5.39 Using 5.162,

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\alpha) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1}\mathbf{I})$$

And using 5.163,

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\mathbf{w}, \beta) = \prod_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{N}(t_n|y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}), \beta^{-1})$$

Assuming that the mode is at \mathbf{w}_{MAP} , and identifying that

$$f(\mathbf{w}) = \left(\prod_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{N}(t_n | y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}), \beta^{-1})\right) \left(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{I})\right)$$

and

$$Z = p(\mathcal{D}|\alpha, \beta)$$

Applying 4.135, we get:

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\alpha,\beta) \simeq \left(\prod_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{N}(t_n|y(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{w}_{MAP}),\beta^{-1})\right) \left(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}_{MAP}|\mathbf{0},\alpha^{-1}\mathbf{I})\right) \frac{(2\pi)^{W/2}}{|\mathbf{A}|^{1/2}}$$

$$\implies \ln p(\mathcal{D}|\alpha, \beta) \simeq \ln \left(\left(\prod_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{N}(t_n | y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{MAP}), \beta^{-1}) \right) \right)$$
$$\left(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}_{MAP} | \mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{I}) \right) \frac{(2\pi)^{W/2}}{|\mathbf{A}|^{1/2}} \right)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} \ln \mathcal{N}(t_n | y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{MAP}), \beta^{-1}) \right)$$

$$+ \left(\ln \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}_{MAP} | \mathbf{0}, \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{I}) \right) + \frac{W}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\mathbf{A}|$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \ln \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/2} (\beta^{-1})^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta (t_n - y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{MAP}))^2}{2} \right\} \right)$$

$$\begin{split} &+ \ln \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{W/2} |\alpha^{-1}\mathbf{I}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\alpha \mathbf{w}_{MAP}^T \mathbf{w}_{MAP}}{2} \right\} \right) + \frac{W}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\mathbf{A}| \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(-\frac{N}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \beta - \frac{\beta \left(t_n - y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{MAP}) \right)^2}{2} \right) \\ &- \frac{W}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{W}{2} \ln \alpha - \frac{\alpha \mathbf{w}_{MAP}^T \mathbf{w}_{MAP}}{2} + \frac{W}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\mathbf{A}| \\ &= -\frac{N}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{N}{2} \ln \beta - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\beta \left(t_n - y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{MAP}) \right)^2}{2} \\ &+ \frac{W}{2} \ln \alpha - \frac{\alpha \mathbf{w}_{MAP}^T \mathbf{w}_{MAP}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\mathbf{A}| \\ &- \left(\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (t_n - y(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_{MAP}))^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \mathbf{w}_{MAP}^T \mathbf{w}_{MAP} \right) \\ &- \frac{N}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{N}{2} \ln \beta + \frac{W}{2} \ln \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\mathbf{A}| \end{split}$$

which is the same as the result in 5.175.