

# W251 | **Prabhu Narsina** | Chess Robot

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# Topics

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- Data Preparation
- Approach
- Object detection and Results
- Reinforcement Learning and Results
- Next Steps

# Scope of the Project

- **Identify the Chess Board, Chess Pieces using Object detection**
- **Calculate Chess piece locations**
- **Should Work with a new Chess board**
- **Needs training with New types of pieces**
- **Develop Reinforcement Learning Model for Legal moves generation**  
(define gym environment for chess)

# Data preparation

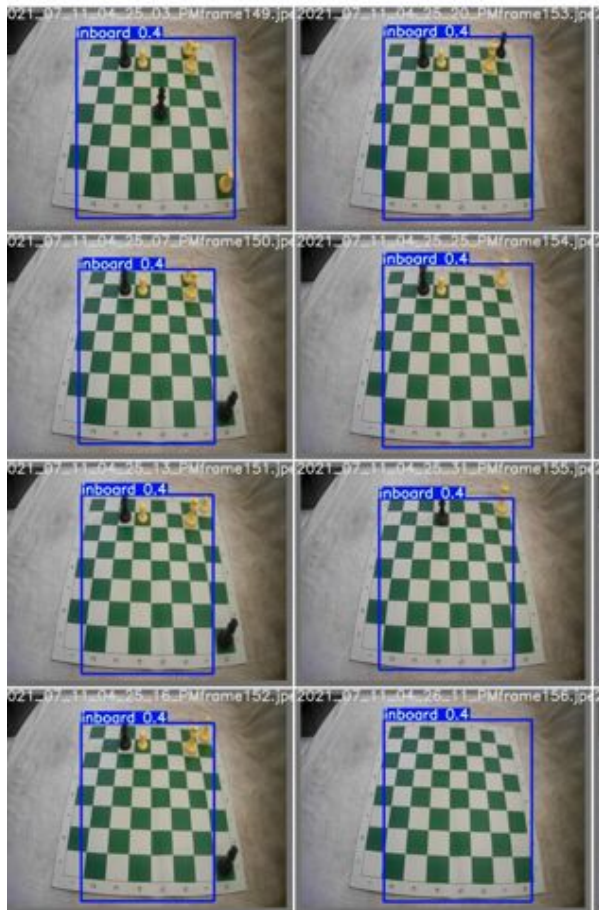
## Data Preparation

- preexisting labels and images
- Images from 2 new boards using Jetson
  - Board (Inside and outside)
  - Chess pieces

## Chess piece locations

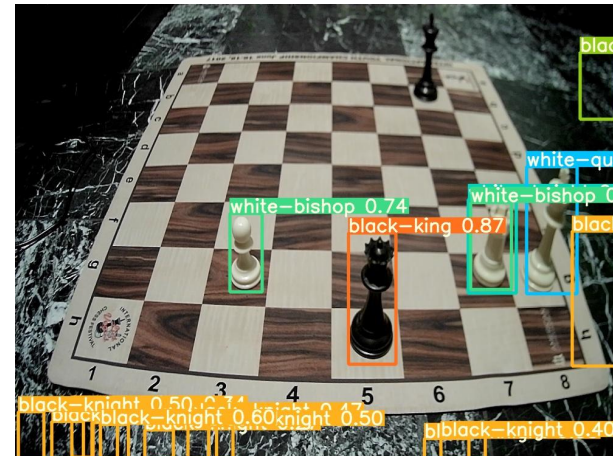
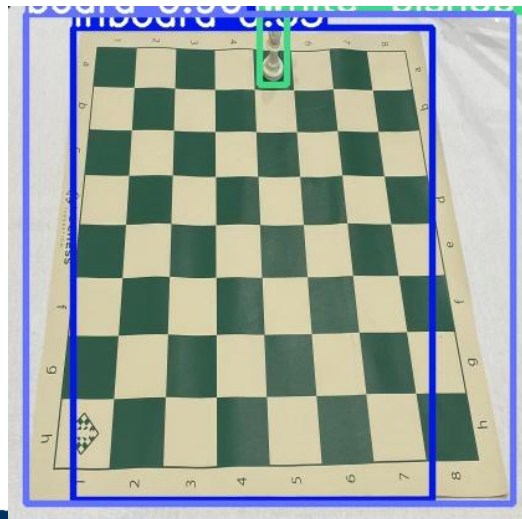
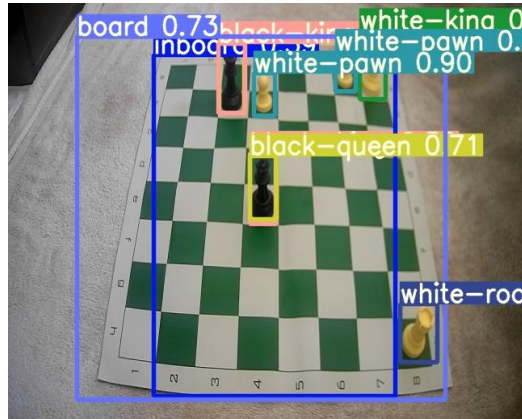
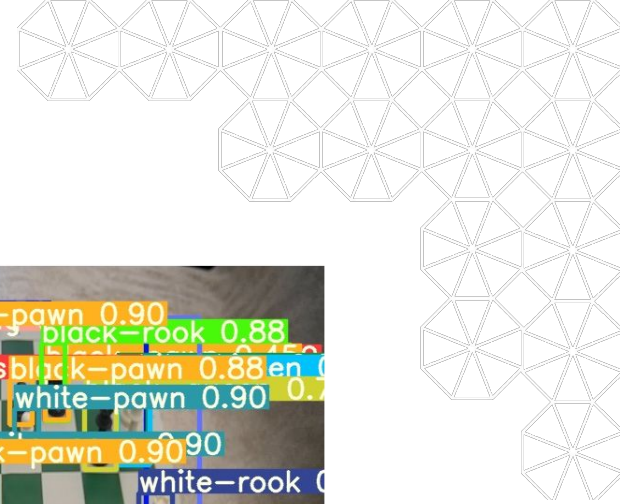
(warp perspective matrix and trapezoid to square shape)

