

## Examples paper 4

P1 (a)  $J = b^T X = b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + \dots + b_N x_N$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial X} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial J}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial J}{\partial x_N} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_N \end{bmatrix} = b$$

(b)  $B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & | & \\ b_{21} & \ddots & & & b_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\hookrightarrow X^T B X = X^T \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^N b_{1k} x_k \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^N b_{Nk} x_k \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \sum_k b_{1k} x_k + \dots + x_N \sum_k b_{Nk} x_k$$

$$\frac{\partial (X^T B X)}{\partial X} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} (x_1 \sum_k b_{1k} x_k + \dots + x_N \sum_k b_{Nk} x_N) \right]$$

1st row of B

$$\underbrace{[b_{11}, b_{12}, \dots, b_{1N}]}_{1st \text{ row}} \cdot X \underbrace{[b_{11}, b_{21}, \dots]}_{1st \text{ column}} X = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_N} (x_1 \sum_k b_{1k} x_k + \dots + x_N \sum_k b_{Nk} x_N) \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{\sum_k b_{1k} x_k}_{K} + \underbrace{\sum_k b_{k1} x_k}_{K} = \left[ 2b_{11} x_1 + \sum_{k \neq 1} b_{1k} x_k + \sum_{k \neq 1} x_k b_{k1} \right]$$

and same for all

$$\text{Components } k = 2, \dots, N \quad \left[ 2b_{NN} x_N + \sum_{k \neq N} b_{Nk} x_k + \sum_{k \neq N} x_k b_{KN} \right] \\ = \boxed{B X + B^T X} \quad (\text{B is any matrix})$$

square

(c) B is Symmetric: same as (b) but

$$\text{since } B = B^T \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial X} = 2 B X$$

P2] (a) Show that any matrix  $B = G^T G$  is positive semi-definite.

$x^T G^T G x \geq 0$  for any vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

Let  $v$  be  $v = Gx$ . Then,  $x^T G^T G x$  can be written as  $v^T v$ , which is simply the sum of squared terms:

$$x^T G^T G x = v^T v = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_N^2 \geq 0$$

(b) Using the term  $v$  introduced in part (a), the condition to make  $x^T G^T G x$  equal to 0 is  $v_1 = v_2 = v_3 = \dots = v_N = 0$ . To make  $v = 0$  we need  $Gx = 0$ . Aside from the trivial case where  $x = 0$ , the condition  $Gx = 0$  can be satisfied by some  $x \neq 0$  whenever the system of equations it defines is undetermined, which is equivalent to saying that  $G$  has lower rank than the dimension of  $x$ .

We'll give some examples covering the relevant cases (we assume  $X$  is  $N \times 1$  and  $G$  is  $P \times N$ ):

1. IF  $P < N$  the system of equations is undetermined (notice it has more unknowns than equations), therefore it defines a complete region where  $Gx = 0$  (some variables are "free" and  $Gx = 0$  holds no matter what value these variables take).

Example:  $G = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . from  $Gx$  we have

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 5x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_3 = x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 8x_1 + 14x_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

Replacing in eq. 1:  
 Then, picking any value of  $x_2$        $x_1 = -\frac{14}{8}x_2$ ,  
 and computing  $x_1 = -\frac{14}{8}x_2$  and  $x_3 = x_1 + 2x_2$   
 yields  $Gx = 0$

2.  $P = N$  If the matrix  $G$  has full rank, then

$B$  will be positive definite since

$$x^T B x = x^T G^T G x \text{ will be } 0 \text{ only when } x = 0.$$

(The system of equations imposed by  $Gx$  is fully determined, so there's just one solution for each right hand side). If  $G$  is  $N \times N$  but not full rank,  $B$  is not positive definite

3.  $P > N$  In this case,  $B$  is positive definite if  $G$  has rank  $N$  (recall that the rank of a non-square matrix is also defined as the number of independent rows/columns, so it's at most  $N$ ). If the rank of  $G$  is less than  $N$ ,  $B$  is not positive definite.

