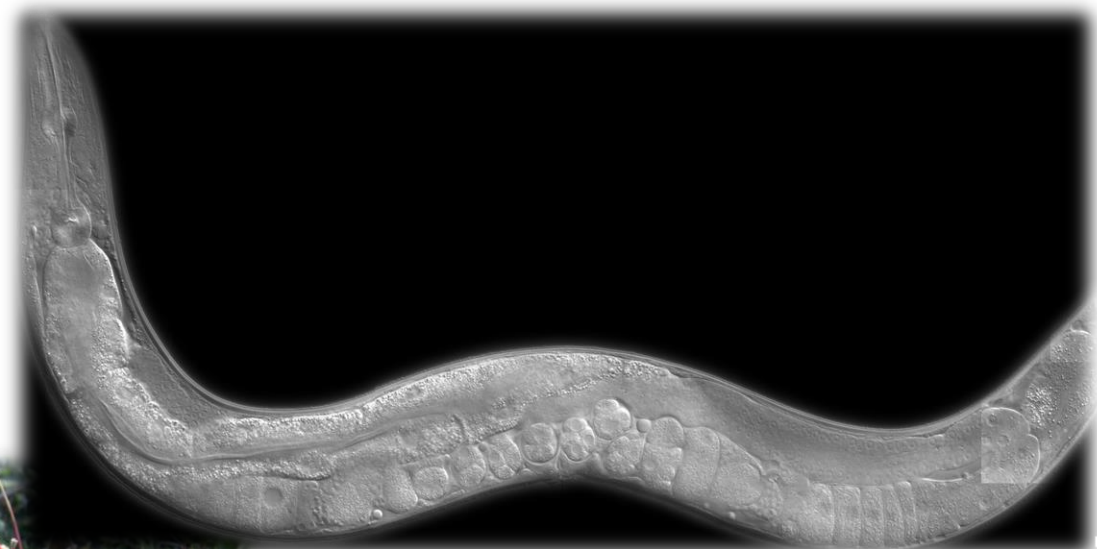
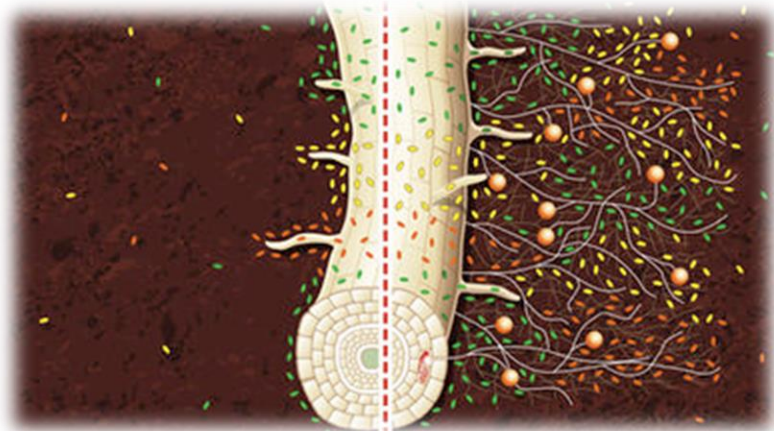


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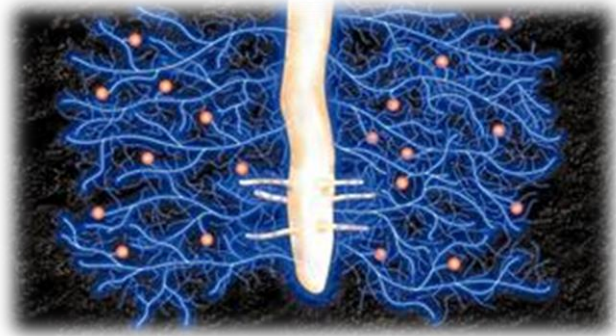
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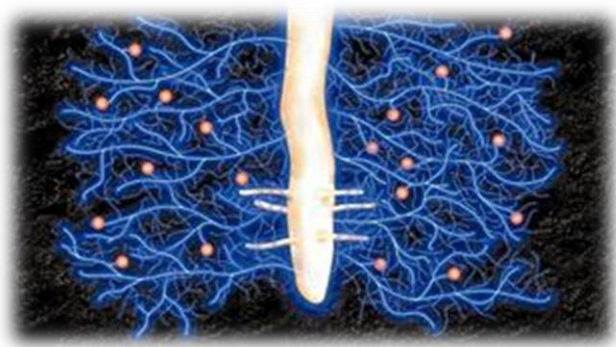
