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Pawn Endgame – An Introduction

Pawn endings are the building blocks upon which all other endgames are built and are an ideal place to start learning about the latter stage of the game. We will 1st review a concept that we have already touched on, opposition. Then we will go deeper and introduce several very basic concepts. This is meant to be an introduction to provide you with a vocabulary and some simple examples. There will be a couple of positions I will give as exercises for home that are a little more difficult but built on what we did in class.

Pawn Endgame Concepts

1. Opposition
2. Key Squares
3. Critical Squares
4. Rule of the Square
5. Floating Square
6. Mined Squares
7. Trebuchet
8. Triangulation
9. Bahr's Rule

JFF – Homework

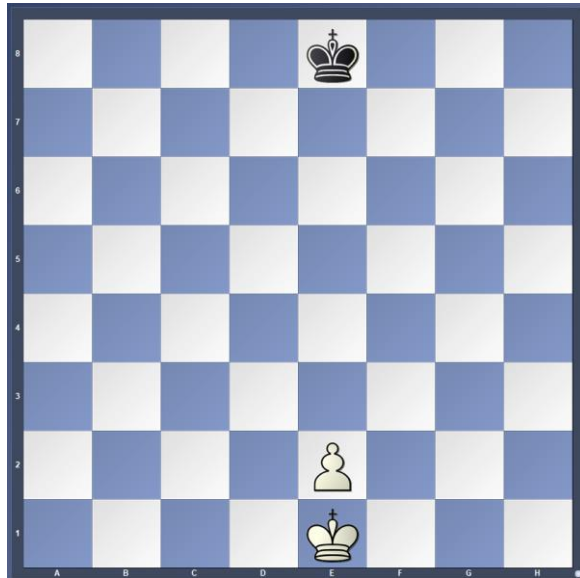
10. The Reti Position
11. Correspondence
12. Triangulation
13. Opposition



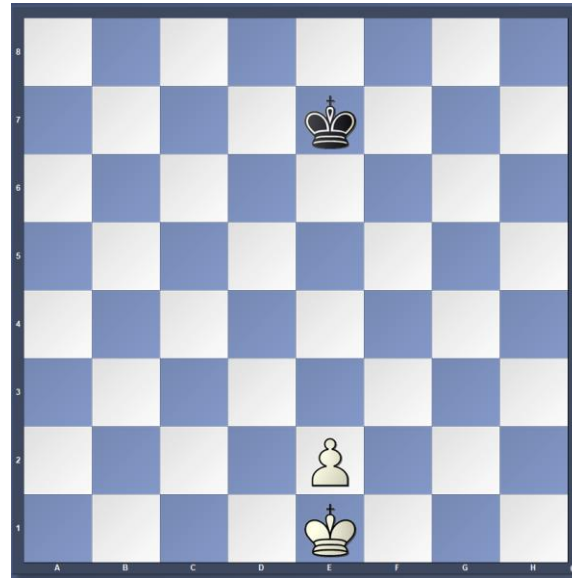
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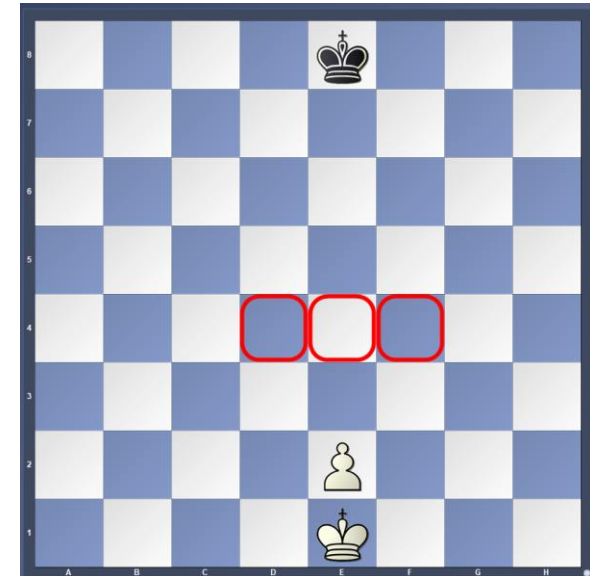
Review from Week 1



