

5. Introduction to special moves

Castling

- Castling is a special move between King and Rook.
- In castling, first, King moves two (2) squares in the direction of Rook and the Rook jumps over the king and sits beside the King.
- Though two (2) pieces are played at the same time, it is counted as one move only.
- Castling is possible if the squares between King and Rook are vacant.

Castling with the King side Rook is known as Kingside Castling (Short Castling), while Castling with the Queen side Rook is known as Queenside Castling (Long Castling).

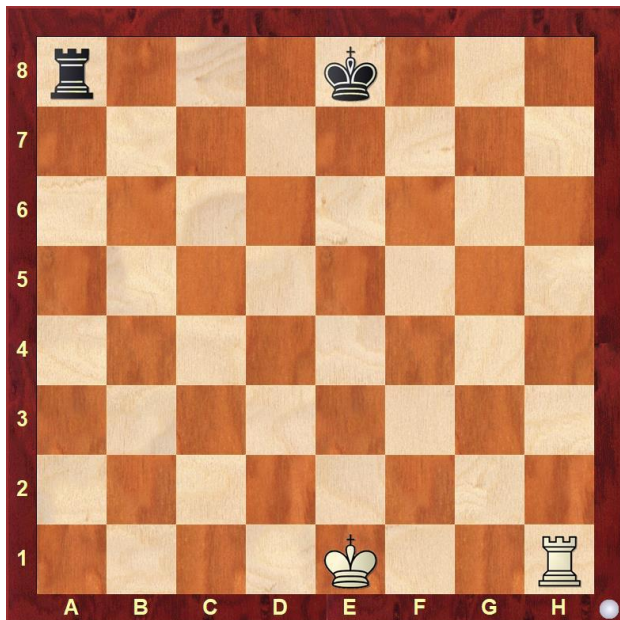


Diagram 5.1

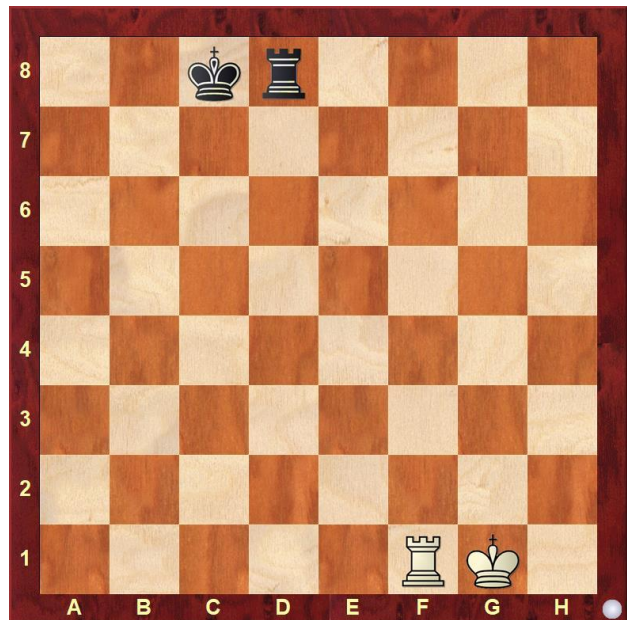


Diagram 5.2

*In the diagram 5.2, white castled on the king side and black castled on the queen side.

Special power of Pawn

In chess, Pawn has a special power after reaching the last rank. The last rank for white is the 8th rank. The last rank for black is the 1st rank. Once pawn reaches the last rank, it will not be a pawn

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any more. The pawn has to change into another piece. The transformation of a pawn into a piece is called pawn promotion.

The Pawn can be promoted into Queen, Rook, Bishop or Knight. Pawns are generally promoted to a queen. Because queen is the most powerful piece on the board. But there are some positions in which a rook, a knight or a bishop is preferred over the queen. Promotion to a queen is called “queening” and promotion to any other piece is referred to as “underpromotion.”

