

7. Knight fork (Difficulty level: Easy)

Knight fork is the most commonly used tactic used by beginner level chess players to gain a material advantage over the opponent. Knight is the most fascinating and mysterious of all the chess pieces (it is the only piece that can jump over the pieces). It is a position when a knight attacks two or more pieces of the opponent. It is a particularly infamous form of double attack.

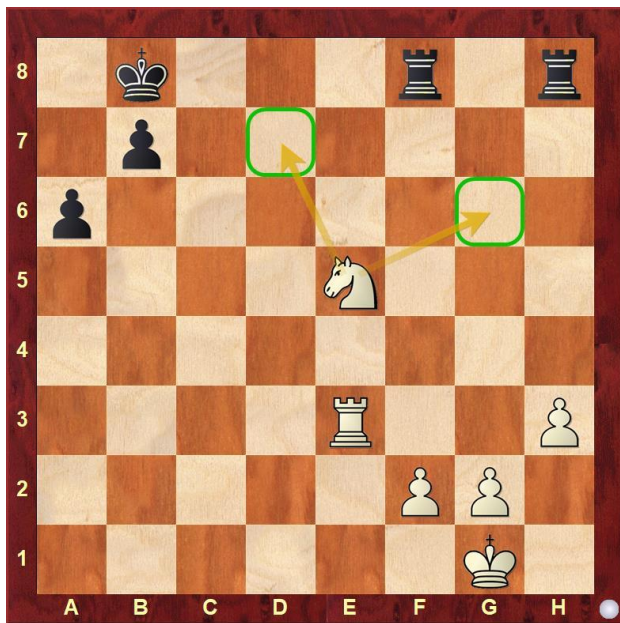


Diagram 7.1

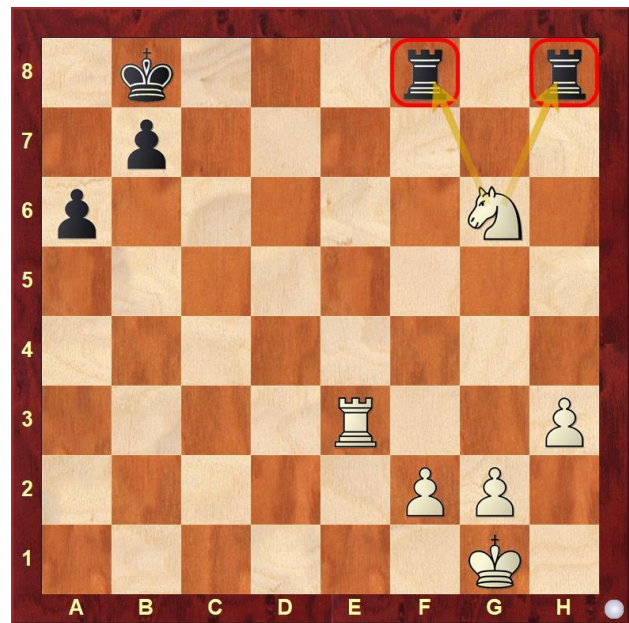


Diagram 7.2

In the above diagram 7.1, we can observe that the white knight is at e5. Later, in diagram 7.2 white knight moves to g6 and performs the knight fork by attacking both the rooks simultaneously. Therefore, the opponent can save one and the white can capture the other rook.

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There are 2 types of Knight Fork:

Royal Fork

It's a position when a knight particularly attacks the king and the queen at the same time