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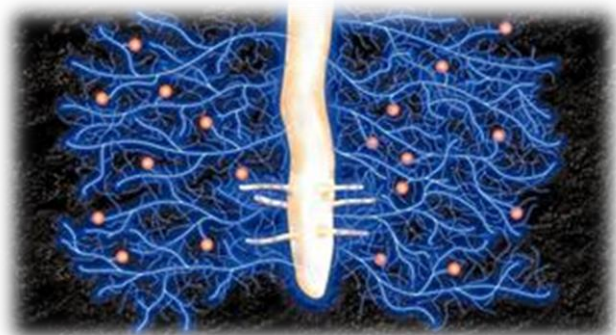
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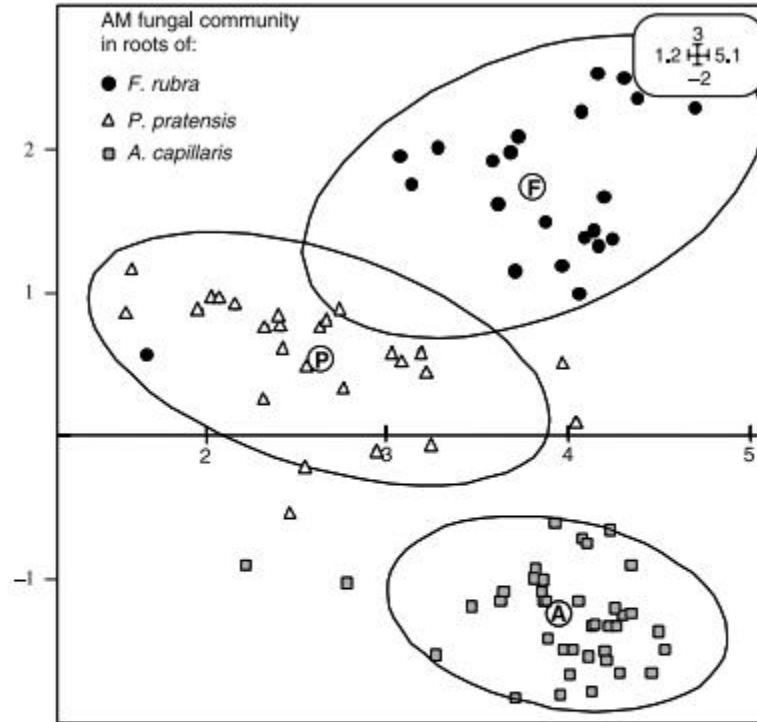


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$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{R_1}{R_2}$$

MUTUALISMS AND THE IDEAL FREE DISTRIBUTION

