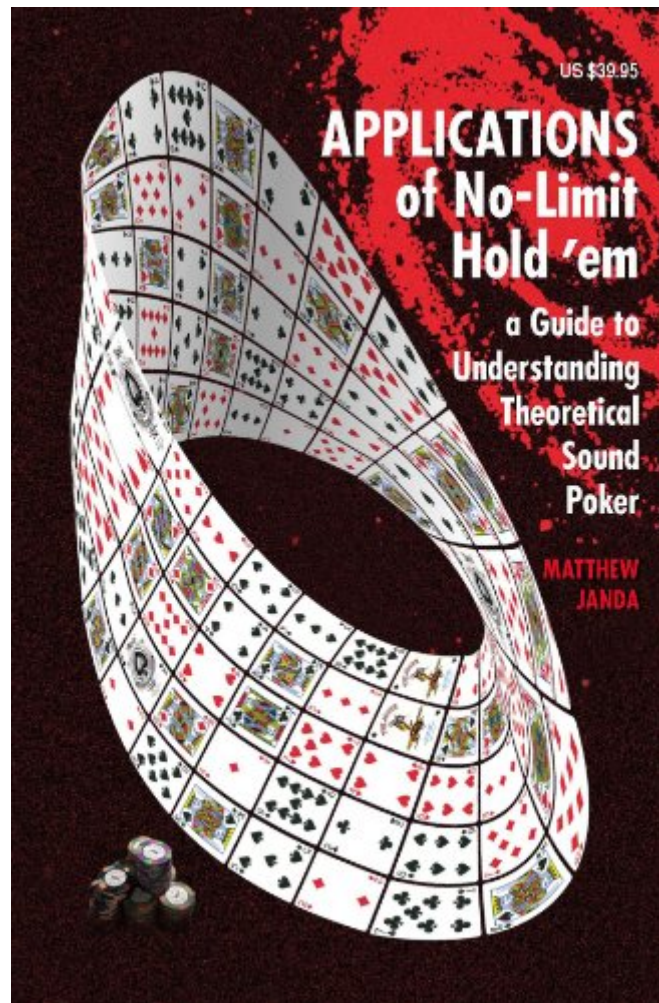




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Applications Of No-Limit Hold'em



Synopsis

One of the most daunting moments in a poker player's career occurs when he realizes his knowledge of how to play a specific hand well is incomplete without the additional understanding of how to play every other hand in his range well. This task would be impossible if a player had to actually think about every other hand in his range, but by understanding theoretical sound poker, he can quickly design balanced ranges using the proper bet-sizing while playing. Applications of No-Limit Hold'em teaches theoretical sound poker, and thus the ability to create the bet-sizings and ranges which will beat the better players. The theory in this book is not designed to be complex or abstract, but rather it's intended to be applied immediately producing better overall results. Many confusing concepts such as overbetting, balancing multiple bet-sizing ranges, donk betting, and check-raising as the preflop raiser are crucial to a player's strategy despite few players implementing them or talking about them. And after reading this book, you should be able to not only conceptually understand these ideas, but also know how to begin incorporating them into your game, and thereby successfully compete against tough opponents.

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An extremely good mathematical breakdown of how to learn the game to a high level, a must read for all serious professionals

Something in the book caused poker to click. It is an excellently written book which explains many different situations. It could pay for itself in the first reading.

Clearly not for amateur player, This book is pretty amazing where i realize that math wise on very specific spot i was analyzing the whole thing wrong. By bringing the math on the front it's help advance players to make more rational decision on some unusual spot.

Great explanation of the inherent math in the game. Must-read for today's games.

I've read over 20 books on poker over the years. I've been quite impressed with the quality of poker books recently, compared to several years ago. This book would be in my top two favorite and most useful poker books, with the other one being Will Tipton's "Expert Heads Up No-Limit Holdem". His discussion on how to reason balancing has been vital to me. Also, I've found a major leak in my game when playing out-of-position. I'm generally a very aggressive player and almost always prefer betting out monster hands instead of trapping, since it grows the pot. I think a common rookie mistake is to get too sneaky-trappy, resulting in smaller pots than monster hands deserve. In general, my choice of aggression vs. trappy has worked out to my advantage. But he makes some very compelling arguments where trapping is clearly superior. My major leak is that my aggressive "play big hands big" results in my checks universally being weak. The out-of-position disadvantage clearly needs to be balanced by properly trapping in the right spots. Also, he turns the calling decision of pot-odds on its head. He concludes that you should defend (i.e. call) 60% of bets on the flop (when heads-up). This should surprise most players, I think, since generally we only call if we hit, and fold if we miss. You only hit 33%, so how to call the other 27% successfully, especially dry flops? Well, it only works if your opponent is "properly aggressive", like GTO. Against straightforward players, 60% is clearly a loser. But if you fold more than 60%, then opponent's "bluff 3/4 pot always" strategy simply has +EV against you. So pot-odds thinking must be compared to "don't give bluff-always any +EV". Starting with the triple-barrel value play (balanced with some triple barrel bluffs) as a backbone of his analysis, you can understand the game much deeper. This triple-barrel play is really central to deep-stack poker. Once you've worked this out, you can reason

how to shallow your strategy as stacks get shorter (like 30 Big-Blind tourneys).

Easily the best poker book I've read. Definitely geared toward learning how to beat today's tougher online cash games. If I had to make any criticism, I'd say that the content definitely has a limited audience it will benefit. It's a pretty tough read, and I honestly couldn't recommend it to anyone who is remotely new to poker. The information given in this book would almost certainly be both overwhelming and misapplied. However, for already competitive players, this is easily the best money you could spend to improve your game.

Good read a lot of math it should improve your game

Amazing book, clear and very well explained.

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