

Computational Linguistics



Main Goals



- ❧ Model and Map Natural Languages
- ❧ Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Speech Synthesis



- ❧ Vocoder and Voder (1939)
- ❧ Now can be done reasonably well in the browser!
 - ❧ `window.speechSynthesis.speak(new SpeechSynthesisUtterance("she saw me"));`
- ❧ Impersonation
- ❧ Challenges
 - ❧ Homographs, emphasis, new phonemes, context, objective evaluation

Speech Recognition



- Advanced through machine learning
- It's a classification problem



Grammars



- ❧ Break down language into its recognizable component parts
- ❧ Create a “tree” of language
- ❧ Plenty of examples
 - ❧ <http://tomato.banatao.berkeley.edu:8080/parser/parser.html>
- ❧ Can be run in reverse to generate language (naively)
 - ❧ <https://www.poem-generator.org.uk/>

Language Understanding



- ❧ AI-hard
 - ❧ We get this, we can get anything
- ❧ May not even be measurable
 - ❧ What is “understanding”?
 - ❧ Turing Test
 - ❧ Watson
 - ❧ Chinese Room