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```
\ \left\langle token_{1}\right\rangle \left\langle token_{2}\right\rangle
```

This command tests if  $\langle token_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle token_2 \rangle$  have the same category code. Before performing the test, TEX expands tokens following the \ifcat until it obtains two tokens that can't be expanded further. These two tokens become  $\langle token_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle token_2 \rangle$ . The expansion includes replacing a control sequence \let equal to a character token by that character token. A control sequence that can't be further expanded is considered to have category code 16.

## Example:

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\ifcat axtrue\else false\fi;
\ifcat ]\true\else false\fi;
\ifcat \hbox\day true\else false\fi;
\def\first\{12345\}
\ifcat (\first true\else false\fi
% ''2345'' lands in the true branch of the test
produces:
true; false; true; 2345true
```