

# Package ‘NuPoP’

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## Description

NuPoP is an R package for Nucleosome Positioning Prediction. This package is built upon a duration hidden Markov model proposed in Xi et al, 2010; Wang et al, 2008. The core of the package was written in Fortran. In addition to the R package, a stand-alone Fortran software tool is also available at <http://nucleosome.stats.northwestern.edu>.

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NuPoP-package

*An R package for nucleosome positioning prediction*

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## Description

NuPoP is an R package for Nucleosome Positioning Prediction. This package is built upon a duration hidden Markov model proposed in Xi et al 2010 and Wang et al 2008. The core of the package was written in Fortran. Three functions including `predNuPoP`, `readNuPoP`, and `plotNuPoP` are provided for nucleosome positioning prediction, prediction results readin, and prediction results visualization respectively. The input DNA sequence can be of any length.

## Details

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`predNuPoP`: R function invoking Fortran codes to predict nucleosome positioning, nucleosome occupancy and binding affinity.

`readNuPoP`: R function to read in the prediction results by `predNuPoP`.

`plotNuPoP`: R function to visualize predictions.

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## References

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## Examples

```
library(NuPoP)
predNuPoP(system.file("extdata", "test.seq", package="NuPoP"),species=7,model=4)

## the prediction results are stored in the current working directory
## the user should replace "system.file("extdata","test.seq_Prediction4.txt",package="NuPoP)"
## by the actual path and file name generated from prediction.

temp=readNuPoP(system.file("extdata","test.seq_Prediction4.txt",package="NuPoP"),startPos=1,endPos=5000)
plotNuPoP(temp)
```

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plotNuPoP	<i>R function for plotting the predicted nucleosome positioning map and nucleosome occupancy map</i>
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### Description

This function produces two plots from a specified region based on the prediction results from function `predNuPoP`. The first plot is the nucleosome occupancy (grey color). In the second plot, in addition to the occupancy, Viterbi prediction (red rectangle) and the posterior probability for a position to be the start of a nucleosome (blue color) are superimposed.

### Usage

```
plotNuPoP(predNuPoPResults)
```

### Arguments

```
predNuPoPResults
```

NuPoP prediction results from `predNuPoP` function. It must be a data frame read in by `readNuPoP` function.

### Value

`plotNuPoP` outputs two plots: the nucleosome occupancy score map and Viterbi optimal nucleosome positioning map together with posterior probability for a position to be the start of a nucleosome.

### Examples

```
library(NuPoP)

## the prediction results are stored in the current working directory
## the user should replace "system.file("extdata","test.seq_Prediction4.txt",package="NuPoP)"
## by the actual path and file name generated from prediction.
temp=readNuPoP(system.file("extdata","test.seq_Prediction4.txt",package="NuPoP"),startPos=1,endPos=5000)
plotNuPoP(temp)
```

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predNuPoP	<i>R function for nucleosome positioning prediction, occupancy score and nucleosome binding affinity score calculation</i>
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### Description

This function invokes Fortran codes to compute the Viterbi prediction of nucleosome positioning, nucleosome occupancy score and nucleosome binding affinity score. A pre-trained linker DNA length distribution for the current species is used in a duration Hidden Markov model.

### Usage

```
predNuPoP(file,species=7,model=4)
```

**Arguments**

file	a string for the path and name of a DNA sequence file in FASTA format. This sequence file can be located in any directory. It must contain only one sequence of any length. By FASTA format, we require each line to be of the same length (the last line can be shorter; the first line should be '>sequenceName'). The length of each line should be not longer than 10 million bp.
species	an integer from 0 to 11 as the label for a species indexed as follows: 1 = Human; 2 = Mouse; 3 = Rat; 4 = Zebrafish; 5 = D. melanogaster; 6 = C. elegans; 7 = S. cerevisiae; 8 = C. albicans; 9 = S. pombe; 10 = A. thaliana; 11 = Maize; 0 = Other. The default is 7 = S. cerevisiae . If species=0 is specified, NuPoP will identify a species from 1-11 that has most similar base composition to the input sequence, and then use the models from the selected species for prediction.
model	an integer = 4 or 1. NuPoP has two models integrated. One is the first order Markov chain for both nucleosome and linker DNA states. The other is 4th order (default). The latter distinguishes nucleosome/linker in up to 5-mer usage, and thus is slightly more effective in prediction, but runs slower. The time used by 4th order model is about 2.5 times of the 1st order model.

**Value**

predNuPoP outputs the prediction results into the current working directory. The output file is named after the input file with an added extension `_Prediction1.txt` or `_Prediction4.txt`, where 1 or 4 stands for the order of Markov chain models specified. The output file has five columns, Position, P-start, Occup, N/L, Affinity:

Position	position in the input DNA sequence
P-start	probability that the current position is the start of a nucleosome
Occup	nucleosome occupancy score
N/L	nucleosome (1) or linker (0) for each position based on Viterbi prediction
Affinity	nucleosome binding affinity score

**Examples**

```
library(NuPoP)
predNuPoP(system.file("extdata", "test.seq", package="NuPoP"), species=7, model=4)
```

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readNuPoP	<i>R function for plotting the predicted nucleosome positioning map and nucleosome occupancy map</i>
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**Description**

This function reads in the prediction results generated by predNuPoP for specified region.

**Usage**

```
readNuPoP(file, startPos, endPos)
```

**Arguments**

file                    the prediction output file name from predNuPoP function.  
startPos                the start position in the DNA sequence for prediction results plotting.  
endPos                  the end position in the DNA sequence for prediction results plotting.

**Examples**

```
library(NuPoP)
predNuPoP(system.file("extdata", "test.seq", package="NuPoP"),species=7,model=4)

## the prediction results are stored in the current working directory
## the user should replace "system.file("extdata","test.seq_Prediction4.txt",package="NuPoP)"
## by the actual path and file name generated from prediction.

temp=readNuPoP(system.file("extdata","test.seq_Prediction4.txt",package="NuPoP"),startPos=1,endPos=5000)
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