i.e. Matrix  $G$  needs to be full rank  
 to make  $B$  positive definite

symmetric positive definite

$$(c) J = \underbrace{x^T B x}_{\text{symmetric}} - 2 b^T x.$$

Using the properties derived in P1

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x} = 2 B x - 2 b \Rightarrow x_{\min} = \underbrace{B^{-1} b}_{\text{if } B \text{ is positive definite}}$$

If  $B$  is positive definite then it's invertible

$$(d) \text{ Find } M, m, c \text{ such that } [x - m]^T M [x - m] + c \\ = x^T B x - 2 b^T x.$$

Expanding the expression above:

$$x^T M x - \underbrace{x^T M m - m^T M x + m^T M m}_{2 m^T M x}$$

$$\Rightarrow M = B, \quad m = B^{-1} b \quad C = -m^T M m = -b^T B^{-1} B B^{-1} b \\ = -b^T B b$$

(e) In the generalised linear model with gaussian prior, we have  $p(\theta|y) \propto p(\theta) p(y|\theta)$ . Taking log() to handle what's inside the exponential more easily:

$$\log(p(\theta|y)) = C - \frac{1}{2} [\theta - m_\theta]^T C_\theta^{-1} [\theta - m_\theta] - [y - G\theta]^T [y - G\theta]$$

$$= C + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{y^T y}{\sigma^2}}_{\text{absorbed into the constant}} - \frac{2 y^T G \theta}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\theta^T G^T G \theta}{\sigma^2} + \theta^T C_\theta^{-1} \theta - 2 m_\theta^T C_\theta^{-1} \theta + \underbrace{m_\theta^T C_\theta^{-1} m_\theta}_{\text{constant}} \right\}$$

$$= C'' + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \theta^T \left( \frac{G^T G}{\sigma^2} + C_\theta^{-1} \right) \theta - 2 \left[ \frac{y^T G}{\sigma^2} + m_\theta^T C_\theta^{-1} \right] \theta \right\}$$

Using part (d), the form " $x^T B x - 2b^T x$ "

can be recognised:  $x = \theta$ ,  $B = \frac{G^T G}{\sigma^2} + C_\theta^{-1}$

$b = \frac{G^T y}{\sigma^2} + C_\theta^{-1} m_\theta$ . Completing the squares (as with  $\log p(\theta|y)$  can be written as:

$M, m, C$   
in part d)

$$\log p(\theta|y) = C'' + -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ [\theta - M_\theta]^T \Sigma_\theta^{-1} [\theta - M_\theta] - \underbrace{M_\theta^T \Sigma_\theta^{-1} M_\theta}_{\text{constant}} \right\}$$

with  $M_\theta$  and  $\Sigma_\theta^{-1}$  playing the role of  $m$  and  $M$  of part (d):

$$M = B = \frac{G^T G}{\sigma^2} + C_\theta^{-1} \Rightarrow \Sigma_\theta = \left[ \frac{G^T G}{\sigma^2} + C_\theta^{-1} \right]^{-1}$$

$$m = B^{-1} b = \left[ \frac{G^T G}{\sigma^2} + C_\theta^{-1} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{G^T y}{\sigma^2} + C_\theta^{-1} m_\theta \right] = M_\theta$$

• Regarding  $M_\theta^T \Sigma_\theta^{-1} M_\theta$  as constant and taking exp:

$$p(\theta|y) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} [\theta - M_\theta]^T \Sigma_\theta^{-1} [\theta - M_\theta] \right\}$$

which has the standard form of a Gaussian multivariate random variable. Then,

$$p(\theta|y) = N(\theta | M_\theta, \Sigma_\theta)$$

$$X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]^T$$

P3]  $\log P(X | M) = \sum_{m=1}^N -\log \sqrt{2\pi\sigma_m^2} - \frac{(x_m - M)^2}{2\sigma_m^2} / \frac{\partial(\cdot)}{\partial M}$

$$\frac{\partial(\cdot)}{\partial M} = \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{x_m - M}{\sigma_m^2} = \left( \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{x_m}{\sigma_m^2} \right) - M \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_m^2} = 0$$

