

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}}) &= E \{ (\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} - \theta_0)^2 \} \\
 &= E \left\{ \left[\underbrace{\left(\frac{N\beta}{\alpha + N\beta} \right)}_{\xi} (\mu - \theta_0) \right]^2 \right\} \quad \mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n y(n) \\
 &= \xi^2 E \{ (\mu - \theta_0)^2 \} = \xi^2 \frac{\sigma_e^2}{N} = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{N} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta N}\right)^2}}_{\text{}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}) > \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}}) \text{ IF } \alpha > \phi}$$

EXAMPLE 11: LAPLACE APPROXIMATION

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{Z} \underbrace{f(z)}_{\int f(z) dz \text{ UNKNOWN}} \rightarrow q(z) \text{ GAUSSIAN}$$

- MODE = $p'(z)|_{z=z_0} = \phi \quad \frac{d f(z)}{d z} \Big|_{z_0} = \phi$



- $\ln \text{GAUSSIAN} \sim \text{QUADRATIC}$

$$\ln f(z) \approx \ln f(z_0) - \frac{1}{2} A (z - z_0)^2 \quad \underbrace{\left(-\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \ln f(z) \right)}_{A} \Big|_{z_0}$$

$$\boxed{
 \begin{aligned}
 f(z) &\sim f(z_0) \exp \left[-\frac{A}{2} (z - z_0)^2 \right] \\
 q(z) &= \left(\frac{A}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left[-\frac{A}{2} (z - z_0)^2 \right]
 \end{aligned}
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