

ADVANCED BEGINNER LEVEL

14. Discovered attack & check (Difficulty level: Easy)

Discovered Attack

Discover attack is a position where a piece is moved from a particular square while unmasking an attack by a friendly piece that stands behind, thereby giving both pieces a chance to simultaneously threaten the opponent. It can be some of the most devastating moves in chess tactics.

The following example will give a better explanation.

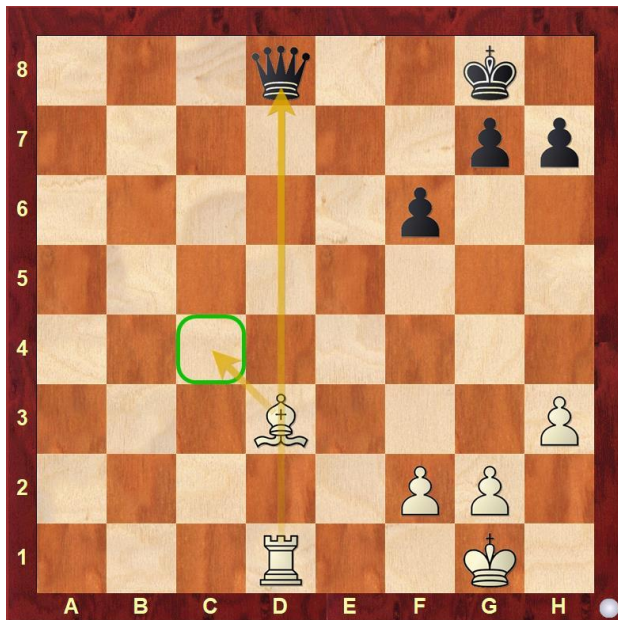


Diagram 14.1

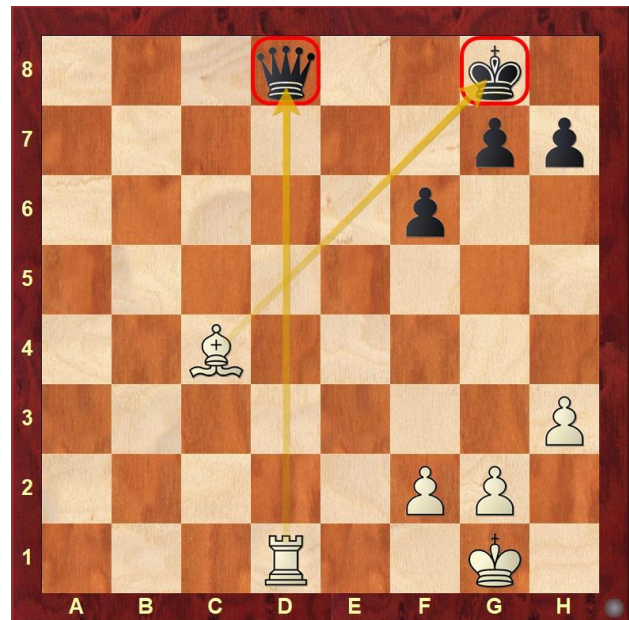


Diagram 14.2

In diagram 14.1, we can observe that the white rook, bishop, and black queen are on the same file. Therefore, in diagram 14.2, white performs a discovered attack by moving the bishop to c4 to give a check to the king and simultaneously unmasking the attack of rook d1 to queen d8.

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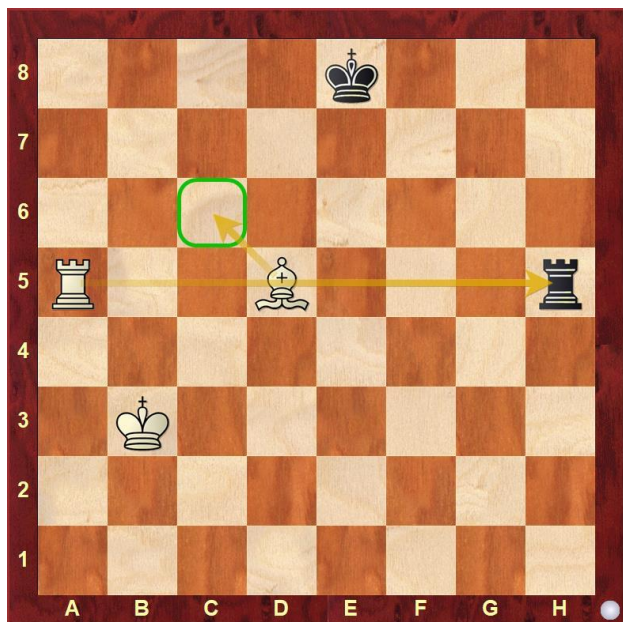


