**Signal Processing** 

**Speech Signal Processing** 

**Speech Information Processing** 

# Role of language

- **Semantics:** The meanings of words, and relations among them.
- **Syntax:** The order of words, role of function words.
- **Phonology:** Individual phonemic segments, features, stressed and unstressed vowels.
- For example,
  - What is the phonemic inventory of English?
  - How does it function? The concept of contrast (e.g., **pat** vs. **bat**).
  - Why do we believe that it is psychologically real?
  - Why does the same phoneme give rise to different, acoustic realizations in different utterances? (e.g., In fluent speech, "Joe ate his soup" loses the /h/ of "his", and the /t/ of "ate" doesn't look like a /t/ in "Tom".)
  - What are the principles that lead to modifications of segments in different environments?
  - How are phonemes usually described in terms of features translated into phonetic representations? (e.g., /z/ is + voiced, /s/ is - voiced; same relation for many pairs, like f-v; patterning of sounds is beautifully captured by feature concept.)

#### New terms that you will know..

Voiced, Unvoiced, pitch, intensity, timbre, formants, speech production, vocal tract, vocal cord, phonemes, manner and place of articulation, coarticulation, linear prediction, homo-morphic filtering, spectrograms, speech coding, speech enhancement, speech recognition, acoustic modelling, time/pitch scale modification, speech synthesis, Human auditory system, speech perception, speech quality measures (MOS, PESQ).....

#### **Speech** Information Processing

# Speech Information Understanding and Modeling

## What is information in speech and how it is encoded? Lets give it a try



- Speech Research
  - Speech Science
    - - Linguistics
    - Physiology of Speech Production
    - - Acoustics
    - - Auditory Nervous System
    - - Psychophysics of Auditory System
    - Cognitive Psychology
    - Computer-based Algorithms
  - Speech Technology
    - Speech Recognition
    - Speaker Recognition
    - Speech Synthesis



- Challenges to machine speech processing:
  - Definition of information content
    - Multiple levels of information
    - Subjectivity of the listener
  - Robustness to
    - Interfering signals
    - Partial information
  - Algorithmic complexity

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