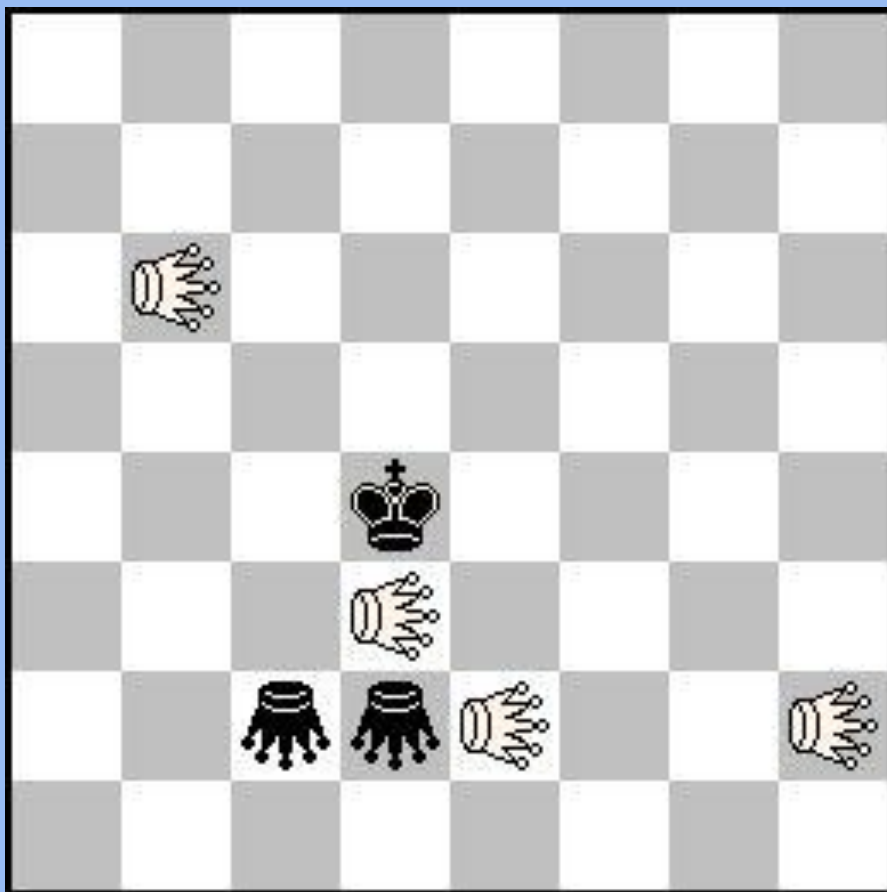


360 fairy echoes 2012-2024



Václav Kotěšovec

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Introduction

This book contains a selection of a 360 echo problems, which I composed in the years 2012-2024. My previous work is documented in several publications, especially in the following:

Tato kniha obsahuje výběr celkem 360 echových úloh, které jsem složil v letech 2012-2024. Moje předchozí tvorba je zdokumentována v několika publikacích, zejména v těchto:

[234 best chess problems](#) (2008)
[Fairy twomovers 2008-2010](#)

The new publication contains mainly series-problems with two or more solutions and help-selfmates or help-selfstalemates with 3 or 4 solutions. The majority of problems have a lot of moves, and the big disadvantage of printed books is that they do not allow you to play solution of problems. Partially can help displaying of mating (or stalemate) positions. However, I entered all problems (with the exception of the originals) into WinChloe and PDB databases, where it is possible to play solution. The PDB database is freely accessible, so after clicking on the link that is for each problem, the relevant page in this database will be displayed in a web browser, where after placing the mouse on the solution text it is possible to display positions after any move or final position(s). This adds a new dimension to the PDF file.

Nová publikace obsahuje zejména sériovotahové úlohy se dvěma a více řešeními a pomocné samomaty, resp. pomocné samopaty se 3 nebo 4 řešeními. Naprostá většina úloh je vícetahových a velká nevýhoda tištěných knih je v tom, že neumožňují si tyto skladby přehrát. Částečně si lze pomoci zobrazením matových, resp. patových obrázků. Zadal jsem však všechny úlohy (s výjimkou originálů, které tam budou doplněny později) do databází WinChloe a PDB, kde **je možné si úlohy i přehrát**. Databáze PDB je volně přístupná, proto po kliknutí na link, který je u každé úlohy, se zobrazí příslušná stránka v této databázi v internetovém prohlížeči, kde po přiložení myši na text řešení si je možné zobrazit průběžné pozice po libovolném tahu nebo finální pozici(e). Toto vnáší do PDF souboru novou dimenzi.

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Praha, 2024

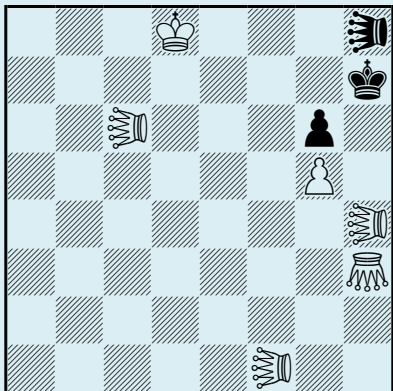
TOP 20 problems

(my personal rating)

pořadí order	číslo úlohy number in book	výzva stipulation	počet kamenů number of pieces	počet řešení number of solutions	poznámky remarks
1.	221	h#12	7	4	
2.	310	h=10	6	4	
3.	311	h=6	7	3	madrasí
4.	7	sd=15	9	4	PWC
5.	47	sd=58	7	3	PWC
6.	14	sd=12	7	4	PWC
7.	135	hs#10	6	3	
8.	133	hs#8	6	3	
9.	134	hs#9	6	3	
10.	152	hs#8	7	3	
11.	285	h#7	6	4	royal rook
12.	223	h#9	5	4	
13.	27	sd=15	6	4	PWC
14.	309	h#13	6	4	wMAX
15.	81	sh#14	6	4	
16.	1	ss#23	9 (7)	2	
17.	118	sh=12	4	4	PWC, royal rook
18.	141	hs#8	6 (5)	3	madrasí
19.	190	hs#10	5	4	MAX
20.	232	h#9	6	3	ABC

series-selfmates

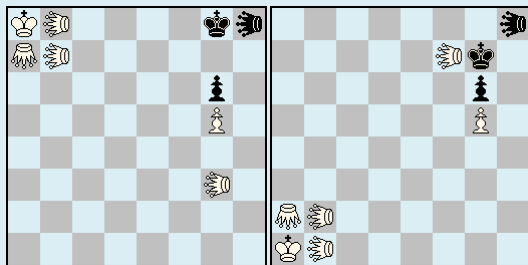
1. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1537 StrateGems 74/2016
1. Prize
G149 FIDE Album 2016-18



ss#23 (6+3) C+
 2 solutions
 =Grasshopper
 =Kangaroo

PDB [P1378029](https://pdb.c40.org/pdb/pdbcmd?file=pdb/pdbcmd&command=show;file=P1378029), WinChloe ID = 615488

Mating positions:



Judge Tadashi Wakashima (SG 82, p. 58-61): "The most impressive problem in this tourney. This is done in the composer's typical style (echo mates in very long moves), but the shuffling of wK, KAs and Gs is nothing short of a miracle."

Solver Wilfried Seehofer (SG 76): "Incredible master problem with orthogonal and diagonal mates."

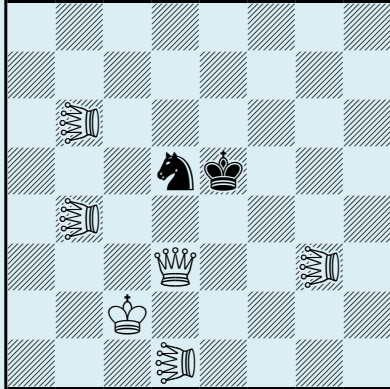
Geoff Foster (B p.693, The Problemist Supplement 158/2019): "B is a series-selfmate, in which White plays a sequence of 23 moves to reach a position where Black is forced to mate White immediately. There are two types of fairy pieces, both of which are hoppers. A *Grasshopper* moves and captures on Qlines by hopping over another unit of either colour (the hurdle) to the square immediately beyond. A *Kangaroo* is similar but requires two hurdles. This problem is not really suitable for solving, but it is well worth playing through the solutions.

1.Ke7 2.Kf6 3.KAh6 4.KAh2 5.KAh5 6.KAe7 7.Gh6 8.Gf4 9.KAf7 10.Ke6 11.Kd7 12.KAc7 13.KAb7 14.Kd6 15.KAg3 16.Gc7 17.Kc5 18.KAb5 19.Kb6 20.KAb8 21.Ka7 22.Ka8 23.Ga2 Kg8#. In the selfmate position the wKA3 guards g7, making excellent use of the hurdles on g6 and g5. Black's only move is Kg8, after which the bKA delivers mate to the wKa8, with the second hurdle (the wKAb8) being unable to move away.

1.Kd7 2.Gc8 3.Ge6 4.Kd6 5.KAf6 6.Kd5 7.Gc4 8.Ke4 9.KAb4 10.Gf4 11.KAf7 12.Kf3 13.KAf2 14.Ke3 15.Gd2 16.Kd3 17.Kc2 18.KAb2 19.Kb3 20.KAb1 21.Ka2 22.Ka1 23.Ga2 Kg7#. In this selfmate the wGa2 guards g8, so White's only move is Kg7, leading to a diagonal mate of the wKa1.

Having two such long and complex solutions would be considered incredible, were it not for the fact that this composer makes a habit of it! Soundness is possible due to a number of factors. First, the hoppers are weak pieces (a Kangaroo is especially weak), and the strategy consists of creating hurdles to enable them to move. Second, there are very few possible selfmate positions. This is especially so for the selfmate in the second solution, which cannot be varied in any way. Because of these features the composer was able to use a computer program to work backwards from the selfmate positions, eventually finding that the position in the diagram could be reached in two ways of equal length. This computer-assistance does not diminish the role of the composer, who must have spent long hours in finding such a clever matrix (the bKh7/bKAh8/bPg6/wPg5) and suitable combination of pieces."

2. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1363 StrateGems 66/2014
Spec. Honorable Mention
G239 FIDE Album 2013-2015



ss#12 (6+2) C+
 3 solutions
 Maximummer
 ♖=Kangaroo

Triple echo

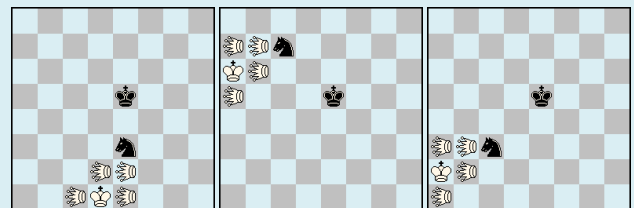
PDB [P1378111](#), WinChloe ID = 527398

1.KAd6 2.KAc7 3.KAd2 4.Qc4 5.KAc1 6.Qb3
 7.KAb2 8.KAb1 9.KAe2 10.Kd1 11.KAe1
 12.Qe3+ S:e3#

1.Kb3 2.KAa3 3.Qc2 4.KAa4 5.Kc4 6.Kb5
 7.KAb7 8.Ka6 9.KAa7 10.KAa8 11.KAa5
 12.Qc7+ S:c7#

1.Qb5 2.KAb3 3.KAa4 4.Kb2 5.KAb1 6.Ka2
 7.KAb6 8.KAb2 9.Qd3 10.KAa3 11.KAa1
 12.Qc3+ S:c3#

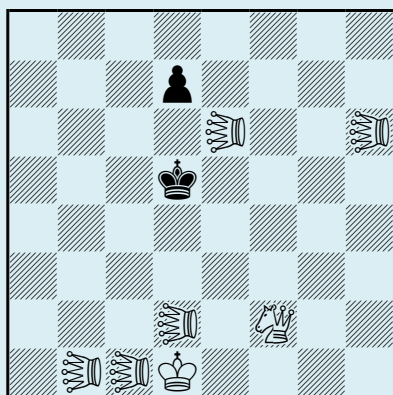
Mating positions:



Judge Diyan Kostadinov (StrateGems 79/2017, p.114-117): "Three echo model mates with creation of same mating net. There is a play almost all over the board in twelve moves. Excellent (of course composed with computer help). Unfortunately, use of the fairy condition seems only to avoid the bK escaping check."

Comments of the solvers: "Nice echo" (Romuald Lazowski), "Fantastic play" (Wilfried Seehofer), "Mating nest formed of Kangaroos - skillfully done" (C. C. Frankiss).

3. Václav Kotěšovec
3894 Šachmatija 3/2018
1. Prize



ss#18

(7+2) C+

2 solutions

♙ = Kangaroo

♜ = Amazon

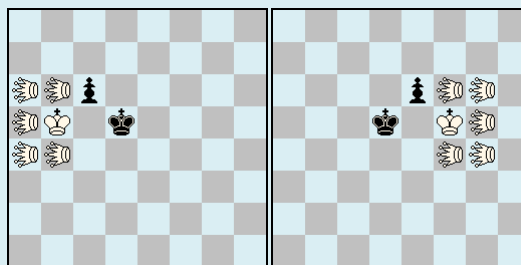
Echo

PDB [P1378177](#), WinChloe ID = 710655

1.Ag1 2.KAh1 3.Ag6 4.KAa1 5.KAe1 6.Kc2
7.Kc3 8.KAb4 9.KAa5 10.Kb3 11.KAa2 12.Ka4
13.Kb5 14.KAb6 15.KAa6 16.KAa7 17.KAa4
18.Ac6+ dxc6#

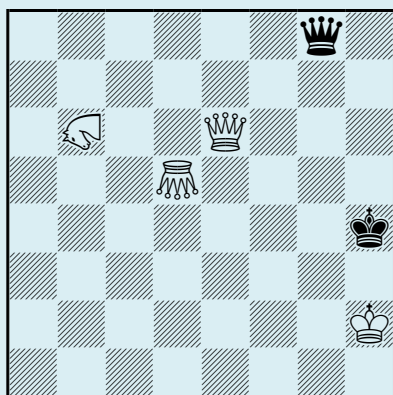
1.Ke1 2.KAf1 3.Ke2 4.Ke3 5.KAf4 6.KAg5 7.Kf3
8.Kg4 9.Kf5 10.Ag4 11.KAf6 12.KAd6 13.KAg6
14.KAh3 15.Ae2 16.KAc8 17.KAg4 18.Ae6+
dxe6#

Mating positions:



Judge A. Bulavka (Šachmatija 4/2019): „Идея понятна. Нужно перевести белого короля на поле b5(f5), заблокировать при помощи кенгуру 5 полей возле него и затем дать провокационный шах амазонкой с поля c6(e6). Выполнение этого плана является неплохой головоломкой. Ведь даже зная, что нужно сделать, остается вопрос «как». Наличие стаи кенгуру на доске довольно привычно для работ автора. Фигура эта малоподвижная, что упрощает ее перевод на нужное поле. Но вот присутствие амазонки, фигуры очень мобильной, заметно усложняет поиск решения. Итак, по сумме решений имеем два симметричных относительно вертикалы “d” эхо-мата.”

4. Václav Kotěšovec
3716 Šachmatija 2017
Prize



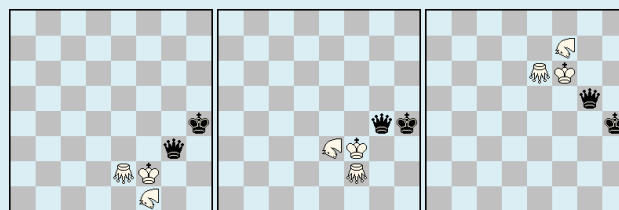
ss#12 (4+2) C+
3 solutions
♞=Nightriderhopper
♟=Grasshopper

1.Qg6 2.Kg2 3.Kf3 4.Gg2 5.Kf4 6.NHh3
7.NHd5 8.Ke3 9.NHf1 10.Kf2 11.Ge2 12.Qg3+
Q:g3#

1.Gf7 2.Qg6 3.Kg2 4.Kf3 5.Qf5 6.Gf4 7.NHh3
8.Gf2 9.NHd1 10.NHg7 11.NHe3 12.Qg4+
Q:g4#

1.Qf5 2.Gg5 3.Kg2 4.Kf3 5.Kf4 6.NHh3
7.NHf7 8.Ge3 9.Ke5 10.Ge6 11.Kf6 12.Qg5+
Q:g5#

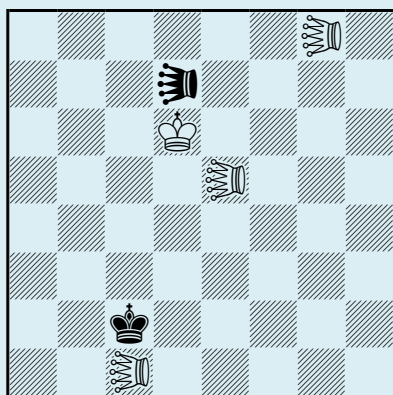
Mating positions:



PDB [P1378305](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1378305), WinChloe ID = 685997

Judge A. Bulavka (Šachmatija 4/2018): „Три эхо-хамелеонных мата как с горизонтальной, так и с диагональной симметриями. Но по содержанию эти маты всё-таки несколько отличаются. Если в первом и третьем решениях одно из полей h3,h5 подхватывает белый Nightriderhopper, то во втором белый ферзь справляется с этой задачей самостоятельно. Хочется также отметить, что по сравнению со многими другими задачами автора, в этой позиция и набор фигур теоретически допускают и другие матовые картинки, что, несомненно, повышает ценность эхо-матов. Конечно же, бросается игра белого ферзя последним ходом на три смежных поля вертикали g. Это красиво, но неизбежно. Есть в композиции и недостаток, причем очевидный: повтор двух ходов белого короля. Но, несмотря на это, думаю, задача сильнее и мастеровитей произведений конкурентов и вполне заслуживает приза.“

5. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1690 StrateGems 81/2018
7. Commendation

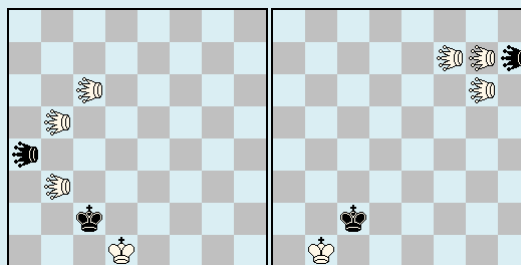


ss#20 (4+2) C+
 2 solutions
 Madrasí Rex Inclusiv
 ♖♜=Kangaroo

1.Kc7 2.KAc8 3.Kd8 4.KAb8 5.Ke7 6.Ke6
 7.KAf5 8.Kd5 9.KAc5 10.KAb5 11.Kc4 12.KAc1
 13.Kb4 14.KAb3 15.Kc5 16.KAc6 17.Kd4
 18.Ke3 19.Ke2 20.Kd1 KAa4#

1.Kc6 2.KAc7 3.Kd6 4.KAb8 5.Ke5 6.Kf4
 7.KAg3 8.Kg5 9.KAg2 10.KAg6 11.KAg7 12.Kf6
 13.Ke7 14.KAf7 15.Kd6 16.Kc5 17.Kb4 18.Ka3
 19.Ka2 20.Kb1 KAh7#

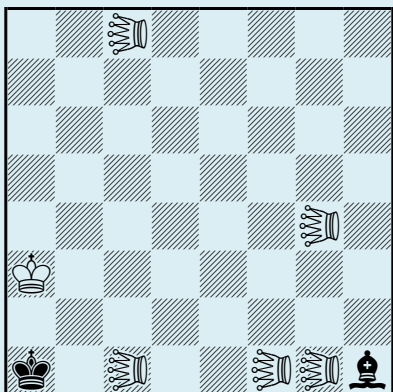
Mating positions:



PDB [P1379308](https://pdb.com/P1379308), WinChloe ID = 685470

Judge Eric Huber (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 2-8):
 "Two echo mates in solutions of a considerable
 length ending with mate by zugzwang. A Rundlauf
 by wKAc1 and a wK switchback are added."

2086 harmonie-aktiv 121/2014



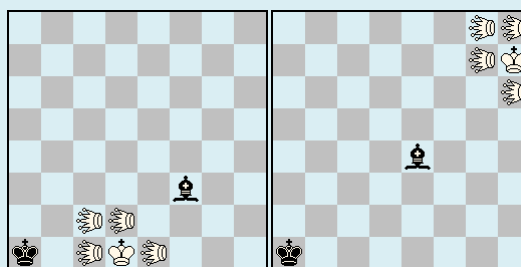
(6+2) C+

2 solutions
Maximummer
 = Kangaroo

PDB [P1379309](#), WinChloe ID = 537896

1.Kb3 2.Kc2 3.Kd1 4.KAb1 5.KAe1 6.Ke2 7.Kf2
8.Kg3 9.KAg5 10.Kf4 11.KAh6 12.Kf5 13.KAh3
14.KAe6 15.Ke5 16.KAe7 17.KAe4 18.Kf5
19.KAh3 20.Kg6 21.KAg7 22.KAg8 23.Kh7
24.KAh8 B:e4#

Mating positions:



Solver Joachim Benn: "Einbau des weißen Königs durch seine Kängurus am unteren und rechten oberen Rand!"

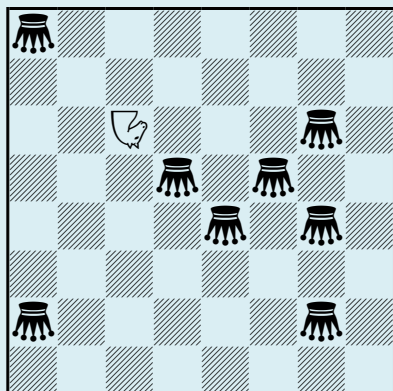
Comment in harmonie-aktiv: "Echo nach geschickten Känguru-Manövern. Zu kritisieren ist allerdings die Verwendung der Längstzügerbedingung, die lediglich den Mattreflex im Schlusszug auslöst."

Úloha ale nemůže být sr#24, protože pak by měla vedlejší řešení 16. tahem. Forma maximálníku je nezbytná.

But the problem cannot be solved, because then it would have a solution in 16 moves. The maximum number of moves necessary is 17.

series-direct stalemates

7. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1926 StrateGems 91/2020
6. Prize
FIDE Album 2019-21 (from WCCI)



sd=15 (1+8) C+
 4 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♢=Grasshopper
 ♞=Nightrider
 (no kings)

PDB [P1378018](https://pdb.org/P1378018), WinChloe ID = 776380

Judge Shankar Ram (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 14-19):
 "The wN shepherds the 8 bGs to line up twice horizontally on the 4th and 6th ranks, and once each vertically on the g-file and diagonally on a8-h1. An amusing task from the Kotesovec garden!"

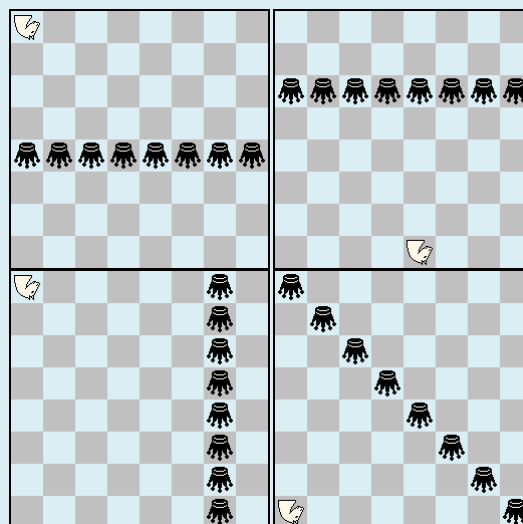
1.Ne2 2.N:g6(Ge2) 3.Nf4 4.N:d5(Gf4) 5.Nb4
 6.N:a2(Gb4) 7.Nc3 8.Na4 9.N:e2(Ga4) 10.Nd4
 11.N:f5(Gd4) 12.Nh4 13.N:g2(Gh4) 14.Nc4
 15.N:a8(Gc4)=

1.N:a2(Gc6) 2.Nb4 3.Na6 4.N:e4(Ga6) 5.Nd6
 6.N:f5(Gd6) 7.Nh6 8.N:g4(Gh6) 9.Nf6
 10.N:d5(Gf6) 11.Nb6 12.N:a8(Gb6) 13.Ne6
 14.N:g2(Ge6) 15.Ne1=

1.Ng8 2.N:e4(Gg8) 3.N:a2(Ge4) 4.Nc3
 5.N:d5(Gc3) 6.Nh3 7.Ng1 8.N:c3(Gg1) 9.Na4
 10.Ng7 11.N:f5(Gg7) 12.Ng3 13.N:e4(Gg3)
 14.Ng5 15.N:a8(Gg5)=

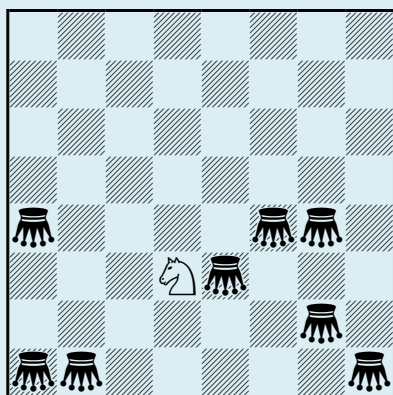
1.Nd8 2.N:a2(Gd8) 3.Nb4 4.Nh1 5.N:f5(Gh1)
 6.Nh4 7.N:g6(Gh4) 8.Ne5 9.Nf3 10.N:h4(Gf3)
 11.Nb7 12.N:d8(Gb7) 13.Nc6 14.N:g4(Gc6)
 15.Na1=

Stalemate positions:



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 s komentářem: "Použitie exoprvkov otvára brány
 neuveriteľným divom, napríklad v 829 biely tátoš
 dokáže nastavať na jednu líniu oktetu čiernych
 cvrčkov (čím ich znehybní špecifickým spôsobom)
 a to štyrmi rôznymi spôsobmi."

8. Václav Kotěšovec
 8. FIDE World Cup 2020
3. Honorable Mention



sd=23 (1+8) C+
 3 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♖=Grasshopper
 (no kings)

Triple echo

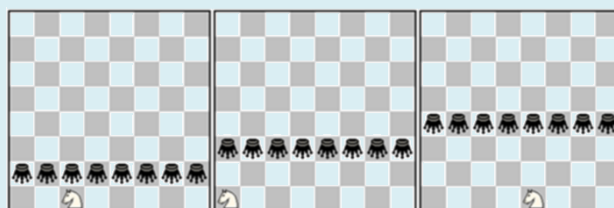
PDB [P1378082](https://pdb.chessproblems.ca/P1378082), WinChloe ID = 778874

1.Sb2 2.S:a4(Gb2) 3.Sc5 4.Sb3 5.S:a1(Gb3)
 6.Sc2 7.S:e3(Gc2) 8.Sf1 9.Sh2 10.S:g4(Gh2)
 11.Sf2 12.S:h1(Gf2) 13.Sg3 14.Se2 15.S:f4(Ge2)
 16.Sd3 17.Sc1 18.S:b3(Gc1) 19.Sd2
 20.S:b1(Gd2) 21.Sc3 22.Sa2 23.S:c1(Ga2)=

1.S:f4(Gd3) 2.S:g2(Gf4) 3.Sh4 4.Sf5 5.Sg3
 6.S:h1(Gg3) 7.Sf2 8.Sh3 9.S:f4(Gh3) 10.Sg6
 11.Se5 12.S:g4(Ge5) 13.Sh2 14.Sf3 15.S:e5(Gf3)
 16.Sc4 17.Sa3 18.S:b1(Ga3) 19.Sc3 20.S:a4(Gc3)
 21.Sc5 22.Sb3 23.S:a1(Gb3)=

1.Sf2 2.S:h1(Gf2) 3.Sg3 4.Sf5 5.S:e3(Gf5) 6.Sc2
 7.S:a1(Gc2) 8.Sb3 9.Sd2 10.S:b1(Gd2) 11.Sa3
 12.Sc4 13.S:d2(Gc4) 14.Se4 15.S:f2(Ge4) 16.Sd3
 17.Sb4 18.S:c2(Gb4) 19.Sd4 20.S:f5(Gd4)
 21.Sh4 22.S:g2(Gh4) 23.Se1=

Stalemate positions:

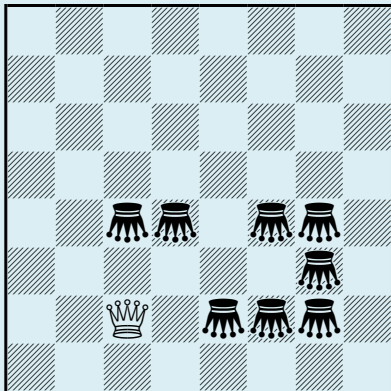


Judge V. Crişan, [Judgement](#)

Reproduced as XXXV, p. 12677, Phénix 325/2021
 with a comment: „Un écho dans le XXXV : vu le nom
 de l’auteur, rien d’étonnant, mais ce n’est pas un
 écho dans trois coins, comme on l’a vu de
 nombreuses fois dans nos colonnes : l’écho se fait
 selon trois lignes, la deuxième, la troisième et la
 quatrième (forcément le Cavalier blanc se trouve
 sur des cases différentes). Une idée très
 intéressante !“

For many other similar problems see my article:
[Records in ser-#=PWC problems with one white
 piece](#), Bulletin.ChessProblems.ca 18/2020, p. 876-
 884.

9. Václav Kotěšovec
original



sd=13 (1+8) C+
2 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♠=Grasshopper
(no kings)

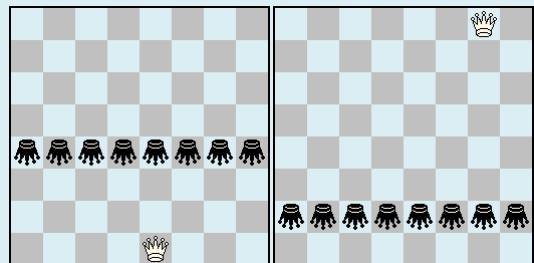
Echo with a shift [0,2].

WinChloe ID = 931665

1.Qb3 2.Q:g3(Gb3) 3.Qh4 4.Q:f2(Gh4) 5.Qe1
6.Q:e2(Ge1) 7.Qe4 8.Q:g2(Ge4) 9.Qa2 10.Qa4
11.Q:b3(Ga4) 12.Qb4 13.Q:e1(Gb4)=

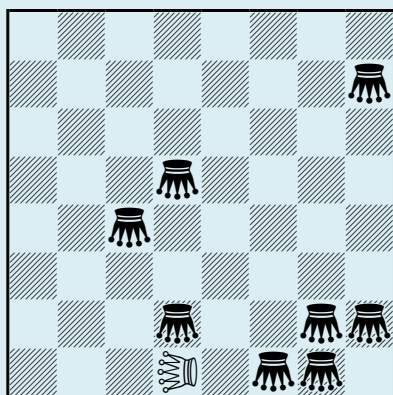
1.Q:e2(Gc2) 2.Q:g4(Ge2) 3.Qg8 4.Q:g3(Gg8)
5.Qh2 6.Q:f4(Gh2) 7.Qd2 8.Q:d4(Gd2) 9.Qb2
10.Q:c2(Gb2) 11.Q:c4(Gc2) 12.Qa2
13.Q:g8(Ga2)=

Stalemate positions:



See also [\[341\]](#) for the helpstalemate form.