Diagram 14.3

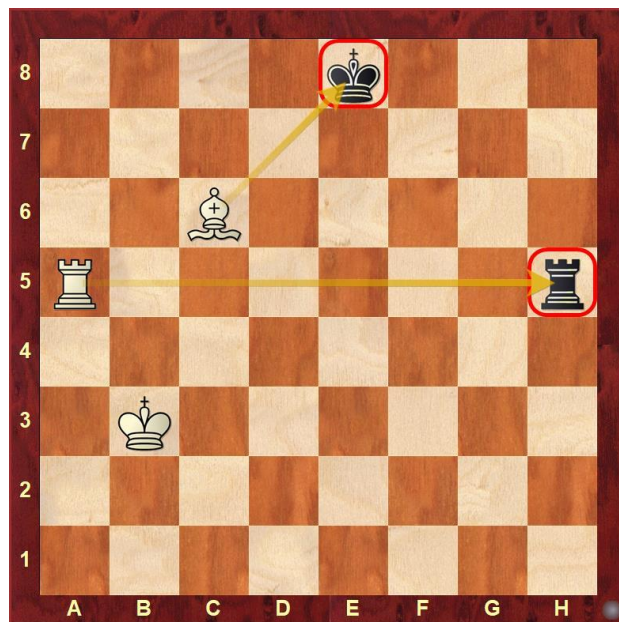


Diagram 14.4

In diagram 14.3, we can observe that the white rook, bishop, and black rook are on the same rank. Therefore, in diagram 14.4, white performs a discovered attack by moving the bishop to c6 to give a check to the king and simultaneously unmasking the attack of the rook at a5 to rook at h5.

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Discovered Check

Discovered check is a position where a piece is moved from a particular square while unmasking a check by a friendly piece that stands behind whereas the moving piece is free to make an attack of its own. It is actually a subcategory of the discovered attack.

The following example will give a better explanation.

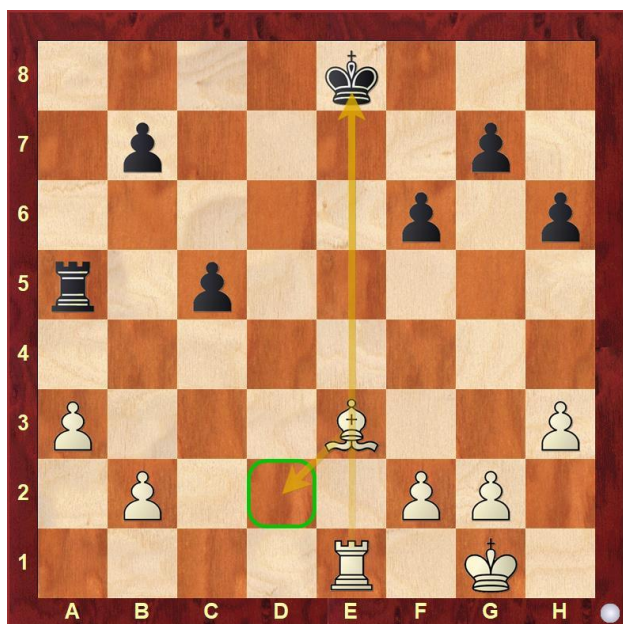


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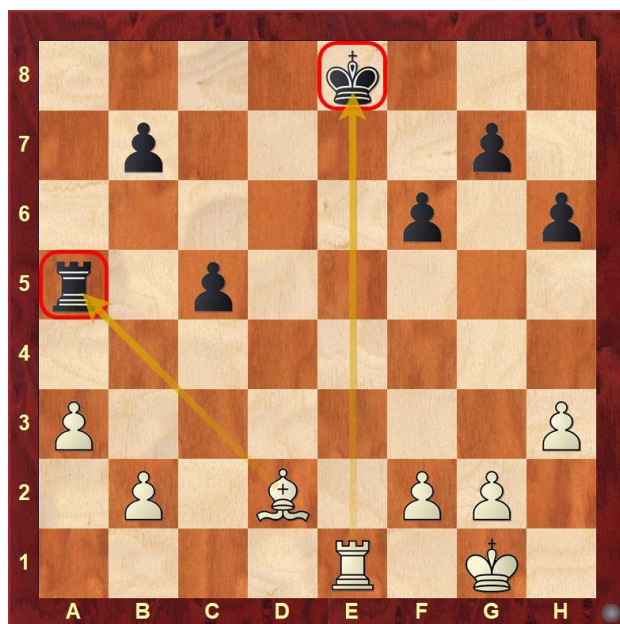


Diagram 14.6

In diagram 14.5, we can observe that the white rook at e1, bishop at e3, and black king at e8 are on the same file. Therefore, in diagram 14.6 white performs a discover check by moving the bishop to d2 to attack the rook on a5 and simultaneously unmasking the check of rook e1 to king e8.

