



Robust Entity Clustering via Phylogenetic Inference

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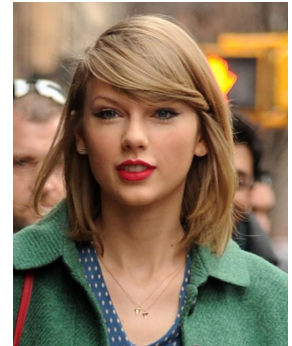


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Entity clustering



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Key idea: “Directed” name variation



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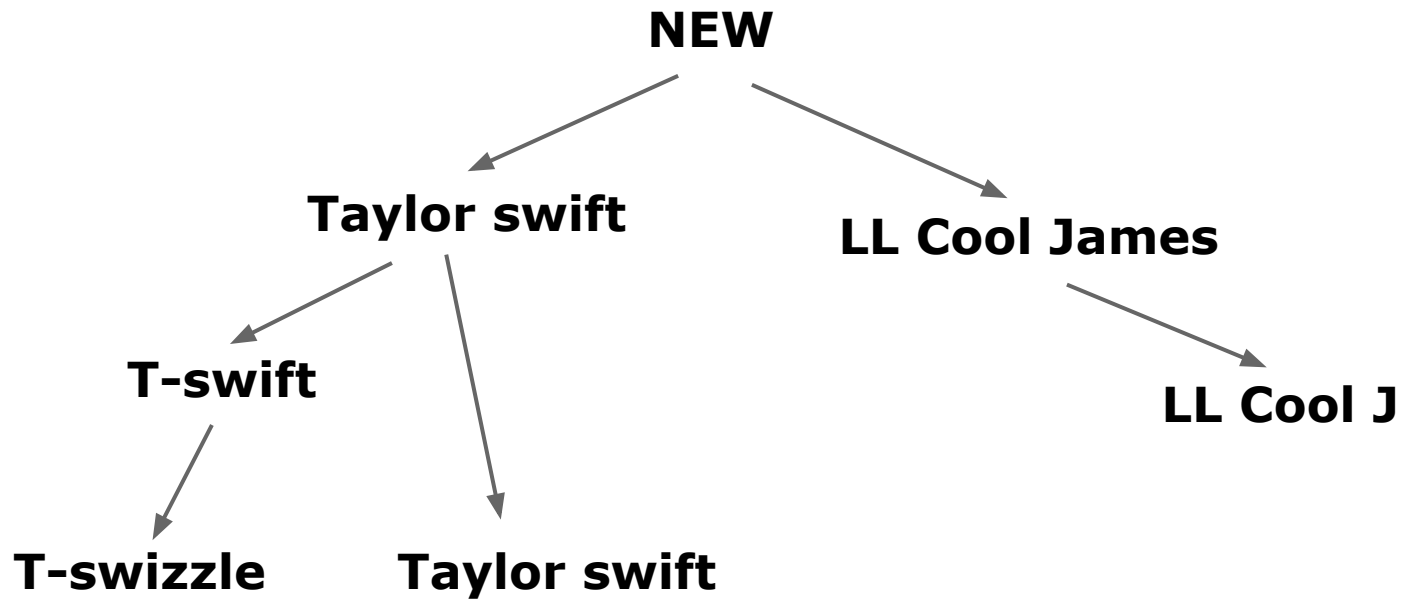
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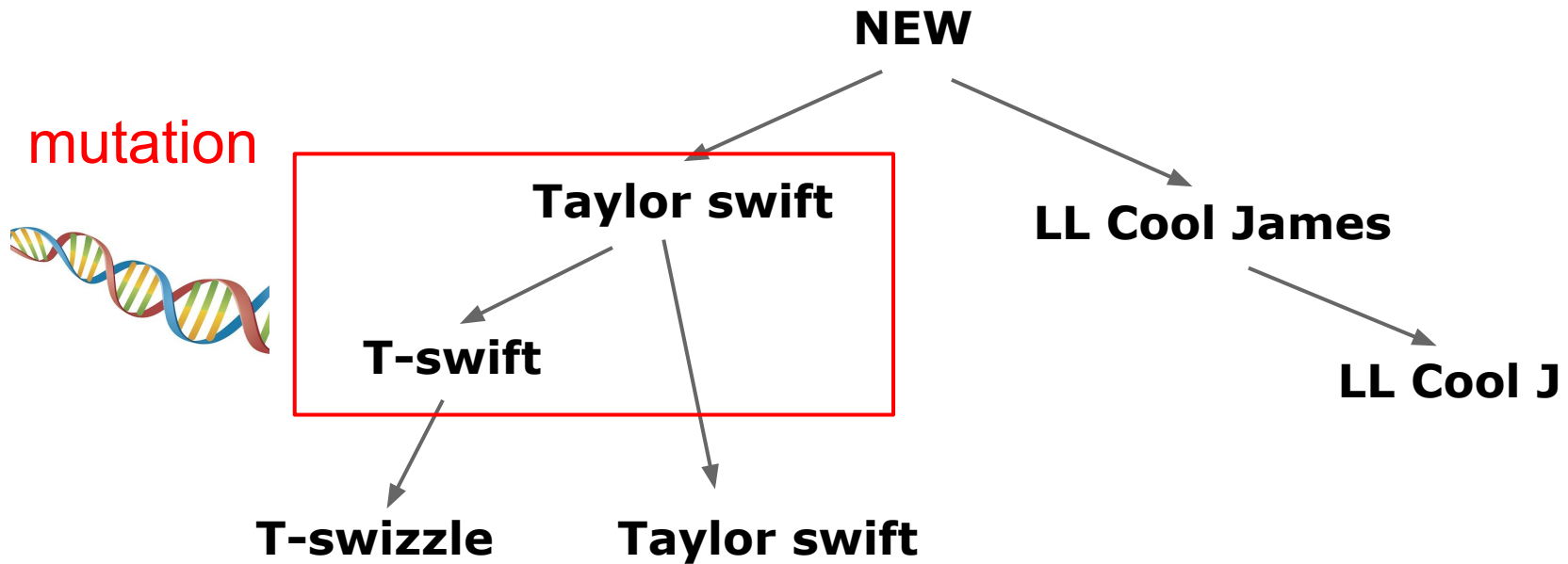
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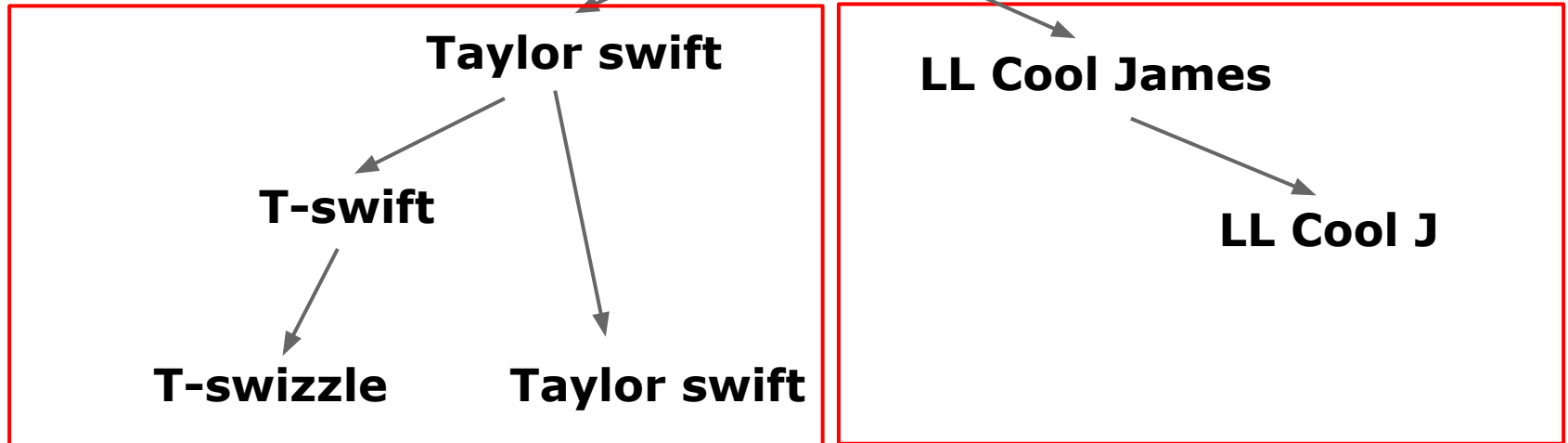


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[] is a placeholder for an entity mention

