



Suit Handling

How to handle a suit :

East's 1st question : is a finesse necessary ? (Opps haven't made any bids)

- Finesse to the King : you should try it, if your team have less than 11 cards in a suit. With 11 cards in a suit, play the Ace and hope that one of the Opps has the King.
- Finesse to the Queen : try it if your team have less than 9 cards.. With 9 cards, hope that your Opps have a 2-2 distribution and play Ace-King.

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		



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Finessing the queen: With 7 cards think that the Queen may possibly be 3rd or 4th : Start with the 9 and try finessing the Queen. If it succeeds you'll have 4 tricks ! If East doesn't play the Queen on the 1st trick, continue with the 10 then the Jack.



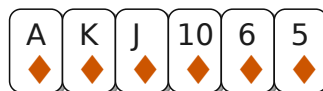
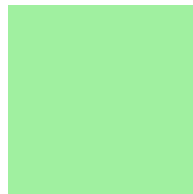
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The finesse problem sorted, the next question ... is it possible to take an honor singleton from one of the Opps ?

The reply is easy :

- you have enough cards to play the finesse several times and you are able to keep communications with dummy. so start by testing the waters, this will increase your odds.
- This play shouldn't compromise your finesse because the probability of finding an honor singleton is always lower than finding an honor doubleton or tripleton !



Exercise Q4500 No testing the waters, you can't finesse again and make 6 tricks if the Queen is 4th in East.



Exercise Q4501 It doesn't look like it's going to be a problem here to test the ground before attempting a finesse on West. You have enough cards to repeat the play.



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Suit Handling : which way should I finesse ?

And now, the last question before implementation, which way to finesse ?

With no info on Oppp's distribution and holding (you can let your Opps be in hand without taking a risk) sometimes it's possible to finesse both ways, but the question is ... which way ?

If one of your tenaces is reinforced with intermediary cards, always finesse towards the strongest tenace and hopefully you'll be able to strip out Opps' intermediary cards.



Exercise Q4501 Here the 8 reinforces dummy's Jack and will perhaps enable you to finesse to the 9. So play from your hand towards dummy's tenace.
