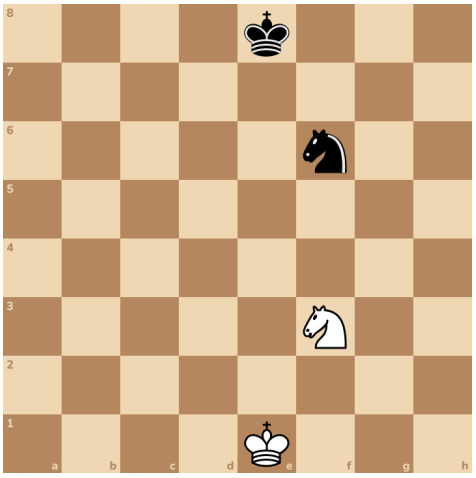
My Chess Family

Three times the same: the draw by repetition

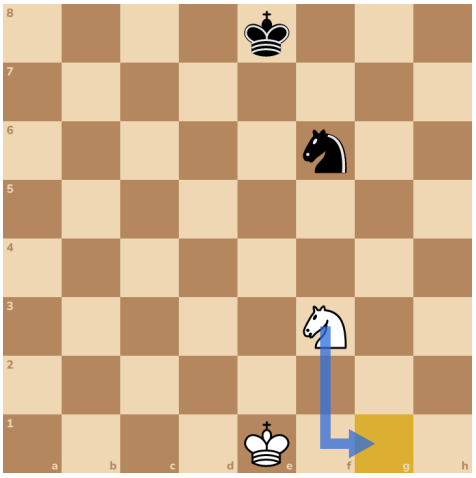
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Three times the same

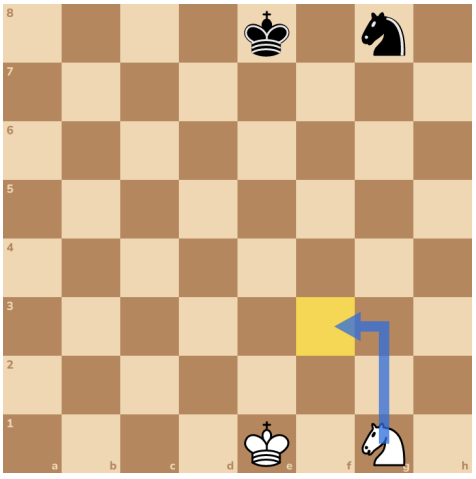
If the same position comes up three times, the game is a draw. Let's see it happen.



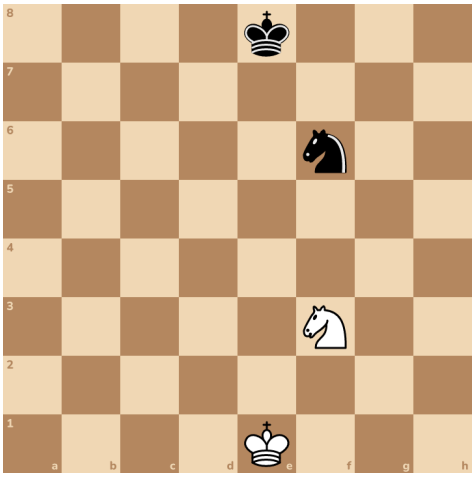
Try it 1. Move your knight back to g1.



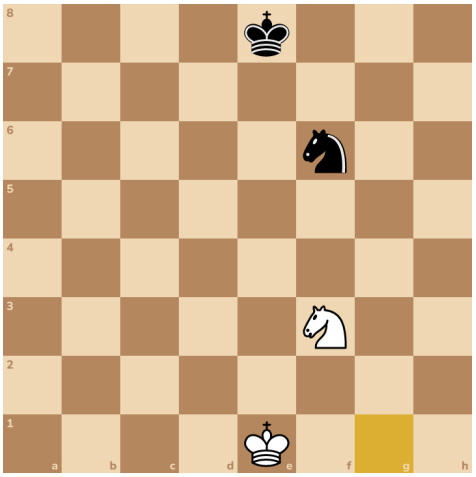
Try it 2. Black copied you. Now move your knight to f3 again.



