

Assignment 2

MEEN 357

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Task 4

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format long e;  
(0.6 + 0.6 + 0.6) - 1.8
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ans =

$-2.220446049250313\text{e}-16$

This is not the result that one would expect from the perspective of mathematics. From a math point of view, the answer is clearly exactly zero. However, these floating point numbers are not representable as a simple, finite string of binary code. Therefore, there is rounding during each of the above operations. The total rounding is summarized by the above non-zero answer.