

## 14. Stalemate

**Stalemate** is a position in the game where the player whose turn it is to move, is not in check but has no legal moves. A stalemate ends the game in a draw. Both the players get half-point each.

### Examples of Stalemate

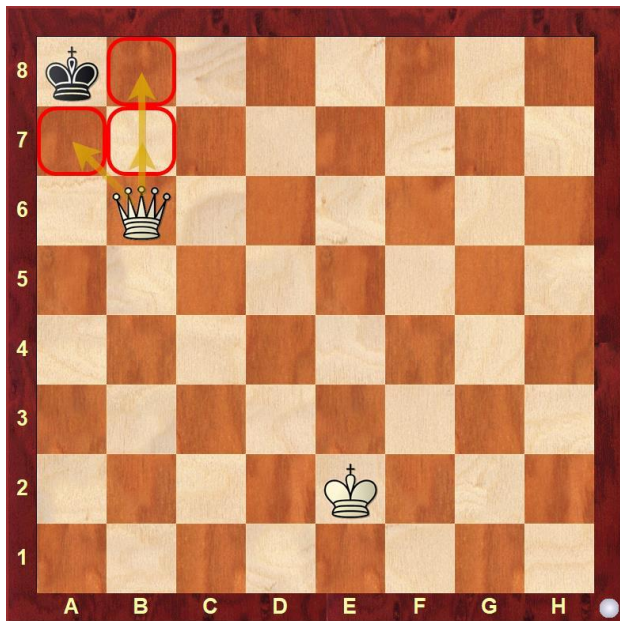


Diagram 14.1

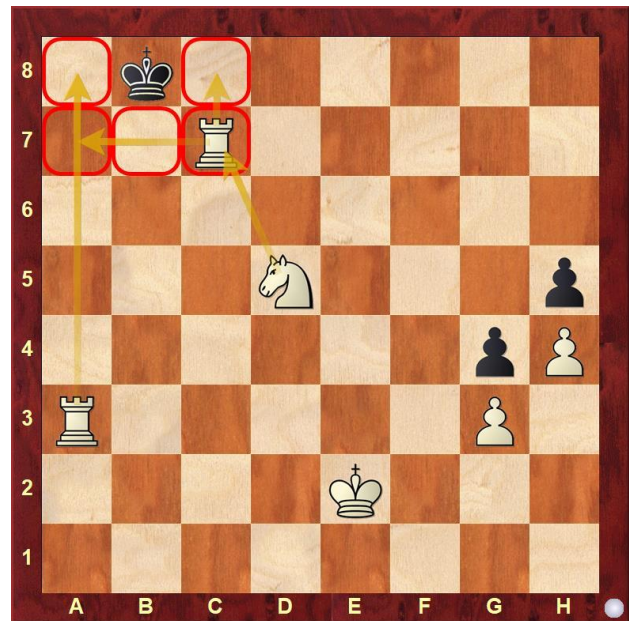


Diagram 14.2

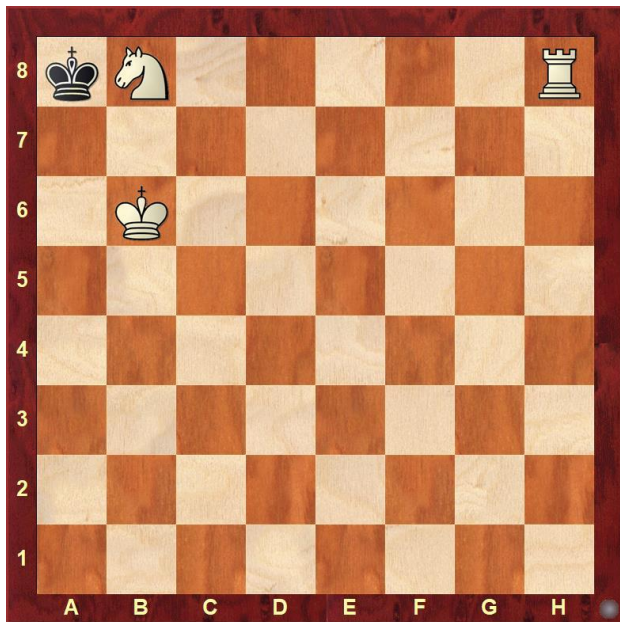
In diagram 14.1, white played Qb6 on the last move. The queen is controlling a7, b7 and b8 squares which could be the possible moves for black king. Black cannot play any legal move here and it is not under check. This leads to a stalemate.

