

2. Basic checkmates (Queen)

Queen is the most powerful piece on the board, yes, the king is obviously the most **important** chess piece but the queen is the **strongest** piece, therefore, one queen checkmate is one of the easiest ways of doing checkmate to the opponent. It's a position when the queen along with his king forces the opponent's lone king to the corner of the board and then the queen does the checkmate with the help of the king.

Objective: The objective is to get one of the following positions in the game to deliver checkmate. (Refer diagram 2.1, 2.2 & 2.3)

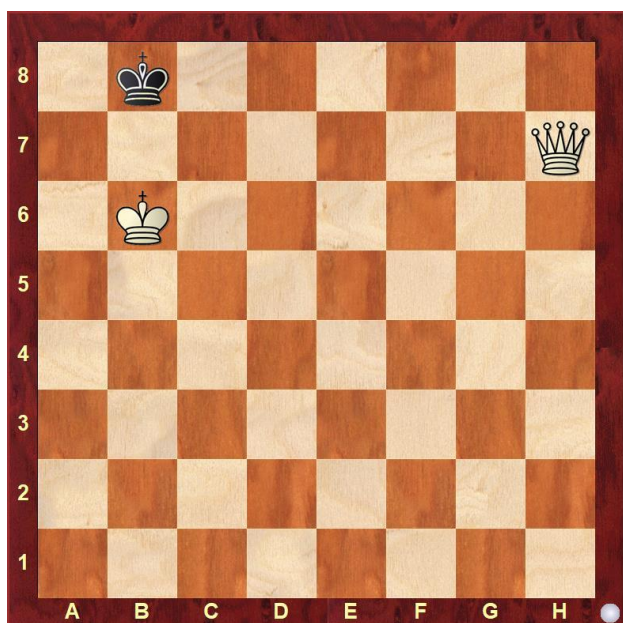


Diagram 2.1

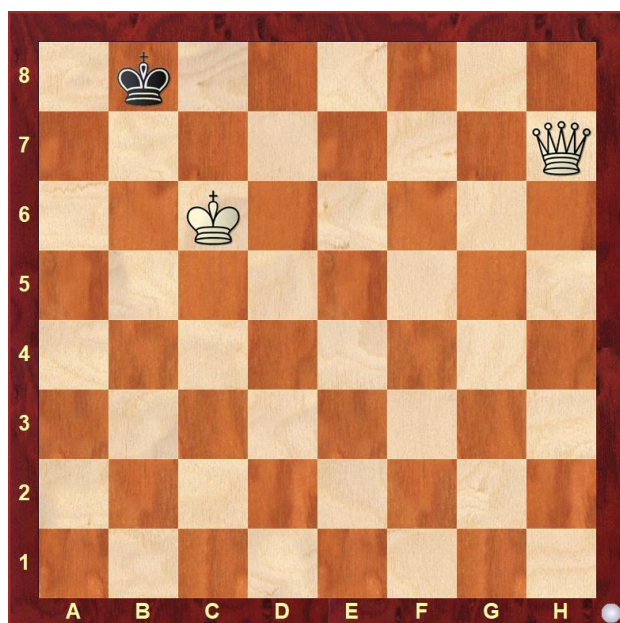


Diagram 2.2

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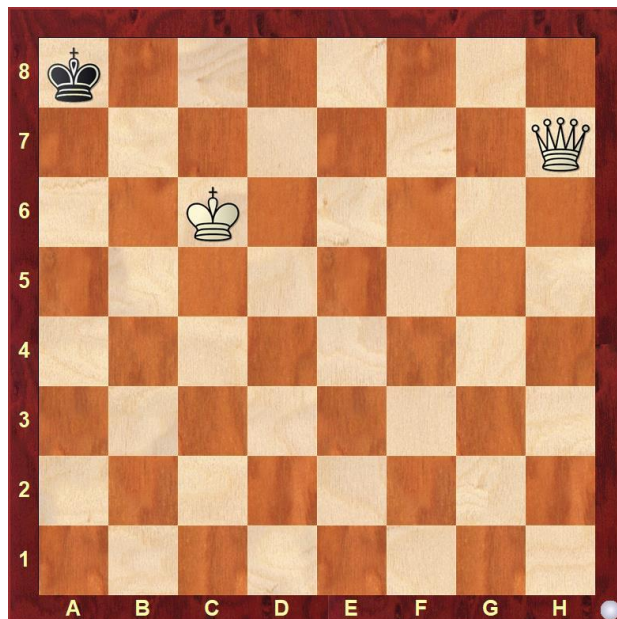


