

`\smash` $\langle argument \rangle$

This command typesets $\langle argument \rangle$, but forces the height and depth of its containing box to be zero. You can use `\smash` and `\vphantom` in combination to give a subformula any height and depth that you wish.

Example:

`$$\{\smash{r_m \brace r_n}\vphantom{r}\} \Longrightarrow r$$`
produces:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} r_m \\ r_n \end{Bmatrix} \Longrightarrow r$$