principia.sty

A \LaTeX Package for Typesetting Whitehead and Russell's $Principia\ Mathematica\ (Version\ 3.2)$

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The principia package is designed for typesetting the Peanese notation of *Principia Mathematica*. "Peanese" is something of a misnomer: Whitehead and Russell invented much of the notations used in *Principia Mathematica* even while borrowing from many others.

principia's style has antecedents in Kevin C. Klement's excellent *Tractatus* typesetting, to which we owe the device of adding 'd's and 't's to typeset further square dots. The device of beginning all principia commands with '\pm' derives from the begriff package, a style understandably mimicked in both the frege package and the Grundgesetze package.

In Principia Mathematica some symbols occur with an argument and sometimes that same symbol occurs without an argument. For example, ' $(\exists x)$ ' occurs in some formulas, but sometimes ' \exists ' occurs in the text when they talk about the symbol itself. principia is designed to accommodate these different occurrences of symbols. When a symbol is to occur without an argument, capitalize the first letter following the ' \principia part of the command. E.g. $\principia(x)$ produces ($\exists x$) and $\principia(x)$ note the former command requires an argument and the latter command does not. Not all commands in the principia package admit of such dual use because some symbols in Principia Mathematica never occur without an argument or do not take an argument in the usual sense. For example, the propositional connectives do not take an 'argument' in the way singular or plural descriptions do.

Version 2.0 of principia is adequate to typeset all notations throughout Volumes I-III of *Principia*. Version 3.0 includes commands that greatly ease typesetting of the appendices of Volume I and some minor fixes (especially to square dots). To help the user get the hang of the package, below is a table with commands for Volume I.

principia's dependencies are amsmath, amssymb, pifont, and graphicx. To load principia, type \usepackage{principia} in the document's preamble (as with any TEX package).

Symbol	T _E X command	Notes
F	\pmthm	Theorem.
*	\pmast	As in *1.
•	\pmcdot	As in, *1·1.
Pp	\pmpp	Primitive proposition. Note the indentation.
=	\pmiddf	Identity for definitions ('=' differs in spacing).
Df	\pmdf	Definition. Note the indentation.
Dem.	\pmdem	This symbol begins a proof.
$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} p, & r, & t \\ \hline q, & s, & u \end{array}\right], \dots$	<pre>\pmsub{p}{q}, \pmsubb{p}{q}{r}{s}, \pmsubbb{p}{q}</pre>	Substitution into theorems. Add 'b's to the end of \pmsub to increase the number of substitutions (up to four 'b's). Each extra 'b' adds two arguments. To substitute and specify the theorem as well, capitalize the 's' in \pmsub.
L q 」′ ., :, :., ::, ::., :::	<pre>\pmdot, \pmdott, \pmdottt,</pre>	Add 't's to the end of \pmdot to increase the number of dots (up to six 't's).
n, n, nn, nn, nn,	\pmand, \pmandd, \pmandd,	Add 'd's to the end of \pmand command to increase the number of dots (up to six 'd's).
V	\pmor	Disjunction.
~	\pmnot	Negation. Note its spacing differs from \sim.
\supset	\pmimp	Material implication.
=	\pmiff	Material biconditional.
$\supset_x,\supset_{x,y}$	\pmimp_x, \pmimp_{x,y}	And so on for more subscripts.
$\equiv_x, \equiv_{x,y}$	<pre>\pmiff_x, \pmiff_{x,y}</pre>	And so on for more subscripts.
\hat{x}	\pmhat{x}	This command requires one argument. It can be embedded in other commands. E.g., $\protect{pmpf{\phi\hat{x}'}.}$
ϕx	\pmpf{\phi}{x}	This command requires two arguments.
$\phi(x,y)$	\pmpff{\phi}{x}{y}	This command requires three arguments.
$\phi(x,y,z)$	$\pmpfff{\phi}{x}{y}{z}$	This command requires four arguments.
(x)	\pmall{x}	Universal quantifier.
$(\mathbf{H}x), \mathbf{H}$	\pmsome{x}, \pmSome	Existential quantifier.
!	\pmshr	The predicative propositional functions.
$\phi!x$	\pmpred{\phi}{x}	This command requires two arguments.
$\phi!(x,y)$	\pmpredd{\phi}{x}{y}	This command requires three arguments.
$\phi!(x,y,z)$	$\label{pmpreddd} $$ \displaystyle \frac{x}{y}{z}$ $	This command requires four arguments.