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Unknown parameters

$$p(\text{parent}) = \frac{\exp(\phi_{10,10} + \phi_{\text{equal}})}{Z}$$



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Hyperparameter:
controls # of entities

$$p(\text{parent}) = \frac{\exp(\phi_{\text{new}})}{Z}$$



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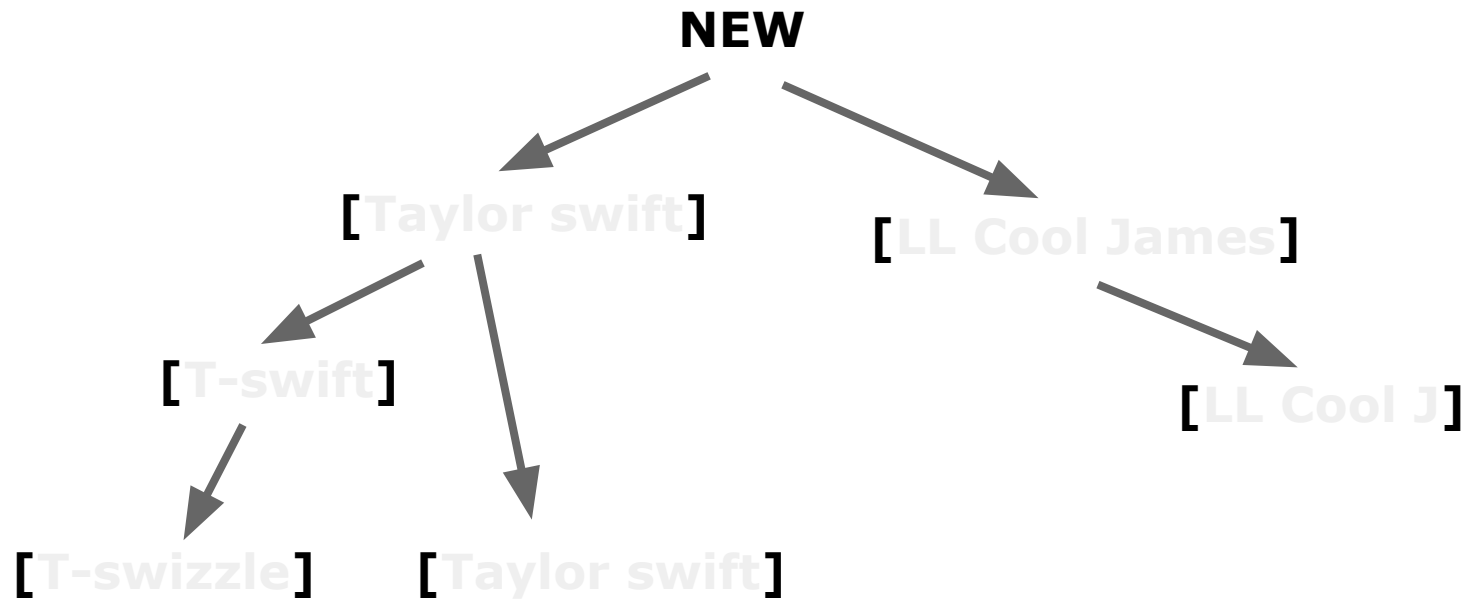
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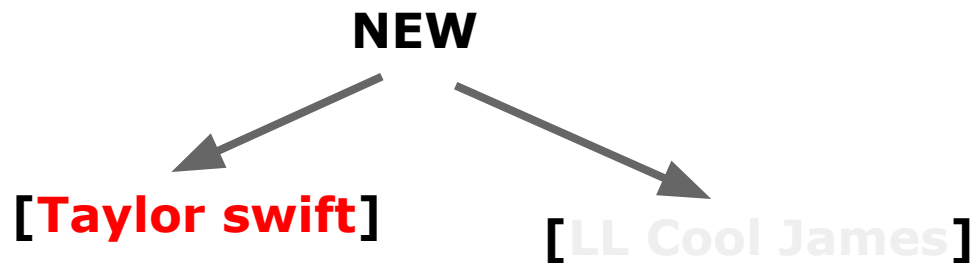
Another view

Note: No names yet, that's next...



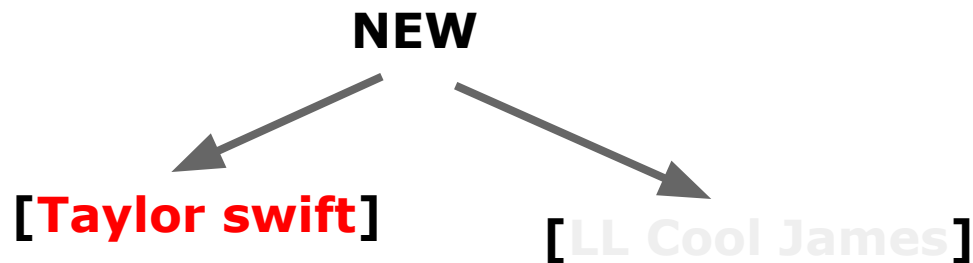
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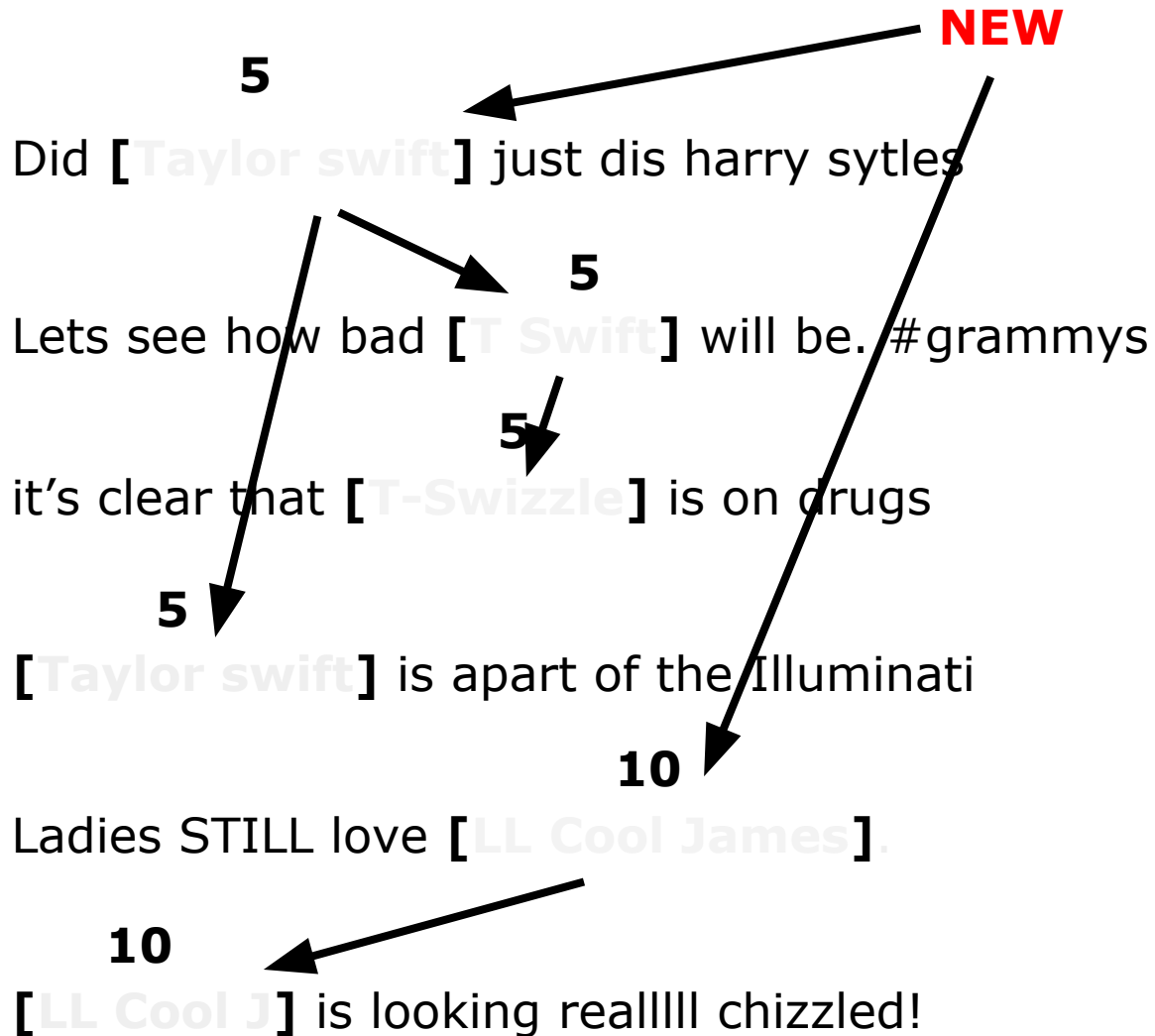
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We draw a name from a simple character LM with trainable parameters θ

(... room for fancier distributions over Σ^* ...)

