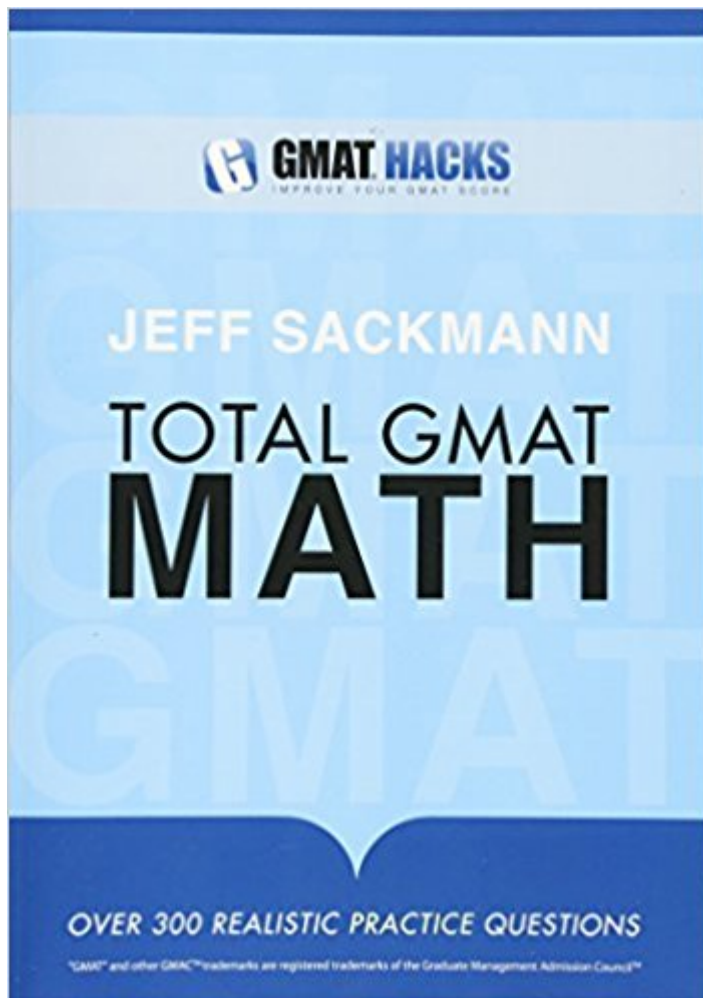


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# Total GMAT Math



## Synopsis

If you have to prepare for the GMAT Quantitative section with only one resource, this is it!. Total GMAT Math contains hundreds of pages of tutorials explaining every single type of question you're likely to see on the exam. Not only that, each one of over forty sections is followed by a drill section with exercises to ensure that you understand the content. There are over 500 exercises in the book! Best of all, each section is also accompanied by several realistic, practice GMAT problems. The book contains well over 300 brand-new practice questions that you won't find anywhere else. 100 of those questions are specially designated as "Challenge" questions. Total GMAT Math is jam-packed with effective, proven techniques, coupled with enough practice to make sure they sink in. They are the skills you need to get a 99th percentile score ... but explained without assuming you could already get one.

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## Customer Reviews

Jeff Sackmann has been helping students like you reach their GMAT score goals for a decade. Jeff began as a star tutor and classroom teacher for a big test-prep company. Since 2006, he has focused on developing the best materials in the industry, saving you time, money, and stress. Based in New York City, Jeff has created many resources for GMAT preparation, including the popular Total GMAT Math, Total GMAT Verbal, and GMAT 111, as well as 1,800 practice GMAT math questions and his Guides to the Official Guide.

