Least Squares Derivation

The standard linear model, independent variables \hat{B} , depedent variable \hat{Y} :

$$\hat{Y} = \hat{B_0} + \sum_{j=1}^{p} X_j \hat{B_j}.$$

The shorthand where we add a column of $\vec{1}$ to X and include $\hat{B_0}$ in the vector of coefficients \hat{B}

$$\hat{Y} = X^T \hat{B}.$$

Denote least-squares as RSS:

$$RSS(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - x_i^T B)^2.$$

Recall from optimization that a linear equation is always convex AND concave, so a global minimum must exist.

We can rewrite the Least-Squares Equation in terms of matrices:

$$RSS(B) = (y-XB)^T(y-XB).$$

$$= y^Ty - y^TXB - y(XB)^T + (XB)^T(XB)y^Ty \text{ is a scalar.}$$

Differentiating w.r.t. B:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial RSS(B)}{\partial B} &= 0 + -2X^Ty + 2X^TXB = 0.\\ X^Ty - X^TXB &= 0.\\ X^Ty &= X^TXB.\\ (X^TX)^{-1}X^Ty &= B. \end{split}$$