



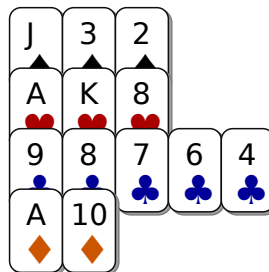
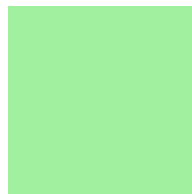
Forcing NT

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In 2/1: a 1NT response to a 1♥ or 1♠ opening, shows 6 to 12 HCP, no fit in the opener's suit (... and not 4 cards in ♠, if opener has opened 1♥) .. And is forcing for one round

Forcing 1NT does not apply
after a 1♣ or 1♦ opening bid.
if responder is a passed hand
if responder's RHO overcalls or makes a take-out Double

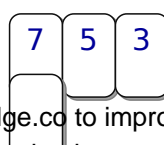
S	W	N	E
		1♦	Pass
1 NT			



Problem E40001

1 NT With 11 HCP you are not quite strong enough to bid 2TR1NT is forcing for one round

S	W	N	E
		1♥	Pass
2♣			







♥ 6





A ♥









♣ 4



K







♦ 8



♦ 5



Problem E4903

Partner opens 1♥. Here you bid 2♣. With two 4-card suits respond up-the-line. This is the same principle used in standard bidding.

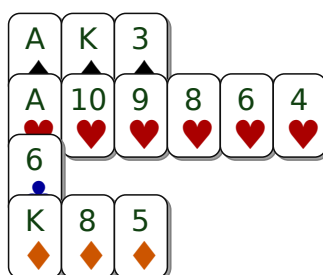
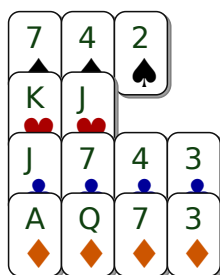


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Opener's rebids after a Forcing NT: after a 1♥ initial bid

- 2♣ shows a 2+ clubs... may be 4522 with insufficient values for an inverted two-suiter...
- 2♦ shows 3+ ♦....may be 4531 with insufficient values for an inverted two-suiter... or 3532
- 2♥ Shows a 6 carder, and may have a 4 cards side suit
- 2♠ is an inverted 2-suiter with 4+ spades and 16+HCP.
- 2NT shows a balanced hand with 18-19HCP. It is an invite for 3NT
- All other bids are natural... or could be conventional, subject to a partnership agreement

S	W	N	E
1♥	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass



Problem E40101

After 1NT forcing, the 2♥ rebid by opener. Natural, 11-15 points and at least six Hearts The 3♥ rebid by responder Inviting game with a (nice) doubleton is an invite (.. now that he knows there is a fit)

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

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Pass



A



♠ 4



♠ 2



K ♠



♥ 5



♥ 3



K ♥



♣ 7



♣ 4



Q ♣





♦ 6



♦ 3



9





♠ 6



♠ 3



A ♠



♥ Q



♥ 8



♥ 6



♥ 4



J





♣ 10



A ♣





♦ 8



The 2♦ rebid shows 3+♦ and 5♥ with 11-15HCP. Responder can then bid a delayed jump raise, inviting to game...



Forcing NT

Opener's rebids after a Forcing NT: after a 1♠ initial bid

2♣ shows a 3+ clubs...

2♦ shows 3+ ♦...

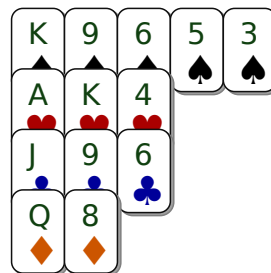
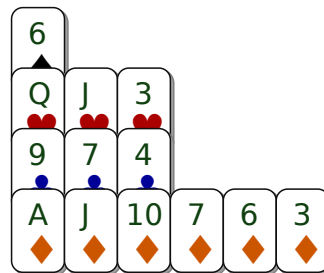
2♥ Shows 4+ ♥, with 11-15HCP (Insufficient values for a jump shift..)

2♠ is an inverted 2-suiter with 4+ spades and 16+HCP.

2NT shows a balanced hand with 18-19HCP. It is an invite for 3NT

All other bids are natural... or could be conventional, subject to a partnership agreement

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



E 40103 Opener is stuck for his 2nd bid. Must bid 2♣ which shows at least three clubs. (E.g. 5-3-2-3 shape.) Responder then mentions his 5 carder 2♦, showing least a five card suit, 6-10 points, non-forcing

S	W	N	E
1♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass

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Pass



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Pass



Q



♠ 7



Q ♠





♥ 10



♥ 3



8





♣ 7



♣ 4



A







♦ 6



♦ 3



K







♠ 6



♠ 5



♠ 3



A





♥ K



♥ 4



♥ 2



9





♣ 6



Q ♣



♦ 8



After 1NT the 2♥ rebid is natural, 11-15 points and at least four hearts. 3♥ now shows a four-card support and game invitational values by responder.