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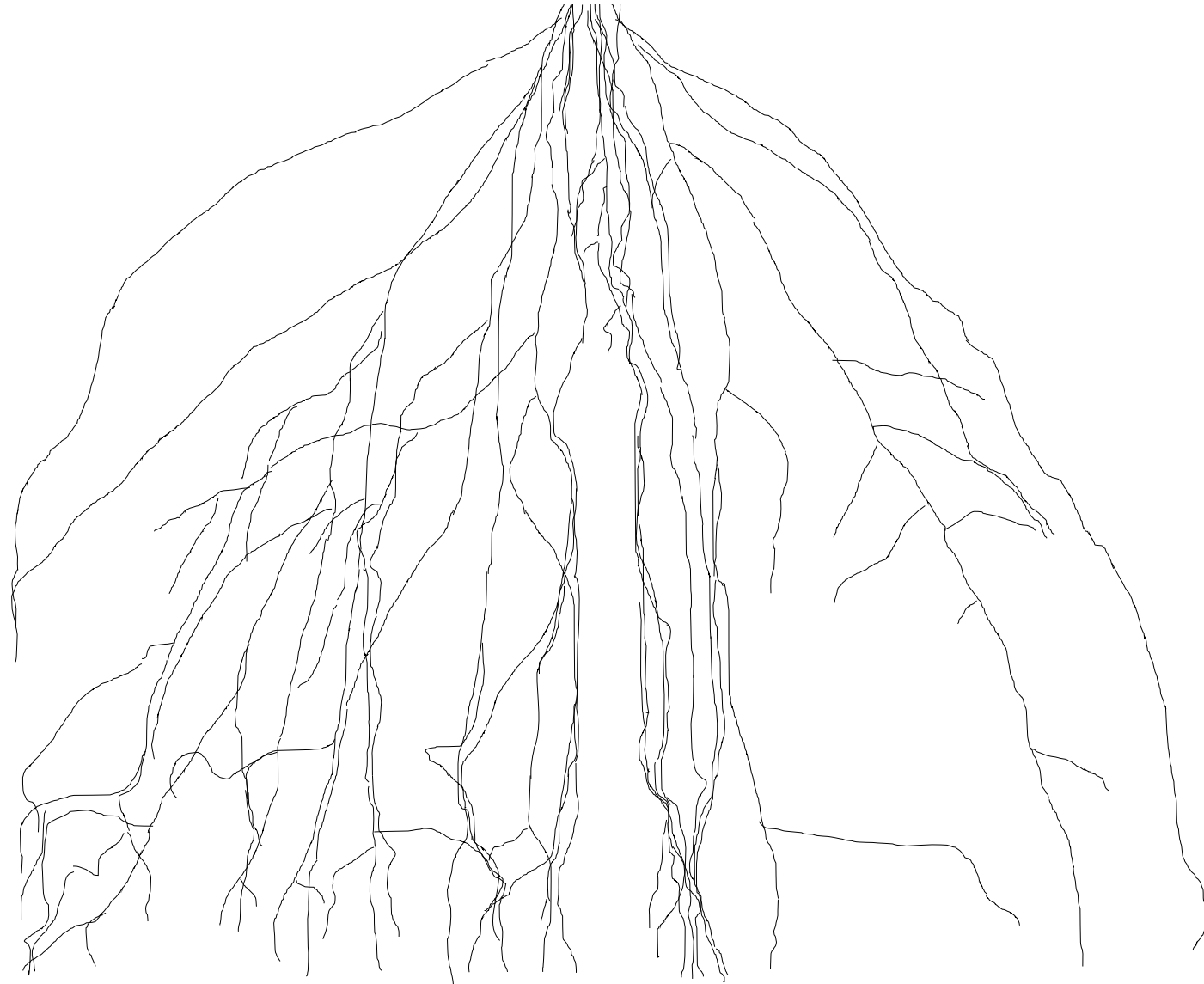
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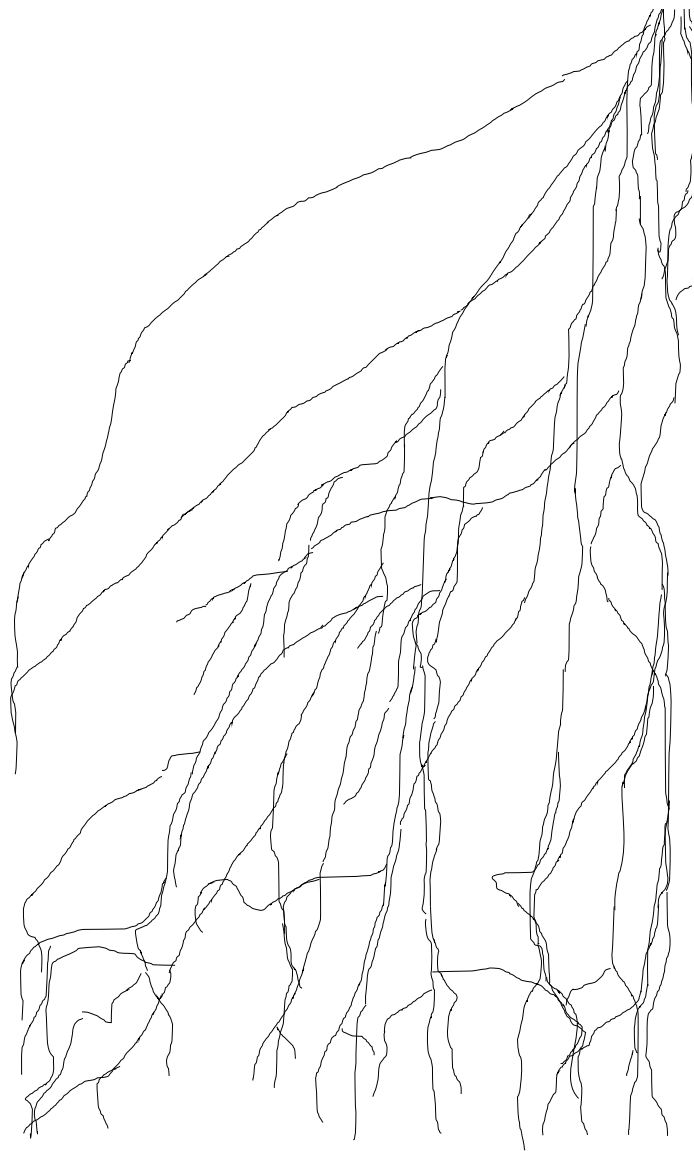
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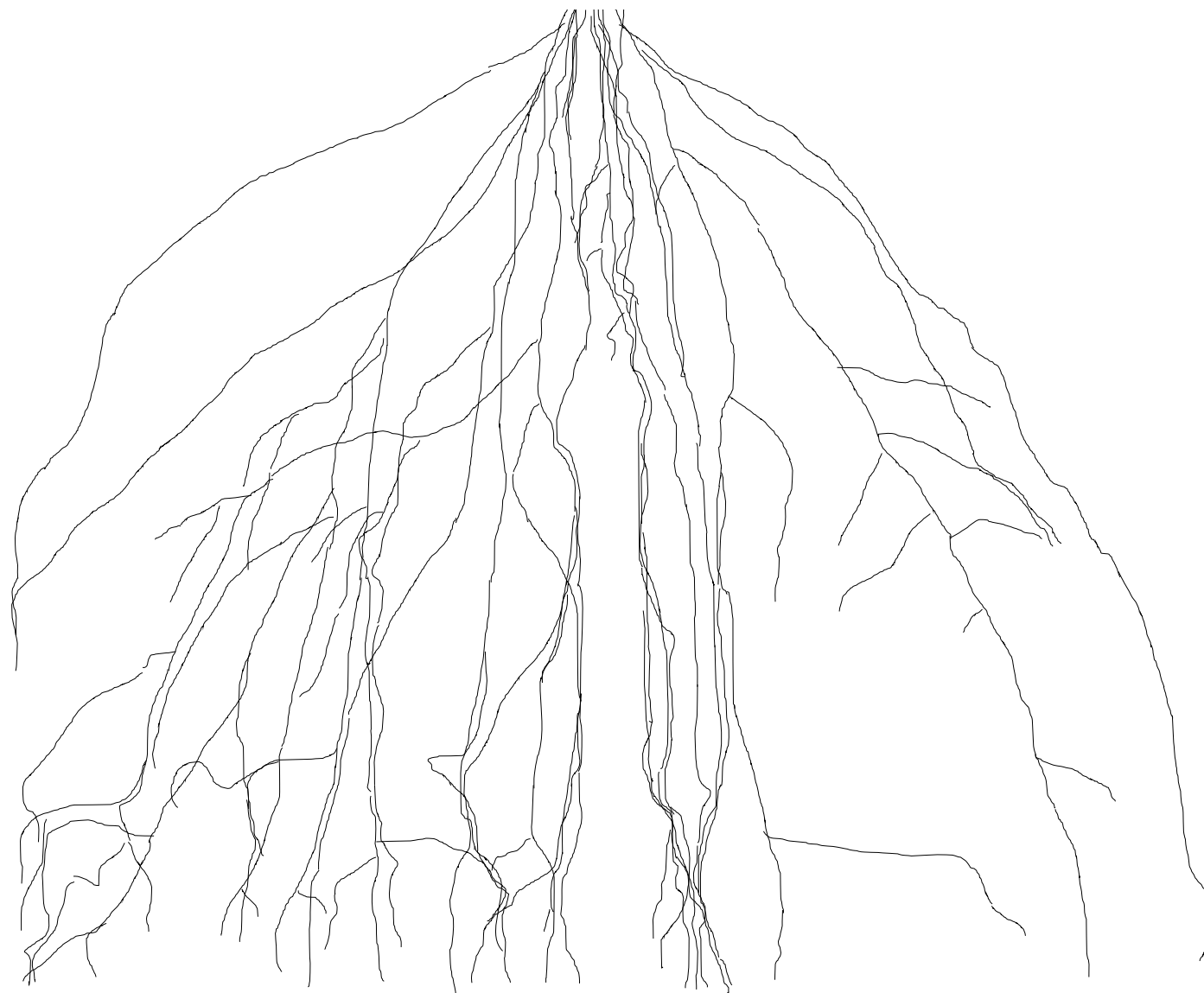