$$\therefore M_{ML} = \left( \sum_{m=1}^N x_m / \sigma_m^2 \right) / \underbrace{\left( \sum_{m=1}^N 1 / \sigma_m^2 \right)}_S$$

$$\bullet M_{OLS} = \frac{1}{N} \sum x_m$$

• Bias and variance analysis:

$$\mathbb{E} M_{OLS} = \frac{1}{N} \sum \mathbb{E} x_m = \frac{N}{N} M$$

$$\mathbb{E} M_{ML} = \left( \sum \mathbb{E} x_m / \sigma_m^2 \right) / \left( \sum 1 / \sigma_m^2 \right) = M \cdot \frac{\sum 1 / \sigma_m^2}{\sum 1 / \sigma_m^2}$$

Both are unbiased estimators //

Variance:  $\mathbb{E} \left\{ \left( \sum \frac{x_m}{\sigma_m^2} - M \right)^2 \right\} = \frac{s^2}{s} = 1$

$M_{ML}$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \sum \frac{x_m / \sigma_m^2}{s} - \left( \frac{\sum 1 / \sigma_m^2}{s} M \right)^2 \right\}^2 \quad \begin{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq m \\ \sigma_m^2 & m = m \end{cases} \\ \text{due to independence} \end{cases}$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{1}{s} \sum \frac{x_m - M}{\sigma_m^2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{s^2} \sum_{m,m} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{(x_m - M)(x_m - M)}{\sigma_m^2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2} \sum \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_m^2} \right) \sigma_m^2 = \frac{1}{s^2} \cdot s = \left( \sum 1 / \sigma_m^2 \right)^{-1}$$

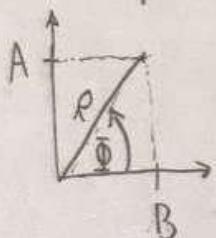
- If  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \dots = \sigma_m^2 = \sigma^2$ , the  $\hat{\sigma}_{ML}$  reduces to  $\hat{\sigma}_{ML} = \frac{\sigma^2}{N} = \hat{\sigma}_{OLS}$ .
- $M_{ML}$  is more robust to outliers since each observation is weighted appropriately, whereas  $M_{OLS}$ , being a simple average, overestimates the importance of outlier observations (i.e. those with higher variances).

P4]  $X_m = A \sin(m\omega) + B \cos(m\omega)$

Show that an equivalent model can be expressed as  $X_m = R \cos(m\omega + \bar{\Phi})$

$$\bar{\Phi} \sim U[0, 2\pi], \quad R \sim \text{another distribution.}$$

first, note that each pair of real numbers can be expressed in polar coordinates:



$$R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(A/B)$$

$$A = R \cdot \sin \bar{\Phi}$$

$$B = R \cdot \cos \bar{\Phi}$$

then:  $X_m = R \cdot \{ \sin \bar{\Phi} \sin m\omega + \cos \bar{\Phi} \cos m\omega \}$

Using identity  $\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta$

$$X_m = R \cos(m\omega - \bar{\Phi}) = R \cos(m\omega + \theta)$$

$\theta = -\bar{\Phi}$  introduced just to make this formula match the form proposed in the handout.

However, we don't know how  $R$  and  $\bar{\Phi}$  distribute. Using change of variables:

$$p_{R, \theta}(R, \theta) = p_{A, B} \left( \underbrace{R \sin(-\theta)}_A, \underbrace{R \cos(-\theta)}_B \right) \cdot \det(J)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \det(J) \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (R^2 \sin^2(\theta) + R^2 \cos^2(\theta)) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{R,\theta}(R, \theta) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{\sigma^2}\right\} \cdot R \\
 &\quad \det(J) \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial A}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial B}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial B}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos\theta & R\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & -R\cos\theta \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} -R\cos^2\theta \\ -R\sin^2\theta \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= R
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\theta$  and  $R$  are independent:

$$p_{R,\theta}(R, \theta) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)}_{p(\theta)} \underbrace{\left(\frac{R}{\sigma^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{\sigma^2}\right\}\right)}_{p(R)}$$

