

Introduction

First, I'd like to say that mathematics can be very difficult, and everyone has "blind spots" in their understanding. Don't put pressure on yourself to know it all. Just do as much you reasonably can.

Also, I want you to **ask questions**. This is an important part of learning mathematics (and anything else, really). Asking a question is not some sign of weakness or a lack of intelligence. I want you to ask a question even if it feels "stupid". Confusion is a normal state of affairs in mathematics, and it can take a lot of time and effort to clear this confusion up. Quite often, you just need the right shift of perspective to make sense of something, and different people have different ways of understanding any one given thing. This is to say that an explanation that works very well for one person may be very unclear for another.