Diagram 2.3

Plan

Step 1 - Move the queen to “L” shape of the opponent king

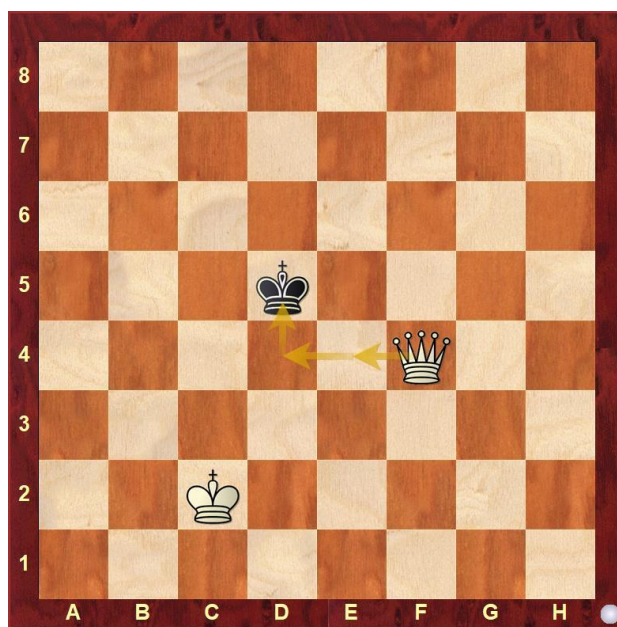


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Step 2 - Follow step 1 until opponent king gets in the corner. (This will help to reduce the moving space of the king) But be alert of stalemate. Avoid Qc7.

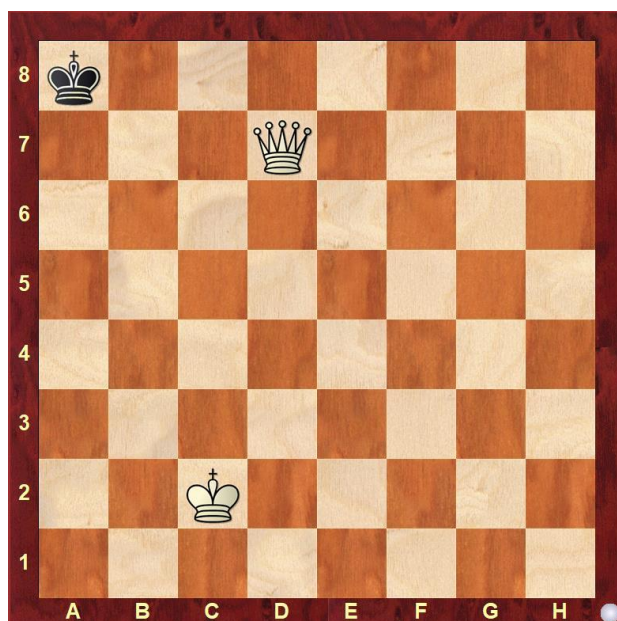


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Step 3 - Once opponent king is trapped in the corner, get the king closer to opponent's king to deliver checkmate using the queen

