

Math 30530

Tips for exams

- Write legibly.
- Explain what you are doing. In particular, explain your notation. I'm not very good at mindreading.
- Cross out anything you don't want graded. Do not black it out or erase it. If you cross out a correct answer I'll probably give you a fair amount of partial credit, but I can't do that if I can't read the answer.
- If you get an absurd answer and can't find your mistake, say that you know the answer is wrong. I know you might make a mistake during the exam and not have time to figure out what you did wrong, but I don't have any sympathy an answer like $P(A) = 31$ passed off as the correct answer.
- If you get an implausible answer, for example a very tiny probability when you expect one larger than $\frac{3}{4}$, say you don't think the answer is plausible and explain why not.
- When possible, draw a picture or graph.
- If you get stuck at one step but would be able to complete the problem if you could do that step, explain how you would complete it.