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Learning Mathematics Well

Best hint

Practice!

The better your effort, the more you will learn.

More quick hints

- Actively participate in class. Try to figure out the professor's next step. Take notes. Do some of the work rather than just copying it all. Pay attention to the class, not your phone, your classmates, a bug in the room, or any other distraction.
- Review your notes shortly after class. Add explanations or examples where necessary. Identify what you don't understand, resolve the problem, and learn it.
- Do the homework. Start the homework right away so you have time to get help if you need it.
- Don't get behind. It's harder to catch up in a mathematics course than to learn the material at the pace at which it is presented.
- Study regularly. You'll learn more by studying an hour each day Monday through Friday than by studying for seven hours Sunday afternoon. (It's best to study daily or 5 days a week. At least study three days a week, with none of those days back to back.)
- Learn from your mistakes. Some mistakes are cheap and some are costly, but all cost extra when repeated.
- Test whether you know the material by working a few problems without using your notes or getting any other help.
- You haven't finished studying the material until you understand it.