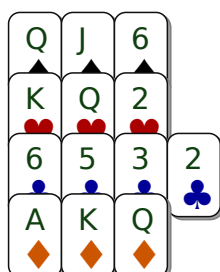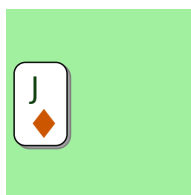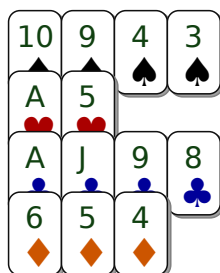# The game plan

You are the declarer of a NT contract

The LHO just lead Do not touch a card at the dummy until you have :

- Counted your direct tricks : thos that you can make upfront without letting the opps back in hand, but also your 'potential ones' (ie very likely unless you get an uusual distribution)
- Calculated the number of tricks missings
- Identified the suits that could provide the missing tricks
- verified wether or not you can afford to let the opps get back in hand
- Determine the order in which you will attempt the maneuvers
- Checked the communications to ensure you can actually play it that way

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North (dummy):
♠ 10 9 4 3
♥ A 5
♦ A J 9 4
♣ 8

Lead: J♦

South (declarer):
♠ Q J 6
♥ K Q 2
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ A K Q

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Here you have 7 leading tricks that can be made uofront. You need 2 other tricks to make !
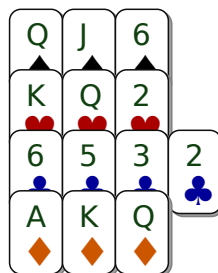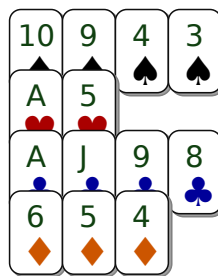
The game plan

2nd Step : after you have counted your winners, identify the suits that could provide the missing tricks

In our example you can only find the missing tricks in ♣ or ♠.Which suit will you choose ?

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North hand:
10♠ 9♠ 4♠ 3♠
A♥ 5♥
A♦ J♦ 9♦ 8♣
6♦ 5♦ 4♦

J♦

South hand:
Q♠ J♠ 6♠
K♥ Q♥ 2♥
6♦ 5♦ 3♦ 2♣
A♦ K♦ Q♦

Problem Q74512 The PIwill provide 2 sure tricks. whereas the 2 additional tricks in ♣ are highly hypothetical!

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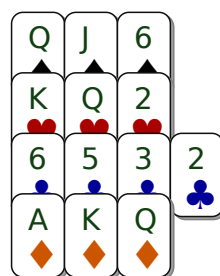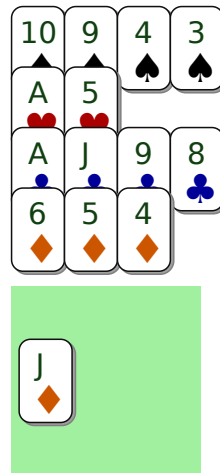
The game plan

3rd Step : Communication and risks if the opps get back in hand.

You have to let the opps back in hand at least twice ; You are not afraid of any counter attack and the lead was very helpful !

How many tricks can you get from the dummy? ?

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North hand:
- ♠ 10 9 4 3
- ♥ A 5
- ♦ A J 9 8 (clubs shown as 9♦ J♦ 8♣)
- ♦ 6 5 4

South hand:
- ♦ J

- ♠ Q J 6
- ♥ K Q 2
- ♦ 6 5 3 2 (clubs: 6♦ 5♦ 3♦ 2♣)
- ♦ A K Q

Problem 74514 You have 3 entries to dummy : 1 in ♣ 1 in ♥ and 1 in ♠ VYour game plan seems valid; You can now call the 4 from the dummy ...

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