

## Today's topics:

- **Review: Phonological analysis**
- **Phonetic change and phonemic change**

# Review: Synchronic phonological analysis

## Review from LING 101

- How do we determine the distribution of phones in a language, in order to decide which phoneme categories they belong to?

# Review: Synchronic phonological analysis

## Things to consider

- Are there any **minimal pairs**?
  - A minimal pair shows that two sounds are **contrastive** → belong to **separate phonemes**
- Can you **predict**, on the basis of the environment, which of the two sounds occurs?
  - **Predictable** occurrence = complementary distribution → allophones of **same phoneme**
  - **Unpredictable** (can occur in *same* environments) = contrastive distribution → belong to **different phonemes**

# Group work: American English data set

- [Data set](#) is linked from web site
- Groups:
  - A | Synchronic analysis of Stage 1
  - B | Sound change(s) from Stage 1 to Stage 2
  - C | Synchronic analysis of Stage 2
  - D | Sound change(s) from Stage 2 to Stage 3
  - E | Synchronic analysis of Stage 3

## Group work: American English data set

- Take-home points from this data set:
  - Describing **phonetic** sound changes (how the newer surface form is different from the older surface form) is not the whole story
  - We also want to think about the consequences of a sound change for the phonological representations in the language
    - i.e., **phonemic** change

# Classifying sound change as phonetic, phonemic

- Can a sound change that affects a word be...
  - Phonetic change but not phonemic change?
  - Phonetic change and phonemic change?
  - Phonemic change but not phonetic change?
- We will examine these categories next class, and analyze some examples