

3. Basic checkmates (2 Rooks)

Checkmating the king with the rooks is one of the easiest and the most common endgame that a beginner player might face. Two rook checkmate is a position when checkmate is done by the rook along with the last rank or file and the escape towards the middle of the board is blocked by the other rook. It is also known as Staircase mate.

Objective: The objective is to get one of the following positions in the game to deliver checkmate. One rook cuts off a next file or rank and the other rook gives check which drives the king back.

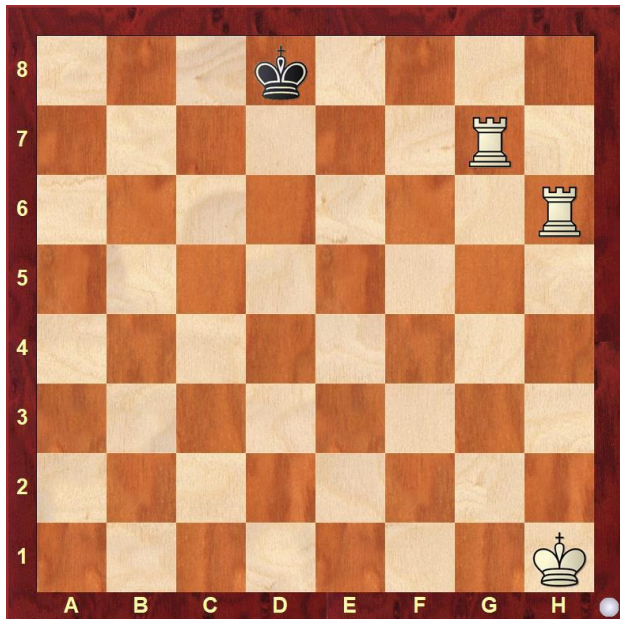


Diagram 3.1

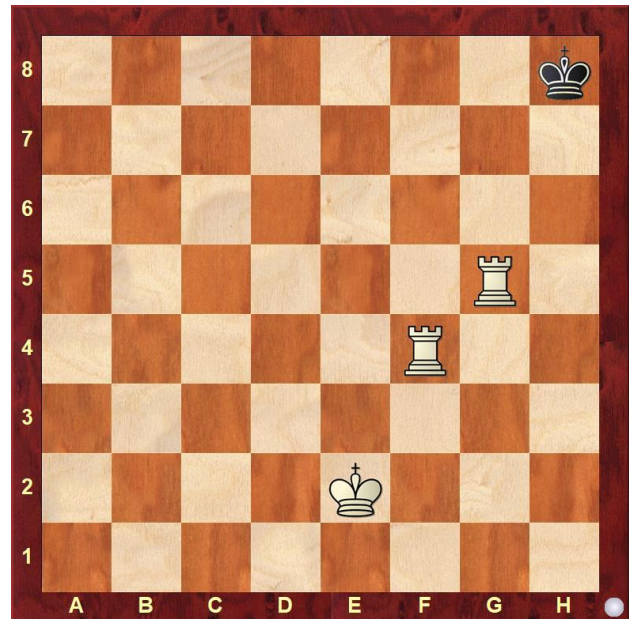


Diagram 3.2

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Plan

1. Find the nearest last rank or file for the opponent's king.

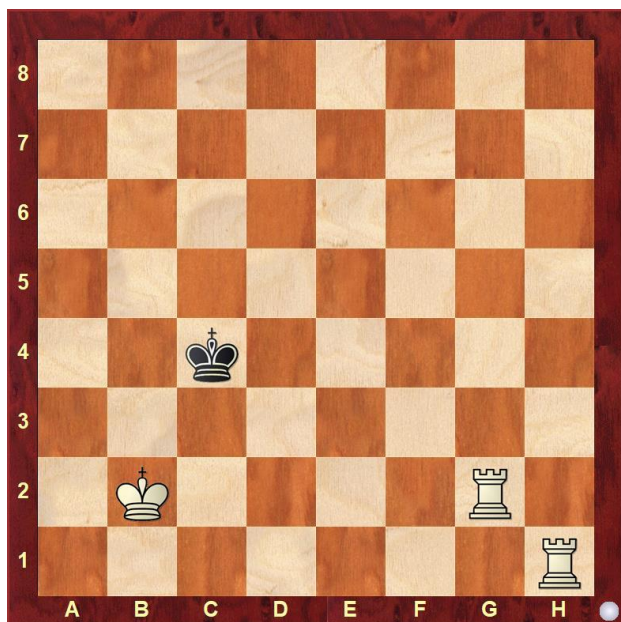


Diagram 3.3

2. Accordingly block the front rank or front file of the king

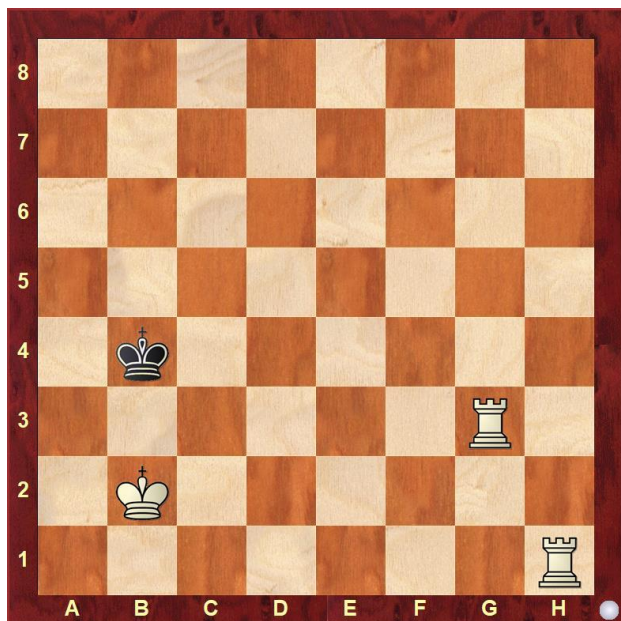


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3. Start Rolling the Rooks and give a check.

