

Space

Chess

What a space advantage gives you, and how to keep it.

With more space

- Avoid trades — they relieve the cramp
- Manoeuvre behind your lines freely
- Open a second front; they cannot defend both
- Advance carefully, not recklessly

With less space

- Trade pieces at every opportunity
- Each trade frees room for the rest
- Find a pawn break to release the tension
- Avoid passive waiting

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Space is an advantage only while it is maintained. Over-extended pawns become targets rather than a wall.

The player with less space should trade; the player with more should avoid it. That one asymmetry explains most cramped positions.