

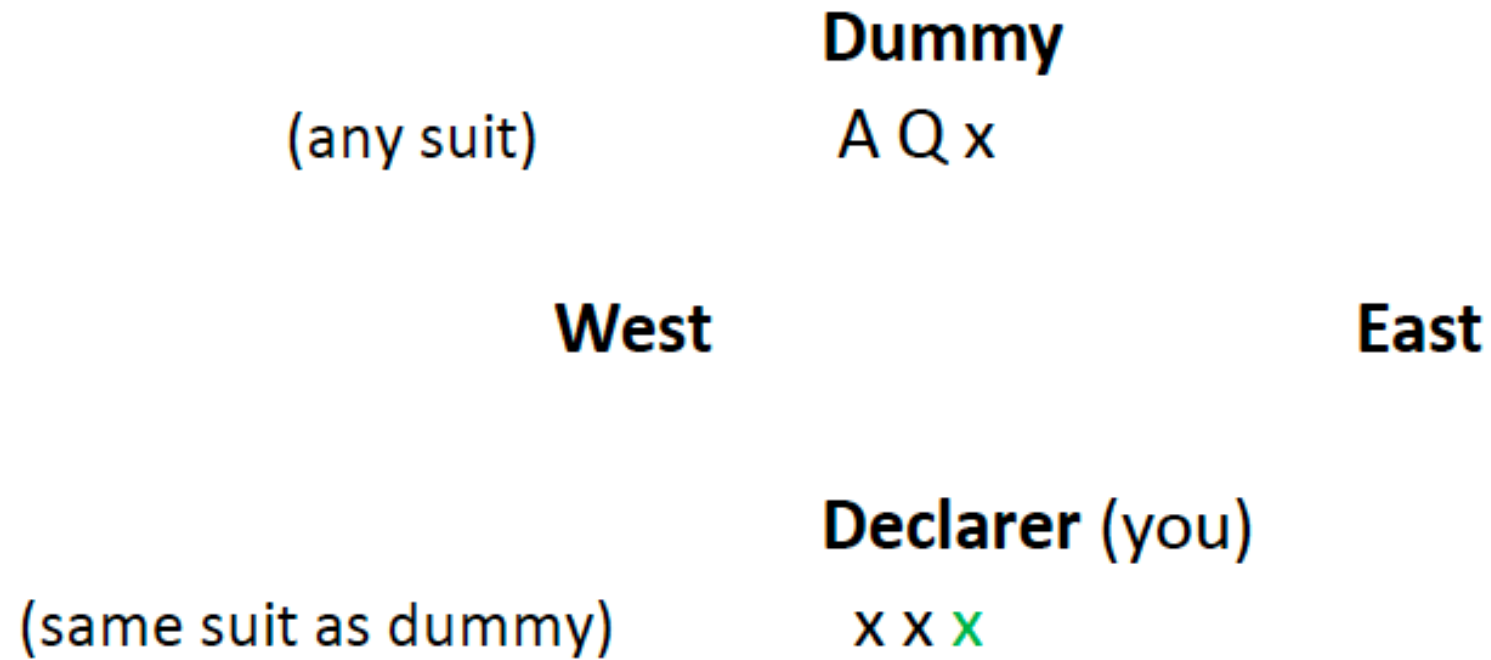
The Finesse

Seminar Topic #1

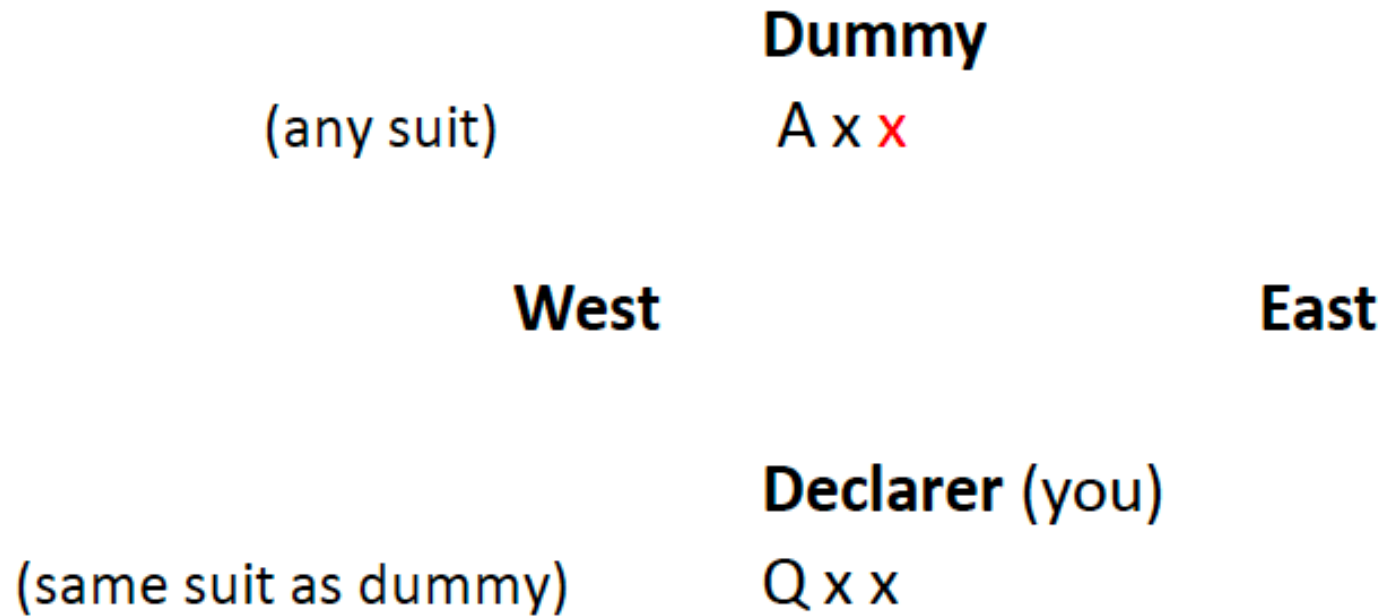
What is a finesse?

- A finesse is when you have the choice to play at least two cards of non-sequential value from a suit, eg. The Ace and Queen
- The result of the choice can score you an extra trick, depending on where the missing high cards are.
- There are a wide variety of different times when a finesse can be used.
- Today we'll look at what those situations are, and whether or not it's correct to finesse, because it's not always right to do so.