# Board Labelling (prediction)

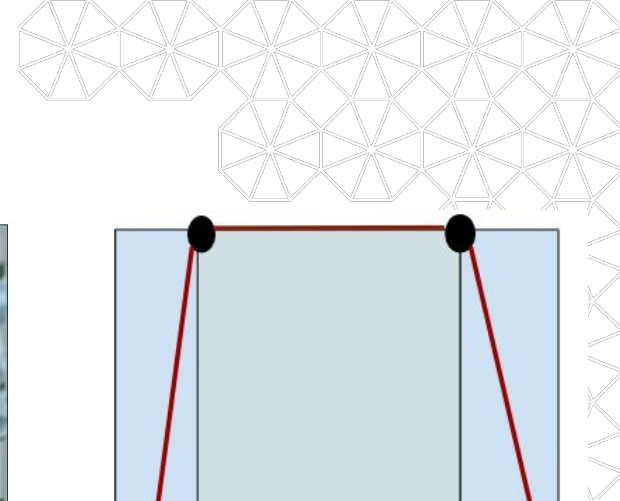




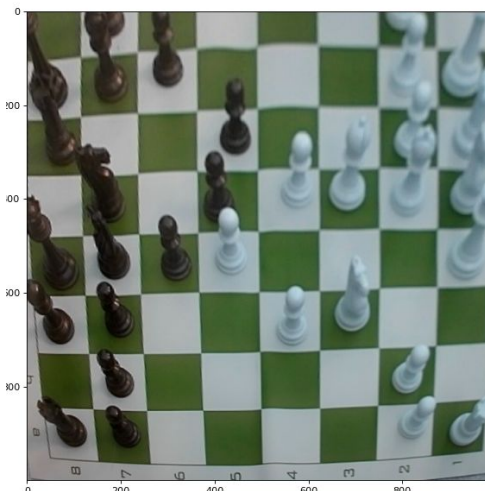
# Pieces labelling (prediction)



