ADVANCED PART 1 LEVEL



7. Line closing

Line closing is a tactic when a player brings his own piece in a particular file or a rank to stop the opponent's attack to other important pieces. This tactic is often used for pawn promotion.





Diagram 7.1

Diagram 7.2

In diagram 7.1 the pawn on a7 was all set for the pawn promotion but the rook at h8 is not letting the pawn gets promoted therefore white can perform the line closing by playing Nb8.

In diagram 7.2 white plays g7 forcing the black to play Rg1 (stopping the pawn promotion).

Therefore white can perform line closing by playing Bg3.





7. Line closing (Homework)

1. Black to play and win



2. Black to play and win



3. White to play and win



4. White to play and win