Rayleigh distribution

P5]  $t_1, \dots, t_N$  lengths of the intervals

$$p(t_m) = \theta^{-1} \exp(-t_m/\theta) \quad t_m > 0$$

$$\text{Likelihood} = p(t_1) \cdot p(t_2) \cdots p(t_N)$$

$$= \left( \theta^{-1} \exp -\frac{t_1}{\theta} \right) \left( \theta^{-1} \exp -\frac{t_2}{\theta} \right) \cdots \left( \theta^{-1} \exp -\frac{t_N}{\theta} \right)$$

$$= \theta^{-N} \exp \left\{ -\theta^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^N t_m \right\}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{ML} \quad \log(\cdot) = -N \log \theta - \theta^{-1} \sum t_m$$

$$\frac{\partial C(\cdot)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{-N}{\theta} + \theta^{-2} \sum t_m = 0 \quad / \quad \theta^2$$

$$-N\theta + \sum t_m = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{\sum t_m}{N}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum \mathbb{E} t_m = \frac{1}{N} N\theta = \theta$$

$$\text{Var } \hat{\theta}_{ML} = \mathbb{E} \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum t_m - \theta}_{\hat{\theta}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbb{E} \sum_{m,m} (t_m - \theta)(t_m - \theta) \\ = \frac{1}{N^2} \cdot N \text{Var } t_m = \frac{\theta^2}{N} \xrightarrow[N \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$$

We used:

$$\mathbb{E} t = \theta, \quad \underbrace{\mathbb{E} (t - \theta)^2}_{\text{Var}(t)} = \theta^2, \quad \mathbb{E} (t_m - \theta)(t_m - \theta) = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ \theta^2 & m = n \end{cases}$$

$$\overset{\text{MAP}}{P(\theta | \tilde{t})} \propto \left( \prod_m p(t_m | \theta) \right) \cdot p(\theta) / \log(\cdot)$$

$$\log p(\theta | t_1, \dots, t_N) = C + -N \log \theta - \theta^{-1} \sum t_m - 2 \log \theta - \theta^{-1}$$

$$\log(p(\theta | t_1 - t_N) = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{(N+2)}{\theta} + \theta^{-2} \left( 1 + \sum t_m \right))$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \frac{1 + \sum t_m}{N+2}}$$

As  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , the relative weight of the prior becomes negligible,  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} \approx \hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}$

P6 |  $X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{N-1}$  AR(1)

$$\text{ML} \quad p(X_0, \dots, X_{N-1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{X_0^2}{2} \right\} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(X_1 - \alpha X_0)^2}{2} \right\}}_{p(X_1|X_0)} \dots$$

↑  
easily obtained with  
change of variables

$$(\text{from } p(e_0 - e_{N-1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(X_{N-1} - \alpha X_{N-2})^2}{2} \right\} N(e_0|0,1) \cdot N(e_1|0,1) \dots)$$

$$\log p(X_0, \dots, X_{N-1}) = C - \frac{X_0^2}{2} - \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \frac{(X_m - \alpha X_{m-1})^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial (\cdot)}{\partial \alpha} = \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} X_{m-1} (X_m - \alpha X_{m-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} X_{m-1} X_m = \alpha \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} X_{m-1}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{\alpha}_{\text{ML}} = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^{N-1} X_{m-1} X_m}{\sum_{m=0}^{N-2} X_m^2}}$$

MAP |  $p(\alpha | X_0 - X_{N-1}) \propto p(\alpha) \cdot p(X_0 - X_{N-1})$

$$\log (\cdot) = -\log \sqrt{2\pi 0.1^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\alpha - 0.9)^2}{0.1^2} - \frac{X_0^2}{2} - \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \frac{(X_m - \alpha X_{m-1})^2}{2} + C$$

