

TORTURE

Introducing the concept of EXTENDED MATE

In chess, sometimes it is not enough to simply win a game. It's a disrespect, but if the adversary underestimates the opponent's ability, insisting to keep on a clearly lost position without abandoning it, one needs to make him suffer, torturing him to the extreme, to see his affliction when he gradually finds out there is no escape for his king. If he likes to be tortured, be my guest! Greater than the pleasure of winning is the cruel satisfaction of a slow and painful death of the opposing monarch, step by step tearing off his skin, staining the board with blood, without haste for the final blow.

The below composition was elaborated by the enthusiast Eduardo Esber, P4R website editor. Introducing the concept of **Extended Mate**, it perfectly illustrates what the pleasure of torture is, for those who request it, of course. The hurried would mate in 1, 2 or at most 3 moves. The meek would give a mate in 4, but why to placate a game with a mate in 4, when we can offer more pain with a mate in 5? And what is the reason for a mate in 5 when we can offer even more suffering and mate in 6? Wouldn't it be more convenient to enjoy the other's despair and mate in 7? And what about enjoying a desperate King's groans when delivering a mate in 8? Perhaps it is more interesting to see the blood gush and culminate it with a mate in 9. Or, nothing better than offering a ticket to hell and give mate in 10! All of this illustrates the concept and objectives of an **Extended Mate**. In a game, for those who insist on not resigning a lost game, cruelty never hurts.



PROBLEM:

>> **White to play** and mate in 1 and give Extended Mate in 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 e 10.

>> **Optionally, Black to play** and mate in 1 and, ignoring White's 2.Kxh2 move after the Knight check, give Extended Mate in 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Have a good time!

SOLUTION:

There are many beautiful and well-designed lines, but we will illustrate just a few. With some reasoning, new lines can be deciphered for the same number of moves or more, and the torture can be prolonged, with Extended Mate in 11, 12, 13, 14 and beyond... No mercy!

WHITE TO PLAY

FEN 1k6/R6Q/8/8/3n4/1rp4b/1q4BK w KQkq - 0 1

- Mate in 1:** 1.Qg8#
- Extended Mate in 2:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qc7#
- Extended Mate in 2:** 1.Qxh2+ Ne5 2.Qh8#
- Extended Mate in 3:** 1.Qxh2+ Ne5 2.Qxe5+ Kc8 3.Qc7#
- Extended Mate in 3:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qh8#
- Extended Mate in 3:** 1.Rb7+ Ka8 2.Ra7+ Kb8 3.Qg8#
- Extended Mate in 4:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kd8 3.Qh4+ Kc8 4.Qh8#
- Extended Mate in 4:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qg3+ Kc8 4.Qc7#
- Extended Mate in 5:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qg3+ Kc8 4.Qh3+ Kb8 5.Qh8#
- Extended Mate in 5:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qg3+ Ne5 4.Qxe5+ Kc8 5.Qc7#
- Extended Mate in 5:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kd8 3.Qh4+ Kc8 4.Qh3+ Kb8 5.Qh8#
- Extended Mate in 5:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kd8 3.Qh4+ Ke8 4.Qh5+ Kd8 5.Qh8#
- Extended Mate in 6:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qg3+ Kc8 4.Qh3+ Kb8 5.Qg3+ Kc8 6.Qc7#
- Extended Mate in 6:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kd8 3.Qh4+ Ke8 4.Qh5+ Kf8 5.Qf5+ Ke8 6.Qc8#
- Extended Mate in 7:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kd8 3.Qh4+ Ke8 4.Qh5+ Kf8 5.Qf5+ Ke8 6.Qh5+ Kf8 7.Qf7#
- Extended Mate in 7:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qg3+ Nf4 4.Qxf4+ Kc8 5.Qf5+ Kd8 6.Qf6+ Kc8 7.Qf8#
- Extended Mate in 8:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kd8 3.Qh4+ Kc8 4.Qg4+ Kb8 5.Qg3+ Kc8 6.Qg4+ Kb8 7.Qg3+ Kc8 8.Qc7#
- Extended Mate in 8:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kd8 3.Qh4+ Ke8 4.Qh5+ Kd8 5.Qg5+ Ke8 6.Qg6+ Kf8 7.Qf5+ Ke8 8.Qc8#

For Extended Mate in 9 or 10, we cannot follow the previous lines because there would be a draw by repeating moves, so the line changes to involve the Rook attack.