White to Move
Goal: Promote the Pawn



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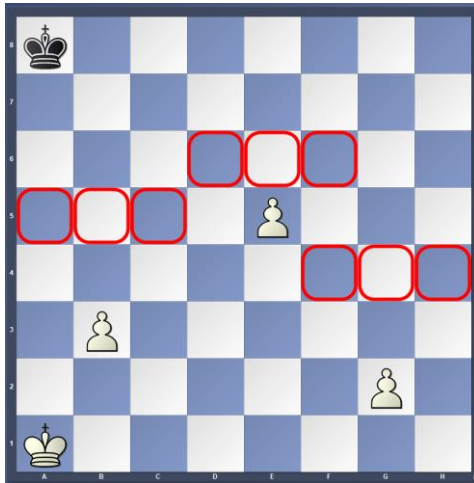
White/Black to Move
Lesson: Opposition
And Key Squares



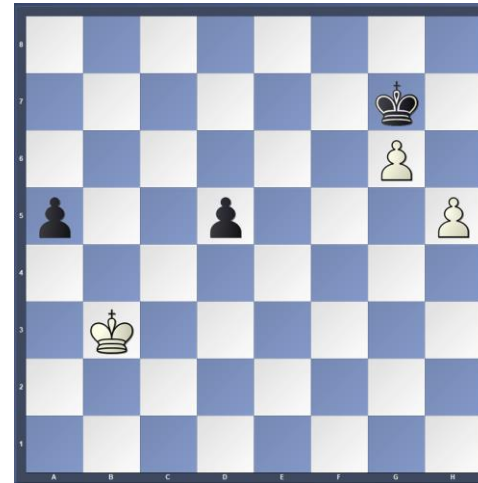
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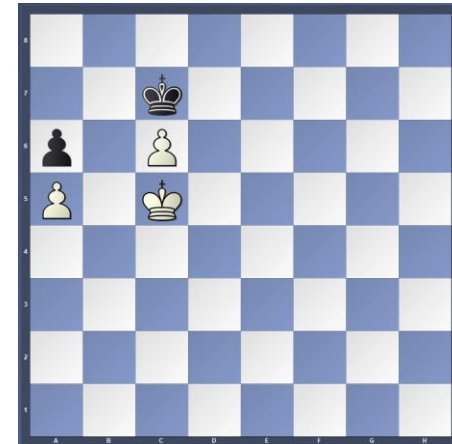
Review/ Homework



Key Square Detail



White to Move
Floating Square (2)



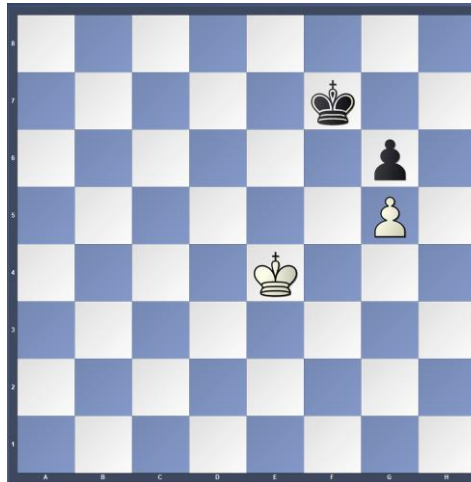
White to Move
Triangulation (2)



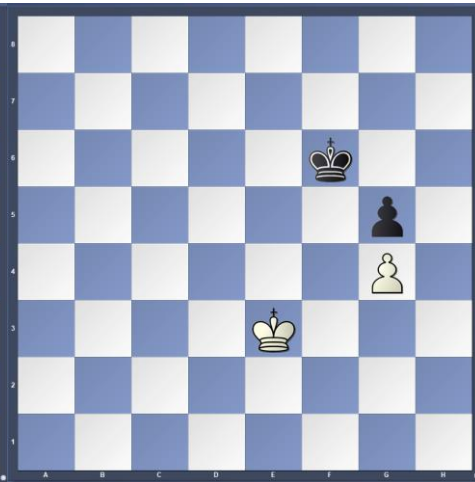
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Some More Squares