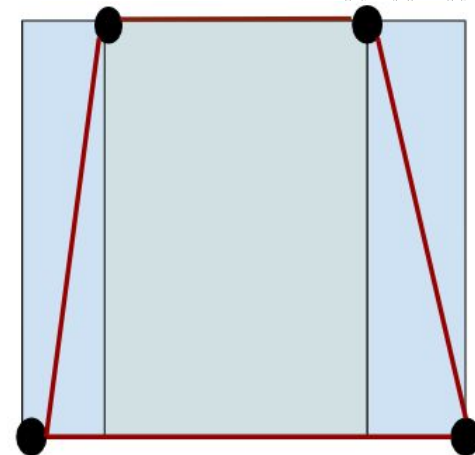
# Trapezoid to Square



Original

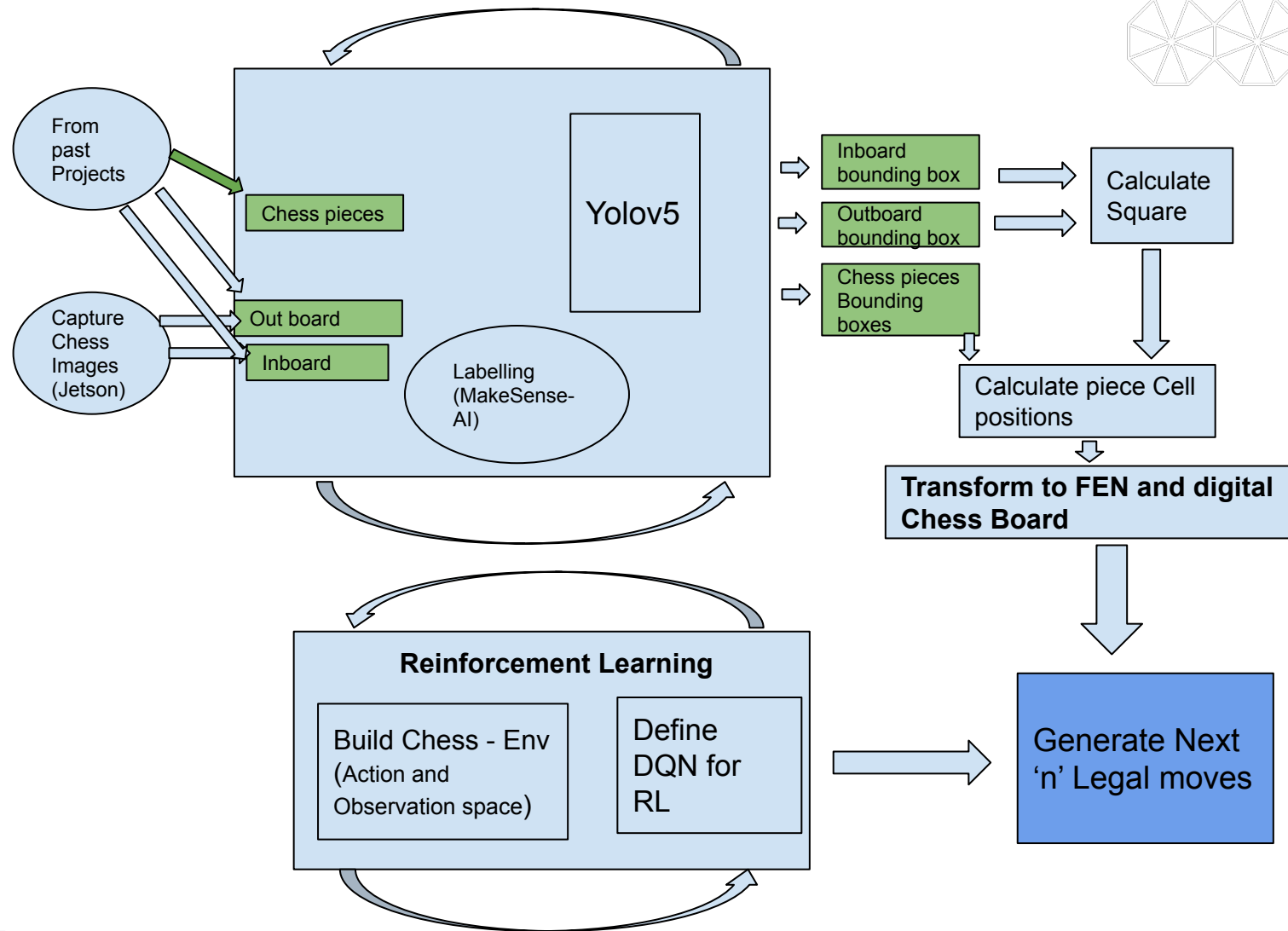


Rectified



1. Get coordinates from inboard and Outboard
2. Form trapezoid from step 1 coordinates
3. Use cv2 Perspective transform to transform to square (1000 x 1000). This also gives transformation matrix
4. For each Chess piece location, transform (dot product) using above transformation matrix to get the location on square board
5. Calculate approximate cell position based on number of cells in chess board

## Approach

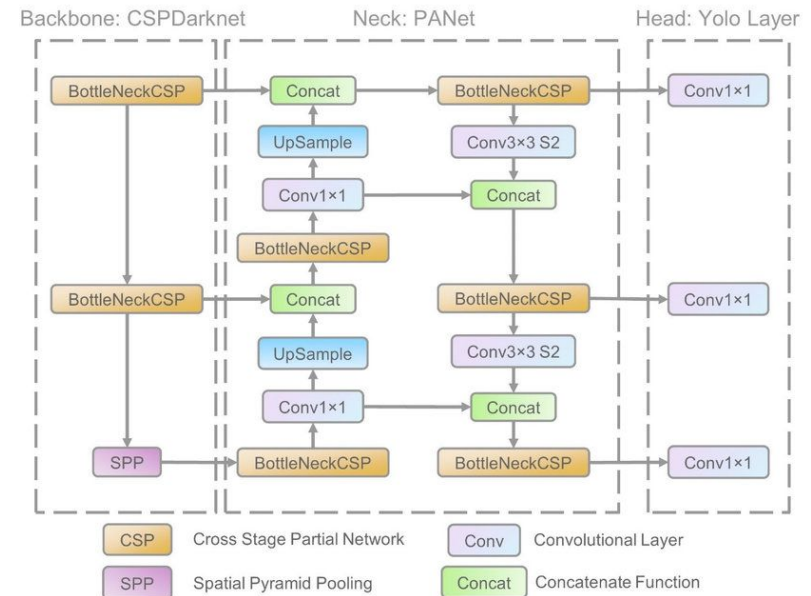






# Yolov5 - Model

- Medium model on AWS machine
- Maximum of 200 epochs
- default LR of  $1 \text{e} - 5$  and decay parameters
- Adam optimizer
- Batch size : 8 to 64
- use mixup option in detect
- image size 640 x 640



# Final Demo results



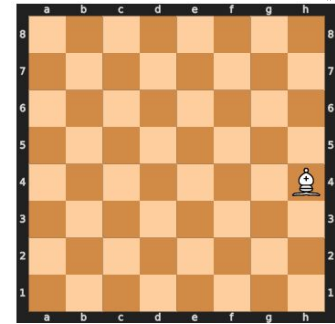
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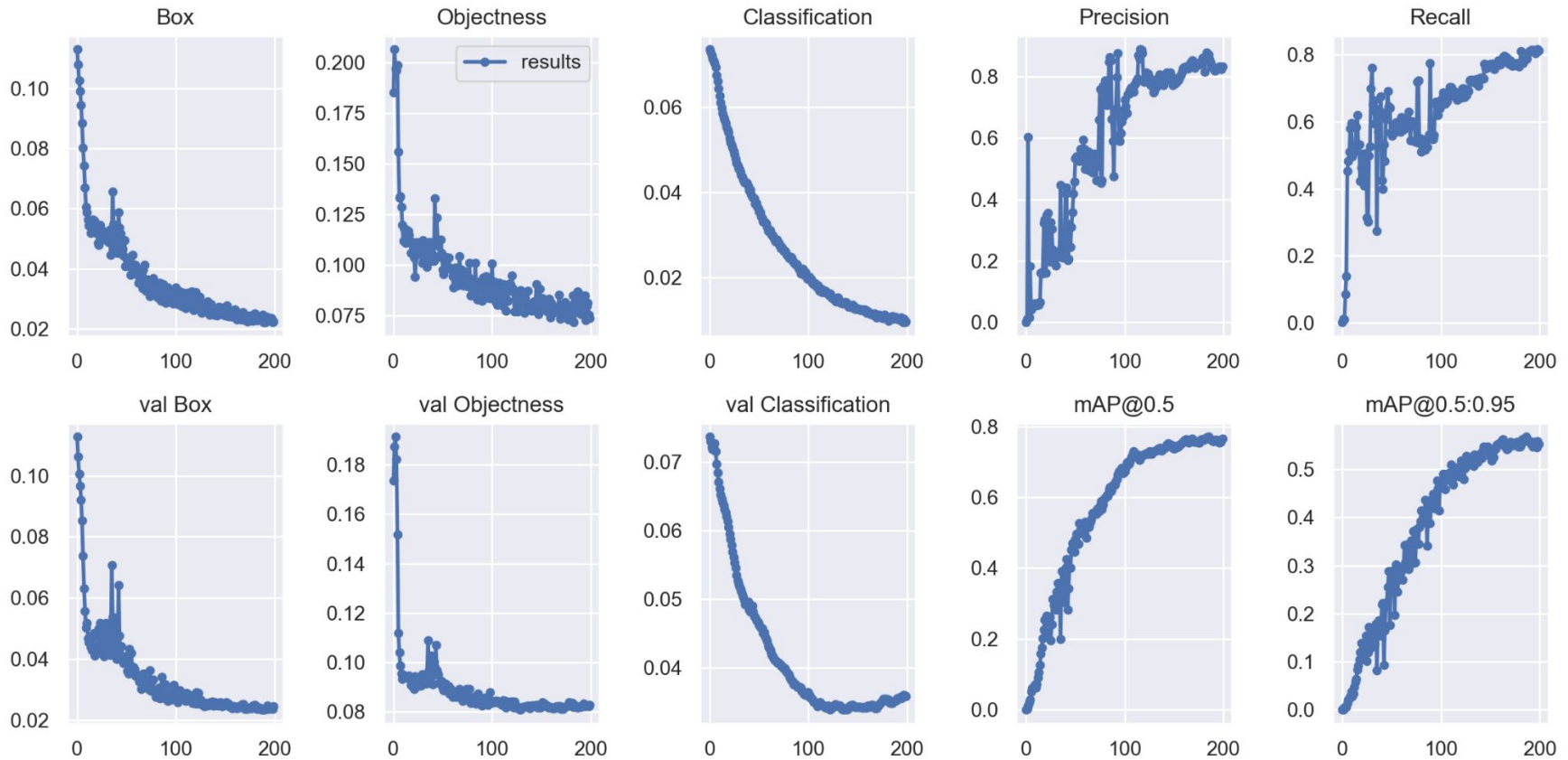