In diagram 14.2, white played Rc7 on the last move. a3 Rook is controlling a7 & a8 squares; Also, at the same time white's c7 rook is controlling b7 & c8 square and it is well defended by d5-Knight. Black's h5 and g4 pawns are stuck. Black cannot play any legal move here and king is not under check. Thus, it ended in stalemate.

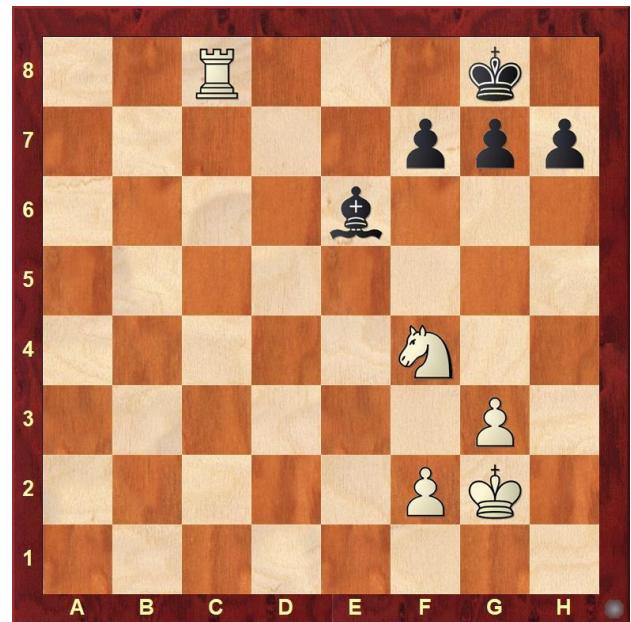
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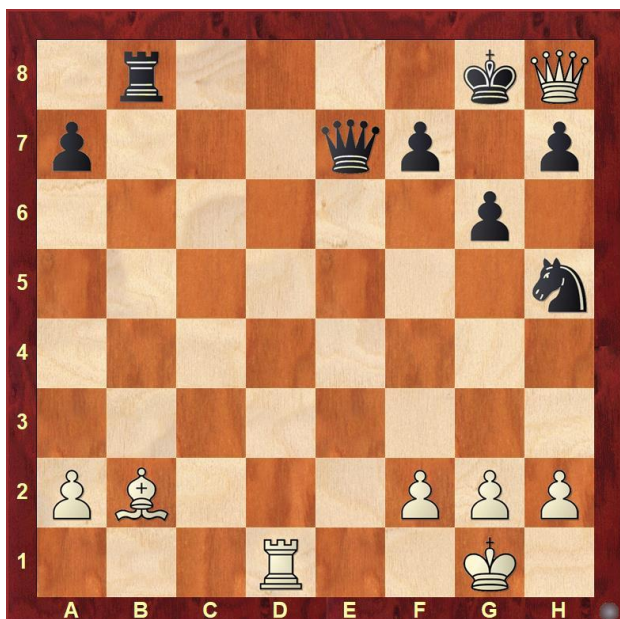
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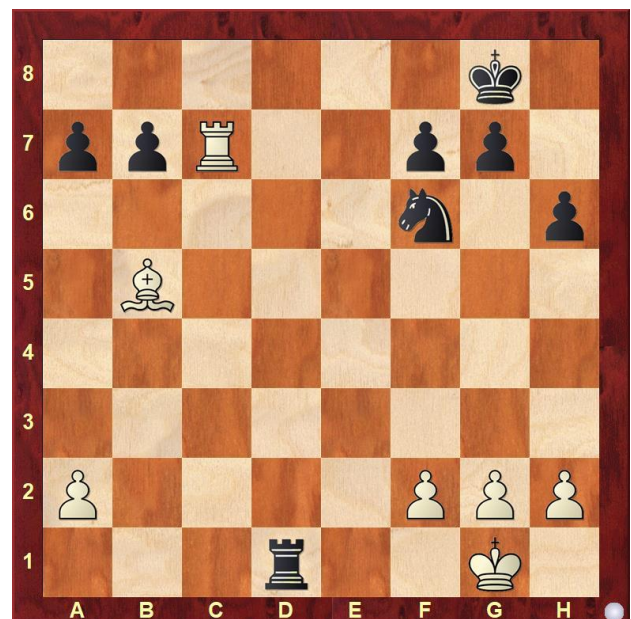
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3. Black to play. Is it a Stalemate, Checkmate or Play?



