Aces Up

Steven J Miller: sjm1@williams.edu acesup[numiter] := Module[{}, (* computes the probability last four cards are in different suits *) theory = (52/52) (39/51) (26/50)(13/49) * 1.0; (* theoretical answer *) success = 0; (* prob have four final cards in four suits *) deck = {}; (* initializes deck to empty, adds then 13 1's, 13 10's, 13 100's, 13 1000 *) (* last four cards are different suits if sum to 1111, else have a repeat *) For $[i = 0, i \le 3, i++,$ For[$i = 1, i \le 13$, i++, AppendTo[deck, 10^j]];]; (* end of j loop *) For $[n = 1, n \le numiter,$ n++, (* this is the main loop *) { (* prints out every 10% so can see how you far we are *) (* printing slows down the program, but

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only significantly if numiter is small *)
     If [Mod[n, numiter / 10] = 0,
      Print["We have done ",
       n * 100.0 / numiter, "%."]];
     temp = RandomSample[deck, 4];
     (* chooses the last four cards *)
     value = Sum[temp[[k]], \{k, 1, 4\}];
     (* calculates sum of last four cards *)
     If[value == 1111, success = success + 1];
     (* if sum is 1111,
     increase success by 1 *)
    }]; (* end of the n loop *)
  Print["Theory: ", theory * 100, "%."];
  (* print results *)
  Print["Observed: ",
   success * 100.0 / numiter, "%."];
 ]
Timing[acesup[1000000]]
We have done 10.%.
We have done 20.%.
We have done 30.%.
We have done 40.%.
We have done 50.%.
We have done 60.%.
We have done 70.%.
We have done 80.%.
We have done 90.%.
We have done 100.%.
Theory: 10.5498%.
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Observed: 10.5366%.

Out[37]= {8.04688, Null}

In[32]= **Timing**[acesup[10000000]]

Theory: 10.5498%.

Observed: 10.5319%.

- Out[32]= $\{76.4063, Null\}$
- In[34]:= Timing[acesup[10000000]]

Theory: 10.5498%.

Observed: 10.5542%.

Out[34]= $\{770.281, Null\}$