



Joe asks:

Won't All Features Average Out to Medium Whenever Estimates Diverge?

No, not if the team has a discussion about *why* there is divergence and then plays another round based on that information. One person may convince the rest of the team that this feature is Small, because it has already been implemented in another system and can be reused. Or vice versa—one person may convince the rest of the team that this feature is Large, because of some risk that nobody else thought of.

Most teams like Planning Poker because it takes much of the pain out of estimating and instead turns it into a simple and fun process. The greatest value is really in the conversations that get triggered while playing; the estimate itself is just a positive side effect.