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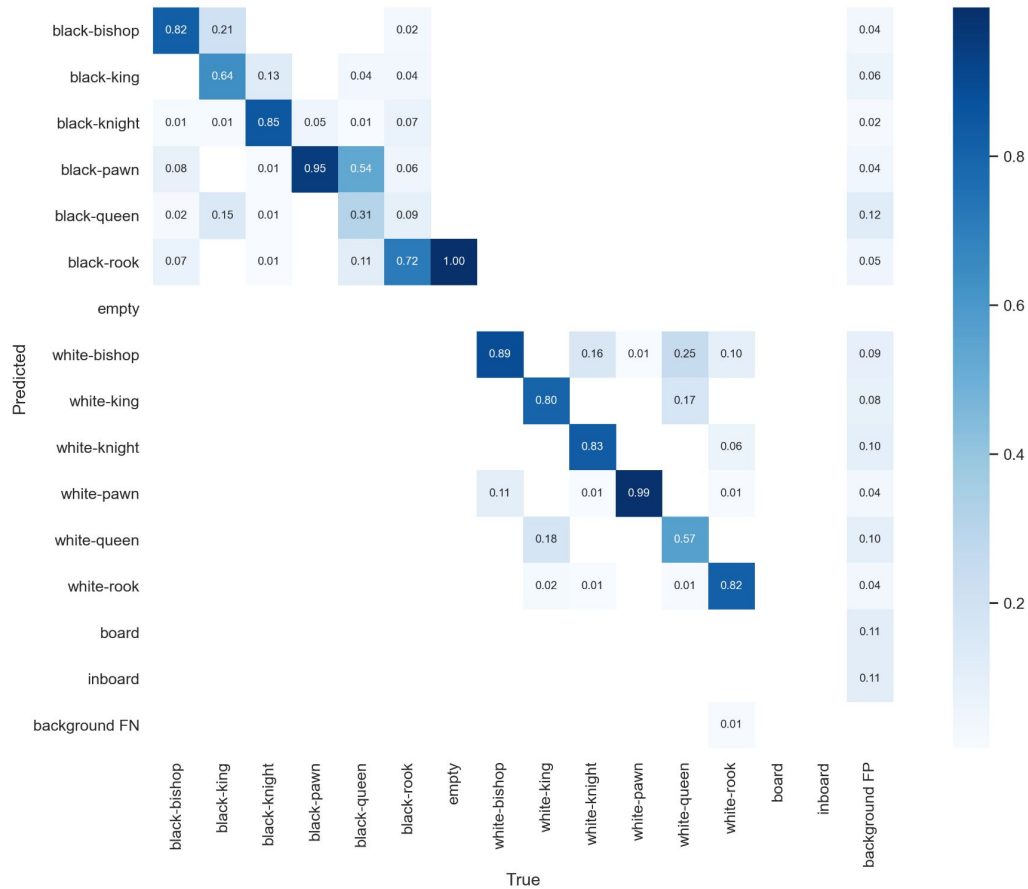


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# Model training metrics - YOLOv5