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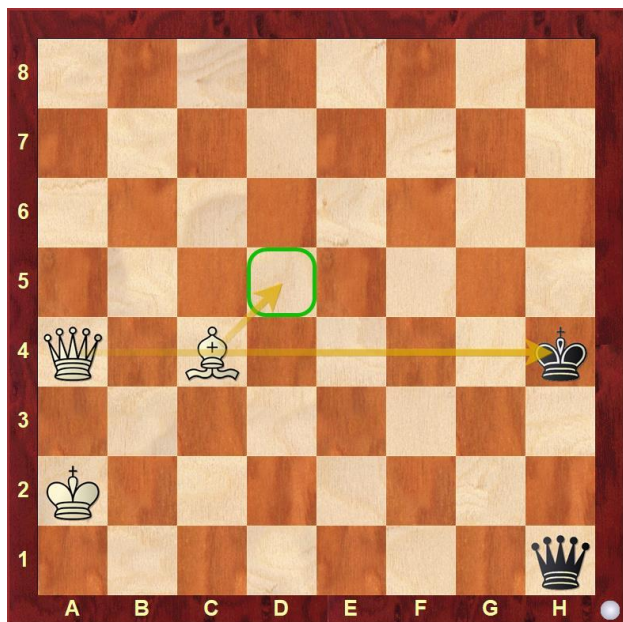


Diagram 14.7

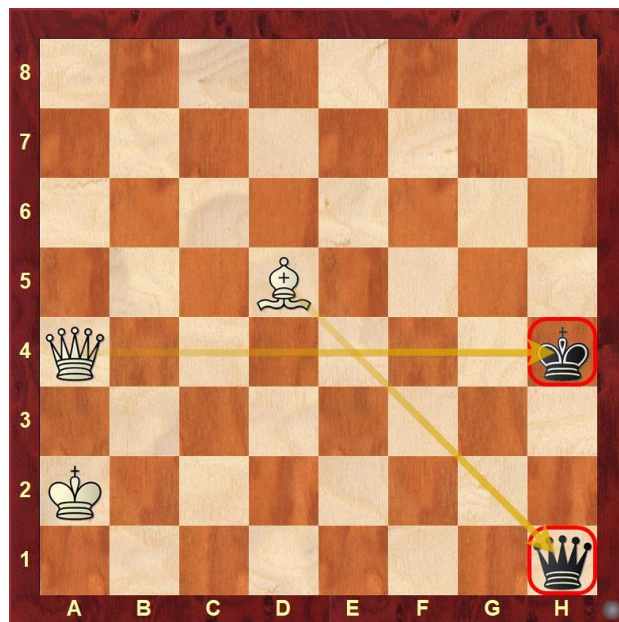


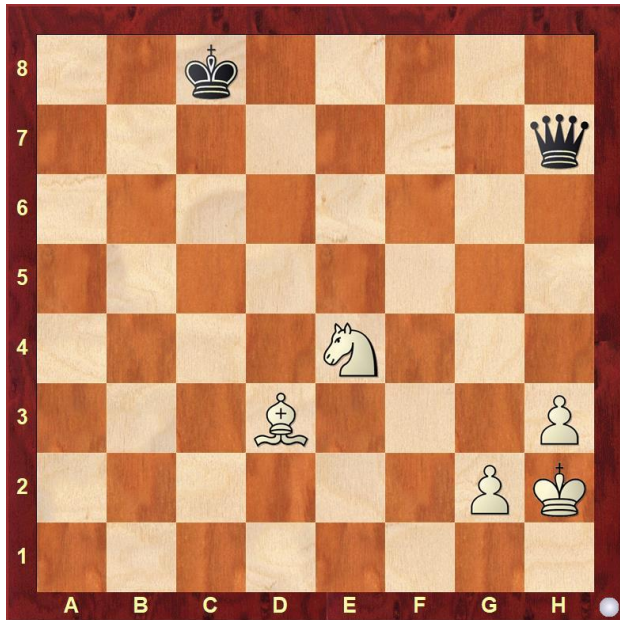
Diagram 14.8

In diagram 14.7, we can observe that the white queen at a4, bishop at c4, and black king at h4 are on the same rank. Therefore, in diagram 14.8 white performs a discovered check by moving the bishop to d5 to attack the queen on h1 and simultaneously unmasking the check of queen at a4 to the king at h4.

