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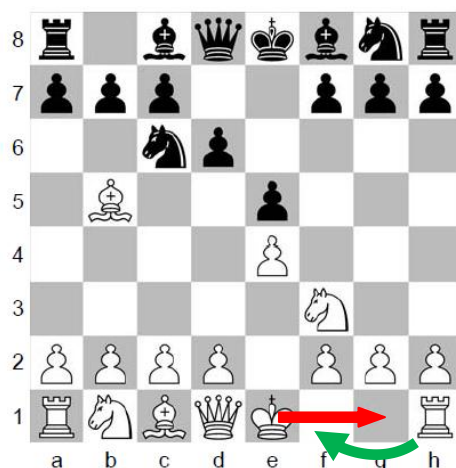
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The King moves two squares towards the Rook, and the Rook moves next to King on the opposite side. Castling can take place with either Rook. Castling allows the king to be quickly removed from the centre of the board where it may be attacked. It also allow the rook to come towards the centre of the board where it might be more powerful.

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These are the rules of castling.

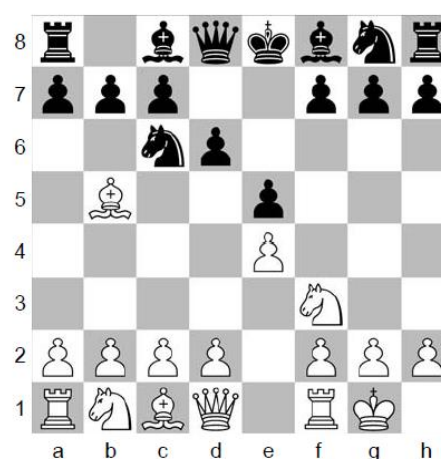
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2. Castling is not permitted if the King is ***in check***, or castles ***into check***, or castles ***over a square that is attacked*** by an enemy piece.
3. The rook can move even if attacked or passes over a square that is attacked
4. The same hand should move the King and the Rook, with the King being moved first.

Here is an example of castling Kingside:



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(1) The White pieces before castling.

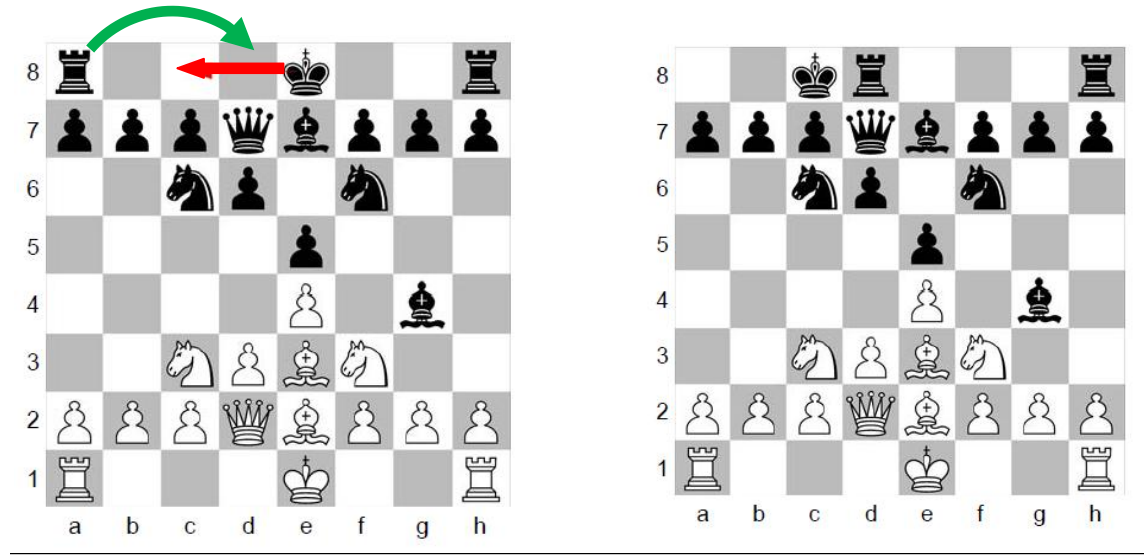


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(2) The White pieces after castling.

It is OK to castle with either Rook. When castling on the Queenside the rules are exactly the same, i.e. the King moves two squares towards the Rook, and then the Rook comes over to the other side of the King.

Here is an example of Black castling Queenside: -



(1) The Black pieces before castling.

(2) The Black pieces after castling.



1. Can the king castle if in check?
2. Can the king castle if he has already moved?
3. Can you castle if the rook on that side has moved?
4. Can you castle if the king had been in check earlier (but not moved)?