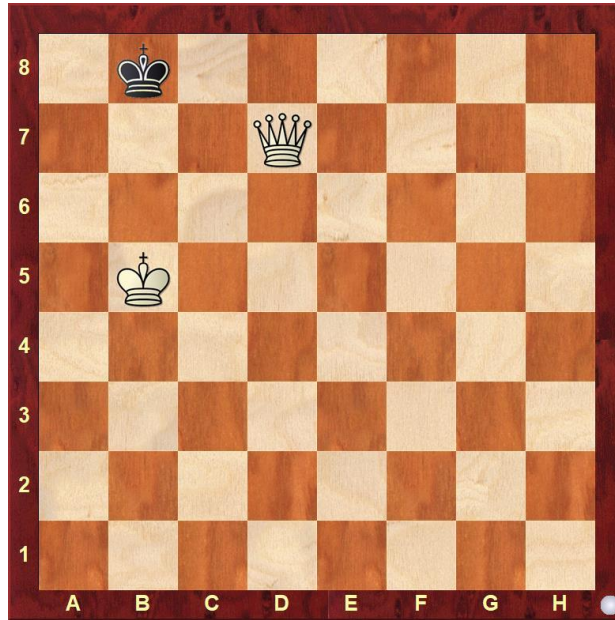
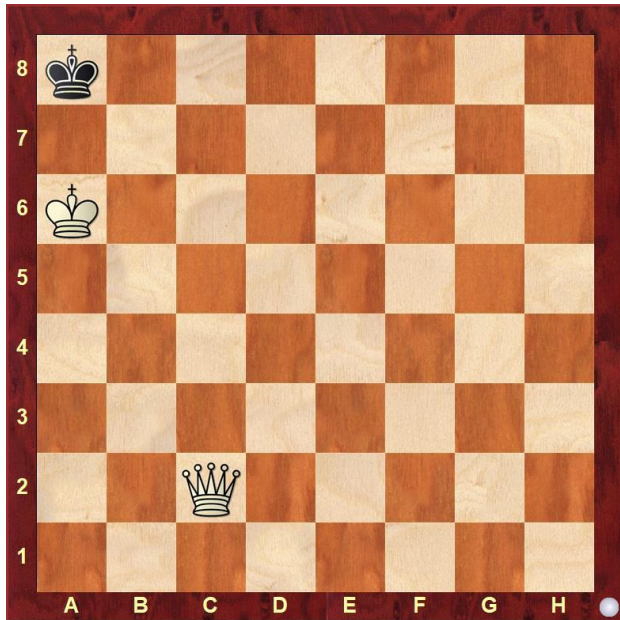


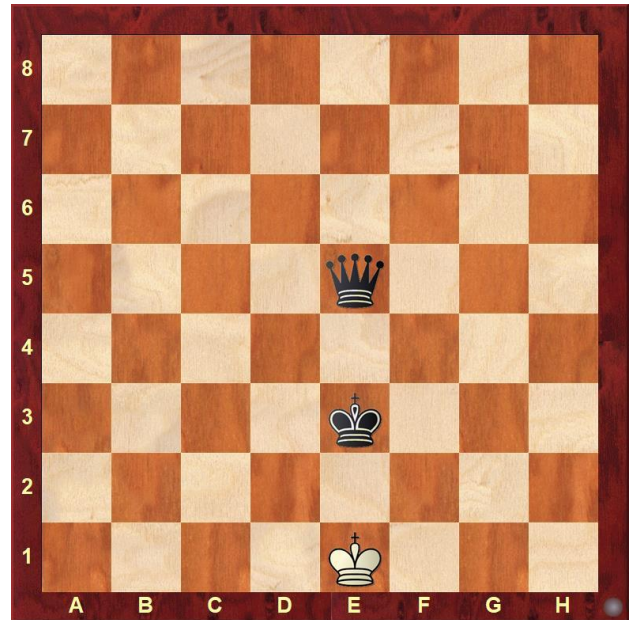
Diagram 2.6

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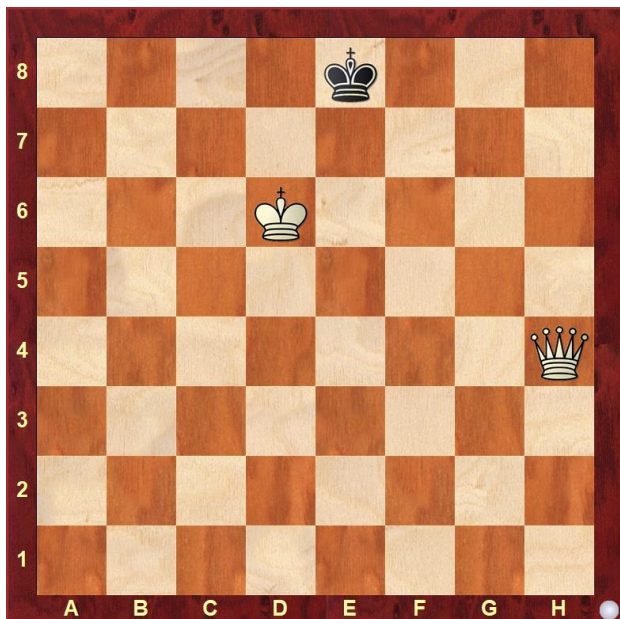
1. White to play and mate in one



