

**3.7** The posterior distribution is given by:

$$p(\mathbf{w}|t) \propto p(t|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \beta) * p(\mathbf{w})$$

From 3.10, and 3.48, this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left( \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(t_n | \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n), \beta^{-1}) \right) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{S}_0) \\
&= \left( \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta^{-1}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta}{2} (t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n))^2 \right\} \right) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{S}_0) \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{(2\pi\beta^{-1})^{(N/2)}} \exp \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^N -\frac{\beta}{2} (t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n))^2 \right\} \right) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{S}_0) \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{(2\pi\beta^{-1})^{(N/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n))^2 \right\} \right) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{S}_0) \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{(2\pi\beta^{-1})^{(N/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n))^2 \right\} \right) \\
&\quad \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{(D/2)} |\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0) \right\} \\
&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2} |\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n))^2 \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0) \right\} \\
&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2} |\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n^2 - 2t_n \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) + (\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n))^2) \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

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&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2}|\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n^2 - 2t_n \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) + \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{w}) \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0) \right\} \\
&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2}|\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta}{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N t_n^2 - 2\mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} \right) \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0)^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_0) \right\} \\
&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2}|\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta}{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N t_n^2 - 2\mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{w}^T \Phi^T \Phi \mathbf{w} \right) \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 + \mathbf{m}_0^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the terms in the exponents, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2}|\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{w}^T (\beta \Phi^T \Phi + \mathbf{S}_0^{-1}) \mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{w}^T (\beta \Phi^T \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0) \right) \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{m}_0^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 + \beta \sum_{n=1}^N t_n^2 \right) \right\} \\
&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2}|\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{m}_N) \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{m}_0^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 + \beta \sum_{n=1}^N t_n^2 \right) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Adding and subtracting  $\mathbf{m}_N^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{m}_N$  in the exponents,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2} |\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{m}_N + \mathbf{m}_N^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{m}_N) \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{m}_0^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 - \mathbf{m}_N^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{m}_N + \beta \sum_{n=1}^N t_n^2 \right) \right\} \\
&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2} |\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} ((\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_N)^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_N)) \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{m}_0^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 - \mathbf{m}_N^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{m}_N + \beta \sum_{n=1}^N t_n^2 \right) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying and dividing the fraction by  $|\mathbf{S}_N|^{(1/2)}$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\beta^{(N/2)} |\mathbf{S}_N|^{(1/2)}}{(2\pi)^{(D+N)/2} |\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)} |\mathbf{S}_N|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} ((\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_N)^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_N)) \right\} \\
&\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{m}_0^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 - \mathbf{m}_N^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{m}_N + \beta \sum_{n=1}^N t_n^2 \right) \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2} |\mathbf{S}_N|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} ((\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_N)^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{m}_N)) \right\} \\
&\quad \frac{\beta^{(N/2)} |\mathbf{S}_N|^{(1/2)}}{(2\pi)^{N/2} |\mathbf{S}_0|^{(1/2)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{m}_0^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} \mathbf{m}_0 - \mathbf{m}_N^T \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{m}_N + \beta \sum_{n=1}^N t_n^2 \right) \right\} \\
&= c \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{m}_N, \mathbf{S}_N)
\end{aligned}$$

where c is the constant second term.