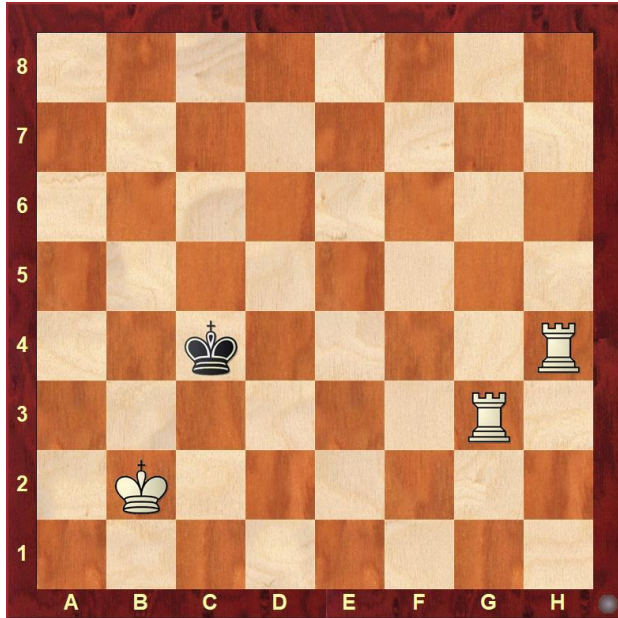


Diagram 3.5

4. Once the king is on the last rank or file, deliver the checkmate with rook

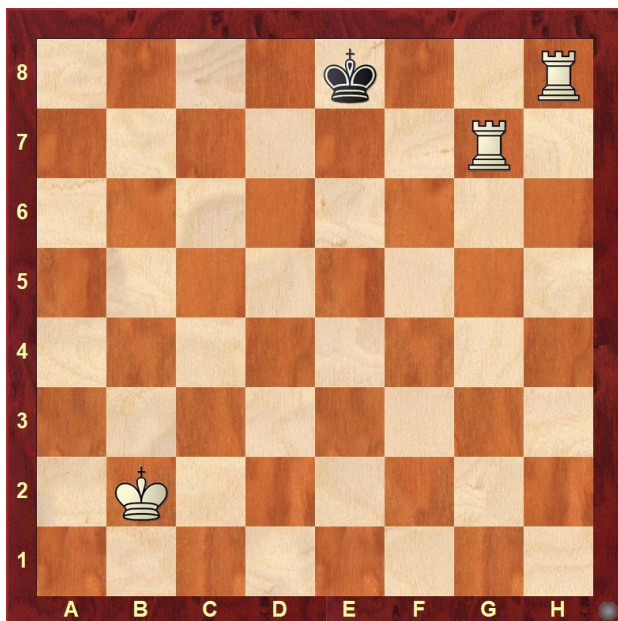


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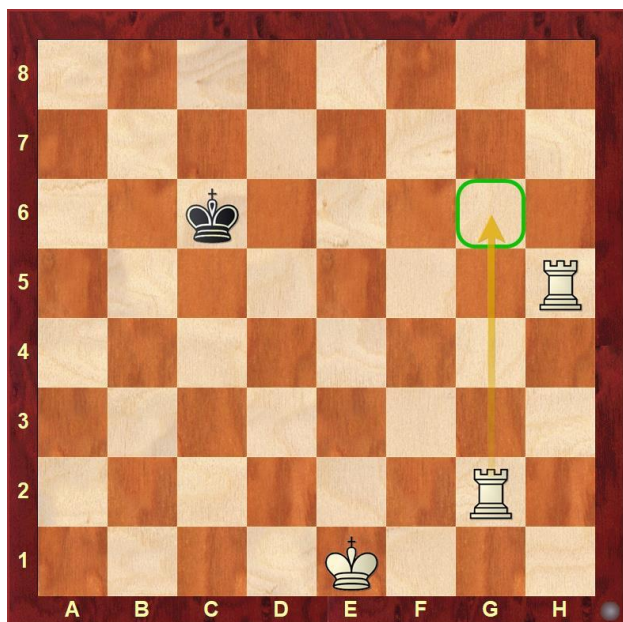


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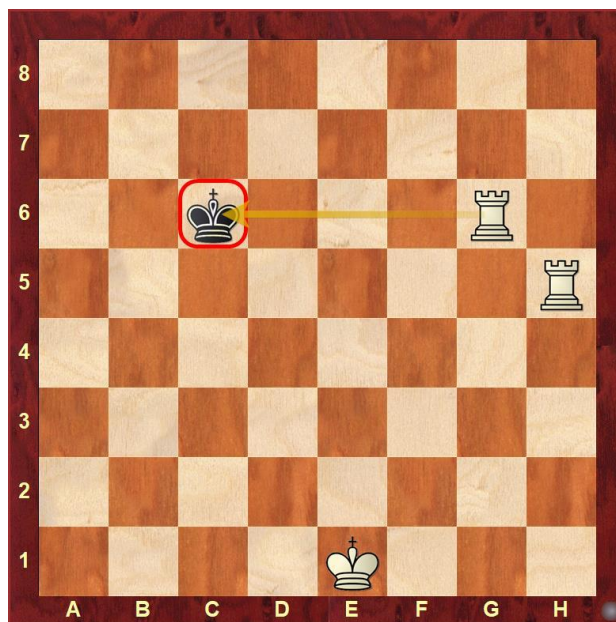


Diagram 3.8