The Classic



Deceptive finesse



8 ever, 9 never

A K J x



x x x x

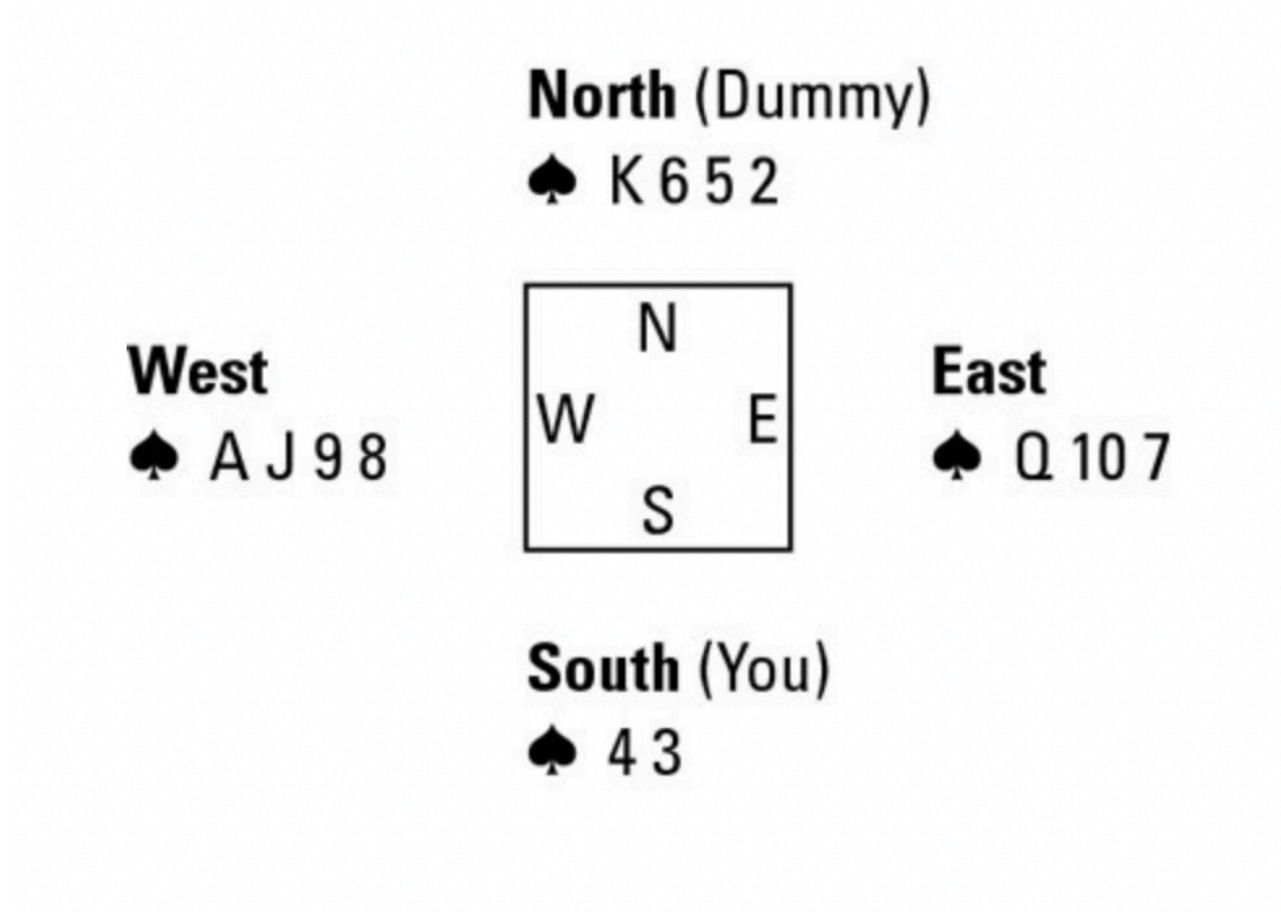
8 ever, 9 never

A K J x x

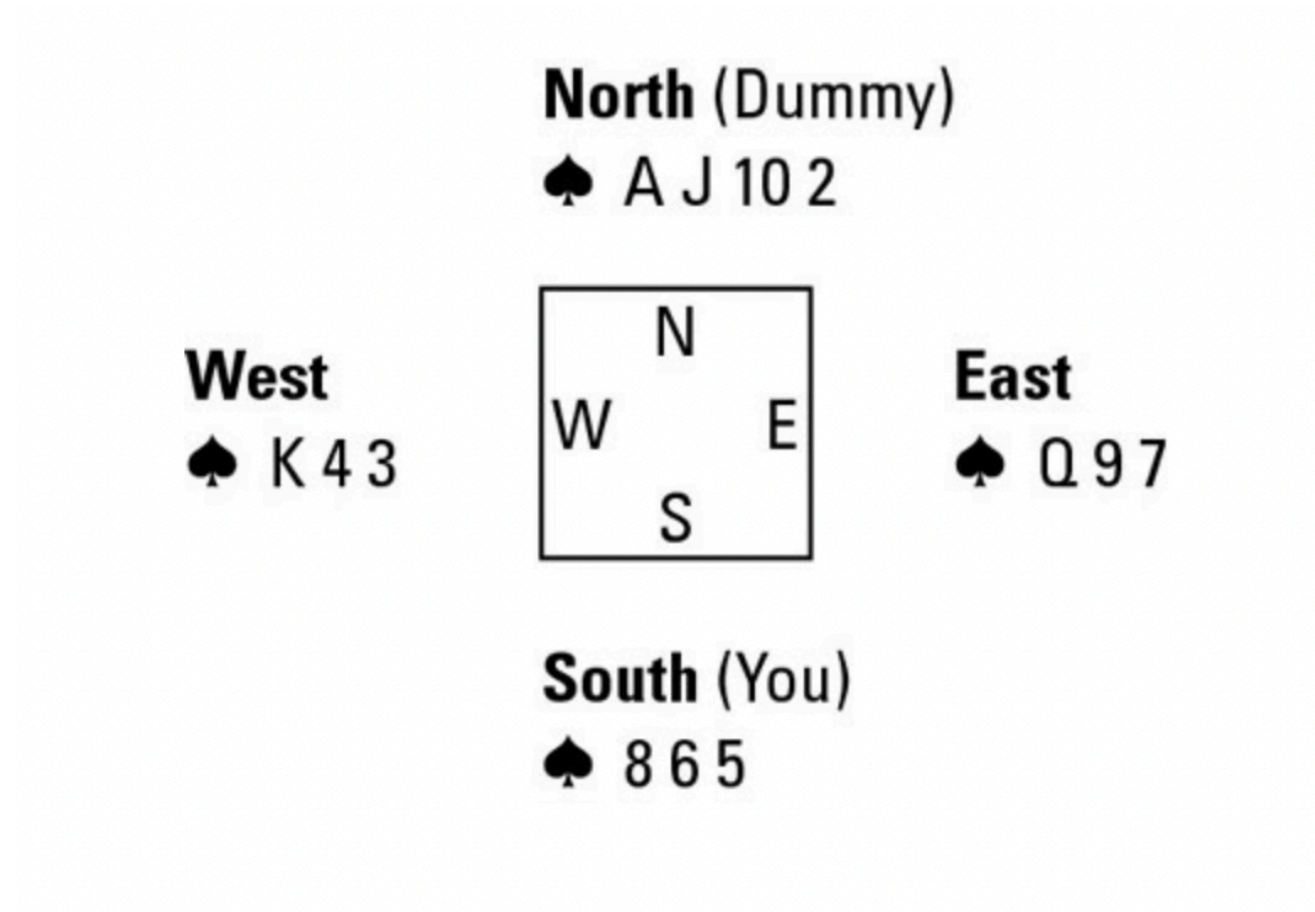


x x x x

Low to the K



Split honours



Backward Finesse



Double finesse

	Dummy	
	♠AQT	
West		East