4. White to play. Is it a Stalemate, Checkmate or Play?

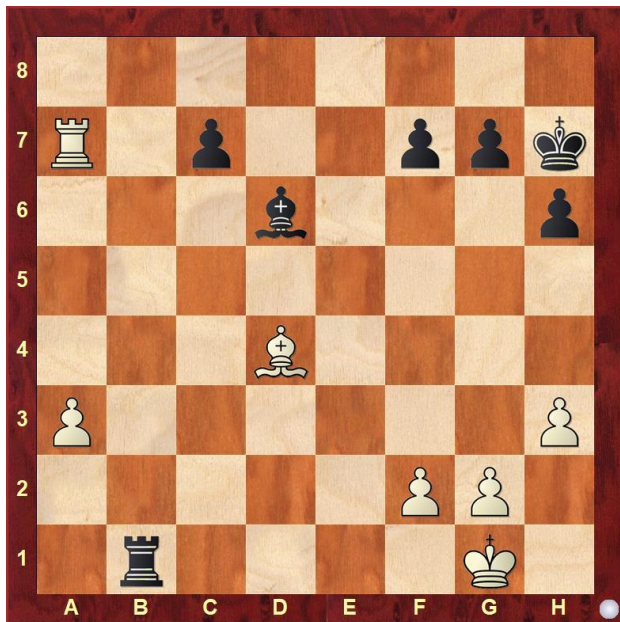




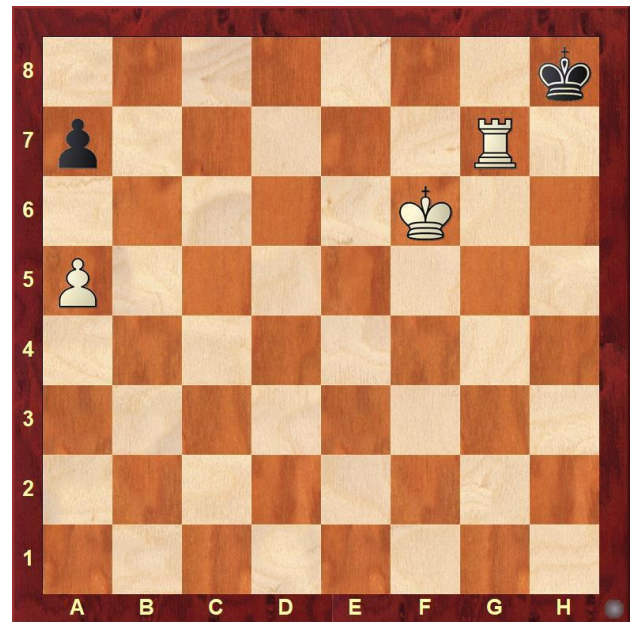
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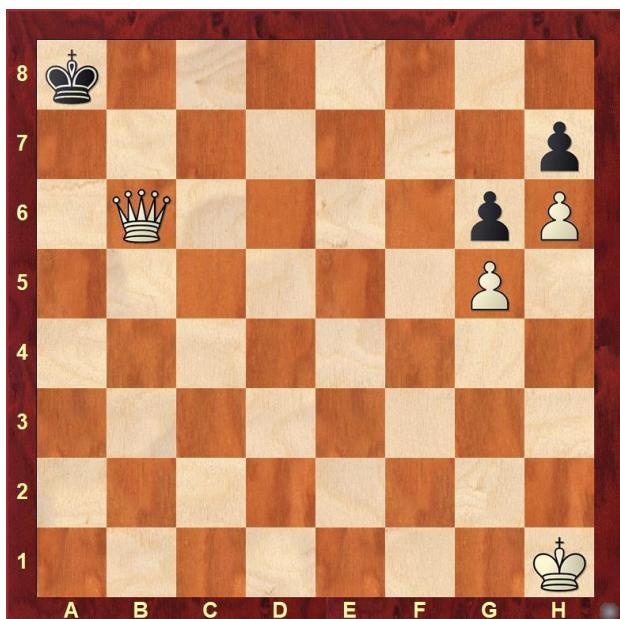
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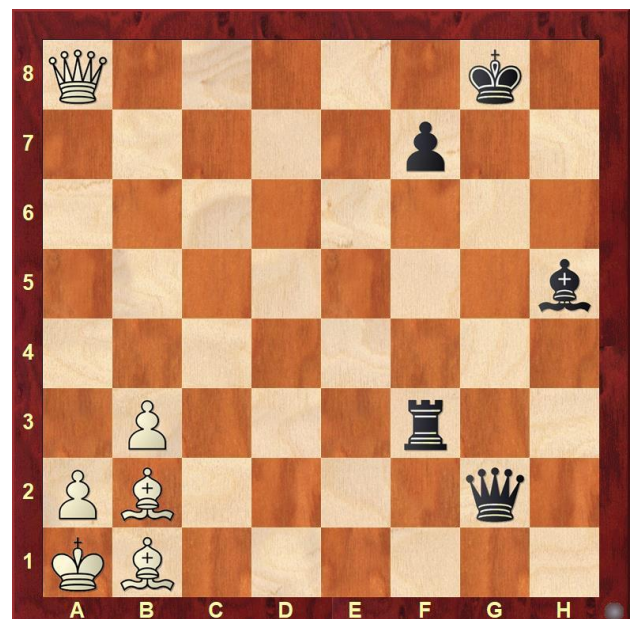
