

# Problem 1:

$$\text{ExactPD}\left(20, 40, \frac{19}{40}\right)$$

[0.1190277811, 304.7777751]

$$\text{EstPD}\left(20, 40, \frac{19}{40}, 100\right);$$

292.06000000

[0.1000000000, ~~304.7777751~~]

$$\text{EstPD}\left(20, 40, \frac{19}{40}, 1000\right);$$

[0.1160000000, 308.3440000]

$$\text{EstPD}\left(20, 40, \frac{19}{40}, 5000\right);$$

307.17280000

[0.1216000000, ~~308.3440000~~]

As K increases:

The probability estimate gets closer to 0.119 almost exact at K=5000.

The expected duration converges toward  $\approx 305$  as well.

What this means is as the number of simulations K increases, it converges to the true expected value. When K is small (like 100), it leads to high variance. This means it fluctuates to a few “lucky” or “unlucky” runs which ever on dominates the average. When K is large, (like 5000) the large K averages over many more games reduces the effect of random fluctuation and giving a stable estimate.

The best estimate is K = 5000, because it's closest to the theoretical (ExactPD) values. The reason is simply that larger K = more simulations = smaller sampling error.

# Problem 2:

```
with(plots):
pmin := 0.45:
pmax := 0.5:
n_values := [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90]:
colors := [red, green, blue, cyan, magenta, orange, brown, purple, grey]:

plots_list := [ seq(plot( ForPD(n_values[i], 100, p)[1],
    p=pmin..pmax,
    color=colors[i],
    thickness=2 ),
    i=1..nops(n_values) ) ]:

display(plots_list,
    title="P(win) = ForPD(n,100,p)[1] vs p",
    labels=["p", "P(win)"],
    legend=[ seq(sprintf("n=%d", n_values[i]), i=1..nops(n_values) ) ],
    legendstyle=[location=top, font=[Helvetica, 9]] );
```

