

3. Smothered mate

Smothered mate is a position when the checkmate is delivered by a knight in which the mated king is unable to move because he is surrounded by his own friendly pieces.

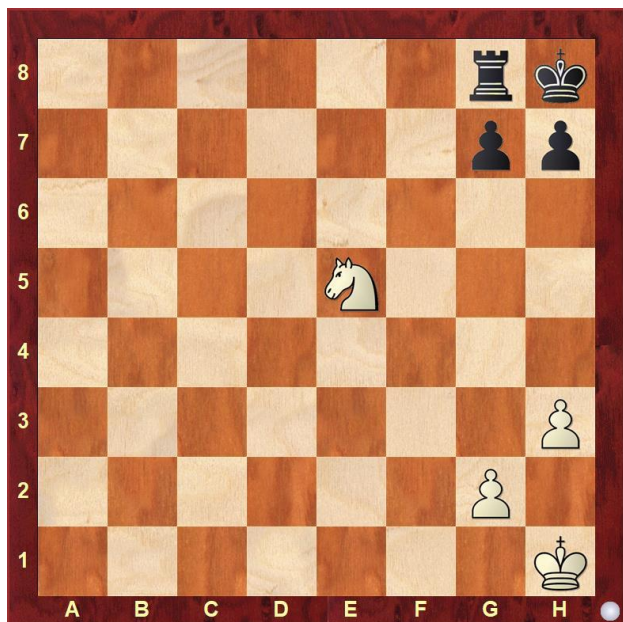


Diagram 3.1

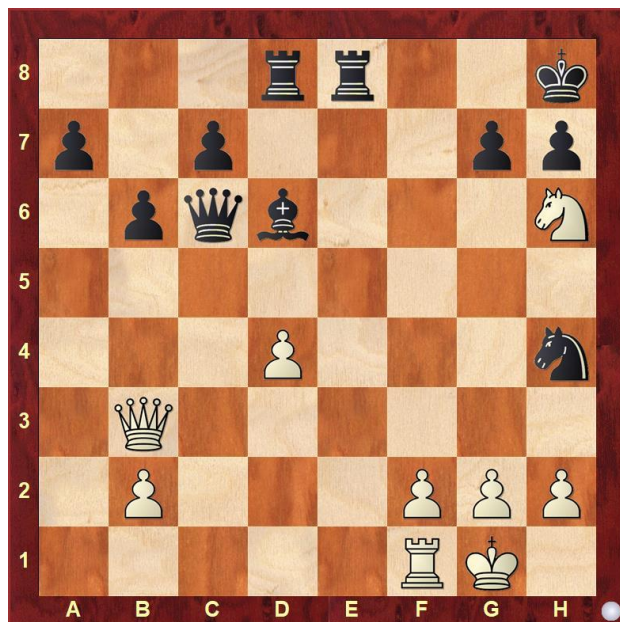


Diagram 3.2

In diagram 3.1 we can observe that the black king is completely surrounded by its own pieces. Therefore, white can do smothered checkmate by playing Nf7#

In diagram 3.2 white plays Qg8+ forcing the black to play Rxc8. Therefore, white can do smothered checkmate by playing Nf7#

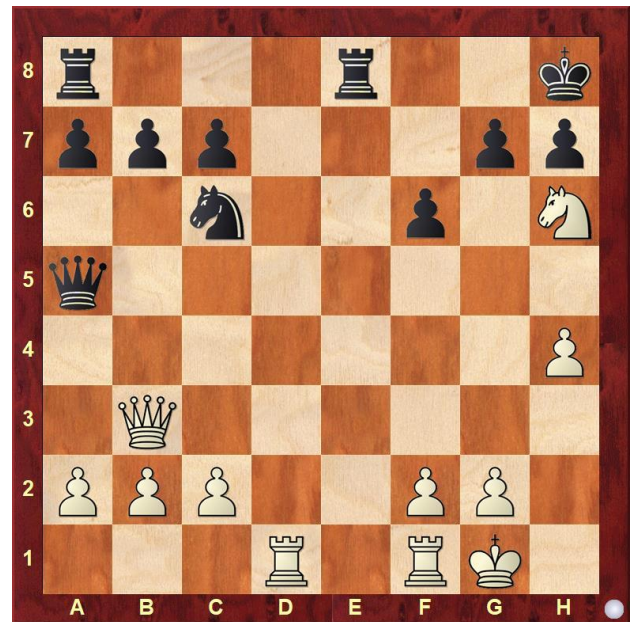
ADVANCED PART 1 LEVEL

3. Smothered mate (Homework)

1. White to play and win



2. White to play and win



3. White to play and win



4. White to play and win

