

## 9. Back-rank (Difficulty level: Easy)

Back-rank checkmate is a position where a king is checked horizontally along with his back-rank by a queen or rook and has no safe place to escape. It is also known as corridor mate. The most common way of back rank-mate involves the king being trapped behind a wall of his pawns.

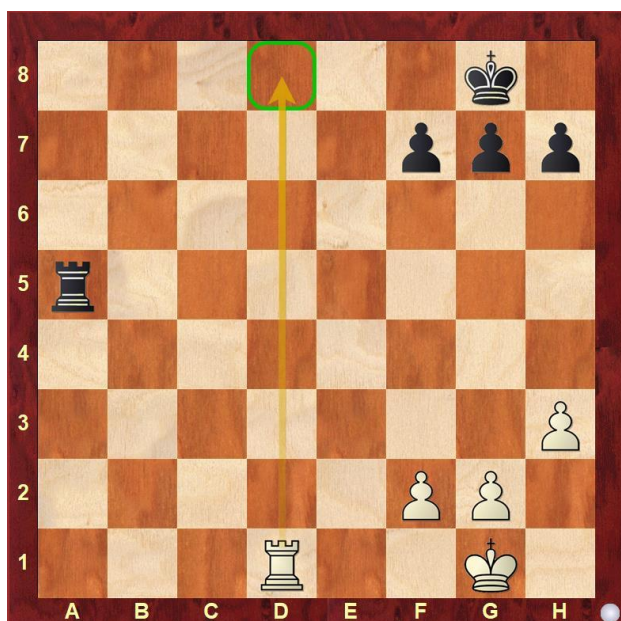


Diagram 9.1

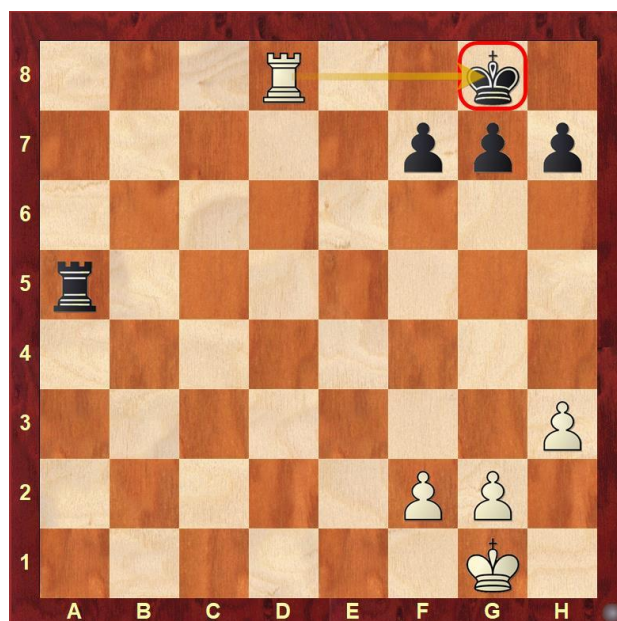
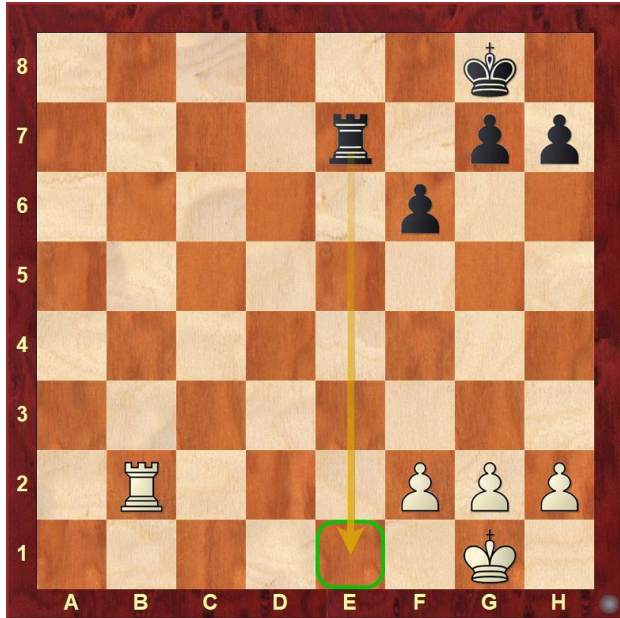