A player may already have a queen on the board, but he can still have extra queens by promoting pawns. Similarly, a player can have more than 2 rooks, 2 knights or 2 bishops by promoting pawns

1. Pawn Promotion

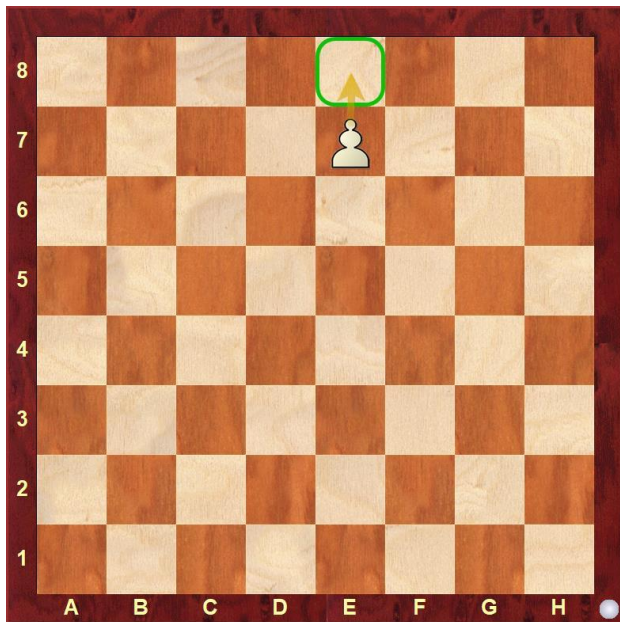


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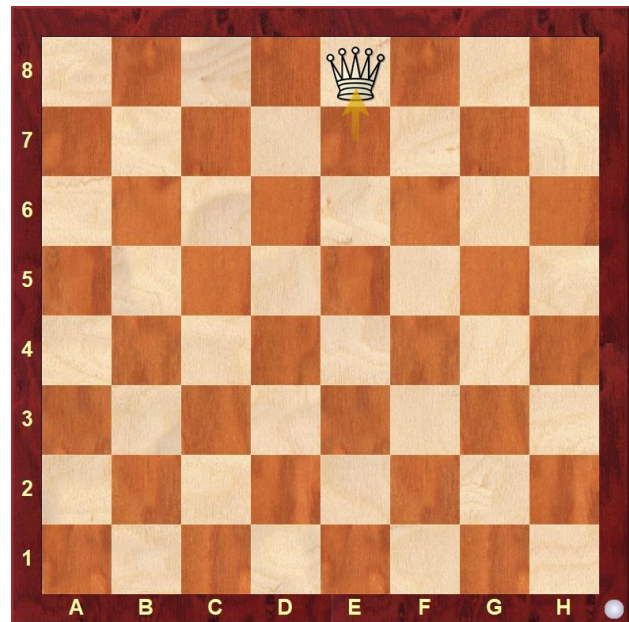


Diagram 5.4

In diagram 5.3, we can see that pawn will be pushed to e8 on the next move to promote it. It has been promoted to the queen in diagram 5.4

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2. Promoting by capturing a piece