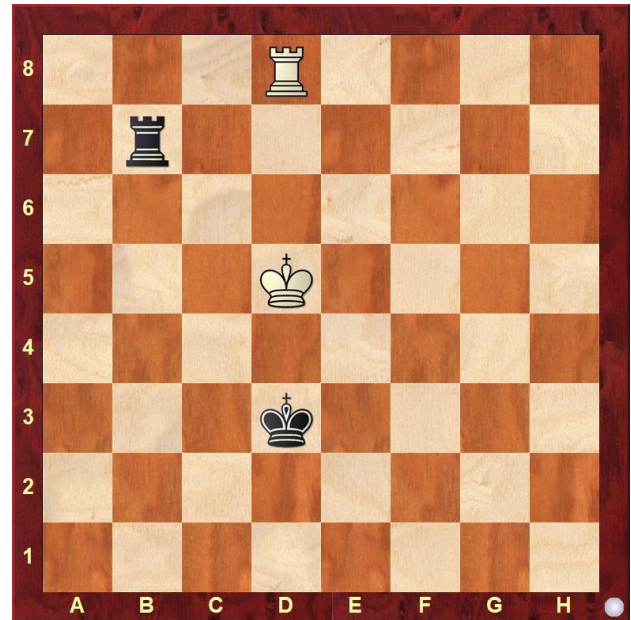
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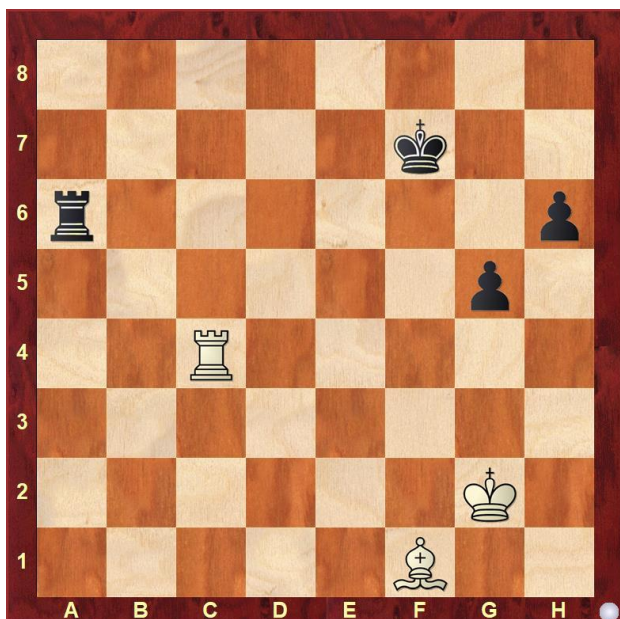
1. White to play and find the discovered attack



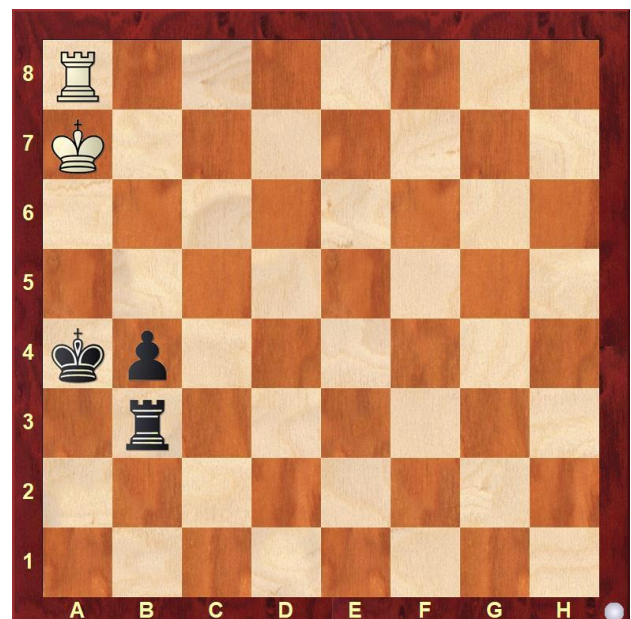
2. White to play and find the discovered check