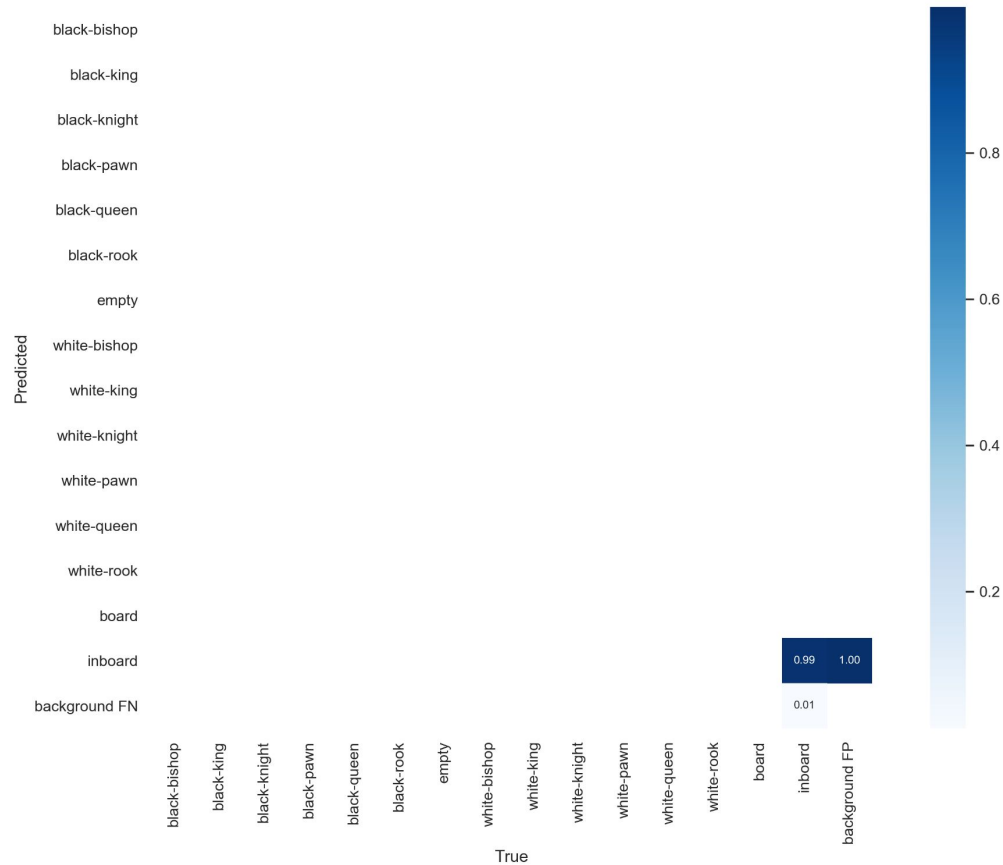


# Confusion Matrix

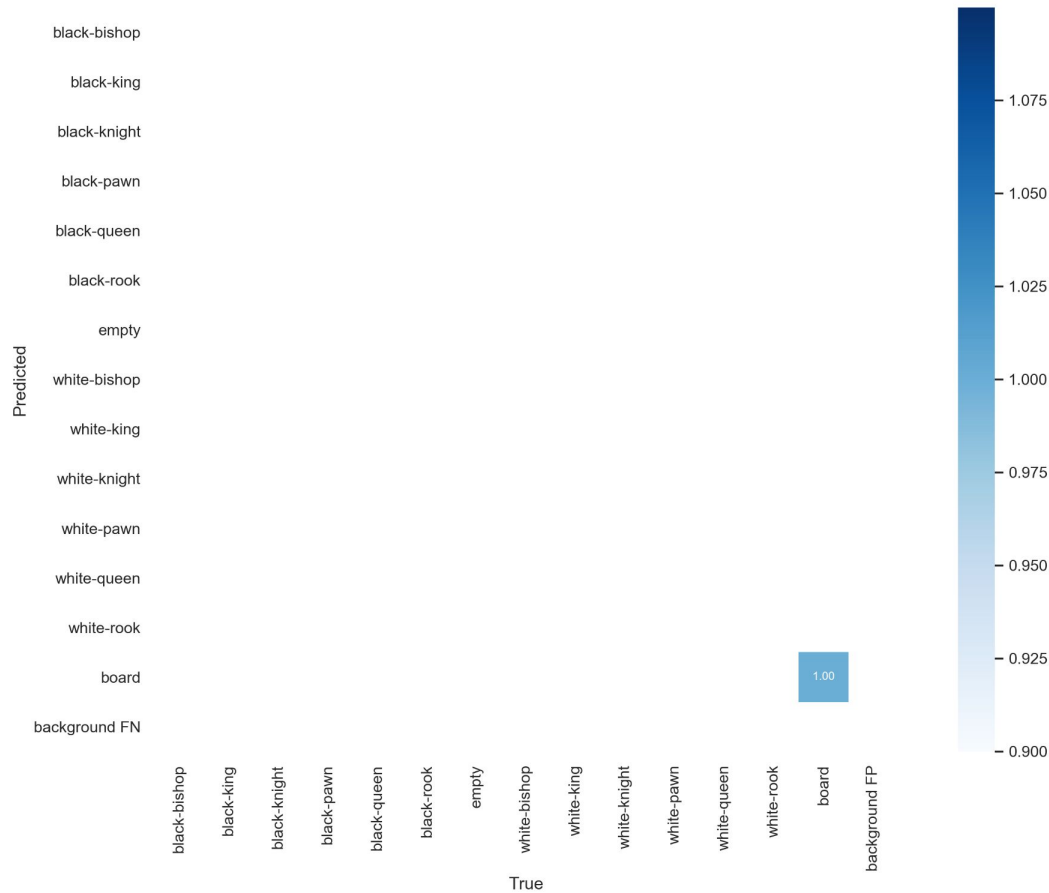




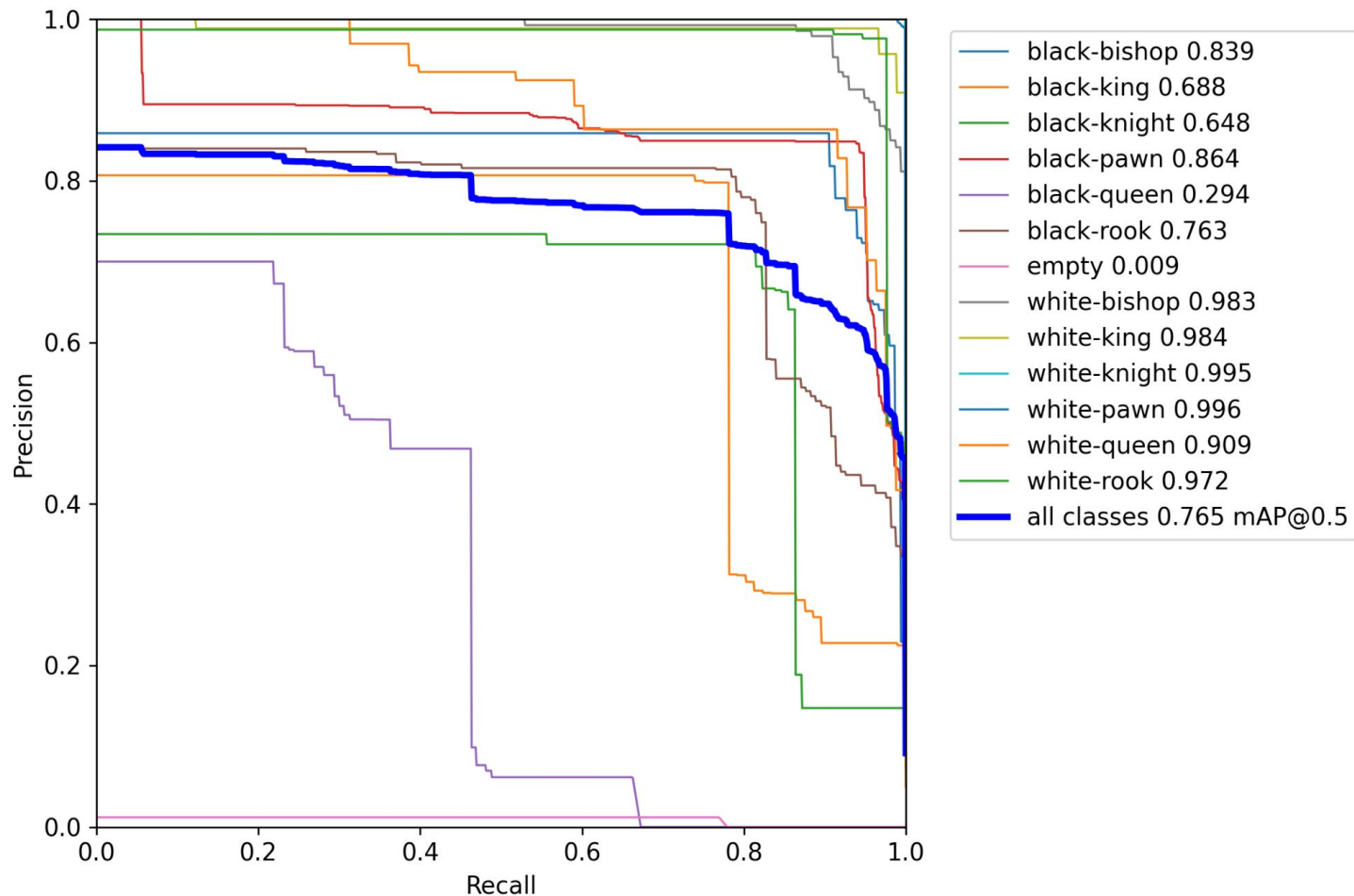
# Confusion Matrix for inboard



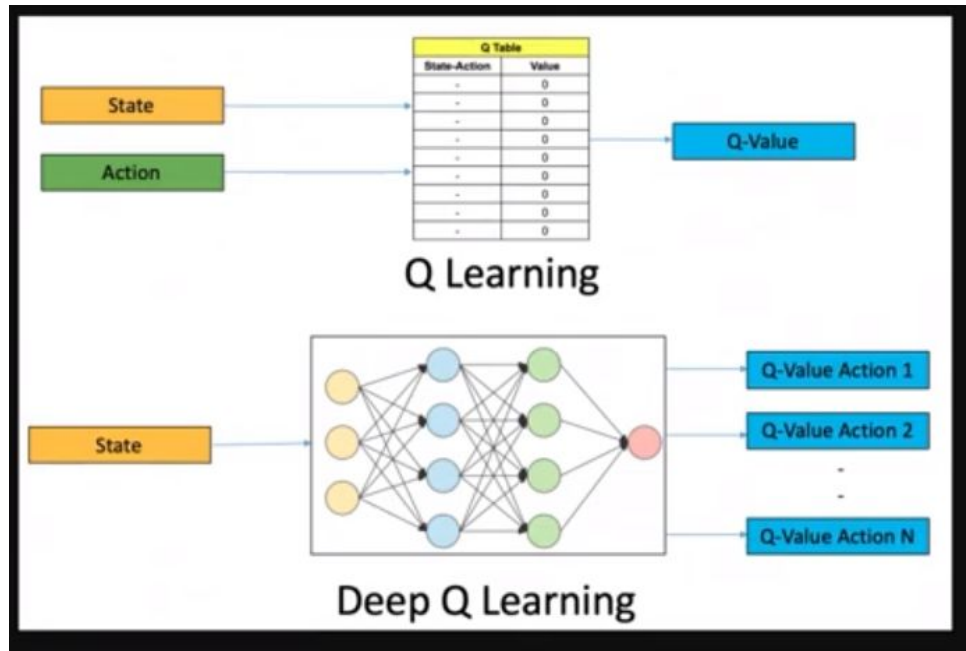
# Confusion Matrix for outboard



# Precision / Recall Curve



# Reinforcement learning



**Chess is infinite:** There are 400 different positions after each player makes one move apiece. There are 72,084 positions after two moves apiece. There are 9+ million positions after three moves apiece. There are 288+ billion different possible positions after four moves apiece.

## Legal Move - Reinforcement Learning

- Create a new Gym environment for Chess
- Define Action Space
- Define Observation Space
- Define Step function with rewards
- Tune Epsilon, Epsilon decay, Gamma, Batch size, Memory, definition of Done
- Define DQN with loss function and optimizer
- Create two networks based on DQN (i.e. current network and target network)
- Update the target network based on configuration

Next State  $Q^\pi(s, a) = r + \gamma Q^\pi(s', \pi(s'))$

Minimize  $\delta = Q(s, a) - (r + \gamma \max_a Q(s', a))$



# RL - setup

Observation  
Space

[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]  
[9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16]



[25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32]  
[17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24]

Action space  
sample (Rook)

[[1,0,1],[1,0,2],[1,0,3],[1,0,4],[1,0,5],[1,0,6],[1,0,7],  
[1,1,1],[1,1,2],[1,1,3],[1,1,4],[1,1,5],[1,1,6],[1,1,7],  
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DQN

