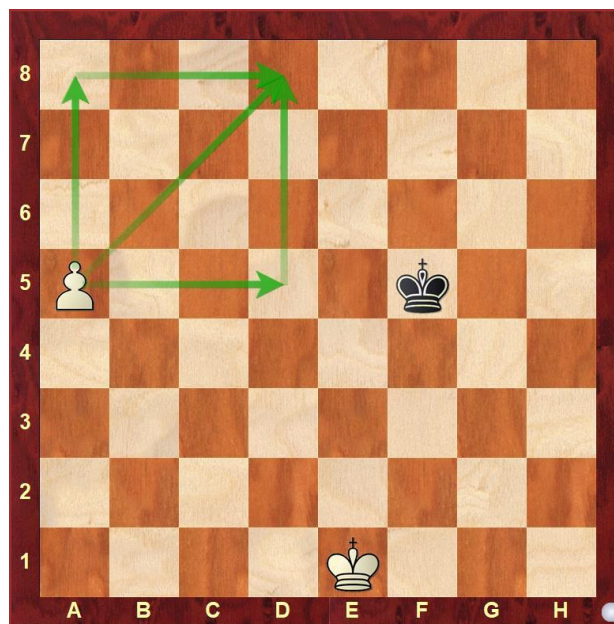


## 2. Berger's "Rule of the Square"

Berger's rule of the square is an imaginary square used to diagram out whether a passed pawn can become a queen or not when it is not supported by the own king but chased by the enemy king. The rule states that: if the opponent king can enter the berger square then it can capture the pawn and stop pawn promotion. But if the opponent king cannot enter the berger square that means a passed pawn can be easily promoted into a queen without its own king's help.

Creating berger square: Players performing the Berger square can imagine a line from the pawn diagonally towards the opponent's back-rank. Therefore, from that particular last square, we can imagine a line towards the rank and the file that the pawn is standing on and from there again towards the pawn location. This line forms the berger square.



**Diagram 2.1**

In the diagram 2.1, we can observe that the pawn is standing at a5, therefore, by creating a line diagonally takes it to d8 square. From d8 now we can imagine a line towards the rank (a8) and the file (d5) that the pawn is standing on.

From there again towards the pawn. The lines form the Berger square (a5-d5-d8-a8)

Further examples will give a better explanation.

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## 2. Berger's "Rule of the Square"