Diagram 9.2

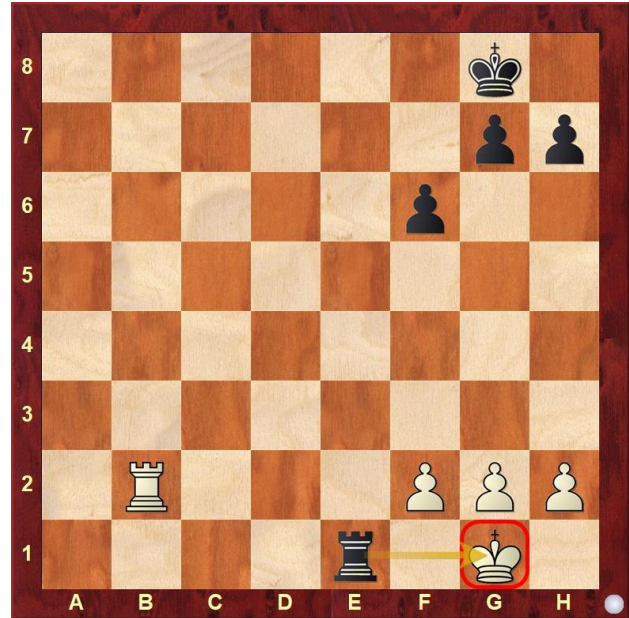
In the above diagram 9.1, we can observe that the black king at g8 is trapped on the 8th rank because of his own pawns blocking the 7th rank. In diagram 9.2, the white rook at d1 moved to d8 and performs the back-rank checkmate.

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**Diagram 9.3**



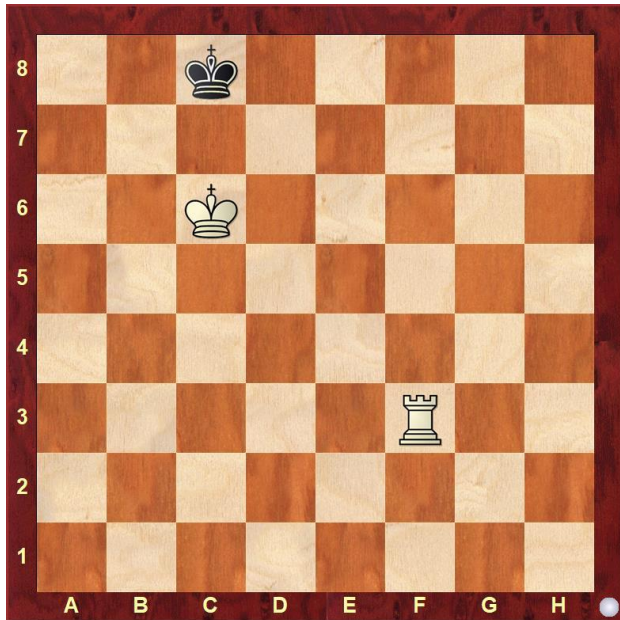
**Diagram 9.4**

In the above diagram 9.3, we can observe that the white king at g1 is trapped on the 1st rank because of his own pawns blocking the 2nd rank. In diagram 9.4, the black rook at e7 moved to e1 and performs the back-rank checkmate.

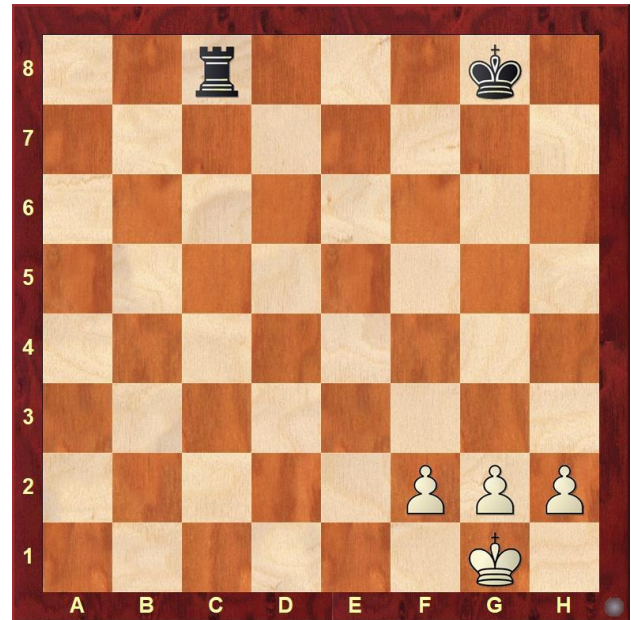
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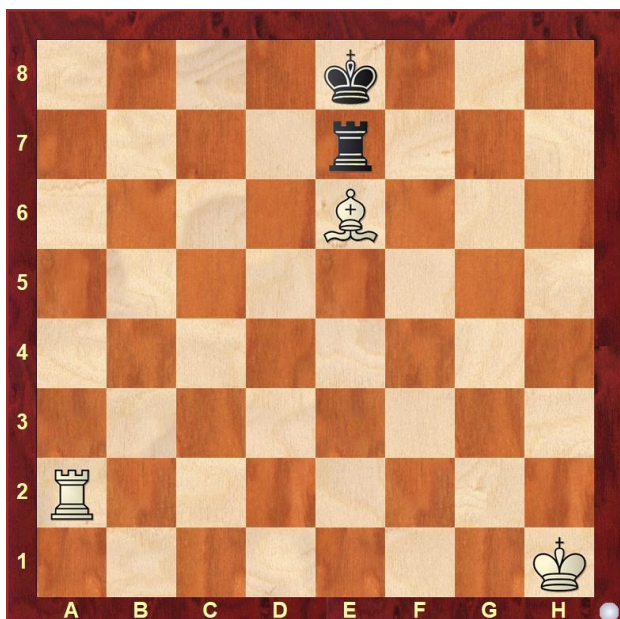
1. White to play and find the back-rank



