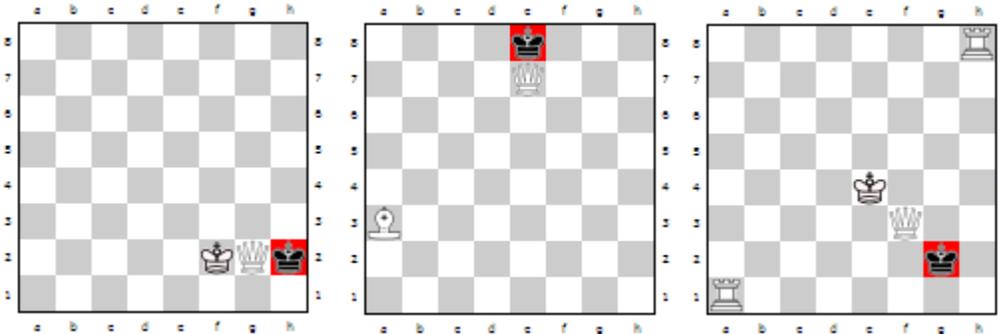


Checkmate Classifications

Checkmates fall into 4 basic categories:

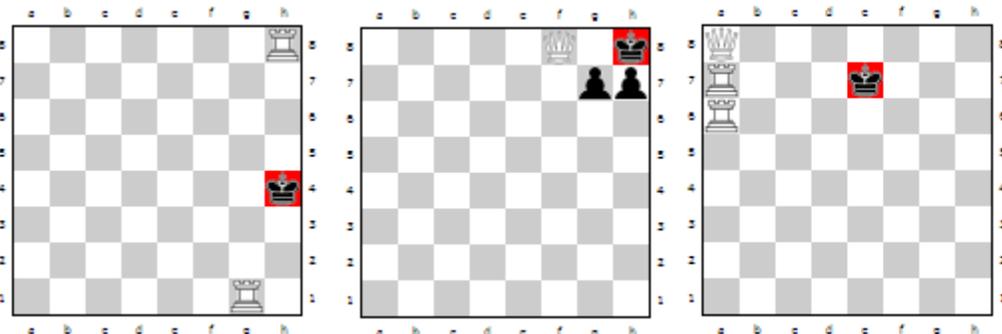
Magic Square Checkmate:

Any checkmate where the Queen is next to the defending king and the King cannot go away from the queen and the queen is defended.



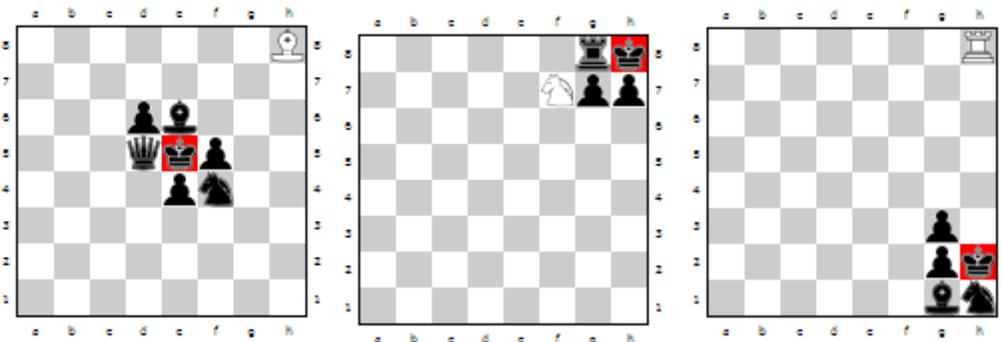
Back-rank Mate Checkmate:

Any checkmate where the king is on the edge (or effective edge) of the board and cannot leave the edge and is checked along the edge by a rook or a queen.



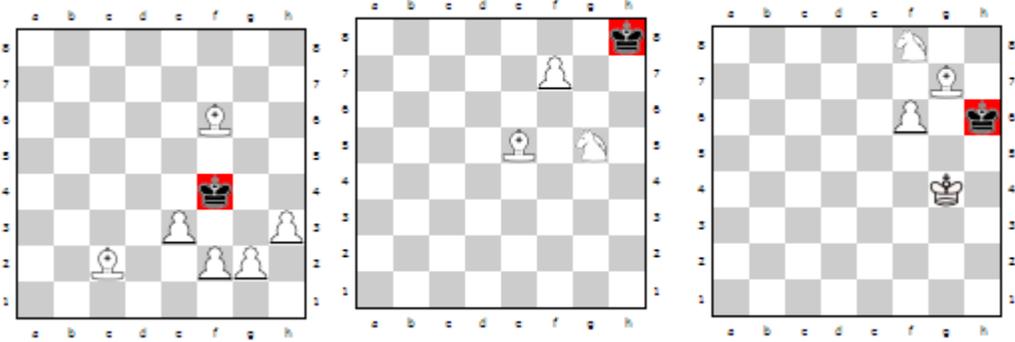
Smother Mate:

Any checkmate where one or more of the checkmated king's own pieces blocks the king from getting out of checkmate.



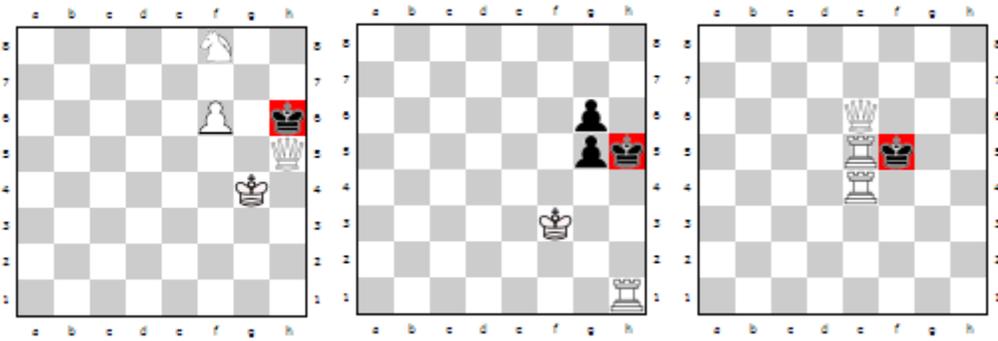
Crazy Mate:

Any checkmate that does not fit any of the above classifications.



Combos:

A checkmate may be a combination of several classes



Back Rank & Magic Square

Back Rank & Smother

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