

“I feel like I’m missing everything.”

- ▶ It is normal to feel overwhelmed at the start of the study break.
- ▶ During the semester, you often just “survive” the deadlines.
- ▶ **The Good News:** The Lernphase is designed for exactly this.
- ▶ **Most of the “Click” moments happen now.**

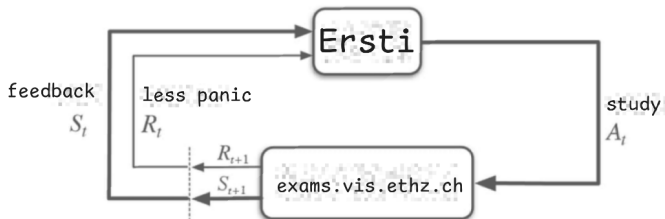
You are not behind. You are just at the start of the consolidation phase.

1. Reinforcement Learning Loop

- ▶ Solve problems and get *immediate* feedback (check the solution).

2. Quantity + Quality

- ▶ **Quantity:** Solve many problems to build pattern matching.
- ▶ **Quality:** Understand the *why* for every problem. “Why this step?”



How long should I spend on an exercise?

Don't stare at a blank page for an hour.

1. **Spend 5-Minute:** Try seriously for 5 minutes.
2. **Get a Hint:** Stuck? Ask ChatGPT for a *conceptual* tip (no solution yet).
3. **The Solution:** Still stuck? Look at the solution. **No shame. This is how you learn!**

CRITICAL STEP:

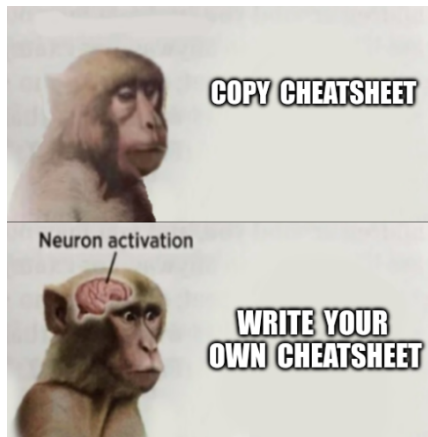
- ▶ Don't just copy. Apply the **Feynman Technique**.
- ▶ “*Why did they take this step?*”
- ▶ If you can't explain it, you have a gap. Fix it.

Goal: Skim/work through all 13 exercise sheets in ~1.5 days then move to exams.

Writing the Cheatsheet

The Process IS the Product.

- ▶ **Write it yourself.**
- ▶ Compressing a complex theorem into a tiny box is the **best studying you will do.**
- ▶ Downloading a cheatsheet = Skipping the learning process.
- ▶ You won't know where the formulas are or the context behind them.



General Learning Principles

1. Intensity >> Duration

- ▶ Don't study 8 hours "half-awake". Study 3 hours with **full intensity**.
- ▶ Deep Work: Phone away, focus on. Quality of hours beats quantity.

2. Sleep is Part of the Job

- ▶ Sleep is not a waste of time.
- ▶ Sleep is where **Memory Consolidation** happens. If you don't sleep, you don't save.

3. The Feynman Technique

- ▶ Explain the concept to a friend, make your own cheatsheet (!).
- ▶ If you get stuck or use technical terms as a "Black Box", you have a knowledge gap.

Don't Burn Out

You are a human, not a machine.

- ▶ **Touch Grass (or Snow):** Go outside. Take walks. Meet friends.
- ▶ **Downtime is Productive:** Your brain solves problems in the background while you relax.
- ▶ **Marathon, not a Sprint:** If you burn out in January, you can't perform in February.
- ▶ *Guilt-free breaks are better than guilt-filled procrastination.*