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θ gives the contextual probability of different character edits

- copy, delete, substitute c , insert c

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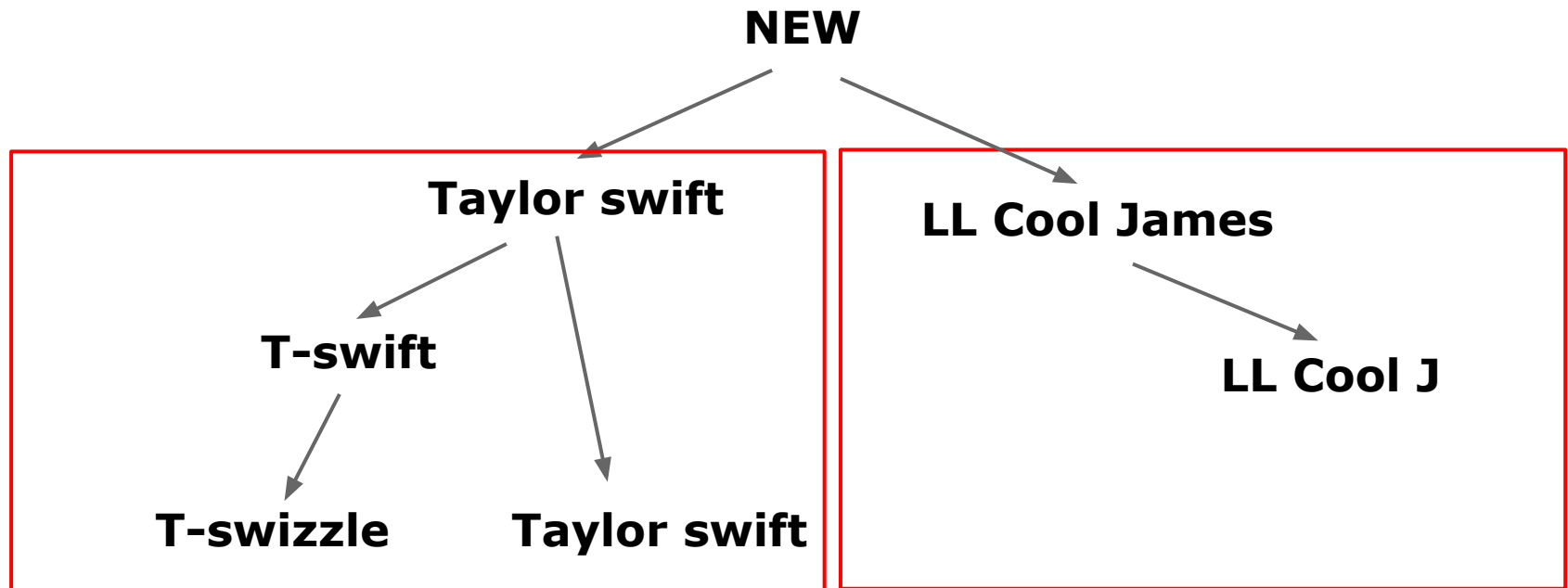
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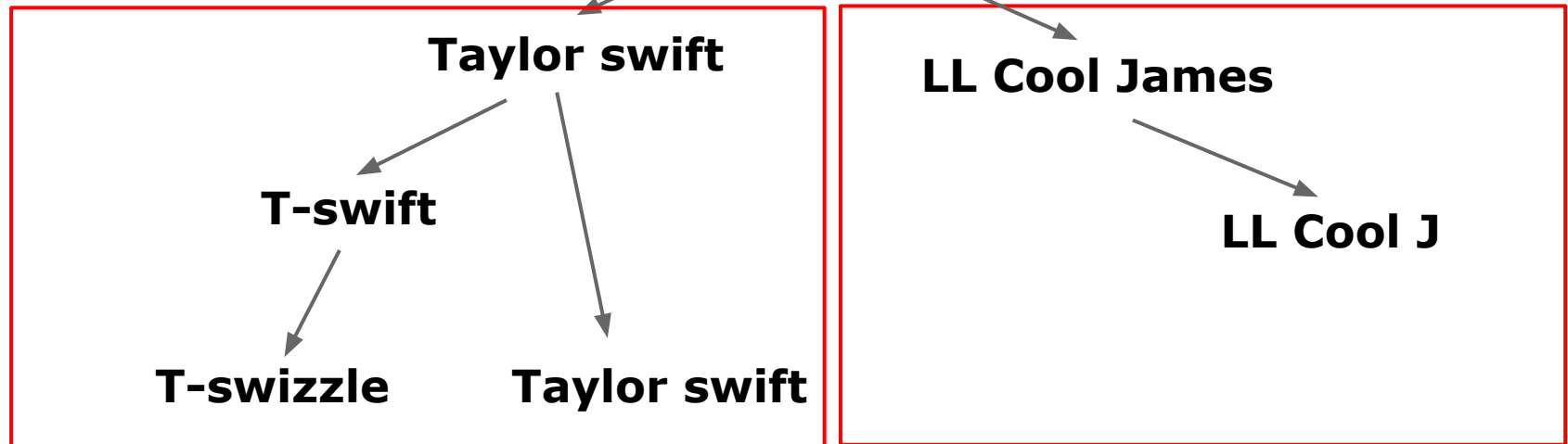
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Inference (fixed parameters)



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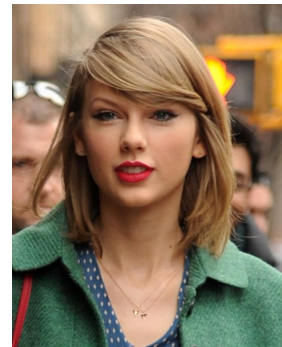
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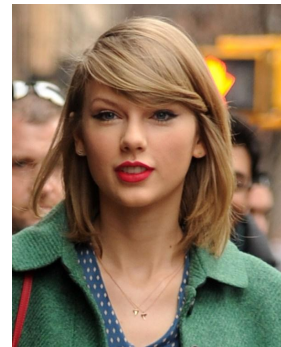
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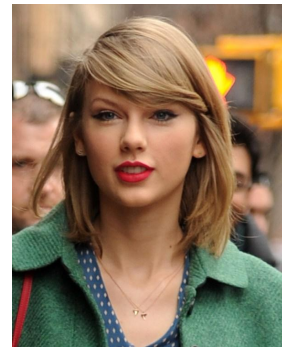
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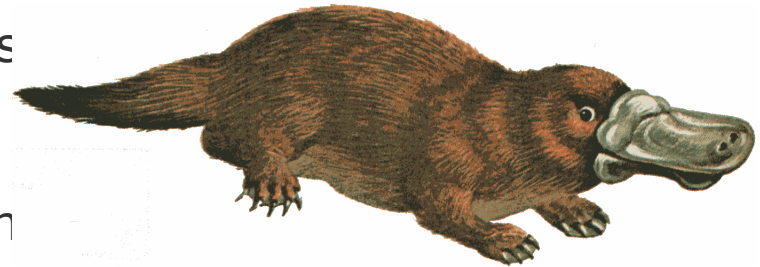
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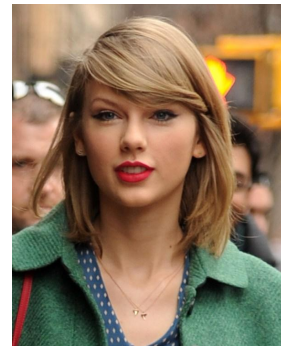
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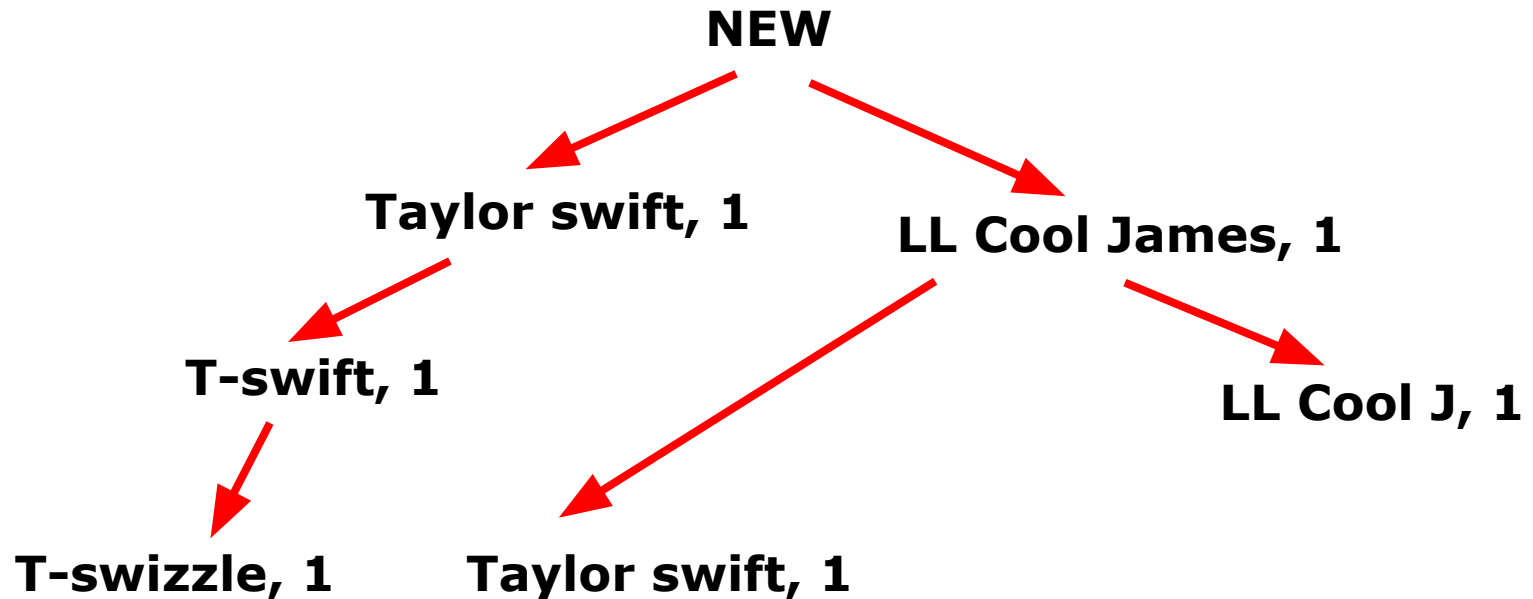
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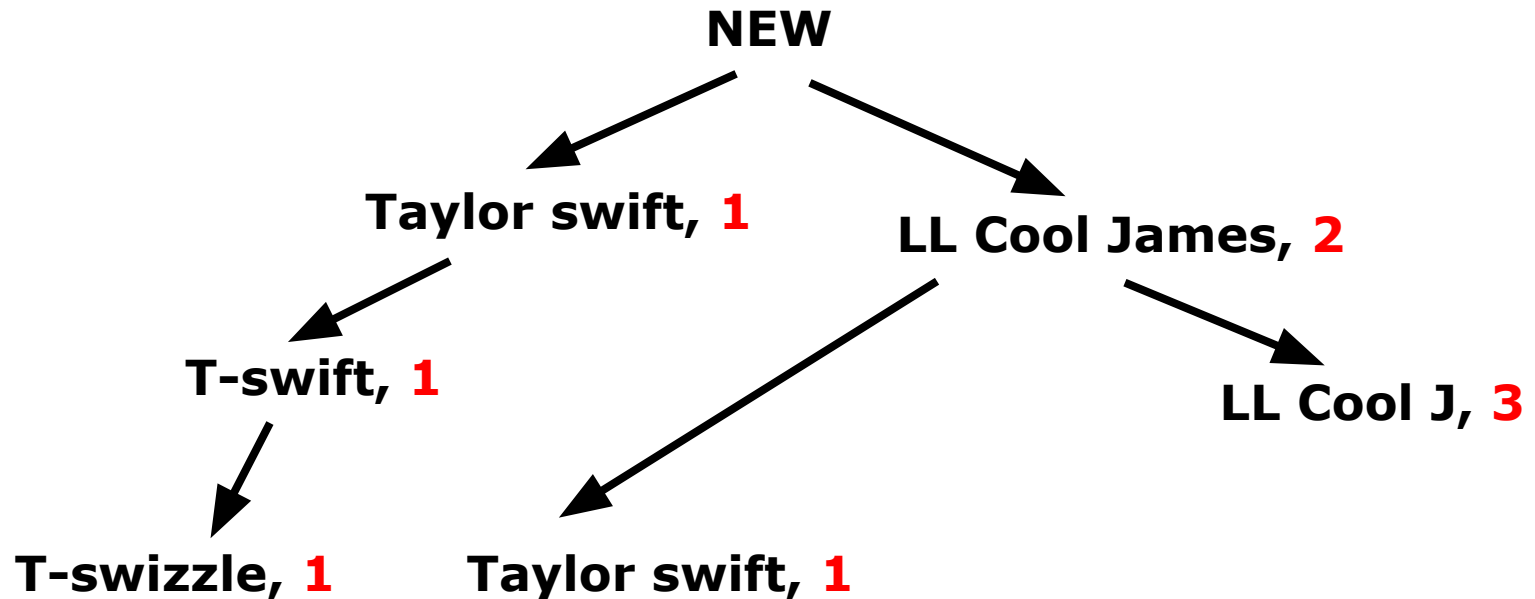
Sample **phylogeny** | topics