In diagram 3.7, we can observe that the white rook on h5 is blocking the entire 5th rank(frontline) and the black king can be easily pushed to the 8th rank. Later, in diagram 3.8 white can easily move the rook from g2 to g6 and giving a check and pushing the king on the 7th rank.

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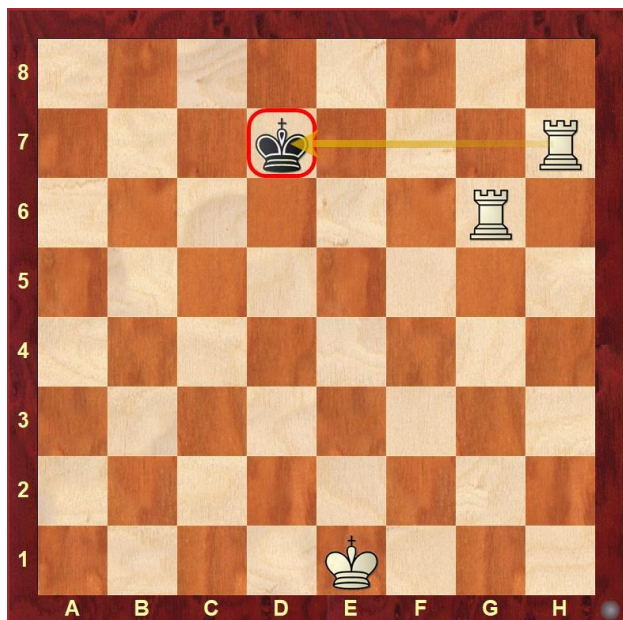