10. Václav Kotěšovec
G523 SuperProblem 26.2.2023
Commendation



sd=27 (1+8) C+
3.1.1...
PlatzWechselCirce
♟=Grasshopper
♞=Eagle
(no kings)

Three stalemate positions in one line.

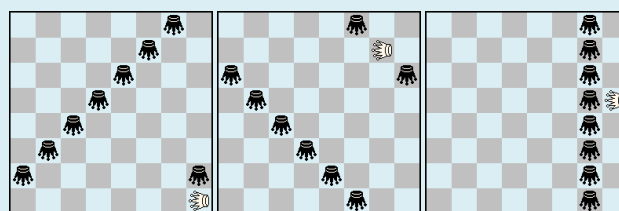
PDB [P1408703](#), WinChloe ID = 877078

1.EAc2 2.EAg8 3.EA:h2(Gg8) 4.EA:g1(Gh2) 5.EAf2
6.EAd3 7.EA:d5(Gd3) 8.EA:f1(Gd5) 9.EAh1
10.EA:g2(Gh1) 11.EAe6 12.EA:h7(Ge6)
13.EA:c4(Gh7) 14.EAc2 15.EA:d3(Gc2) 16.EAb3
17.EAc6 18.EA:d2(Gc6) 19.EAh3 20.EAf7
21.EA:h7(Gf7) 22.EAb3 23.EA:c6(Gb3) 24.EAc4
25.EA:c2(Gc4) 26.EAa2 27.EA:h1(Ga2)=

1.EAf2 2.EA:h2(Gf2) 3.EAg7 4.EA:f2(Gg7) 5.EAd3
6.EA:d5(Gd3) 7.EAb5 8.EAb3 9.EA:d2(Gb3) 10.EAc3
11.EAf8 12.EA:g1(Gf8) 13.EAf2 14.EAg8 15.EAb5
16.EA:b3(Gb5) 17.EAd4 18.EAh6 19.EA:g7(Gh6)
20.EAf2 21.EAe8 22.EAa6 23.EA:h7(Ga6) 24.EAe2
25.EA:g2(Ge2) 26.EAe3 27.EAg7=

1.EAe2 2.EA:g2(Ge2) 3.EAe6 4.EAe4 5.EAg8
6.EA:f1(Gg8) 7.EAf3 8.EA:c4(Gf3) 9.EAe4
10.EA:d2(Ge4) 11.EAe1 12.EAg2 13.EA:e2(Gg2)
14.EAg3 15.EA:h2(Gg3) 16.EAg7 17.EA:f3(Gg7)
18.EAf5 19.EA:d5(Gf5) 20.EAd3 21.EAg4
22.EA:e4(Gg4) 23.EAg5 24.EA:h7(Gg5) 25.EAg6
26.EA:f5(Gg6) 27.EAh5=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Paul Răican ([SuperProblem, 23.1.2024](#)):
"Impressive play in three long phases. Here, the
Grasshoppers are actually neutrals, they move only
when PWC condition is applied."

Alybadix 19 h 27 m

See also [\[342\]](#) for the helpstalemate form.

A special and a very attractive group are compositions with echo mates (or stalemates) in all four corners of the chessboard. It is interesting how my opinion of problems with three solutions has changed over the years.

I used to regard them as extensions of the usual (double) echoes. Over time, however, my opinion began to prevail that problems with mates (or stalemates) in the three corners of the board are actually unfinished problems with four solutions.

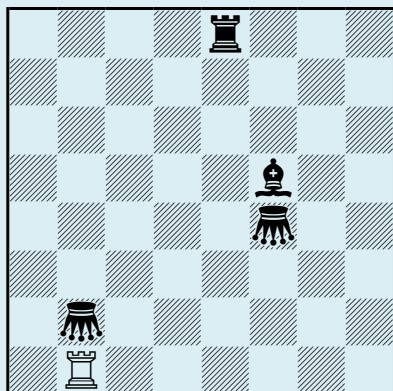
Although, from another point of view, finding a triple echo is quite rare, and the probability of finding an echo in all four corners is equal to the probability that the golfer hits the hole with the first shot. You can't teach that, it takes a lot of luck too. Still, sometimes it succeeds.

Speciální a velmi atraktivní skupinou jsou skladby s echovými maty (resp. paty) ve všech čtyřech rozích šachovnice. Je zajímavé, jak se za roky, co se těmito úlohami zabývám, měnil můj názor na úlohy se třemi řešeními.

Dříve jsem je považoval za rozšíření obvyklých (dvojnásobných) ech. Postupem času ale u mě začal převládat názor, že úlohy s maty (resp. paty) ve třech rozích šachovnice jsou vlastně nedodělané úlohy se čtyřmi řešeními.

I když, z jiného úhlu pohledu, najít už jen trojnásobné echo je poměrně vzácné a pravděpodobnost nalezení echa ve všech čtyřech rozích se rovná pravděpodobnosti, že golfista trefí jamku první ranou. To se nedá naučit, k tomu je potřeba i velká dávka štěstí. Přesto se to občas podaří.

11. Václav Kotěšovec
 18.TT Phénix, Rex Multiplex 40 JT
 section 3, C 25.12.2022
2. Prize



sd=17 (1+4) C+
 4 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♞=Grasshopper
 (no kings)

4-fold exact echo in four corners.

PDB [P1416173](#), WinChloe ID = 914619

Judge Maryan Kerhuel (January 2024): "Retour au classicisme thématique avec un Deuxième Prix montrant la même image de pat dans les quatre coins de l'échiquier. La Tour blanche effectue un long travail de mise en place des pièces noires, sur une longueur très appréciable de dix-sept coups. Suivre le ballet de cette Tour virevoltante engendre une certaine fascination et finalement séduit intellectuellement et esthétiquement l'observateur, bien loin de l'ennui que génèrent habituellement des solutions répétant le même scénario."

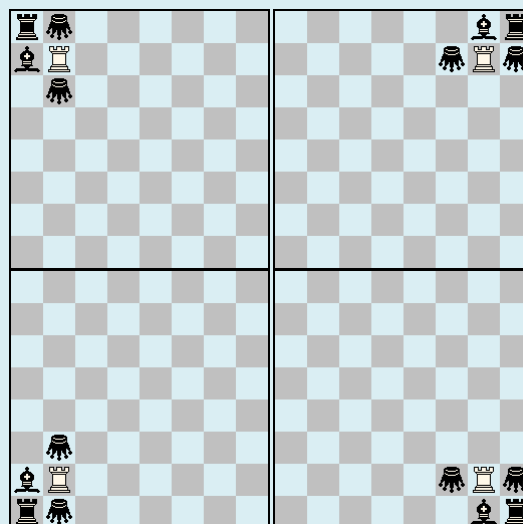
1.R:b2(Gb1) 2.Rb4 3.R:f4(Gb4) 4.Rf2
 5.R:f5(Bf2) 6.Ra5 7.Ra8 8.R:e8(Ra8) 9.Re3
 10.Rb3 11.R:b4(Gb3) 12.Ra4 13.Ra1
 14.R:a8(Ra1) 15.Ra2 16.R:f2(Ba2) 17.Rb2=

1.Rg1 2.Rg5 3.R:f5(Bg5) 4.Rf8 5.Rh8
 6.R:e8(Rh8) 7.Re1 8.Rh1 9.R:h8(Rh1) 10.Rh2
 11.R:b2(Gh2) 12.Rf2 13.R:f4(Gf2) 14.Rg4
 15.Rg1 16.R:g5(Bg1) 17.Rg2=

1.Rh1 2.Rh2 3.R:b2(Gh2) 4.Rg2 5.Rg5
 6.R:f5(Bg5) 7.Rf7 8.R:f4(Gf7) 9.Rh4 10.Rh8
 11.R:h2(Gh8) 12.Rh7 13.R:h8(Gh7)
 14.R:e8(Rh8) 15.Rg8 16.R:g5(Bg8) 17.Rg7=

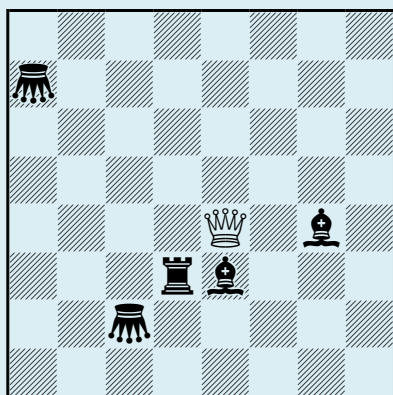
1.Ra1 2.Ra8 3.R:e8(Ra8) 4.Rb8 5.R:b2(Gb8)
 6.Rb4 7.R:f4(Gb4) 8.R:f5(Bf4) 9.Rf7
 10.R:f4(Bf7) 11.Rf6 12.Rb6 13.R:b4(Gb6)
 14.Ra4 15.Ra7 16.R:f7(Ba7) 17.Rb7=

Stalemate positions:



PWC specialty - the bishop changes the color of the square!

12. Václav Kotěšovec
 10. FIDE World Cup 2022
5. Honorable Mention



sd=16 (1+5) C+
 4 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♢=Grasshopper
 (no kings)

4-fold exact echo in four corners

PDB [P1404868](#), WinChloe ID = 862592

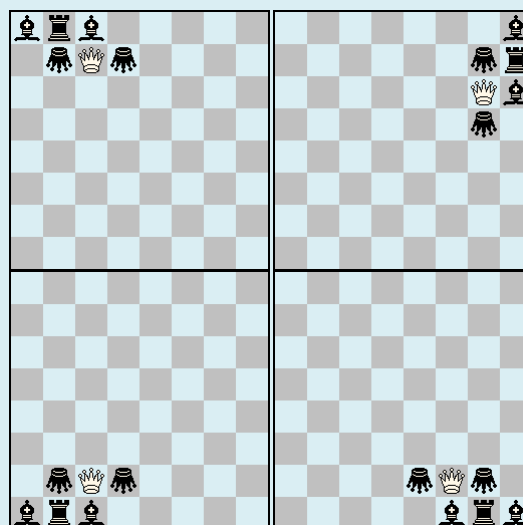
1.Q:g4(Be4) 2.Qg1 3.Q:e3(Bg1) 4.Q:d3(Re3)
 5.Qf1 6.Q:g1(Bf1) 7.Q:e3(Rg1) 8.Q:a7(Ge3)
 9.Qh7 10.Qh1 11.Q:e4(Bh1) 12.Qg2
 13.Q:c2(Gg2) 14.Qe2 15.Q:e3(Ge2) 16.Qf2=

1.Qd4 2.Q:g4(Bd4) 3.Qg7 4.Q:a7(Gg7) 5.Qa1
 6.Q:d4(Ba1) 7.Qb2 8.Q:g7(Gb2) 9.Qg1 10.Qc1
 11.Q:e3(Bc1) 12.Qd2 13.Q:c2(Gd2) 14.Qb1
 15.Q:d3(Rb1) 16.Qc2=

1.Q:e3(Be4) 2.Qg3 3.Q:d3(Rg3) 4.Q:c2(Gd3)
 5.Qc8 6.Q:g4(Bc8) 7.Qd7 8.Q:d3(Gd7) 9.Qd5
 10.Qa8 11.Q:e4(Ba8) 12.Qb7 13.Q:a7(Gb7)
 14.Qb8 15.Q:g3(Rb8) 16.Qc7=

1.Qh7 2.Q:a7(Gh7) 3.Qg7 4.Q:g4(Bg7) 5.Qc8
 6.Qh8 7.Q:g7(Bh8) 8.Q:h7(Gg7) 9.Q:d3(Rh7)
 10.Qg6 11.Q:c2(Gg6) 12.Qh2 13.Qh6
 14.Q:e3(Bh6) 15.Qg5 16.Q:g6(Gg5)=

Stalemate positions:

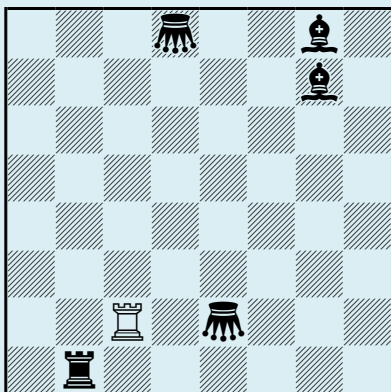


Jugde Narayan Shankar Ram: "A 16-move four-fold echo in four corners. The rook is hemmed in by the two bishops and a grasshopper. The bishops by the two grasshoppers and the grasshoppers by the queen."

C+ (VKComposer, too hard for Alybadix or Popeye)

See also [338] for the helpstalemate form.

13. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=16 (1+5) C+

4 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♠=Grasshopper
(no kings)

1.Rb2 2.R:e2(Gb2) 3.Rd2 4.R:d8(Gd2) 5.Ra8
6.R:g8(Ba8) 7.R:g7(Bg8) 8.Ra7 9.Ra1
10.R:a8(Ba1) 11.Rc8 12.R:g8(Bc8) 13.Rg1
14.Rc1 15.R:c8(Bc1) 16.Rc2= (switchback of
the white rook)

1.R:e2(Gc2) 2.Re7 3.Rc7 4.R:g7(Bc7) 5.Rd7
6.R:d8(Gd7) 7.Ra8 8.R:g8(Ba8) 9.Rc8
10.R:c7(Bc8) 11.R:c2(Gc7) 12.Rb2 13.Rb8
14.R:b1(Rb8) 15.Rb7 16.R:c7(Gb7)=

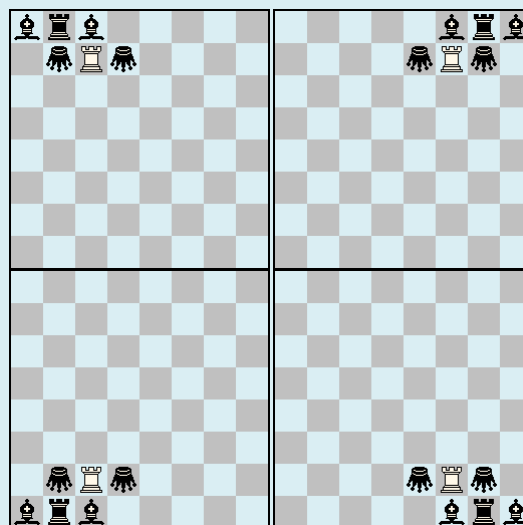
1.Rc7 2.Re7 3.R:e2(Ge7) 4.Rh2 5.Rh8
6.R:g8(Bh8) 7.R:d8(Gg8) 8.Rb8 9.R:b1(Rb8)
10.Rf1 11.Rf7 12.R:g7(Bf7) 13.R:g8(Gg7)
14.R:b8(Rg8) 15.Rf8 16.R:f7(Bf8)=

1.Rc1 2.Rg1 3.R:g7(Bg1) 4.Rg2 5.R:g8(Bg2)
6.R:d8(Gg8) 7.Rf8 8.Rf2 9.R:g2(Bf2)
10.R:g8(Gg2) 11.Rh8 12.Rh1 13.R:g1(Bh1)
14.R:b1(Rg1) 15.Rf1 16.R:f2(Bf1)=

4-fold exact echo in four corners

WinChloe ID = 932431

Stalemate positions:

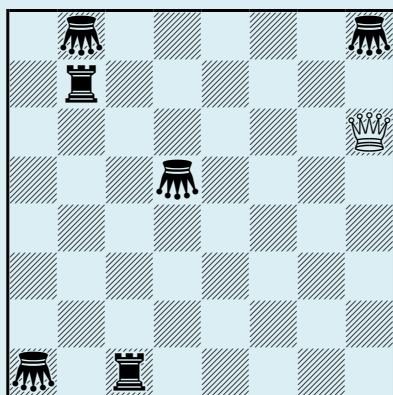


Version of [12] with a white rook instead a white queen.

C+, Alybadix 40 minutes

See also [340] for the helpstalemate form.

14. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2104 StrateGems 99/2022
4. Prize



sd=12 (1+6) C+
 4 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♜=Grasshopper
 (no kings)

4-fold exact echo in four corners
 Cycle of pairs a1a8 - a8h8 - h8h1 - h1a1

PDB [P1403704](https://pdb.com/P1403704), WinChloe ID = 854592

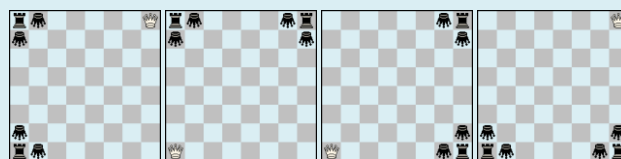
1.Qa6 2.Qa8 3.Q:b7(Ra8) 4.Q:d5(Gb7) 5.Qa2
 6.Q:a1(Ga2) 7.Q:c1(Ra1) 8.Qb1 9.Q:b7(Gb1)
 10.Qa7 11.Q:b8(Ga7) 12.Q:h8(Gb8)=

1.Q:c1(Rh6) 2.Qa3 3.Qa8 4.Q:b7(Ra8)
 5.Q:d5(Gb7) 6.Qg8 7.Q:h8(Gg8) 8.Q:h6(Rh8)
 9.Qh7 10.Q:b7(Gh7) 11.Qa7 12.Q:a1(Ga7)=

1.Qh2 2.Q:b8(Gh2) 3.Q:b7(Rb8) 4.Qh7
 5.Q:h8(Gh7) 6.Q:b8(Rh8) 7.Qg8 8.Q:d5(Gg8)
 9.Qh1 10.Q:c1(Rh1) 11.Qg1 12.Q:a1(Gg1)=

1.Qh1 2.Q:d5(Gh1) 3.Qa2 4.Q:a1(Ga2)
 5.Q:c1(Ra1) 6.Qg1 7.Q:h1(Gg1) 8.Q:b7(Rh1)
 9.Qb1 10.Q:b8(Gb1) 11.Qh2 12.Q:h8(Gh2)=

Stalemate positions:



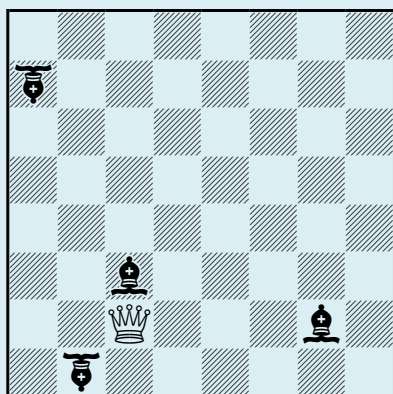
Judge Paz Einat: "To reach a stalemate position, the black Rooks must be placed in the corners and blocked by two Grasshoppers. The PWC condition is used to bring all pieces into place. We have a magical position leading, in four solutions, to a cyclical configuration of the two black clusters on a1&a8 - a8&h8 - h8&h1 - h1&a1. Wonderful!"

C+, Alybadix 1 h 08 m

15. Václav Kotěšovec

9398 Phénix 335/2022

(The award is yet not published)



sd=9

(1+4) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♗ = Bishophopper
(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners
Cycle of pairs a1a8 - a8h8 - h8h1 - h1a1

PDB [P1408677](#), WinChloe ID = 881622

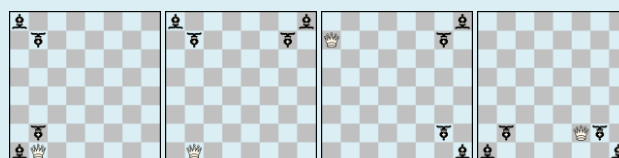
1.Qe4 2.Qa8 3.Q:g2(Ba8) 4.Qb7 5.Q:a7(BHb7)
6.Qa1 7.Q:c3(Ba1) 8.Qb2 9.Q:b1(BHb2)=

1.Qh7 2.Qh8 3.Q:c3(Bh8) 4.Qg7 5.Q:a7(BHg7)
6.Qa8 7.Q:g2(Ba8) 8.Qb7 9.Q:b1(BHb7)=

1.Q:b1(BHc2) 2.Qh1 3.Q:g2(Bh1)
4.Q:c2(BHg2) 5.Qh7 6.Qh8 7.Q:c3(Bh8) 8.Qg7
9.Q:a7(BHg7)=

1.Qf2 2.Q:a7(BHf2) 3.Qa1 4.Q:c3(Ba1) 5.Qb2
6.Q:b1(BHb2) 7.Qh1 8.Q:g2(Bh1)
9.Q:f2(BHg2)=

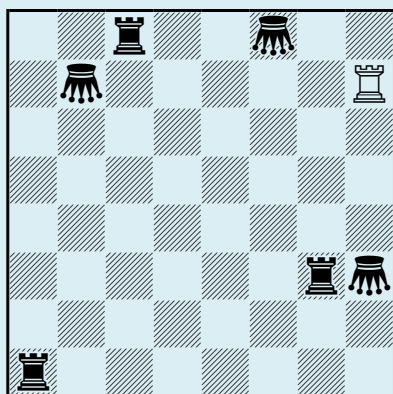
Stalemate positions:



Theme from problem [\[14\]](#) with only five pieces (Tanagra). However, due to the positions of the white queen, the echo is not exact.

Published with a comment: "L'auteur s'intéresse ces derniers temps aux échecs sans Rois, un domaine prometteur. Il nous propose ici quatre solutions pas exactement en écho car la place finale de la Dame blanche varie, mais un motif plus rare où les deux Fous noirs sont enfermés par les Fous-Sauterelle dans deux coins latéraux a1-a8, a8-h8, h8-h1, h1-a1 donnant ainsi «une vision tournante» du tableau final. A ma connaissance, c'est une première."

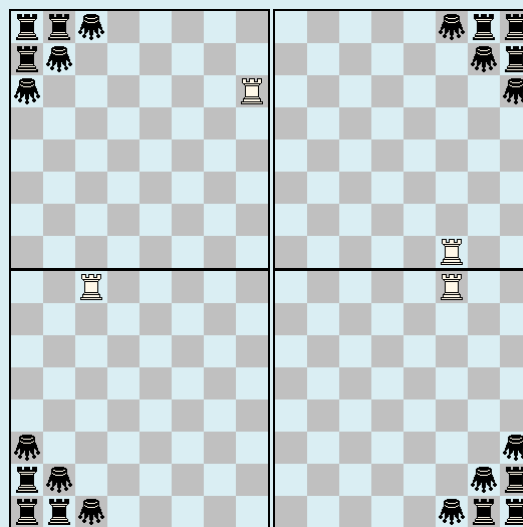
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 = Grasshopper
(no kings)

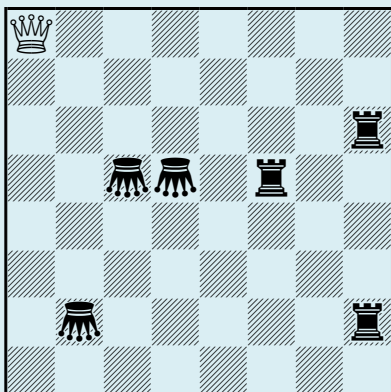
1.Rc7 2.Rc1 3.R:c8(Rc1) 4.R:f8(Gc8) 5.Rf3
6.Ra3 7.R:g3(Ra3) 8.Rg2 9.Ra2 10.R:a3(Ra2)
11.R:h3(Ga3) 12.Rb3 13.Rb1 14.R:b7(Gb1)
15.Rb2 16.R:b1(Gb2) 17.R:c1(Rb1)
18.R:c8(Gc1)=

Stalemate positions:



C+, Alybadix 54 h 19 m

17. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=16 (1+6) C+
4 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♙=Grasshopper
(no kings)

1.Qa1 2.Qh1 3.Q:d5(Gh1) 4.Q:f5(Rd5) 5.Qf1
6.Q:h1(Gf1) 7.Q:d5(Rh1) 8.Qg2 9.Q:b2(Gg2)
10.Qa3 11.Q:c5(Ga3) 12.Qg1 13.Q:h2(Rg1)
14.Q:h6(Rh2) 15.Qh3 16.Q:a3(Gh3)=

1.Qa2 2.Q:d5(Ga2) 3.Qh1 4.Q:h2(Rh1) 5.Qg1
6.Qa1 7.Q:h1(Ra1) 8.Qb1 9.Q:f5(Rb1) 10.Qe6
11.Q:h6(Re6) 12.Qc1 13.Q:c5(Gc1) 14.Qa3
15.Q:a2(Ga3) 16.Q:e6(Ra2)=

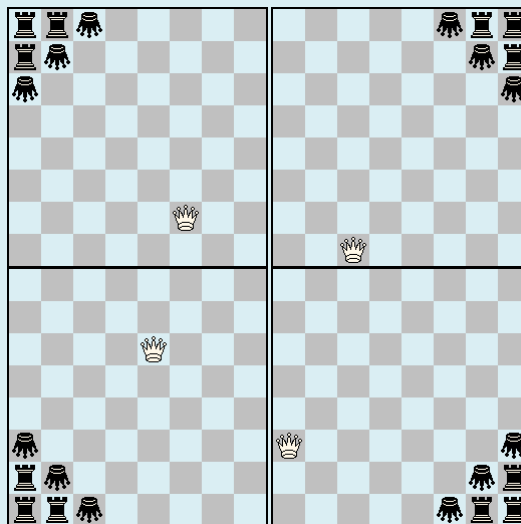
1.Q:d5(Ga8) 2.Qb7 3.Q:b2(Gb7) 4.Qh8
5.Q:h6(Rh8) 6.Qa6 7.Q:a8(Ga6) 8.Q:h8(Ra8)
9.Qb8 10.Q:h2(Rb8) 11.Qf2 12.Q:f5(Rf2)
13.Qc8 14.Q:c5(Gc8) 15.Qa7 16.Q:f2(Ra7)=

1.Qh8 2.Q:h6(Rh8) 3.Qg7 4.Q:b2(Gg7) 5.Qc1
6.Q:c5(Gc1) 7.Qf8 8.Q:f5(Rf8) 9.Q:d5(Gf5)
10.Qg8 11.Q:f8(Rg8) 12.Q:f5(Gf8) 13.Qh7
14.Q:h2(Rh7) 15.Qh6 16.Q:c1(Gh6)=

Stalemate positions:

4-fold echo in four corners

WinChloe ID = 932166



Version of [16] with a white queen instead white rook. Shorter, but the echo is not exact.

C+ (VKComposer, too hard for Alybadix or Popeye)

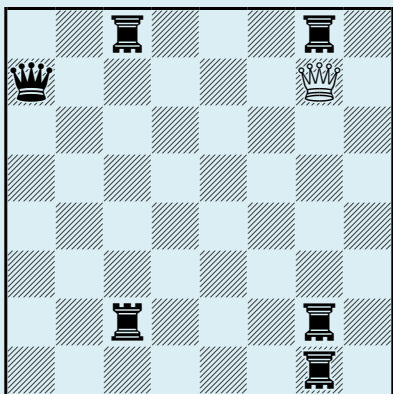
4 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♠=Grasshopper
♛=Nightrider
(no kings)

WinChloe ID = 931132

1.Nf1 2.N:d2(Rf1) 3.N:c4(Gd2) 4.Ng2
5.N:e1(Gg2) 6.Nd3 7.Nf2 8.N:g4(Gf2) 9.Nh2
10.N:f1(Rh2) 11.N:d2(Gf1) 12.Nf3 13.Ng1
14.N:c3(Rg1) 15.Ne7 16.N:g6(Re7) 17.Nf4
18.Nh3 19.N:f2(Gh3) 20.Nh1 21.N:e7(Rh1)=

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19. Václav Kotěšovec
[1726](#) Julia's Fairies 13.1.2023
 (The award is yet not published)



sd=14 (1+6) C+
 4 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♖ = Rookhopper
 (no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1407246](#), WinChloe ID = 874041

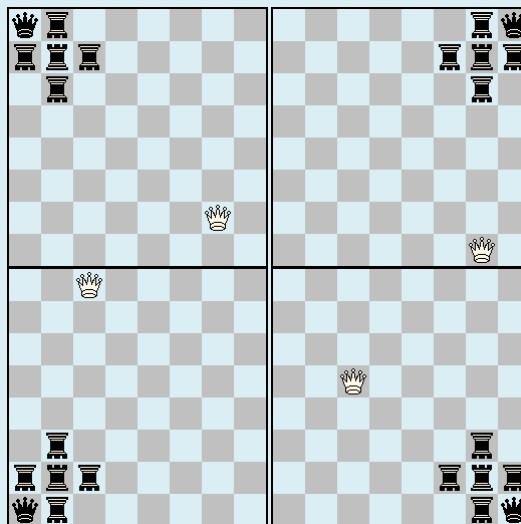
1.Qb2 2.Q:c2(Rb2) 3.Q:g2(RHc2) 4.Qf1 5.Qa1
 6.Q:g1(RHa1) 7.Qb1 8.Q:a1(RHb1)
 9.Q:a7(Qa1) 10.Qa2 11.Q:g8(RHa2) 12.Qb3
 13.Q:c2(RHb3) 14.Q:c8(RHc2)=

1.Qb7 2.Q:g2(RHb7) 3.Q:c2(Rg2) 4.Qc7
 5.Q:c8(RHc7) 6.Qa8 7.Q:g8(RHa8) 8.Qb8
 9.Q:a8(RHb8) 10.Q:a7(Qa8) 11.Q:g1(RHa7)
 12.Qb6 13.Q:b7(RHb6) 14.Q:g2(Rb7)=

1.Q:a7(Qg7) 2.Qf7 3.Q:g8(RHf7) 4.Q:c8(RHg8)
 5.Qh3 6.Qh8 7.Q:g7(Qh8) 8.Q:g2(RHg7)
 9.Q:c2(Rg2) 10.Qh7 11.Q:g7(RHh7)
 12.Q:g2(Rg7) 13.Qg6 14.Q:g1(RHg6)=

1.Qg3 2.Q:g8(RHg3) 3.Qh7 4.Q:a7(Qh7) 5.Qc5
 6.Q:c8(RHc5) 7.Qh3 8.Qh1 9.Q:h7(Qh1)
 10.Qh2 11.Q:g2(RHh2) 12.Q:c2(Rg2) 13.Qf2
 14.Q:c5(RHf2)=

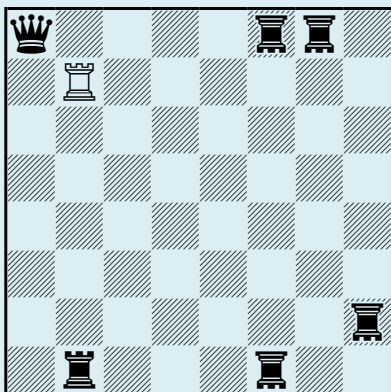
Stalemate positions:



Dedicated to Julia Vysotska. Julia writes on her website (13.1.2023): "This problem was dedicated to my jubilee in September 2022. Plus it was so nicely prepared for me, so much 'animation-friendly', so I feel double sorry to publish it so late, and very much grateful to Václav!"

C+, Alybadix 37 h 06 m

20. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=18 (1+6) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♖=Rookhopper
(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners with 6 pieces
(or 2 pairs of exact echoes with 7 pieces!)

