Updating Carter-Guthrie

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Introduction

Carter and Guthrie (2004) proposed a method of modelling cricket matches. Their aim was to provide an alternative method of deciding interrupted matches, in the manner of Duckworth and Lewis (1998). What was interesting to me is that Carter and Guthrie (2004) estimate a *probability* of winning (which is then held fixed over interruptions), and it seemed to me that one could estimate and update the probability of winning as the game progresses, which would be a useful adjunct for spectators.

Data for the update come from yorkrdata (Ganesh 2016b), by the author of the R package yorkr (Ganesh 2016a). (I do not actually use the latter package, although it inspired this investigation.)

Gathering and arranging data

Getting a match file

We need to start by loading packages tidyr (Wickham (2016)) and dplyr (Wickham and Francois (2016)):

```
library(tidyr)
library(dplyr)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
## filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
## intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

The data of Ganesh (2016b) are in the form of .RData files (saved dataframes), which were downloaded as a .zip file and extracted to the working directory. (For more recent matches I may need to grab .yaml files from cricsheet.org and process them using functions in yorkr.) One such file is Afghanistan-Bangladesh-2015-02-18.RData. It will be convenient to write a function for reading in files of this kind:

```
readMatch=function(fname) {
  load(fname)
  overs
}
```

The data frame for each match was originally called **overs**, so when it is **loaded**, it acquires the name it had when it was **saved**. This is inconvenient, so we abstract it into a function.

What does one of these data frames contain?

```
fname="Afghanistan-Bangladesh-2015-02-18.RData"
d=readMatch(fname)
glimpse(d)
```

```
## Observations: 565
## Variables: 25
## $ ball
                                        <chr> "1st.0.1", "1st.0.2", "1st.0.3", "1st.0.4", "1...
## $ team
                                        <fctr> Bangladesh, Bangladesh, Banglades...
## $ batsman
                                        <fctr> Anamul Haque, Anamul Haque, Anamul Haque, Ana...
                                        <fctr> Hamid Hassan, Hamid Hassan, Hamid Hassan, Ham...
## $ bowler
## $ nonStriker
                                        <fctr> Tamim Iqbal, Tamim Iqbal, Tamim Iqbal, Tamim ...
## $ byes
                                        ## $ legbyes
                                        <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0...
                                        ## $ noballs
                                        ## $ wides
## $ nonBoundary
                                        ## $ penalty
## $ runs
                                        <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0...
## $ extras
                                        <dbl> 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0...
## $ totalRuns
                                        <dbl> 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0...
                                        <chr> "nobody", "nobody", "nobody", "nobody", "nobod...
## $ wicketFielder
                                        <chr> "not-out", "not-out", "not-out", "not-out", "n...
## $ wicketKind
## $ wicketPlayerOut <chr> "nobody", "nobody",
## $ date
                                        <date> 2015-02-18, 2015-02-18, 2015-02-18, 2015-02-1...
                                        ## $ matchType
                                        ## $ overs
                                        <fctr> Manuka Oval, Manuka Oval, Manuka Oval, Manuka...
## $ venue
## $ team1
                                        <fctr> Afghanistan, Afghanistan, Afghanistan, Afghan...
## $ team2
                                        <fctr> Bangladesh, Bangladesh, Bangladesh, Banglades...
## $ winner
                                        <fctr> Bangladesh, Bangladesh, Bangladesh, Banglades...
                                        <chr> "NA", "NA", "NA", "NA", "NA", "NA", "NA", "NA", "NA"...
## $ result
```

The data frame contains one row for each ball. The columns include a coded representation of innings (team batting first or second), over and ball within over, the name of the batsman and bowler, the number of runs from that ball (regular runs and the various types of extras), the kind of wicket from that ball (if any), and at the end, some information about the match: the date, the type of match, the number of overs per side, the venue, the names of the teams, the winner and the result. These last are the same thing repeated on every line

It will be convenient to have a function that returns some information about the match from its filename:

```
matchInfo=function(fname) {
   d=readMatch(fname)
   data.frame(fname=fname,date=d$date[1],type=d$matchType[1])
}
and to test it:
```

```
matchInfo(fname)
```

Data frame of what we want

We don't need all the information in the match data frame, and we do need to re-process some of what there is. Specifically:

- grab the ball code and the scoring info
- separate out the ball code into the inns, over and ball within that innings
- create new variables, making sure that numeric things are numeric and that we know whether each ball contains a wicket or is a extra, defined here as a no ball or a wide that will result in another ball. (I need to be more careful about counting these, since the number of balls left as calculated later will be wrong.) Other extras, such as leg byes, are treated as regular runs.
- the total number of balls so far in the innings (which is wrong in the presence of extras as above)
- treat each innings separately. The Carter-Guthrie analysis uses only the first innings.
- grab only the variables we want.

```
processMatch=function(fname) {
    readMatch(fname) %>%    select(ball,noballs,wides,totalRuns,wicketKind) %>%
        separate(ball,into=c("inns","over","ball")) %>%
        group_by(inns) %>%
        mutate(over=as.numeric(over),
            ball=as.numeric(ball),
            isWkt=(wicketKind!="not-out"),
            wktDown=cumsum(isWkt),
            isExtra=(noballs+wides>0),
            totalBalls=6*over+ball) %>%
        select(inns,totalBalls,isExtra,isWkt,wktDown,totalRuns)
}
```

Testing:

```
d=processMatch(fname)
d
```

```
## Source: local data frame [565 x 6]
## Groups: inns [2]
##
##
       inns totalBalls isExtra isWkt wktDown totalRuns
                           <lgl> <lgl>
##
      <chr>
                  <dbl>
                                          <int>
                                                      <dbl>
## 1
        1st
                       1
                            TRUE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          1
                       2
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          0
## 2
        1st
## 3
                       3
                          FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          0
        1st
## 4
                          FALSE FALSE
                                                          0
        1st
                       4
                                               0
## 5
        1st
                       5
                           FALSE FALSE
## 6
                       6
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               Λ
                                                          0
        1st
## 7
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          0
        1st
                       7
                                               0
                                                          0
## 8
                       7
                           FALSE FALSE
        1st
## 9
        1st
                       8
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          1
## 10
        1st
                       9
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          0
## # ... with 555 more rows
```

It is also useful to summarize a match, as done by the function below