$$(\text{expanding}) = C - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\alpha^2}{0.1^2} - \frac{2\alpha \cdot 0.9}{0.1^2} + \alpha^2 \sum_{m=0}^{N-2} X_m^2 - 2\alpha \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} X_{m-1} X_m \right\}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Identifying the} \\ \text{form of a Gaussian} \end{matrix} = C - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \alpha^2 \left[ \frac{1}{0.1^2} + \sum_{m=0}^{N-2} X_m^2 \right] - 2\alpha \left[ \frac{0.9}{0.1^2} + \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} X_{m-1} X_m \right] \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{\alpha \text{post}}^2 = \left[ \frac{1}{0.1^2} + \sum_{m=0}^{N-2} X_m^2 \right]^{-1} \quad M_{\alpha \text{post}} = \frac{\left[ \frac{0.9}{0.1^2} + \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} X_{m-1} X_m \right]}{\left[ 1/0.1^2 + \sum_{m=0}^{N-2} X_m^2 \right]}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(a | X_0 - X_{N-1}) = N(a | \mu_{\text{post}}, \sigma_{\text{post}}^2)$$

Evaluating  $S_1(x) = 95, S_2(x) = 97$ :

$$\mu_{\text{post}} = 0.9391$$

$$\sigma_{\text{post}}^2 = 0.0051$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{"filter is unstable"}) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{post}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu_{\text{post}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{post}}^2}\right\} dx + \int_{-\infty}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{post}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu_{\text{post}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{post}}^2}\right\} dx \\
 &= 1 - \underbrace{\int_{\mu_{\text{post}}}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{post}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu_{\text{post}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{post}}^2}\right\} dx}_{-1} + \int_{-\infty}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{post}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu_{\text{post}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{post}}^2}\right\} dx \\
 &= 1 - \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{1-\mu_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dt + \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{-1-\mu_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dt \\
 (\text{change of variables}) \quad \Phi : \text{standard normal CDF} &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{1-\mu_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}\right) + \Phi\left(\frac{-1-\mu_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}\right) \\
 &\approx 1 - \sim 0.8 + \sim 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\text{"unstable"}) \approx 0.2$$

Truncated (gaussian) prior, filter is stable, i.e., a lies in  $(-1, 1)$

$$\text{posterior: } p(a | X) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{C} N(a | \mu_{\text{post}}, \sigma_{\text{post}}^2) & \text{if } a \in (-1, 1) \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

To normalise the distribution, we need to calculate

$$C = \int_{-1}^{1} N(a | \mu_{\text{post}}, \sigma_{\text{post}}^2) da, \text{ which is simply } C = 1 - P(\text{"filter unstable"}) \approx 0.8$$

Since the maximum is a point in the stable region, the Bayesian MAP estimates of the original (unconstrained) and the truncated PDF are the same

$$\bullet \text{ MMSE: } \hat{a}_{\text{MMSE}} = \frac{1}{0.8} \int_{-1}^1 a \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{\text{post}}^2}} \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(a - M_{\text{post}})^2}{\sigma_{\text{post}}^2} \right\} da$$

Change of variables:  $\alpha = \frac{a - M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}} \Rightarrow a = \sigma_{\text{post}}\alpha + M_{\text{post}}$

$$\hat{a}_{\text{MMSE}} = \frac{1}{0.8} \left[ \underbrace{- \int_{-1-\frac{M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}}^{1-\frac{M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{post}}} \alpha \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 \right\} (\sigma_{\text{post}} d\alpha)}_{(*)} + M_{\text{post}} \underbrace{\int_{-\frac{1-M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}}^{\frac{1-M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{post}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 \right\} (\sigma_{\text{post}} d\alpha)}_{-\frac{1-M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}} \right]$$

(\*) From an inspection/guess, it's easy to tell that the primitive of  $\int \alpha \exp(-1/2 \alpha^2) d\alpha$  is

$(1 - \exp(-1/2 \alpha^2))$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{a}_{\text{MMSE}} &= \underbrace{M_{\text{post}}}_{0.9391} + \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_{\text{post}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ 1 - \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 \right) \right]}_{0.9391} \Big|_{\frac{1-M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}}^{\frac{1-M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}}} \\ &= 0.9391 + \frac{\sqrt{0.0081}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ -\exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1-M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}} \right)^2 \right) + \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1-M_{\text{post}}}{\sigma_{\text{post}}} \right)^2 \right) \right] = 0.9149 \end{aligned}$$

$= C = 0.8031$   
(already calculated;  
it's just the prob. that  
the filtn is stable)