=, ‡	=, \pmnid	Identity and its negation.	
(7 x)	\pmdsc{x}	Definite description.	
$\mathbf{E}!$	\pmexists	Existence.	
$\hat{z}(\psi z)$	\pmcls{z}{\psi z}	The class of zs satisfying ψ .	
ϵ	\pmcin	The class membership symbol.	
Cls^n , Cls	\pmClsn{n}, \pmCls	The class of classes of individuals.	
$Cl^{\epsilon}\alpha$, Cl	\pmscl{\alpha}, \pmsCl	The subclasses of a class α .	
Rl'R, Rl	\pmsrl{R}, \pmsRl	The sub-relations of a relation R .	
V	\pmcuni	The universal class.	
Λ	\pmcnull	The null class.	
न !	\pmcexists	The existence of a class.	
$-\alpha$	\pmccmp{\alpha}	This command requires one argument.	
$\alpha - \beta$	\pmcmin{\alpha}{\beta}	This command requires two arguments.	
U	\pmccup	Class union.	
\land	\pmccap	Class intersection.	
\subset	\pmcinc	Class inclusion.	
$\hat{x}\hat{y}\phi(x,y)$	\pmrel{x}{y}{\phi(x,y)}	The relation in extension given by ϕ .	
$a\{\hat{x}\hat{y}R(x,y)\}b$	\pmrele{a}{x}{y}{R}{b}	This command requires five arguments.	
$a\{R\}b$	$\prescript{pmrelep{a}{R}{b}}$	This command requires three arguments.	
ϵ	\pmrin	The relation membership symbol.	
Rel^n , Rel	\pmReln{n}, \pmRel	The class of relations (<i>n</i> -many 'of relations').	
V	\pmruni	The universal relation.	
$\dot{\Lambda}$	\pmrnull	The null relation.	
Ė!	\pmrexists	This symbol prefixes relations.	
$\dot{-}R$	\pmrcmp{\alpha}	This command requires one argument.	
$R \overset{\centerdot}{-} S$	\pmcmin{R}{S}	This command requires two arguments.	
٥	\pmrcup	Relation union.	
٨	\pmrcap	Relation intersection.	
C	\pmrinc	Relation inclusion.	
$reve{R}$	\pmcrel{R}	The converse of a relation.	
Cnv	\pmCn v	The command for 'Cnv'.	
$R^{\epsilon}x$	$\pmdscf{R}{x}$	A singular descriptive function.	
R " β	\pmdscff{R}{\beta}	A plural descriptive function.	
R "" κ	$\pmdscfff{R}{\kappa}$	A plural descriptive function.	
E!! R " β	\pmdscfe{R}{\beta}	The existence of a plural descriptive function.	
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R_{ϵ} ' x , ' R_{ϵ} '	$\pmdscfr{R}{x},$	The relation of R_{ϵ} ' β to β .
	\pmdscfR{R}	
D ' <i>R</i> , D	\pmdm{R}, \pmDm	The domain of a relation R .
\Box $^{\iota}R, \ \Box$	\pmcdm{R}, \pmCdm	The converse domain of a relation R .
C' R , C	\pmcmp{R}, \pmCmp	The campus of a relation R .
F'R, F	\pmfld{R}, \pmFld	The field of a relation R .
\overrightarrow{R} ' x , \overrightarrow{R}	\pmrrf{R}{x}, \pmRrf{R}	The referents of a given relation.
\overline{R} ' x , \overline{R}	\pmrrl{R}{x}, \pmRrl{R}	The relata of a given relation.
sg'R, sg	\pmsg{R}, \pmSg	
gs'R, gs	\pmgs{R}, \pmGs	
$R \mid S, \mid$	\pmrprd{R}{S}, \pmrprd	The relative product of R and S .
R^n	\pmrprdn{R}{n}	The n th relative product of R .
$R \mid\mid S, \mid\mid$	\pmrprdd{R}{S}, \pmrprdd	The double relative product of R and S .
$\alpha \mid R$	\pmrld{\alpha}{R}	The limitation of R 's domain to α .
$R \upharpoonright \beta$	$\pmrld{R}{\beta}$	The limitation of R 's converse domain to β .
$\alpha \uparrow R \restriction \beta$	\pmrldcd{\alpha}	The limitation of R 's field to α and β , resp.
	${R}{\Delta}$	
$P abla \alpha$	$\pmrlf{\alpha}{R}{\beta}$	The limitation of P 's field to α .
$\alpha \uparrow \beta$	$\pmrl{\alpha}{\beta}$	The relation made of all xs in α and ys in β .
φ	\pmop	The operation symbol.
$\alpha \circ y$	\pmopc{\alpha}{y}	The relation of xs in α taken to y by φ .
p $^{\epsilon} lpha$	\pmccprd{\alpha}	The product of a class of classes.
s ' α	\pmccsum{\alpha}	The sum of a class of classes.
\dot{p} ' $lpha$	\pmcrprd{\alpha}	The product of a class of relations.
\dot{s} ' $lpha$	\pmcrsum{\alpha}	The sum of a class of relations.
$I,\ J$	\pmrid, \pmrdiv	The relations of identity and diversity.
$\iota^{\boldsymbol{\iota}}x,\ \iota$	\pmcunit{x}, \pmcUnit	The unit class.
$\breve{\iota}$ ' α	\pmcunits{\alpha}	The sum of unit classes of α 's elements.
\dot{n}	\pmrn{n}	The ordinal number n .
\dot{n}	\pmdn{n}	The class of relations equal to an n -tuple.
$x \downarrow y$	\pmoc{x}{y}	The ordinal number restricted to $R = (x, y)$.
$t^{\epsilon}x, t^{n\epsilon}x$	\pmrt{x}, \pmrti{n}{x}	The relative type of x (n -many 'type of's).
t_n ' α	$\proonup \proonup \$	The relative type of α (n-many 'type of's).
t^n ' R , t_n ' R	\pmrtri{n}{R},	The relative type of (with n -many 'type of's)
	$\proonup \R$	R from individuals to individuals, or from
	4	classes to classes. ' nm ' can replace ' n '.