```
}
```

and to test:

```
summarizeMatch(fname)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 × 4
##
      inns runTotal wktTotal ballTotal
##
     <chr>
               <dbl>
                                     <dh1>
                         <int>
## 1
       1st
                  267
                             10
                                       300
## 2
       2nd
                  162
                             10
                                       257
```

The team batting first scored 267 and were all out on the last ball of their 50 overs (300 balls); the team batting second were all out for 162 in the 43rd over, and thus lost by 105 runs.

It will also be necessary to determine whether the innings of the team batting first was "complete" (that is, either the team was all out or batted out the full 50 overs). This could fail to happen because the match is interrupted, and for the estimation, we want to ignore these matches:

```
firstComplete=function(fname) {
  summarizeMatch(fname) %>%
   mutate(complete=ifelse(wktTotal[1]==10,T,ifelse(ballTotal[1]>=300,T,F))) %>%
   mutate(fname=fname) %>%
    select(c(fname,complete)) %>%
    slice(1)
}
firstComplete(fname)
## # A tibble: 1 × 2
##
                                        fname complete
                                                 <1g1>
## 1 Afghanistan-Bangladesh-2015-02-18.RData
```

Getting all the files

The files we want to consider are .RData files with a number before the dot (the tail end of the match date). There are some other .RData files that were in the .zip, but we don't want to consider those:

TRUE

```
files=list.files(pattern = "[0-9].RData$")
head(files)
```

```
## [1] "Afghanistan-Australia-2012-08-25.RData"
## [2] "Afghanistan-Bangladesh-2015-02-18.RData"
## [3] "Afghanistan-Canada-2012-03-18.RData"
  [4] "Afghanistan-England-2012-09-21.RData"
  [5] "Afghanistan-England-2015-03-13.RData"
   [6] "Afghanistan-Hong Kong-2014-03-18.RData"
```

We are going to apply our functions to a list of filenames (since they all take filenames as input: that was a design decision). The normal way to do this would be to use sapply: if the functions each returned a scalar, the results would be glued together into a vector. Here, though, each function returns a data frame, so we use lapply to produce a list of data frames, which we then run through bind_rows to produce a big data frame with these rows stacked atop each other. This is something we'll be doing a lot, so let's make a function to do it all. v is a vector (of eg. file names) and f is a function that returns a data frame, so that my xx is a list of data frames:

```
atop=function(v,f) {
   xx=lapply(v,f)
   bind_rows(xx)
}
```

Since it doesn't have a data frame as a first argument (I couldn't make that work), it won't work in a pipe.

We need to test this, so let's check whether each of our match files has a complete first innings (which we'll need to check anyway):

```
isComplete=atop(files,firstComplete)
isComplete
```

```
## # A tibble: 2,099 × 2
##
                                         fname complete
##
                                         <chr>
                                                   <lgl>
## 1
       Afghanistan-Australia-2012-08-25.RData
                                                    TRUE
## 2
      Afghanistan-Bangladesh-2015-02-18.RData
                                                   TRUE
                                                  FALSE
## 3
          Afghanistan-Canada-2012-03-18.RData
         Afghanistan-England-2012-09-21.RData
## 4
                                                  FALSE
## 5
         Afghanistan-England-2015-03-13.RData
                                                  FALSE
##
  6
       Afghanistan-Hong Kong-2014-03-18.RData
                                                  FALSE
## 7
       Afghanistan-Hong Kong-2015-07-21.RData
                                                  FALSE
## 8
           Afghanistan-India-2010-05-01.RData
                                                  FALSE
## 9
           Afghanistan-India-2012-09-19.RData
                                                   FALSE
## 10
           Afghanistan-India-2014-03-05.RData
                                                    TRUE
## # ... with 2,089 more rows
```

The second line is the match we've been using to test. What is up with the lines here that are FALSE?

```
isComplete %>% slice(3:9) -> tmp
atop(tmp$fname,summarizeMatch)
```

```
## # A tibble: 14 × 4
##
        inns runTotal wktTotal ballTotal
##
       <chr>
                 <dbl>
                            <int>
                                       <dbl>
## 1
         1st
                   174
                                8
                                          123
## 2
         2nd
                   133
                                9
                                          121
                                         120
## 3
         1st
                   196
                                5
## 4
                               10
         2nd
                    80
                                         104
## 5
         1st
                                7
                                         218
                   111
## 6
         2nd
                   101
                                1
                                         109
## 7
                                8
         1st
                   153
                                         120
## 8
         2nd
                   154
                                3
                                          108
## 9
                                7
         1st
                   161
                                          120
                                5
## 10
         2nd
                   162
                                         121
                                8
## 11
         1st
                    115
                                          120
## 12
         2nd
                    116
                                3
                                           89
## 13
         1st
                    159
                                5
                                          121
## 14
         2nd
                    136
                               10
                                          117
```

In each case, a match takes up two lines; we only need the line starting with "1st". You see that each first innings is not done yet (less than 10 wickets) but the allotted 300 balls have not been used. I guess that these matches were interrupted, with a revised number of overs for at least the team batting second. In any case, we don't want to include these in our analysis.

In addition, we need to check whether each match is a ODI (which we want to assess) or something else.

That's another application of atop:

```
v=atop(files,matchInfo)
## Warning in bind_rows_(x, .id): Unequal factor levels: coercing to character
## Warning in bind_rows_(x, .id): Unequal factor levels: coercing to character
head(v)
##
                                       fname
                                                   date type
## 1
    Afghanistan-Australia-2012-08-25.RData 2012-08-25
## 2 Afghanistan-Bangladesh-2015-02-18.RData 2015-02-18
         Afghanistan-Canada-2012-03-18.RData 2012-03-18
## 3
## 4
        Afghanistan-England-2012-09-21.RData 2012-09-21
## 5
        Afghanistan-England-2015-03-13.RData 2015-03-13
## 6 Afghanistan-Hong Kong-2014-03-18.RData 2014-03-18
tab=table(v$type)
tab
##
##
   ODI
        T20
## 1139
         960
```

There are 1139 one-day internationals, and 960 Twenty-20 matches, which are a mixture of internationals and Indian Premier League.

Getting all the matches we want

To get just the matches we want, we do this:

- read all the matches' info
- select only the ones whose type is ODI
- of those, select the ones that have complete first innings
- construct the desired (big) data for these (just first innings)

Since atop returns a data frame, we can use it as the *start* of a pipe:

```
atop(files,matchInfo) %>% filter(type=="ODI") -> odis

## Warning in bind_rows_(x, .id): Unequal factor levels: coercing to character

## Warning in bind_rows_(x, .id): Unequal factor levels: coercing to character

atop(odis$fname,firstComplete) %>% filter(complete) -> complete.odis

complete.odis
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,040 × 2
##
                                          fname complete
##
                                          <chr>
                                                    <1g1>
## 1
        Afghanistan-Australia-2012-08-25.RData
                                                     TRUE
## 2
       Afghanistan-Bangladesh-2015-02-18.RData
                                                     TRUE
## 3
            Afghanistan-India-2014-03-05.RData
                                                     TRUE
## 4
          Afghanistan-Ireland-2015-01-17.RData
                                                     TRUE
## 5
      Afghanistan-Netherlands-2012-03-29.RData
                                                     TRUE
## 6
         Afghanistan-Pakistan-2012-02-10.RData
                                                     TRUE
## 7
         Afghanistan-Pakistan-2014-02-27.RData
                                                     TRUE
                                                     TRUE
## 8
         Afghanistan-Scotland-2009-04-19.RData
```

```
## 9 Afghanistan-Scotland-2015-01-14.RData TRUE
## 10 Afghanistan-Scotland-2015-02-26.RData TRUE
## # ... with 1,030 more rows
```

There are 1040 complete ODIs. Now to get the actual information, which we can expect to be slow:

```
atop(complete.odis$fname,processMatch) %>%
  filter(inns=="1st") -> d
d
```

```
## Source: local data frame [307,956 x 6]
## Groups: inns [1]
##
##
       inns totalBalls isExtra isWkt wktDown totalRuns
##
                   <dbl>
                           <lgl> <lgl>
                                           <int>
                                                      <dbl>
      <chr>
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          0
## 1
        1st
                       1
##
                       2
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          0
        1st
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          0
##
  3
        1st
                       3
## 4
                       4
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          1
        1st
## 5
                                               0
                                                          0
        1st
                       5
                           FALSE FALSE
## 6
        1st
                       6
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          0
                       7
                                               0
                                                          0
## 7
                           FALSE FALSE
        1st
                                               0
                                                          0
## 8
        1st
                       8
                           FALSE FALSE
## 9
                       9
                           FALSE FALSE
                                               0
                                                          0
        1st
## 10
        1st
                      10
                           FALSE FALSE
## # ... with 307,946 more rows
```

307956 rows! But that's what we need.

Estimating the parameters

The model

The Carter and Guthrie (2004) model is a simplified version of cricketing reality, thus:

- with a certain probability (which is fixed), a ball is an extra (wide or no ball), which counts one run and leads to an extra ball being bowled. (The assumption is that no additional runs are scored, for example runs scored off a no ball.)
- otherwise, with a certain probability, which depends on the number of balls and wickets left, a ball is a wicket. This reduces the number of balls and wickets left by 1 without changing the number of runs. (This assumes that no runs are made on a ball with a wicket, such as when a high near-six is caught near the boundary and the batsmen have already completed one or more runs.)
- otherwise, with certain probabilities, which depend on the number of balls and wickets left, a certain number of runs is scored.

Probability of extra

Estimating the "extra" probability is the easiest, since that doesn't (by hypothesis) depend on anything else:

```
d %>% summarize(pEx=sum(isExtra)/nrow(d)) %>% select(pEx) -> pExtra
pExtra
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 × 1
## pEx
```

```
## <dbl>## 1 0.02616932
```

This is about half the corresponding value in Carter and Guthrie (2004).

Probability of wicket

The probability of a wicket is modelled using a logistic model (a probit model in Carter and Guthrie (2004)); the log-odds of a wicket is modelled as a quadratic function of the number of balls and wickets left.

Thus our first step is to calculate the number of balls and wickets left, and then to remove the rows with extras:

and now we can model:

```
wModel=glm(isWkt~ballsLeft+wktsLeft+I(ballsLeft^2),data=d1,family="binomial")
summary(wModel)
```

```
##
## Call:
  glm(formula = isWkt ~ ballsLeft + wktsLeft + I(ballsLeft^2),
##
       family = "binomial", data = d1)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##
      Min
                     Median
                                   30
                                           Max
                 10
## -0.7582 -0.2410 -0.1954 -0.1590
                                        3.2174
##
## Coefficients:
                    Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
                  -1.109e+00 3.091e-02 -35.87
                                                  <2e-16 ***
## (Intercept)
                             4.845e-04
## ballsLeft
                  -9.177e-03
                                         -18.94
                                                  <2e-16 ***
                             6.681e-03
## wktsLeft
                  -4.029e-01
                                        -60.30
                                                  <2e-16 ***
                 4.825e-05
                                          29.91
## I(ballsLeft^2)
                             1.613e-06
                                                  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##
       Null deviance: 76107
                             on 299896
                                       degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 70377
                             on 299893 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 70385
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 7
```

Everything here is strongly significant, as would be expected with so much data. (These are the same explanatory variables as used by Carter and Guthrie (2004).)

We can make a table of predicted probability of a ball being a wicket as a function of the number of balls and wickets left:

```
new=expand.grid(wktsLeft=c(1,5,10),ballsLeft=c(1,100,200,300))
p=predict(wModel,new,type="response")
data.frame(new,p)
```

```
##
      wktsLeft ballsLeft
## 1
              1
                         1 0.179338444
## 2
              5
                         1 0.041787135
## 3
             10
                         1 0.005782970
## 4
              1
                      100 0.124889986
## 5
              5
                      100 0.027691119
## 6
             10
                      100 0.003784241
## 7
              1
                      200 0.195104269
## 8
              5
                      200 0.046140556
## 9
             10
                      200 0.006410539
## 10
              1
                      300 0.519366763
              5
## 11
                      300 0.177388823
## 12
             10
                      300 0.027957981
```

For a fixed number of balls left, the probability of a wicket is higher if there are fewer wickets left. The pattern for a fixed number of balls left is unclear, but then in practice if there are many balls left, there are unlikely to be few wickets left.

Modelling the number of runs

Carter and Guthrie (2004) consider the number of runs on any ball as an ordered response, and model the probit of the probability of landing in each category as a quadratic function of the number of balls and wickets left. We use an ordered logistic model, using the polr function from library MASS. First, however, we need to remove the wicket balls from the data frame used to estimate the wickets process, and we need to turn the totalRuns on each ball into an ordered factor:

```
d1 %>% mutate(rf=ordered(totalRuns)) %>%
filter(!isWkt) -> d2
```

and then down to business:

```
library(MASS)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'MASS'
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
## select
rModel=polr(rf~ballsLeft+wktsLeft+I(ballsLeft^2),data=d2)
```

The summary of the model is not very illuminating, so again we show predictions. In the output below, the number of runs is turned into column names for a data frame by appending an X:

```
p=predict(rModel,new,type="probs")
data.frame(new,round(p,3))
```

```
##
      wktsLeft ballsLeft
                             XΟ
                                   X1
                                          X2
                                                ХЗ
                                                      X4
                                                            Х5
                                                                   Х6
## 1
                        1 0.399 0.398 0.073 0.009 0.102 0.000 0.019
             1
## 2
             5
                        1 0.242 0.411 0.109 0.015 0.183 0.001 0.039
## 3
            10
                        1 0.114 0.317 0.132 0.021 0.323 0.001 0.092
## 4
             1
                      100 0.680 0.246 0.029 0.004 0.035 0.000 0.006
                      100 0.506 0.352 0.053 0.007 0.069 0.000 0.013
## 5
             5
## 6
            10
                      100 0.291 0.417 0.097 0.013 0.151 0.000 0.031
                      200 0.836 0.132 0.013 0.002 0.015 0.000 0.003
## 7
             1
             5
                      200 0.711 0.225 0.025 0.003 0.031 0.000 0.005
## 8
```

```
## 9 10 200 0.497 0.357 0.055 0.007 0.072 0.000 0.013
## 10 1 300 0.901 0.081 0.007 0.001 0.008 0.000 0.001
## 11 5 300 0.814 0.148 0.015 0.002 0.017 0.000 0.003
## 12 10 300 0.638 0.274 0.034 0.004 0.042 0.000 0.007
```

For any fixed number of balls left, if there are fewer wickets left, there is a higher chance of a "dot ball" (no runs), and a lower chance of a boundary (4 or 6 runs, in the columns labelled X4 and X6). Also, for a fixed number of wickets left, there is a higher chance of a dot ball when many balls are left and a higher chance of a boundary with few balls left. These accord with intuition.

Constructing the recursion

Let F(r; b, w) denote the probability of a team scoring r runs or fewer with b balls and w wickets left. There are some boundary cases: if there are no balls or wickets left, then a team scores 0 (more) runs with probability 1. Thus F(r; 0, w) = 1, F(r; b, 0) = 1 for $r \ge 0$, and (for completeness) F(r; b, w) = 0 for r < 0. These form the base cases for a recursion. To evaluate F(r; b, w) in general, consider what might happen on the next ball: an extra, in which case the team needs r - 1 runs from b - 1 balls with b - 1 wickets left, or b - 1 vickets left, or b - 1 balls with b - 1

As an example, suppose we wish to find F(4;3,2). We need the probability of an extra, a wicket and each number of runs at this point:

```
new=data.frame(ballsLeft=3,wktsLeft=2)
pExtra
## # A tibble: 1 × 1
##
            pEx
##
          <dbl>
## 1 0.02616932
predict(wModel,new,type="response")
## 0.1254596
predict(rModel,new,type="probs")
                                                       3
                                                                     4
##
              0
                            1
  0.3618481772 0.4080933004 0.0804909684 0.0106283094 0.1161361034
              5
## 0.0003392157 0.0224639254
```

Thus, the probability of an extra is 0.026, the probability of a wicket given a non-extra is 0.126, and the probabilities of $0, 1, 2, \ldots$ runs, given that there was neither an extra nor a wicket, are $0.363, 0.408, 0.080, \ldots$. In detail, therefore, the recursion says that

```
F(4;3,2) = 0.026F(3;3,2) + (1 - 0.026)(0.126)F(4;2,1) + (1 - 0.026)(1 - 0.126) [0.363F(4;2,2) + 0.408F(3;2,2) + 0.080F(2;2,2) + 0.011F(1;2,2) + 0.116F(0;2,2) + 0.0003F(-1;2,2) + 0.022F(-2;2,2)]
```

We note that F(-1;2,2) = F(-2;2,2) = 0 (in words, the probability of getting 4 runs or less in 3 balls is 0 if 5 or 6 runs are scored off the first ball). The remaining F(r;b,w) need to be calculated, and this is done using a similar recursion. Note that, for example, F(3;3,2) will also need F(2;2,2) (if one run is scored off the next ball), and thus a naive recursion would do a lot of unnecessary re-calculation. It is important, therefore, to create a look-up table of values already calculated, and to check it before starting on a calculation. In pseudocode, the procedure is therefore this:

