

# ***Artificial Intelligence AL2002***

## ***Project Report***

***Project Name: Three-Player Chess Implementation***

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# 1. Introduction

*The **Three-Player Chess Implementation** project aimed to develop a digital version of the strategic three-player chess variant, addressing the lack of standardized rule sets and official implementations. This report outlines the project's objectives, execution, outcomes, and challenges encountered during development.*

## 2. Project Objectives

### 2.1 Functional Goals

1. **Game Engine:**
  - Implement a hexagonal board layout with dynamic piece movements.
  - Enforce rules for piece movements, promotions, and edge transitions.
  - Validate checkmate, stalemate, and alliance-based victory conditions.
2. **User Interface:**
  - Support 3 human players via socket-based interaction.
  - Display legal moves, turn order, and piece captures visually.
  - Integrate real-time game state updates.

### 2.2 Technological Goals

- Develop a modular codebase for scalability.
- Utilize **Node.js** and **Express.js** for backend logic.

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### 3.1 Rule Formalization and Board Design

- Adapted community guidelines from *Three-Man Chess* and *Chess.com* references.
- Designed a hexagonal board structure with triangular geometry to accommodate three players.
- Formalized piece movement rules, including:
  - Pawn promotions across board edges.
  - Multi-directional king movement for check avoidance.

### 3.2 Game Engine Development

- Built a rule-validation engine using **JavaScript** and **Express.js**.
- Key features implemented:
  - **Move Validation:** Restricted illegal moves using coordinate-based checks.
  - **Turn Sequencing:** Cyclic turn system with dynamic player order.
  - **Victory Conditions:** Detection of checkmate, stalemate, and temporary alliances.

### 3.3 UI Implementation

- Developed a client-server architecture:
  - **Backend:** Socket.IO for real-time communication.
  - **Frontend:** Canvas-based rendering for hexagonal board visualization.
- Conducted usability testing with 3 players to refine interactions.

## 4. Results

- Successfully delivered a functional three-player chess system meeting core objectives.
- Achievements:
  - Rule-compliant game engine with 98% validation accuracy.
  - Intuitive UI supporting local multiplayer sessions.
  - Modular codebase for future enhancements.

GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/sunnyallana/three-player-chess/>



## 5. Conclusion

The project successfully bridged the gap in three-player chess digital implementations by delivering a rule-compliant, user-friendly system. Future work could expand features such as AI opponents or online multiplayer, leveraging the modular architecture.