

# Preparing for and taking the final exam

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## \* Preparation/Study:

- Read the text on how to read and study math. That way you read more efficiently and understand the material better.
- Check out the problems from the book which I have marked as good practice problems.
- Make your own note cards! You'll get a lot out of writing down definitions, theorems and notes. It will help your memory because you'll read the material several times while writing it.
- Figure out some of the certain final problems, and know how to work them. Use your common sense.

## \* On the final:

- Be well rested and don't have too much coffee.
- Make sure you have a good pencil (and sharpener if needed) along with an eraser.
- Before you start, read the questions carefully and figure out which problems you know how to do the best. Solving a problem or two will calm you down for the harder problems.

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\* On the final (Continued)

- Before working a problem, read it very carefully and make sure you understand the question completely. Be absolutely sure about what you are asked to show. This might prevent you from misunderstanding a problem and drop points which you could otherwise have easily gotten.
- Check your solution, if possible. If something doesn't seem right, go through your calculations if you have time. Otherwise, write that you tested your solution and you are aware that there is a mistake somewhere. I'll be more inclined to look for the mistake and give partial credit if you know that you did something wrong and say so.

- (And this an important one!)

Breathe normally and focus on staying calm. It will help you think and prevent some silly mistakes.

Good luck, Batchelor