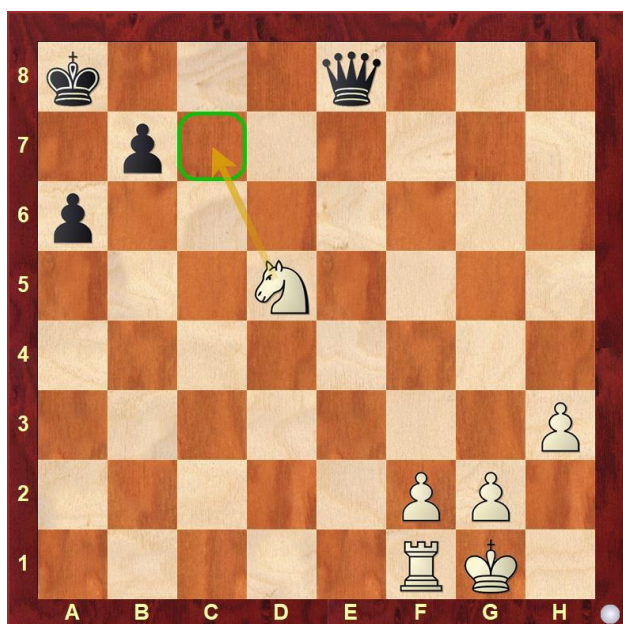


Diagram 7.3

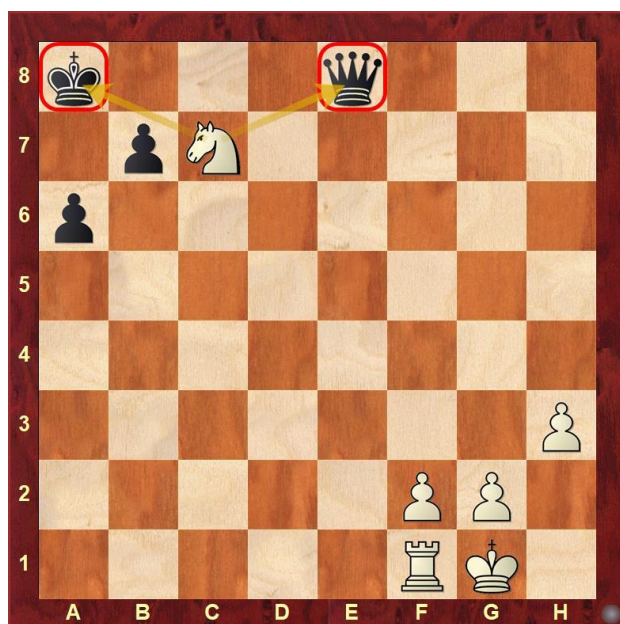


Diagram 7.4

In the above diagram 7.3, we can observe that the white knight is at d5. Later, in diagram 7.4 white knight moves to c7 and performs Royal fork by giving a check to the king at a8 and attacking the queen at e8 simultaneously. Therefore, the opponent is forced to save the king and the white can capture the queen.