```
bigF=function(r,b,w) {
    # base cases
    if (r<0) return 0
    if (b==0) return 1
    if (w==0) return 1
    # lookup table
    if (r,b,w) in lookup table, return value
    # else recurse
    obtain probability of extra PE, wicket PW, and array P[j] each number of runs j this ball
    sum=0
    for (j in 0:6) {
        sum=sum+P[j]*bigF(r-j,b-1,w)
    }
    ans=PE*bigF(r-1,b,w)+(1-PE)*PW*bigF(r,b-1,w-1)+(1-PE)*(1-PW)*sum
    save ans in lookup table
    return ans
}</pre>
```

Let F be the probability of scoring r runs or less with b balls and w wickets remaining. There are two choices for the data structure for the lookup table. One is a three-dimensional array (dimensions runs, balls and wickets, with the value of the array being F), and the other is a data frame, with columns for runs, balls, wickets and F. I chose the latter, because of the simplicity of using dplyr::filter to see whether a row exists yet. (The notation F is a reminder that this is a *cumulative* probability, that many runs or less.)

We will keep the lookup table as a data frame called lookupTable, dimensions runs, balls and wickets left in that order, initialized as empty and kept in an environment called env (so that we can access and change it from within a function):

```
max.runs=400
max.balls=300
max.wickets=10
env=new.env(parent=emptyenv())
aa=data.frame(rr=integer(),bb=integer(),ww=integer(),F=double())
env$lookupTable=aa
str(env$lookupTable)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 0 obs. of 4 variables:
## $ rr: int
## $ bb: int
## $ ww: int
## $ F : num
```

Then we implement the function outlined in pseudocode above:

```
bigF=function(r,b,w) {
    # base cases
    if (r<0) return(0)
    if (b==0) return(1)
    if (w==0) return(1)
    # return value if in lookup table</pre>
```

```
tab=get("lookupTable",envir=env)
  tab %>% filter(rr==r, bb==b, ww==w) -> x
  if (nrow(x)>0) return(x[1,4])
  # recursion
  new=data.frame(ballsLeft=b,wktsLeft=w)
  pW=predict(wModel,new,type="response")
  p=predict(rModel,new,type="probs")
  pE=as.numeric(pExtra[1,1]) # global variable
  sum=0
  for (j in 0:6) {
   sum=sum+p[j+1]*bigF(r-j,b-1,w)
  ans=pE*bigF(r-1,b,w)+(1-pE)*pW*bigF(r,b-1,w-1)+(1-pE)*(1-pW)*sum
  names(ans)=NULL
  # lookup table might have changed since earlier, so get again before altering
  tab=get("lookupTable",envir=env)
  tab=rbind(tab,data.frame(rr=r,bb=b,ww=w,F=ans))
  assign("lookupTable", value=tab, envir=env)
  return(ans)
}
```

Let's test it with the example we used above, and at the same time, time it:

```
## user system elapsed
## 0.240 0.000 0.238
ans
```

[1] 0.721199

This result is reasonable, since with only three balls and two wickets left, it is most likely that four runs or fewer will be scored. I had to use the "alternative" arrow-like assignment operator here, because an equals sign inside system.time has a different meaning. We will assess the times in a moment.

It would be interesting to see what the lookup table looks like (that is, which values have been calculated). This is a data frame, so can just be displayed, or we can sort by something. I wanted to see the cumulative distribution of runs given a number of balls and wickets remaining:

env\$lookupTable %>% arrange(bb,ww,rr)

```
##
     rr bb ww
## 1
           1 0.49321063
## 2
            1 0.82404148
      1
         1
## 3
      2
         1
            1 0.89087956
## 4
      3
         1 1 0.90020778
      4 1 1 0.98174689
      0 1 2 0.42641663
## 6
            2 0.78550080
## 7
      1
         1
      2
        1 2 0.86441506
## 8
## 9
      3
         1 2 0.87568180
## 10
      4
         1 2 0.97686396
## 11
      0
         2 1 0.33198089
## 12
      1 2 1 0.60371717
## 13
      2 2 1 0.76588781
## 14 3 2 1 0.81717688
```

```
## 15
          2
              1 0.89376016
##
   16
       0
          2
             2 0.19088917
##
       1
          2
             2 0.49451548
##
  18
       2
          2
             2 0.68908943
##
   19
       3
          2
              2 0.75489255
  20
       4
          2
             2 0.85277871
##
  21
       0
          3
              2 0.09938645
##
## 22
       1
          3
              2 0.29509984
##
  23
       2
          3
              2 0.49860893
  24
       3
##
          3
             2 0.62064608
## 25
       4
          3
             2 0.72119896
```

Because the lookup table has now been populated, running the same calculation again should be a lot quicker:

```
system.time(ans <- bigF(4,3,2))

## user system elapsed
## 0.000 0.000 0.001
ans

## [1] 0.721199</pre>
```

Applications

And so it is.

The nature of this recursion, with 8 recursive calls to bigF inside one original call, means that we threaten to branch wildly and will need to keep a large number of (r, b, w) triples on the stack. This is obviated by calling bigF repeatedly with values of r, b, w only a little bigger than those already in the lookup table, taking advantage of the calculations already done (which will be most of the ones we need). For example:

```
## user system elapsed
## 6.532 0.000 6.596
```

showing, for example, the cumulative distribution of runs with 8 balls and 9 wickets left (as calculated so far): env\$lookupTable

```
F
##
       rr bb ww
## 1
            1
               2 4.264166e-01
## 2
        1
            1
               2
                 7.855008e-01
##
   3
        2
            1
               2 8.644151e-01
##
        3
            1
               2 8.756818e-01
##
  5
        4
            1
               2 9.768640e-01
##
   6
        0
            1
               1 4.932106e-01
##
   7
        0
            2
               2 1.908892e-01
## 8
        1
            1
               1 8.240415e-01
## 9
            2
               2 4.945155e-01
        1
        2
            1
               1 8.908796e-01
##
   10
        2
            2
               2 6.890894e-01
##
   11
        3
               1 9.002078e-01
   12
           1
##
   13
        3
            2
               2 7.548925e-01
##
   14
        4
            1
               1 9.817469e-01
            2
## 15
               2 8.527787e-01
```