$$p(x \rightarrow y) \propto p_{\phi}(x \mid y) p_{\theta}(y.\text{name} \mid x.\text{name})$$

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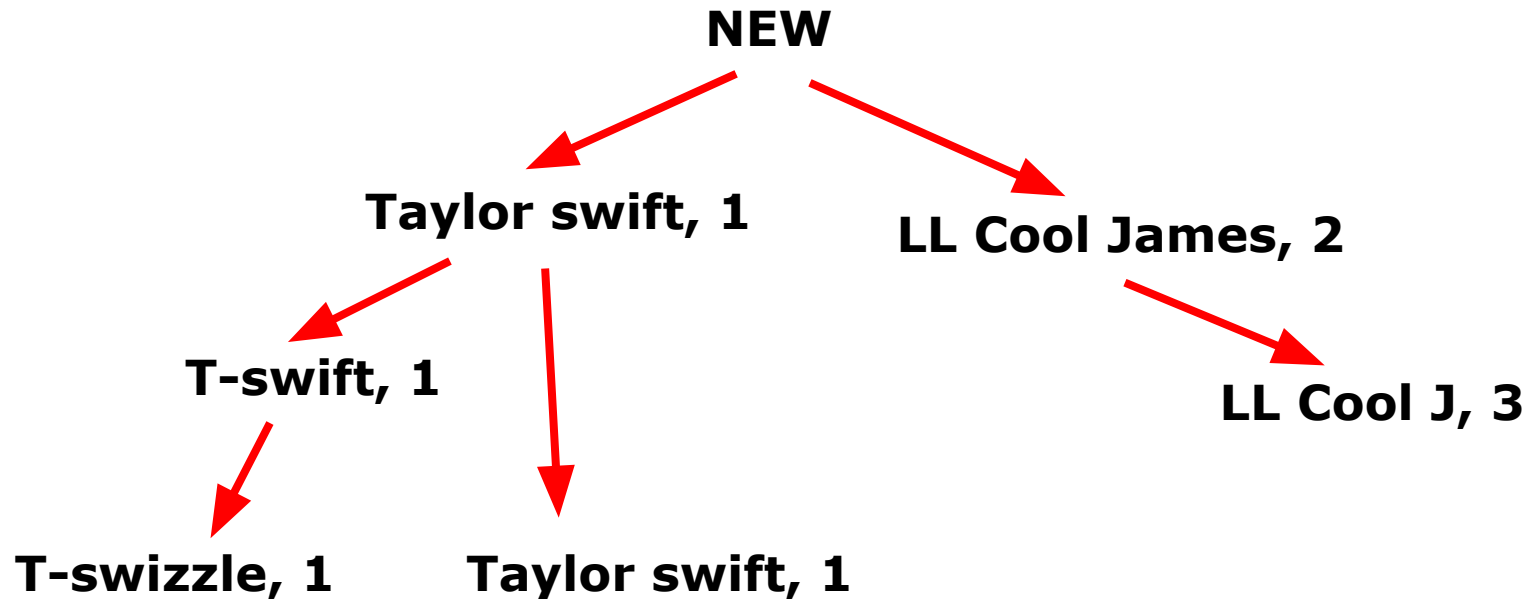
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(We use tree-structured BP to construct proposals;
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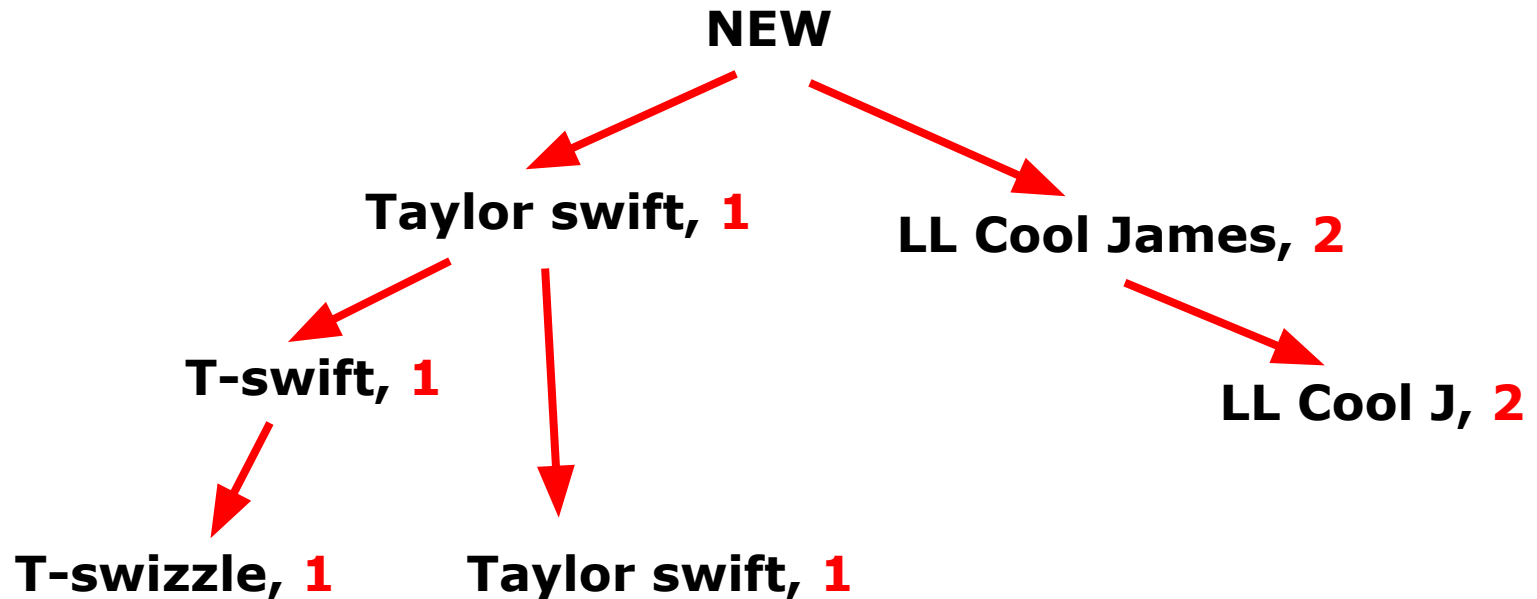
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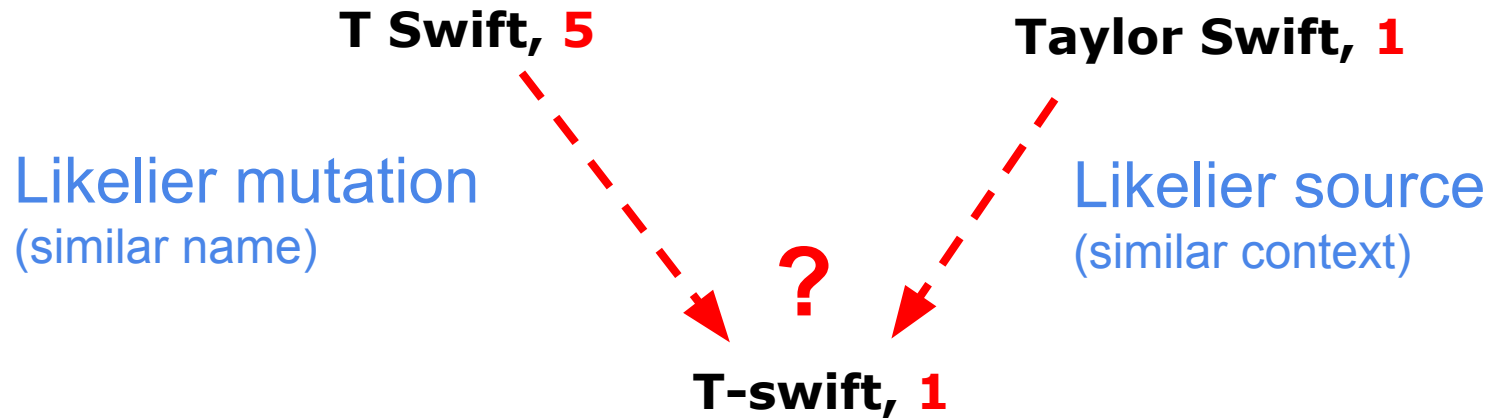