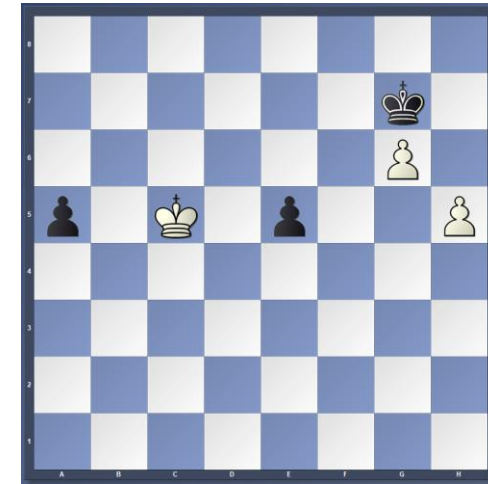
White to Move
Critical Squares (1)



White to Move
Critical Squares (2)



White/Black to Move
Rule of the Square

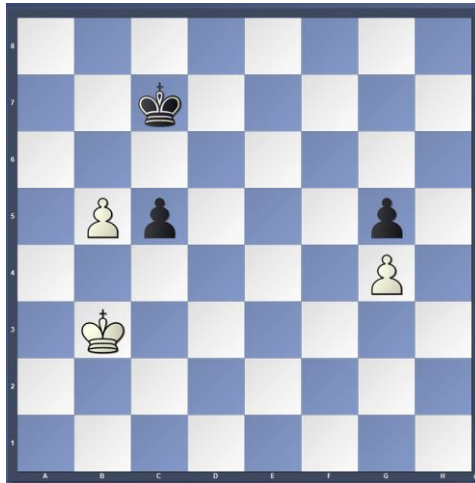


White to Move
Floating Square (1)

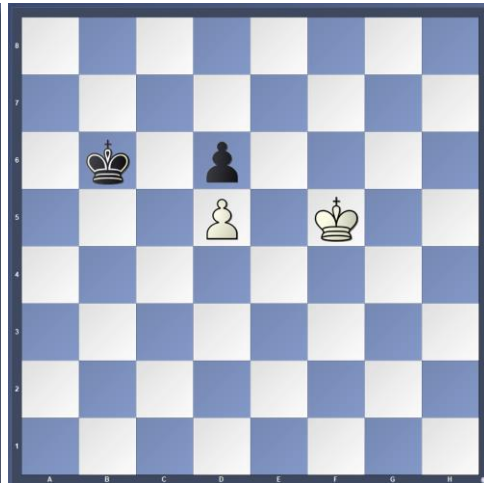


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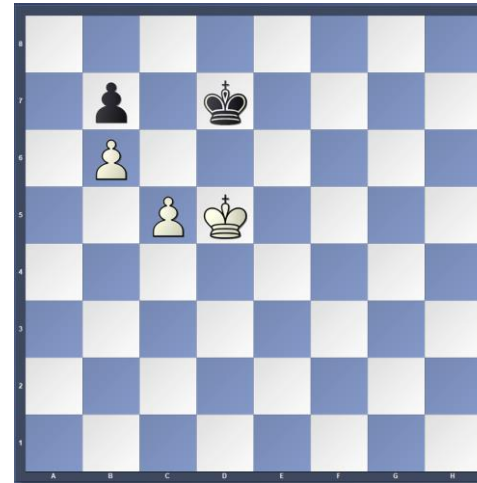
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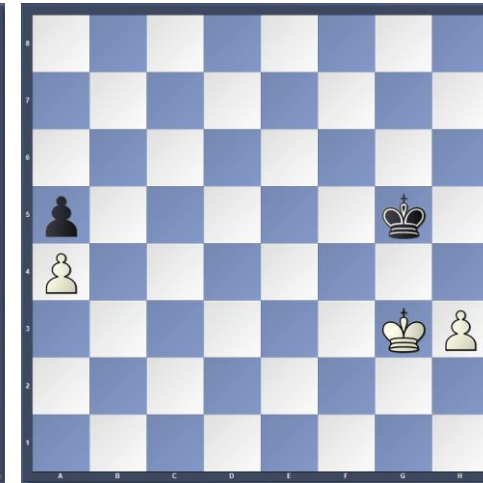
White to Move
Mined Squares