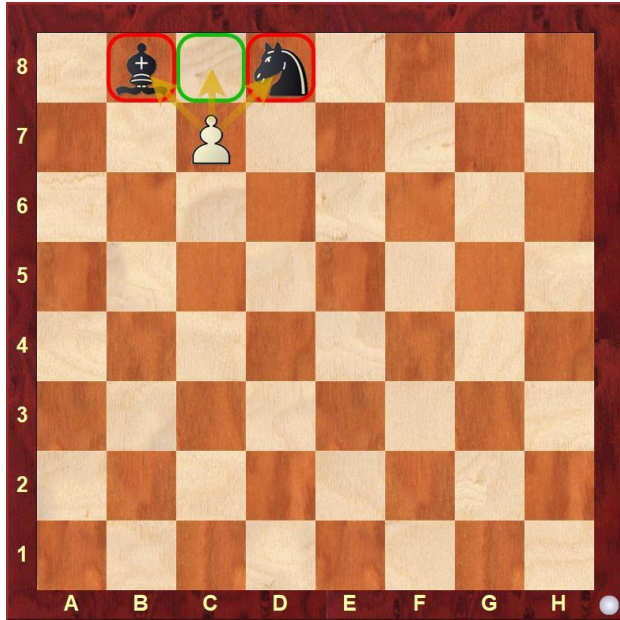


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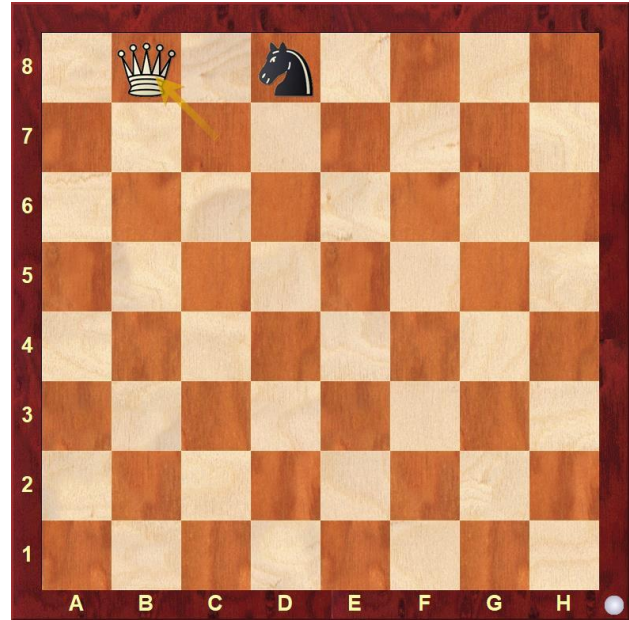


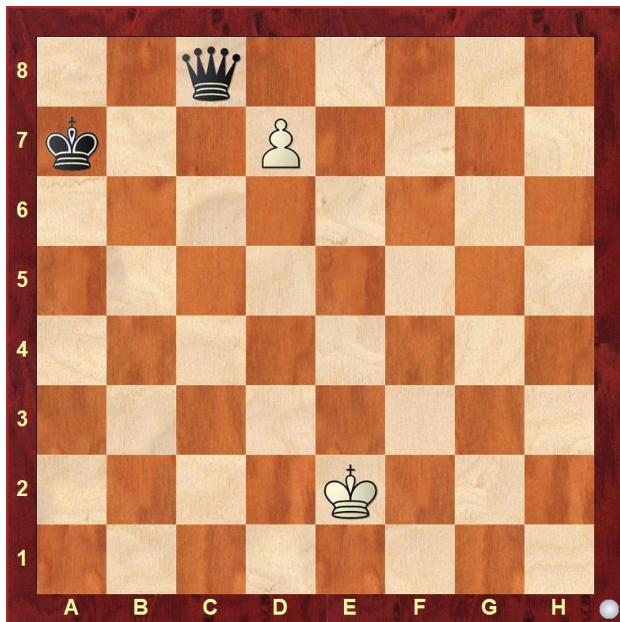
Diagram 5.6

In diagram 5.5, we can see that the pawn has 3 options to promote itself. Either it can be promoted to c8 by pushing it or it can be promoted by capturing b8 bishop or d8 knight. In diagram 5.6, white captured b8 bishop and promoted pawn to the queen.