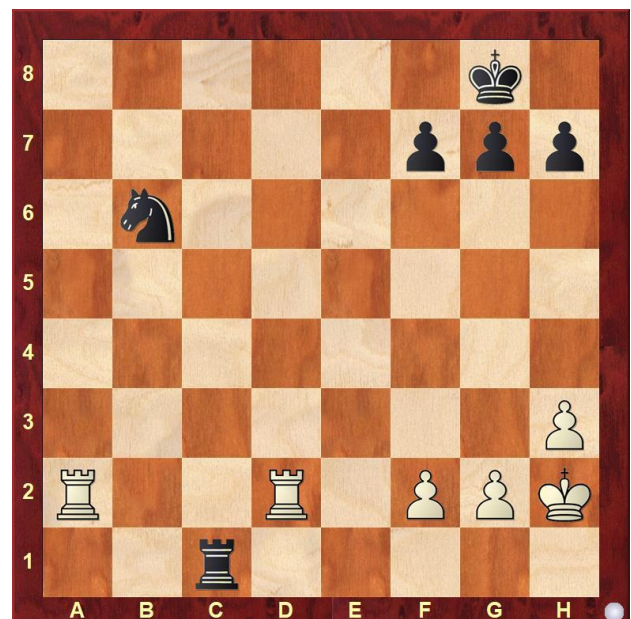
2. Black to play and find the back-rank



3. White to play and find the back-rank



4. White to play and find the back-rank

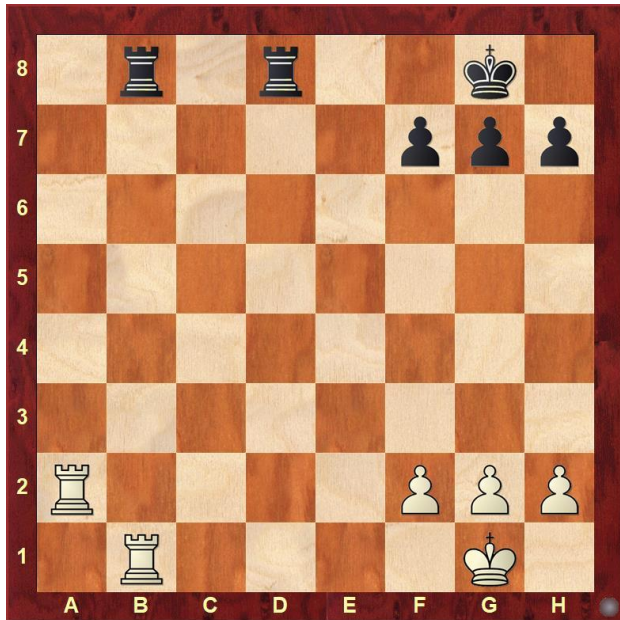




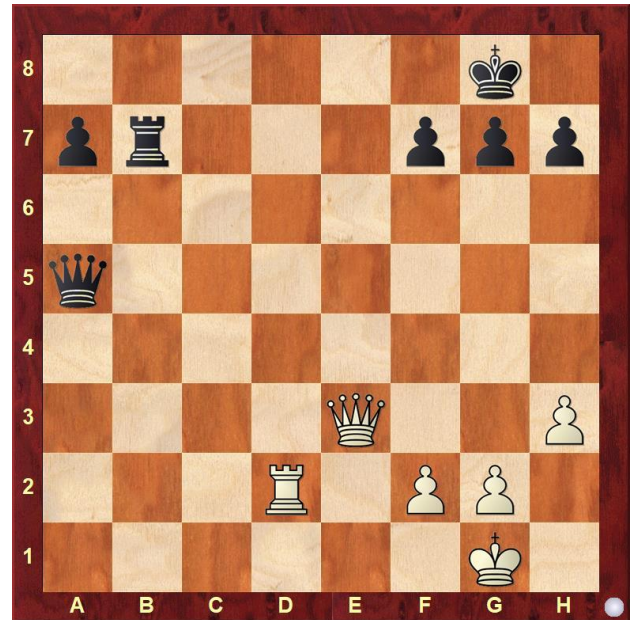
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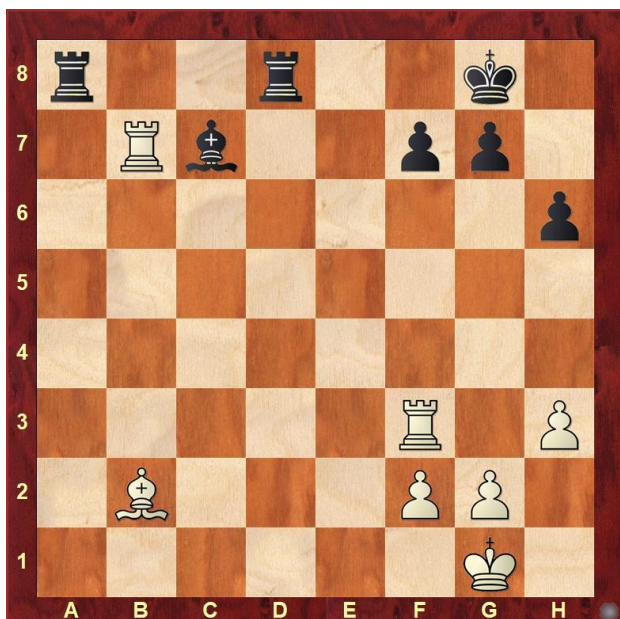
5. Black to play and find the back-rank



