

# Package ‘seqLogo’

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| makePWM | <i>Constructing a pwm object</i> |
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**Description**

This function constructs an object of class `pwm` from a matrix. It checks that the matrix has correct dimensions and that columns add up to 1.0.

**Usage**

```
makePWM(pwm, alphabet = "DNA")
```

**Arguments**

|                       |                                                                                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>pwm</code>      | matrix. Numerical matrix representing the position weight matrix.                             |
| <code>alphabet</code> | character. The alphabet making up the sequence. Currently, only 'DNA' and 'RNA' is supported. |

**Value**

An object of class `pwm`.

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**Examples**

```
mFile <- system.file("extdata/pwm1", package = "seqLogo")
m <- read.table(mFile)
pwm <- makePWM(m)
```

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| pwm-class | <i>An S4 class to represent a PWM matrix.</i> |
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**Description**

An object of class 'pwm' represents the alphabet\*width position weight matrix of a sequence motif. In case of DNA sequence motif, the entry in row *i*, column *j* gives the probability of observing nucleotide `c('A', 'C', 'G', 'T')[i]` in position *j* of the motif.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'pwm'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'pwm'
summary(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'pwm,ANY'
plot(x, y = "missing", ...)

## S4 method for signature 'pwm'
pwm(pwm)

## S4 method for signature 'pwm'
ic(pwm)

## S4 method for signature 'pwm'
consensus(pwm)
```

## Arguments

|        |                                         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|
| object | object of pwm-class                     |
| ...    | additional parameters for plot function |
| x      | object of pwm-class                     |
| y      | default (missing) for plot function     |
| pwm    | object of pwm-class                     |

## Value

pwm-class object with slots: pwm, width, ic and alphabet.

## Functions

- show, pwm-method: Shows the position weight matrix.
- summary, pwm-method: Prints the summary information about position weight matrix.
- plot, pwm, ANY-method: Plots the sequence logo of the position weight matrix.
- pwm, pwm-method: Access to 'pwm' slot
- ic, pwm-method: Access to 'ic' slot
- consensus, pwm-method: Access to 'consensus' slot

## Slots

pwm matrix. The position weight matrix.

width numeric. The width of the motif.

ic numeric. The information content (IC).

alphabet character. The sequence alphabet. Currently, only 'DNA' and 'RNA' is supported.

consensus character. The consensus sequence.

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**Examples**

```
mFile <- system.file("extdata/pwm1", package = "seqLogo")
m <- read.table(mFile)
p <- makePWM(m)
#
# slot access
pwm(p)
ic(p)
consensus(p)
```

seqLogo

*Plot a sequence logo for a given position weight matrix***Description**

This function takes the alphabet\*width position weight matrix of a sequence motif and plots the corresponding sequence logo.

**Usage**

```
seqLogo(pwm, ic.scale=TRUE, xaxis=TRUE, yaxis=TRUE, xfontsize=15, yfontsize=15,
        fill=c(A='#61D04F', C='#2297E6', G='#F5C710', T='#DF536B'))
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pwm       | numeric. The alphabet*width position weight matrix.                                                                                                                    |
| ic.scale  | logical. If TRUE, the height of each column is proportional to its information content. Otherwise, all columns have the same height.                                   |
| xaxis     | logical. If TRUE, an X-axis will be plotted.                                                                                                                           |
| yaxis     | logical. If TRUE, a Y-axis will be plotted.                                                                                                                            |
| xfontsize | numeric. Font size to be used for the X-axis.                                                                                                                          |
| yfontsize | numeric. Font size to be used for the Y-axis.                                                                                                                          |
| fill      | character. Fill color to be used for the letters. Must be a named character vector of length equal to number of rows in pwm slot and names identical to its row-names. |

**Value**

NULL.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
mFile <- system.file("extdata/pwm1", package = "seqLogo")  
m <- read.table(mFile)  
p <- makePWM(m)  
seqLogo(p)
```

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