WinChloe ID = 931091

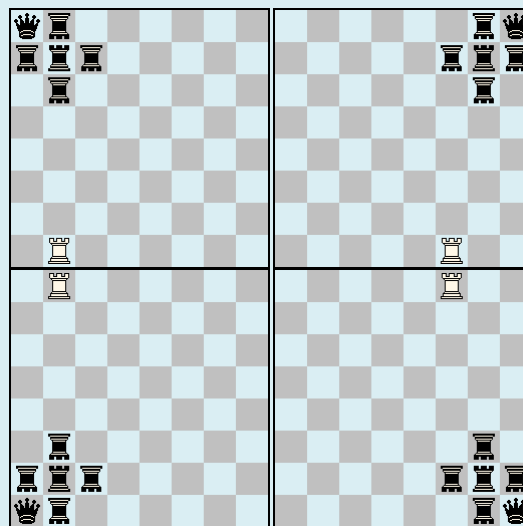
1.Rh7 2.R:h2(RHh7) 3.Ra2 4.Ra7
5.R:h7(RHa7) 6.Rb7 7.R:b1(Rb7) 8.R:f1(RHb1)
9.Rf7 10.R:f8(RHf7) 11.Rb8 12.R:g8(RHb8)
13.Rc8 14.Rc7 15.R:f7(RHc7) 16.Rf6 17.Rb6
18.R:b1(RHb6)=

1.R:b1(Rb7) 2.Rb6 3.Rg6 4.R:g8(RHg6)
5.R:f8(RHg8) 6.Rf7 7.Rg7 8.R:g8(RHg7) 9.Rh8
10.R:h2(RHh8) 11.Rh7 12.R:h8(RHh7)
13.R:a8(Qh8) 14.Rg8 15.R:g7(RHg8)
16.R:b7(Rg7) 17.Rf7 18.R:f1(RHf7)=

1.Rb2 2.R:b1(Rb2) 3.Ra1 4.R:a8(Qa1) 5.Ra3
6.Rf3 7.R:f1(RHf3) 8.Rh1 9.R:a1(Qh1) 10.Rg1
11.R:g8(RHg1) 12.Rg3 13.R:f3(RHg3) 14.Rf2
15.Rg2 16.R:b2(Rg2) 17.Rf2 18.R:f8(RHf2)=

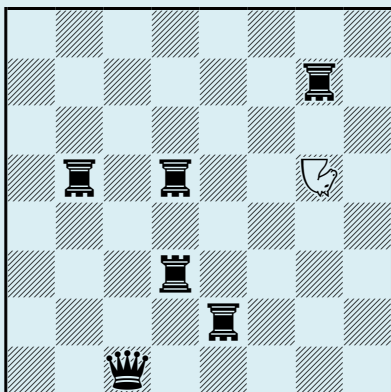
1.Ra7 2.Ra1 3.R:a8(Qa1) 4.Ra2 5.R:h2(RHa2)
6.Rb2 7.R:b1(Rb2) 8.R:f1(RHb1) 9.Rf2
10.R:f8(RHf2) 11.Rb8 12.R:g8(RHb8) 13.Rc8
14.Rc2 15.R:f2(RHc2) 16.Rf3 17.Rb3
18.R:b8(RHb3)=

Stalemate positions:



C+, Alybadix 54 h 28 m

21. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=22 (1+6) C+
4 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♖=Rookhopper
♘=Nightrider
(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners

1.Nh3 2.N:d5(RHh3) 3.Nf4 4.N:d3(Rf4)
5.N:c1(Qd3) 6.Na5 7.Ng2 8.N:f4(Rg2) 9.Nh5
10.N:g7(RHh5) 11.Nf5 12.Nh1 13.N:d3(Qh1)
14.Nf2 15.N:h3(RHf2) 16.Ng1 17.N:e2(RHg1)
18.Ng3 19.N:h5(RHg3) 20.Nf6 21.Nh2
22.N:b5(RHh2)=

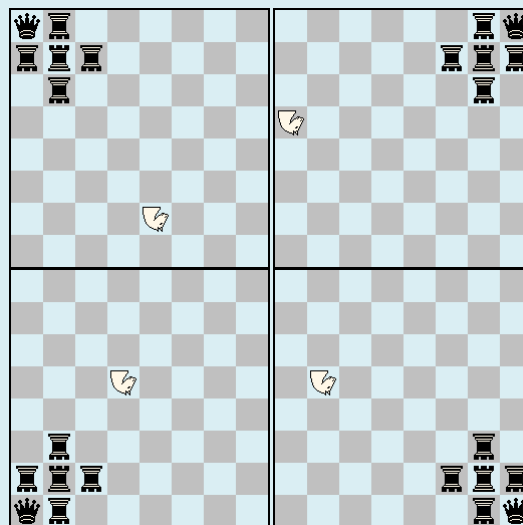
1.Nc3 2.N:b5(RHc3) 3.Nd6 4.Nb2 5.N:d3(Rb2)
6.Nc5 7.N:g7(RHc5) 8.Ne3 9.Na1 10.N:c5(RHa1)
11.Nb3 12.N:c1(Qb3) 13.N:e2(RHc1) 14.Nd4
15.Nc2 16.N:a1(RHc2) 17.N:b3(Qa1)
18.N:c1(RHb3) 19.Na2 20.N:c3(RHa2) 21.Nb1
22.N:d5(RHb1)=

1.Ne6 2.N:g7(RHe6) 3.Nf5 4.Nb7 5.N:d3(Rb7)
6.Ne5 7.N:c1(Qe5) 8.Na5 9.Nc4 10.N:e5(Qc4)
11.Na7 12.N:b5(RHa7) 13.Nc7 14.Na8
15.N:c4(Qa8) 16.Nb6 17.N:d5(RHb6) 18.Nc7
19.N:e6(RHc7) 20.Nd4 21.Nb8 22.N:e2(RHb8)=

1.Nh7 2.N:d5(RHh7) 3.Ne3 4.N:g7(RHe3) 5.Nh5
6.N:d3(Rh5) 7.Nf7 8.N:c1(Qf7) 9.Na5
10.N:e3(RHa5) 11.Ng7 12.N:h5(Rg7) 13.Nf4
14.Nh8 15.N:f7(Qh8) 16.N:b5(RHf7) 17.Na3
18.Ng6 19.N:e2(RHg6) 20.Nc6 21.Ng8
22.N:a5(RHg8)=

Stalemate positions:

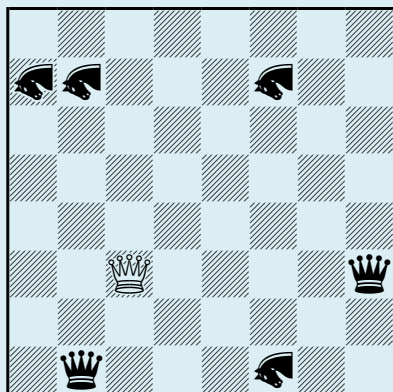
WinChloe ID = 932195



C+, Alybadix 1005 hours! (3961 MB RAM,
4700028959166 moves, 3324 prunings!)

22. Václav Kotěšovec

19332 Die Schwalbe 320/2023



sd=14 (1+6) C+
4 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♞=Nightriderhopper
(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1410395](#), WinChloe ID = 884975

Solver's comments (Die Schwalbe 323/2023, p.294-5):

Thomas Zobel: „Das Pattbild ist klar und ich hatte schon vermutet, dass die Damen in jeder Ecke eingemauert werden. Ich glaube, ich habe das erste Mal in einem ser.-Kotěšovec alle Phasen gefunden. Ich schaue gelegentlich in die PDB und habe dort die Lösungen Mitte Juni, zwei Wochen später, auch entdeckt.“

Wolfgang Will: „Die Schlußstellung ist nicht schwierig: die NHs müssen die Damen umstellen, und dies logischerweise in allen vier Ecken. Das Prinzip ist also klar, da muss ich dann nicht noch die Hölzchen herumschieben. Das kann der Computer besser (meiner allerdings nicht). Ich bin immer wieder verblüfft, wie es der Autor schafft, dualfrei (davon gehe ich aus) für alle vier Abspiele andere Lösungszüge zu kreieren.“

Karl-Heinz Siehdnol: „Auch hier keine Lösung gefunden, weder mit eigenem ‚Gehirnschmalz‘, noch mit dem Computer. Einige Ideen: Da bei Platzwechselcirce keine geschlagenen Figuren vom Brett verschwinden können, müssen die beiden schwarzen Damen eingesperrt und damit zugunfähig gemacht werden. Mögliche Stellung, z. B. links oben: S: Da8b8, NHa7b7c7c8 – und das in allen vier Ecken des Schachbretts. Die weiße Dame muss also mit Hilfe von Platzwechselcirce so spielen, dass die o. g. Stellung entsteht.“

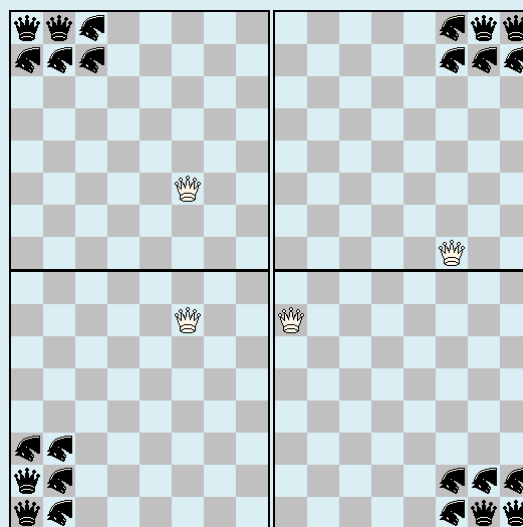
1.Qc7 2.Q:f7(NHc7) 3.Qf3 4.Q:h3(Qf3) 5.Qc8
6.Q:b7(NHc8) 7.Qa8 8.Q:f3(Qa8) 9.Q:f1(NHf3) 10.Qb5
11.Qb8 12.Q:b1(Qb8) 13.Qb7 14.Q:f3(NHb7)=

1.Qh8 2.Q:h3(Qh8) 3.Qh7 4.Q:b1(Qh7) 5.Qb4 6.Qf8
7.Q:f7(NHf8) 8.Qg8 9.Q:h7(Qg8) 10.Q:b7(NHh7) 11.Qg7
12.Q:a7(NHg7) 13.Qf7 14.Q:f1(NHf7)=

1.Qb2 2.Q:b7(NHb2) 3.Qh1 4.Q:h3(Qh1) 5.Qh2
6.Q:b2(NHh2) 7.Qg2 8.Q:f1(NHg2) 9.Qg1 10.Q:b1(Qg1)
11.Qf1 12.Q:f7(NHf1) 13.Qf2 14.Q:a7(NHf2)=

1.Qa1 2.Q:b1(Qa1) 3.Q:f1(NHb1) 4.Qg2 5.Q:h3(Qg2)
6.Qa3 7.Q:a7(NHa3) 8.Qf2 9.Qa2 10.Q:g2(Qa2) 11.Qb2
12.Q:b7(NHb2) 13.Qb3 14.Q:f7(NHb3)=

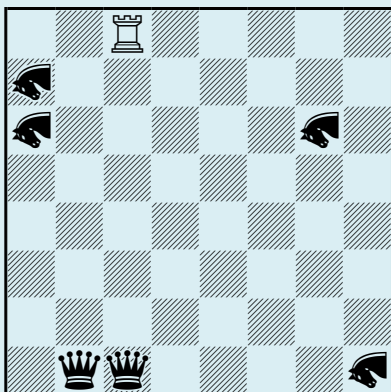
Stalemate positions:



Ich nehme stark an, dass der Autor sich ein spezielles Computerprogramm geschrieben hat, um die Zugfolge einheitlich und in der geforderten Zügezahl zu erreichen. Was mich eigentlich an dieser ‚Aufgabe‘ stört: das Fehlen der beiden Könige, um die es doch eigentlich im Problemschach geht. Dennoch werde ich die Lösung nach der Lösungsbesprechung nachspielen.“

Der Autor hat nach eigener Angabe zum Prüfen Alybadix benutzt (ca. 26 h). Im Problemschach geht es um die Könige, soweit einer von ihnen mattgesetzt werden soll. Im Märchenschach gibt es aber auch andere Forderungen, wo die Könige – so wie hier – mit begründeter Absicht weggelassen werden. Bei z. B. Pattforderungen können dann nämlich keine Steine gefesselt werden (und bei Platzwechselcirce auch nicht durch Schlag vom Brett entfernt werden), sondern müssen auf andere Weise zugunfähig gemacht werden, wie das auch in der Nr. 19263 der Fall war, ebenso in den Vergleichsdiagrammen, auf die Manfred Rittirsch aufmerksam machte: „Das ist natürlich wieder ein Viereckenecho – diesmal des schwarzen Pattbildes Da8b8/NHa7b7c7c8 – wie es nur eine sehr leistungsfähige Software zu bändigen vermag.“

23. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=17 (1+6) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Nightriderhopper
(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners

1.Rh8 2.R:h1(NHh8) 3.R:c1(Qh1) 4.Rc8 5.Rg8
6.R:h8(NHg8) 7.R:h1(Qh8) 8.R:b1(Qh1) 9.Rb7
10.Rh7 11.R:a7(NHh7) 12.Rg7 13.R:h7(NHg7)
14.R:h1(Qh7) 15.Rh6 16.R:g6(NHh6)
17.R:a6(NHg6)=

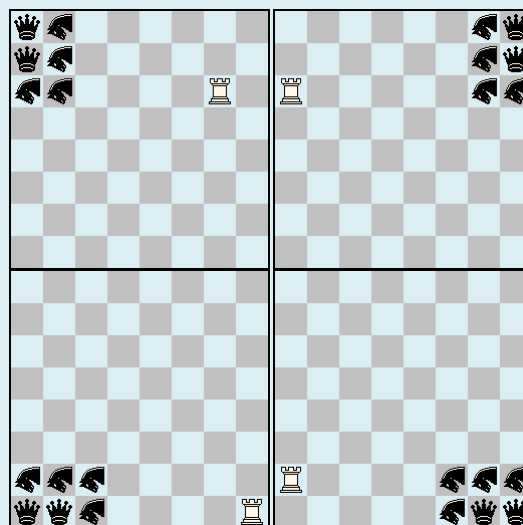
1.Rc2 2.Rg2 3.R:g6(NHg2) 4.Rf6 5.R:a6(NHf6)
6.Ra2 7.R:a7(NHa2) 8.Rh7 9.Rh2
10.R:h1(NHh2) 11.R:c1(Qh1) 12.Rg1
13.R:b1(Qg1) 14.Rf1 15.R:f6(NHf1) 16.Rf2
17.R:a2(NHf2)=

1.Rc6 2.R:g6(NHc6) 3.Rg2 4.Rc2 5.R:c6(NHc2)
6.Rb6 7.R:a6(NHb6) 8.Ra1 9.R:a7(NHa1)
10.Ra2 11.R:a1(NHa2) 12.R:b1(Qa1)
13.R:b6(NHb1) 14.Rb2 15.R:b1(NHb2)
16.R:c1(Qb1) 17.R:h1(NHc1)=

1.R:c1(Qc8) 2.Rc7 3.R:c8(Qc7) 4.Ra8
5.R:a7(NHa8) 6.R:c7(Qa7) 7.Rb7 8.R:b1(Qb7)
9.R:h1(NHb1) 10.Rh8 11.Rb8 12.R:a8(NHb8)
13.R:a7(Qa8) 14.R:b7(Qa7) 15.R:b1(NHb7)
16.Rb6 17.R:g6(NHb6)=

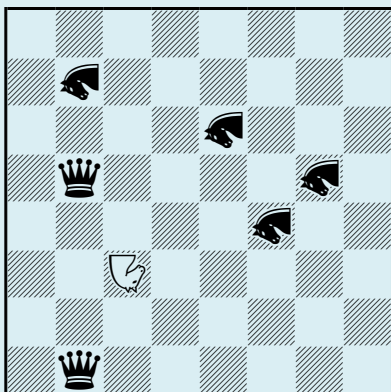
Stalemate positions:

WinChloe ID = 931477



C+, Alybadix 15 h 57 m

24. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=20 (1+6) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Nightriderhopper

♞=Nightrider
(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners

1.Nd1 2.N:b5(Qd1) 3.Nc7 4.Ne3 5.N:d1(Qe3)
6.Nb2 7.N:f4(NHb2) 8.Nd3 9.N:b7(NHd3)
10.Na5 11.Nc1 12.N:d3(NHc1) 13.Nc5 14.Na1
15.N:e3(Qa1) 16.Nc2 17.N:e6(NHc2) 18.Nd8
19.Na2 20.N:g5(NHa2)=

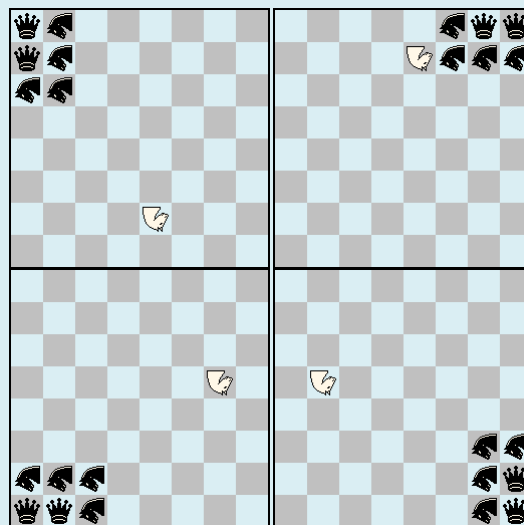
1.N:b1(Qc3) 2.Na3 3.Nc2 4.N:e6(NHc2) 5.Na8
6.N:g5(NHa8) 7.Nc7 8.N:b5(Qc7) 9.Na7
10.N:c3(Qa7) 11.Ne2 12.N:f4(NHe2) 13.Nb6
14.N:a8(NHb6) 15.N:c7(Qa8) 16.Na6
17.N:c2(NHa6) 18.Nd4 19.Nb8
20.N:e2(NHb8)=

1.Nd5 2.N:f4(NHd5) 3.Nh8 4.N:b5(Qh8) 5.Nf7
6.N:g5(NHf7) 7.Nh7 8.N:d5(NHh7) 9.Ne7
10.N:b1(Qe7) 11.Nh4 12.N:b7(NHh4) 13.Nf5
14.Ng7 15.N:e6(NHg7) 16.Nf8 17.N:h4(NHf8)
18.Nd2 19.Ng8 20.N:e7(Qg8)=

1.Ne7 2.N:b1(Qe7) 3.Nf3 4.N:g5(NHf3) 5.Nh3
6.N:f4(NHh3) 7.Ng2 8.N:e6(NHg2) 9.Nc5
10.N:b7(NHc5) 11.Nf5 12.Nh1 13.N:e7(Qh1)
14.Ng3 15.N:c5(NHg3) 16.Na4 17.Ng1
18.N:f3(NHg1) 19.Nh2 20.N:b5(Qh2)=

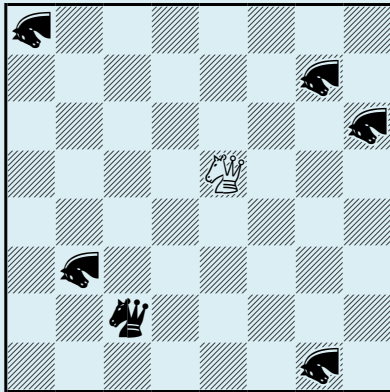
Stalemate positions:

WinChloe ID = 930933



C+, Alybadix 89 h 44 m

25. Václav Kotěšovec
F3781 The Problemist 1/2023
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sd=13 (1+6) C+
4 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♞=Nightriderhopper
♜♞=Amazon
(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1408705](#), WinChloe ID = 876474

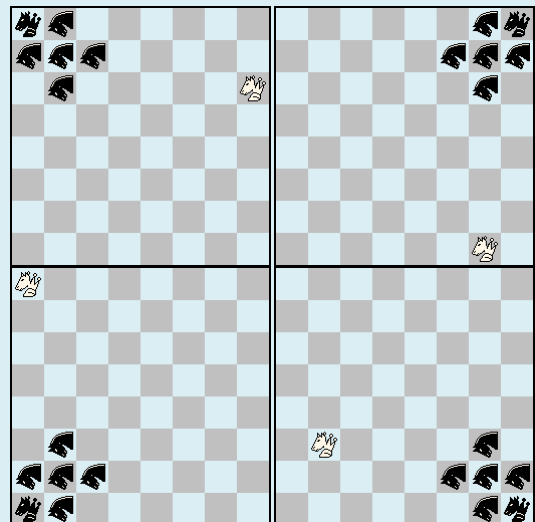
1.Ah2 2.A:h6(NHh2) 3.Ac6 4.Ah1
5.A:a8(NHh1) 6.Ag2 7.A:c2(Ag2) 8.Af2
9.A:h1(NHf2) 10.A:g2(Ah1) 11.A:g7(NHh2)
12.Ag3 13.A:b3(NHh3)=

1.Ab2 2.A:g7(NHb2) 3.Ac3 4.Ab1
5.A:g1(NHb1) 6.Ac1 7.A:h6(NHc1) 8.Aa6 9.Aa1
10.A:c2(Aa1) 11.A:c1(NHc2) 12.Aa2
13.A:a8(NHa2)=

1.Ab8 2.A:b3(NHb8) 3.Ab7 4.A:g7(NHb7)
5.Aa1 6.A:c2(Aa1) 7.Ac7 8.A:a8(NHc7)
9.A:a1(Aa8) 10.Aa7 11.A:g1(NHa7) 12.Ab6
13.A:h6(NHb6)=

1.Ag6 2.A:c2(Ag6) 3.Ac8 4.Ah8 5.A:a8(NHh8)
6.Ag8 7.A:b3(NHh8) 8.Af7 9.A:h6(NHf7)
10.Ah7 11.A:h8(NHh7) 12.A:g6(Ah8)
13.A:g1(NHh6)=

Stalemate positions:

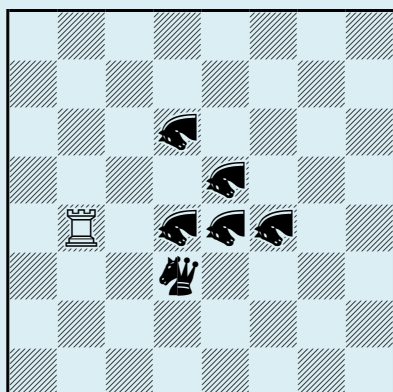


Editor K.Seetharaman (The Problemist July 2023, p. 159): "Another classic from the treasure house of Kotěšovec!"

26. Václav Kotěšovec

G62 Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya 162/2022

1. Honorable Mention



sd=26 (1+6) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Nightriderhopper

♜=Amazon

(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners

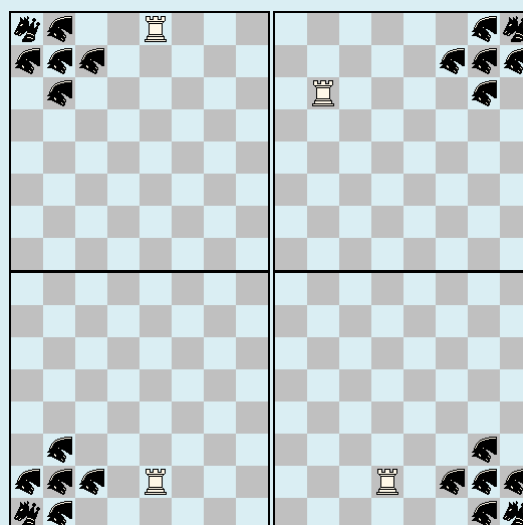
1.Rb1 2.Rd1 3.R:d3(Ad1) 4.Rf3 5.R:f4(NHf3) 6.Rg4
7.R:e4(NHg4) 8.Re2 9.R:e5(NHe2) 10.Rh5 11.Rh1
12.R:d1(Ah1) 13.Rg1 14.R:g4(NHg1)
15.R:d4(NHg4) 16.Rd2 17.R:d6(NHd2) 18.Rh6
19.Rh2 20.R:e2(NHh2) 21.Rg2 22.R:g4(NHg2)
23.Rg3 24.R:f3(NHg3) 25.Rf2 26.R:d2(NHf2)=

1.R:d4(NHb4) 2.R:d3(Ad4) 3.Rd1 4.R:d4(Ad1)
5.Rd2 6.R:d6(NHd2) 7.Ra6 8.Ra1 9.R:d1(Aa1)
10.Rb1 11.R:b4(NHb1) 12.R:e4(NHb4) 13.Re2
14.R:e5(NHe2) 15.Ra5 16.Ra2 17.R:d2(NHa2)
18.Rb2 19.R:b4(NHb2) 20.R:f4(NHb4) 21.Rf3
22.Rb3 23.R:b4(NHb3) 24.Rc4 25.Rc2
26.R:e2(NHc2)=

1.Rb5 2.R:e5(NHb5) 3.Re8 4.R:e4(NHe8) 5.Re7
6.Rb7 7.R:b5(NHb7) 8.Rb6 9.R:d6(NHb6) 10.Rd8
11.R:d4(NHd8) 12.Rc4 13.R:f4(NHc4) 14.Rf7
15.Rc7 16.R:c4(NHc7) 17.Ra4 18.Ra8
19.R:d8(NHa8) 20.R:d3(Ad8) 21.Ra3 22.Ra7
23.R:a8(NHa7) 24.R:d8(Aa8) 25.Rb8
26.R:e8(NHb8)=

1.Rb6 2.R:d6(NHb6) 3.Rg6 4.Rg5 5.R:e5(NHg5)
6.Re7 7.R:e4(NHe7) 8.R:d4(NHe4) 9.Rd8
10.R:d3(Ad8) 11.Rh3 12.Rh7 13.R:e7(NHh7) 14.Rf7
15.R:f4(NHf7) 16.Rg4 17.R:e4(NHg4) 18.Re8
19.Rh8 20.R:d8(Ah8) 21.Rg8 22.R:g5(NHg8) 23.Rg7
24.R:g4(NHg7) 25.Rg6 26.R:b6(NHg6)=

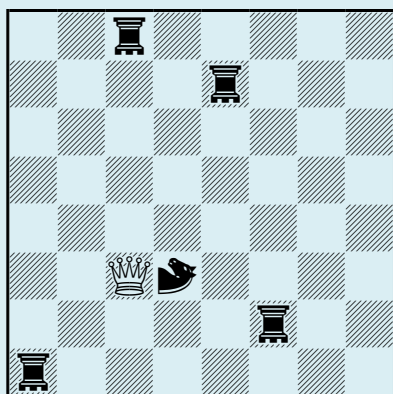
Stalemate positions:



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Judge: M. Khramtsevich

27. Václav Kotěšovec
 13017 feenschach 252/2023
 (The award is yet not published)



sd=15 (1+5) C+
 4 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♝=Okapi
 ♖=Rookhopper
 (no kings)

4-fold exact echo in four corners
 Switchback of queen in one solution.

PDB [P1416903](#), WinChloe ID = 921969

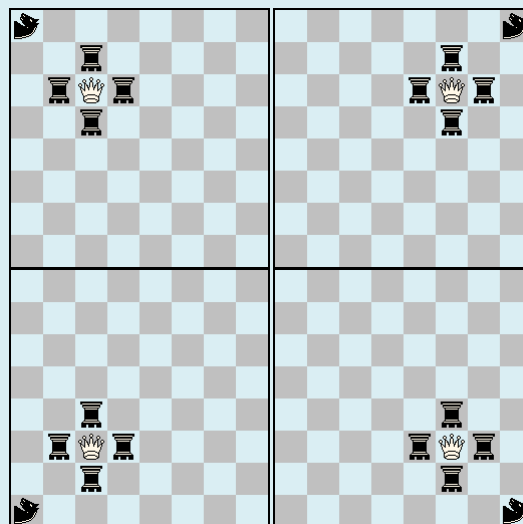
1.Q:a1(RHc3) 2.Qa6 3.Q:d3(OKa6) 4.Qd6
 5.Q:e7(RHd6) 6.Qc7 7.Q:c8(RHc7) 8.Qa8
 9.Q:a6(OKa8) 10.Qb6 11.Q:f2(RHb6) 12.Qc5
 13.Q:c3(RHc5) 14.Qf3 15.Qc6=

1.Q:d3(OKc3) 2.Qf5 3.Q:f2(RHf5) 4.Qa2 5.Qf7
 6.Q:e7(RHf7) 7.Qe6 8.Q:c8(RHe6) 9.Qh8
 10.Q:c3(OKh8) 11.Qf6 12.Q:a1(RHf6) 13.Qg1
 14.Qg6 15.Q:f6(RHg6)=

1.Q:c8(RHc3) 2.Qh3 3.Q:d3(OKh3) 4.Qf3
 5.Q:c3(RHf3) 6.Qe3 7.Q:e7(RHe3) 8.Qe5
 9.Q:a1(RHe5) 10.Qh1 11.Q:h3(OKh1) 12.Qg3
 13.Q:e5(RHg3) 14.Qf4 15.Q:f3(RHf4)=

1.Qc2 2.Q:f2(RHc2) 3.Qf7 4.Q:e7(RHf7) 5.Qa3
 6.Q:d3(OKa3) 7.Q:c2(RHd3) 8.Q:c8(RHc2)
 9.Qc3 10.Q:a1(RHc3) 11.Q:a3(OKa1) 12.Qb3
 13.Q:f7(RHb3) 14.Qc4 15.Q:c3(RHc4)=

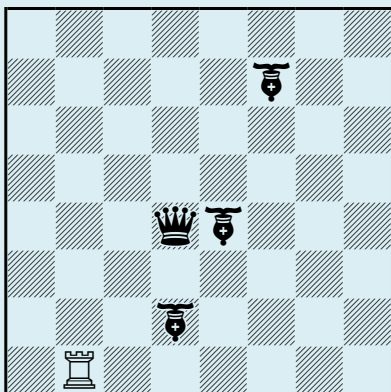
Stalemate positions:



Dedicated to Sébastien Luce

C+, Alybadix 36 h 03 m

28. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=17 (1+4) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Bishophopper
(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners

1.Rf1 2.R:f7(BHf1) 3.Ra7 4.Ra4 5.R:d4(Qa4)
6.Rb4 7.R:e4(BHb4) 8.Re1 9.Ra1
10.R:f1(BHa1) 11.Rb1 12.R:a1(BHb1)
13.R:a4(Qa1) 14.Ra2 15.R:d2(BHa2) 16.Rb2
17.R:b4(BHb2)=

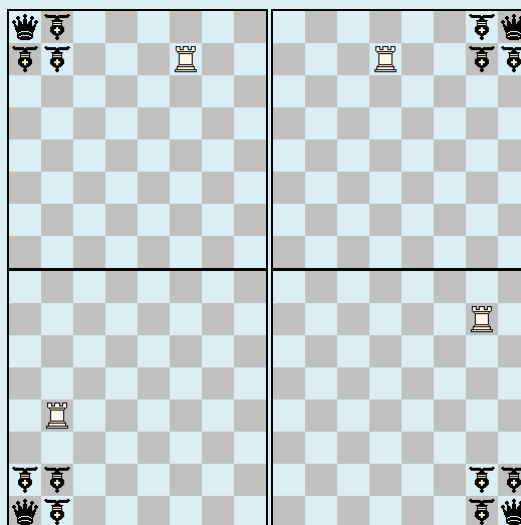
1.Rb4 2.R:d4(Qb4) 3.Rd8 4.R:d2(BHd8) 5.Ra2
6.Ra8 7.R:d8(BHa8) 8.Rb8 9.R:b4(Qb8)
10.R:e4(BHb4) 11.Re7 12.Ra7 13.R:a8(BHa7)
14.R:b8(Qa8) 15.R:b4(BHb8) 16.Rb7
17.R:f7(BHb7)=

