Numerical Analysis (CS 450)

Worksheet 2

Problem 1: Repeated Rounding

Let $\operatorname{round}_x(\cdot)$ mean rounding to the nearest multiple of x. Is $\operatorname{round}_1(\operatorname{round}_{0.1}(y)) = \operatorname{round}_1(y)$? Give a meaningful example.

Problem 2: UFL and machine epsilon

	UFL		$\varepsilon_{\mathrm{mach}}$	
depends on the exponent range.	True	\Box False	True	\square False
depends on the number of digits in the mantissa.	True	\Box False	True	\square False
depends on the rounding rule used.	True	\Box False	True	\Box False
is not affected by denormals.	True	\Box False	True	\square False

Problem 3: Backward errors and $\varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$

What is the significance of $\varepsilon_{\mathrm{mach}}$ for backward error analysis?