Set up the board position in the diagram

5. Can black castle on the kingside?
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From diagram

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5. Can black castle on the kingside? **NO**, as the king moves from e8 to g8 it would go across f8 which is attacked by the white Queen
6. Can black castle on the queenside? **YES**, even though the black rook is attacked by the white rook and in moving would pass across the square b8 which is attacked by the white Queen
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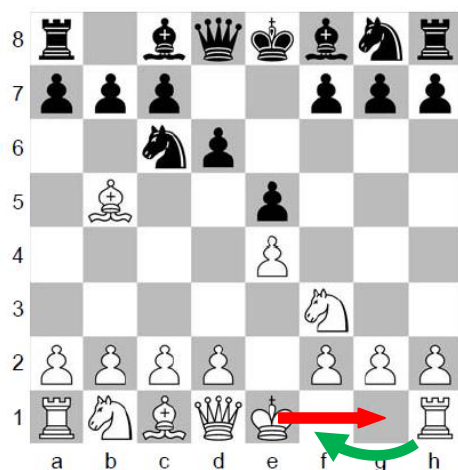
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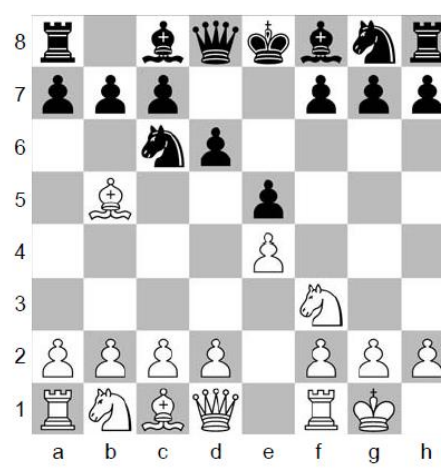
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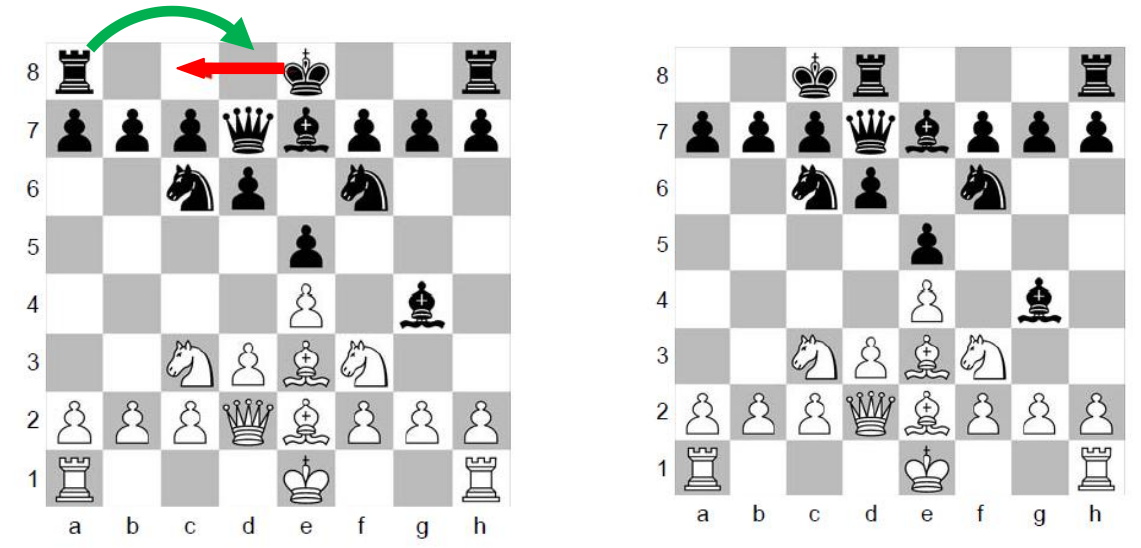
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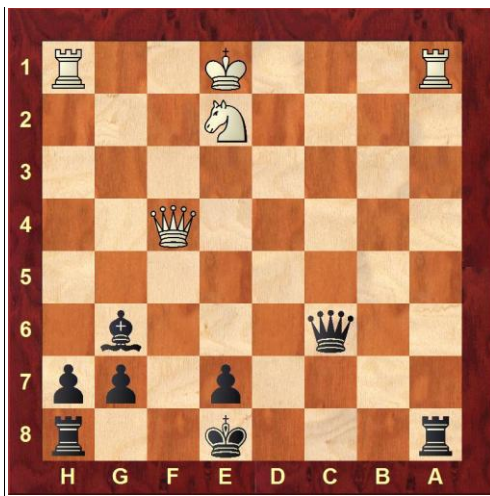
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