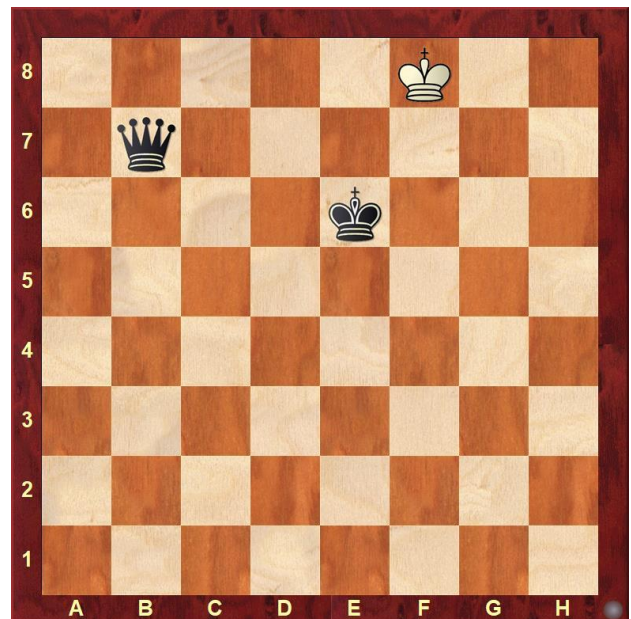
2. Black to play and mate in one



3. White to play and mate in one

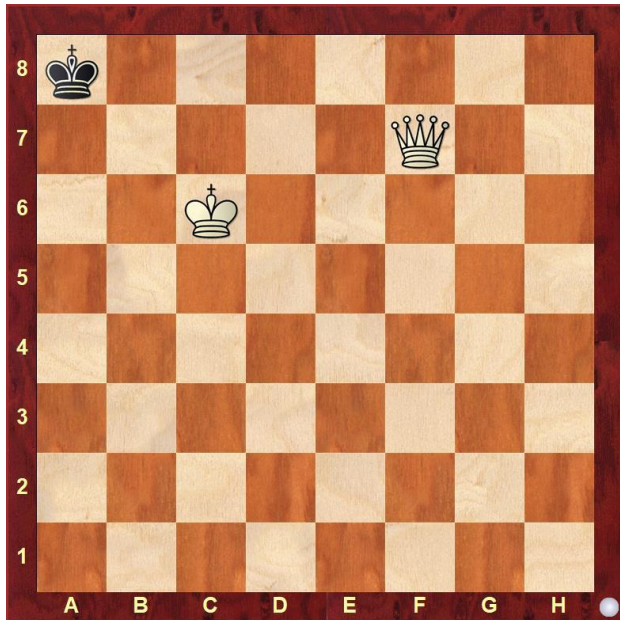


4. Black to play and mate in one

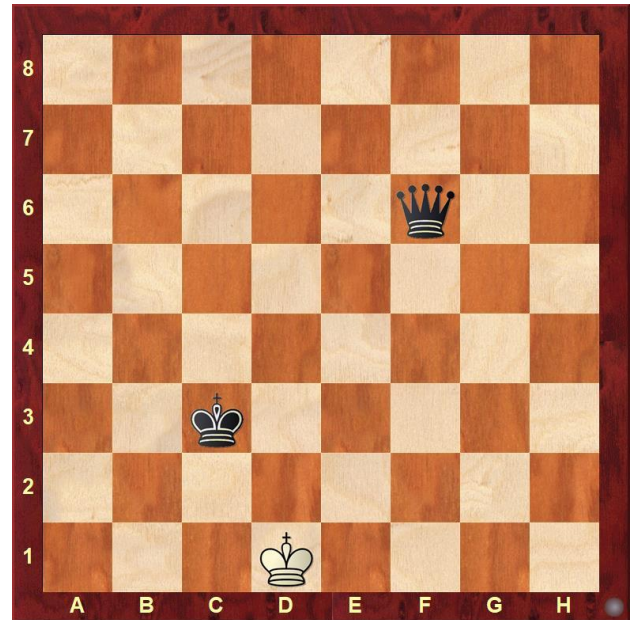


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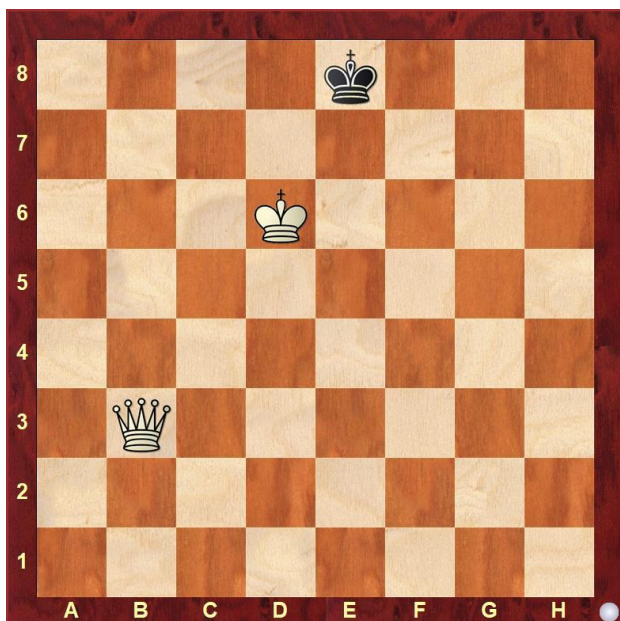
