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There are many Michaels cue-bids, but we are going to look at 2 very practical and fairly simple conventions :

- 2NT shows 5-5 in the two lowest ranked suits (after all one level openings)
- 2 diamonds after a one level minor opening shows the 2 major suits 5-5

For these overcalls, suit quality and vulnerability are worth considering more carefully than overall point count. It's important that the HCP are in the suits bid

S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
2 NT			



Problem E3790 2NT with a jump = the 2 lowest ranked remaining suits. This means never ♠, never the opponent's suit.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
2 ♦			



Problem E4401 2♦ It's up to Partner to decide which major he prefers. How many HCP for a Michaels bid? It varies according to the vulnerability. How to decide? The main criteria are the respective strengths of ♥ and ♠.