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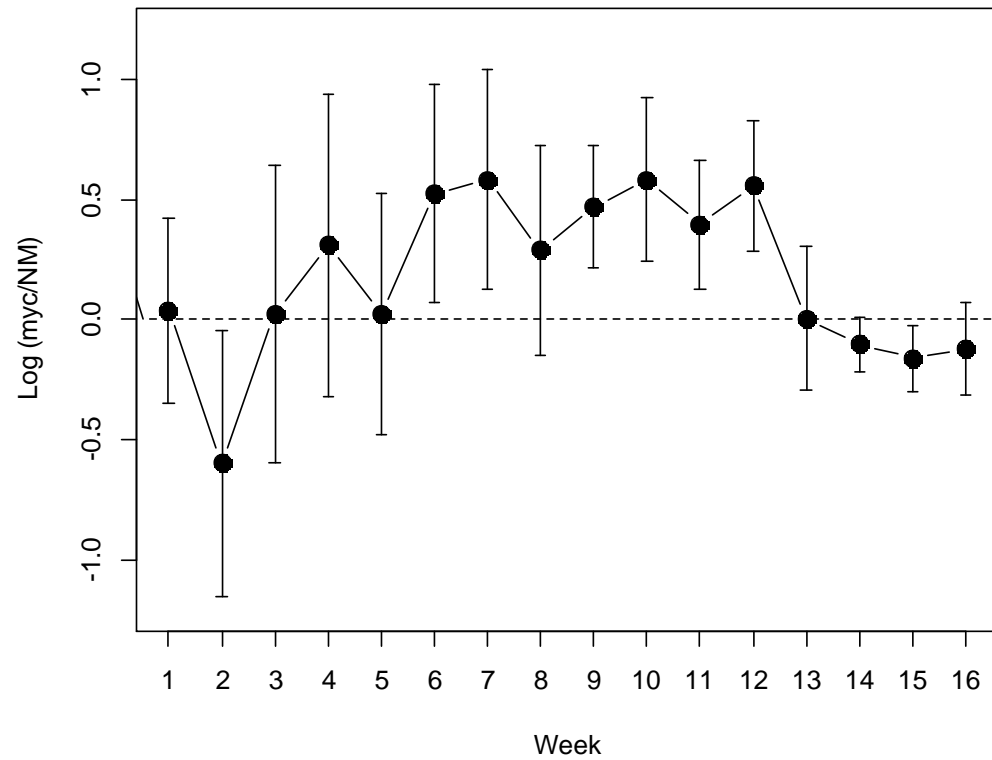
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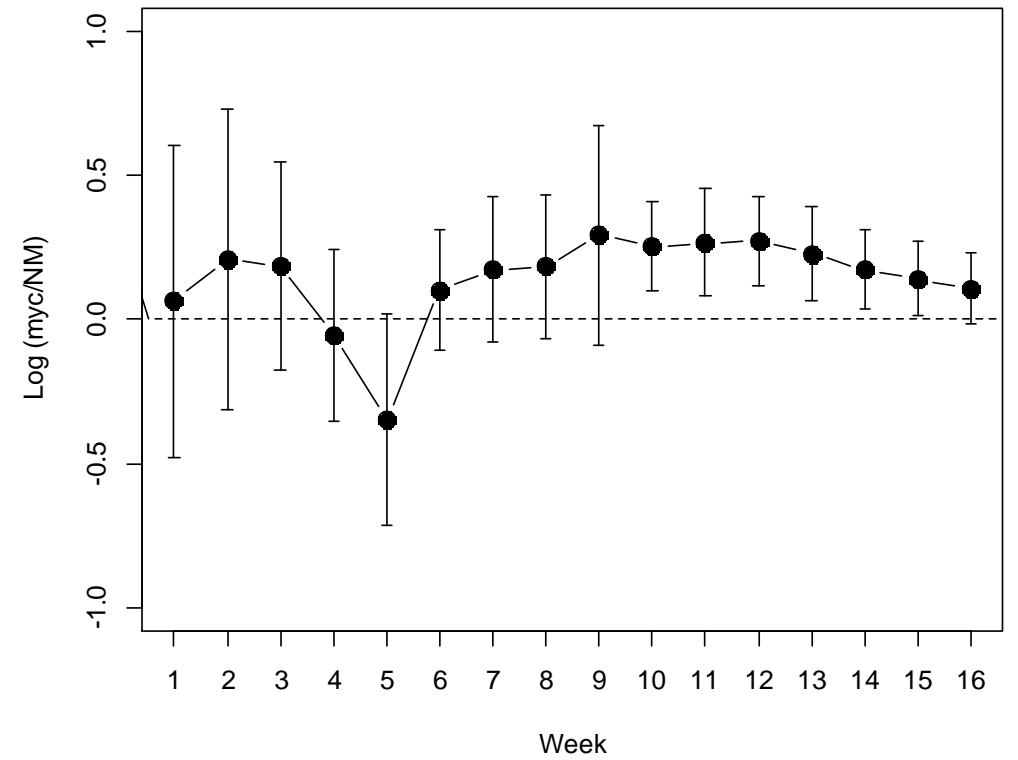
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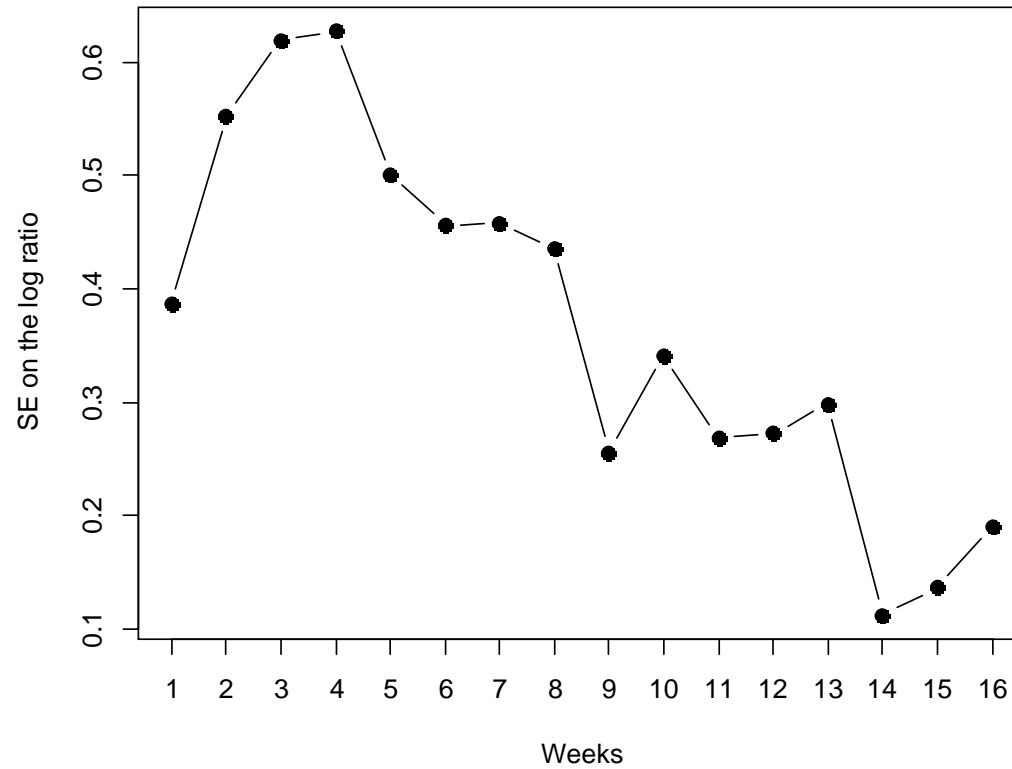
