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\displaylines $\{\langle line \rangle \backslash cr... \langle line \rangle \backslash cr \}$

This command produces a multiline math display in which each line is centered independently of the other lines. You can use the \noalign command (p. '\noalign') to change the amount of space between two lines of a multiline display.

If you want to attach equation numbers to some or all of the equations in a multiline math display, you should use \eqalignno or \leqalignno.

Example:

$$\frac{(x+a)^2 = x^2+2ax+a^2\cr}{(x+a)(x-a) = x^2-a^2\cr}$$

produces:

$$(x+a)^2 = x^2 + 2ax + a^2$$

 $(x+a)(x-a) = x^2 - a^2$