

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{MAP} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log p(y|x, \theta) + \log p(\theta) \quad \text{using fact that LR model has } p(\theta|x) = p(\theta) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log \left( \exp\left(-\frac{(y - X\theta)^T \Sigma (y - X\theta)}{2}\right) \right) + \log\left(\prod_i \frac{1}{2b} \exp\left(\frac{-|\theta_i|}{b}\right)\right) \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \frac{\sigma^{-2}}{2} \|y - X\theta\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{b} \|\theta\|_1\end{aligned}$$

Hence finding  $\theta_{MAP}$  is equivalent to solving the linear regression problem with  $L_1$  regularization, i.e. minimising the loss  $J(\theta) = \|y - X\theta\|_2^2 + \gamma \|\theta\|_1$ , where here  $\gamma = \frac{2\sigma^2}{b}$