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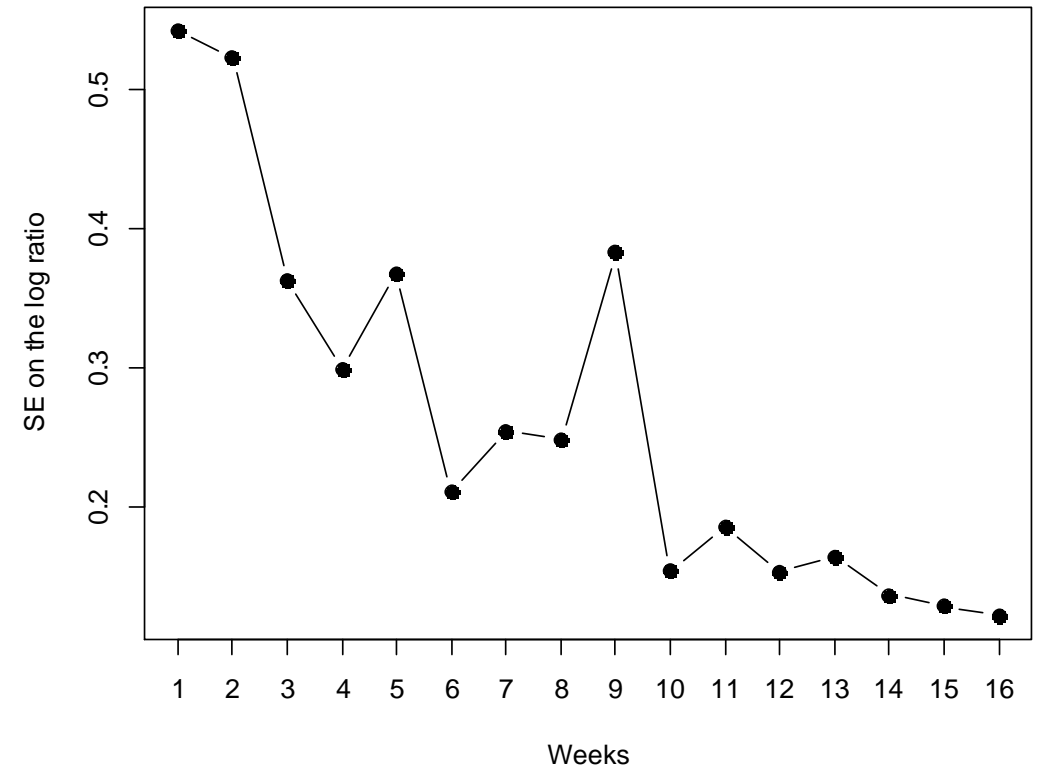
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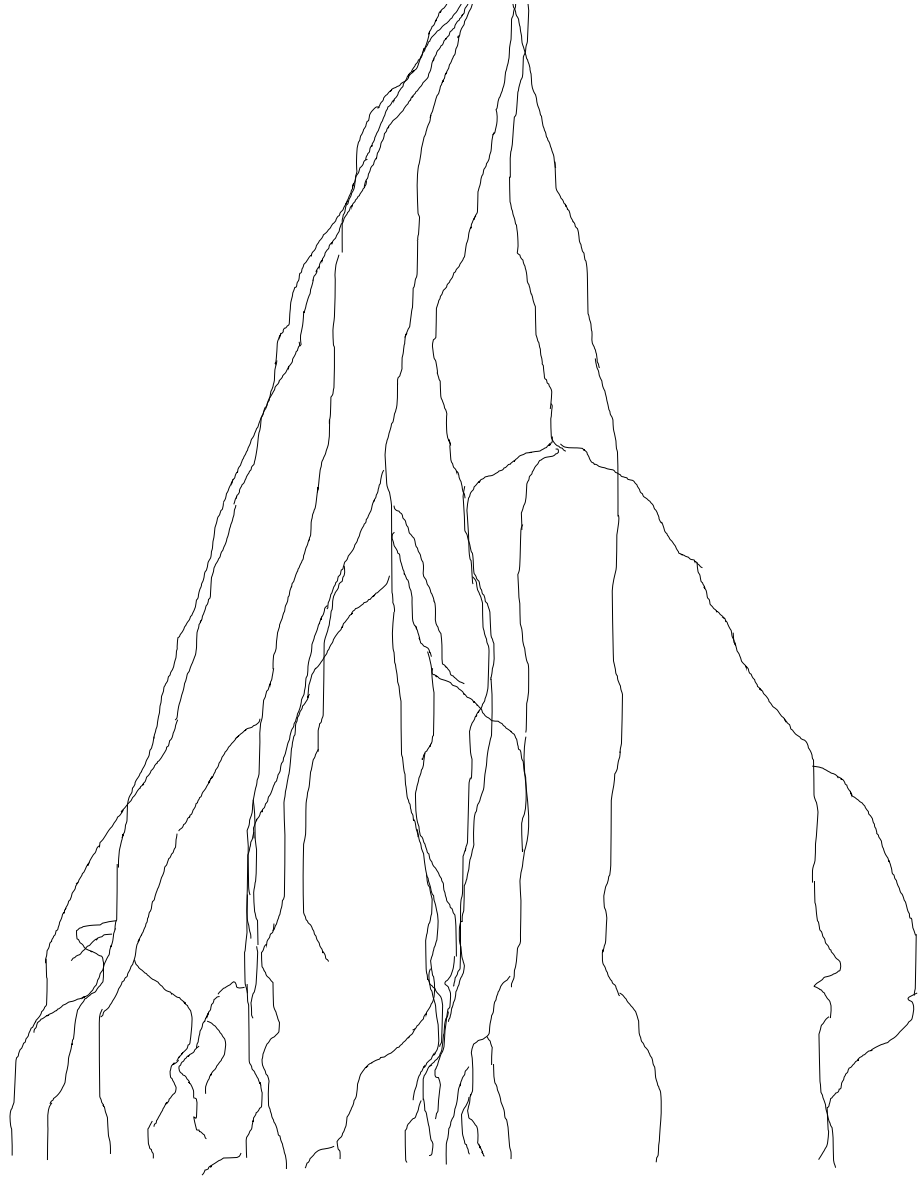
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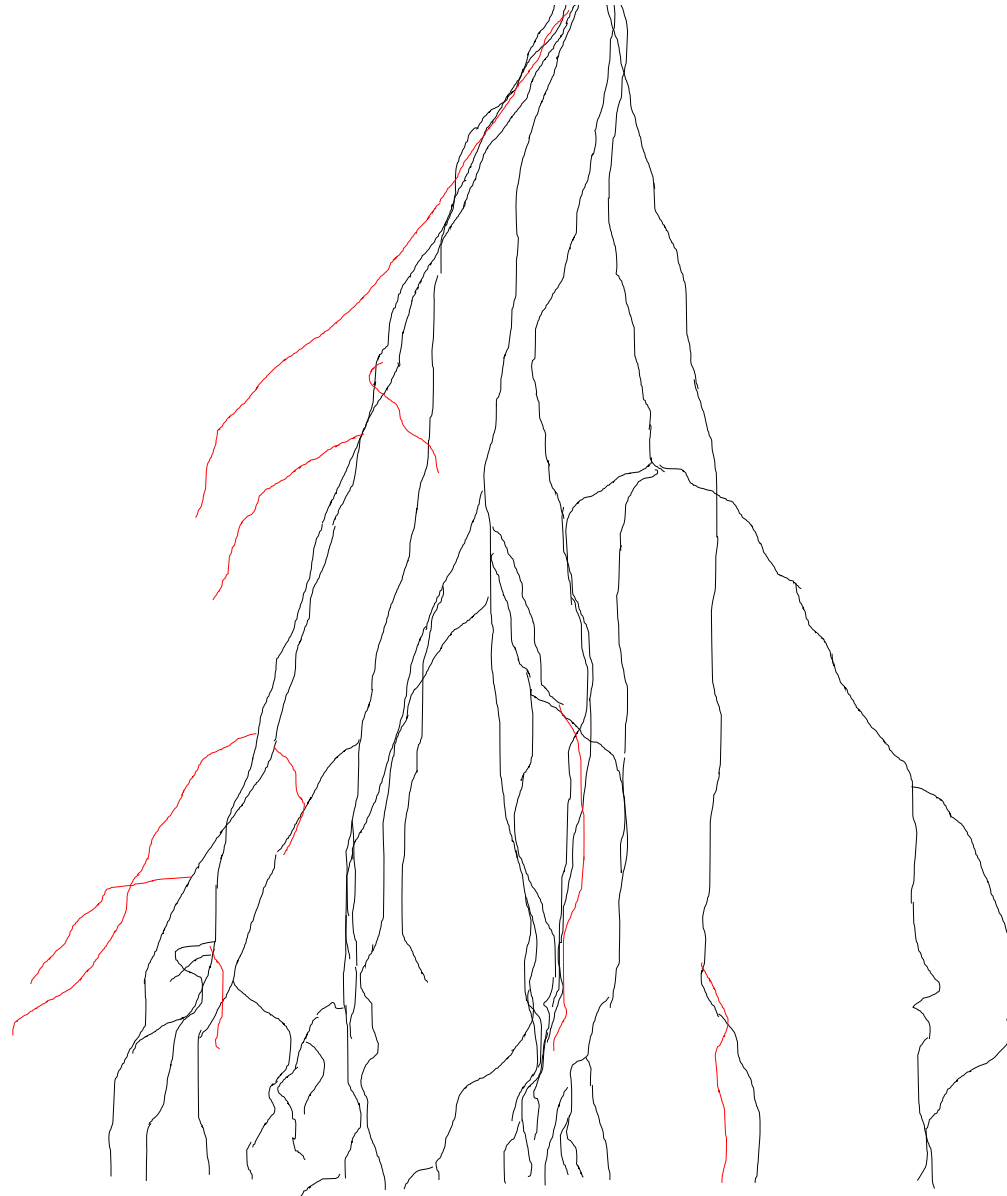
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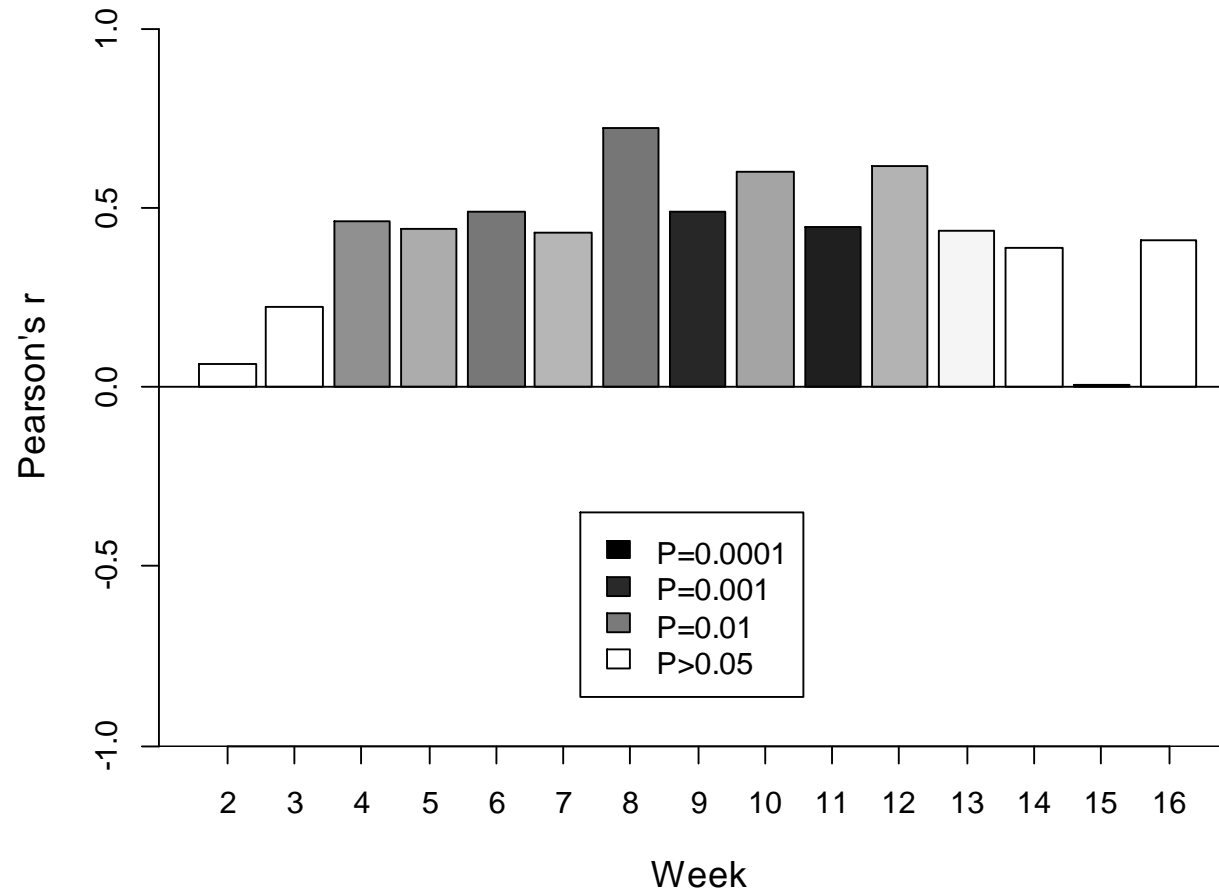