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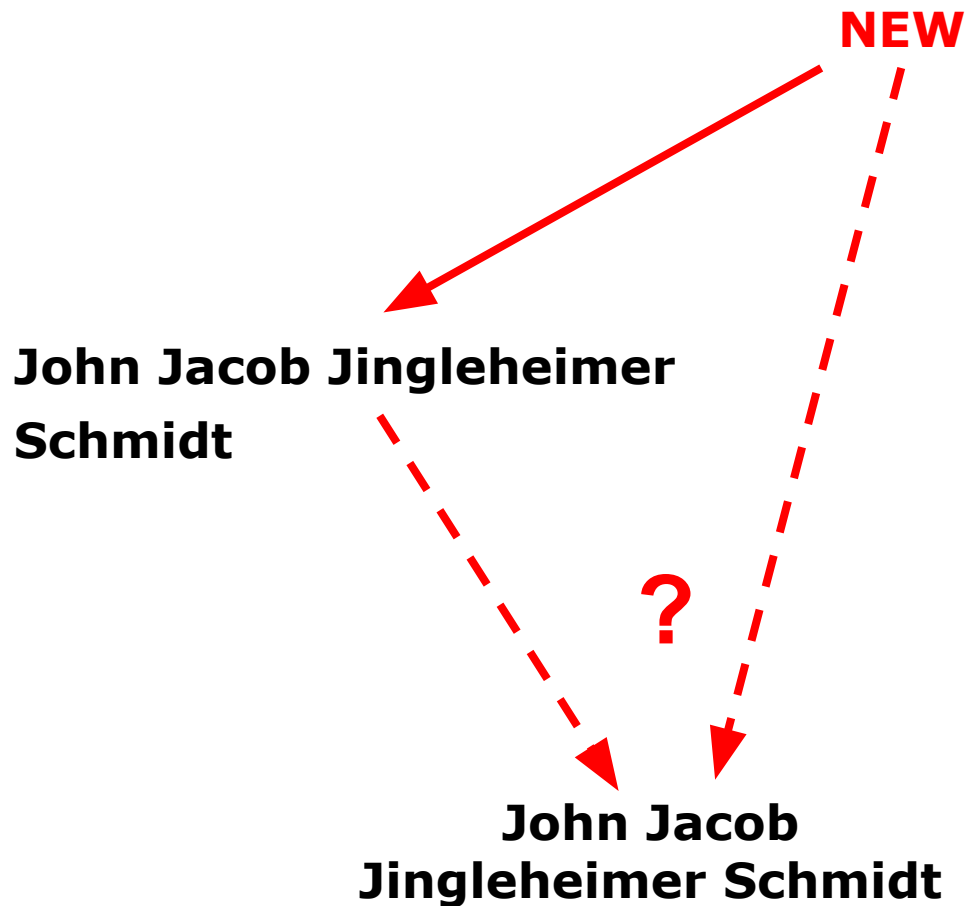
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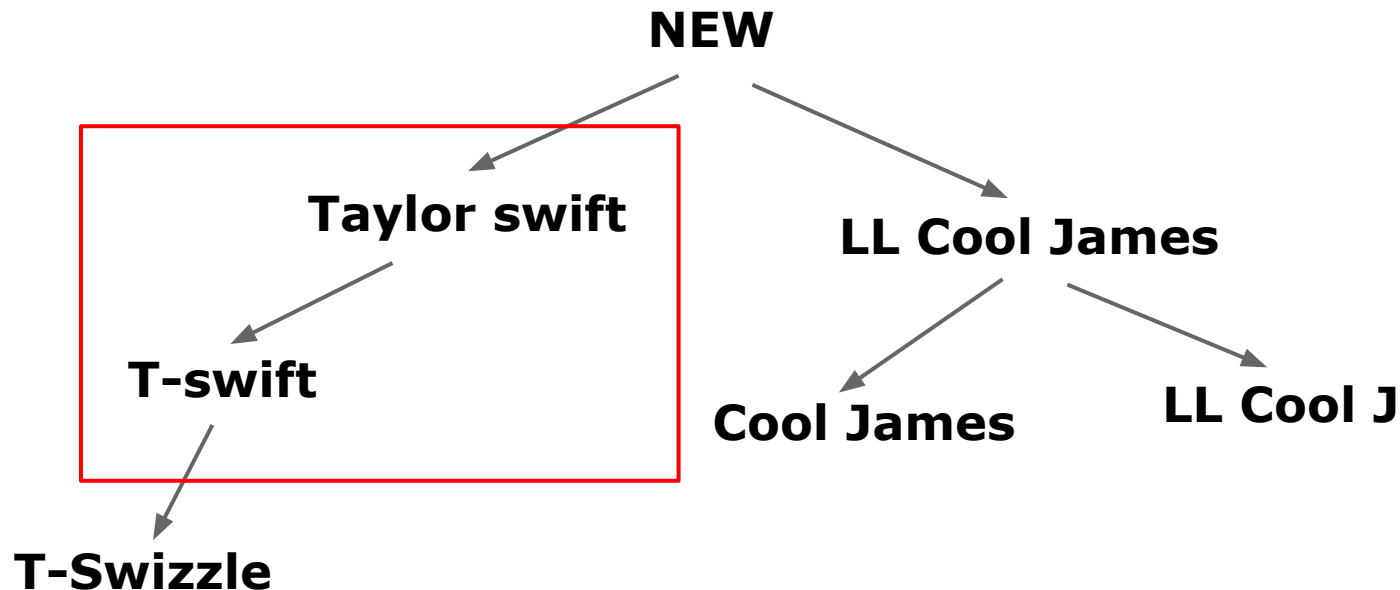
Prefer to **copy** rather than generate from scratch

(short or common names *would* be plausible to generate twice)

(see paper for an improved mutation model that considers pragmatics)