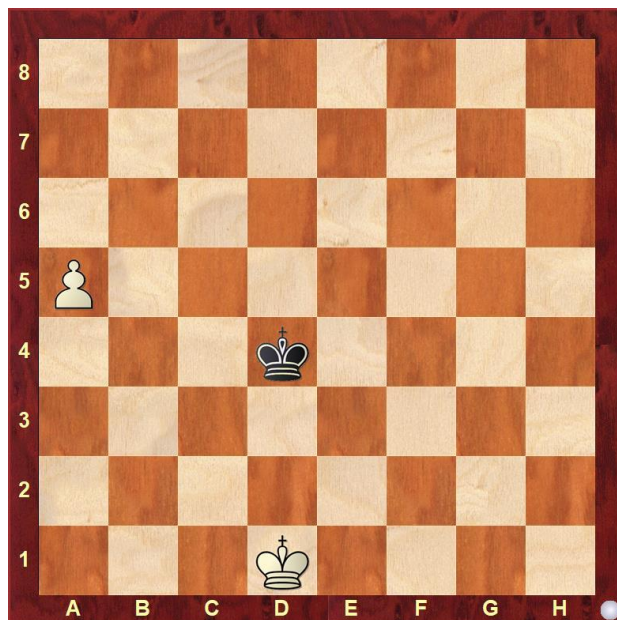


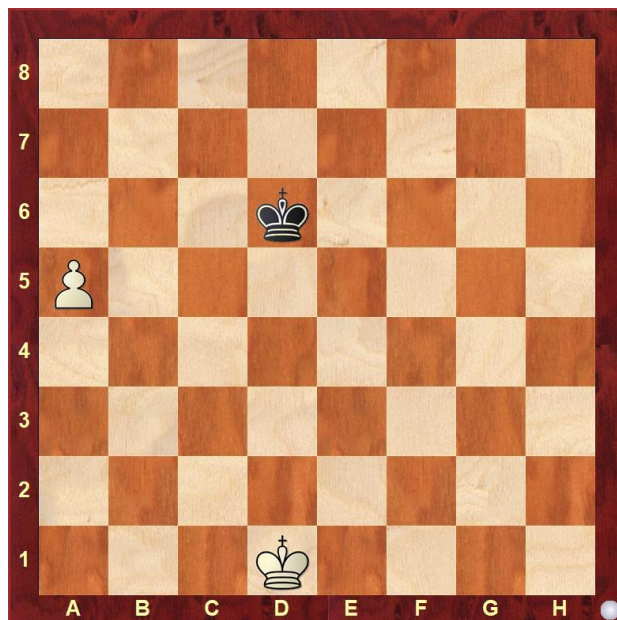
Diagram 2.2

In diagram 2.2, we can observe that the Berger square is formed between a5-d5-d8-a8. Since the opponent king is not inside it, therefore, the black king cannot stop pawn promotion.

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## 2. Berger's "Rule of the Square"



**Diagram 2.3**

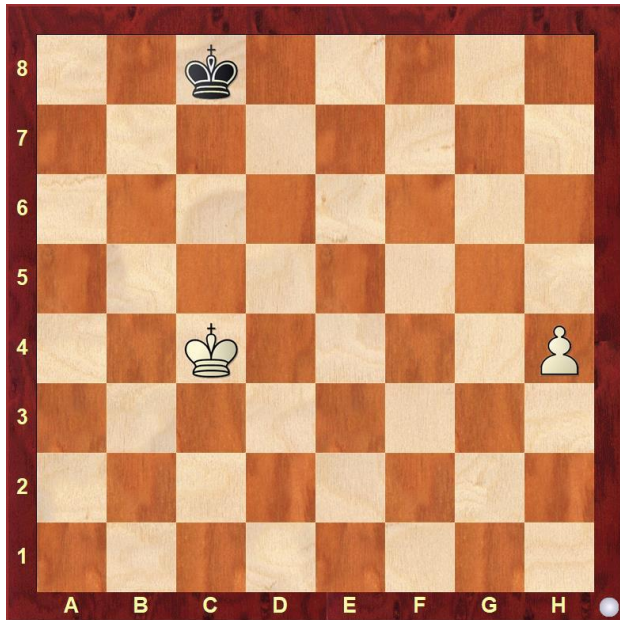
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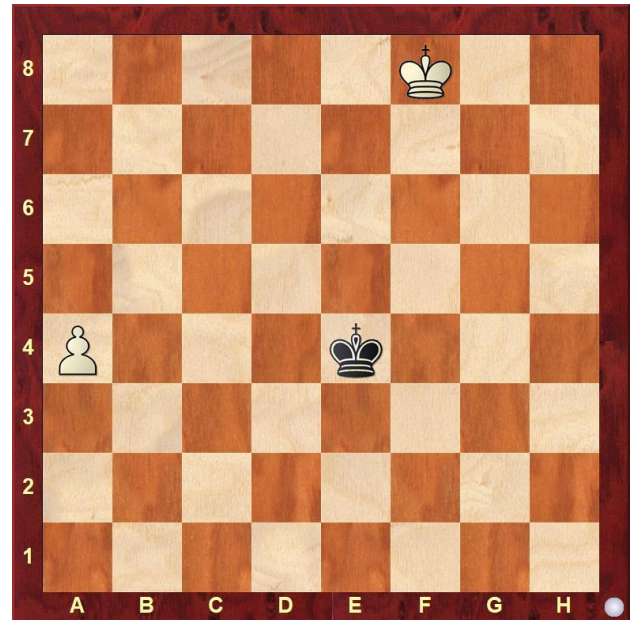
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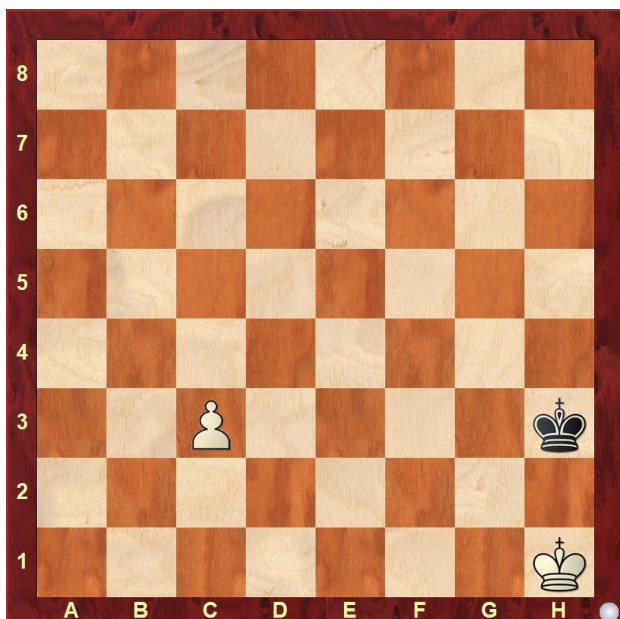
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White wins | Black wins | Draw (W to play)



