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I will discuss the connection between a special value formula for the Rankin L-series of an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , twisted by characters of a real quadratic field  $K$ , and the BSD conjecture for  $E$  over  $K$ . When the rank of  $E(K)$  is zero, the BSD conjecture over  $K$  can be restated in terms of the homology class of a geodesic cycle attached to the real quadratic field, leading to a conjectural formula for the order of the Tate-Shafarevich group of  $E$  over  $K$ . (Received February 17, 2005)