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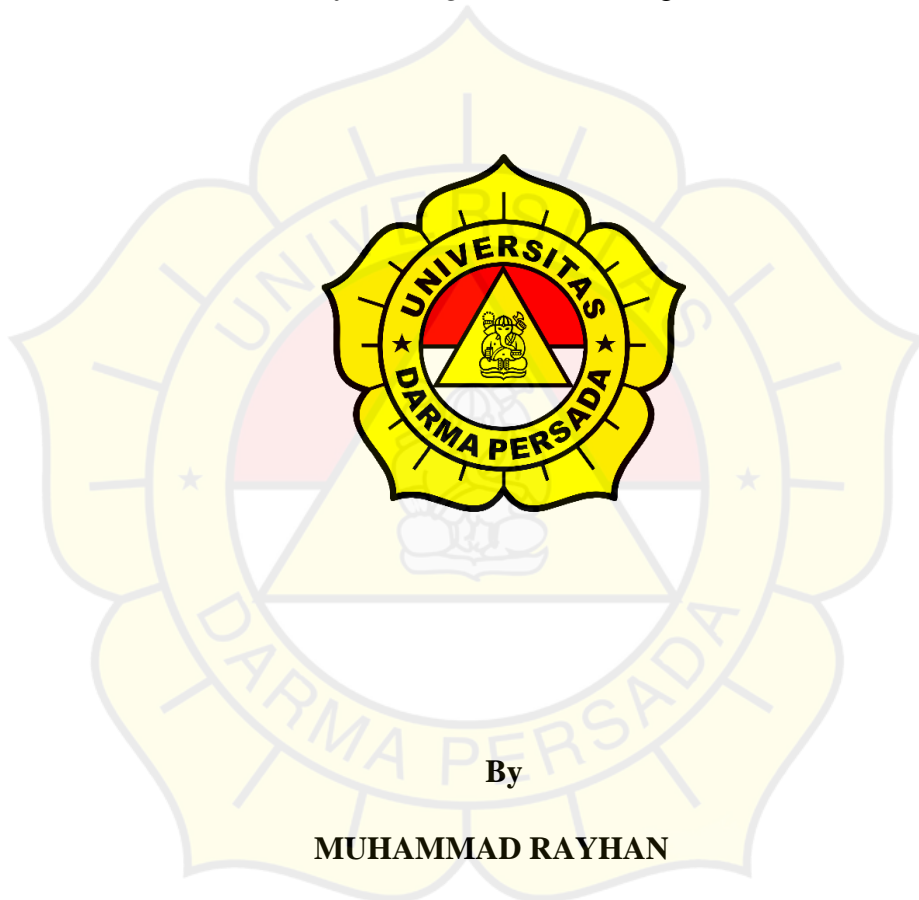
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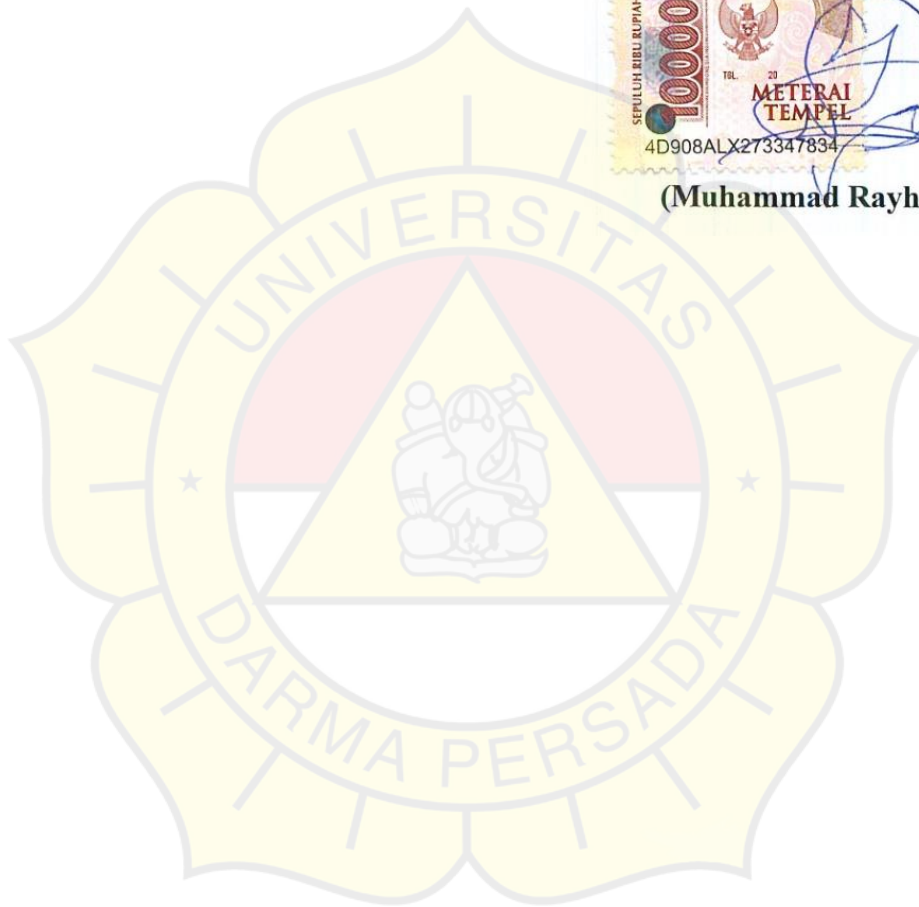
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**ABSTRACT**

