Split Probabilities

1.1 You hold …

Dummy	Declarer
K 9 8 3	A 7 4 2

How many cards do the defence, your opponents, have in this suit? What is the likely "split" (division between their two hands)?

4:1? 3:2? 5:0?

1.2 You hold …

Dummy	Declarer
K 9 8	A J 10 7 4 2

How many cards do the defence, your opponents, have in this suit?

What is the likely "split" (division between their two hands)?

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1.3 You hold …

Dummy	Declarer
K 9 8	A J 10 7

How many cards do the defence, your opponents, have in this suit?

What is the likely "split" (division between their two hands)?

1.4 You hold …

Dummy	Declarer
K 9 8	10 7 4

How many cards do the defence, your opponents, have in this suit?

What is the likely "split" (division between their two hands)?

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Planning the Play

In the following hands, you would like to make all the tricks from the suit shown. How do you plan to do this? Assume you can put the lead into Dummy or Declarer as you wish.

2.1

Dummy	Declarer
♠ A K 3 2	♠ J 10 9 6

2.2

Dummy	Declarer
♥ A J 10 9	♥ Q 4 3 2

2.3

Dummy	Declarer
♦ A Q J 8	♦ 5 4 3 2

2.4

Dummy	Declarer
♣ Q J 5 2	♣ A 10 7 6 4

2.5

Dummy	Declarer
♥ Q 8 5 2	♥ A 7 6 4

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You and your partner have overbid and are in 4♠. The opponents take the first three tricks with ♣AKQ and then lead a diamond. To make your contract, how do you need the spades and hearts to lie?

3) How are you going to play the hand?

Dummy	Declarer
♠ A 7 5 2	♠ K 9 8 4 3
♥ A 4 2	♥ Q J
♦ 7 6 3	♦ A K Q
♣ 9 6 4	♣ 7 5 2

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