♠K98		♠J765
	South	
	♠432	

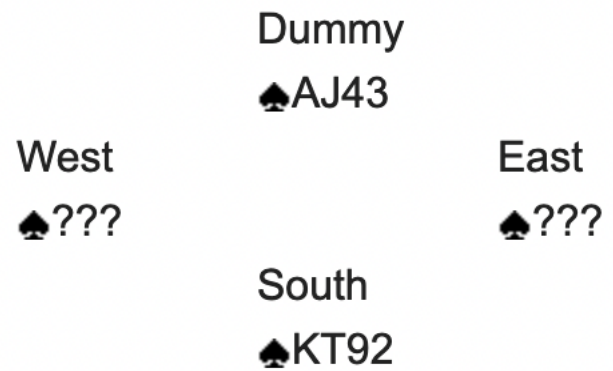
Triple Finesse

	Dummy	
	♠AQ9	
West		East
♠???		♠???
	South	
	♠654	

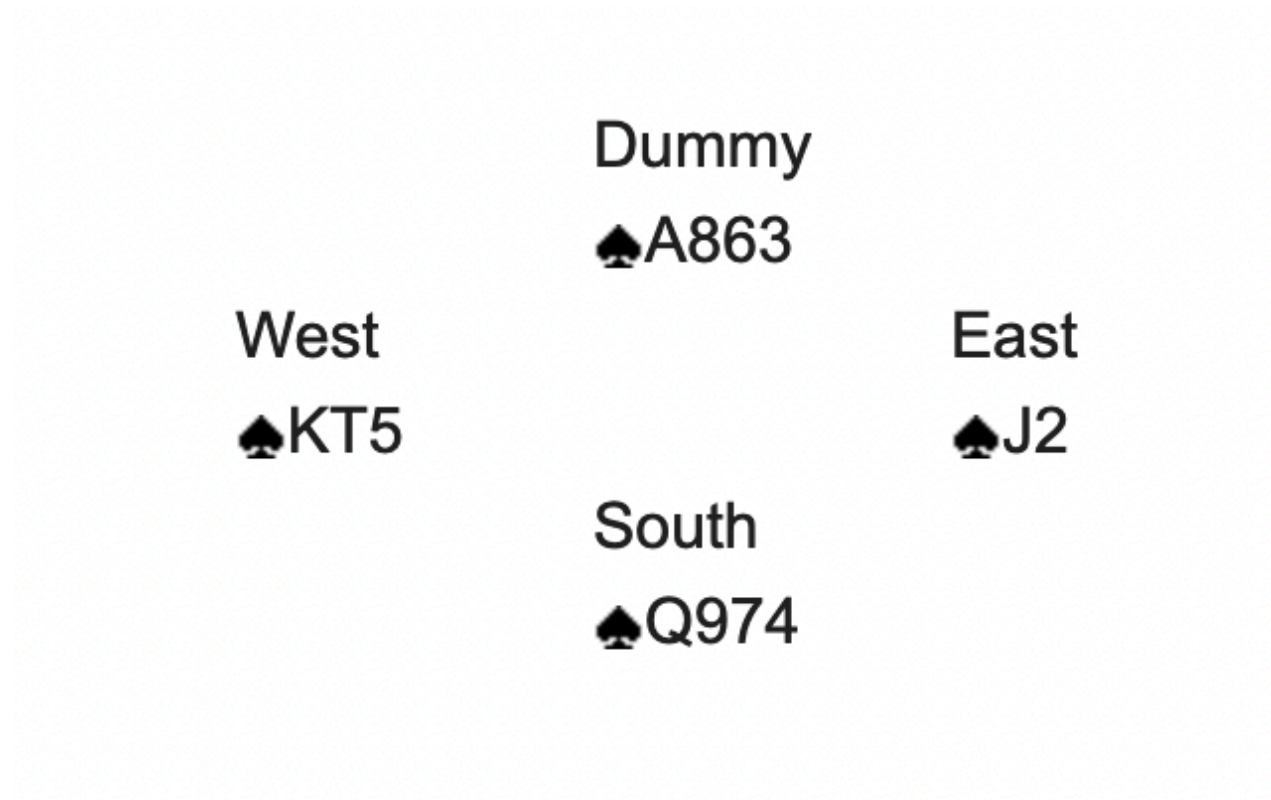
Ruffing Finesse

		Dummy	
		♠T987	
		♥--	
		♦43	
		♣--	
West		East	
♠--		♠--	
♥K65		♥432	
♦AKQ		♦JT9	
♣--		♣--	