Diagram 3.9

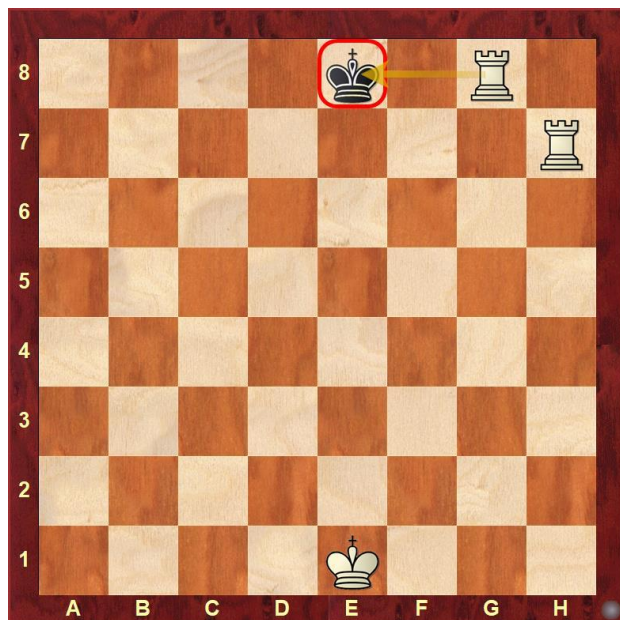


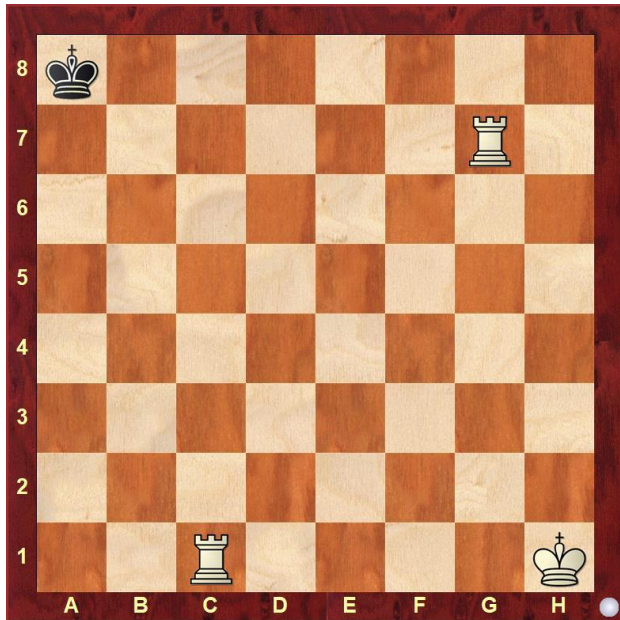
Diagram 3.10

Later, in diagram 3.9 white moves rook from h5 to h7 and gives the check (since the rook on 6th rank is blocking the frontline) and pushing king on the 8th rank. Later, in diagram 3.10 white moves the rook to g8 and checkmates the opponent. (since the rook on 7th rank is blocking the frontline)