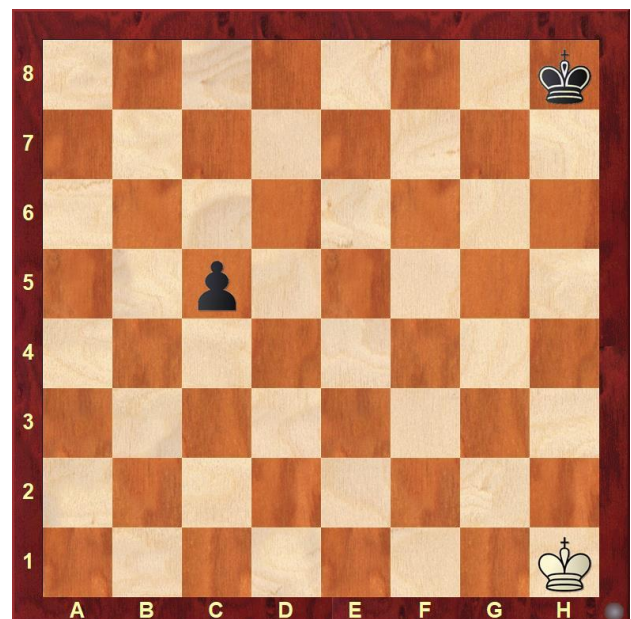
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White wins | Black wins | Draw (W to play)



3. What will be the result of this game?  
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4. What will be the result of this game?  
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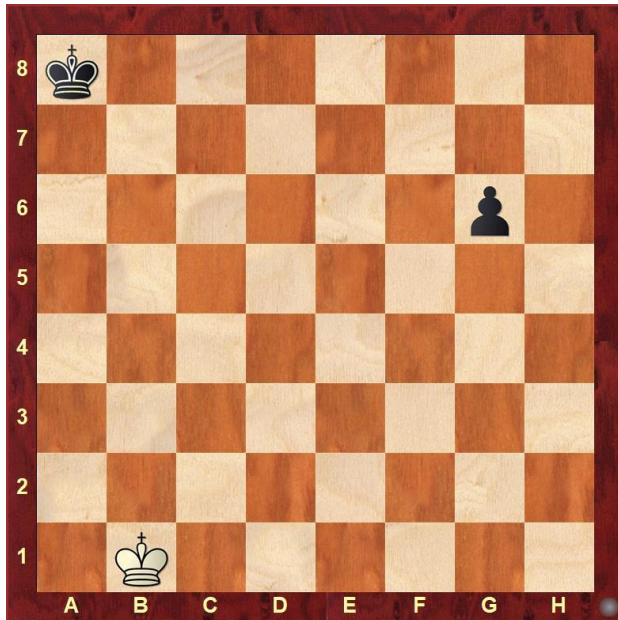