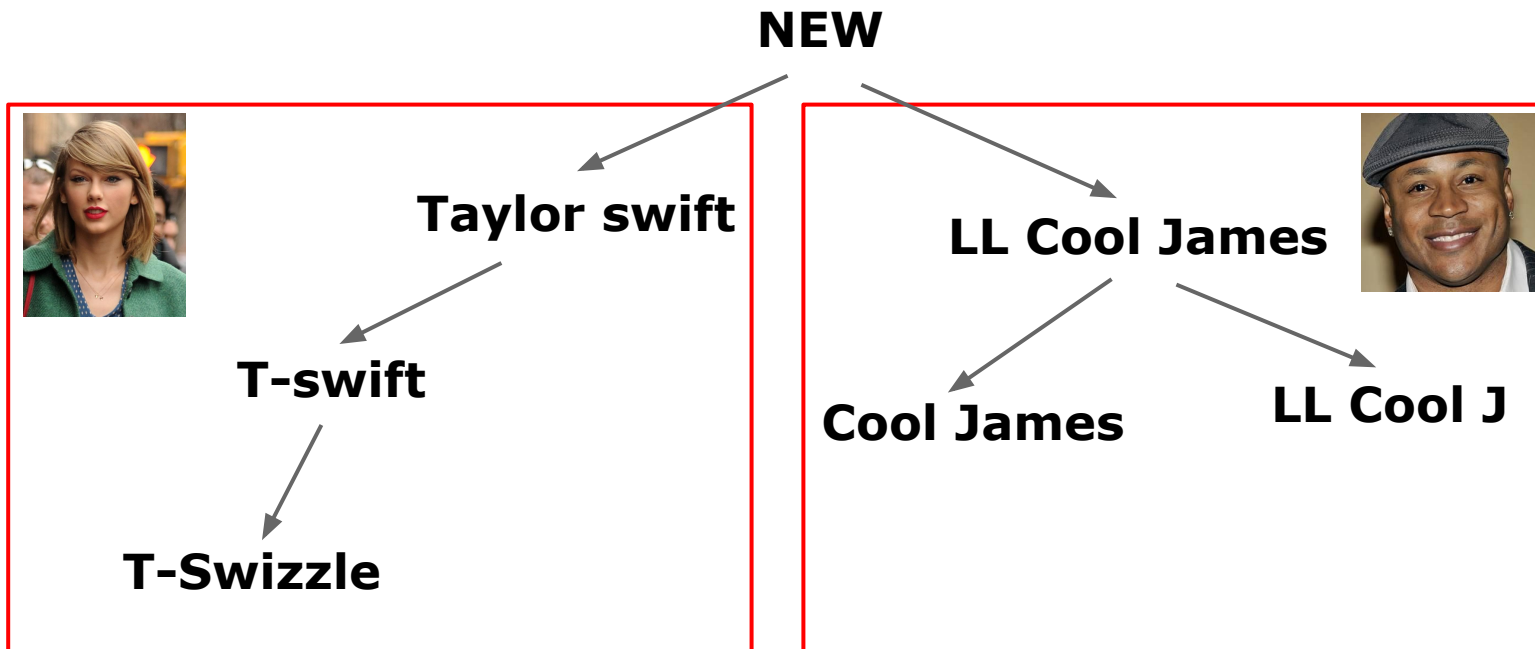
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1. Which names are copies of other names
(used for EM training of all parameters)

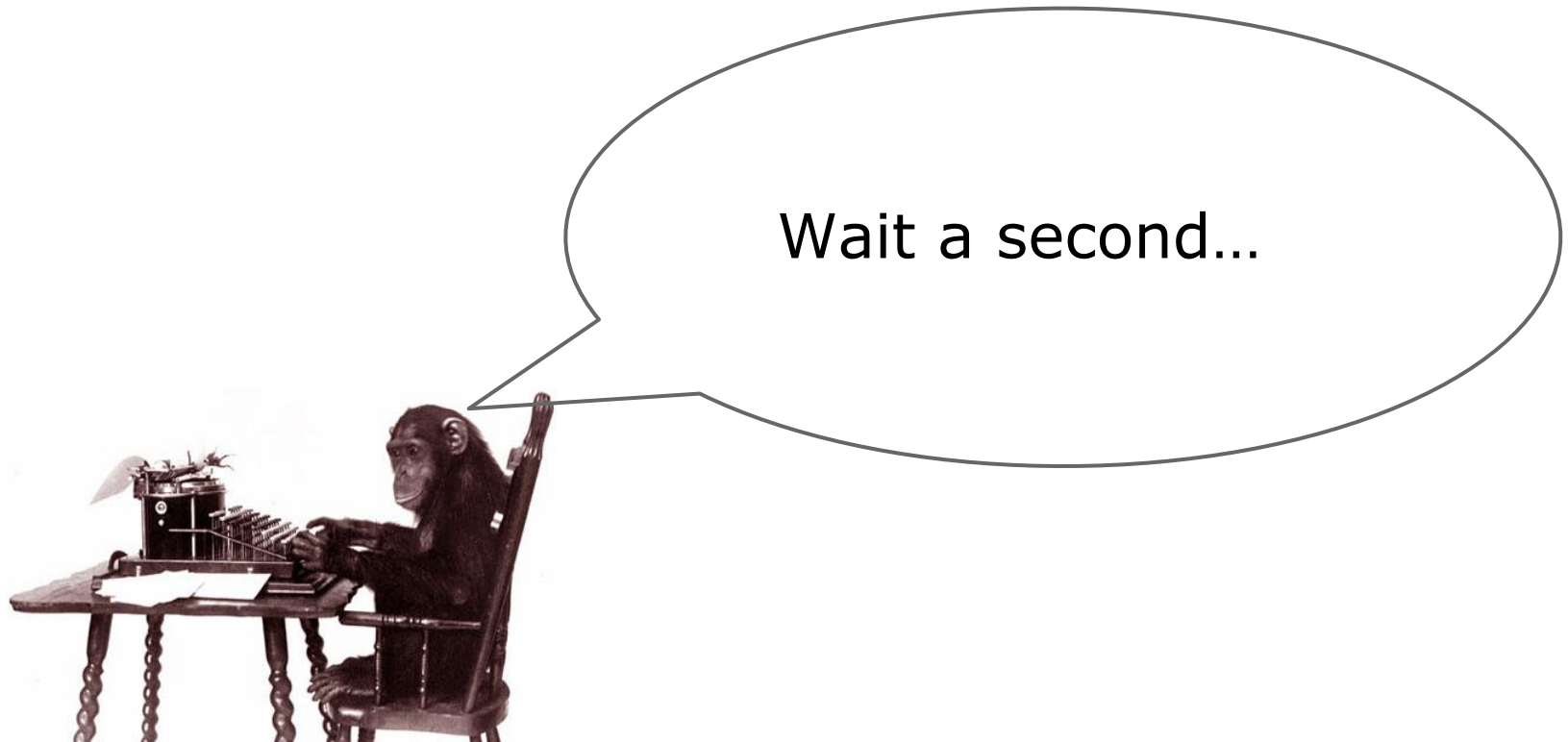


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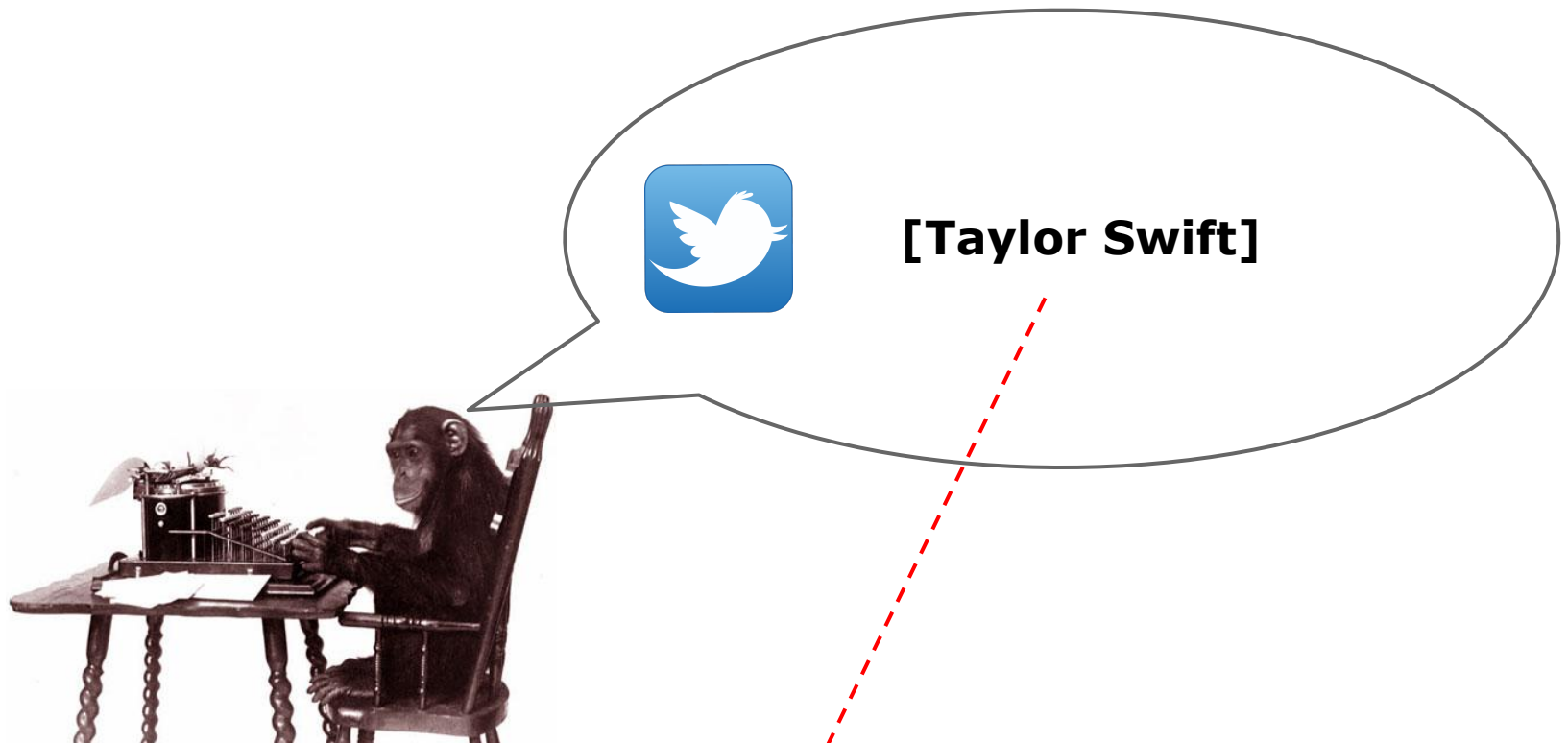


