Problem Set 8: Solutions

Part One: Hand-Written Exercise

1.

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + \lambda) - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}. \blacksquare$$

2. Let

$$Q := (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathbf{R}})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathbf{R}}) + \lambda \boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathbf{R}}'\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathbf{R}}$$

The F.O.C. is

$$-2\mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathbf{R}}) + 2\lambda\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} + \lambda\mathbf{I})\boldsymbol{\beta}_{R} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{R} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i}\mathbf{x}_{i}' + \lambda\mathbf{I}\right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i}y_{i}\right). \blacksquare$$

- 3. (a) Best subset. Because best subset approach is to find the smallest training RSS model among all combinations given k predictors.
 - (b) Not sure. It depends on the data testing the model.
 - (c) True. For forward stepwise selection, once a predictor is included in the model, it will never be kicked out for the next step or thereafter.
 - (d) True. Because it is to remove a predictor in the (k+1)-predictors model to become the k-predictors model. \blacksquare