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- Milk
- Biscuits



$$\alpha + \beta + 1 \tag{1}$$

Words are separated by one or more spaces.

Paragraphs are separated by one or more blank lines.

The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain.

Quotation marks are a bit tricky: use a backtick on the left and an apostrophe on the right.

Single quotes: ‘text’ .

Double quotes: “text” .

Some common characters have special meanings in  $\text{\LaTeX}$   
 $\$ \% \& \#$  !

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Use caret for superscripts and underscore for subscripts.

$$y = c_2x^2 + c_1x + c_0$$

Use curly braces to group superscripts and subscripts.

$$F_n = F_n - 1 + F_n - 2$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

There are commands for Greek letters and common notation.

$$\mu = Ae^{Q/RT}$$

$$\Omega = \sum_{k=1}^n \omega_k$$

The roots of a quadratic equation are given by:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \tag{2}$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are ... the coefficients of the quadratic equation.

Caution: LATEX mostly ignores your spaces in mathematics, but it can't handle blank lines in equations — don't put blank lines in your mathematics.

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$$\beta_i = \frac{\text{Cov}(R_i, R_m)}{\text{Var}(R_m)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(x+1)^3 &= (x+1)(x+1)(x+1) \\ &= (x+1)(x^2+2x+1) \\ &= x^3+3x^2+3x+1\end{aligned}$$

An ampersand & separates the left column (before the =) from the right column (after the =).

A double backslash \ starts a new line.

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