

1.25 We are given:

$$E[L(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}))] = \int \int \|\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{t}\|^2 p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{t}$$

Using D.5, if $E[L(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}))]$ can be treated as a functional that is defined by an integral over a function $G(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{x})$, such that:

$$\begin{aligned} F(\mathbf{y}) &= E[L(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}))] \\ \implies \int \int \|\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{t}\|^2 p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{t} &= \int G(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ \implies \int \|\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{t}\|^2 p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} &= G(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Here, the functional actually does not depend on \mathbf{y}' , and is of the form $G(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$.

Therefore, as per page 705 in Bishop, in this case, stationarity simply requires that $\frac{\partial G}{\partial \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})} = 0$ for all values of \mathbf{x} .

Taking the partial derivative, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})} \left(\int \|\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{t}\|^2 p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} \right) = 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})} \left(\int (\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{t})^T (\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{t}) p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} \right) &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})} \left(\int (\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) - 2\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{t}) p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} \right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The derivative can be taken inside the integral as per Leibniz Integral Rule.

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \int \left(\frac{\partial(\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}))}{\partial \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})} - \frac{\partial(2\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{t})}{\partial \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})} + \frac{\partial(\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{t})}{\partial \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})} \right) p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} &= 0 \\ \implies \int (2\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T - 2\mathbf{t}^T + \mathbf{0}^T) p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\implies \int 2\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} = \int 2\mathbf{t}^T p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t} \\
&\implies \int \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{t} = \int \mathbf{t}^T p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{t} \\
&\implies \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T p(\mathbf{x}) \int p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{t} = p(\mathbf{x}) \int \mathbf{t}^T p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{t} \\
&\implies \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T \int p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{t} = \int \mathbf{t}^T p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{t}
\end{aligned}$$

By using definition of conditional expectation from 1.37, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\implies \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})^T (1) = E_{\mathbf{t}}^T[\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x}] \\
&\implies \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) = E_{\mathbf{t}}[\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{x}]
\end{aligned}$$

For a single target variable \mathbf{t} , this becomes:

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = E_t[t|\mathbf{x}]$$

which is the same as 1.89.