Conquering Math Exams

Before

• Go to class!
• Start studying 7-10 days before the exam!
  * Reread and rewrite key terms.
  * Redo homework and example problems **without** help!
  * Take practice tests under test conditions! [http://www-math.umd.edu/testbank.html](http://www-math.umd.edu/testbank.html)
  * Take a 10 minute break for every 50 minutes you study.
• Get plenty of sleep the night before the exam!

During

• Take a deep breath and repeat to yourself, “I’ve practiced. I’m going to do my best.”
• Write down key concepts you do not want to forget at the top of the exam.
• Answer the straight-forward questions first.
• Write as much information as possible, attempting every question!
• If you get anxious, close your eyes, count to five, and breathe slowly.
• Double check your answers!
  * Do they make logical sense?
  * Do they answer the question asked?
• Don’t erase your work—you might get partial credit!

After

• Compare your test score to the class average rather than the letter grade.
• Bring your test to your professor or TA and review questions you still have.
• Analyze the errors!
  * Did you misread directions?
  * Did you make a careless mistake?
  * Did you apply the concept correctly?
  * Did you run out of time?
• Review your exam or make a study plan for your next exam.