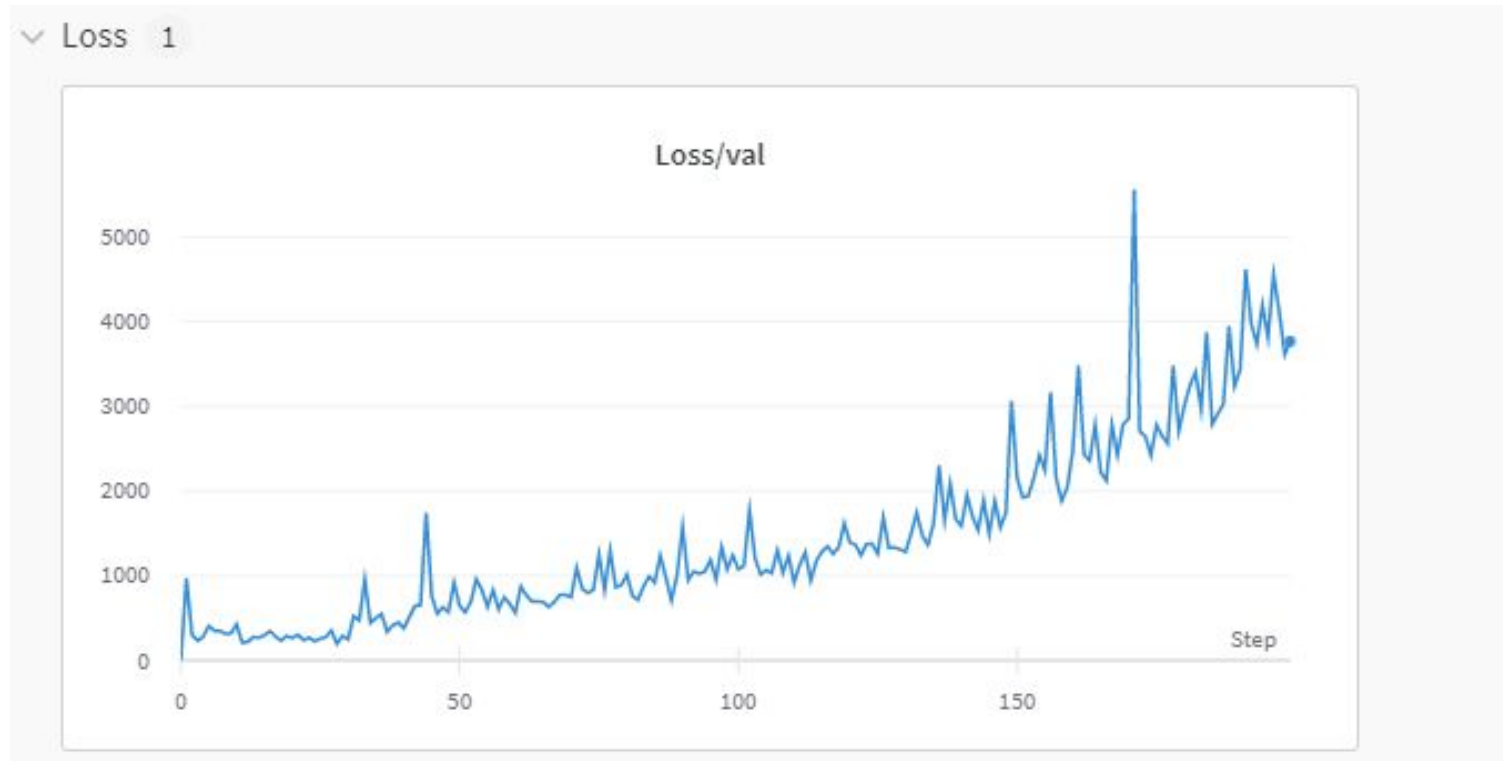
FC, Relu and Batch Norm  
loss function :Huber loss / Smooth L1 loss  
Optimizer: RMSProp / AdamW (lr = 0.0001)

$$\Delta x_j^{(t)} = \text{momentum\_decay\_factor} \cdot \Delta x_j^{(t-1)} - \frac{\text{learning\_rate}}{\sqrt{\text{MA} \left( g_j^2 \right)}} \cdot g_j^{(t)}$$