1.Rh1 2.Rh4 3.R:e4(BHh4) 4.Re8 5.Rh8
6.R:h4(BHh8) 7.R:d4(Qh4) 8.Rd7
9.R:d2(BHd7) 10.Rg2 11.Rg8 12.R:h8(BHg8)
13.R:h4(Qh8) 14.Rh7 15.R:f7(BHh7) 16.Rg7
17.R:d7(BHg7)=

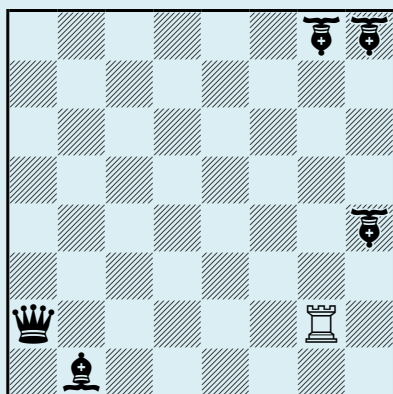
1.Re1 2.R:e4(BHe1) 3.Rh4 4.R:d4(Qh4) 5.Rg4
6.Rg7 7.R:f7(BHg7) 8.Rf1 9.Rh1
10.R:e1(BHh1) 11.Rg1 12.R:h1(BHg1)
13.R:h4(Qh1) 14.Rh2 15.R:d2(BHh2) 16.Rg2
17.R:g7(BHg2)=

Stalemate positions:

WinChloe ID = 930424



29. Václav Kotěšovec
 19 Anda Fairy Planet 4/2023
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sd=16 (1+5) C+
 4 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♖=Bishophopper
 (no kings)

1.Rg4 2.R:h4(BHg4) 3.Rh1 4.R:h8(BHh1)
 5.Rh2 6.R:a2(Qh2) 7.Rb2 8.R:b1(Bb2) 9.Rg1
 10.R:h1(BHg1) 11.R:h2(Qh1) 12.R:b2(Bh2)
 13.Rg2 14.R:g4(BHg2) 15.Rg3 16.R:g8(BHg3)=

1.Rg6 2.R:g8(BHg6) 3.R:h8(BHg8)
 4.R:h4(BHh8) 5.Rh1 6.R:b1(Bh1) 7.Rb2 8.Rh2
 9.R:a2(Qh2) 10.Ra7 11.Rg7 12.R:g8(BHg7)
 13.R:h8(BHg8) 14.R:h2(Qh8) 15.Rh7
 16.R:h1(Bh7)=

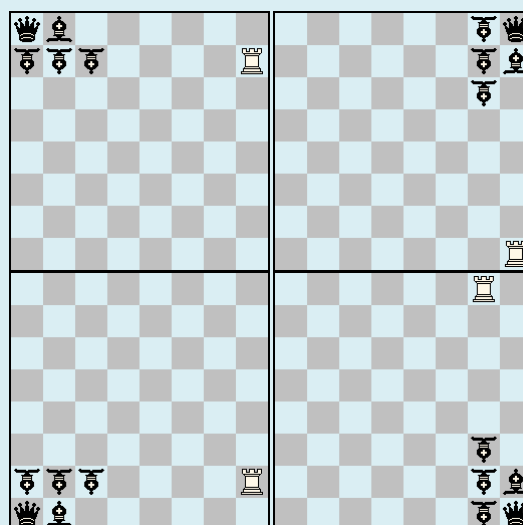
1.Rg7 2.R:g8(BHg7) 3.Ra8 4.R:a2(Qa8) 5.Ra7
 6.R:g7(BHa7) 7.Rh7 8.R:h8(BHh7) 9.Rb8
 10.R:b1(Bb8) 11.Rb7 12.R:h7(BHb7)
 13.R:h4(BHh7) 14.Rc4 15.Rc7 16.R:h7(BHc7)=

1.R:g8(BHg2) 2.Ra8 3.R:a2(Qa8) 4.Ra1
 5.R:a8(Qa1) 6.Ra2 7.R:g2(BHa2) 8.Rh2
 9.R:h4(BHh2) 10.Rb4 11.Rb2 12.R:h2(BHb2)
 13.R:h8(BHh2) 14.Rc8 15.Rc2 16.R:h2(BHc2)=

Stalemate positions:

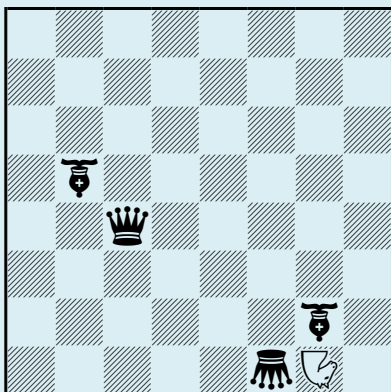
4-fold echo (almost exact) in four corners
 Four first moves of the rook on g-file.

PDB [P1410394](https://pdb.com/P1410394), WinChloe ID = 884632



C+, Alybadix 1 h 14 m

30. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=20 (1+4) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♠=Bishophopper

♙=Grasshopper

♞=Nightrider

(no kings)

1.Nc3 2.N:b5(BHc3) 3.Nf7 4.Nd8
5.N:g2(BHd8) 6.Nh4 7.Nb1 8.N:c3(BHb1)
9.Na2 10.N:d8(BHa2) 11.Nf4 12.Nh5
13.N:f1(Gh5) 14.Ne3 15.N:c4(Qe3) 16.Nb2
17.N:h5(Gb2) 18.Nd7 19.Na1 20.N:e3(Qa1)=

1.Nd7 2.Nb3 3.N:f1(Gb3) 4.Nc7 5.Na8
6.N:c4(Qa8) 7.Na5 8.N:g2(BHa5) 9.Nd8
10.Nc6 11.N:a5(BHc6) 12.N:b3(Ga5) 13.Nd7
14.Nb8 15.N:c6(BHb8) 16.Na7 17.N:b5(BHa7)
18.Nd6 19.Nb7 20.N:a5(Gb7)=

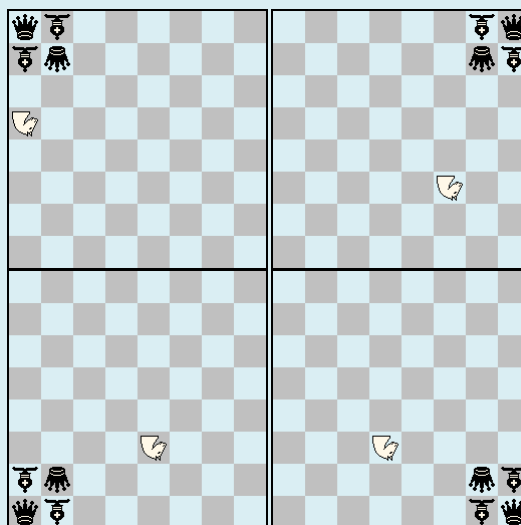
1.Nf3 2.N:b5(BHf3) 3.Nd6 4.N:c4(Qd6) 5.Na5
6.N:g2(BHa5) 7.Nf4 8.Nh8 9.N:d6(Qh8)
10.Ne4 11.Ng8 12.N:a5(BHg8) 13.Ne3
14.N:f1(Ge3) 15.Nh5 16.Ng7 17.N:e3(Gg7)
18.Nd5 19.Nh7 20.N:f3(BHh7)=

1.Ne5 2.N:c4(Qe5) 3.Ne3 4.N:f1(Ge3) 5.Nh2
6.N:b5(BHh2) 7.Nh8 8.Nf4 9.N:g2(BHf4)
10.N:e3(Gg2) 11.Nd1 12.Nh3 13.N:f4(BHh3)
14.Nd3 15.N:e5(Qd3) 16.Ng1 17.N:h3(BHg1)
18.Nf2 19.Nh1 20.N:d3(Qh1)=

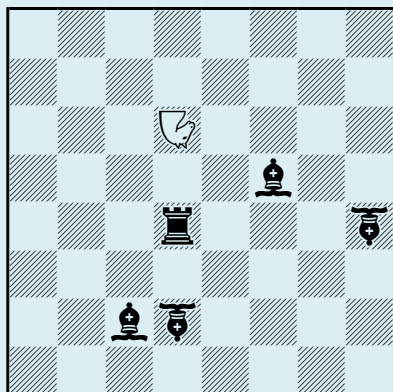
4-fold echo in four corners

WinChloe ID = 932020

Stalemate positions:



31. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=19 (1+5) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♗=Bishophopper

♘=Nightrider
(no kings)

4-fold echo in four corners

WinChloe ID = 930958

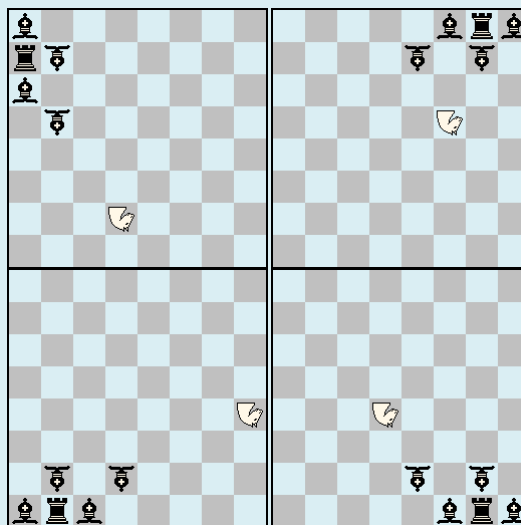
1.Nc4 2.N:d2(BHc4) 3.Nf3 4.N:d4(Rf3) 5.Nb3
6.N:f5(Bb3) 7.Nd1 8.Nb2 9.N:c4(BHb2) 10.Ne5
11.Nc1 12.N:b3(Bc1) 13.Na1 14.N:c2(Ba1)
15.Na3 16.Nb1 17.N:f3(Rb1) 18.Nd2
19.N:h4(BHd2)=

1.Nf2 2.Nh1 3.N:f5(Bh1) 4.Ne3 5.N:c2(Be3)
6.Ne1 7.Nf3 8.N:d2(BHf3) 9.Nf1 10.N:e3(Bf1)
11.Ng2 12.N:h4(BHg2) 13.Ng6 14.Ne2
15.N:d4(Re2) 16.N:f3(BHd4) 17.Ng1
18.N:e2(Rg1) 19.N:d4(BHe2)=

1.Nb5 2.N:d4(Rb5) 3.Nb3 4.N:f5(Bb3) 5.Nb7
6.N:h4(BHb7) 7.Nf3 8.N:d2(BHf3) 9.N:b3(Bd2)
10.Nc5 11.Na6 12.N:c2(Ba6) 13.Ng4 14.Na7
15.N:b5(Ra7) 16.N:f3(BHb5) 17.Ng5 18.Na8
19.N:d2(Ba8)=

1.N:f5(Bd6) 2.N:d4(Rf5) 3.Ne2 4.Nh8
5.N:d6(Bh8) 6.Nc8 7.Ne7 8.N:f5(Re7)
9.N:h4(BHf5) 10.N:d2(BHh4) 11.Ng8
12.N:e7(Rg8) 13.N:f5(BHe7) 14.N:h4(BHf5)
15.Nf8 16.N:c2(Bf8) 17.Ne6 18.Ng7
19.N:f5(BHg7)=

Stalemate positions:



C+, Alybadix 11 h 09 m

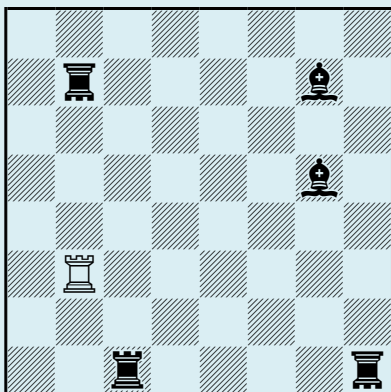
1.Rh2 2.Rg2 3.R:g5(BHg2) 4.Ra5 5.Ra1
6.R:c1(Ba1) 7.Rb1 8.R:b2(Rb1) 9.R:g2(BHb2)
10.Rc2 11.R:c6(BHc2) 12.Rd6 13.Rd2
14.R:c2(BHd2) 15.Rc1 16.R:c8(Bc1)=

1.Rg7 2.R:g5(BHg7) 3.Ra5 4.Ra8 5.R:c8(Ba8)
6.Rb8 7.R:b2(Rb8) 8.Rb7 9.R:g7(BHb7) 10.Rc7
11.R:c6(BHc7) 12.Rd6 13.Rd7 14.R:c7(BHd7)
15.Rc8 16.R:c1(Bc8)=

Stalemate positions:

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33. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=16 (1+5) C+
4 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♖=Rookhopper
(no kings)

1.Rb6 2.R:b7(RHb6) 3.R:g7(Bb7) 4.R:g5(Bg7)
5.Ra5 6.Ra7 7.R:b7(Ba7) 8.R:g7(Bb7) 9.Rc7
10.R:c1(Rc7) 11.R:h1(RHc1) 12.Rh8 13.Rb8
14.R:b7(Bb8) 15.R:c7(Rb7) 16.R:c1(RHc7)=

1.Rc3 2.Rc7 3.R:c1(Rc7) 4.Rg1 5.R:h1(RHg1)
6.Rh7 7.R:g7(Bh7) 8.Rg8 9.R:g5(Bg8) 10.Rg7
11.R:c7(Rg7) 12.Rf7 13.R:b7(RHf7) 14.Rb6
15.Rg6 16.R:g1(RHg6)=

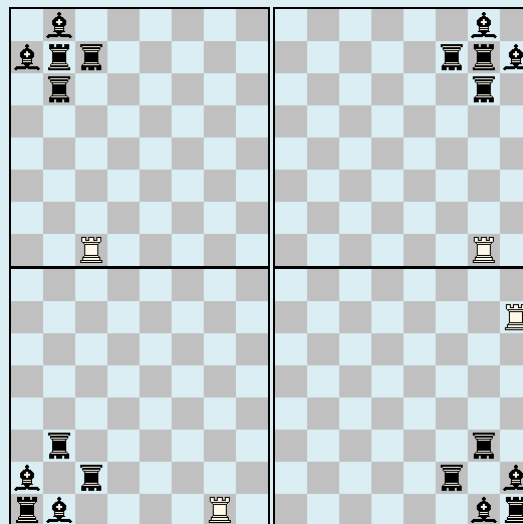
1.R:b7(RHb3) 2.Ra7 3.Ra1 4.R:c1(Ra1)
5.R:h1(RHc1) 6.Rg1 7.R:g5(Bg1) 8.Rg2
9.R:g7(Bg2) 10.Ra7 11.Ra2 12.R:g2(Ba2)
13.Rc2 14.R:c1(RHc2) 15.Rb1 16.R:g1(Bb1)=

1.Rh3 2.Rh7 3.R:g7(Bh7) 4.R:b7(RHg7) 5.Rb2
6.Rh2 7.R:h1(RHh2) 8.R:c1(Rh1) 9.Rg1
10.R:g5(Bg1) 11.Rg3 12.R:g7(RHg3) 13.Rf7
14.Rf2 15.R:h2(RHf2) 16.R:h7(Bh2)=

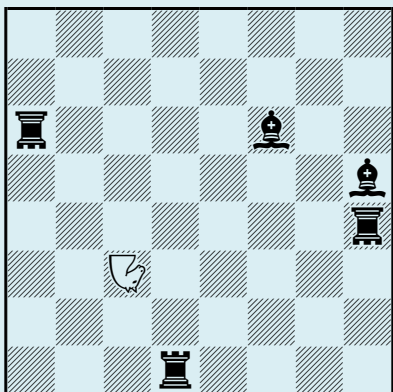
Stalemate positions:

Two pairs of echoes in four corners

WinChloe ID = 931300



34. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=19 (1+5) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♖=Rookhopper

♞=Nightrider
(no kings)

Two pairs of echoes in four corners

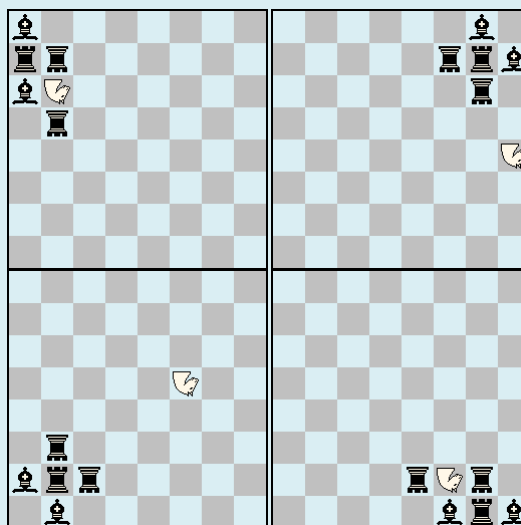
1.Nd5 2.N:f6(Bd5) 3.N:h5(Bf6) 4.Nb2
5.N:d1(Rb2) 6.Nf5 7.N:h4(RHf5) 8.Nb1
9.N:d5(Bb1) 10.Nb4 11.N:f6(Bb4) 12.Ne4
13.Na2 14.N:b4(Ba2) 15.Nc2 16.N:a6(RHc2)
17.Nc5 18.Nb3 19.N:f5(RHb3)=

1.Ne4 2.N:a6(RHe4) 3.Nc7 4.Ng5
5.N:e4(RHg5) 6.N:f6(Be4) 7.N:h5(Bf6) 8.Ng7
9.N:d1(Rg7) 10.Nb5 11.Nf7 12.N:g5(RHf7)
13.Nh7 14.N:f6(Bh7) 15.Ng8 16.N:e4(Bg8)
17.Nc8 18.Ng6 19.N:h4(RHg6)=

1.Na7 2.N:d1(Ra7) 3.Nf5 4.Nb7 5.N:h4(RHb7)
6.Nd2 7.N:f6(Bd2) 8.Nb8 9.N:h5(Bb8) 10.Nf1
11.Nc7 12.N:a6(RHc7) 13.N:b8(Ba6) 14.Nd4
15.Nb5 16.N:c7(RHb5) 17.Na8 18.N:d2(Ba8)
19.Nb6=

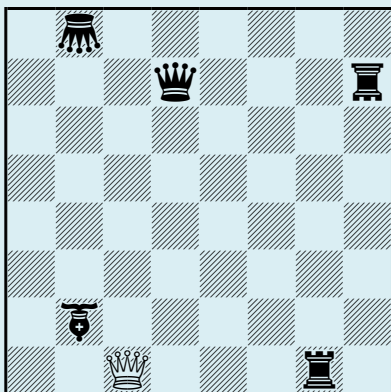
1.N:d1(Rc3) 2.Ne3 3.Ng2 4.N:h4(RHg2) 5.Nd2
6.Nf1 7.N:h5(Bf1) 8.Ng3 9.N:a6(RHg3) 10.Nb4
11.N:f6(Bb4) 12.Nd7 13.Ng1 14.N:c3(Rg1)
15.Ne2 16.N:g3(RHe2) 17.Nh1 18.N:b4(Bh1)
19.Nf2=

Stalemate positions:



WinChloe ID = 930323

35. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=14

(1+5) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♗=Bishophopper

♖=Rookhopper

♙=Grasshopper
(no kings)

1.Qh6 2.Q:h7(RHh6) 3.Q:d7(Qh7) 4.Qa7
5.Q:g1(Ra7) 6.Qg8 7.Q:b8(Gg8) 8.Q:b2(BHb8)
9.Qh8 10.Q:h7(Qh8) 11.Q:a7(Rh7) 12.Qg7
13.Q:g8(Gg7) 14.Q:b8(BHg8)=

1.Q:b2(BHc1) 2.Qh2 3.Q:b8(Gh2) 4.Qb7
5.Q:d7(Qb7) 6.Qh3 7.Q:h7(RHh3) 8.Qe4
9.Qh1 10.Q:b7(Qh1) 11.Qg2 12.Q:h2(Gg2)
13.Q:g1(Rh2) 14.Q:c1(BHg1)= (switchback of
the white queen)

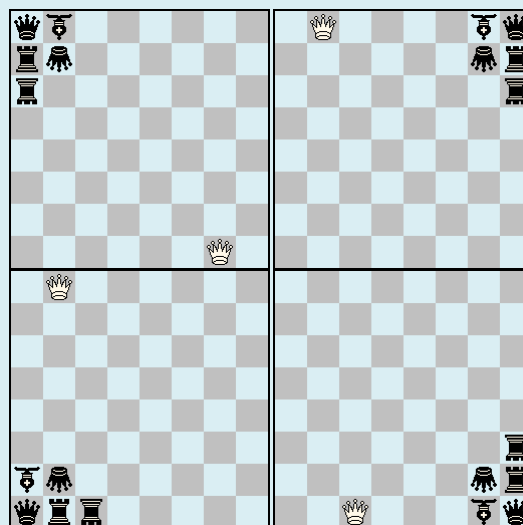
1.Qc6 2.Q:d7(Qc6) 3.Qa7 4.Q:h7(RHa7) 5.Qb7
6.Qa8 7.Q:c6(Qa8) 8.Qa6 9.Q:a7(RHa6)
10.Q:b8(Ga7) 11.Q:b2(BHb8) 12.Qb7
13.Q:a7(Gb7) 14.Q:g1(Ra7)=

1.Q:g1(Rc1) 2.Qa7 3.Q:d7(Qa7) 4.Qc7
5.Q:h7(RHc7) 6.Qb1 7.Q:c1(Rb1)
8.Q:c7(RHc1) 9.Qa5 10.Qa1 11.Q:a7(Qa1)
12.Qa2 13.Q:b2(BHa2) 14.Q:b8(Gb2)=

Stalemate positions:

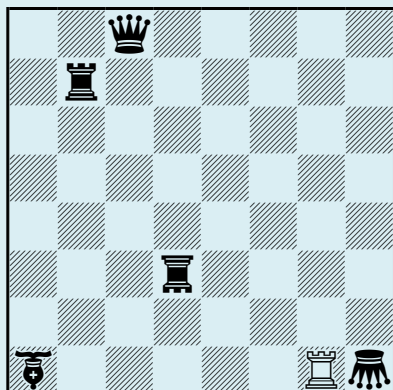
4-fold echo in four corners

WinChloe ID = 932307



C+, Alybadix 16 h 36 m

36. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=17 (1+5) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♠=Bishophopper

♖=Rookhopper

♗=Grasshopper
(no kings)

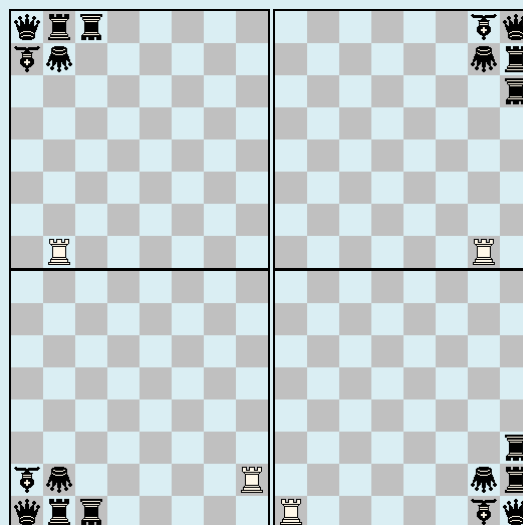
1.Rg2 2.Rh2 3.R:h1(Gh2) 4.Rc1 5.R:c8(Qc1)
6.Rc3 7.R:d3(RHc3) 8.Rd2 9.Ra2
10.R:a1(BHa2) 11.R:c1(Qa1) 12.R:c3(RHc1)
13.Rb3 14.Rb1 15.R:b7(Rb1) 16.Rb2
17.R:h2(Gb2)=

1.Rb1 2.R:h1(Gb1) 3.Rh8 4.Rd8 5.R:d3(RHd8)
6.Ra3 7.Ra8 8.R:a1(BHa8) 9.Ra7
10.R:a8(BHa7) 11.R:c8(Qa8) 12.Rb8
13.R:d8(RHb8) 14.Rc8 15.R:b8(RHc8)
16.R:b7(Rb8) 17.R:b1(Gb7)=

1.R:a1(BHg1) 2.Ra6 3.Rd6 4.R:d3(RHd6) 5.Rh3
6.Rh8 7.R:c8(Qh8) 8.Rg8 9.R:g1(BHg8)
10.R:h1(Gg1) 11.Rh6 12.R:d6(RHh6) 13.Rd7
14.Rh7 15.R:b7(Rh7) 16.Rg7 17.R:g1(Gg7)=

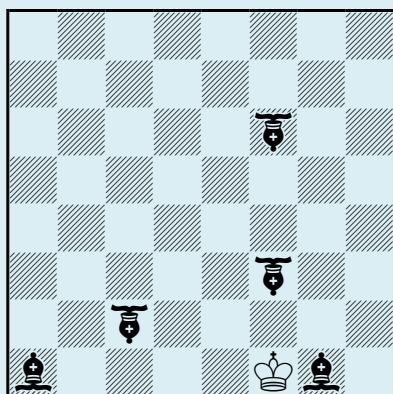
1.R:h1(Gg1) 2.Rh8 3.R:c8(Qh8) 4.Rc2 5.Rb2
6.R:b7(Rb2) 7.Rh7 8.Rh1 9.R:h8(Qh1) 10.Rh3
11.R:d3(RHh3) 12.Rd2 13.Rh2 14.R:b2(Rh2)
15.Rg2 16.R:g1(Gg2) 17.R:a1(BHg1)=

Stalemate positions:



C+, Alybadix 9 h 09 m

37. Václav Kotěšovec
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sd=33 (1+5) C+
 2 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♠=Bishophopper
 (without the black king)

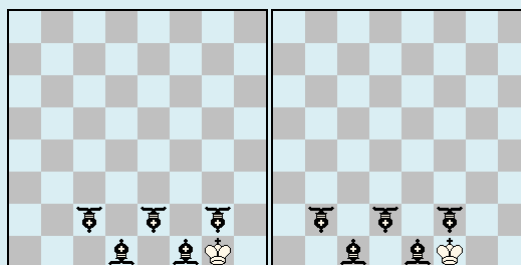
Exact chameleon echo

PDB [P1411899](#), WinChloe ID = 896952

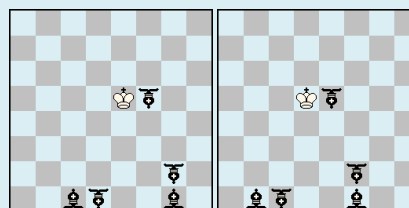
1.Kg2 2.K:f3(BHg2) 3.Ke2 4.Kd1 5.K:c2(BHd1)
 6.Kb1 7.K:a1(Bb1) 8.Kb2 9.Kc1 10.K:b1(Bc1)
 11.Kc2 12.Kd3 13.Ke4 14.Kf5 15.K:f6(BHf5)
 16.Ke5 17.Ke4 18.K:f5(BHe4) 19.Kg4 20.Kf3
 21.Ke2 22.Kd3 23.K:e4(BHd3) 24.Kf3 25.Ke2
 26.K:d3(BHe2) 27.Kc2 28.K:d1(BHc2)
 29.K:c1(Bd1) 30.Kd2 31.Ke1 32.Kf1
 33.K:g1(Bf1)=

1.K:g1(Bf1) 2.Kf2 3.K:f3(BHf2) 4.Ke3 5.Kd2
 6.Kc1 7.K:c2(BHc1) 8.Kb1 9.K:a1(Bb1) 10.Kb2
 11.Kc3 12.Kd4 13.Ke5 14.K:f6(BHe5) 15.Ke6
 16.Kd5 17.Kd4 18.K:e5(BHd4) 19.Kf4 20.Ke3
 21.Kd2 22.Kc3 23.K:d4(BHc3) 24.Ke3 25.Kd2
 26.K:c3(BHd2) 27.Kb2 28.K:c1(BHb2)
 29.K:b1(Bc1) 30.Kc2 31.Kd1 32.Ke1
 33.K:f1(Be1)= (switchback of the white king)

Stalemate positions:

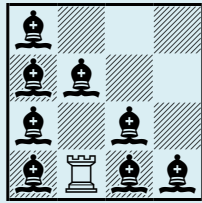


It's interesting, that the positions after 16th move in the both solutions are also echoes:



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38. Václav Kotěšovec
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sd=12 (1+8) C+
2 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
(no kings)

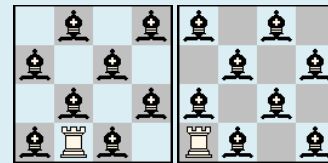
Echo chameleon

PDB [P1416902](#), WinChloe ID = 921692

1.R:c1(Bb1) 2.R:d1(Bc1) 3.Rd4 4.R:a4(Bd4)
5.Rb4 6.R:b3(Bb4) 7.Rc3 8.R:c2(Bc3) 9.Rd2
10.R:a2(Bd2) 11.Rb2 12.R:b1(Bb2)=

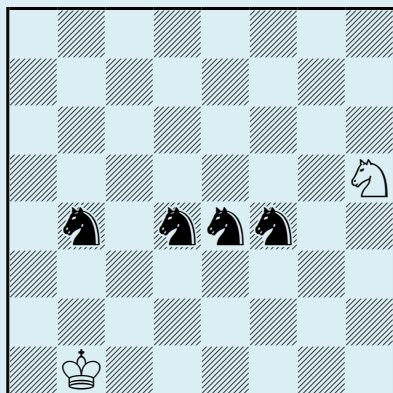
1.R:b3(Bb1) 2.Rd3 3.R:a3(Bd3) 4.Rb3
5.R:b1(Bb3) 6.R:c1(Bb1) 7.R:c2(Bc1) 8.Rc4
9.R:c1(Bc4) 10.Rc2 11.R:a2(Bc2)
12.R:a1(Ba2)=

Stalemate positions:



Comments (feenschach 260/2025, p. 259): Im einen Pattbild sind alle schwarzen Felder durch Läufer besetzt, im anderen (mit wTal) alle weißen. Joachim Benn: „Selbsteinsperrung des wT.“

39. Václav Kotěšovec
 FA2097 StrateGems 99/2022
1. Honorable Mention



sd=18 (2+4) C+
 2 solutions
 Madrasi
 PlatzWechselCirce
 (without the black king)

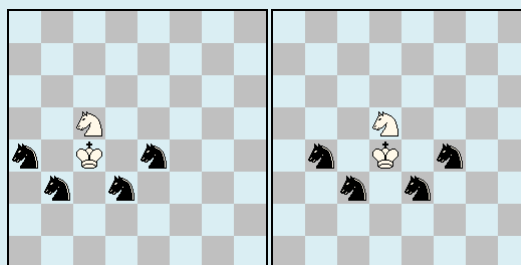
Exact chameleon echo

PDB [P1403705](#), WinChloe ID = 853597

1.Kb2 2.Ka3 3.Ka4 4.K:b4(Sa4) 5.Kc4
 6.K:d4(Sc4) 7.K:e4(Sd4) 8.K:f4(Se4) 9.Sg7
 10.Se6 11.Kf3 12.Ke2 13.Kd3 14.K:d4(Sd3)
 15.Sc5 16.Kc3 17.Kb3 18.K:c4(Sb3)=

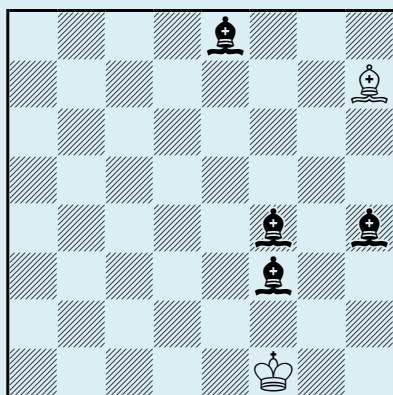
1.Kc1 2.Kd1 3.Ke1 4.Kf1 5.Kg2 6.Kh3 7.Kg4
 8.K:f4(Sg4) 9.Sf6 10.K:g4(Sf4) 11.Kg3 12.Kf2
 13.Ke3 14.K:e4(Se3) 15.Sd5 16.Kd3 17.Kc3
 18.K:d4(Sc3)=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Paz Einat (2022): "In one solution the wK initially cooperates with the wS to enable some of its moves, while in the other it moves directly, with careful selection of the square from which it captures. The play is unified and the echo-stalemate positions are pleasing."