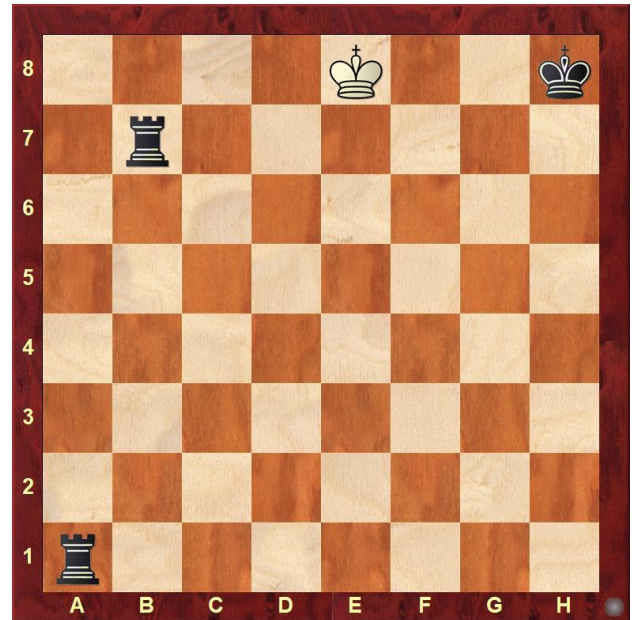
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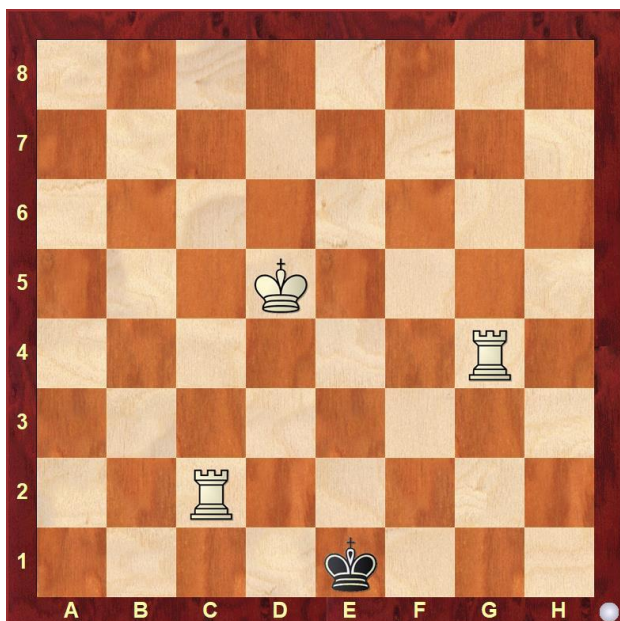
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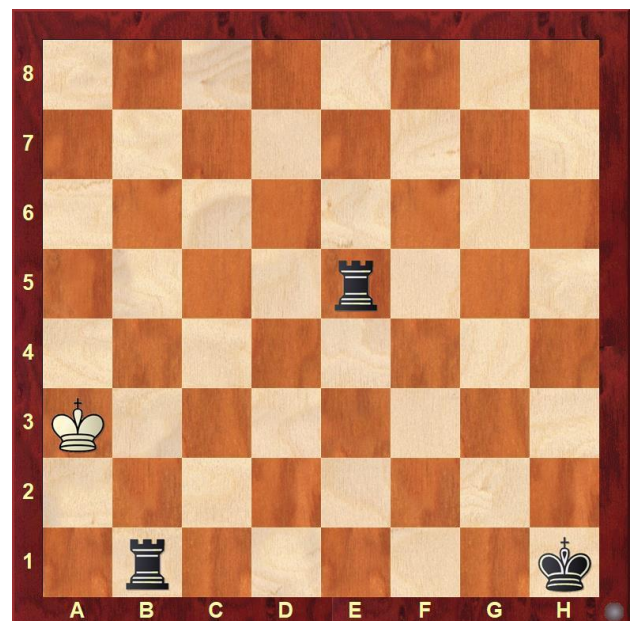
2. Black to play and mate in one