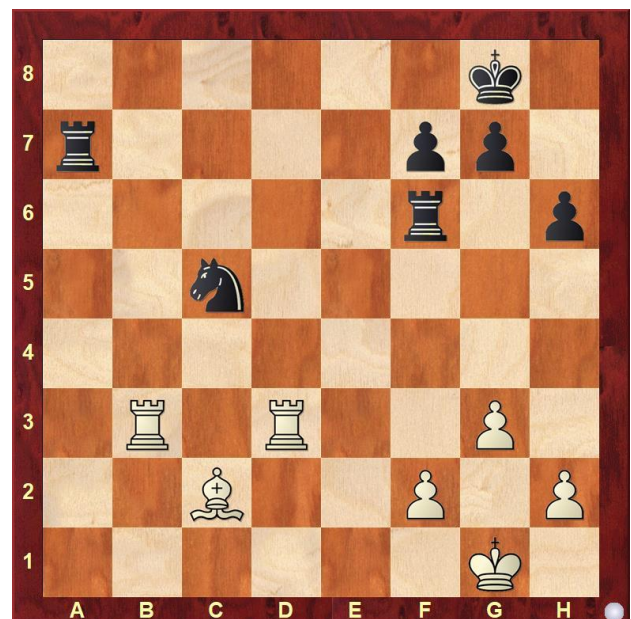
6. White to play and find the back-rank



7. Black to play and find the back-rank



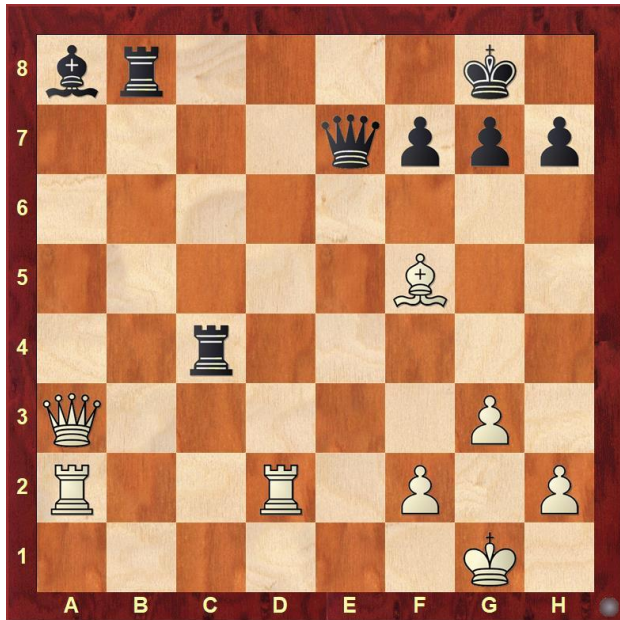
8. White to play and find the back-rank



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9. Black to play and find the back-rank



10. White to play and find the back-rank