3. White to play and find the discovered attack



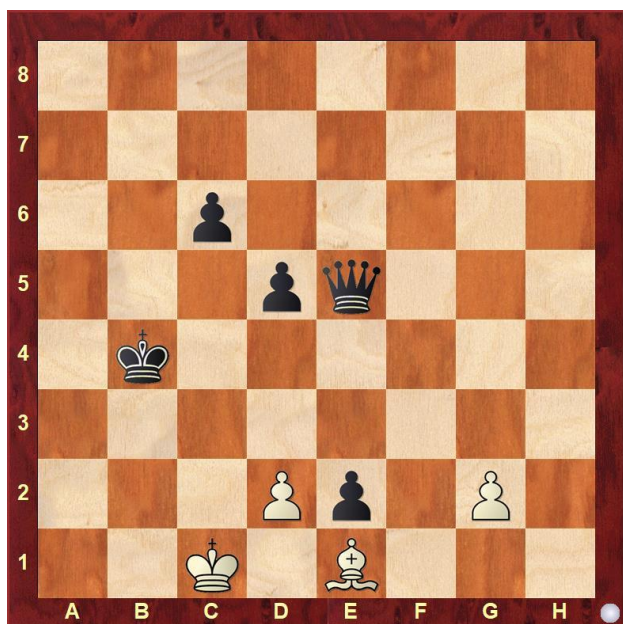
4. White to play and find the discovered check (Mate in one)



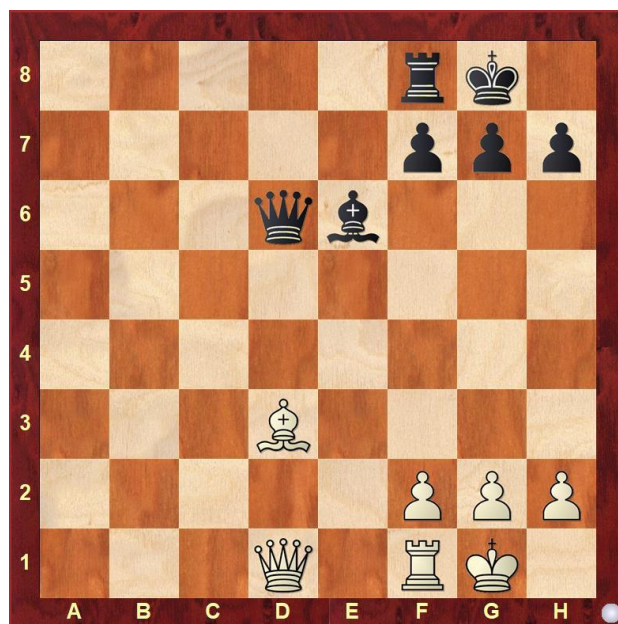
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5. White to play and find the discovered check



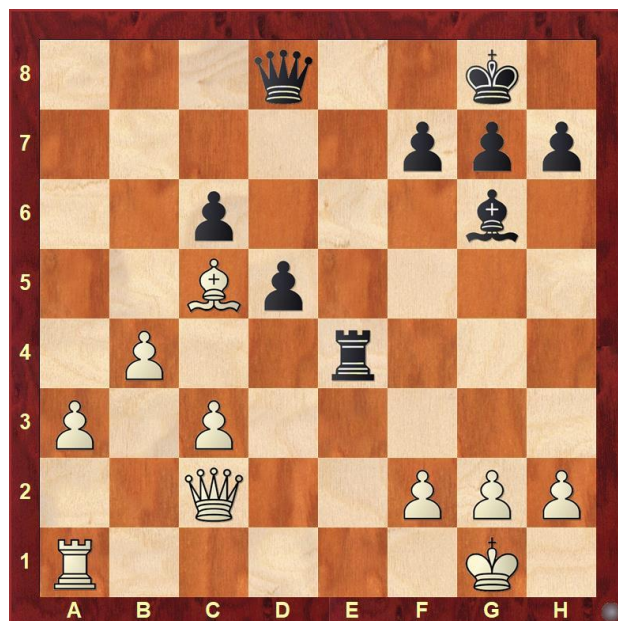
6. White to play and find the discovered attack



7. White to play and find the discovered attack



8. Black to play and find the discovered attack



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9. White to play and find the discovered attack



10. White to play and find the discovered attack