White to Move
Just another mined
Square - Trebuchet



White to Move
Triangulation
Corresponding
Squares (1)

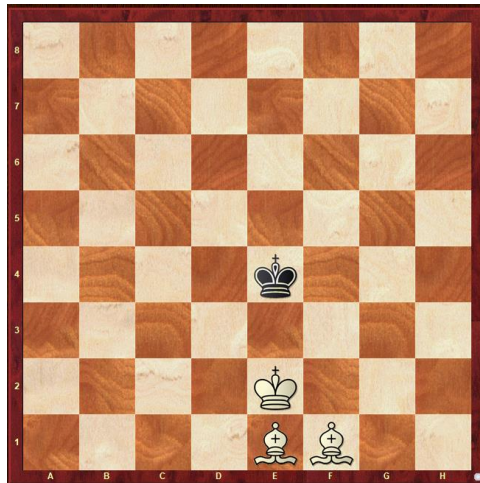


White to Move
Bahr's Law

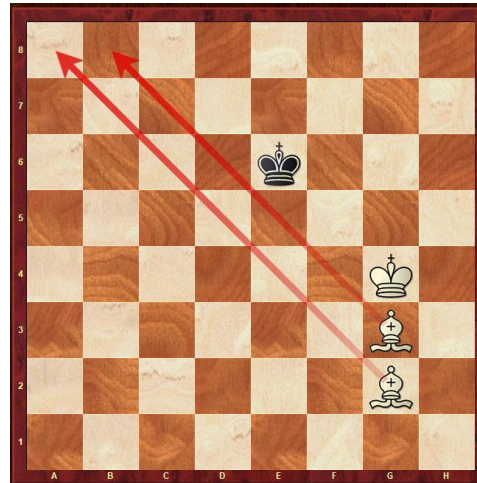


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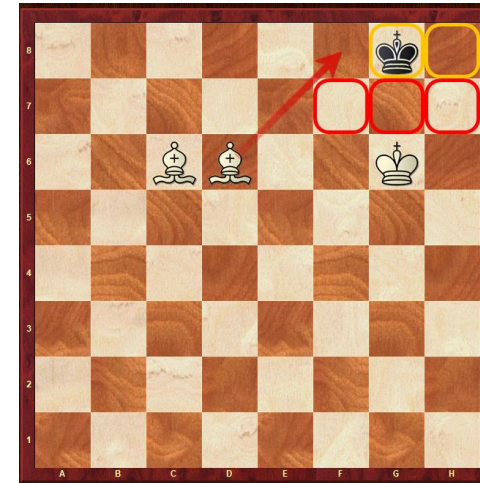
King and 2 Bishops vs. King