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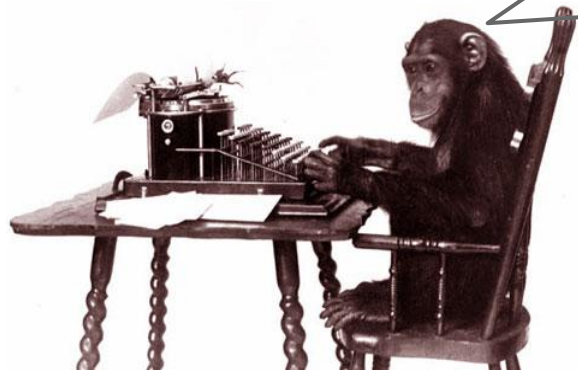
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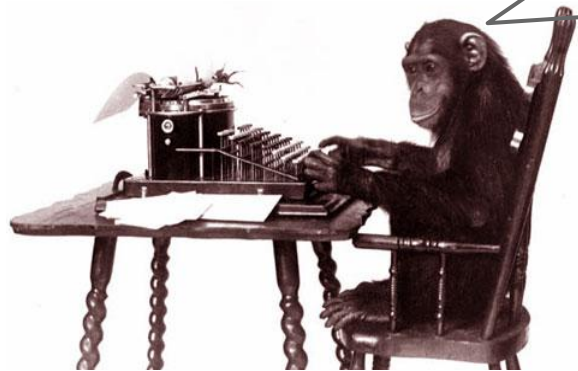


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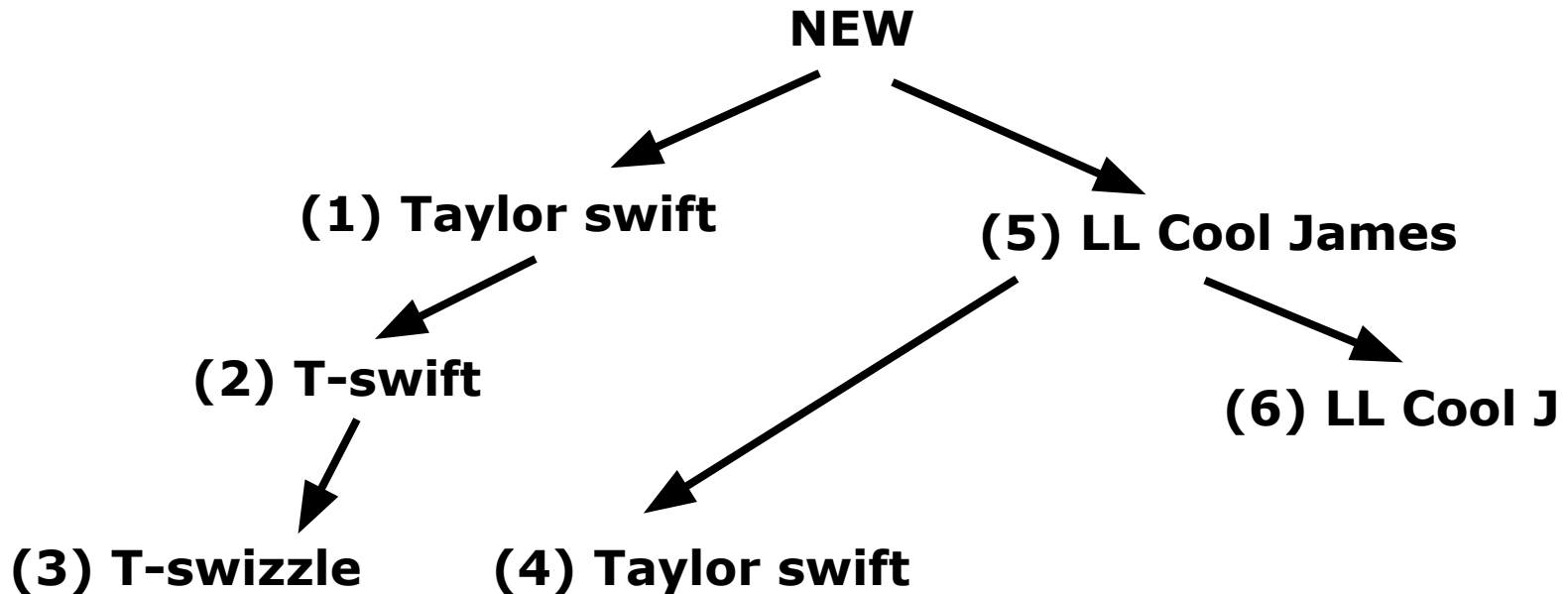


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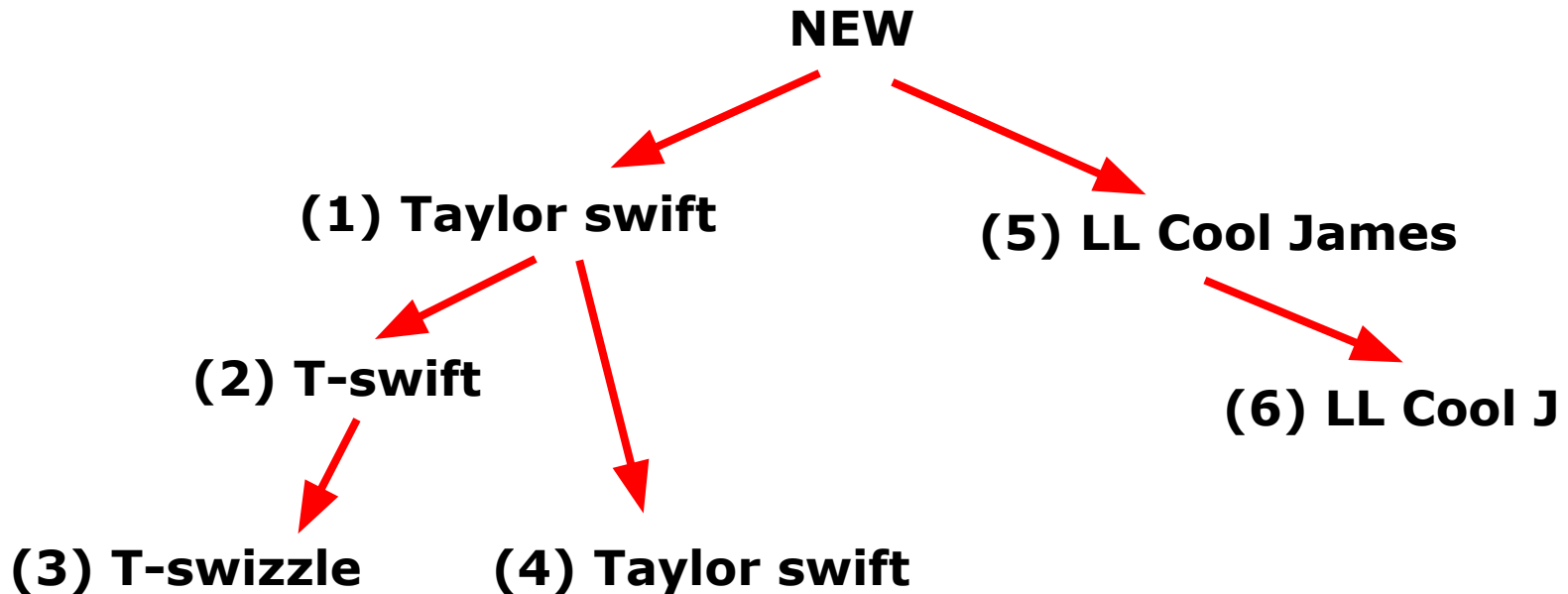
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Solution: Treat order as unknown