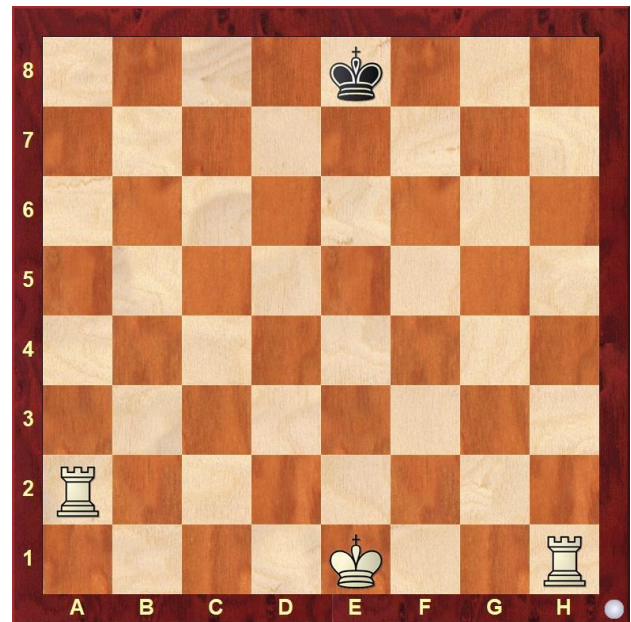
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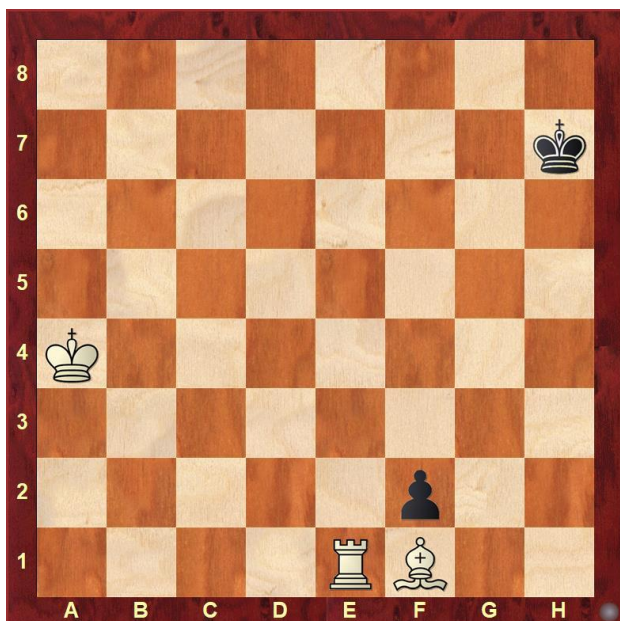
1. White to play. On which square should the pawn be promoted on d8 or c8?



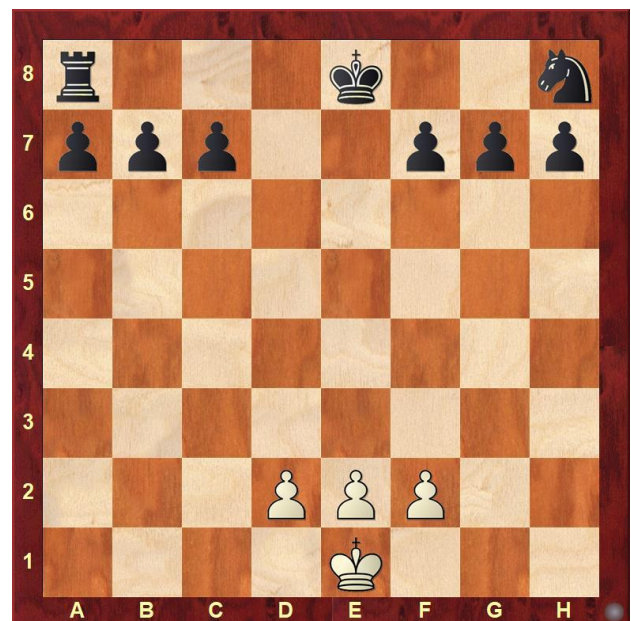
2. On which side can the white castle?



