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 $A^c = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}.$ 

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What is the probability that a hand of poker contains all four suits?

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We know the denominator is  $\binom{52}{5}$ . Let's try to figure out the numerator using the the multi-stage experiment formulation.

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In the third stage we choose the  $\binom{13}{1} \cdot \binom{13}{1} \cdot \binom{13}{1}$  cards from the other suits.

## Putting this together yields:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{all four suits}) = \frac{\binom{4}{1} \cdot \binom{13}{2} \cdot \binom{13}{1}^3}{\binom{52}{5}}$$
$$= 0.2637455$$

A fairly high percentage!