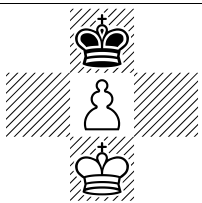


End Game

P+K vs K (Offense)

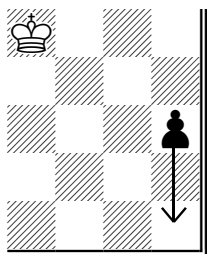


King Chess Club

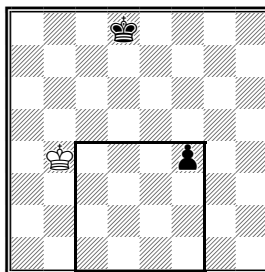
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Winning the game depends on getting your pawn promoted and avoid the stalemate.

1) If the pawn can win the 'race to the edge' without being taken, go for it!



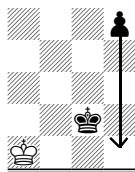
2) Sometimes it's easy to tell if you can win the race, sometimes it isn't. Calculate if you can win the race using the "rule of the square".



Draw a square from your pawn to the edge, then towards the opposing king. If the opposing king *cannot enter this square* on the next move, then your pawn will win the 'race for the edge'.

3) If your pawn cannot win a 'race for the edge':

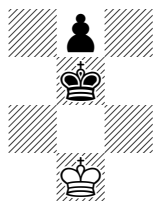
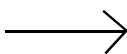
Your king will be needed to escort the pawn to the edge.



To provide safe passage, your king needs to be on an adjacent file and in front of your pawn. This will provide a safe path, perhaps even to the edge.

4a) **The Sidestep maneuver**

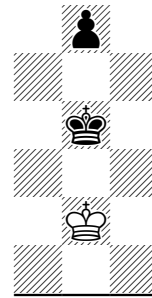
Take a look at this position.



If it is black's move, it is possible for white to engineer a stalemate through careful defensive play.

However, if it is white's move, then black can win with the "king sidestep".

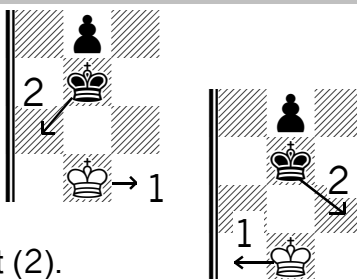
4e) Suppose it is black's move in this position.



How does black get the **King's side step** maneuver?

4b) The "sidestep" begins with your opponent having to abandon the space two in front of your king (1).

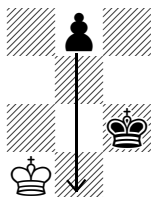
You advance your king's protective fortress by moving forward diagonally to a square unprotected by your opponent (2).



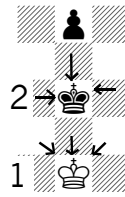
To win, black has to move something else. In this case, the pawn is moved forward.



4c) You can now advance your pawn several spaces under the protective watch of your king.



4d) If your opponent moves back in front of your pawn, move your king in position for another sidestep.



Now white must move from the crucial square and black moves toward victory!

5) **Practice at home!** Learn to recognize these K+P vs K variations for use in your games.