

mathcases without sub- or superscripts	
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in formula	in mathalignment
$\begin{cases} i & \text{if something} \\ j & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} i & \text{if something} \\ j & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
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