```
## 16
        0 2 1 3.319809e-01
## 17
          3 2 9.938645e-02
##
  18
             1 6.037172e-01
             2 2.950998e-01
##
  19
           3
        1
##
  20
           2
              1 7.658878e-01
## 21
        2
           3
             2 4.986089e-01
## 22
           2
             1 8.171769e-01
## 23
        3
           3
             2 6.206461e-01
##
  24
        4
           2
             1 8.937602e-01
##
   25
           3 2 7.211990e-01
   26
         1 10 1.156808e-01
##
  27
        1 1 10 4.257753e-01
##
  28
        2 1 10 5.614292e-01
##
  29
        3 1 10 5.853785e-01
## 30
        4 1 10 8.985951e-01
##
  31
        5
           1 10 9.080427e-01
##
           1 10 9.975935e-01
   32
        6
##
   33
           1 10 9.999370e-01
##
  34
         1 10 9.999984e-01
        8
##
   35
        9
           1 10 1.000000e+00
##
  36
       10 1 10 1.000000e+00
##
  37
          1 9 1.371772e-01
## 38
        0
           2 10 1.364679e-02
##
   39
          1 9 4.715516e-01
        1
##
  40
        1 2 10 8.613657e-02
  41
        2 1 9 6.065935e-01
## 42
           2 10 2.144448e-01
          1 9 6.297739e-01
##
  43
        3
        3 2 10 3.044143e-01
## 44
## 45
        4 1 9 9.138871e-01
## 46
        4
           2 10 4.101744e-01
##
  47
        5
          1 9 9.223943e-01
##
   48
        5 2 10 6.130717e-01
##
        6 1 9 9.979691e-01
  49
## 50
        6
           2 10 7.248551e-01
## 51
        7
          1 9 9.999469e-01
## 52
        7
         2 10 7.982689e-01
## 53
        8 1 9 9.999986e-01
## 54
        8
           2 10 9.218142e-01
        9
           1 9 1.000000e+00
## 55
           2 10 9.326238e-01
   56
##
       10
          1 9 1.000000e+00
  57
           2 10 9.884259e-01
##
   58
       10
##
  59
        0
          1 8 1.624145e-01
           2 9 1.922219e-02
## 60
        0
## 61
        0
           3 10 1.643825e-03
##
   62
        1
           1
             8 5.182003e-01
##
   63
        1
           2 9 1.118591e-01
##
  64
        1
           3 10 1.460735e-02
## 65
           1
             8 6.503805e-01
## 66
        2
           2
             9 2.614652e-01
## 67
        2 3 10 5.449871e-02
## 68
        3 1 8 6.724397e-01
## 69
        3 2 9 3.583574e-01
```

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## 70
        3 3 10 1.156138e-01
## 71
          1 8 9.271760e-01
##
  72
        4 2 9 4.699305e-01
##
  73
           3 10 1.797561e-01
##
   74
        5
             8 9.347556e-01
##
        5 2 9 6.683254e-01
  75
##
        5 3 10 2.747268e-01
  76
## 77
        6
           1
             8 9.982926e-01
##
  78
        6
           2
             9 7.715947e-01
##
  79
        6
           3 10 4.096216e-01
   80
          1 8 9.999553e-01
## 81
        7
           2 9 8.378965e-01
##
  82
        7
           3 10 5.187978e-01
          1 8 9.999988e-01
## 83
        8
## 84
        8
           2 9 9.400456e-01
## 85
        8
           3 10 6.212674e-01
        9
           1 8 1.000000e+00
##
  86
##
   87
        9
             9 9.488874e-01
##
        9
           3 10 7.458280e-01
  88
##
  89
       10
           1
             8 1.000000e+00
##
  90
       10
           2
             9 9.915966e-01
## 91
       10
           3 10 8.201832e-01
## 92
           1 7 1.919674e-01
        0
## 93
        0
           2
             8 2.700279e-02
## 94
        0
           3 9 2.755803e-03
  95
        0
          4 10 2.024838e-04
## 96
             7 5.651009e-01
        1
           1
           2
              8 1.436170e-01
##
  97
        1
## 98
           3
             9 2.242180e-02
        1
## 99
        1
           4 10 2.307160e-03
## 100
        2
           1
             7 6.922777e-01
## 101
        2
           2
             8 3.138125e-01
        2
## 102
           3 9 7.743862e-02
## 103
        2
           4 10 1.147321e-02
## 104
        3
           1
             7 7.129180e-01
## 105
        3
           2
             8 4.151631e-01
## 106
        3
           3 9 1.545331e-01
## 107
        3
          4 10 3.325944e-02
## 108
        4
           1
             7 9.386935e-01
## 109
        4
           2 8 5.307730e-01
           3 9 2.306233e-01
## 110
## 111
        4
           4 10 6.651824e-02
        5
             7 9.453751e-01
## 112
           1
        5
## 113
           2
             8 7.199863e-01
        5
           3 9 3.386473e-01
## 114
        5
## 115
          4 10 1.114378e-01
        6
## 116
           1
             7 9.985705e-01
## 117
        6
           2 8 8.133602e-01
## 118
        6
           3 9 4.814303e-01
## 119
        6
           4 10 1.802679e-01
## 120
        7
             7 9.999626e-01
           1
        7
          2 8 8.720966e-01
## 121
## 122
       7 3 9 5.901286e-01
## 123 7 4 10 2.705937e-01
```

