

SILO

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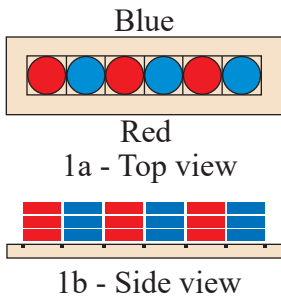


Fig. 1 - Initial setup

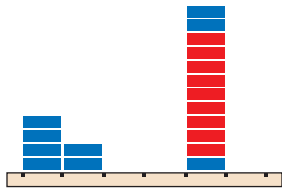


Fig. 2 - Red wins

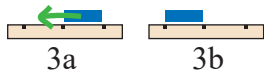


Fig. 3 - Blue move

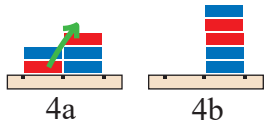


Fig. 4 - Red move

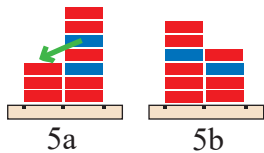


Fig. 5 - Blue move

INTRODUCTION Silo is a two player game. The 1x6 rectangular board is initially set up with 9 red and 9 blue checkers, as shown in Figure 1. Larger sizes can of course be used. For example, a 1x8 board and stacks of height 4.

The two players, Red and Blue, take turns moving stacks of checkers, one stack per turn, starting with Red. Passing is not allowed. At least one of the two players will always have a move available. If you can't make a move on your turn, you must sit the game out until you do have a move available.

Draws cannot occur in Silo. Mark Steere designed Silo in September, 2021.

OBJECT OF THE GAME To win you must stack all of your checkers contiguously, possibly with enemy checkers above and/or below them. In Figure 2, Red has won.

MOVES Move your highest checker within a stack to your right one square, carrying with it any enemy checkers that may be stacked above it. Place your checker on top of the stack in that square, if there is a stack in that square. If there's no stack in that square, just place your checker on the board.

EXAMPLES Example moves are shown in Figures 3, 4, and 5.

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