3. White to play and mate in one



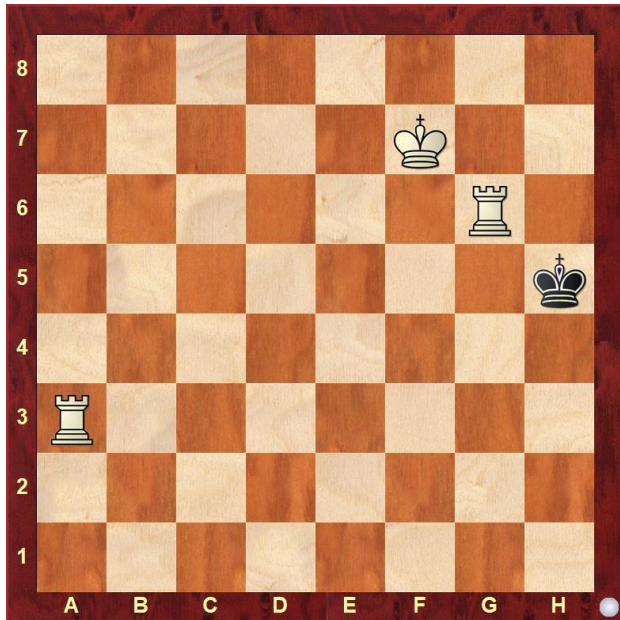
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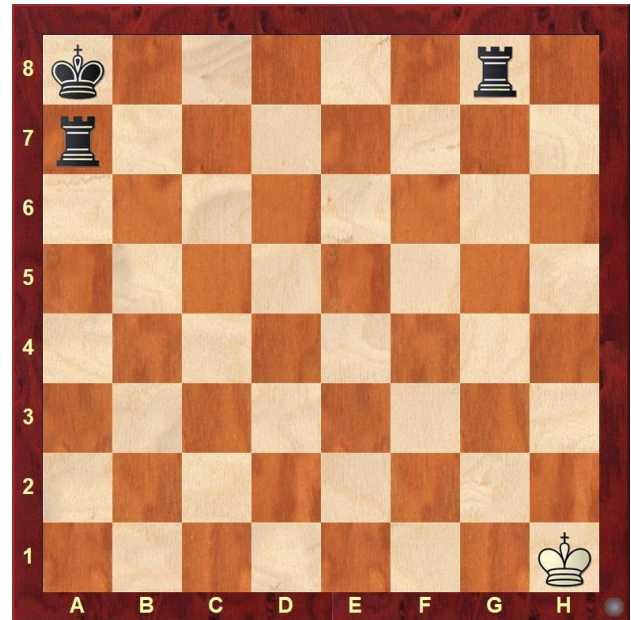
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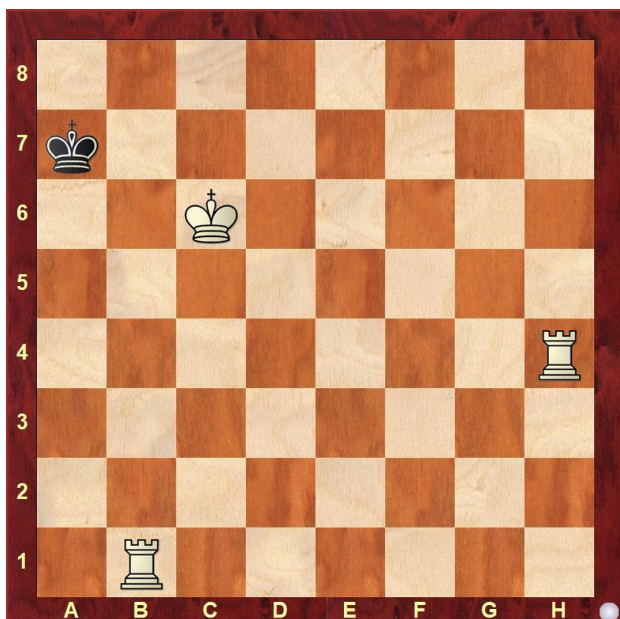
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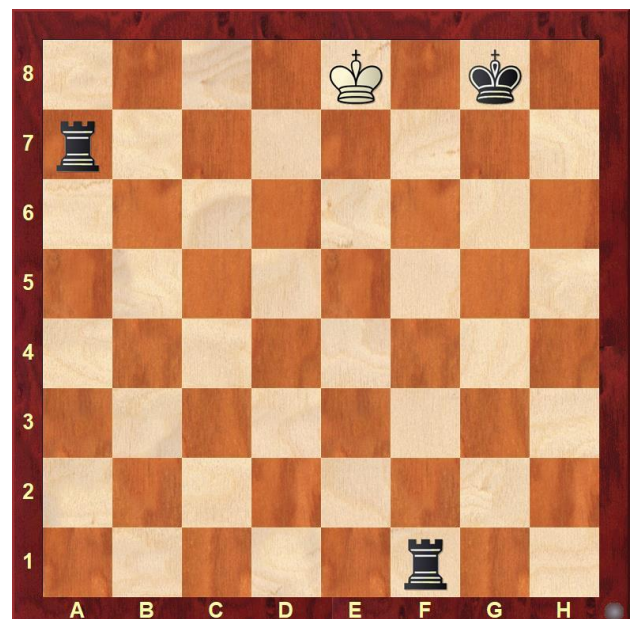
6. Black to play and mate in one



7. White to play and mate in one



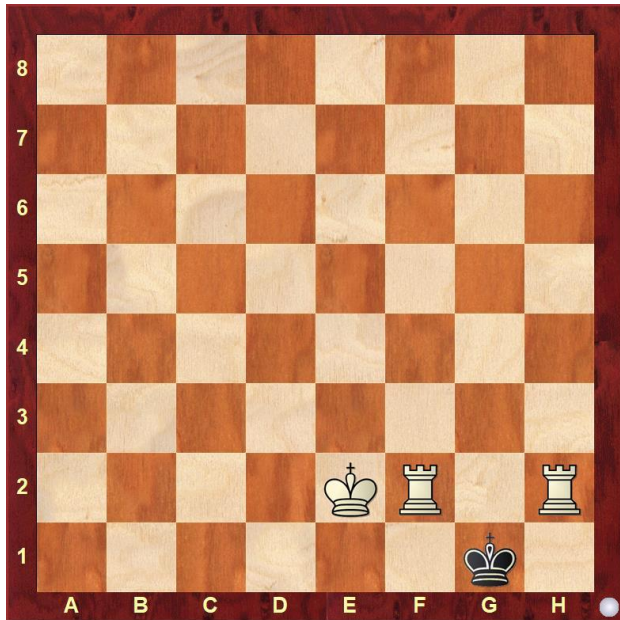
8. Black to play and mate in one



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9. White to play and mate in one



10. Black to play and mate in one