Activate the Bishops and Limit the scope of the opponent's King



Activate the attacker's King

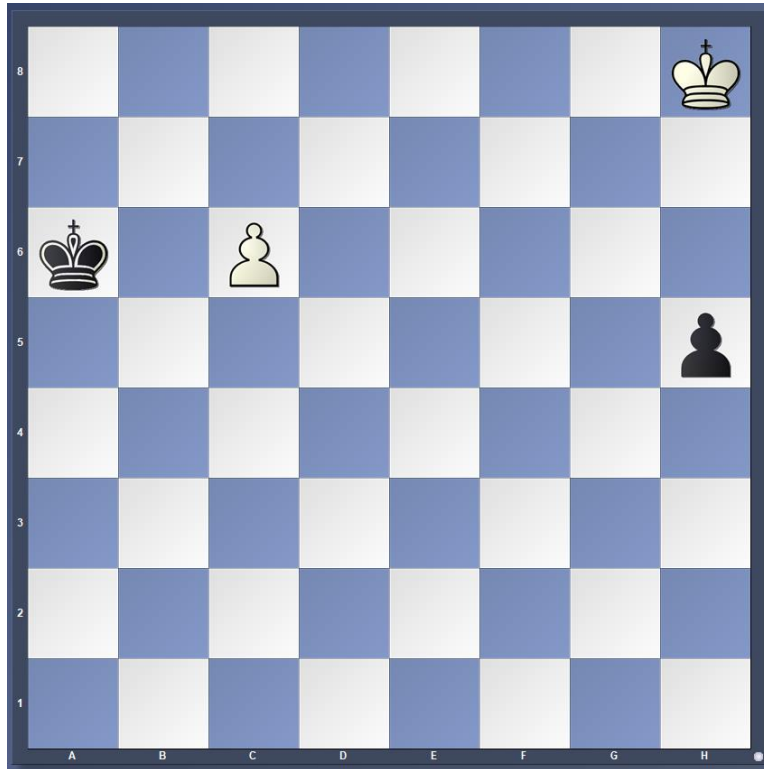


Continue the process until checkmate



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Something to play with at home – The Reti Position



White to Move
Reti Position

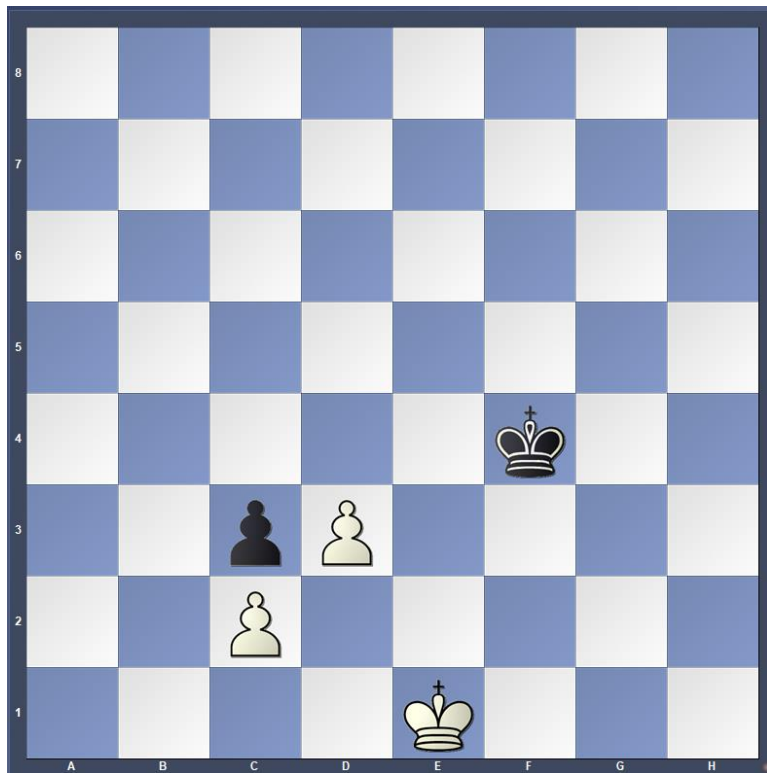
This is a very famous position by Richard Reti. Black has just moved his pawn to h5 and it is White to move. It looks like if White chases the pawn Black will Queen before White can catch him. If White tries to protect his own pawn Black will move his King and be ready to capture the pawn on c6. How can White draw and why? Hint: Square of the Pawn



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Something to play with at home