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Family Fork

It's a position when a knight attacks more than 2 pieces at the same time

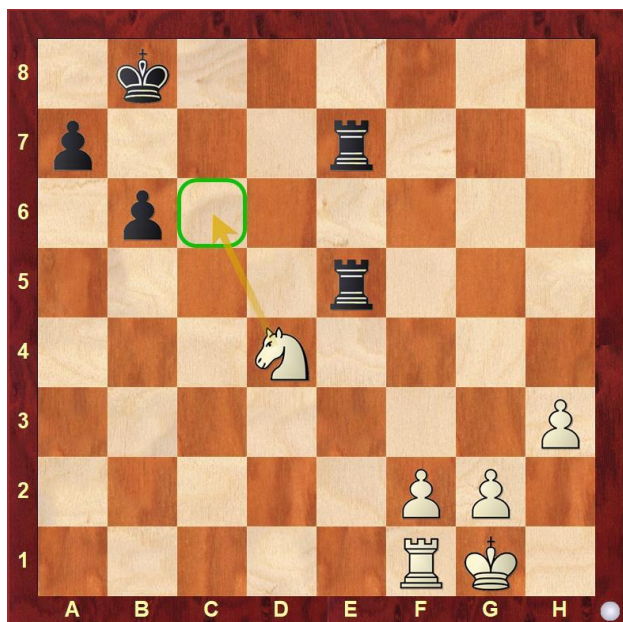


Diagram 7.5

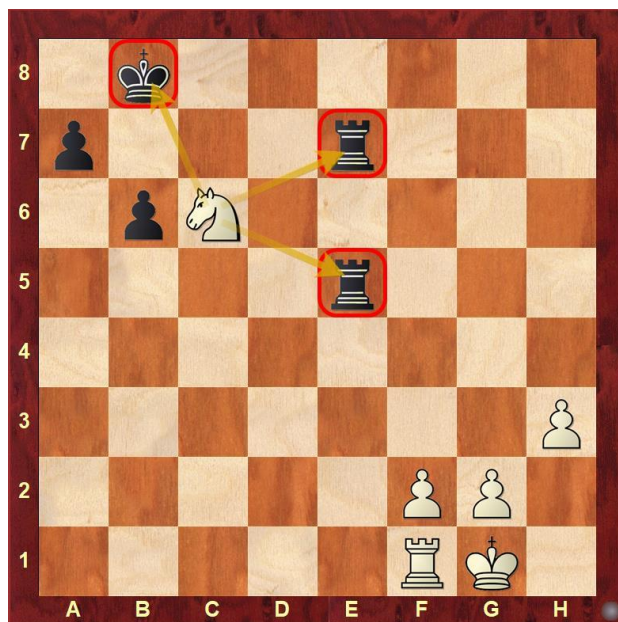


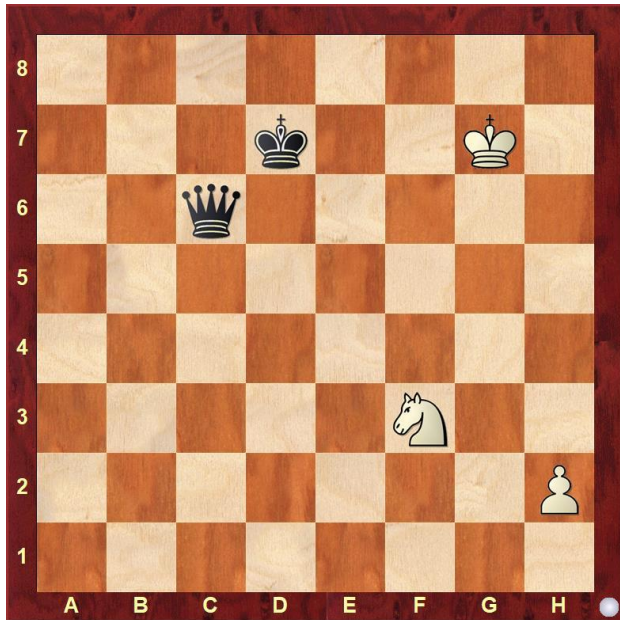
Diagram 7.6

In the above diagram 7.5, we can observe that the white knight is at d4. Later, in diagram 7.6 white knight moves to c6 and performs family fork by giving a check to the king at b8 attacking both the rooks simultaneously. Therefore, opponent is forced to save the king and we can capture any of the rooks of our choice.

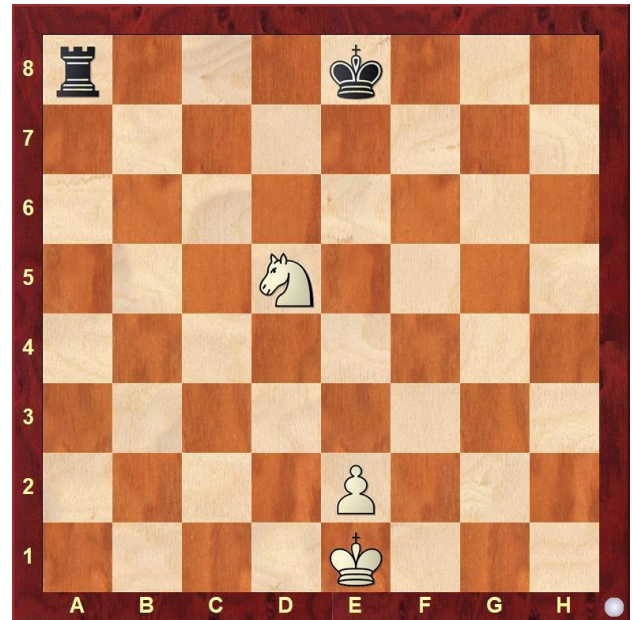
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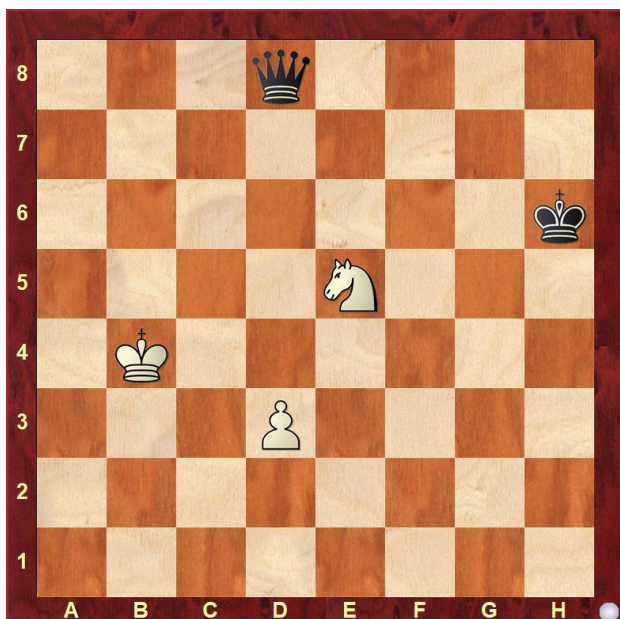
1. White to play and find the knight fork



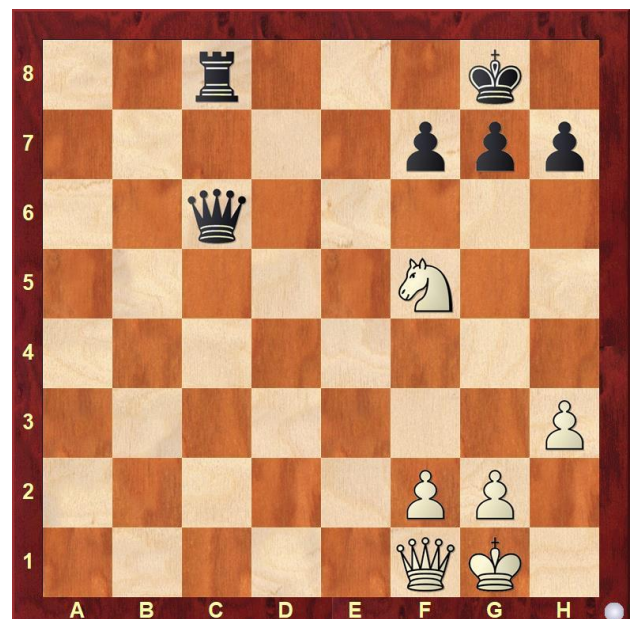
2. White to play and find the knight fork