3. On which square the pawn can be promoted? f1 or e1?



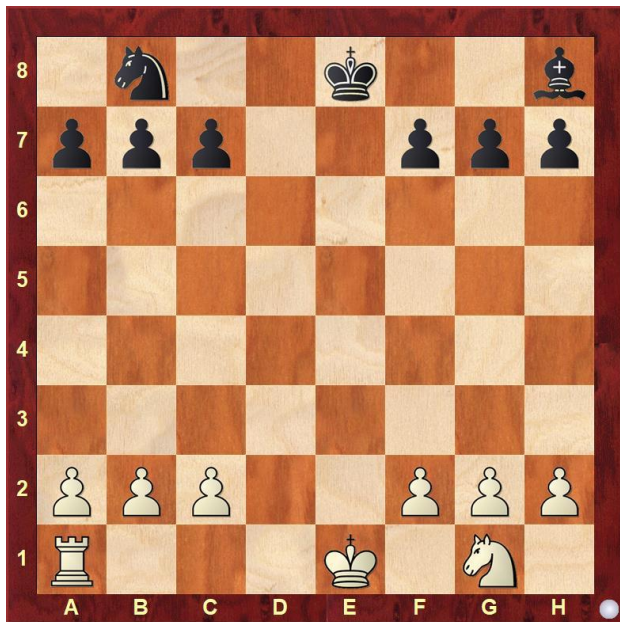
4. On which side can the black castle?



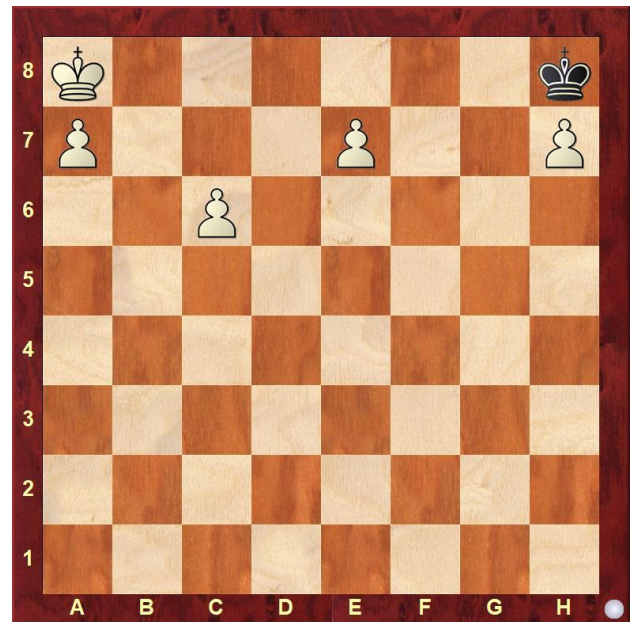
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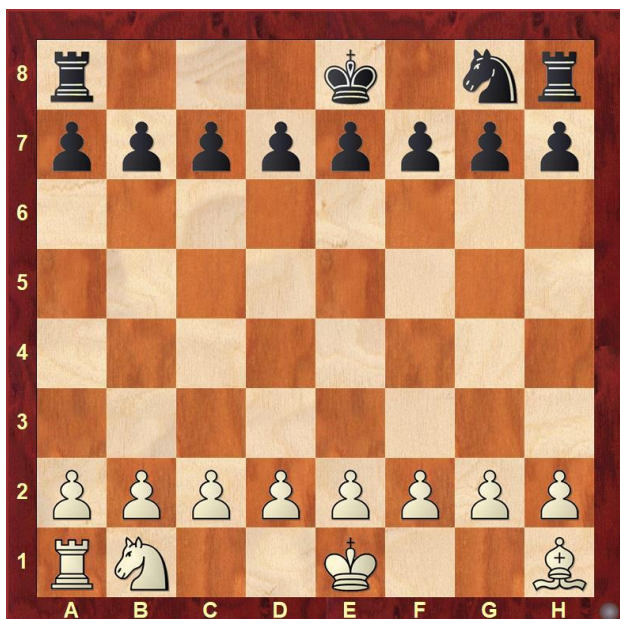
5. Who can do castling? White or Black?



6. Which pawn can do promotion in the next move?



7. Who can do castling in one move?
White or Black?



8. Who can do castling in one move?
White or Black?

