

$$x_1, \dots, x_n \mid \theta \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, \lambda^{-1}) \quad \lambda = (\sigma^2)^{-1}$$

$$\theta \sim N(\mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}).$$

① Likelihood.

$$p(x \mid \theta, \lambda^{-1}) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda}{2} (x - \theta)^2\right\}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda}{2} (x^2 - 2\theta x + \theta^2)\right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{want to} \\ \text{use prop} \\ \text{wrt } \theta \end{array}$$

$$\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda}{2} [-2\theta x + \theta^2]\right\}$$

$$\propto \exp\left\{\lambda \theta x - \frac{\lambda}{2} \theta^2\right\} \quad (5) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{simplified} \\ \text{likelihood} \end{array}$$

2. Prior

$$p(\theta) = N(\theta \mid \mu_0, \lambda_0^{-1}) \stackrel{\text{symmetry}}{=} N(\mu_0 \mid \theta, \lambda_0^{-1})$$

$$\propto \exp\left\{\lambda_0 \mu_0 \theta - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_0 \theta^2\right\} \quad (6) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{dropped norm. constants} \\ \text{and constants that} \\ \text{depend on } \theta. \end{array}$$

Posterior

$$p(\theta | x_{1:n}) \propto p(x_{1:n} | \theta) p(\theta)$$

$$\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\exp(\lambda x_i \theta - \frac{\lambda}{2} \theta^2) \right] \times \exp \left\{ \lambda_0 \mu_0 \theta - \frac{\lambda_0}{2} \theta^2 \right\}$$

$$= \exp \left\{ \lambda \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \theta - \frac{\lambda n}{2} \theta^2 + \lambda_0 \mu_0 \theta - \frac{\lambda_0}{2} \theta^2 \right\}$$

$$= \exp \left\{ \left(\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \theta - \frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_0 + \lambda n \right) \theta^2 \right\}$$

$$M = \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \lambda \sum x_i}{\lambda_0 + \lambda n}$$

$$= \exp \left\{ \left(\frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \lambda \sum x_i}{\lambda_0 + \lambda n} \right) \theta - \frac{1}{2} L \theta^2 \right\} \quad \text{why?}$$

$$\propto N \left(M \middle| \theta, L^{-1} \right) \stackrel{\text{symmetry}}{=} N \left(\theta \middle| M, L^{-1} \right)$$

true by eqn (5)

$$M = \frac{\lambda_0 \mu_0 + \lambda \sum x_i}{\lambda_0 + n \lambda} \quad (\text{posterior mean})$$

$$= \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_0 + n \lambda} \mu_0 + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_0 + n \lambda} n \bar{x}$$

$$= \underbrace{\left[\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_0 + n \lambda} \right]}_{\downarrow} (\mu_0) + \underbrace{\left[\frac{\lambda n}{\lambda_0 + n \lambda} \right]}_{\downarrow} (\bar{x})$$

prior
mean

sample
mean

λ_0 = prior precision

λ = sample precision

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_0 + n \lambda}{\quad} \quad (\text{post prec.})$$