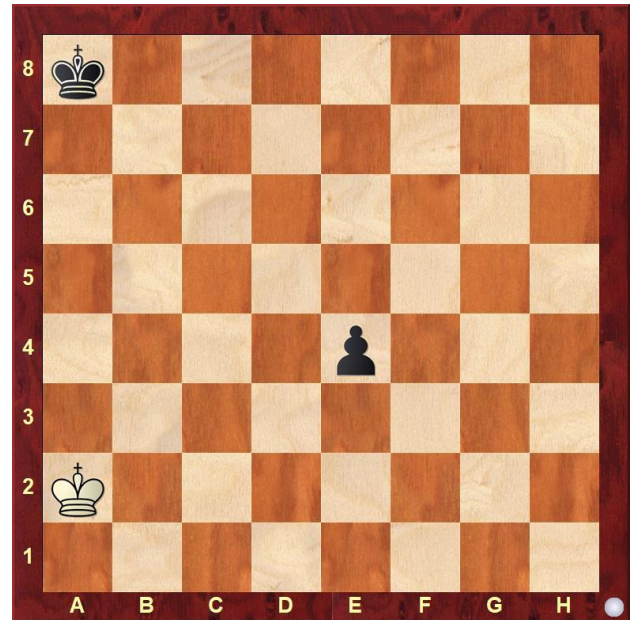
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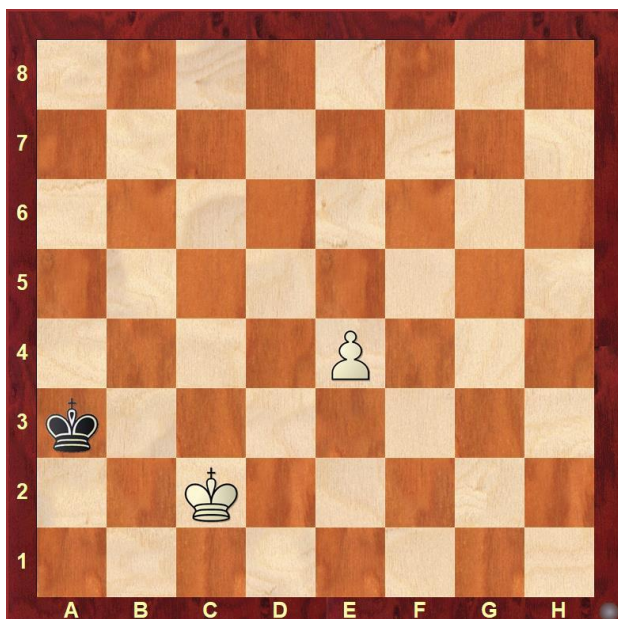
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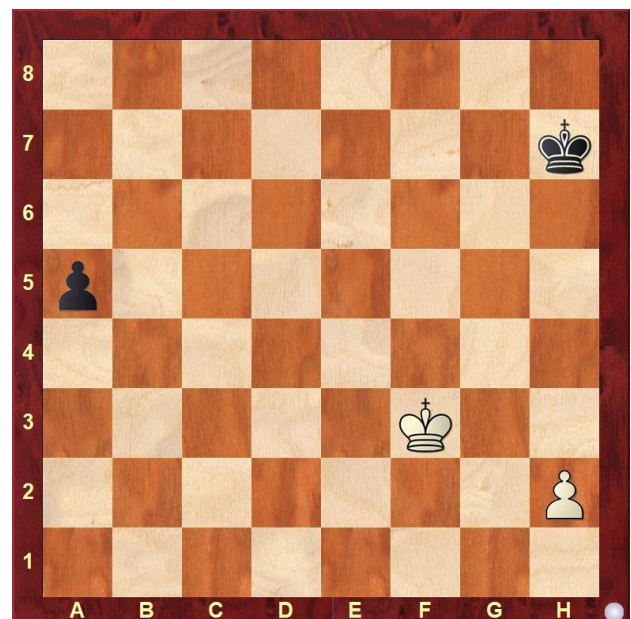
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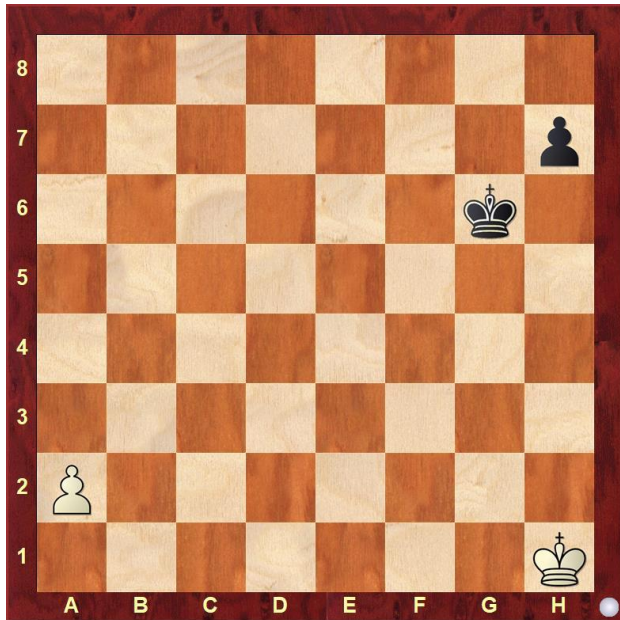
8. What will be the result of this game?  
White wins | Black wins | Draw (W to play)



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## 2. Berger's "Rule of the Square"(Homework)

9. What will be the result of this game?  
White wins | Black wins | Draw (W to play)



10. What will be the result of this game?  
White wins | Black wins | Draw (B to play)

