

distribution

Simply , the longer the suit{s} the better the hand is.

e.g Axxxx

KQx
Kxx
xx

is "o.k. "

but

e.g Axxxx

KQxx
Kx
xx

is better

and

e.g Axxxx

KQxxx
Kx
x

is best of all

Straightforward I think. The "reason" that the last hand is best is because of the increased possibility of taking tricks. You have more than one suit that you can develop.

Long suits can make extra tricks.

bidding

A hand that started as very ordinary may improve as the bidding develops.

e.g Axxxx

xxxx
KQ
Kx

You are North and the auction goes :-

N	E	S	W
1S	2H	2S	4H
?			

A reasonable bid now is 4Sp. Why ? It is because of the Hrt suit. The opponent's bids have revealed that partner has 1 or no Hrts..... { and you can make extra tricks by ruffing}.

Again you are North and hold : AQxxxx -----xxx -----KQ -----Jx

N	E	S	W
1S	P	2D	2H
2S	3H	3S	4H
?			

Now I like 4Sp for two reasons.

i) partner is short in Hrts ii) our diamond honours will fit in with partner's suit.

Shortages in the opponent's suit revealed by the bidding improve a hand's trick taking capability; Honour cards in partner's suit will help develop tricks.

Mr Smug { a famous fictional bridge character in S J Simon's books} would look down on players who just counted points. By taking *points/distribution/bidding* into account you can make bids because your hands are "good" hands whatever the point count.