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## 124
       8 1 7 9.999990e-01
## 125
        8
           2 8 9.546843e-01
           3 9 6.884454e-01
## 126
        8
## 127
        8
           4 10 3.616116e-01
## 128
        9
           1
              7 1.000000e+00
## 129
        9
           2
             8 9.617635e-01
        9
           3
             9 7.994377e-01
## 130
## 131
        9
           4 10 4.619508e-01
## 132 10
           1
              7 1.000000e+00
## 133 10
           2
             8 9.939525e-01
## 134 10
           3
             9 8.626301e-01
## 135
       10
           4 10 5.746153e-01
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           1
              6 2.264689e-01
        0
           2
## 137
              7 3.782375e-02
## 138
        0
           3
              8 4.604763e-03
## 139
        0
           4
              9 4.049835e-04
## 140
        0
           5 10 2.555159e-05
  141
        1
           1
              6 6.116678e-01
## 142
              7 1.822288e-01
        1
           2
## 143
        1
           3
              8 3.395302e-02
## 144
        1
           4
             9 4.202616e-03
## 145
           5 10 3.532409e-04
        2
             6 7.319032e-01
## 146
           1
## 147
        2
           2
              7 3.708128e-01
        2
           3
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             8 1.077834e-01
## 149
        2
             9 1.919200e-02
## 150
        2
           5 10 2.187927e-03
        3
              6 7.508900e-01
##
  151
           1
        3
           2
## 152
              7 4.736674e-01
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           3
              8 2.016278e-01
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        3
           4
              9 5.163752e-02
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           5 10 8.079322e-03
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              6 9.486613e-01
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              7 5.913870e-01
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        4
           2
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           3
              8 2.889168e-01
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           4
              9 9.731150e-02
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          5 10 2.044070e-02
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           1
              6 9.544870e-01
## 162
        5
           2
              7 7.672320e-01
## 163
        5
           3
             8 4.080992e-01
        5
             9 1.556724e-01
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        5
           5 10 4.032426e-02
        6
              6 9.988090e-01
##
  166
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        6
##
  167
           2
              7 8.499631e-01
        6
           3
              8 5.540050e-01
## 168
## 169
        6
           4
             9 2.402720e-01
           5 10 7.085960e-02
## 170
        6
        7
## 171
           1
             6 9.999688e-01
## 172
        7
           2
              7 9.009623e-01
        7
## 173
           3
              8 6.585567e-01
## 174
        7
           4
              9 3.437431e-01
        7
           5 10 1.175065e-01
## 175
## 176
        8 1 6 9.999992e-01
       8 2 7 9.662589e-01
## 177
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## 178
      8 3 8 7.500289e-01
## 179
       8 4 9 4.420769e-01
## 180
       8
          5 10 1.787813e-01
             6 1.000000e+00
## 181
       9
           1
## 182
       9
           2
             7 9.718062e-01
       9
           3
            8 8.454724e-01
## 183
       9
           4 9 5.453600e-01
## 184
## 185
          5 10 2.496227e-01
       9
## 186 10
           1
             6 1.000000e+00
## 187 10
           2
             7 9.956897e-01
## 188
      10
           3
             8 8.975696e-01
## 189
      10
             9 6.539378e-01
           4
          5 10 3.338913e-01
## 190 10
          1 5 2.665899e-01
## 191
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## 192
       0
           2
             6 5.281414e-02
## 193
       0
           3
             7 7.667926e-03
## 194
       0
          4
             8 8.073261e-04
## 195
       0
          5
            9 6.114452e-05
## 196
         6 10 3.310421e-06
       0
## 197
        1
           1
             5 6.573859e-01
             6 2.284302e-01
## 198
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           2
## 199
           3
             7 5.068675e-02
## 200
          4
             8 7.542161e-03
       1
## 201
       1
          5
            9 7.660542e-04
## 202
       1 6 10 5.350554e-05
## 203
       2
         1 5 7.690113e-01
## 204
       2
           2
              6 4.315619e-01
        2
           3
             7 1.468772e-01
## 205
       2
## 206
          4 8 3.134835e-02
## 207
        2 5 9 4.331292e-03
## 208
       2
          6 10 3.949604e-04
## 209
       3
          1 5 7.861753e-01
## 210
       3
          2
            6 5.327008e-01
## 211
       3
             7 2.568575e-01
          3
## 212
        3
           4
             8 7.781474e-02
## 213
       3 5
            9 1.472102e-02
## 214
       3 6 10 1.769703e-03
## 215
       4 1
            5 9.572859e-01
## 216
       4
           2
              6 6.505329e-01
## 217
       4
           3
            7 3.537185e-01
## 218
          4 8 1.378501e-01
## 219
       4
          5
            9 3.465992e-02
       4
          6 10 5.466645e-03
## 220
       5
## 221
         1 5 9.623064e-01
## 222
       5
          2 6 8.095601e-01
## 223
       5
             7 4.811869e-01
           3
       5
          4 8 2.106288e-01
## 224
       5 5 9 6.447426e-02
## 225
## 226
       5 6 10 1.284032e-02
## 227
        6
          1
             5 9.990136e-01
## 228
       6
           2
             6 8.814773e-01
       6
## 229
         3
             7 6.249930e-01
## 230
       6 4 8 3.103504e-01
## 231 6 5 9 1.077020e-01
```