$^{n}t_{m}$ 'R, t_{n}^{m} 'R	$\protect\$ \pmrtric{n}{R},	The relative type of R from individuals to
	$\protect{n}{R}$	classes, or from classes to individuals.
$\alpha_x, R_{(x,y)}$	\pmrtdi{\alpha}{x},	The result of determining that the members o
	$\protect\operatorname{\footnotemark}{(x,y)}$	α (R) belong to the relative type of x (in the
		domain, and of y in the converse domain).
$\alpha(x), R(x,y)$	$\protect{\alpha}{x},$	The result of determining that the members o
	$\protect\operatorname{\footnotemark}{x,y}$	α (R) belong to the relative type of t (in the
		domain, and of $t^{i}y$ in the converse domain).
$\alpha \to \beta$	$\proonup \proonup \$	The class of relations R with domain contained
		in α and converse domain in β .
$1 \to 1, 1 \to \text{Cls},$	\pmoneone, \pmonemany,	The class of one-one, or one-many, or many
$Cls \rightarrow 1$	\pmmanyone	one, relations. Note \pmrdc can be used here
sm, \overline{sm}	\pmsm, \pmsmbar	The similarity relation.
P_{Δ} ' κ , P_{Δ}	$\verb \pmselp{\kappa} , \verb \pmSelp $	The P -selections from κ
$oldsymbol{\epsilon}_\Delta$ ' $\kappa,~oldsymbol{\epsilon}_\Delta$	<pre>\pmsele{\kappa}, \pmSele</pre>	The ϵ -selections from κ
F_{Δ} ' κ , F_{Δ}	$\verb \pmself{\kappa} , \verb \pmSelf $	The F -selections from κ
$\mathrm{Cls}^2\mathrm{excl}$	\pmexc	The class of pairwise-disjoint classes.
$\mathrm{Cls}\mathrm{ex}^2\mathrm{excl}$	\pmexcn	The class of pairwise-disjoint non-null classes
Cl excl ' γ	\pmexcc{\gamma}	A class of mutually exclusive classes in γ .
$P \downarrow y$	$\protect\pro$	The class of couples $(y, P^{\bullet}y)$.
$\mathrm{Cls}^2\mathrm{Mult}$	\pmmultc	The class of multipliable classes.
Rel Mult	\pmmultr	The class of multipliable relations.
Multax	\pmmultax	The multiplicative axiom.
$R_*, \ \breve{R}_*$	$\protect\operatorname{\mathtt{PManc}}_{R}, \protect\operatorname{\mathtt{R}}_{R}$	The ancestral and its converse.
$R_{ m st},R_{ m ts}$	\pmrst{R}, \pmrts{R}	The powers of the ancestral and its converse.
\min_P, \max_P	<pre>\pmmin{P}, \pmmax{P}</pre>	The minimum and maximum under P .
Pot' R , Potid' R	$\prot{R}, \prot{d{R}}$	The products (strict and not) of an ancestral
$R_{ m po}$	\pmpo{R}	The product of a class of ancestrals R .
B	\pmB	The relation of beginning under P .
gen ' P	\pmgen{P}	The generation of P .
P*Q	$\protect\operatorname{P}{Q}$	The equi-factor relation.
I_R ' x	\pmipr{R}{x}	The non-distinct posterity of x under R .
J_R ' x	\pmjpr{R}{x}	The distinct posterity of x under R .
$\overset{\leftrightarrow}{R}$ ' x	$\proonup \proonup \$	The ancestry and posterity of x under R .
Nc'κ, Nc	\pmnc{\kappa}, \pmNc	The cardinal number of κ .