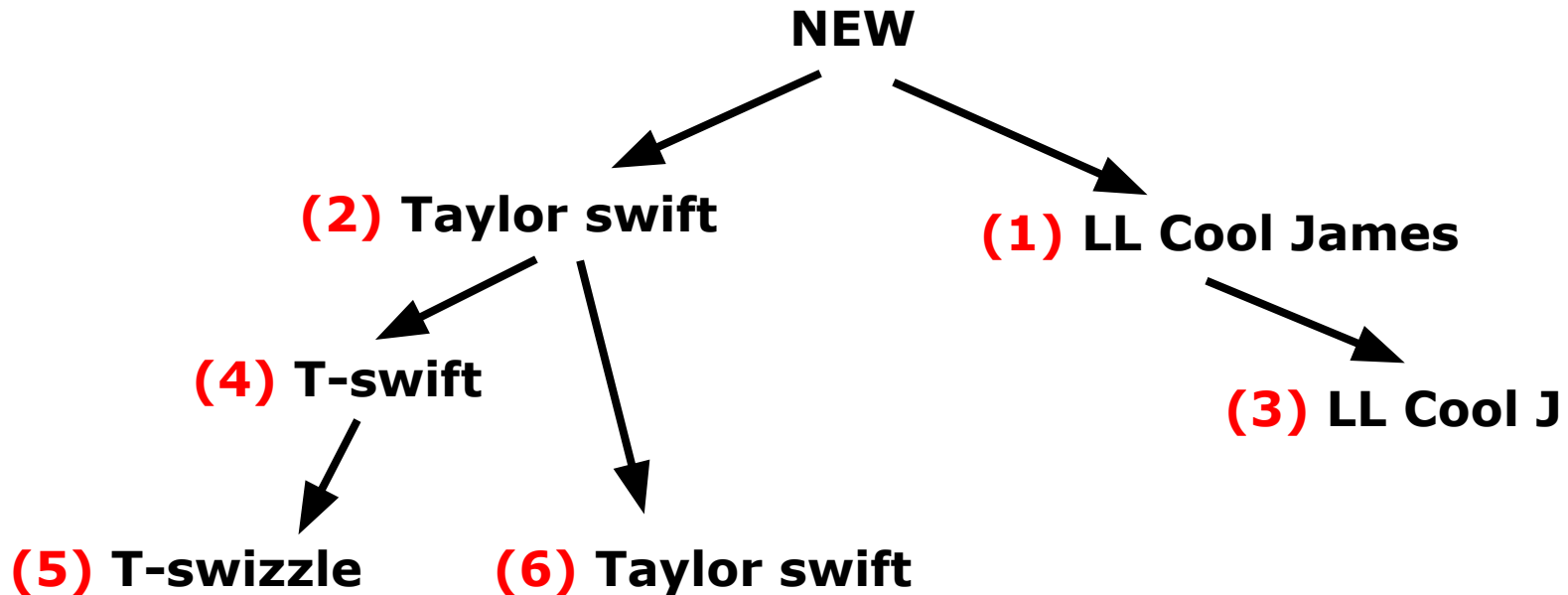
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Sample **phylogeny** | ordering, topics



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Sample **ordering** | phylogeny, topics



(we use a proposal distribution and correct with MH;
see paper for details)

Summary

So far we've seen:

- The generative story
- A sampler for posterior inference

Wrap up with:

- Parameter estimation
- MBR decoding
- Experiments

Parameter Estimation

Monte Carlo EM

Repeat:

- **E-Step:** Count edges in sample
- **M-Step:** Take stochastic gradient step
 - Update* parent model parameters
 - Update* mutation model parameters

* We use AdaGrad which has an adaptive learning rate

Consensus Clustering

To get a single “hard” clustering C for evaluation, we use minimum Bayes risk:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_C \mathbf{E}_{C'}[\operatorname{loss}(C, C')]$$

- Minimize expected loss of C
 - With respect to C' drawn from the model posterior
 - Estimate this using our samples of C'

(we approximate argmin using spectral clustering; see paper for details)

Summary

Unsupervised clustering procedure:

1. Train model using Monte Carlo EM
2. Sample from the posterior
3. Pick the MBR clustering given posterior

Evaluation: Twitter



Corpus of Twitter messages discussing the 2013 Grammy award ceremony (~5000 posts total, ~300 entities).

- Procedure: 4-fold cross validation
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Thanks!

- More experiments in the paper
 - Name canonicalization
- Code will be released soon
 - <https://bitbucket.org/noandrews/phyloinf>
- Future uses of model and code?
 - Track diffusion of memes through social media
 - Derivational morphology

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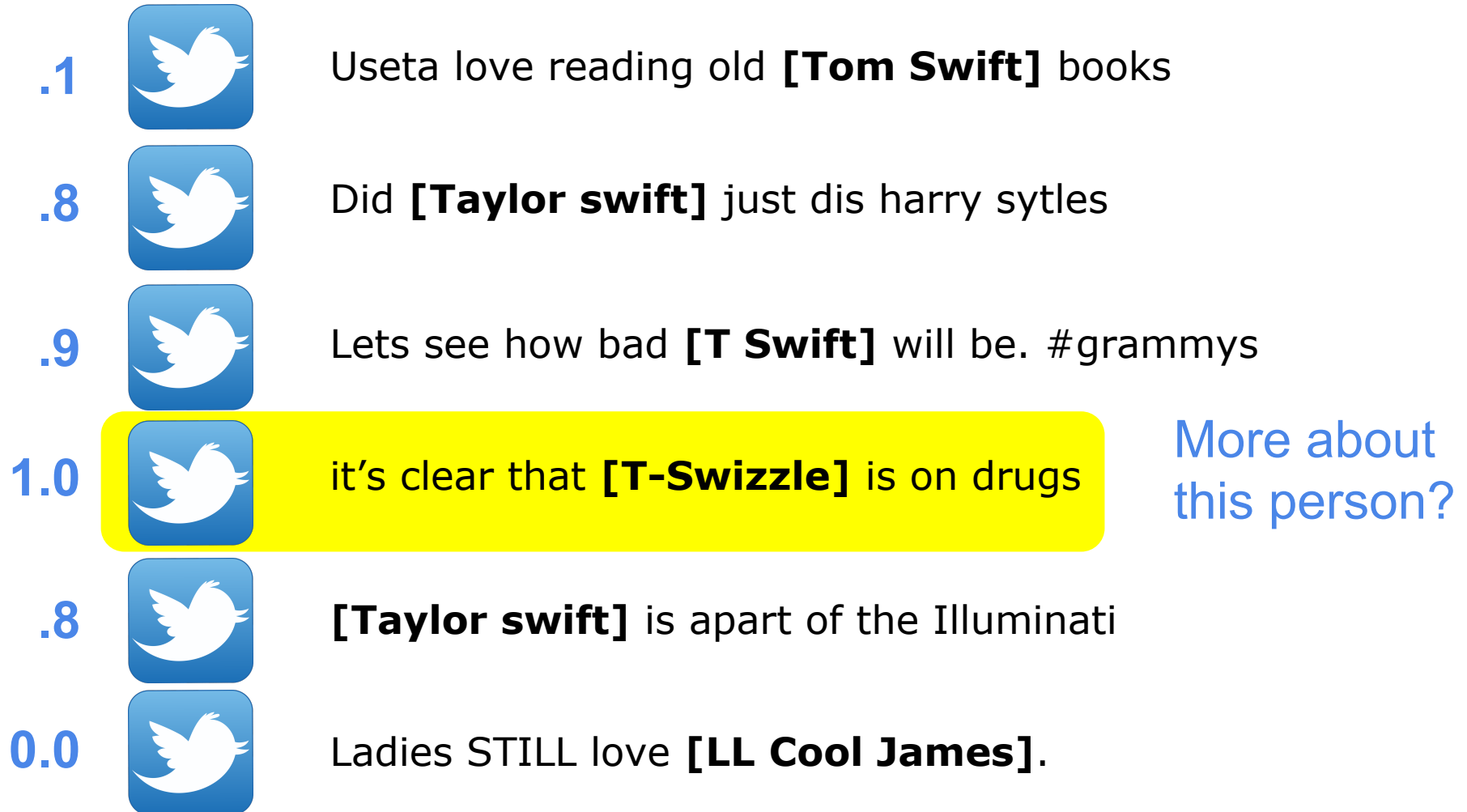


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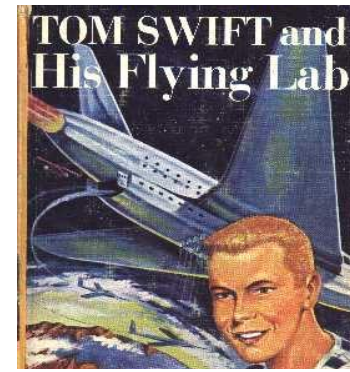
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