GAME THEORY OPTIMAL PLAY
GTO POKER

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When To Use the GTO Strategy

Do I know my opponent's tendencies?

Yes →

Are theit tendencies consistent?

No ↓

No ↙

Yes ↘

Use GTO Strategy as a baseline

Stay close to GTO for balance

Switch to exploitative play to maximize profit
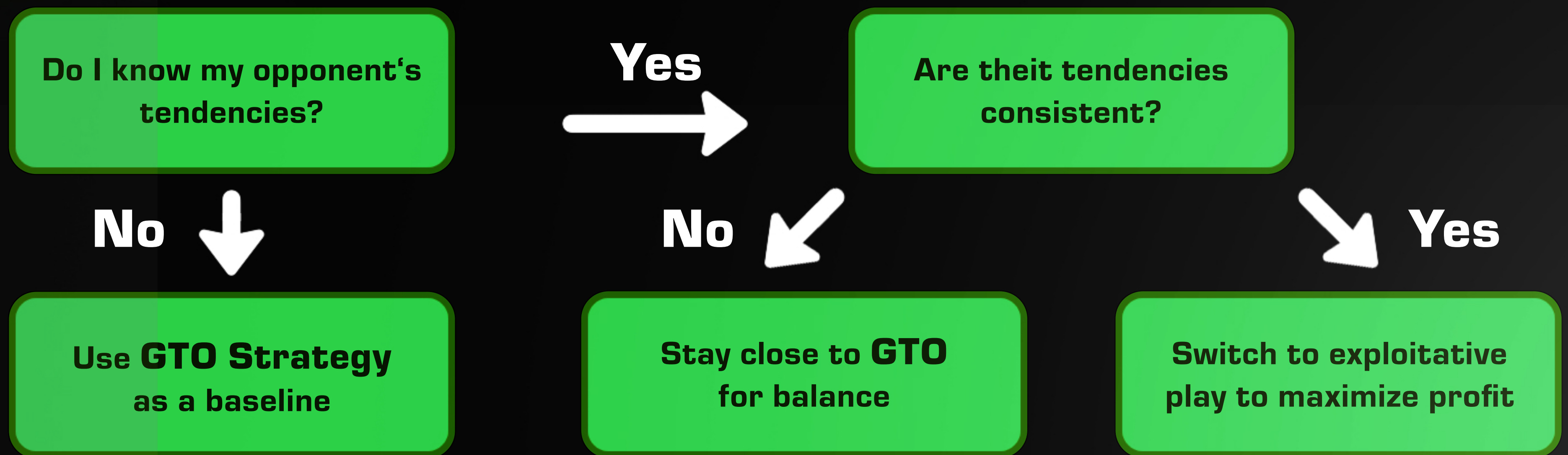
Pros
- **Unexploitable strategy**
- **Can be used against tough or unknown opponents**
- **Teaches discipline and math-based thinking**

Cons
- **Complex & hard to memorize**
- **Requires a lot of time to study**
- **Not always the most profitable against the weak players**

Tip 1: Start with preflop ranges
Master preflop ranges by position first. It's the backbone of GTO play, and having a solid preflop strategy prevents mistakes postflop.

Tip 2: Stick to the same bet sizing
Stick to a few standard bet sizes, such as 1/3 pot, 1/2 pot, 2/3 pot and full pot, to master the strategy Use smaller sizes when your range has more equity and larger sizes when you,re polarized between strong hands and bluffs.

Tip 3: Think in ranges, not hands
Don't just ask, "What does my exact hand beat?" Instead ask, "How does my range interact with my opponent,s range?" This mindset is central to GTO thinking.

Tip 4: Adjust to stack depth & position
GTO play significantly changes with stack sizes, so always adjust your strategy based on effective stacks and your position.

Tip 5: Use GTO as a baseline strategy, but exploit others when possible
Pure GTO is safe, but not always optimal. If you notice opponents folding too much, bluff more. If they call too often, bet bigger with value. Think of GTO as your default, but not your only option.

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