### CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

#### Language

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#### What is NLP?

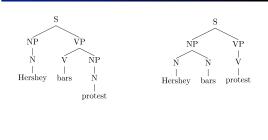


- Fundamental goal: analyze and process human language broadly, robustly, accurately...
- End systems that we want to build:
  Ambitious: speech recognition, machine translation, information extraction, dialog interfaces, question answering...
- Modest: spelling correction, text categorization...

# Problem: Ambiguities

- Headlines:
  - Enraged Cow Injures Farmer With Ax
  - Hospitals Are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
  - Ban on Nude Dancing on Governor's Desk
  - Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
  - Local HS Dropouts Cut in Half
  - Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
  - Stolen Painting Found by Tree
  - Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
- Why are these funny?

### Parsing as Search

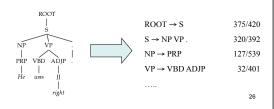


Hershey bars protest

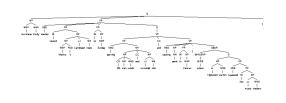
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#### Grammar: PCFGs

- Natural language grammars are very ambiguous!
- PCFGs are a formal probabilistic model of trees
  - Each "rule" has a conditional probability (like an HMM)
  - Tree's probability is the product of all rules used
- Parsing: Given a sentence, find the best tree search!



# Syntactic Analysis



Hurricane Emily howled toward Mexico 's Caribbean coast on Sunday packing 135 mph winds and torrential rain and causing panic in Cancun, where frightened tourists squeezed into musty shelters .

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