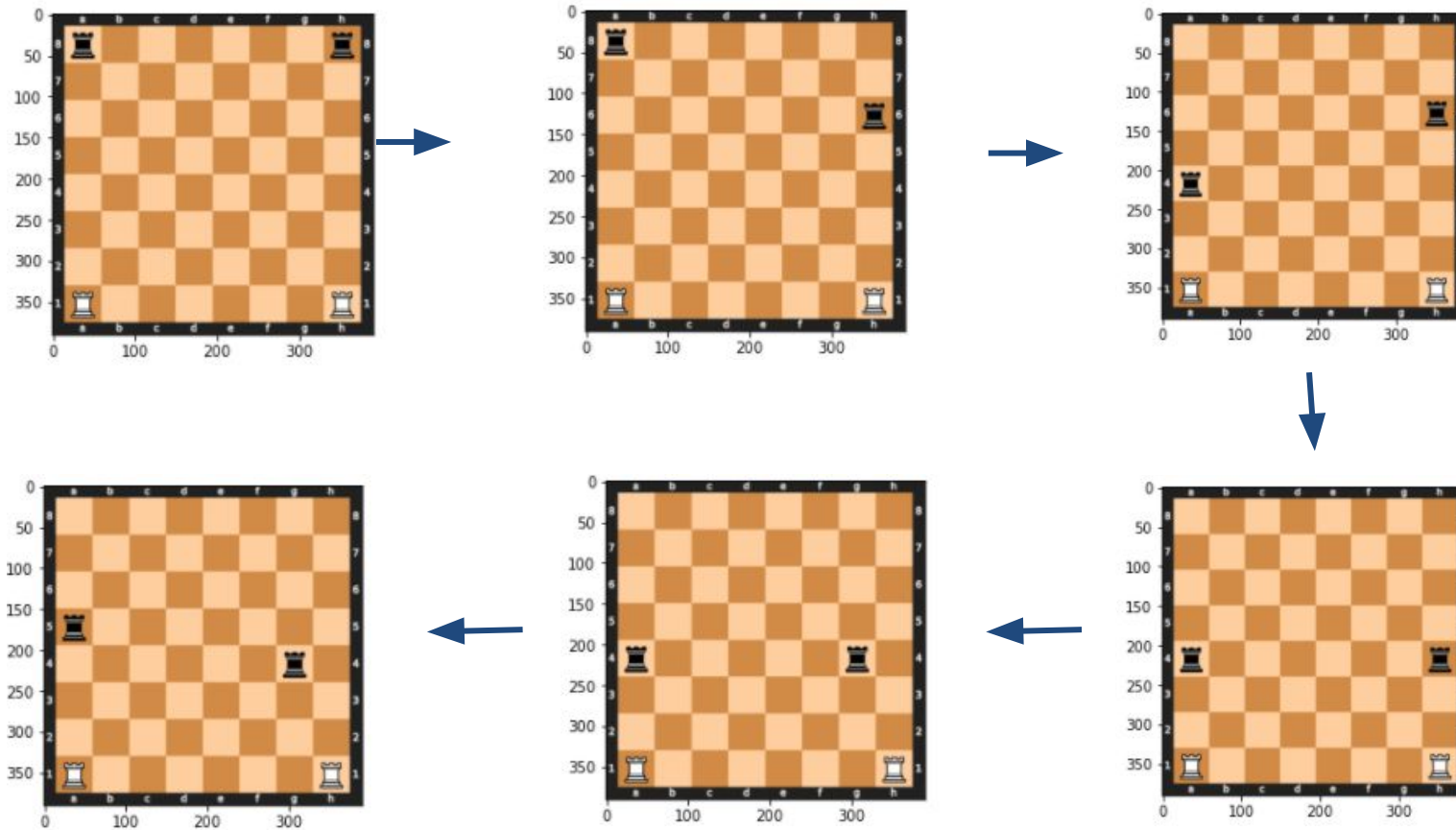
Objective

Find Legal Move

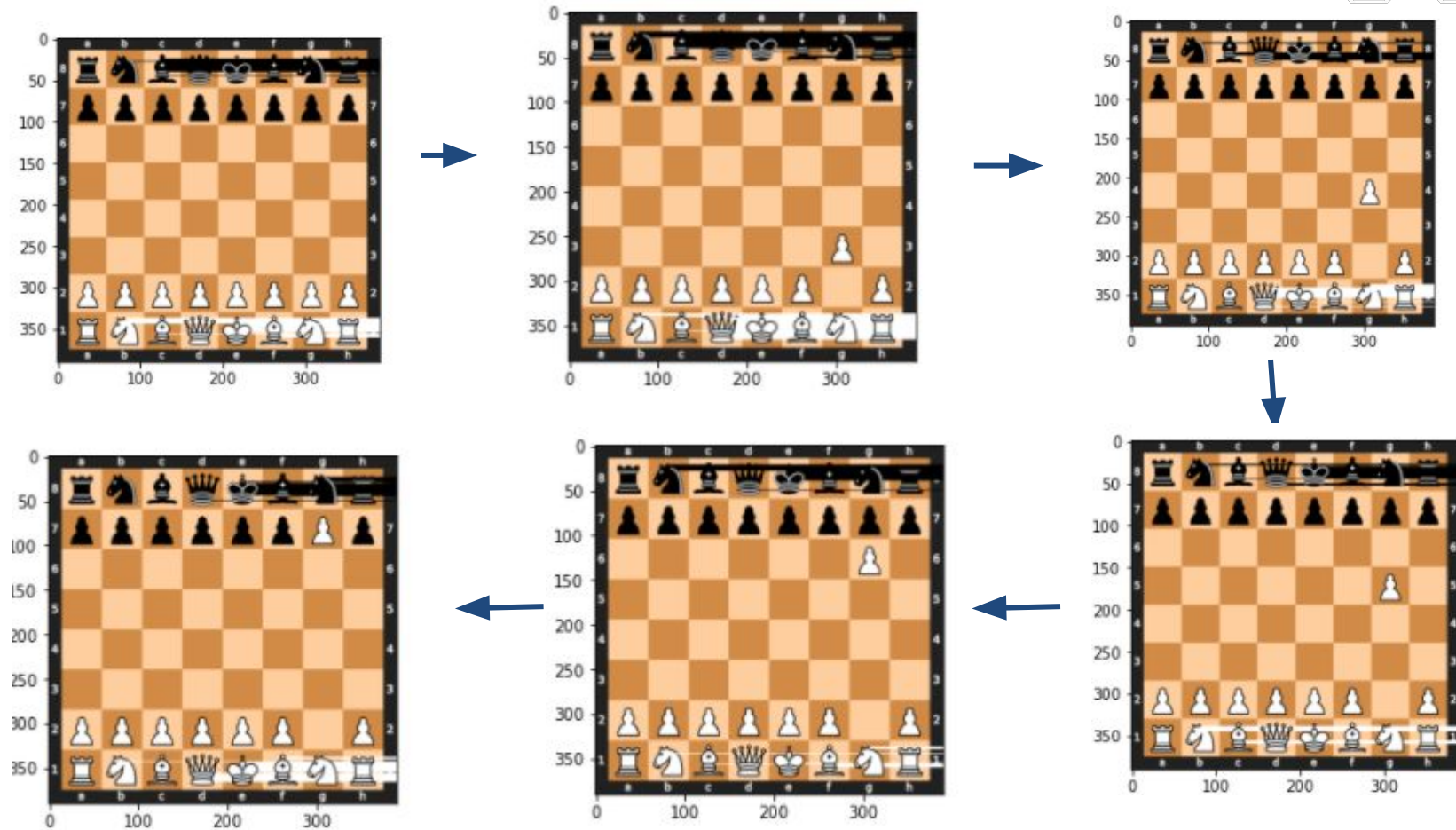
# RL Model metrics



# Reinforcement Learning – Test example



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# Next Steps

- Refine Chess Identification
- Enhance to support all moves including enpasson and castling
- Leverage other open-source chess engines to rate and identify next best move
- Deploy on mobile device
- Integration with Chess clock



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# Questions