Wrote the GMAT twice before turning to this book after I wrote the exam the second time. Prior to this I had used GMAT Prep, the GMAT Prep additional question pack 1, the Official Guide, the Manhattan set of 8 strategy guides, and of course practice tests. My biggest criticism of this book is that the difficulty levels, even for the so-called 'Challenge' problems, don't get that high. Manhattan GMAT quant questions can be brutal, often harder than many actual GMAT questions because they tend to be heavy on calculation in addition to being tricky. As a result, MGMAT has rightly developed a reputation for being the go-to choice for practicing quant. TGMATM problems seem pretty basic by comparison and a little too easy. TGMATM adds value in two areas: repetitive drills that drive certain points home and its innovative coverage of minor question types. These drill questions are often pretty simple, but they make doing certain types of calculations second-nature while helping you get a 'fingertip feel' for certain kinds of manipulations. Weighted averages, permutations and combinations come to mind. Even after all the prep I had done prior to picking up TGMATM, there were still quite a few 'Aha!' moments because this book has a knack for demystifying minor question types and trick questions that can be solved in any of several ways but defy ready categorization, as well as taking novel approaches to topics I thought I already had a pretty good handle on. It's a testament to the value of returning to the basics without simply passively reviewing tired old flash cards. To me its real value lies either in filling in the gaps for someone who has been around the block already, or serving as the foundation for more rigorous GMAT prep if you're fresh out the gate. It's not a bad place to start, and it's a pretty good place to fine-tune, but it is NOT comprehensive and all-encompassing, which I think was supposed to be the goal.

I ordered this book to prepare for a GMAT retake. I went from 580 to 640 (Q34 to Q40) in one month of prep (I know I'm not a 700+ genius scorer, so I don't know how useful this is for those super high-level students out there) and I have this book to thank. Mr. Sackmann has a way of explaining the problems without being wordy or confusing - his language made things click, especially in the probability and combination/permutation sections. Each section offers an explanation (including basics, how often the type of problem appears in the test, useful tricks, etc), then a 'drill' section followed by practice word problems and a challenge if appropriate. The layout makes it easy to focus on your weak areas and there are plenty of practice questions to help raise your ability level. The drills are particularly useful if, like me, you sometimes screw up a problem not due to misunderstanding the question or not knowing HOW to solve it, but in the actual solving. I made remarkably fewer math errors after completing every drill. It took me about a week to work through it,

averaging 2-3 hours a day. However, I would also recommend the OG as the question styles are a bit different than what the GMAT would ask. The only thing I would change is the spacing of the text. I like working the problems on the page and would have loved a little more scratchwork space. But the content is fantastic and a great way to polish your quant skills!

When I first cracked this book, I had forgotten almost every math skill a person needs to know. But this book does a nice job taking you through, lesson by lesson and builds upon skills as you relearn them. It was very thorough and provides plenty of practice questions in each lesson. I have struggled with math all my life, and was relieved to find a resource like this book to hold my hand through it. While I haven't taken the GMAT yet, I know this book did wonders in getting me prepared for the math section. That being said, I did find some of the lessons very challenging and were not always explained the best. Some of this could be due to my lack of math ability! Overall, I highly recommend checking this book out. It's worth the high price.

This is a decent math book, but I don't believe it will help someone who truly needs to relearn all of the math on the GMAT. The explanation of material is extremely brief and would be very difficult to pick up many of the skills unless you had prior knowledge of the subject. What it does do well is briefly highlight all of the different types of math material that you need to know and provides a type of checklist for someone who just wants to brush up on math and make sure they have all the material covered. For example, if you really don't remember things like factoring, basic algebra, exponent rules, etc this book probably isn't a good starting point. If you do remember these skills, then this book gives you a few practice questions and shows how those skills are applied to GMAT practice problems, which is useful.

The total GMAT Math book is an excellent overall product. The author has written a \*serious\* math book for those who are willing to invest their time and effort into strengthening their quant skills. There are no shortcuts or gimmicks -- this book will appeal to serious test takers. The only downside to this book is its cost. With no accompanying CAT exams or online question banks, this book is slightly overpriced compared to books written by Kaplan and Manhattan (both of which provide free access to several online full length tests and questions banks, and are considerably less expensive to begin with).

I absolutely loved this book, and I believe it helped me move from 36 to 44 on quant. It is a no

nonsense book, which has drill, practice and advanced sections. I realize that Gmat is not so much about difficulty in understanding concepts, but applying boundary conditions in such a way that you can solve problems faster. It is a good book, esp if you are stuck in the 30s. Also I personally used this in conjunction with Manhattan guides

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