

$$l(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = a\theta^2 + b\theta\hat{\theta} + c\hat{\theta}^2$$

$$p(\theta|x) = N(\theta | M, L^{-1})$$

Find the Bayes rule. $\min_{\hat{\theta}} p(\theta, \hat{\theta})$ wrt $\hat{\theta}$.

$$p(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = E[L(\theta, \hat{\theta}) | x]$$

$$= E_{\theta} [a\theta^2 + b\theta\hat{\theta} + c\hat{\theta}^2 | x]$$

$$= aE_{\theta} [\theta^2 | x] + b\hat{\theta} E[\theta | x] + c\hat{\theta}^2$$

To find the Bayes rule

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial p(\theta, \hat{\theta})}{\partial \hat{\theta}} \right\}$$

$$= 0 + bE[\theta | x] + c2\hat{\theta} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\hat{\theta} = -\frac{bE[\theta | x]}{c2}$$

$$\boxed{\hat{\theta} = -\frac{bM}{c2}}$$

show that $\hat{\theta}$ is unique.

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta, \hat{\theta})}{\partial \hat{\theta}} = 2c > 0 \quad \text{by defn.}$$