3. White to play and find the knight fork



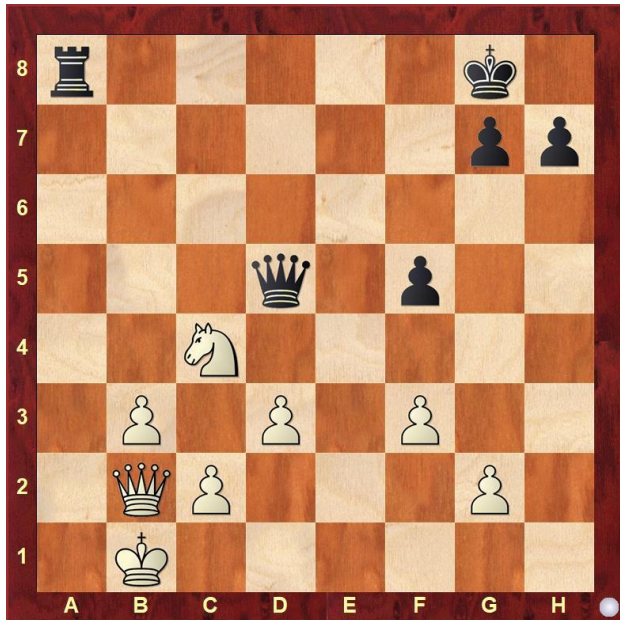
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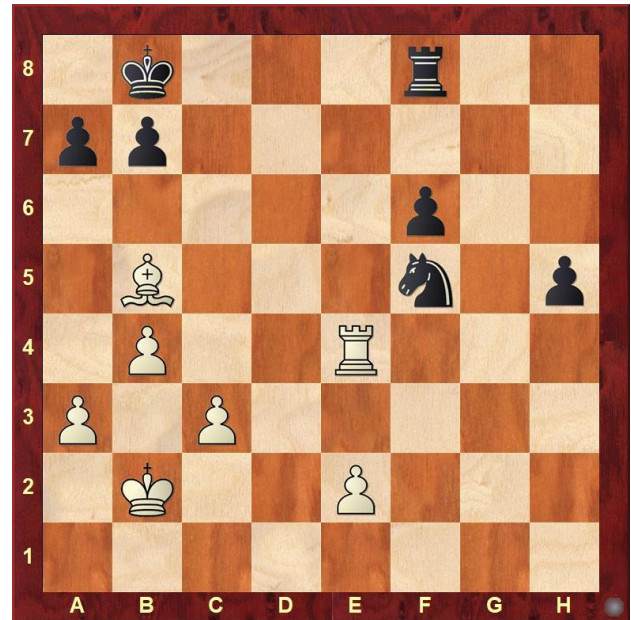
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5. White to play and find the knight fork



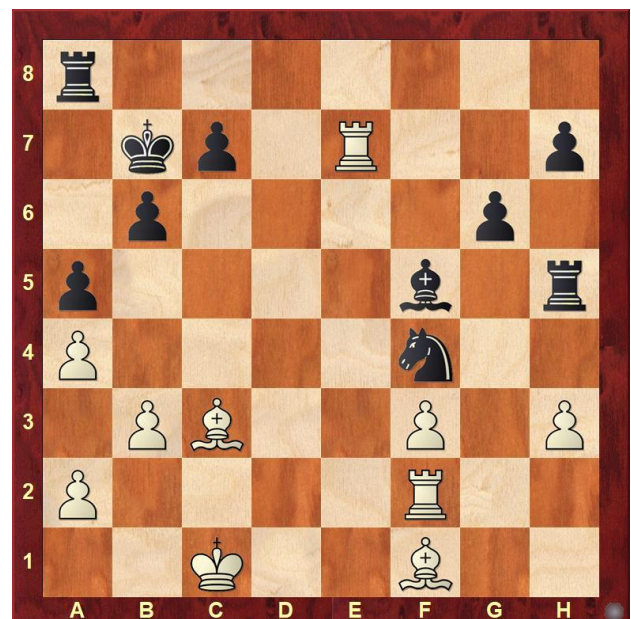
6. Black to play and find the knight fork



7. White to play and find the knight fork



8. Black to play and find the knight fork



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9. White to play and find the knight fork



10. White to play and find the knight fork