40. Václav Kotěšovec
 4854 Best Problems 104/2022
1. Commendation



sd=27 (2+4) C+
 2 solutions
 Madrasi
 PlatzWechselCirce
 (without the black king)

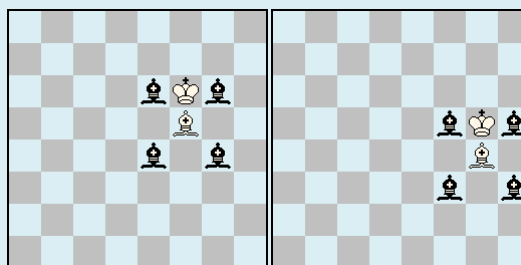
Exact echo with a shift [1,1]

PDB [P1404867](#), WinChloe ID = 862920

1.Be4 2.Kg2 3.Kh3 4.Kg4 5.Kf5 6.K:f4(Bf5)
 7.Ke5 8.K:f5(Be5) 9.Ke6 10.K:e5(Be6) 11.Kf4
 12.K:f3(Bf4) 13.Bf5 14.Ke4 15.K:f4(Be4)
 16.Kg4 17.K:h4(Bg4) 18.Kg5 19.Kf6 20.Ke7
 21.K:e8(Be7) 22.Kf7 23.K:e7(Bf7) 24.Kf6
 25.K:f7(Bf6) 26.Kg6 27.K:f6(Bg6)=

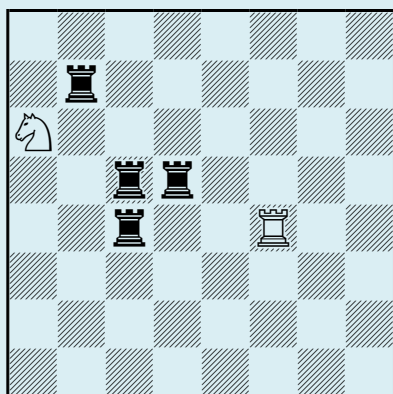
1.Bf5 2.Bg4 3.Ke2 4.Kd3 5.Ke4 6.Kf5
 7.K:f4(Bf5) 8.Ke3 9.Ke2 10.Kf1 11.Kg2 12.Kh3
 13.K:h4(Bh3) 14.Kg5 15.Kf6 16.Ke7
 17.K:e8(Be7) 18.Kf7 19.K:e7(Bf7) 20.Kf6
 21.K:f7(Bf6) 22.Kg6 23.K:f6(Bg6) 24.Kg5
 25.K:g6(Bg5) 26.Kh5 27.K:g5(Bh5)=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Gunter Jordan (Best Problems 106/2023):
 "Exact echo stalemate. It would have been optimal
 if the bBf3 also had to make a change of position in
 the second solution. But also like that an amazing
 shunting."

41. Václav Kotěšovec
 5079 Šachmatija 1/2023
 (The award is yet not published)



sd=10 (2+4) C+
 3 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 Madrasi
 (no kings)

Triple exact chameleon echo

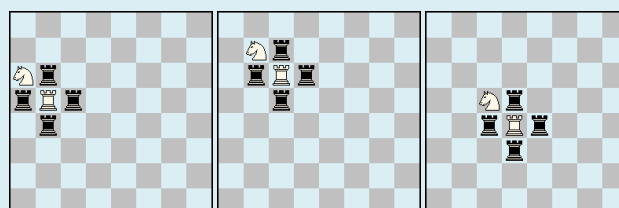
PDB [P1408701](#), WinChloe ID =

1.S:c5(Ra6) 2.S:b7(Rc5) 3.Sa5 4.S:c4(Ra5) 5.Sb6
 6.Rb4 7.Rb5 8.S:d5(Rb6) 9.Sb4 10.S:a6(Rb4)=

1.Sc7 2.S:d5(Rc7) 3.Sb6 4.S:c4(Rb6) 5.Rf6
 6.S:b6(Rc4) 7.Rc6 8.S:c4(Rb6) 9.Sd6
 10.S:b7(Rd6)=

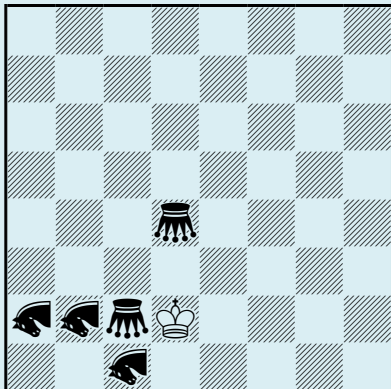
1.Sb4 2.Sd3 3.S:c5(Rd3) 4.S:b7(Rc5) 5.Sd6
 6.S:c4(Rd6) 7.Rd4 8.S:d6(Rc4) 9.Se4
 10.S:c5(Re4)=

Stalemate positions:



Comment in Šachmatija 3/2023: "Tikslus trigubas chameleoninis aidas. Fantastiškas spektaklis, nors čia be dirbtinio intelekto neapsieita."

42. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=20 (1+5) C+

3 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Mao

♞=Grasshopper
(without the black king)

Triple exact echo

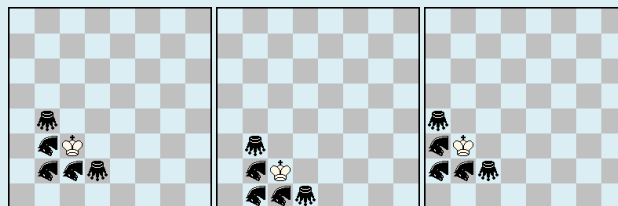
WinChloe ID = 932093

1.K:c2(Gd2) 2.K:c1(MAc2) 3.Kb1
4.K:a2(MAb1) 5.Kb3 6.K:c2(MAb3) 7.Kc3
8.K:d4(Gc3) 9.Kc4 10.K:c3(Gc4) 11.Kb4
12.K:c4(Gb4) 13.Kc3 14.Kc2 15.K:b1(MAc2)
16.Kc1 17.Kd1 18.Ke2 19.Kd3 20.Kc3=

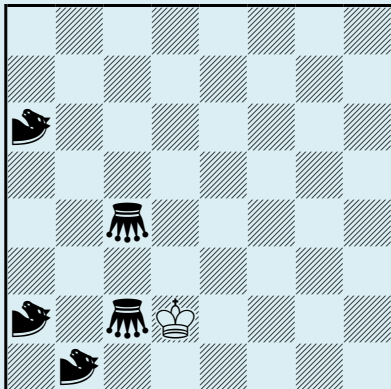
1.Kd1 2.K:c2(Gd1) 3.K:c1(MAc2) 4.Kd2 5.Kc3
6.K:d4(Gc3) 7.Kd3 8.K:c2(MAd3) 9.Kb1
10.K:a2(MAb1) 11.Kb3 12.K:c3(Gb3) 13.Kc2
14.K:d3(MAc2) 15.Kc3 16.K:c2(MAc3) 17.Kc1
18.K:b2(MAc1) 19.K:c3(MAb2) 20.Kc2=

1.Kd3 2.K:d4(Gd3) 3.Kc3 4.Kb3 5.Ka3
6.K:b2(MAa3) 7.Kb3 8.K:c2(Gb3) 9.K:d3(Gc2)
10.Kc4 11.Kb4 12.K:b3(Gb4) 13.Ka4
14.K:b4(Ga4) 15.Kb3 16.Kb2 17.K:c1(MAb2)
18.Kd2 19.Kc3 20.Kb3=

Stalemate positions:



43. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=22 (1+5) C+
3 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♞=Moa
♟=Grasshopper
(without the black king)

Triple exact echo

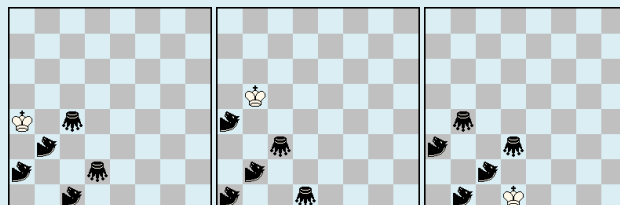
WinChloe ID = 930776

1.K:c2(Gd2) 2.Kb3 3.K:c4(Gb3) 4.Kb5
5.K:a6(MOb5) 6.Ka5 7.Ka4 8.K:b5(MOa4)
9.Kc4 10.K:b3(Gc4) 11.K:a4(MOb3) 12.Ka3
13.Kb2 14.K:b3(MOb2) 15.Kc2 16.Kc1
17.K:b1(MOc1) 18.Kc2 19.Kb3 20.K:b2(MOb3)
21.Ka3 22.Ka4=

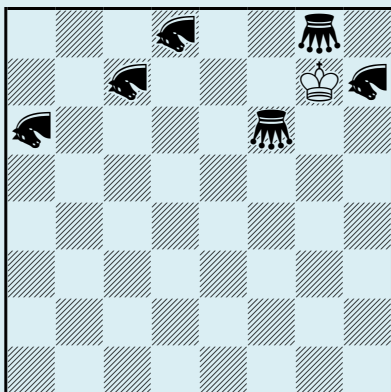
1.Kd1 2.K:c2(Gd1) 3.Kb2 4.K:b1(MOb2) 5.Ka1
6.K:a2(MOa1) 7.Kb3 8.Kc3 9.K:c4(Gc3) 10.Kb5
11.K:a6(MOb5) 12.Ka5 13.Kb4 14.K:b5(MOb4)
15.Kc4 16.Kb3 17.Ka3 18.K:b4(MOa3) 19.Ka4
20.K:a3(MOa4) 21.Kb4 22.Kb5=

1.Kd3 2.K:c2(Gd3) 3.Kb3 4.K:c4(Gb3) 5.Kb5
6.Ka5 7.K:a6(MOa5) 8.Kb5 9.Ka4
10.K:a5(MOa4) 11.Kb4 12.K:b3(Gb4) 13.Ka3
14.K:a4(MOa3) 15.Kb3 16.Kb2 17.K:a2(MOb2)
18.Kb3 19.Kc2 20.K:b2(MOc2) 21.Kc1
22.Kd1=

Stalemate positions:



44. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=48 (1+6) C+

3 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Mao

♟=Grasshopper
(without the black king)

Triple exact echo with 7 pieces!

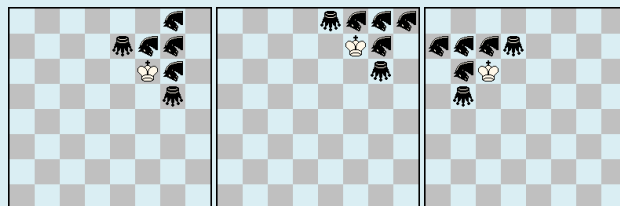
WinChloe ID = 932301

1.Kh8 2.K:h7(MAh8) 3.Kh6 4.Kg5 5.K:f6(Gg5)
6.Ke7 7.Kd7 8.K:d8(MAd7) 9.Kc8 10.Kb7
11.K:a6(MAb7) 12.Kb6 13.Kc6 14.Kd6 15.Ke7
16.K:d7(MAe7) 17.K:c7(MAd7) 18.K:b7(MAc7)
19.Kc6 20.Kd6 21.Ke6 22.Kf7 23.K:g8(Gf7)
24.K:h8(MAg8) 25.Kg7 26.Kf8 27.K:e7(MAf8)
28.Ke8 29.K:d7(MAe8) 30.Kd8 31.K:c7(MAd8)
32.Kd7 33.K:d8(MAd7) 34.Ke7 35.K:f7(Ge7) 36.Kg7
37.K:f8(MAg7) 38.Kf7 39.K:e8(MAf7)
40.K:d7(MAe8) 41.Ke6 42.Kf6 43.Kg6
44.K:f7(MAg6) 45.K:e8(MAf7) 46.Kd7 47.Ke6
48.Kf6=

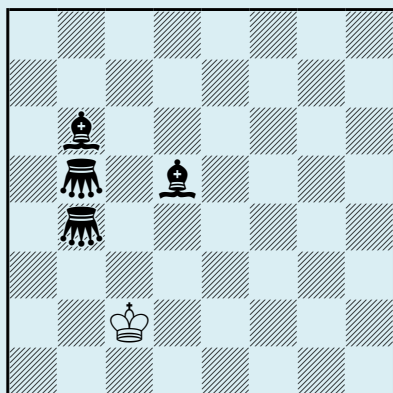
1.K:f6(Gg7) 2.Ke7 3.Kd7 4.K:d8(MAd7) 5.Kc8
6.Kb7 7.K:a6(MAb7) 8.Ka7 9.Kb8 10.Kc8
11.K:b7(MAc8) 12.Kc6 13.Kd6 14.K:d7(MAd6)
15.K:c8(MAd7) 16.Kd8 17.Ke7 18.K:d6(MAe7)
19.K:c7(MAd6) 20.Kd8 21.Ke8 22.K:e7(MAe8)
23.K:d6(MAe7) 24.Ke6 25.Kf7 26.K:e8(MAf7)
27.Kf8 28.K:g8(Gf8) 29.Kh8 30.K:h7(MAh8)
31.K:g7(Gh7) 32.Kg6 33.K:h7(Gg6) 34.Kg8
35.K:f7(MAg8) 36.Ke6 37.K:d7(MAe6) 38.Ke8
39.K:f8(Ge8) 40.K:e7(MAf8) 41.Kf7 42.K:e6(MAf7)
43.Ke7 44.K:f7(MAe7) 45.Kg7 46.K:f8(MAg7)
47.K:e7(MAf8) 48.Kf7=

1.K:g8(Gg7) 2.Kf8 3.Ke7 4.K:f6(Ge7) 5.Ke5 6.Kd6
7.K:e7(Gd6) 8.Kf6 9.K:g7(Gf6) 10.K:h7(MAg7)
11.Kg8 12.Kf8 13.Ke7 14.Kd7 15.K:d6(Gd7) 16.Kc6
17.K:d7(Gc6) 18.K:d8(MAd7) 19.Ke7 20.K:f6(Ge7)
21.K:g7(MAf6) 22.Kf7 23.Ke6 24.Kd6 25.K:e7(Gd6)
26.K:f6(MAe7) 27.Ke5 28.Kd4 29.Kc4 30.Kb5
31.K:c6(Gb5) 32.Kb7 33.K:a6(MAb7) 34.Ka7
35.K:b7(MAa7) 36.K:c7(MAb7) 37.K:d7(MAc7)
38.Kd8 39.K:e7(MAd8) 40.Kd7 41.K:d6(Gd7)
42.Kc6 43.Kb6 44.K:c7(MAb6) 45.K:d8(MAc7)
46.Ke7 47.Kd6 48.Kc6=

Stalemate positions:



45. Václav Kotěšovec
 9326 Phénix 329-330/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



sd=52 (1+4) C+
 2 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♫=Grasshopper
 (without the black king)

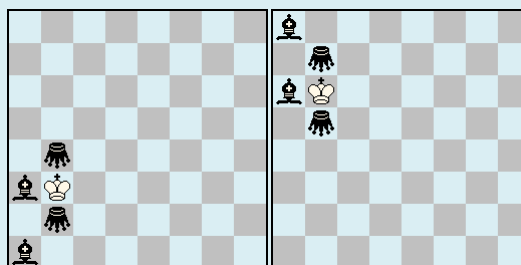
Echo chameleon

PDB [P1404385](#), WinChloe ID = 863023

1.Kc3 2.K:b4(Gc3) 3.K:b5(Gb4) 4.Ka6
 5.K:b6(Ba6) 6.Kc5 7.K:b4(Gc5) 8.Ka3 9.Kb2
 10.K:c3(Gb2) 11.Kd4 12.K:d5(Bd4) 13.Kc6
 14.Kb6 15.K:a6(Bb6) 16.Kb5 17.Kc4 18.Kd3
 19.K:d4(Bd3) 20.Kc3 21.K:d3(Bc3) 22.Kc4
 23.Kb3 24.K:c3(Bb3) 25.Kd2 26.Kc1 27.Kb1
 28.Ka1 29.K:b2(Ga1) 30.K:b3(Bb2) 31.Ka2
 32.K:b2(Ba2) 33.Kc3 34.Kb4 35.Kb5 36.Ka6
 37.K:b6(Ba6) 38.Ka5 39.K:a6(Ba5) 40.Kb5
 41.Ka4 42.K:a5(Ba4) 43.Kb4 44.K:c5(Gb4)
 45.Kd4 46.Kc3 47.Kb2 48.K:a1(Gb2)
 49.K:a2(Ba1) 50.Ka3 51.K:a4(Ba3) 52.Kb3=

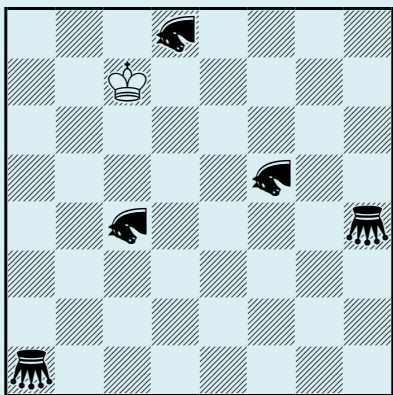
1.Kb2 2.Ka3 3.K:b4(Ga3) 4.Ka4 5.K:b5(Ga4)
 6.K:b6(Bb5) 7.Kc5 8.Kb4 9.K:b5(Bb4)
 10.K:a4(Gb5) 11.K:b4(Ba4) 12.K:a3(Gb4)
 13.K:a4(Ba3) 14.Ka5 15.Ka6 16.K:b5(Ga6)
 17.Kc5 18.K:d5(Bc5) 19.Kc6 20.K:c5(Bc6)
 21.Kb6 22.Kc7 23.K:c6(Bc7) 24.Kb7
 25.K:a6(Gb7) 26.Ka7 27.Ka8 28.K:b7(Ga8)
 29.K:c7(Bb7) 30.Kb6 31.Ka7 32.K:b7(Ba7)
 33.Kc6 34.Kb5 35.Ka4 36.K:a3(Ba4) 37.Kb2
 38.Kc3 39.Kc4 40.K:b4(Gc4) 41.Ka5
 42.K:a4(Ba5) 43.Kb5 44.K:c4(Gb5) 45.Kd5
 46.Kc6 47.Kb7 48.K:a8(Gb7) 49.K:a7(Ba8)
 50.Ka6 51.K:a5(Ba6) 52.Kb6=

Stalemate positions:



Published with a comment: "Un écho caméléon impressionnant de longueur en direct de série avec Circé Echange. A noter que ce n'est pas le plus long direct de série réalisé par l'auteur qui en a publié un récemment en sd=102 avec Puce (!) diag.17 p. 156, feenschach 245 (mai 21) [56]. Ici les deux Fous se retrouvent bloqués par les Sauterelles empêchées de bouger par le Roi blanc placé en sandwich."

46. Václav Kotěšovec
FB2105 StrateGems 99/2022
Prize special



sd=55 (1+5) C+
 3 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♞=Mao
 ♟=Grasshopper
 (without the black king)

Triple exact echo

PDB [P1403703](#), WinChloe ID = 852982

1.Kd7 2.K:d8(MAd7) 3.Ke8 4.Kf7 5.Kg6 6.K:f5(MAg6)
 7.Ke6 8.K:d7(MAe6) 9.Kc6 10.Kd5 11.K:c4(MAd5)
 12.Kb3 13.Kb2 14.K:a1(Gb2) 15.Ka2 16.Kb3
 17.K:b2(Gb3) 18.Kc2 19.Kd3 20.Kc4 21.K:b3(Gc4) 22.Ka4
 23.Kb5 24.Kc6 25.Kd6 26.K:d5(MAd6) 27.K:c4(Gd5)
 28.Kd3 29.Ke4 30.Kf5 31.Kf6 32.K:e6(MAf6)
 33.K:d5(Ge6) 34.Ke5 35.Kf5 36.Kg5 37.Kh6 38.Kg7
 39.K:f6(MAg7) 40.Kg5 41.K:h4(Gg5) 42.Kh5
 43.K:g6(MAh5) 44.Kf7 45.K:e6(Gf7) 46.K:d6(MAe6)
 47.Ke7 48.K:f7(Ge7) 49.K:e6(MAf7) 50.Kf6 51.Kg6
 52.K:h5(MAG6) 53.Kg4 54.Kf5 55.Kf6=

1.Kc8 2.K:d8(MAc8) 3.Kd7 4.Ke6 5.K:f5(MAe6) 6.Kg4
 7.K:h4(Gg4) 8.Kh5 9.Kg6 10.Kf5 11.K:g4(Gf5) 12.Kf3
 13.Ke4 14.Kd5 15.K:e6(MAd5) 16.K:f5(Ge6) 17.Ke4
 18.Kd4 19.Kc5 20.Kc6 21.K:d5(MAc6) 22.K:e6(Gd5)
 23.Kd7 24.Kc7 25.K:c6(MAc7) 26.K:d5(Gc6)
 27.K:c4(MAd5) 28.Kb3 29.Kb2 30.K:a1(Gb2) 31.Ka2
 32.Kb3 33.K:b2(Gb3) 34.Kc2 35.Kd3 36.Kc4 37.K:b3(Gc4)
 38.Ka4 39.Kb5 40.K:c4(Gb5) 41.Kc5 42.Kd6 43.K:c6(Gd6)
 44.Kb7 45.K:c8(MAb7) 46.Kd7 47.K:d6(Gd7) 48.Kc6
 49.K:d5(MAc6) 50.Kd6 51.K:c6(MAd6) 52.Kb6
 53.K:c7(MAb6) 54.K:d6(MAc7) 55.Kc6=

1.K:d8(MAc7) 2.Kd7 3.Kc6 4.K:c7(MAc6) 5.Kb7 6.Ka6
 7.Kb5 8.K:c4(MAb5) 9.Kb3 10.Ka2 11.K:a1(Ga2) 12.Kb2
 13.Kb3 14.Ka4 15.K:b5(MAa4) 16.K:c6(MAb5) 17.Kd5
 18.Ke4 19.K:f5(MAe4) 20.Kg4 21.K:h4(Gg4) 22.Kh3
 23.Kg2 24.Kf3 25.K:g4(Gf3) 26.Kf4 27.Ke3 28.K:f3(Ge3)
 29.Ke2 30.Kd2 31.K:e3(Gd2) 32.Kd3 33.Kc4
 34.K:b5(MAc4) 35.Kb4 36.K:a4(MAb4) 37.Kb3
 38.K:a2(Gb3) 39.Ka3 40.K:b4(MAa3) 41.K:b3(Gb4)
 42.K:c4(MAb3) 43.Kd3 44.K:e4(MAd3) 45.Kd5 46.Kc4
 47.Kc3 48.K:b3(MAc3) 49.Kb2 50.K:a3(MAb2) 51.Kb3
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Stalemate positions:

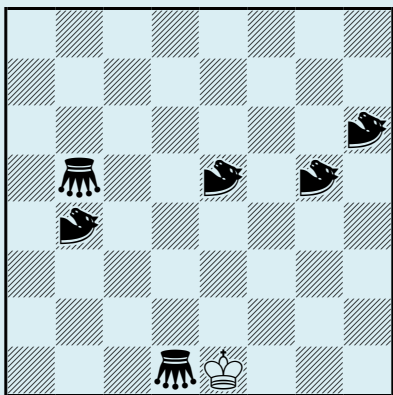


Judge Paz Einat: "The three-echo and chameleon-echo final positions, in which the three Maos and two Grasshoppers are neutralized, are very nice. One is amazed at the existence of such a position leading to these three accurate solutions in exactly 55 moves. This is beyond comprehension."

47. Václav Kotěšovec

45 Pat a Mat 119/2022

4. Commendation



sd=58

(1+6) C+

3 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Moa

♟=Grasshopper

(without the black king)

Triple exact echo with 7 pieces

Longest triple chameleon echo of all times!

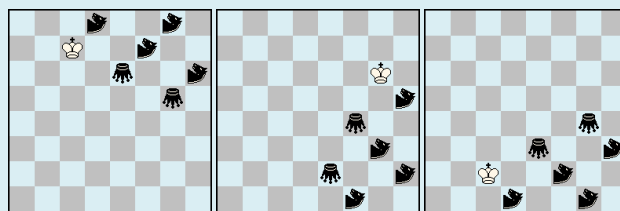
PDB [P1401144](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1401144), WinChloe ID = 841890

1.Kd2 2.K:d1(Gd2) 3.Ke2 4.Ke3 5.K:d2(Ge3) 6.Kc3
7.K:b4(MOc3) 8.Kc5 9.Kd6 10.Ke7 11.Kf6 12.K:e5(MOf6)
13.Kf4 14.K:e3(Gf4) 15.Kd4 16.K:c3(MOd4) 17.Kb4
18.Kc5 19.K:b5(Gc5) 20.Kc6 21.Kd6 22.K:c5(Gd6)
23.K:d4(MOc5) 24.Ke5 25.Ke6 26.Ke7 27.Kf8 28.Kg7
29.K:f6(MOf7) 30.Kg6 31.K:g5(MOf6) 32.Kf6 33.Kf7
34.Kg8 35.K:g7(MOf8) 36.K:g6(MOf7) 37.Kg5
38.K:f4(Gg5) 39.Kg4 40.Kh5 41.Kg6 42.Kf7
43.K:g7(MOf7) 44.Kf6 45.Ke6 46.K:d6(Ge6)
47.K:c5(MOd6) 48.Kb6 49.Kc7 50.Kd7 51.K:d6(MOd7)
52.Ke7 53.Ke8 54.K:d7(MOf8) 55.Kd8 56.K:e8(MOd8)
57.Kd7 58.Kc7=

1.Ke2 2.K:d1(Ge2) 3.Kd2 4.Kc3 5.K:b4(MOc3)
6.K:b5(Gb4) 7.Kc5 8.Kd4 9.K:c3(MOd4) 10.K:b4(Gc3)
11.Kc4 12.Kd3 13.Ke3 14.K:d4(MOf3) 15.K:c3(Gd4)
16.Kd2 17.K:e3(MOd2) 18.Kf2 19.K:e2(Gf2) 20.Ke1
21.K:d2(MOf1) 22.Ke3 23.Kf4 24.K:g5(MOf4)
25.K:h6(MOf5) 26.Kh5 27.Kh4 28.Kg3 29.K:f4(MOf3)
30.K:e5(MOf4) 31.Ke4 32.K:d4(Ge4) 33.Ke3 34.Kf3
35.Kg2 36.K:f2(Gg2) 37.K:e1(MOf2) 38.Kf1
39.K:f2(MOf1) 40.Kg1 41.Kh2 42.K:g3(MOf2)
43.K:f4(MOf3) 44.K:e4(Gf4) 45.Kf3 46.Kf2 47.K:g2(Gf2)
48.Kf3 49.Ke2 50.K:f2(Ge2) 51.Kf3 52.Kg4 53.Kh4
54.K:g5(MOf4) 55.Kh5 56.K:h4(MOf5) 57.Kg5 58.Kg6=

1.K:d1(Ge1) 2.Ke2 3.Kf1 4.K:e1(Gf1) 5.Kd2 6.Kc3
7.K:b4(MOc3) 8.K:b5(Gb4) 9.Kc5 10.Kd4 11.K:e5(MOd4)
12.Kf4 13.K:g5(MOf4) 14.K:h6(MOf5) 15.Kh5 16.Kh4
17.K:g5(MOf4) 18.Kg4 19.Kg3 20.K:f4(MOf3) 21.Ke3
22.K:d4(MOf3) 23.K:c3(MOd4) 24.K:b4(Gc3) 25.Kc4
26.Kd3 27.Kd2 28.Ke1 29.Kf2 30.K:g3(MOf2)
31.K:h4(MOf3) 32.Kh3 33.K:g3(MOf3) 34.Kg2
35.K:f1(Gg2) 36.Kg1 37.K:f2(MOf1) 38.K:e3(MOf2)
39.K:d4(MOf3) 40.K:c3(Gd4) 41.Kd2 42.K:e3(MOd2)
43.K:d4(Ge3) 44.Ke4 45.Kf3 46.Kg3 47.K:g2(Gg3) 48.Kf3
49.Kg4 50.K:g3(Gg4) 51.Kf3 52.Ke2 53.Ke1
54.K:d2(MOf1) 55.Kd1 56.K:e1(MOd1) 57.Kd2 58.Kc2=

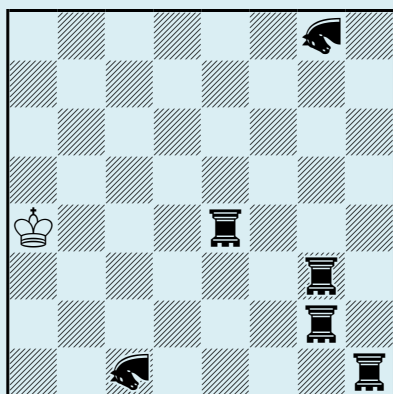
Stalemate positions:



Judge Ralf Krätschmer (Pat a Mat 126/2023, p.308):
"Drei gleich lange Lösungen in einem ser=58 Zügen
gibt es wohl kein zweites Mal. Ein
computergeneriertes Problem, bei dem es wohl
entscheidend auf die Wahl der richtigen
Märchenfiguren ankam."

Published with a comment (in Slovak): "Presné
trojnásobné echo dnes nie je ničím výnimočným, ale
pokiaľ je jeho predmetom ideálny patový obrazec so
šiestimi čiernymi kameňmi, je to úplne iná káva.
Čierni cvrčkovia a moovia sa navzájom blokujú a
biely kráľ uzamyká patovú sieť na plazivom poli.
Paráda!"