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7. Black to play. Is it a Stalemate, Checkmate or Play?



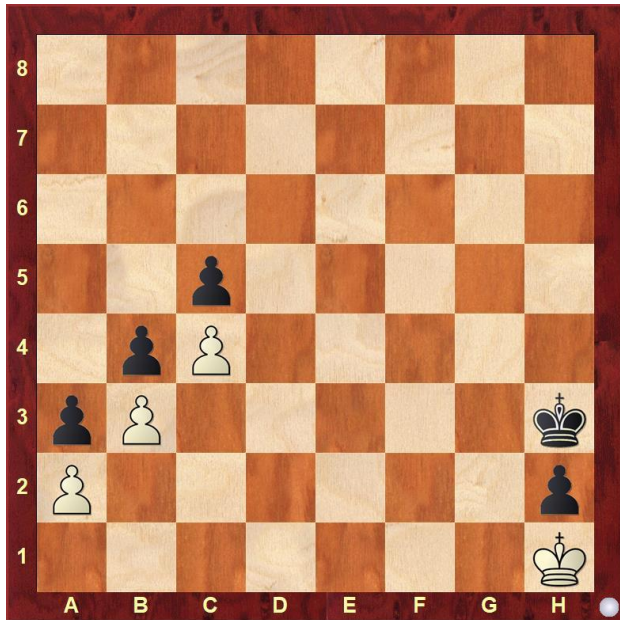
8. Black to play. Is it a Stalemate, Checkmate or Play?



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9. White to play. Is it a Stalemate, Checkmate or Play?



10. White to play. Is it a Stalemate, Checkmate or Play?