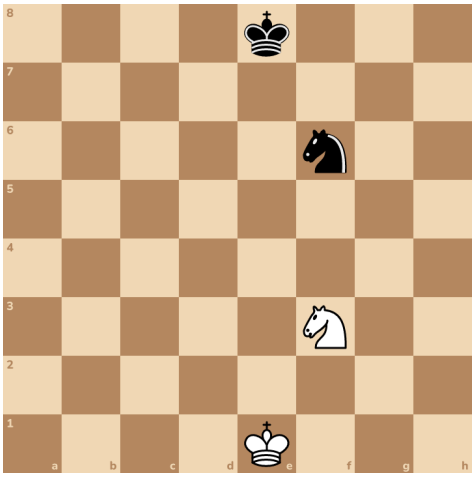
This is the same position as at the start. That's twice.



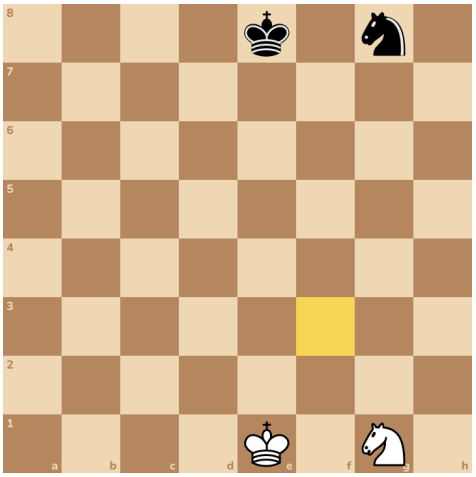
Try it 3. Do it again. Knight back to g1.



The same position, three times. The game is a draw! This is called a draw by repetition.



Try it 4. And out to f3 once more.



There's also the 50-move rule. If 50 moves go by with no capture and no pawn move, either player can claim a draw.

In this app, the game spots these draws for you and ends the game. Over a real board, nobody does. You have to notice, and claim the draw yourself.

And players can agree a draw. One offers, and the other says yes. Make your move, then ask. If they say no, play on.

Try it 5. The same position has come up three times. What happens?

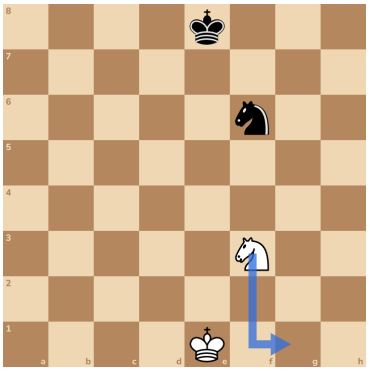
A: Draw **B: White wins** **C: Play on**

Try it 6. Fifty moves with no capture and no pawn move. What can you claim?

A: A win **B: A draw**

Answers

1. Ng1



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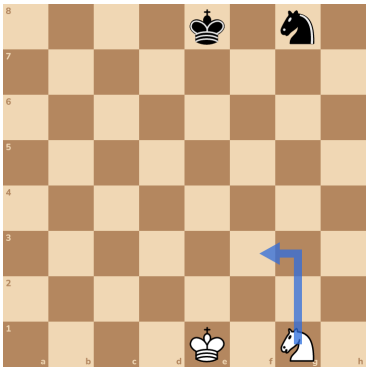

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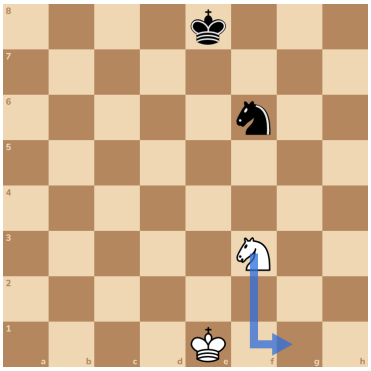
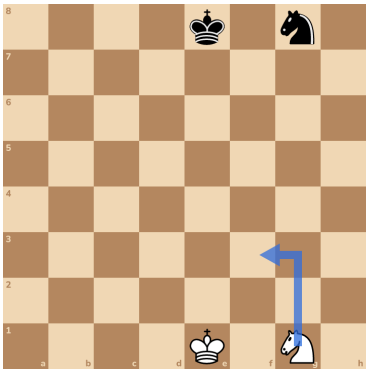


4. Nf3



5. A: Draw

6. B: A draw