Math 640A Fall 2003

## Homework 2, due Tuesday 23 September.

- 1. Find a good place to write programs. I support Matlab and C but you can use something else. Let me know what type of computer you will be working on, because this may affect your answers.
- 2. (10 points) Section 1.3 problem 11 parts a and b.
- 3. (30 points) Section 2.1 problems 9, 14, and 32.
- 4. (30 points) Do this problem as a Good Problem, paying attention to the *Layout* and *Flow* handouts.
  - Section 2.1 computer problem 1.
- 5. (10 points) If we evaluate  $((x \times y)/y) x$  for reasonable values of x and y (so there is no over- or underflow, etc.), do you expect to get exactly 0? Try it and explain the results.
- 6. (20 points) Section 2.2 problems 8 and 21.
- 7. (optional, no credit) On page 41 the book claims that double precision computations are much slower than single precision because they are done in software. Run a test on your computer to compare the relative speed. On some computers you will find that double precision is *faster* than single. Explain how this can be.