Hello, World

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Here's your obligatory 'hello': "Hello. Welcome to LATEX." TEXis the basic language, Developed by Donald Knuth. LATEX a way handy extension to TEX. So, basic syntax probably applies to both. Once we get into packages, I've not clue, as yet, so, I'll just be talking about LATEX.

Easiest way to compile to PDF is using pdflatex.

1 Math

And now, some math. Remember, $\sum_{i=1}^{m} i = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$, along with identities for sums, and the sum of a geometric series. You'll be needing them.

Also recall these gems, you'll be needing them, too:

$$b^{\log_b x} = x$$
$$\log_b b^x = x$$
$$\log_b xy = \log_b x + \log_b y$$
$$\log_b x/y = \log_b x - \log_b y$$
$$\log_b x^n = n \log_b x$$

So,

$$x^{\log_b y} = y^{\log_b x}$$

El Fin du Monde

And that's it for now. See section 1.