge Systems

AI technologies may support the creation of multilingual visual dictionaries capable of bridging linguistic and cultural barriers.

Visual representation could become a universal medium for international communication and knowledge exchange.

These developments suggest that artificial intelligence will remain one of the principal driving forces behind the evolution of visual lexicography.

CONCLUSION

The present study has examined the role of artificial intelligence in visual lexicography and explored its influence on vocabulary representation in digital dictionaries.

The findings demonstrate that artificial intelligence significantly expands the possibilities of visual lexicographic practice by enabling automated image generation, semantic mapping, adaptive learning, and multimodal meaning construction.

Unlike traditional dictionaries, AI-assisted visual dictionaries function as dynamic knowledge systems capable of responding to individual user needs and preferences.

The research further indicates that the integration of artificial intelligence contributes to more effective vocabulary acquisition, enhanced conceptual understanding, and improved accessibility of lexical information.

The proposed theoretical framework highlights the growing importance of visual-semantic representation in contemporary digital environments and provides a basis for future investigations into intelligent lexicographic systems.

In conclusion, artificial intelligence is not merely a technological tool within lexicography; it represents a transformative force that is reshaping the ways lexical knowledge is created, organized, represented, and accessed in the digital age.

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