		South	
		♠A	
		♥QJT	
		♦65	
		♣--	

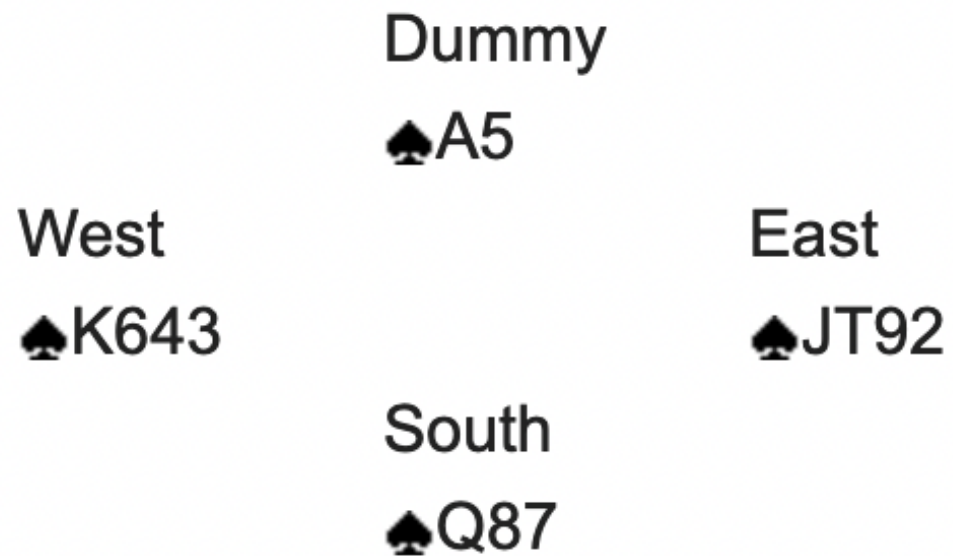
Two-Way Finesse



Intra-Finesse



Bonus: Chinese (pseudo) Finesse



Things to remember

- Entries: If you have limited entries, make them count!
- Context: Sometimes a finesse may be marked.
- Practice finesses: You don't always HAVE to finesse.
- (shh! Table presence IS a thing! Use it! All the best players do!)

One for while we play: Obligatory Finesse

	North	
	♠ J964	
	♥ AKQ	
West	♦ A86	East
♠ Q8753	♣ QT8	♠ T2
♥ 6		♥ 5432
♦ 2	South	♦ KQJT75
♣ J76532	♠ AK	♣ 9
	♥ JT987	
	♦ 943	
	♣ AK4	