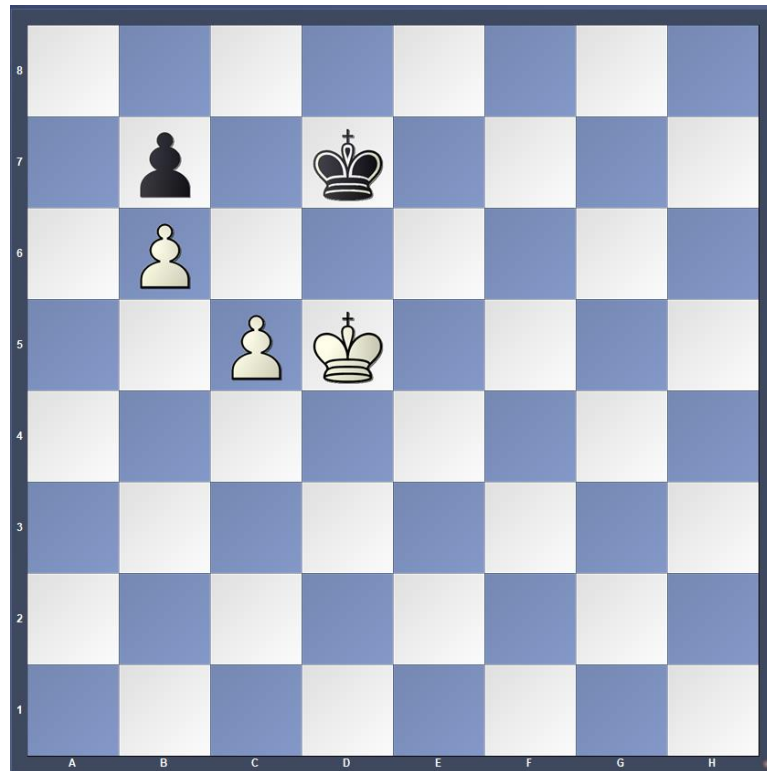
Here is another famous position. White has two pawns vs Black's one. White's d pawn is passed. It seems Black can not stop White's pawn and hold his pawn. What should Black do? (Correspondence)

Black to Move
Correspondence



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Something to play with at home – Triangulation



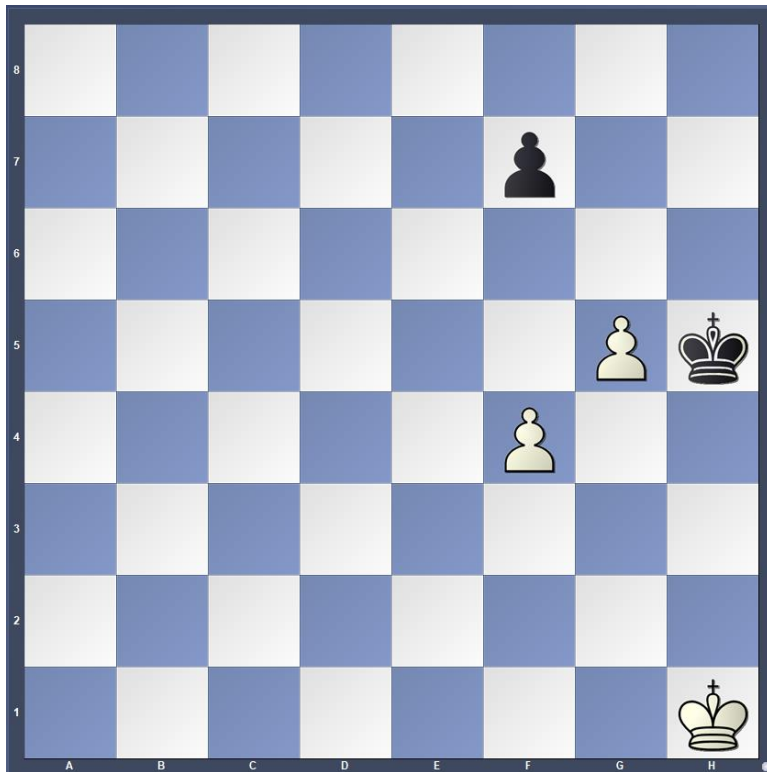
White to Move
Triangulation

Here is another famous position. White has two pawns vs Black's one. It is White to move. But there are a couple of ideas we need to solve this easily.



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Something to play with at home – Mattison's Position



Here is another famous position. White has two pawns vs Black's one. It looks like the Black King is very active. Black wants to capture the two pawns and promote his pawn. What can White do? (Opposition)

White to Move
Mattison's Position