

## Combined Report

1. In Task 1, we minimized the error given by the Error equation. For this we perform differentiation and got values of all  $w$  coefficients.

In Task 2, we added an extra term for Regularization. This technique is often used to control the over-fitting phenomenon. Regularization involves adding a penalty term to the error function in order to discourage the coefficients from reaching large values.

In Task 3, we used probability distribution. we assumed a Gaussian distribution with a mean equal to the value  $y(x,w)$  in original equations. We used maximum likelihood to determine the precision parameter  $\beta$  of the Gaussian conditional distribution.

In Task 4, we considered a zero-mean isotropic Gaussian governed by a single precision parameter  $\alpha$ . Here we took ground truth value of  $\beta$  as 11.1 as calculated. By putting various values of  $\alpha$ , we got  $\lambda$  for task 2. Maximization of this posterior distribution with respect to  $w$  is equivalent to the minimization of the sum-of-squares error function with the addition of a quadratic regularization term.