- Extended Mate in 9:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qh2+ Kc8 4.Rc7+ Kd8 5.Qd6+ Ke8 6.Qe6+ Kf8 7.Qf6+ Ke8 8.Qe6+ Kd8 9.Rc8#
- Extended Mate in 9:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qh2+ Kc8 4.Rc7+ Kb8 5.Rh7+ Ne5 6.Qxe5+ Kc8 7.Qc5+ Kd8 8.Qd5+ Kc8 9.Qg8#
- Extended Mate in 9:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kd8 3.Qh4+ Ke8 4.Re7+ Kf8 5.Qf6+ Kg8 6.Re8+ Kh7 7.Re7+ Kg8 8.Re8+ Kh7 9.Rh8#
- Extended Mate in 9:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kd8 3.Qh4+ Ke8 4.Re7+ Kd8 5.Rh7+ Kc8 6.Qg4+ Kb8 7.Qg3+ Ne5 8.Qxe5+ Ka8 9.Ra7#
- Extended Mate in 10:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qh2+ Kc8 4.Rc7+ Kd8 5.Qd6+ Ke8 6.Qe6+ Kf8 7.Qf6+ Ke8 8.Qe6+ Kf8 9.Qf6+ Kg8 10.Qd8#
- Extended Mate in 10:** 1.Qxh2+ Kc8 2.Qh3+ Kb8 3.Qh2+ Kc8 4.Rc7+ Kb8 5.Rh7+ Kc8 6.Qh3+ Kb8 7.Qg3+ Kc8 8.Qg4+ Kb8 9.Qg3+ Ka8 10.Ra7#

BLACK TO PLAY (ignore 2.Kxh2)

FEN 1k6/R6Q/8/8/8/3n4/1rp4b/1q4BK b KQkq - 0 1

If after the Knight check White plays 2.Kxh2, Black can mate in 8 and give Extended Mate in 9, 10 and more moves starting with the line below, however, for study purposes, we will ignore the move 2.Kxh2, of this form favoring mate in 5 and also Extended Mate in 6, 7 and more moves.

1... Nf2+ 2.Kxh2 Qxg1+ 3.Kxg1 c1=Q+ 4.Kg2 Nd3+ 5.Kh3 Qe3+
6.Kg4 Rg2+ 7.Kh4 Rh2+ 8.Kg4 Qf4#

Mate in 1: 1... Qxg1#

Mate in 5: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Rb3+ 4.Ke2 c1=N+ 5.Kd2 Qd1#

Mate in 5: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Rb3+ 4.Qd3 Rxd3+ 5.Ke2 c1=N#

Mate in 5: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg4+ 4.Kxf2 c1=Q+ 5.Qc2 Rxc2#

Mate in 5: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg3+ 4.Ke2 c1=N+ 5.Kf1 Qg1#

Extended Mate in 6: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg4+ 4.Kxf2 Qg3+ 5.Ke2 c1=Q+
6.Qc2 Rxc2#

Extended Mate in 6: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qd1+ 4.Kg2 Qh1+ 5.Kxf2 c1=Q+
6.Qc2 Rxc2#

Extended Mate in 7: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg4+ 4.Kxf2 Qg3+ 5.Kf1 Qf3+
6.Ke1 Rb1+ 7.Kd2 c1=Q#

Extended Mate in 7: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg3+ 4.Ke2 Qe5+ 5.Kf3 Qg3+
6.Ke2 c1=Q+ 7.Qc2 Rxc2#

Extended Mate in 8: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg4+ 4.Kxf2 Qg3+ 5.Kf1 Qf3+
6.Ke1 Rb1+ 7.Kd2 c1=B+ 8.Ke1 Bg3#

Extended Mate in 8: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg4+ 4.Kxf2 Qg3+ 5.Kf1 Qf3+
6.Ke1 Rb1+ 7.Kd2 Bf4+ 8.Kxc2 Qb3#

Extended Mate in 8: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg4+ 4.Ke3 Nd1+ 5.Kd3 Rb3+
6.Kxc2 Rb2+ 7.Kd3 Nf2+ 8.Kc3 Be5#

Extended Mate in 8: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg3+ 4.Ke2 Qd3+ 5.Qxd3 c1=Q+
6.Kf3 Qf4+ 7.Kg2 Nxd3+ 8.Kh3 Qg3#

Extended Mate in 9: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qf1+ 3.Kxh2 Qxg1+ 4.Kxg1 c1=Q+ 5.Kg2 Nd3+
6.Kh3 Qf1+ 7.Kh4 Rh2+ 8.Kg5 Rg2+ 9.Kh5 Qh1#

Extended Mate in 9: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg4+ 4.Kxf2 Qg3+ 5.Ke2 c1=N+
6.Kd1 Qf3+ 7.Kxc1 Qc3+ 8.Qc2 Rxc2+ 9.Kd1 Qd2#

Extended Mate in 10: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg4+ 4.Kxf2 Qg3+ 5.Kf1 Qf3+
6.Ke1 Rb1+ 7.Kd2 c1=B+ 8.Ke1 Bd2+ 9.Kxd2 Bf4+ 10.Kc2 Qb3#

Extended Mate in 10: 1... Nf2+ 2.Kg2 Qxg1+ 3.Kf3 Qg4+ 4.Kxf2 Qg3+ 5.Kf1 Qf3+
6.Ke1 Rb1+ 7.Kd2 c1=B+ 8.Kc2 Rb2+ 9.Kxc1 Qc3+ 10.Kd1 Qd2#



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