```
## 232
       6 6 10 2.536923e-02
## 233
        7
           1 5 9.999742e-01
## 234
        7
             6 9.248199e-01
  235
##
        7
           3
              7 7.221665e-01
  236
        7
           4
              8 4.236023e-01
## 237
        7
           5
             9 1.697065e-01
## 238
           6 10 4.572660e-02
## 239
        8
           1
              5 9.999993e-01
## 240
        8
           2
              6 9.752796e-01
## 241
        8
           3
              7 8.046697e-01
  242
        8
              8 5.252308e-01
## 243
        8
           5
              9 2.457951e-01
        8
##
  244
           6 10 7.676537e-02
## 245
        9
           1
             5 1.000000e+00
## 246
        9
           2
              6 9.795313e-01
## 247
        9
           3
              7 8.838073e-01
        9
           4
              8 6.270490e-01
## 248
## 249
        9
           5
             9 3.288285e-01
## 250
        9
           6 10 1.187570e-01
## 251 10
           1
              5 1.000000e+00
             6 9.969619e-01
## 252 10
           2
## 253 10
           3
              7 9.255185e-01
## 254 10
           4
             8 7.270154e-01
## 255 10
           5
              9 4.223227e-01
## 256 10
           6 10 1.716495e-01
  257
        0
           1
              4 3.129879e-01
##
  258
        0
           2
              5 7.347681e-02
   259
        0
           3
              6 1.272175e-02
##
        0
##
  260
           4
              7 1.604184e-03
## 261
        0
           5
              8 1.459411e-04
## 262
        0
           6
             9 9.510528e-06
##
  263
        0
           7 10 4.415013e-07
##
   264
           1
              4 7.018273e-01
  265
              5 2.827857e-01
##
           2
        1
##
   266
        1
           3
              6 7.454078e-02
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              9 2.782413e-02
## 615 10 10 10 4.833542e-03
env$lookupTable %>% filter(bb==8, ww==9) %>% arrange(rr)
##
                           F
      rr bb ww
## 1
       0
          8
            9 2.551895e-07
## 2
       1
          8
             9 4.656748e-06
## 3
          8
             9 4.021283e-05
## 4
       3
          8
             9 2.180352e-04
## 5
       4
          8
             9 8.361319e-04
## 6
       5
          8
             9 2.445443e-03
## 7
       6
          8
             9 5.816592e-03
## 8
       7
          8
             9 1.195466e-02
## 9
       8
          8
             9 2.226083e-02
       9
## 10
          8 9 3.841906e-02
## 11 10
          8 9 6.183717e-02
and then
system.time(bigF(20,15,10))
##
      user
            system elapsed
    20.604
             0.000 20.635
after which, one can extract the more complete cumulative distribution of runs with 8 balls and 9 wickets
left, thus:
env$lookupTable %>% filter(bb==8, ww==9) %>% arrange(rr)
##
                           F
      rr bb ww
            9 2.551895e-07
## 1
       0
          8
## 2
            9 4.656748e-06
       1
          8
## 3
       2
             9 4.021283e-05
##
  4
       3
          8
             9 2.180352e-04
## 5
       4
          8
             9 8.361319e-04
## 6
       5
          8
             9 2.445443e-03
## 7
       6
          8
             9 5.816592e-03
       7
## 8
          8
             9 1.195466e-02
## 9
       8
          8
             9 2.226083e-02
## 10
       9
          8
             9 3.841906e-02
             9 6.183717e-02
## 11 10
          8
## 12 11
             9 9.355500e-02
          8
## 13 12
          8
             9 1.346290e-01
## 14 13
          8
             9 1.854712e-01
## 15 14
          8
             9 2.450907e-01
## 16 15
             9 3.121335e-01
          8
## 17 16
          8
             9 3.851316e-01
## 18 17
          8
            9 4.612746e-01
## 19 18
          8
             9 5.375758e-01
## 20 19
          8
             9 6.119761e-01
```

21 20

8 9 6.818799e-01

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system.time(bigF(50,20,10))
      user system elapsed
           0.060 90.969
    90.616
str(env$lookupTable)
## 'data.frame':
                   7905 obs. of 4 variables:
    $ rr: num 0 1 2 3 4 0 0 1 1 2 ...
  $ bb: num 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 2 1 ...
## $ ww: num 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 1 2 1 ...
## $ F : num 0.426 0.786 0.864 0.876 0.977 ...
env$lookupTable %>% filter(bb==20)
##
     rr bb ww
                          F
## 1
     0 20 10 8.433660e-15
## 2
      1 20 10 6.043292e-14
## 3
       2 20 10 3.090972e-13
## 4
      3 20 10 1.610218e-12
## 5
      4 20 10 8.871184e-12
## 6
       5 20 10 4.727149e-11
## 7
       6 20 10 2.302800e-10
## 8
      7 20 10 1.009002e-09
       8 20 10 3.977929e-09
## 10 9 20 10 1.418988e-08
## 11 10 20 10 4.613015e-08
## 12 11 20 10 1.377285e-07
## 13 12 20 10 3.806010e-07
## 14 13 20 10 9.808029e-07
## 15 14 20 10 2.373436e-06
## 16 15 20 10 5.426839e-06
## 17 16 20 10 1.178749e-05
## 18 17 20 10 2.443415e-05
## 19 18 20 10 4.852751e-05
## 20 19 20 10 9.265595e-05
## 21 20 20 10 1.705831e-04
## 22 21 20 10 3.035929e-04
## 23 22 20 10 5.234973e-04
## 24 23 20 10 8.763218e-04
## 25 24 20 10 1.426594e-03
## 26 25 20 10 2.262052e-03
## 27 26 20 10 3.498464e-03
## 28 27 20 10 5.284114e-03
## 29 28 20 10 7.803390e-03
## 30 29 20 10 1.127880e-02
## 31 30 20 10 1.597072e-02
## 32 31 20 10 2.217432e-02
## 33 32 20 10 3.021299e-02
## 34 33 20 10 4.042815e-02
## 35 34 20 10 5.316539e-02
## 36 35 20 10 6.875748e-02
## 37 36 20 10 8.750482e-02
## 38 37 20 10 1.096548e-01
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39 38 20 10 1.353812e-01

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## 40 39 20 10 1.647659e-01
## 41 40 20 10 1.977836e-01
## 42 41 20 10 2.342919e-01
## 43 42 20 10 2.740277e-01
## 44 43 20 10 3.166105e-01
## 45 44 20 10 3.615527e-01
## 46 45 20 10 4.082765e-01
## 47 46 20 10 4.561370e-01
## 48 47 20 10 5.044488e-01
## 49 48 20 10 5.525152e-01
## 50 49 20 10 5.996572e-01
## 51 50 20 10 6.452417e-01
env$lookupTable %>% filter(bb==20,ww==5) %>% arrange(rr)
## [1] rr bb ww F
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
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