

**MATH 5610/6860**  
**HOMEWORK #1, DUE TUE SEP 13**

**Notes:** Common abbreviations for problem sources are: B&F (Burden and Faires, **ninth edition**, the class textbook) and K&C (Kincaid and Cheney). You do not need the K&C book to do homework assignments in this class.

1. B&F 1.1.2 a,b
2. B&F 1.1.8
3. B&F 1.3.3
4. K&C 1.2.8: The expressions  $e^h$ ,  $(1 - h^4)^{-1}$ ,  $\cos(h)$ , and  $1 + \sin(h^3)$  all have the same limit as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Express each in the following form with the best integer values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

$$f(h) = c + \mathcal{O}(h^\alpha) = c + o(h^\beta)$$

- Hint:** The Taylor expansion of  $(1 - h^4)^{-1}$  follows from that of  $(1 - x)^{-1}$  by setting  $x = h^4$ . A similar approach works for  $\sin(h^3)$ .
5. K&C 2.1.10: Let  $x = 2^3 + 2^{-19} + 2^{-22}$ . Find the machine numbers (in IEEE single precision) that are just to the left and to the right of  $x$ . Determine  $\text{fl}(x)$  (rounding to the nearest machine number), the absolute error  $|\text{fl}(x) - x|$ , and the relative error  $|\text{fl}(x) - x|/|x|$ . Verify that the relative error in this case does not exceed  $\epsilon/2 = 2^{-24}$ .