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So how does leek behave?

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 - ❖ Variance among replicates decreased over time
 - An optimization process at work? Develop. noise is adaptive?
 - Priority effects in early root system's construction may influence community assembly?
 - ❖ The modular root growth IS a constraint in partner selection

SUMMARY

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 - ❖ Plants **CAN** make choices (Drew 1975, Chagnon et al. 2015)
 - ❖ Plants need **INFORMATION** to make choices

Plants and forced weddings

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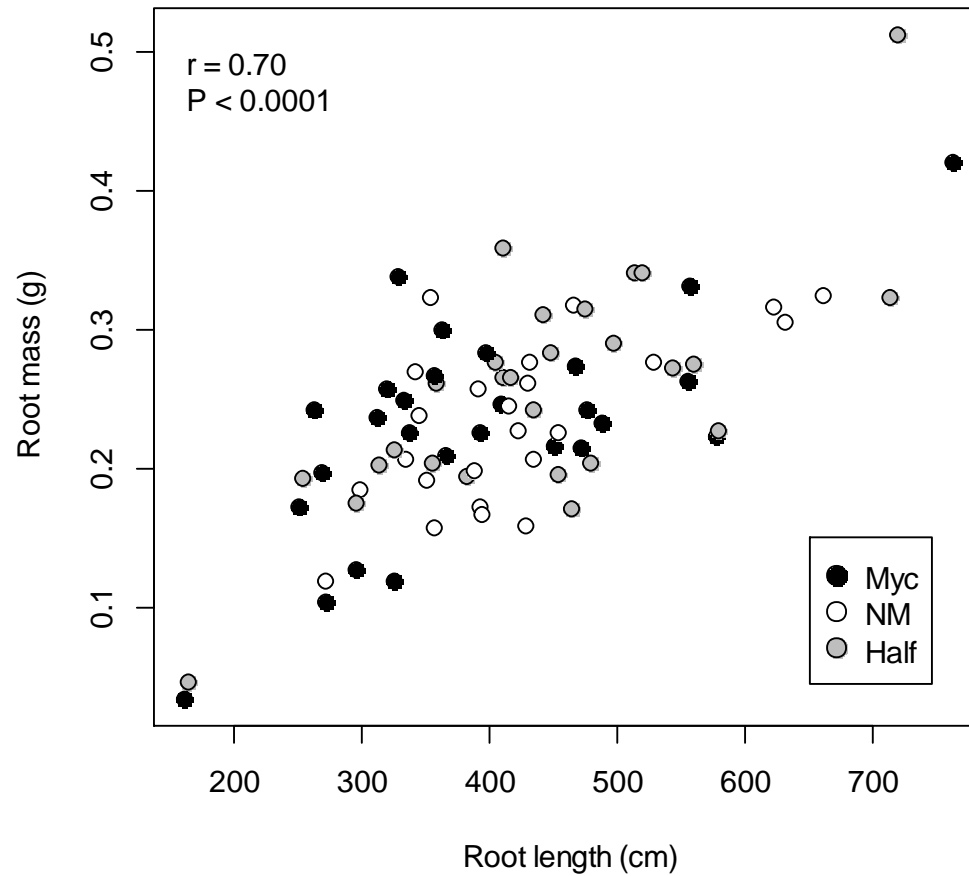
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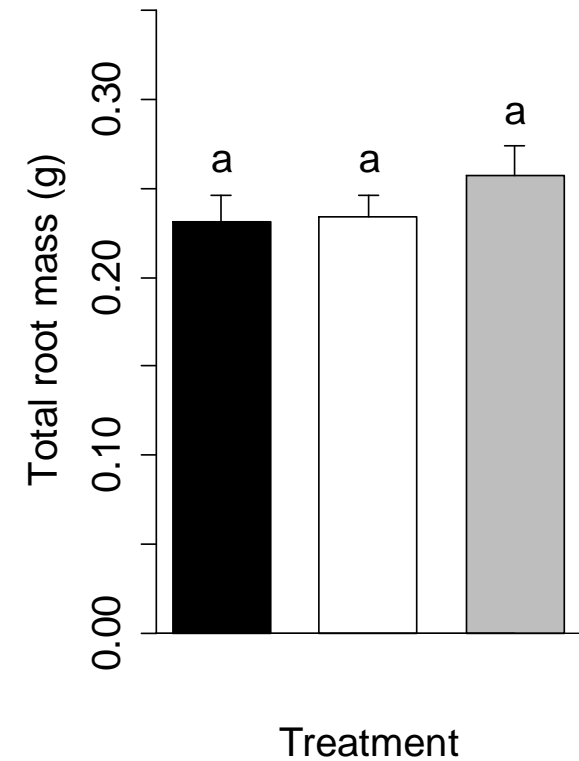
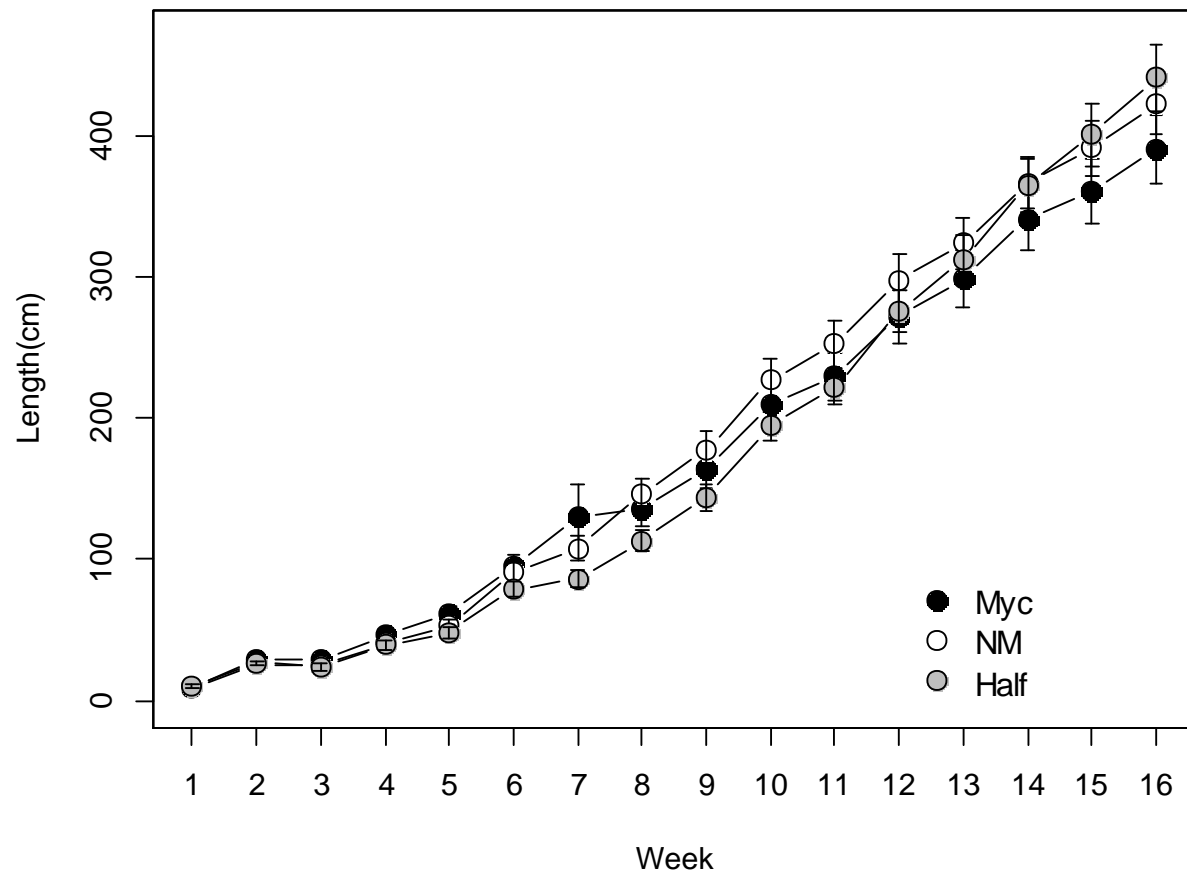
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