

5. X ray attack

X-ray is a tactic when a player attacks the opponent piece or defends its own piece through the opponent piece. It is only performed by long rang pieces (a rook, queen, or bishop). This tactic is often used to perform back rank mate.

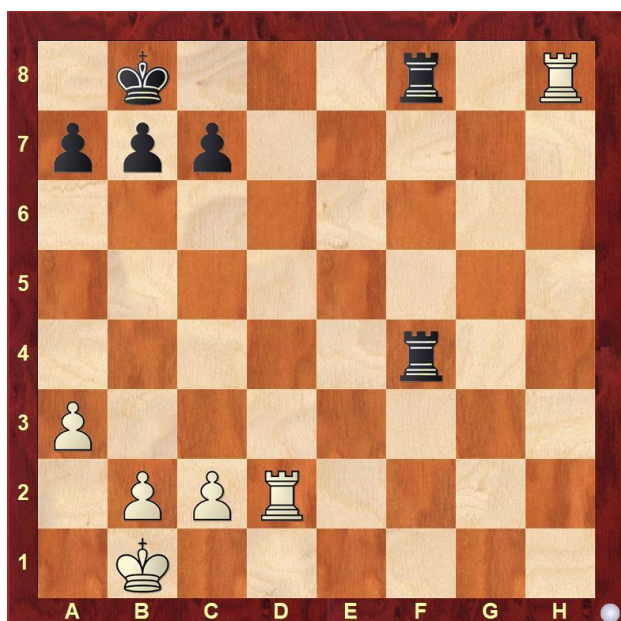


Diagram 5.1



Diagram 5.2

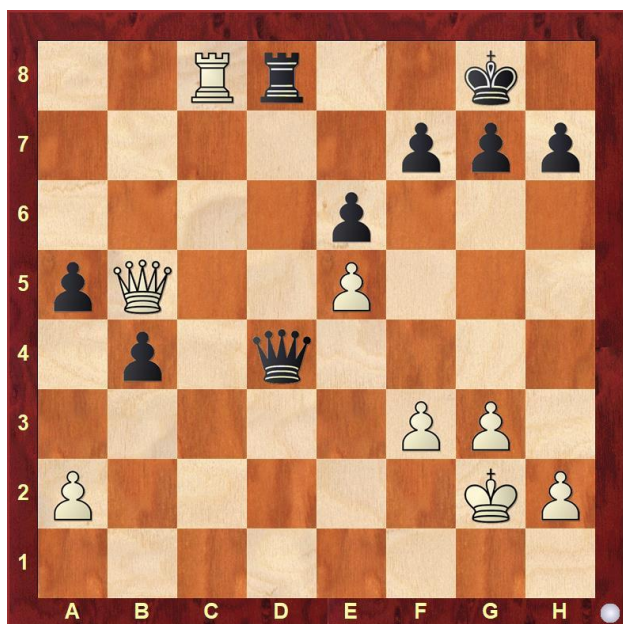
In diagram 5.1 white plays Rd8+ forcing the black to play Rxd8. Therefore, white can perform back rank checkmate by playing Rxd8#

In diagram 5.2 white plays Qh8+ forcing the black to play Bxh8. Therefore, white does the checkmate by playing Rxh8# (in this puzzle h8 square was attacked by the bishop on b2 even though the bishop was there in middle)

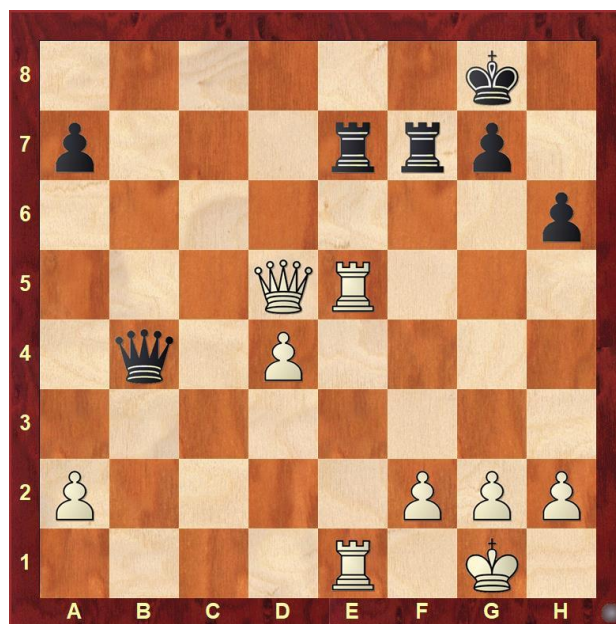
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5. X ray attack (Homework)

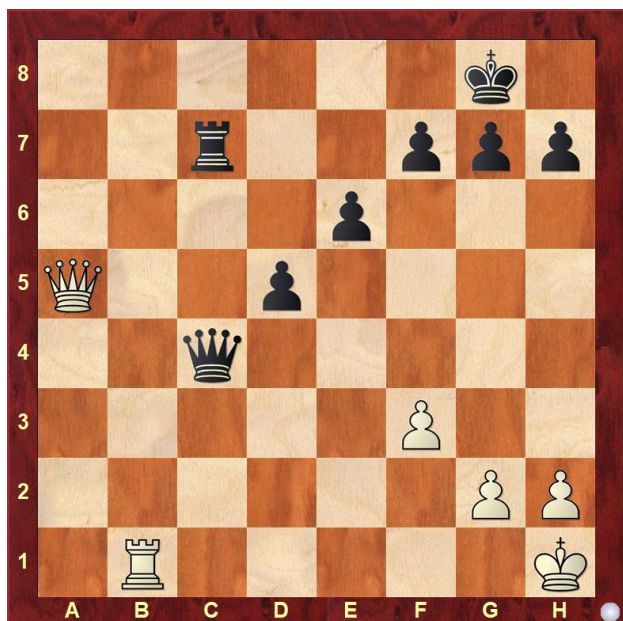
1. White to play and win



2. Black to play and win



3. White to play and win



4. Black to play and win