This study aims to analyze what humorous utterances and conversations resulted from the Flouting Maxim found in the movie script of The Final Season of The Big Bang Theory (2019), a popular American sitcom, what types of maxims are flouted, and what type of flouting maxim is most dominantly found. Despite its popularity, no one has researched the final season (season 12) of the show, particularly in terms of the flouting maxim of the Grice Cooperative principle. A qualitative method was used to classify all conversations in the sitcom based on four submaxims and analyze the process of triggering verbal humor. This study involved identifying data, classifying and coding it based on maxim flouting strategies, analyzing the classified data, calculating findings, re-examining the data for accuracy, reporting the findings, and drawing conclusions. The result shows that from only the first 6 episodes, 61 data were found that flouted the conversational maxims. In addition, it was found that out of the 61 data, the type of flouting the maxim of quality was the most dominant with 21 data and a ratio of 34.4%, while the type of flouting the maxim of quantity became the least frequent type of maxim flouting with only 8 data and a ratio of 13.1%. This study offers theoretical and practical benefits, enriching knowledge in linguistic studies, pragmatics, and humor theory. It also provides guidance for analyzing literary works, particularly American sitcoms like The Big Bang Theory, and preserving academic culture.

**Keywords:** Pragmatics, Cooperative Principle, Flouting Maxim, Verbal Humor, The Big Bang Theory Sitcom.



**PELANGGARAN (FLOUTING) MAKSIM HUMOR AMERIKA YANG  
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***ABSTRAK***

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis ujaran dan percakapan lucu apa saja yang terhasil dari pelanggaran maksim yang terdapat dalam naskah film *The Big Bang Theory* (2019) season terakhir, sebuah komedi situasi populer di Amerika Serikat, jenis maksim apa saja yang dilanggar, dan jenis maksim apa yang paling dominan ditemukan. Terlepas dari popularitasnya, belum ada yang meneliti season terakhir (season ke-12) dari acara komedi situasi ini, terutama dalam hal pelanggaran maksim prinsip kerja sama Grice. Metode kualitatif digunakan untuk mengklasifikasikan semua percakapan dalam komedi situasi berdasarkan empat submaksim dan menganalisis proses yang memicu humor verbal. Penelitian ini melibatkan identifikasi data, klasifikasi dan pengkodean berdasarkan strategi pelanggaran maksim, menganalisis data yang telah diklasifikasikan, menghitung temuan, memeriksa kembali keakuratan data, dan melaporkan temuan serta menarik kesimpulan. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa hanya dari 6 episode pertama, ditemukan 61 data yang melanggar maksim percakapan. Selain itu, ditemukan bahwa dari 61 data tersebut, jenis pelanggaran maksim kualitas adalah yang paling dominan dengan 21 data dan rasio 34,4%, sedangkan jenis pelanggaran maksim kuantitas menjadi jenis pelanggaran maksim yang paling jarang terjadi dengan hanya 8 data dan rasio 13,1%. Penelitian ini memberikan manfaat secara teoritis dan praktis dan memperkaya pengetahuan dalam studi linguistik, pragmatik, dan teori humor. Penelitian ini juga memberikan panduan untuk menganalisis karya sastra, khususnya komedi situasi Amerika seperti *The Big Bang Theory*, dan melestarikan budaya akademik.

Kata Kunci: Pragmatik, Prinsip Kerja Sama, Pelanggaran Maksim, Humor Verbal, Komedi Situasi *The Big Bang Theory*.

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