5. White to play and mate in one



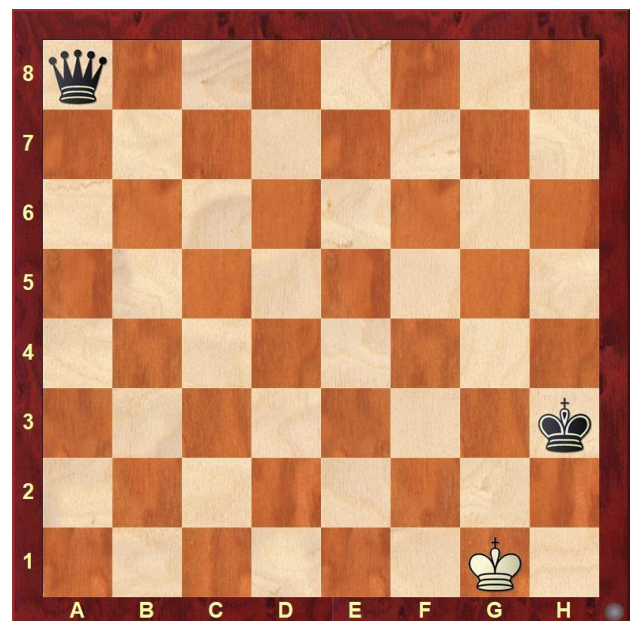
6. Black to play and mate in one



7. White to play and mate in one

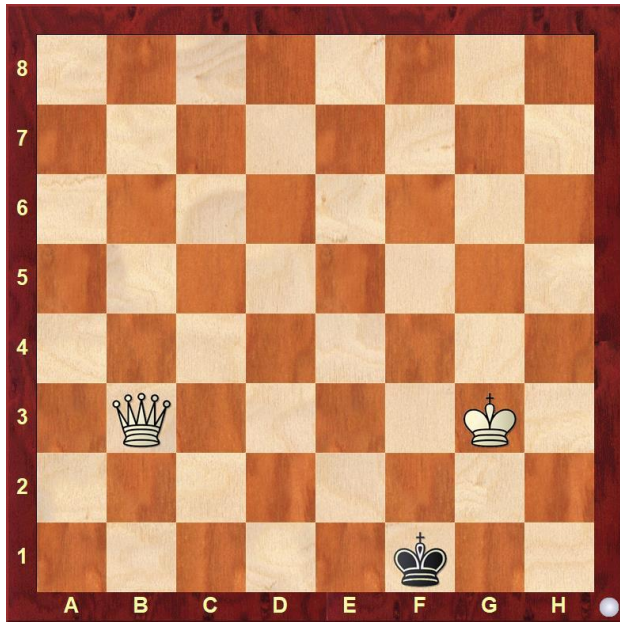


8. Black to play and mate in one



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9. White to play and mate in one



10. Black to play and mate in one