48. Václav Kotěšovec
 2986 Šachová skladba 154/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



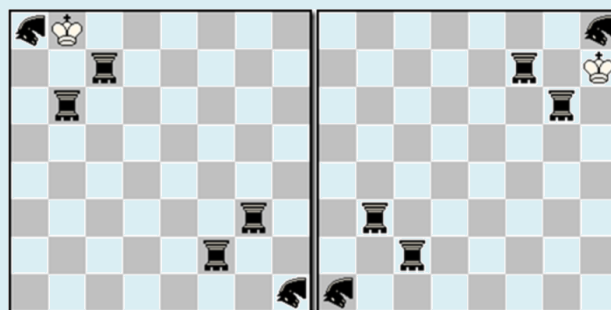
sd=70 (1+6) C+
 2 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♖ = Rose
 ♖ = Rookhopper
 (without the black king)

1.Kb4 2.Kc3 3.Kd2 4.K:c1(ROd2) 5.Kd1 6.Ke1
 7.K:d2(ROe1) 8.Ke2 9.Kf2 10.K:g3(RHf2) 11.Kf4 12.Kf5
 13.Ke6 14.Kf7 15.K:g8(ROf7) 16.Kg7 17.Kf6 18.Ke6
 19.K:f7(ROe6) 20.Ke8 21.Kd7 22.K:e6(ROd7) 23.Kd6
 24.Kc7 25.K:d7(ROc7) 26.Kc8 27.Kb8 28.K:c7(ROb8)
 29.Kd6 30.Kd5 31.K:e4(RHd5) 32.Ke3 33.K:f2(RHe3)
 34.K:e1(ROf2) 35.Kf1 36.Kg1 37.K:f2(ROg1)
 38.K:g2(RHf2) 39.Kh2 40.K:h1(RHh2) 41.Kg2 42.Kg3
 43.K:h2(RHg3) 44.Kh1 45.K:g1(ROh1) 46.Kg2 47.Kf3
 48.Ke4 49.K:e3(RHe4) 50.Kd4 51.Kc5 52.K:d5(RHc5)
 53.K:e4(RHd5) 54.Kf5 55.Ke6 56.Kd6 57.Kc7 58.Kb6
 59.K:c5(RHb6) 60.K:d5(RHc5) 61.Kd6 62.Kc7 63.Kb7
 64.K:b6(RHb7) 65.K:c5(RHb6) 66.Kd6 67.Kc7
 68.K:b7(RHc7) 69.Ka8 70.K:b8(ROa8)=

1.Kb5 2.Kc6 3.Kd7 4.Ke8 5.Kf8 6.K:g8(ROf8) 7.Kg7 8.Kh6
 9.Kh5 10.Kh4 11.K:g3(RHh4) 12.Kf3 13.K:g2(RHf3)
 14.K:h1(RHg2) 15.Kh2 16.Kg3 17.Kg4 18.Kf5
 19.K:e4(RHf5) 20.Ke3 21.K:f3(RHe3) 22.K:g2(RHf3)
 23.Kf1 24.Ke1 25.Kd2 26.K:e3(RHd2) 27.K:f3(RHe3)
 28.Ke4 29.Kd4 30.Kc3 31.Kb2 32.K:c1(ROb2) 33.Kc2
 34.K:d2(RHc2) 35.K:e3(RHd2) 36.Kd4 37.Kc3 38.Kb3
 39.K:c2(RHb3) 40.K:d2(RHc2) 41.Kc1 42.K:b2(ROc1)
 43.Kb1 44.K:c1(ROb1) 45.Kb2 46.Ka1 47.K:b1(ROa1)
 48.Kb2 49.Kc3 50.Kd4 51.Ke5 52.Kf6 53.K:f5(RHf6)
 54.Kg5 55.K:h4(RHg5) 56.Kh5 57.Kh6 58.Kg7
 59.K:f8(ROg7) 60.Kf7 61.K:f6(RHf7) 62.Kg6
 63.K:g5(RHg6) 64.Kh6 65.K:g7(ROh6) 66.Kh7
 67.K:h6(ROh7) 68.Kg7 69.Kh8 70.K:h7(ROh8)=

Exact chameleon echo with 7 pieces, four corners

Stalemate positions:



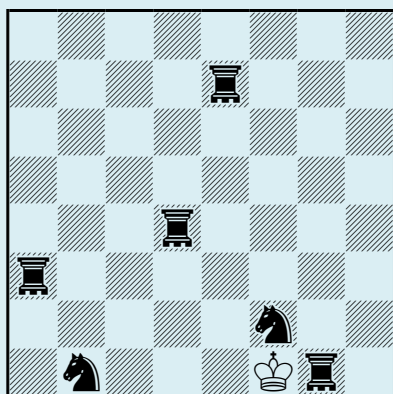
PDB [P1403710](#), WinChloe ID = 859308

Dedicated to Jiří Jelínek for his 70-th birthday.

49. Václav Kotěšovec

840 Pat a Mat 126/2023

(The award is yet not published)



sd=50

(1+6) C+

2 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♖=Rookhopper

(without the black king)

Exact chameleon echo, four corners

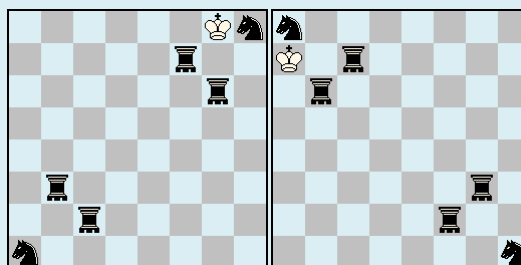
PDB [P1414326](#), WinChloe ID = 913222

Juraj Lörinc's comment (Pat a Mat 126/2023, p. 291-2): "Exopodmienka výmenné circe vylučuje odstránenie kameňov zo šachovnice, takže čiernych jazdcov je potrebné zablokovať v rohoch vždy dvojicou vežových cvrčkov. Samozrejme v rohoch protiľahlých, aby boli aj cvčkovia znehybnení. Je úžasné, že je to možné s rovnakou dĺžkou – a ďakujem za venovanie!"

1.Ke2 2.Ke3 3.K:f2(Se3) 4.K:g1(RHf2) 5.Kh2
6.Kg3 7.Kf4 8.K:e3(Sf4) 9.K:f2(RHe3) 10.Kg3
11.Kh4 12.Kg5 13.K:f4(Sg5) 14.K:e3(RHf4)
15.Kd3 16.K:d4(RHd3) 17.Kc4 18.Kb3 19.Ka2
20.K:b1(Sa2) 21.Kc2 22.K:d3(RHc2) 23.Kc4
24.Kb3 25.K:a3(RHb3) 26.Kb2 27.Ka1
28.K:a2(Sa1) 29.Kb2 30.Kc3 31.Kd4 32.Ke5
33.Kf6 34.K:g5(Sf6) 35.K:f4(RHg5) 36.Kf5
37.Kg6 38.K:g5(RHg6) 39.Kh6 40.Kg7
41.K:f6(Sg7) 42.Kf7 43.K:e7(RHf7) 44.Kf8
45.K:g7(Sf8) 46.Kg8 47.K:f8(Sg8) 48.Kg7
49.Kh8 50.K:g8(Sh8)=

1.Kg2 2.K:g1(RHg2) 3.K:f2(Sg1) 4.Ke3
5.K:d4(RHe3) 6.Kd3 7.Kc2 8.K:b1(Sc2) 9.Ka2
10.Kb3 11.K:c2(Sb3) 12.Kd1 13.Ke1 14.Kf2
15.K:e3(RHf2) 16.Kf4 17.Kg3 18.K:g2(RHg3)
19.Kh1 20.K:g1(Sh1) 21.Kf1 22.Ke2 23.Kd3
24.Kc4 25.Kb4 26.K:b3(Sb4) 27.Ka4 28.Ka5
29.K:b4(Sa5) 30.K:a3(RHb4) 31.Ka4 32.Kb5
33.Kb6 34.K:a5(Sb6) 35.K:b4(RHa5) 36.Kc5
37.Kd6 38.K:e7(RHd6) 39.Kd8 40.Kc7
41.K:d6(RHc7) 42.Kc6 43.Kb7 44.Ka7
45.K:b6(Sa7) 46.K:a5(RHb6) 47.Ka6 48.Kb7
49.Ka8 50.K:a7(Sa8)=

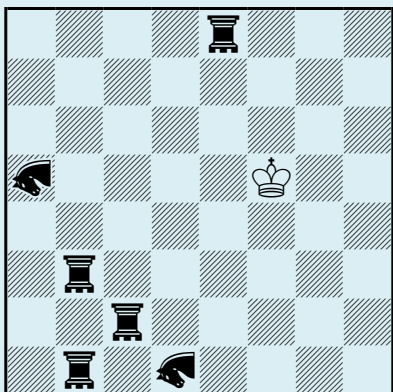
Stalemate positions:



Dedicated to Juraj Lörinc for his 50-th birthday.

C+ (VKComposer, too hard for Alybadix or Popeye)

50. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=50 (1+6) C+

2 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♝=Camel

♖=Rookhopper
(without the black king)

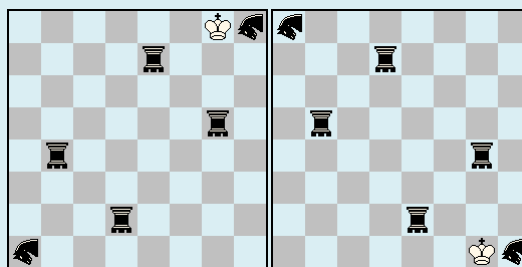
Exact chameleon echo, four corners

1.Kf4 2.Ke3 3.Kd3 4.K:c2(RHd3) 5.K:d1(CAc2)
6.Kc1 7.K:b1(RHc1) 8.K:c2(CAb1) 9.Kc3
10.Kb4 11.K:a5(CAb4) 12.Kb6 13.Kc5
14.K:b4(CAc5) 15.K:b3(RHb4) 16.Kc3 17.Kd4
18.Kd5 19.K:c5(CAd5) 20.Kd4 21.Ke4
22.K:d3(RHe4) 23.Kd2 24.K:c1(RHd2) 25.Kb2
26.Ka1 27.K:b1(CAa1) 28.Kb2 29.Kc3 30.Kd4
31.Ke5 32.Kf5 33.K:e4(RHf5) 34.Kf4 35.Kg5
36.K:f5(RHg5) 37.Ke6 38.K:d5(CAe6) 39.Kd6
40.Ke7 41.Kf7 42.K:e6(CAf7) 43.Ke7
44.K:e8(RHe7) 45.Kf8 46.Kg8 47.K:f7(CAg8)
48.Kg7 49.Kh8 50.K:g8(CAh8)=

1.Ke6 2.Kd7 3.K:e8(RHd7) 4.Kd8 5.Kc7 6.Kb6
7.K:a5(CAb6) 8.Ka4 9.K:b3(RHa4)
10.K:c2(RHb3) 11.K:b1(RHc2) 12.Kc1 13.Kd2
14.K:c2(RHd2) 15.K:b3(RHc2) 16.Kb4 17.Kb5
18.K:a4(RHb5) 19.Ka5 20.Ka6 21.Ka7
22.K:b6(CAa7) 23.Kb7 24.Ka8 25.K:a7(CAa8)
26.Kb6 27.Kc5 28.Kd4 29.Ke3 30.K:d2(RHe3)
31.Ke2 32.K:d1(CAe2) 33.K:c2(RHd1) 34.Kd3
35.Ke4 36.Kf3 37.K:e3(RHf3) 38.Kf4 39.Kg4
40.K:f3(RHg4) 41.Kf2 42.K:e2(CAf2)
43.K:d1(RHe2) 44.Ke1 45.Kf1 46.Kg1
47.K:f2(CAg1) 48.Kg2 49.Kh1 50.K:g1(CAh1)=

WinChloe ID = 930043

Stalemate positions:

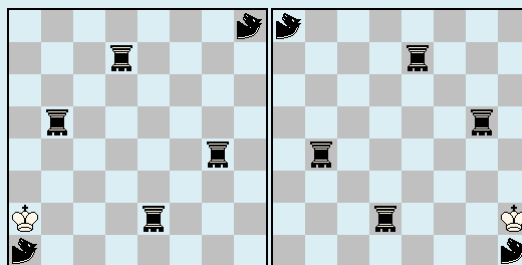


2 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♘=Giraffe
♖=Rookhopper
(without the black king)

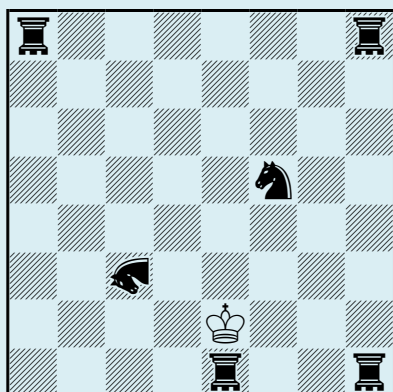
1.K:c6(RHd7) 2.Kd5 3.Ke6 4.K:d7(RHe6)
5.K:c8(GId7) 6.Kc7 7.Kc6 8.K:d7(GIc6)
9.K:d8(RHd7) 10.Ke7 11.Kf6 12.Kf5
13.K:e6(RHf5) 14.Kf7 15.Kg8 16.K:f8(GIg8)
17.Kf7 18.Kg6 19.Kh5 20.Kg4 21.K:f5(RHg4)
22.Kg6 23.Kh7 24.Kh8 25.K:g8(GIh8) 26.Kf7
27.Ke6 28.Kd5 29.K:c6(GId5) 30.Kb5
31.K:b6(RHb5) 32.Kc5 33.Kc4 34.K:d5(GIc4)
35.Kd4 36.Kc3 37.Kb3 38.K:a2(RHb3) 39.Kb1
40.Kc2 41.K:b3(RHc2) 42.K:c4(GIb3) 43.Kd3
44.K:c2(RHd3) 45.Kd1 46.Ke2 47.K:d3(RHe2)
48.Kc2 49.Kb1 50.Ka2 51.K:b3(GIa2) 52.Kb2
53.Ka1 54.K:a2(GIa1)=

1.Ke7 2.K:f8(GIe7) 3.Kf7 4.Kf6 5.K:e7(GIf6)
6.K:d8(RHe7) 7.Kc7 8.Kb8 9.K:c8(GIb8)
10.Kd7 11.Ke6 12.Kd5 13.K:c6(RHd5) 14.Kc5
15.K:b6(RHc5) 16.Ka5 17.Kb4 18.K:c5(RHb4)
19.Kb6 20.Ka7 21.Ka8 22.K:b8(GIa8) 23.Kc7
24.Kd6 25.Ke5 26.K:d5(RHe5) 27.Kc4 28.Kb3
29.K:a2(RHb3) 30.Kb1 31.Kc2 32.K:b3(RHc2)
33.Kc3 34.Kd2 35.K:c2(RHd2) 36.Kd3 37.Ke3
38.Kf4 39.K:e5(RHf4) 40.K:f6(GIe5) 41.Kg5
42.K:f4(RHg5) 43.K:e5(GIf4) 44.Ke4 45.Kf3
46.Kg3 47.K:f4(GIg3) 48.Kg4 49.Kh3 50.Kh2
51.K:g3(GIh2) 52.Kg2 53.Kh1 54.K:h2(GIh1)=

Stalemate positions:



52. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=58 (1+6) C+

2 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Camel

♖=Rookhopper
(without the black king)

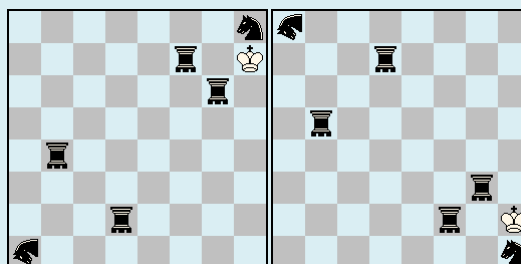
Exact chameleon echo, four corners

WinChloe ID = 932064

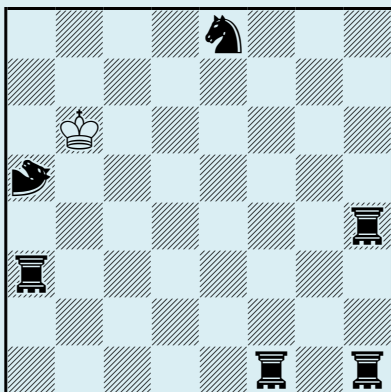
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6.Kg1 7.Kf1 8.Ke2 9.Kf3 10.K:g2(RHf3) 11.Kh3
12.Kg4 13.K:f3(RHg4) 14.Ke4 15.Kd5 16.Kc6
17.Kb7 18.K:a8(RHb7) 19.Ka7 20.Ka6
21.K:b7(RHa6) 22.Kc6 23.Kb5 24.K:a6(RHb5)
25.Ka5 26.Kb4 27.K:b5(RHb4) 28.Kc4 29.Kb3
30.K:c3(CAb3) 31.Kc2 32.Kb1 33.Ka2
34.K:b3(CAa2) 35.Kb2 36.Ka1 37.K:a2(CAa1)
38.Kb3 39.Kc4 40.Kd5 41.Ke6 42.Kf7 43.Kg8
44.K:h8(RHg8) 45.Kh7 46.Kg6 47.K:f5(Sg6)
48.K:g4(RHf5) 49.Kh5 50.Kh6 51.Kh7
52.K:g6(Sh7) 53.K:f5(RHg6) 54.Ke6 55.Kf7
56.K:g8(RHf7) 57.Kh8 58.K:h7(Sh8)=

1.Kd3 2.Kc4 3.K:c3(CAc4) 4.Kb4 5.Kb5
6.K:c4(CAb5) 7.Kd5 8.Ke5 9.Kf4 10.K:f5(Sf4)
11.Kf6 12.Kg7 13.K:h8(RHg7) 14.Kg8 15.Kf7
16.K:g7(RHf7) 17.Kf8 18.Ke8 19.K:f7(RHe8)
20.Ke7 21.Kd7 22.K:e8(RHd7) 23.Kd8 24.Kc7
25.Kb6 26.K:b5(CAb6) 27.Ka6 28.Ka7
29.K:a8(RHa7) 30.Kb7 31.Ka6 32.K:a7(RHa6)
33.K:b6(CAa7) 34.Kb5 35.K:a6(RHb5) 36.Kb7
37.Ka8 38.K:a7(CAa8) 39.Kb6 40.Kc5 41.Kd4
42.Ke3 43.Kf2 44.K:e1(RHf2) 45.Kf1 46.Kg1
47.K:h1(RHg1) 48.Kh2 49.Kg3 50.K:f4(Sg3)
51.Kf3 52.Kg2 53.Kh2 54.K:g3(Sh2)
55.K:f2(RHg3) 56.K:g1(RHf2) 57.Kh1
58.K:h2(Sh1)=

Stalemate positions:



53. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=54 (1+6) C+
2 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♘=Giraffe
♖=Rookhopper
(without the black king)

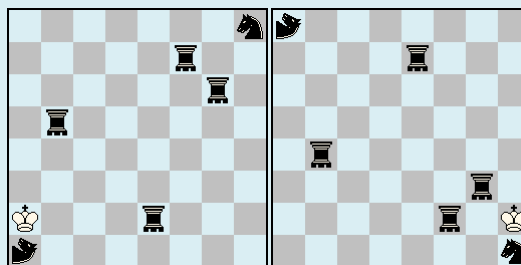
Exact chameleon echo, four corners

1.Kb5 2.K:a5(GIb5) 3.Ka4 4.K:b5(GIa4) 5.Kc4
6.Kd3 7.Ke2 8.K:f1(RHe2) 9.Kg2
10.K:h1(RHg2) 11.Kg1 12.Kf2 13.Kf3
14.K:g2(RHf3) 15.Kh3 16.Kg4 17.K:f3(RHg4)
18.Ke4 19.Kf5 20.K:g4(RHf5) 21.Kh5
22.K:h4(RHh5) 23.Kg5 24.Kg6 25.K:h5(RHg6)
26.Kh6 27.Kh7 28.K:g6(RHh7) 29.K:f5(RHg6)
30.Ke6 31.Kf7 32.K:e8(Sf7) 33.Kf8 34.Kg8
35.K:f7(Sg8) 36.K:g6(RHf7) 37.K:h7(RHg6)
38.Kh8 39.K:g8(Sh8) 40.Kf8 41.Ke7 42.Kd6
43.Kc5 44.Kb4 45.K:a3(RHb4) 46.K:a4(GIa3)
47.Kb5 48.K:b4(RHb5) 49.Kb3 50.Ka2
51.K:a3(GIa2) 52.Kb2 53.Ka1 54.K:a2(GIa1)=

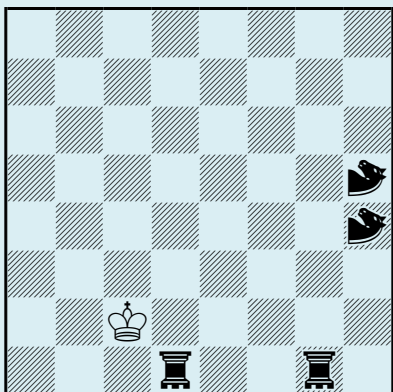
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12.K:e7(Sd6) 13.Kf6 14.Kg5 15.K:h4(RHg5)
16.Kh5 17.Kg6 18.Kf6 19.K:g5(RHf6) 20.Kf4
21.Ke5 22.K:d6(Se5) 23.Ke7 24.K:f6(RHe7)
25.Kg5 26.Kf4 27.K:e5(Sf4) 28.Kd6 29.Kc7
30.Kb8 31.Ka7 32.K:b6(GIa7) 33.Kb7 34.Ka8
35.K:a7(GIa8) 36.Kb6 37.Kc5 38.Kd4 39.Ke3
40.Kf2 41.K:f1(RHf2) 42.Kg1 43.K:h1(RHg1)
44.Kh2 45.Kg3 46.K:f4(Sg3) 47.Kf3 48.Kg2
49.Kh2 50.K:g3(Sh2) 51.K:f2(RHg3)
52.K:g1(RHf2) 53.Kh1 54.K:h2(Sh1)=

WinChloe ID = 930180

Stalemate positions:



54. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=42 (1+4) C+
2 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♘=Zebra
♖=Rookhopper
(without the black king)

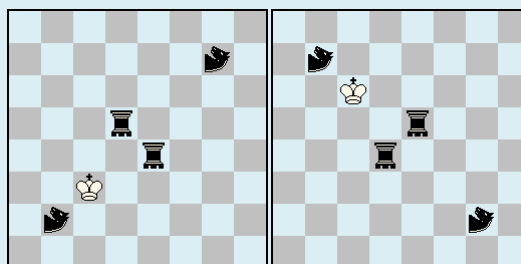
1.Kd3 2.Ke4 3.Kf5 4.Kg6 5.K:h5(Zg6) 6.Kg4
7.K:h4(Zg4) 8.Kg3 9.Kf2 10.K:g1(RHf2) 11.Kg2
12.Kf3 13.K:f2(RHf3) 14.Ke2 15.K:d1(RHe2)
16.Kc2 17.Kd3 18.Ke4 19.K:f3(RHe4)
20.K:g4(Zf3) 21.Kf5 22.Ke6 23.Kd5
24.K:e4(RHd5) 25.K:f3(Ze4) 26.K:e2(RHf3)
27.Kd3 28.K:e4(Zd3) 29.K:f3(RHe4) 30.Kg4
31.Kh5 32.Kh6 33.Kg7 34.K:g6(Zg7) 35.Kf5
36.Ke5 37.Kd4 38.Kc3 39.K:d3(Zc3) 40.Kc2
41.Kb2 42.K:c3(Zb2)=

1.K:d1(RHc2) 2.Kd2 3.Kd3 4.K:c2(RHd3)
5.Kc3 6.Kd4 7.K:d3(RHd4) 8.Ke4 9.Kf3 10.Kg2
11.K:g1(RHg2) 12.Kh2 13.Kg3 14.K:g2(RHg3)
15.Kf3 16.Kf4 17.K:g3(RHf4) 18.K:h4(Zg3)
19.Kg5 20.K:h5(Zg5) 21.Kg6 22.Kf6
23.K:g5(Zf6) 24.Kf5 25.Ke5 26.K:f6(Ze5)
27.Ke7 28.Kd6 29.K:e5(Zd6) 30.K:f4(RHe5)
31.Ke3 32.Kf2 33.Kg2 34.K:g3(Zg2) 35.Kf4
36.Ke4 37.Kd5 38.Kc6 39.K:d6(Zc6) 40.Kc7
41.Kb7 42.K:c6(Zb7)=

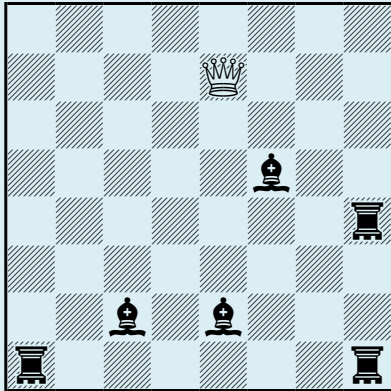
Stalemate positions:

Exact chameleon echo, four corners

WinChloe ID = 932247



55. Václav Kotěšovec
original



sd=17 (1+6) C+
2 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♖ = Rookhopper
(no kings)

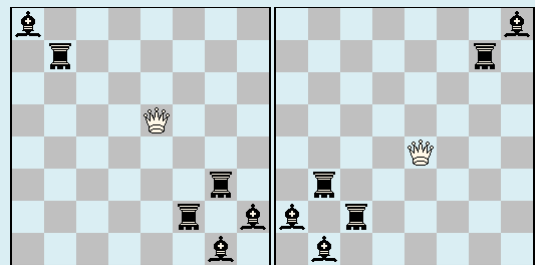
Exact chameleon echo

WinChloe ID = 932173

1.Qe4 2.Q:e2(Be4) 3.Qh2 4.Q:c2(Bh2) 5.Qf2
6.Q:f5(Bf2) 7.Qe5 8.Q:a1(RHe5) 9.Qa8
10.Q:e4(Ba8) 11.Qb7 12.Q:h1(RHb7) 13.Qg1
14.Q:f2(Bg1) 15.Q:h4(RHf2) 16.Qg3
17.Q:e5(RHg3)=

1.Qg7 2.Q:a1(RHg7) 3.Qb1 4.Q:h1(RHb1)
5.Qh3 6.Q:f5(Bh3) 7.Qe4 8.Q:h4(RHe4) 9.Qh8
10.Q:h3(Bh8) 11.Qb3 12.Q:b1(RHb3)
13.Q:c2(Bb1) 14.Qa2 15.Q:e2(Ba2) 16.Qc2
17.Q:e4(RHc2)=

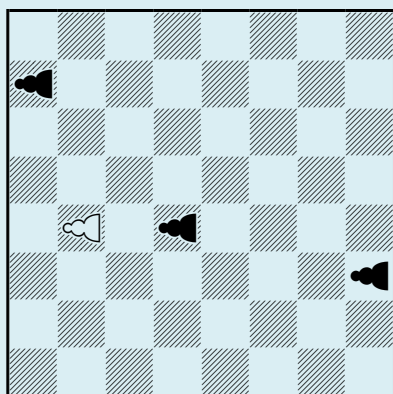
Stalemate positions:



56. Václav Kotěšovec

17 p.156, feenschach 2021

4. Place WenigsteinerJahresPreis 2021



sd=102 (1+3) C+
2 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♙♟=Pawn+Grasshopper
(no kings)

Longest echo chameleon of all times (with a shift [0,1])

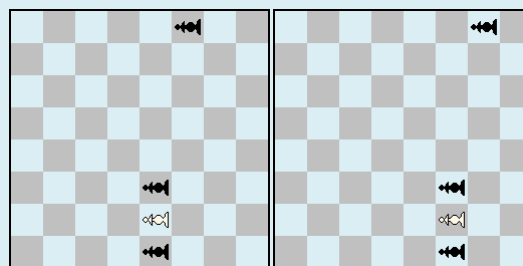
PDB [P1393604](#), WinChloe ID = 825229

Published in the article by Sébastien Luce: "Discover the pawn+grasshopper" / "Auf Spurensuche nach dem Floh", with the comment: "Very long chameleon echo (the longest ever made by VK!), where the goal is to bring one black F to the eighth rank and to make a kind of 'sandwich' with the two other black on the first and third rank and the white one between!"

1.PGb5 2.PGb6 3.PG:a7(PGb6) 4.PGc5 5.PGe3 6.PG:d4(PGe3)
7.PGf2 8.PGf4 9.PGd2 10.PG:e3(PGd2) 11.PGa7 12.PGe5
13.PG:b6(PGe5) 14.PGd4 15.PG:c5(PGd4) 16.PGe3
17.PG:d4(PGe3) 18.PGf2 19.PGf4 20.PG:d2(PGf4) 21.PGd4
22.PGg4 23.PGg5 24.PG:e3(PGg5) 25.PGe4 26.PGe5 27.PGg3
28.PG:f4(PGg3) 29.PG:g5(PGf4) 30.PGg2 31.PG:h3(PGg2)
32.PGh4 33.PGe4 34.PGg4 35.PGg5 36.PGg6 37.PG:g2(PGg6)
38.PGg4 39.PGg5 40.PGe3 41.PG:f4(PGe3) 42.PGf5
43.PG:g6(PGf5) 44.PGe4 45.PG:f5(PGe4) 46.PGd3 47.PGd4
48.PGf2 49.PG:g3(PGf2) 50.PGe1 51.PG:e4(PGe1) 52.PGe2
53.PGg2 54.PGg3 55.PGd3 56.PGd4 57.PG:f2(PGd4) 58.PGf4
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65.PGb6 66.PG:d4(PGb6) 67.PGd5 68.PGd6 69.PGb4
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85.PG:d6(PGf8) 86.PG:e7(PGd6) 87.PGe5 88.PG:d6(PGe5)
89.PGb4 90.PGb5 91.PGb6 92.PGd4 93.PG:c5(PGd4) 94.PGe3
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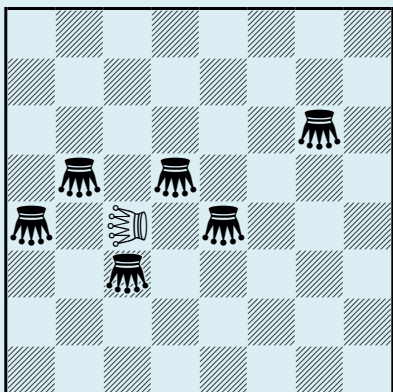
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13.PG:c5(PGd4) 14.PGe3 15.PGe4 16.PGe5 17.PG:c3(PGe5)
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66.PG:e4(PGc6) 67.PGe5 68.PGe6 69.PGe4 70.PG:d5(PGe4)
71.PG:c6(PGd5) 72.PGe4 73.PGe5 74.PGe6 75.PG:c4(PGe6)
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82.PGd7 83.PGg7 84.PGg8 85.PG:e6(PGg8) 86.PG:f7(PGe6)
87.PGd5 88.PG:e6(PGd5) 89.PGc4 90.PGc5 91.PGc6 92.PGe4
93.PG:d5(PGe4) 94.PGf3 95.PG:e4(PGf3) 96.PGe5 97.PGe6
98.PGe7 99.PGe8 100.PGh8 101.PGf8 102.PGf2=

Stalemate positions:



In WJP 2021, one of the seven judges, Maryan Kerhuel, gave the problem the 1st place (Lörinc 2nd place, Petkov 3rd place).

57. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd=18 (1+6) C+

3 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce

♙=Grasshopper

♚=Locust
(no kings)

Triple echo of the formation G-LO-G

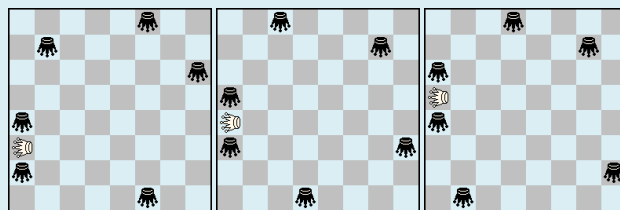
WinChloe ID = 932400

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1.LO:c3-c2(Gc4) 2.LO:c4-c5(Gc2) 3.LO:b5-a5(Gc5) 4.LO:a4-a3(Ga5) 5.LO:c5-d6(Ga3) 6.LO:d5-d4(Gd6) 7.LO:d6-d7(Gd4) 8.LO:d4-d3(Gd7) 9.LO:e4-f5(Gd3) 10.LO:d7-c8(Gf5) 11.LO:f5-g4(Gc8) 12.LO:g6-g7(Gg4) 13.LO:g4-g3(Gg7) 14.LO:d3-c3(Gg3) 15.LO:g3-h3(Gc3) 16.LO:c3-b3(Gh3) 17.LO:c2-d1(Gb3) 18.LO:b3-a4(Gd1)=

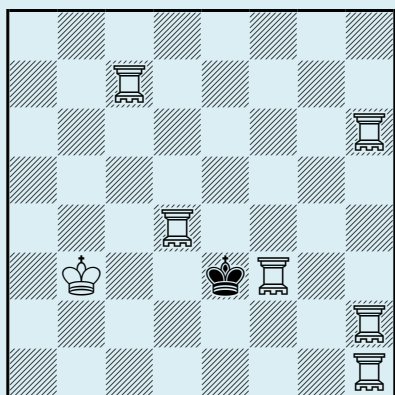
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Stalemate positions:



See also [336] and [337] for the helpstalemate form.

58. Václav Kotěšovec
FB2117 StrateGems 100/2022
4. Commendation



sd=14 (7+1) C+
3 solutions
♖=Rookhopper

Triple static echo.

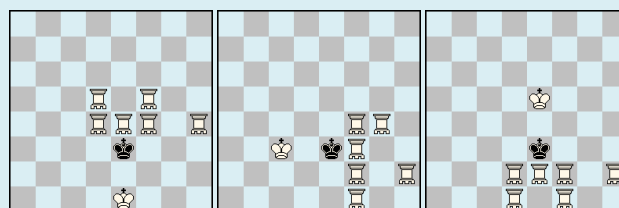
PDB [P1404679](#), WinChloe ID = 862566

1.Kc2 2.RHc1 3.Kd1 4.Ke1 5.RHf1 6.RHf4
7.RHf5 8.RHh3 9.RHh4 10.RHe4 11.RHh2
12.RHh4 13.RHd3 14.RHd5=

1.Kc3 2.RHc2 3.RHc4 4.RHe4 5.RHf4 6.RHg4
7.RHf2 8.RHf1 9.RHh3 10.RHh4 11.RHf4
12.RHh2 13.RHd3 14.RHdf3=

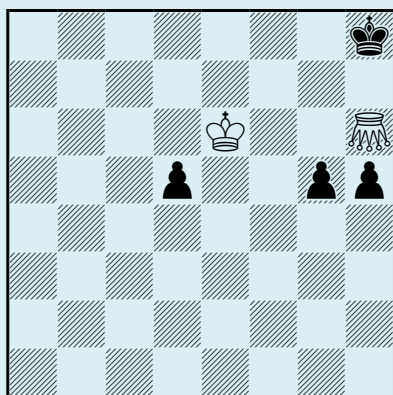
1.Kc4 2.RHc3 3.RHc5 4.Kd5 5.Ke5 6.RHf5
7.RHf2 8.RHf1 9.RHh3 10.RHe2 11.RHh2
12.RHd3 13.RHdd2 14.RHd1=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Paz Einat: "Two identical and one nearly identical position of the six Rook-hoppers around three sides of the bK in three solutions."

59. Václav Kotěšovec
 4973 Best Problems 107/2023
3. Prize



sd#13 (2+4) C+
 3 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♫=Grasshopper

Static echo with a mates on three different lines.
 Switchback of Gh6 in one solution.

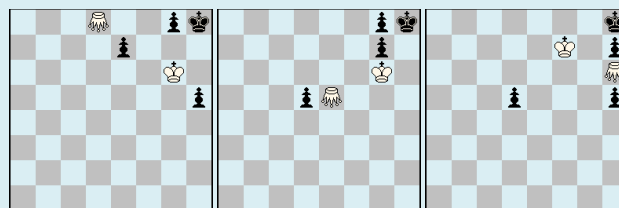
PDB [P1411898](#), WinChloe ID = 893604

1.Gd6 2.Kd7 3.Gd8 4.Kd6 5.G:d5(d8) 6.Ke7
 7.K:d8(e7) 8.Ke8 9.Kf7 10.Gg8 11.Kg6
 12.G:g5(g8) 13.Gd8#

1.Kf6 2.Ge6 3.Kf7 4.Gg8 5.Kg6 6.G:g5(g8)
 7.Gg7 8.Kg5 9.K:h5(g5) 10.Kg6 11.G:g5(g7)
 12.Gc5 13.Ge5#

1.Kf5 2.K:g5(f5) 3.Kh4 4.K:h5(h4) 5.Kg5 6.Gh3
 7.Gh5 8.G:f5(h5) 9.Kg6 10.Gh7 11.Kf7
 12.G:h4(h7) 13.Gh6#

Mating positions:



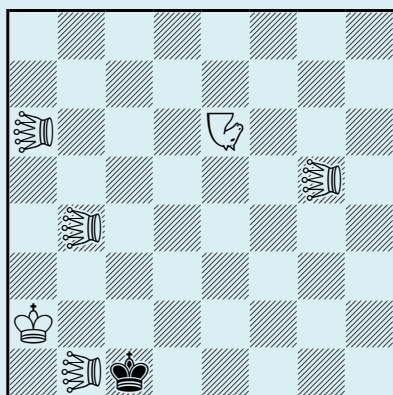
Judge Hans Gruber (Best Problems 109/2024, p. 688-691): "A peppy and interesting problem, a set full of phantasy, with unexpectedly different outcomes, and with vivid play of the white pieces including a roundtrip of the grasshopper."

series-auto-stalemates

60. Václav Kotěšovec

799 Pat a Mat 102/2017

1. Prize



sd-auto=11 (6+1) C+

3 solutions

Madrasi Rex Inclusiv

♞=Nightrider

♘=Lion

Triple echo.

PDB [P1378176](#), WinChloe ID = 684483

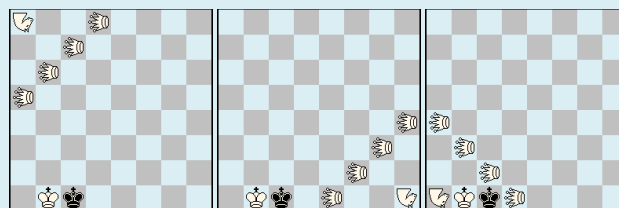
Judge Juraj Brabec (Pat a Mat 108/2019): "Uprataná šachovnica, tátoš v jej rohu, štyria lioni znemožňujúci jemu aj sebe pohyblivosť blokováním a dvaja navzájom sparalyzovaní králi. To je finále jedenástťahového predstavenia, ktoré sa trikrát opakuje a končí vždy v inom rohu šachovnice. Nečudo, že po takej namáhavej a precízne presnej ceste po toľkých políčkach šachovnice nie je už nikto z jej účastníkov schopný pohybu. Elegantné, harmonické, echové, jednoducho dokonalé. 'Kam na to, Václave, chodíš?' "

1.Llb6 2.Lld6 3.Lle7 4.Lld8 5.Lle5 6.Na8 7.Llc7
8.Lla6 9.Lla1 10.LIaa5 11.Kb1 auto=

1.Llf6 2.Lle7 3.Llee1 4.Nd4 5.Llh4 6.Nf5 7.Llf2
8.Nh1 9.Llg3 10.Llbe1 11.Kb1 auto=

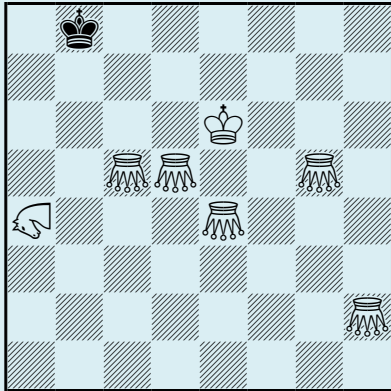
1.Llg6 2.Llg8 3.Llb3 4.Nc2 5.Lle4 6.Na1 7.Llc2
8.Lle4 9.Llb1 10.LI1d1 11.Kb1 auto=

Stalemate positions:



Geoff Foster (Selected problems, G1 The Problemist January 2020, p.288): "In the series-autostalemate G1, White plays 11 consecutive moves to stalemate himself, with Black not moving at all. The fairy condition is Madrasi RexInclusive, in which mutually attacking black and white units of the same type (including Ks) paralyse each other, so they may no longer move or give check. The piece on e6 is a Nightrider, which extends the knight's move along a straight line. The other fairy piece is the Lion, which hops on Q-lines over another unit (the hurdle) to any square beyond. The first solution is 1.Llb1-b6 2.Lla6-d6 3.Llb4-e7 4.Llg5-d8 5.Lle7-e5 6.Na8 7.Lle5-c7 8.Lld6-a6 9.Lla6-a1 10.Lla1-a5 11.Kb1 auto=. The wK is paralysed due to Madrasi RI, while the wNa8 is blocked in by the lions on b6 and c7. Those lions cannot move because of the other lions on a5 and d8, with the four lions forming an amusing line along a5-d8. In the other solutions the arrangement of pieces in the top-left corner is repeated in two other corners of the board. 1.Lla6-f6 2.Llg5-e7 3.Lle7-e1 4.Nd4 5.Llb4-h4 6.Nf5 7.Llf6-f2 8.Nh1 9.Lle1-g3 10.Llb1-e1 11.Kb1 auto=; 1.Lla6-g6 2.Llg5-g8 3.Llg8-b3 4.Nc2 5.Llb1-e4 6.Na1 7.Llg6-c2 8.Lle4-a4 9.Llb4-b1 10.Llb1-d1 11.Kb1 auto=. In the third solution the wKb1 also prevents a move by wLld1. The judge, Juraj Brabec, described this problem as elegant, harmonious and simply perfect."

61. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1736 StrateGems 83/2018



sd-auto=17 (7+1) C+
 2 solutions
 Madrasi Rex Inclusiv
 ♘=Camel
 ♚=Grasshopper

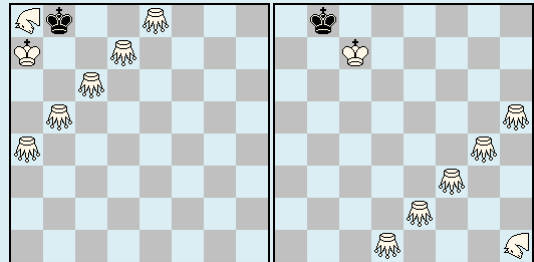
PDB [P1378358](#), WinChloe ID = 704505

1.Kd6 2.Gd7 3.Gh5 4.Gh6 5.Gc6 6.Kc5 7.Ggb5
 8.CAd5 9.Ga4 10.Ge8 11.G4c6 12.CAc2
 13.CAb5 14.CAa8 15.Ghb5 16.Kb6 17.Ka7
 auto=

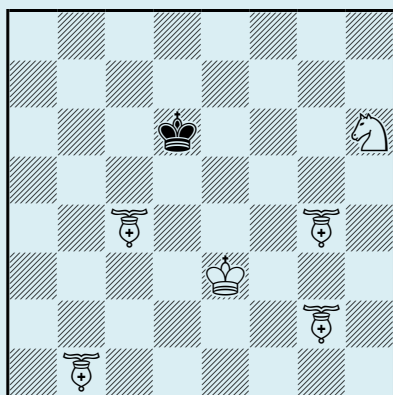
1.Gf3 2.Gh5 3.Ke5 4.Ggd5 5.Kf4 6.Gg4 7.Ge2
 8.Gd2 9.Gdd1 10.CAd3 11.Gd4 12.CAg4
 13.CAh1 14.Gdg4 15.Ke5 16.Kd6 17.Kc7 auto=

Blocks by all white pieces.

Stalemate positions:



62. Václav Kotěšovec
11631 feenschach 225/2017
1. Prize



sd-auto=17 (6+1) C+
2 solutions
Madras Rex Inclusiv
♞=Bishopopper

Echo

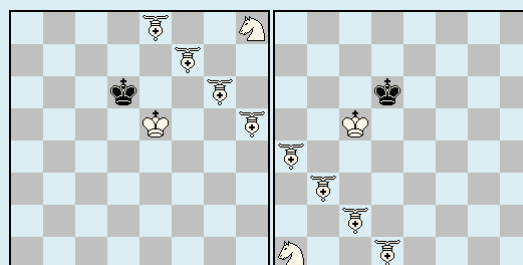
PDB [P1379422](#), WinChloe ID = 717196

Judge: **Münchener Problemschach-Kreis** (mpk), award published in feenschach 244/2021 with the comment: " Die vier Läuferhüpfen werden in eine Linie gestellt und lähmen sich dadurch gegenseitig, der weiße Springer hingegen wird in der Ecke klassisch zugunfähig gemacht. Die beiden Pattbilder sind sehenswert. Ein toller Fund (Rolf Kohring). Die beiden gespiegelten Matts sind ein ziemliches Wunderwerk, auch wenn klar ist, dass die (Läufer-)Hüpfen einem eindeutigen Lösungsverlauf im Serienzüger förderlich sind (Helmut Waelzel), witzige pattstellung (die an sich ja klar ist), bemerkenswert, dass es nur so geht (Hemmo Axt). Eine grandiose Doppelsetzung mit allen weißen Steinen in Aktion und einem schwarzen König, der die Züge des weißen Springers eindeutig macht. Ich kann mich den Löserkommentaren nur anschließen (Norbert Geissler). Im positiven Sinne ein verrücktes Stück. Echopatts mit wSa1/wSh8. Am Schluss noch - unerwähnt in der Lösung - jeweils eine Auswahl (Ke6? Kc6?) (Dieter Werner)."

1.Ke4 2.BHd5 3.BHf3 4.Kf5 5.BHe6 6.BHf7
7.BHg4 8.BHe2 9.Sg4 10.BHh5 11.BHe8
12.BHh5 13.Se5 14.Sg6 15.Sh8 16.BHbg6
17.Ke5 auto=

1.Kd3 2.BHe4 3.BHd5 4.BHe6 5.BHd7 6.Sg4
7.Se3 8.Sc2 9.Sa1 10.BHc2 11.Kc4 12.BHb3
13.BHd1 14.BHeb3 15.Kb5 16.BHda4 17.Kc5
auto=

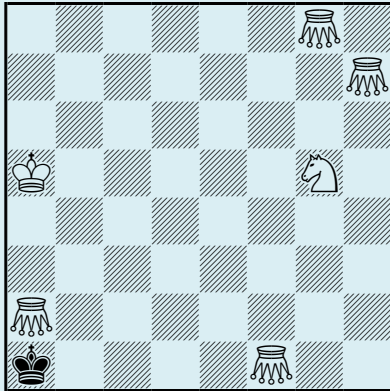
Stalemate positions:



Comments of the solvers (feenschach 229/2018):
Manfred Rittirsch verzweifelte: "Hier schon einmal die Pattbilder. Die Lösungswege folgen dann eventuell im nächsten Leben.", Karl-Heinz Siehndel: "Herrliches Echopatt. Sämtliche Läuferhüpfen sind gelähmt, der weiße Springer ist eingesperrt. Prima."
Thomas Kolkmeier: "Tolles Echo. Hier stört mich das Madras rex inclusiv gar nicht. Mein zweiter Favorit!". Wertung (2): 3.5/III

C+ (Alybadix 13 min)

63. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1663 StrateGems 80/2017



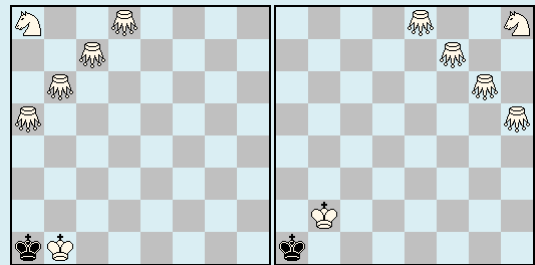
sd-auto=18 (6+1) C+
 2 solutions
 Madrasi Rex Inclusiv
 ♗=Grasshopper

Echo chameleon

1.Se4 2.Sf6 3.Gf7 4.Se8 5.Gd8 6.Sc7 7.Gb7
 8.Sa8 9.Ga7 10.Gc7 11.Kb5 12.Gb4 13.Gbb6
 14.Ka4 15.Gaa5 16.Kb3 17.Kc2 18.Kb1 auto=

1.Ga6 2.Kb6 3.Kc7 4.Kd8 5.Gc8 6.Ge8 7.Ke7
 8.Kf6 9.Gg6 10.Gf5 11.Gfh5 12.Sf7 13.Sh8
 14.Gff7 15.Ke5 16.Kd4 17.Kc3 18.Kb2 auto=

Stalemate positions:

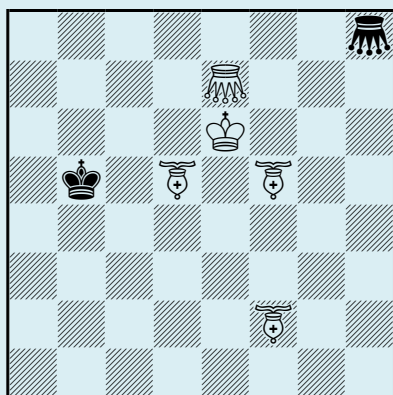


This problem was a prototype before the creation of problems [60] to [62].

C+ (VKComposer, too hard for Alybadix or Popeye)

PDB [P1378365](#), WinChloe ID = 676487

64. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2087 StrateGems 98/2022
2. Honorable Mention



sd-auto=15 (5+2) C+

Madrasí

3 solutions

♖=Bishopopper

♖♗=Grasshopper

Triple echo orthogonal/diagonal

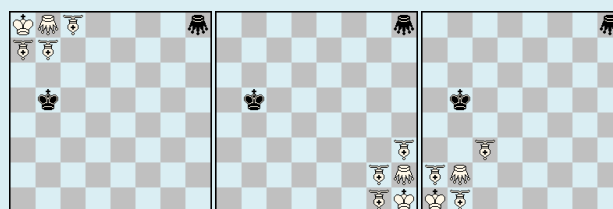
PDB [P1401043](#), WinChloe ID = 843164

1.Kd7 2.BHc8 3.Kc7 4.Gb7 5.Ge4 6.Gc6
 7.BHb7 8.Ga8 9.Gd8 10.Gb6 11.BHa7 12.Gd8
 13.Kb8 14.Ka8 15.Gb8 auto=

1.Kf6 2.Kg5 3.Gh4 4.Kg4 5.BHh3 6.Kf3 7.BHg2
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 14.Kh1 15.Gh2 auto=

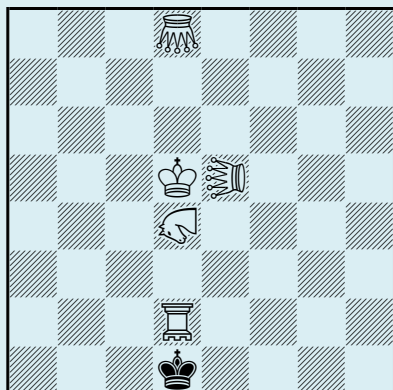
1.Ke5 2.Ke4 3.Ge3 4.BHd4 5.Ge5 6.Kd3 7.Kc2
 8.BHb1 9.Kb3 10.BHa2 11.Kb2 12.BHa1
 13.BHc3 14.Ka1 15.Gb2 auto=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Paz Einat: "Three stalemates with the wK in the three available comers. The Madrasí in combination with a Grasshopper half-pin, which occurs twice orthogonally and once diagonally, gets the stalemate to work. Achieving all this in exactly fifteen consecutive moves in each solution, is admirable."

65. Václav Kotěšovec
T234 ChessProblems.ca 5/2015



sd-auto=14 (5+1) C+

3 solutions

♞=Moa

♜=Rookhopper

♞=Grasshopper

♞=Kangaroo

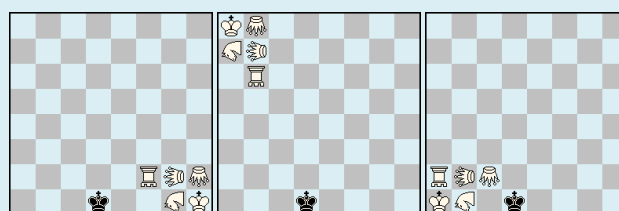
Triple echo

1.MOe2 2.RHf2 3.Gd4 4.Ke4 5.Gf4 6.Kf3
7.Kg3 8.KAh2 9.KAd2 10.Gh2 11.Kg2 12.Kh1
13.KAg2 14.MOg1 auto=

1.MOb5 2.RHd6 3.Kc6 4.RHb6 5.Kd7 6.Gd6
7.Kc7 8.KAb8 9.KAb4 10.Gb8 11.Kb7 12.Ka8
13.KAb7 14.MOa7 auto=

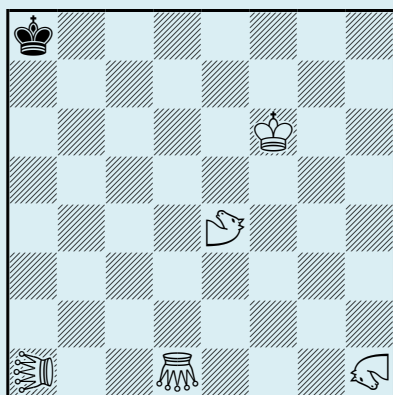
1.Kc4 2.Kc3 3.KAb2 4.Kb3 5.Ka2 6.Ka1 7.RHa2
8.Gd3 9.Gd5 10.MOf3 11.Gg2 12.MOd2
13.Gc2 14.MOb1 auto=

Stalemate positions:



PDB [P1379417](#), WinChloe ID = 570879

66. Václav Kotěšovec
T233 ChessProblems.ca 5/2015
Honorable Mention



sd-auto=15 (5+1) C+
3 solutions
♞=Nightriderhopper
♝=Moa
♞=Grasshopper
♞=Kangaroo

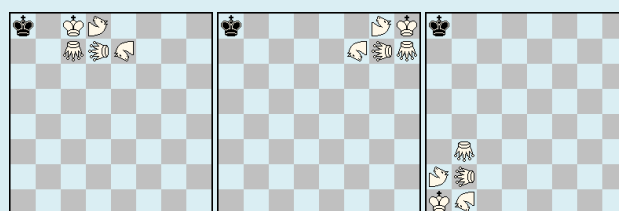
PDB [P1379419](#), WinChloe ID = 571932

1.MOd6 2.Gd7 3.MOf7 4.Gg7 5.Ge5 6.KAg7
7.Kf5 8.NHe7 9.Ke6 10.Kd6 11.Gc7 12.Kd7
13.Kc8 14.KAd7 15.MOd8 auto=

1.MOf2 2.NHd3 3.MOg4 4.Gh5 5.MOe5
6.KAg7 7.Kg6 8.Gf7 9.Kh7 10.Kh8 11.Gh7
12.NHf7 13.MOc6 14.MOe7 15.MOg8 auto=

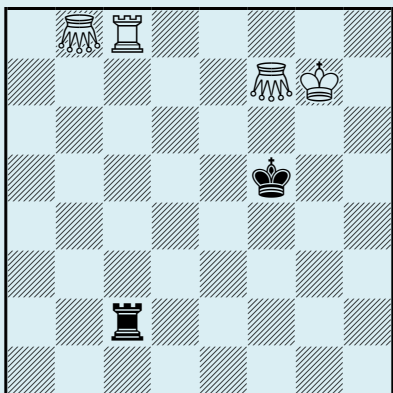
1.MOc3 2.KAg7 3.KAb2 4.Kf5 5.NHe7 6.Ke4
7.Kd3 8.Kc2 9.Gb3 10.Kb1 11.Ka1 12.NHb1
13.MOd5 14.MOb4 15.MOa2 auto=

Stalemate positions:



Judge George P. Sphicas (ChessProblems.ca Bulletin 12/2017, p. 547-553): "Three solutions, with the wK self-stalemated on c8, g8 and a1. Impressive that the three solutions are exactly the same length and of course all dual-free."

67. Václav Kotěšovec
 3715 Šachmatija 4/2017
2. Honorable Mention



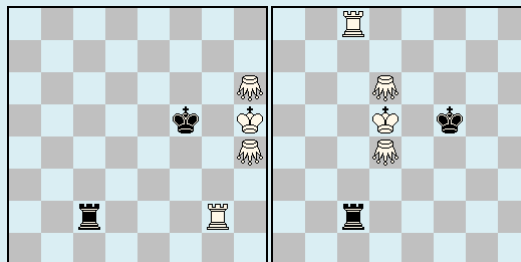
sd-auto=13 (4+2) C+
 2 solutions
 Madrasi
 ♭=Grasshopper

PDB [P1379416](#), WinChloe ID = 682914

1.Gf4 2.Gg3 3.Ge5 4.Gd6 5.Gc7 6.Rg8 7.Gh7
 8.Kh6 9.Kh5 10.Gh4 11.Rg6 12.Gdh6 13.Rg2
 auto=

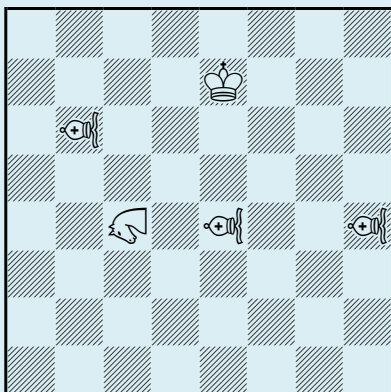
1.Kf8 2.Ke7 3.Kd6 4.Kd5 5.Gc4 6.Rc7 7.Gd6
 8.Re7 9.Re4 10.Gf4 11.Gfd4 12.Re8 13.Rc8
 auto=

Stalemate positions:



Judge A. Bulavka (Šachmatija 4/2018): „Две эхо-патовые картинки. И если пат на краю доски выглядит вполне ожидаемо, то в центре с черной ладьёй в качестве края доски довольно неожиданно. Замечу, что и эта, и занявшая 1-й приз задачи составлены в жанре серийных шахмат, где чаще всего можно увидеть только одно многоходовое решение.“

68. Václav Kotěšovec
7025 Phénix 241/2014



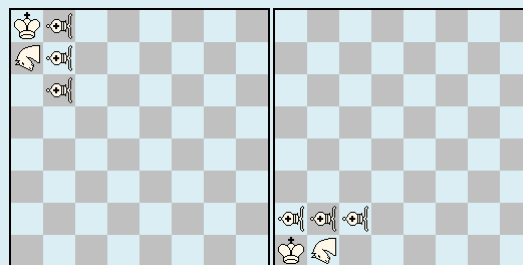
sd-auto=15 (5+0) C+
2 solutions
♞=Moa
♞=Nightriderhopper
(without the black king)

Echo chameleon

1.MOd6 2.NHc8 3.NHg6 4.Ke6 5.Kd5 6.NHf4
7.NHe2 8.NHb6 9.Kc6 10.NHb8 11.Kb7
12.Ka8 13.NHb7 14.MOb5 15.MOa7 auto=

1.Kd7 2.NHf8 3.Ke6 4.Kf5 5.NHd6 6.Ke5
7.Kd4 8.NHc2 9.Kc3 10.NHa2 11.Kb2 12.Ka1
13.NHb2 14.MOd2 15.MOb1 auto=

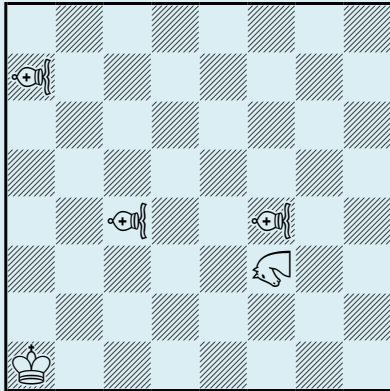
Stalemate positions:



In Phénix: "Un écho original, avec une forme
(l'auto=) peu usitée d'habitude par l'auteur."

PDB [P1379418](#), WinChloe ID = 555418

69. Václav Kotěšovec
7122 Phénix 245/2014



sd-auto=16 (5+0) C+
2 solutions
♞=Mao
♞=Nightriderhopper
(without the black king)

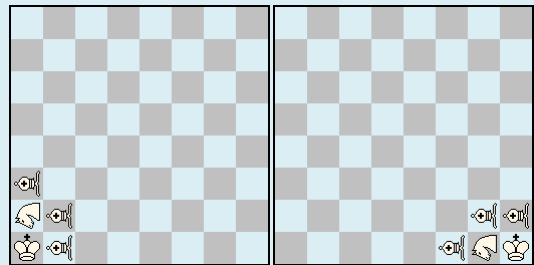
Echo chameleon

PDB [P1379420](#), WinChloe ID = 555454

1.MAe1 2.MAd3 3.NHb2 4.MAe5 5.NHg6
6.MAc4 7.NHa3 8.MAd6 9.MAb5 10.NHc3
11.MAc7 12.MAd5 13.NHe7 14.MAc3
15.NHb1 16.MAa2 auto=

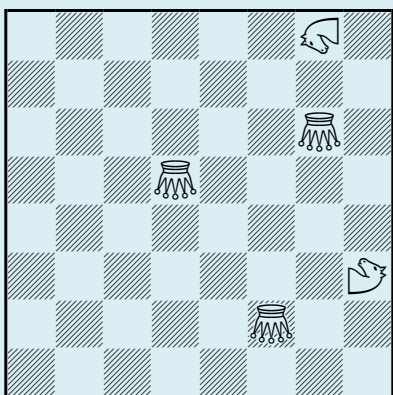
1.Kb2 2.Kc3 3.NHd1 4.NHb5 5.Kd3 6.NHb2
7.Ke3 8.NHg2 9.Kf4 10.NHh5 11.Kg3 12.NHf1
13.Kh2 14.Kh1 15.NHh2 16.MAg1 auto=

Stalemate positions:



In Phénix: "Cousin du 7025, mais cette fois-ci l'auteur utilise un Mao. Le Mao est très actif dans la première solution, le Roi dans la seconde. Il est dommage, mais inévitable, que les spécificités du Mao soient peu utilisées."

1. Prize special

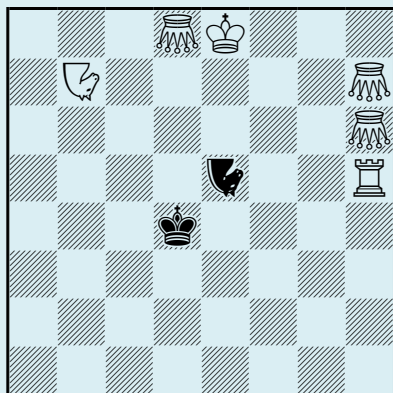


 = Grasshopper
(no kings)

Cyclic exchange of places of grasshoppers		
before	in final position I	in final position III
Gd5	g7	h6
Gf2	f8	g7
Gg6	h6	f8

Judge Karol Mlynka (Pat a Mat 97/2016, str.84):
"Cyklická výmena polí cvrčkov v autopatoch s echovým obrazcom, na čo biely vôbec nepotrebuje súpera, ale len vlastného maa a mou s podmienkou maximálnik v päť-kameňovke. Vzorná úspornosť materiálu."

71. Václav Kotěšovec
T367 ChessProblems.ca 14/2018
4. Honorable Mention



sd-auto=17 (6+2) C+
2 solutions
Madrasi
♞♠=Nightrider
♟=Grasshopper

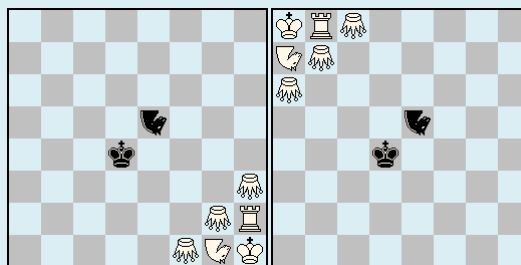
Echo

PDB [P1379421](#), WinChloe ID = 701869

1.Ke7 2.Kf6 3.Gg5 4.Kf5 5.Kf4 6.Kg3 7.Gg2
8.Kh2 9.Kh1 10.Rh2 11.Nh4 12.Gh3 13.Gf1
14.Ghh3 15.Nb1 16.Nc3 17.Ng1 auto=

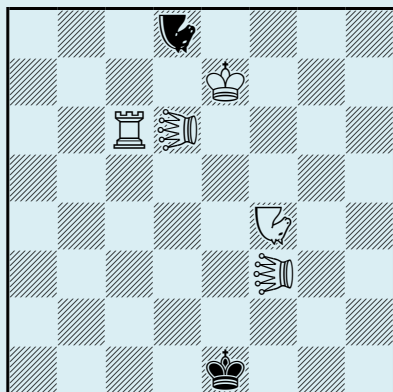
1.Gf8 2.Kd8 3.Kc7 4.Nd8 5.Gb7 6.Kb6 7.Ga6
8.Rh6 9.Rc6 10.Ka7 11.Ka8 12.Rc8 13.Rb8
14.Gfc8 15.Na2 16.Nc3 17.Na7 auto=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Manfred Rittirsch (CPB 19/2020, p. 920-7):
"Although not as impressive as [P1378176](#), this variation of the hopper line arrangement (compare [P1190309](#)) with incarcerated rook and supported by a paralyzing condition is on the same advanced complexity level as other achievements such as M or [P1378358](#)."

72. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1713 StrateGems 82/2018



sd-auto=18 (5+2) C+
 2 solutions
 Madrasi
 ♞♞ = Nightrider
 ♞ = Kangaroo

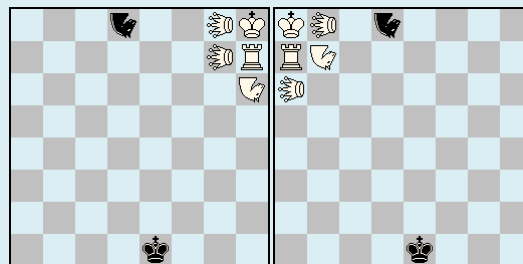
PDB [P1379262](https://pdb.org/P1379262), WinChloe ID = 693634

1.Kf6 2.Kf5 3.KAf6 4.Ke5 5.KAg3 6.Re6 7.Ne2
 8.Nd4 9.KAc3 10.Rh6 11.Kf6 12.KAg7 13.Kg6
 14.KAg8 15.Kh7 16.Kh8 17.Rh7 18.Nh6 auto=

1.Kd7 2.Kc7 3.Kb6 4.KAa6 5.Rd6 6.KAe6 7.Rd7
 8.Rf7 9.KAf8 10.Ng6 11.Nc8 12.KAb8 13.Nd6
 14.KAa6 15.Ka7 16.Ka8 17.Ra7 18.Nb7 auto=

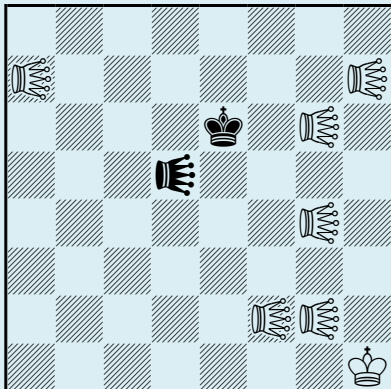
In the sixth move, in the first solution, the white nightrider is unparalyzed by a rook, while in the second solution by a kangaroo.

Stalemate positions:



Comment in SG 84/2018: "It seems that only Vaclav can compose such long, interesting and difficult problems, though here the play is one-sided" (Editor Petko Petkov).

73. Václav Kotěšovec original



sd-auto=22 (7+2) C+
2 solutions
♖♜=Kangaroo

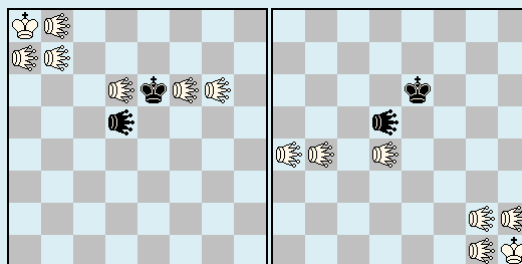
WinChloe ID = 931450

1.Kg1 2.Kf1 3.Ke2 4.KAd2 5.Ke3 6.KAg1
7.KAd4 8.Kd3 9.Kc4 10.KAb4 11.Kc5 12.KAb6
13.Kc6 14.Kc7 15.KAd6 16.KAd7 17.KAb7
18.KAa7 19.Kb8 20.Ka8 21.KAb8 22.KAf6-
auto=

1.KAg7 2.Kg2 3.Kf3 4.Ke3 5.KAg1 6.KAd4
7.Kd3 8.KAc2 9.KAb1 10.KAe4 11.Kc4 12.KAb4
13.Kd3 14.Ke2 15.KAb2 16.Kf2 17.KAg2
18.KAh2 19.Kg1 20.Kh1 21.KAg1 22.KAa4-
auto=

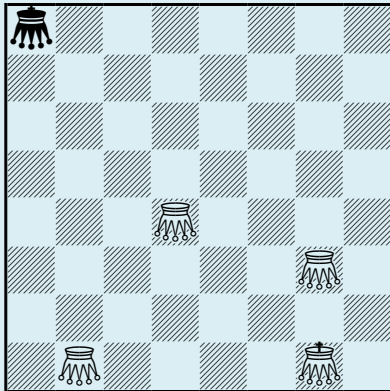
Switchback of KAa7 in first solution and Kh1 in
second solution.

Stalemate positions:



C+, Alybadix 11 min

74. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1830 StrateGems 87/2019



sd-auto=10 (4+1) C+
 4 solution
 royal Grasshopper g1/a8
 ♟♟=Grasshopper

Two pairs of echoes with a stalemate positions
 specific for the royal Grasshoppers.

PDB [P1378227](https://pdb.com/P1378227), WinChloe ID = 739291

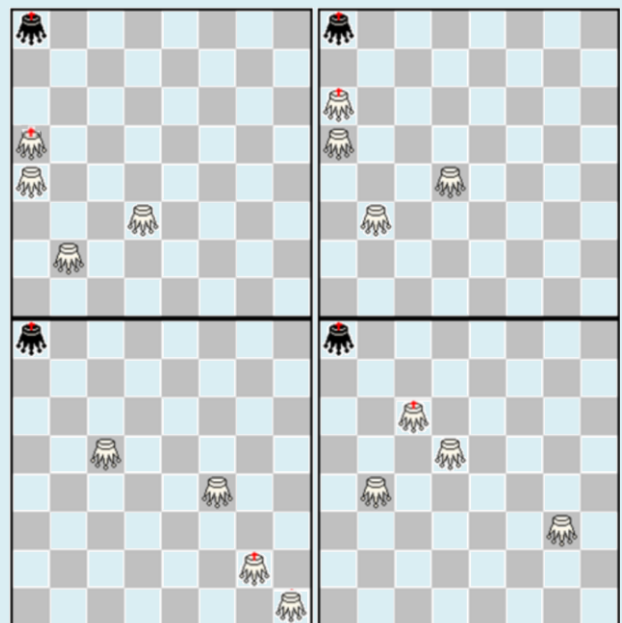
1.rGa1 2.rGe5 3.rGc3 4.Gb3 5.Gb4 6.Ga4
 7.Gb2 8.Gd3 9.rGa1 10.rGa5 auto=

1.rGg4 2.Gg5 3.rGc4 4.Gb4 5.Gb5 6.Ga5 7.Gb3
 8.Gd4 9.rGa2 10.rGa6 auto=

1.Gh1 2.rGg4 3.Gh4 4.Gh5 5.Gf4 6.rGg2 7.Ge5
 8.Gd5 9.Gc5 10.Gh1 auto=

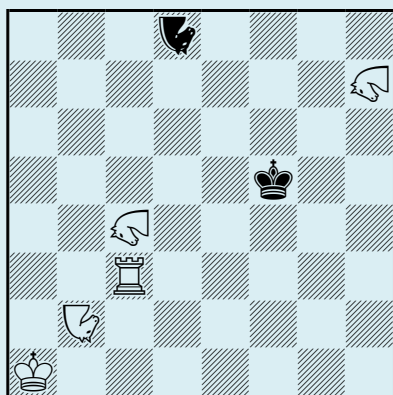
1.rGc5 2.Gb6 3.Gb7 4.Gb5 5.Gb4 6.Gd5 7.rGa3
 8.rGh3 9.rGf3 10.rGc6 auto=

Stalemate positions:



Solver Wilfried Seehoffer (SG89): "Fantastic play!"

75. Václav Kotěšovec
T368 ChessProblems.ca 14/2018
Commendation



sd-auto=18 (5+2) C+
2 solutions
Madrasi
♞=Nightriderhopper
♞♞=Nightrider

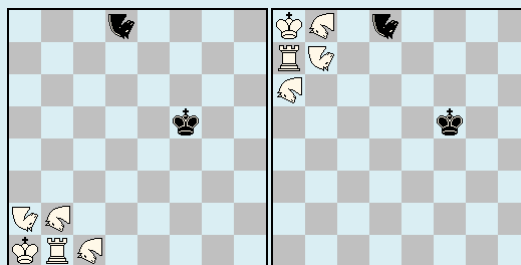
Echo

PDB [P1379423](#), WinChloe ID = 703648

1.Nf4 2.Rf3 3.NHe1 4.Rd3 5.NHc5 6.Rd6
7.NHe8 8.Re6 9.Ne2 10.Re4 11.NHg3 12.Rc4
13.NHb2 14.Rc1 15.Rb1 16.NHc1 17.Nc3
18.Na2 auto=

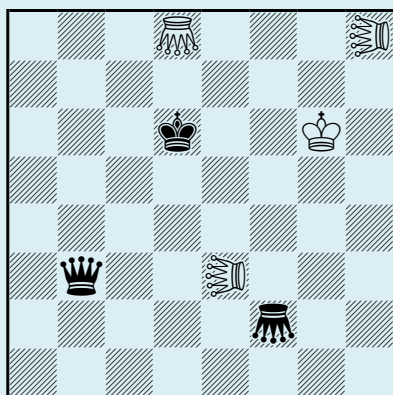
1.Rd3 2.Rd7 3.Nd3 4.Kb2 5.Kc3 6.Kd4 7.Kd5
8.NHb4 9.NHf6 10.Kd6 11.NHe8 12.Kc7
13.NHa6 14.Kb8 15.Ka8 16.NHb8 17.Ra7
18.Nb7 auto=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Manfred Rittirsch (CPB 19/2020, str. 920-7):
"Pairs of long, unambiguous solutions like this are a miracle anyway, but when visual appearance counts for much, as is the case for echoed positions, I prefer perfect equality (see left neighbour T367 [71] (= 4th H. M.)."

76. Václav Kotěšovec
16105 Die Schwalbe 269/2014
Commendation



sd-auto=20 (4+3) C+
2 solutions
♟♞=Grasshopper
♟♞=Kangaroo

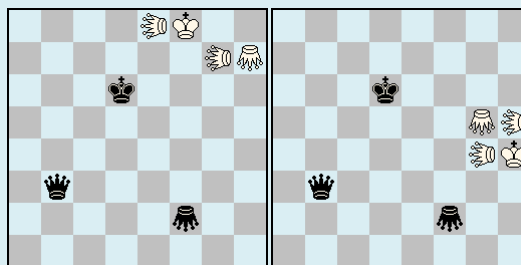
PDB [P1379424](#), WinChloe ID = 553720

Judge Arno Tüngler ([Die Schwalbe 287/2017](#), p.264) :
"Kein exaktes Echo diesmal, einmal ist der sK am Pattbild beteiligt, einmal nicht, aber die geschickten Eigenpattführungen mit dem hin und her pendelnden weißen König und beiden Schlussstellungen mit typischer Grashüpfernutzung sind allemal lobenswert."

1.Kf6 2.Gg5 3.Ge7 4.Kf5 5.Ke4 6.KAe8 7.Ge3
8.Ge5 9.Kf5 10.Kf6 11.KAd4 12.KAg7 13.Kg6
14.Gh8 15.Gd8 16.Gd5 17.Kf7 18.Kf8 19.Gd7
20.Gh7 auto=

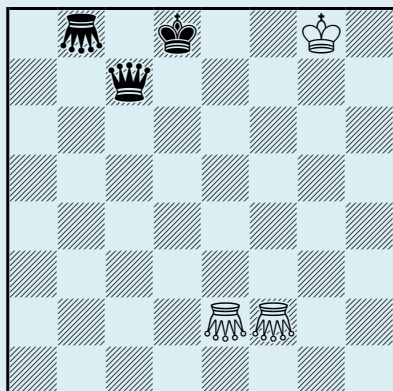
1.Kg7 2.Kf8 3.KAc8 4.Gg8 5.Kg7 6.Gg6 7.Kf6
8.Ge6 9.Kf5 10.KAg4 11.Ke4 12.KAe7 13.Ge3
14.KAe2 15.Kf3 16.KAh5 17.Kg3 18.Kh4
19.Gg1 20.Gg5 auto=

Stalemate positions:



Comments of the solvers ([Die Schwalbe 272/2015](#)):
Wilfried Seehofer: "Hat mir mit am besten gefallen. Musste hierfür aber den Co. einsetzen.", Manfred Rittirsch: "Auch diesmal kann ich zur 2. Lösung leider nur das Pattbild (Kh4, KÄg4h5, Gg5) anbieten, weil ich die beiden Känguruhs einfach nicht auf die Blockfelder bringe. Selbst wenn in Selbigem der G-Block die Deckung durch den sK ersetzt und damit das Echo in weite Feme rückt, sind solche die normalen menschlichen Kapazitäten sprengenden Zweispänner immer zeigenswert.", Karl-Heinz Siehdn: "Weiß manövriert sich zweimal geschickt in ein Eigenpatt. Bravo.", Romuald Lazowski: "Schöne Märchenschachminiatur.", Joachim Benn: "Der sK baut sich eine Selbstmattstellung mit seinen Mäfig!"

77. Václav Kotěšovec
 Jubile M. Grushko-60 C 31.5.2015
 Variantim
Commendation



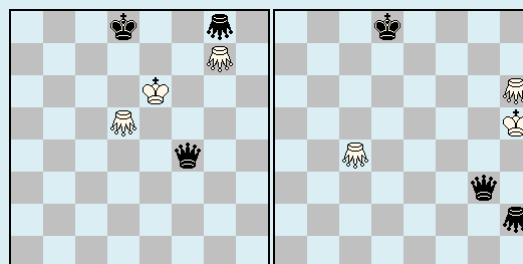
sd-auto=28 (3+3) C+
 2 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
=Grasshopper

PDB [P1379426](#), WinChloe ID = 646594

1.Gd2 2.Gc2 3.Gb2 4.Gc8 5.Ge8 6.Gh8 7.Ga1
 8.Gc3 9.Gd4 10.Ge5 11.Gf6 12.Gg7 13.Kh7
 14.Kg6 15.Kf5 16.Gf4 17.G:b8(Gf4) 18.Gd6
 19.Ke5 20.G:f4(Gd6) 21.Kd5 22.G:c7(Qf4)
 23.Ge5 24.K:d6(Gd5) 25.Ke6 26.Gg3 27.Gg8
 28.G:d5(Gg8) auto=

1.Gg2 2.Gh2 3.G:b8(Gh2) 4.Ge8 5.Gc8 6.Gc6
 7.Gb7 8.Gd7 9.Kf7 10.Ke6 11.Gb5 12.Gf6
 13.Gd6 14.Kf5 15.Gg5 16.Kg4 17.Gg3 18.Kh5
 19.G:c7(Qg3) 20.Gb8 21.Ge8 22.Gc8 23.Gc6
 24.Gc5 25.Gc4 26.Gc3 27.Gh3 28.Gh6 auto=

Stalemate positions:

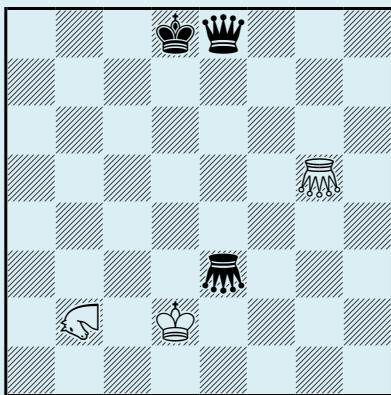


Judge M. Grushko (Variantim 70/2016, p.12,
 without comment).

78. Václav Kotěšovec

[690](#) Julia's Fairies 2015

3. Honorable Mention



sd-auto=24 (3+3) C+

2 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

↻=Zebra

♙♜=Grasshopper

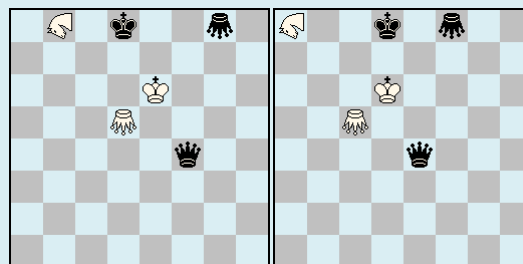
Echo chameleon

PDB [P1378367](#), WinChloe ID = 559843

1.Ze4 2.Zh6 3.Z:e8(Qh6) 4.K:e3(Gd2)
5.G:d2(Gg5) 6.Z:g5(Ge8) 7.Gf4 8.Kd4 9.Kc5
10.G:h6(Qf4) 11.Zd3 12.Zf6 13.Ge6 14.Zc4
15.Ze7 16.G:e8(Ge6) 17.Zh5 18.Zf8 19.Gg8
20.Zd5 21.Zb8 22.Kd5 23.K:e6(Gd5)
24.G:d5(Gg8) auto=

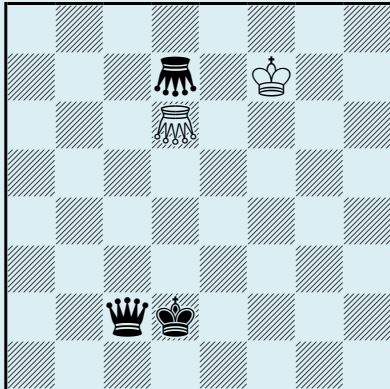
1.Kd3 2.Gd2 3.Ga2 4.Zd5 5.Za7 6.Ga8 7.Zc4
8.Ze7 9.Ke4 10.K:e3(Ge4) 11.Kd4 12.Kd5
13.G:e4(Ga8) 14.Kc5 15.G:e8(Qe4) 16.Zg4
17.Zd6 18.Zg8 19.Gh8 20.Gf8 21.Zd6
22.Z:a8(Gd6) 23.K:d6(Gc5) 24.G:c5(Gf8)
auto=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Kostas Prentos: "Two echo chameleon stalemates: The Zebra is incarcerated by the white King and Grasshopper, which are immobilized in the middle of the board by the black pieces. It is impressive there are two solutions of equal length resulting in closely related final positions - presumably the outcome of an exhaustive research with the computer. As is often the case with PWC, the play is rather tedious, yet it is comprehensible to the human mind."

79. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1414 StrateGems 69/2015



sd-auto=20 (2+3) C+
 2 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♞♞=Grasshopper

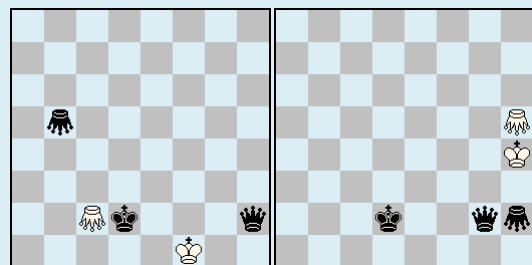
Echo orthogonal/diagonal.

PDB [P1379268](#), WinChloe ID = 555544

1.Ke7 2.Gf8 3.Kd6 4.Gc5 6.K:d7(Gc6)
 10.K:c6(Gb5) 12.Ke5 13.Gf5 15.Kf3 16.Gf2
 17.Kg2 18.Gh2 19.Kf1 20.G:c2(Qh2) auto=

1.Kf6 2.Gg6 3.Kg5 4.Gg4 6.Ke6 7.G:d7(Gg4)
 8.Kf7 9.Gg7 13.K:g4(Gh5) 14.Kg3 15.Gg2
 16.Kh4 17.G:c2(Qg2) 18.Ge2 19.Gh2
 20.G:h5(Gh2) auto=

Stalemate positions:

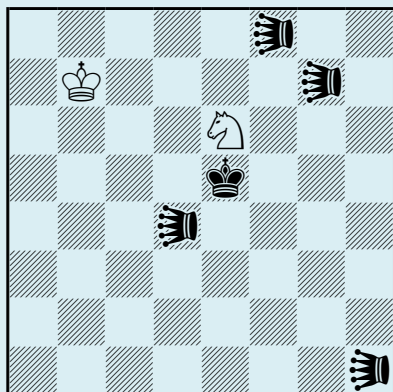


Comment of the solver: "Neat and elegant."
 (Wilfried Seehofer).

Reproduction: G9 p.344, ChessProblems.ca 9/2016
 with a comment by S.Luce: "The white king has to
 go to f1 or h4. Then the capture of the black queen
 by the white grasshopper allows for the transfer of
 the queen to h2 or g2, creating the stalemate. At
 the end of both variations, the black grasshopper
 cannot move without self-check by an anti-battery
 on the a6-f1 diagonal in the first variation or h
 file in the second."

series-helpmates

80. Václav Kotěšovec
 1125 Pat a Mat 80/2012
5. Prize
G194 FIDE Album 2010-12



sh#17 (2+5) C+
 3 solutions
 ♫=Kangaroo

Triple echo

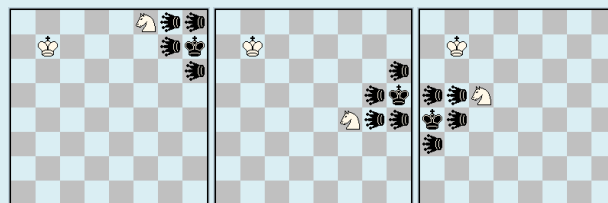
PDB [P1378108](#), WinChloe ID = 444075

1.KAc3 2.KAf6 3.Kf5 4.KAf4 5.Ke4 6.KAc4
 7.Ke5 8.KAg7 9.Kd6 10.KAc6 11.Ke7 12.Kf7
 13.KAg8 14.Kg6 15.KAh6 16.Kh7 17.KAh8
 Sf8#

1.KAh8 2.Kd6 3.Kd7 4.KAa7 5.KAe7 6.Ke8
 7.KAd8 8.KAc8 9.Kf7 10.Kf6 11.KAg5 12.KAh4
 13.Kf5 14.KAg4 15.Kg6 16.Kh5 17.KAh6 Sf4#

1.Kd5 2.KAa8 3.KAe4 4.Kc4 5.KAb4 6.Kd5
 7.Kd6 8.KAa3 9.Kd5 10.Kc4 11.Kc3 12.KAb2
 13.KAa1 14.Kb3 15.KAb5 16.Ka4 17.KAa5
 Sc5#

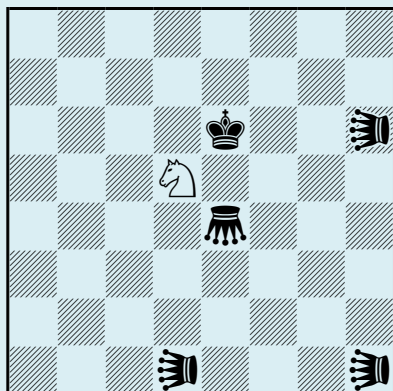
Mating positions:



Judge Ján Golha (Pat a Mat 91/2015, str. 272-277):
 "Čierni klokani doskáču po 17. ťahoch za pomoci
 svojho kráľa k trom echovým modelovým matom."

Juraj Lörinc mi v e-mailu napsal: "Ahoj Vaclave, asi
 by som si obcas mal precitat Pat a Mat, hehehe. Tak
 by mi neusla Tvoja fantasticka uloha 1125 z PaM 80.
 Nadabil som na nu teraz pri prezerani uloh
 v databaze WinChloe. Keby som ju mal rozhodovat
 pre Album FIDE, bez vahania by som jej dal 4 body.
 Gratulujem Ti k nej. Juraj"

81. Václav Kotěšovec
[1192](#) Julia's Fairies 2017
3. Honorable Mention
G148 FIDE Album 2016-18



sh#14 (1+5) C+

4 solutions

♙=Grasshopper

♘=Kangaroo
 (without the white king)

4-fold exact echo

PDB [P1378120](#), WinChloe ID = 662712

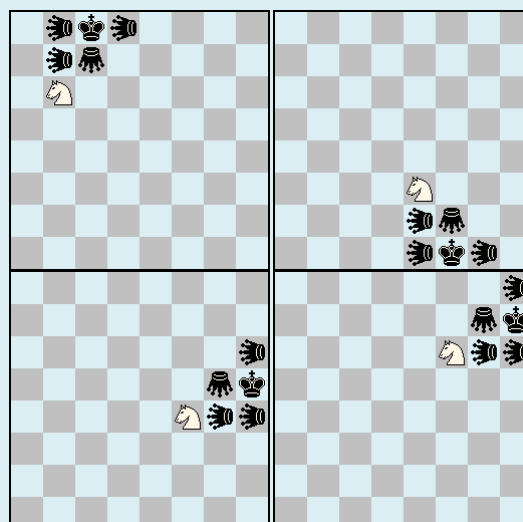
1.Gc6 2.KAb7 3.Gf6 4.KAd6 5.Kf5 6.Gf4 7.Ke5
 8.KAg3 9.Kd6 10.Gc7 11.KAb8 12.Kd7
 13.KAd8 14.Kc8 Sb6#

1.Kf5 2.Kg4 3.Gh4 4.Kh3 5.KAh2 6.Kg3 7.Gf2
 8.Kg2 9.KAe2 10.Kf1 11.KAc1 12.KAg1
 13.KAh1 14.KAe1 Se3#

1.Kd6 2.KAd7 3.Ke5 4.Ge6 5.Kf5 6.KAg4 7.Kg6
 8.Kf7 9.Gg8 10.Kg6 11.Gg5 12.Kh5 13.KAh7
 14.KAh4 Sf4#

1.Ke5 2.Kd4 3.KAd6 4.KAd3 5.Ke5 6.Kf5
 7.KAg6 8.Ke6 9.Ge7 10.Kf7 11.Gg7 12.Kg8
 13.Kh7 14.KAh8 Sf6#

Mating positions:



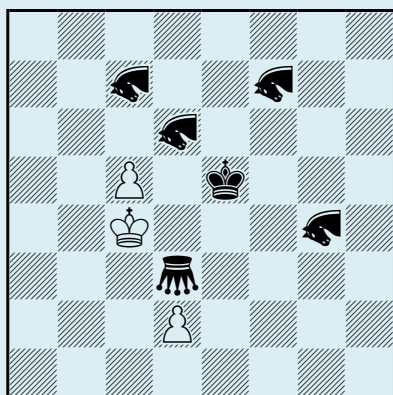
Judge Tadashi Wakashima: "4-fold echo in 4 directions in this length is nothing short of a small miracle. The composer did it again!"

Comment of the reader of JF website, Sébastien Luce (JF, March 11, 2017): "Beautiful black triangles!"

82. Václav Kotěšovec

Problemist of Ukraine 10 C 1.2.2014

2.-4. Prize e.a.



sh#17

(3+6) C+

2 solutions

♞=Nightriderhopper

♠=Grasshopper

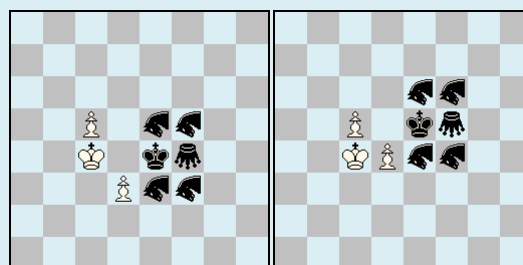
Echo chameleon

PDB [P1378189](#), WinChloe ID = 541487

1.Ke4 2.NHc1 3.NHe5 4.Gf5 5.NHh4 6.NHb1
7.NHf3 8.Gf2 9.Gc2 10.NHa1 11.NHe3
12.NHf1 13.NHb3 14.Ga4 15.Gd4 16.NHf5
17.Gf4 d3#

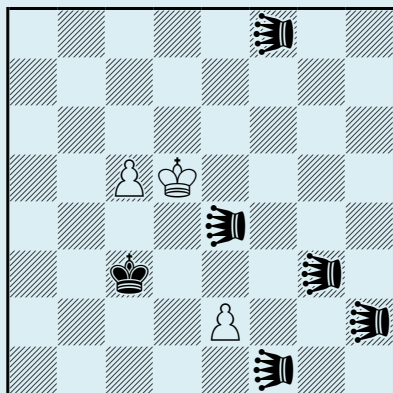
1.NHb5 2.NHb2 3.NHf4 4.Gd1 5.Gh5 6.Gf3
7.NHh2 8.NHf6 9.NHe8 10.NHa6 11.NHe4
12.Gd5 13.NHe3 14.Gf5 15.NHg7 16.NHa4
17.NHe6 d4#

Mating positions:



Judge Juraj Brabec (Problemist of Ukraine No.12 2014, special issue, p.52): “Невероятно точное взаимодействие ферзевого сверчка с четырьмя всадниковыми сверчками по двум различным длинным семнадцатиходовым путям. Пути очень разные, но в конце их с удивлением видим одинаковые матовые картины, только сдвинутые на один ряд по горизонтали! Необыкновенная «эхо-хамелеонная» красота и компьютерная точность.”

83. Václav Kotěšovec
 3301 Best Problems 71/2014
1. Prize



sh#21 (3+6) C+
 2.1.1...
 ♠=Kangaroo

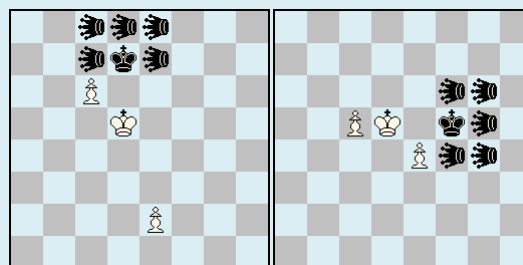
Echo

PDB [P1401039](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/P1401039), WinChloe ID = 531319

1.Kb4 2.KAa3 3.KAd6 4.KAc7 5.KAb8 6.KAa3
 7.Kb5 8.KAa6 9.Ka5 10.KAa2 11.Ka6 12.KAa7
 13.Kb7 14.KAa8 15.Kc8 16.KAd8 17.KAe8
 18.Kd7 19.KAe7 20.KAf8 21.KAc8 c6#

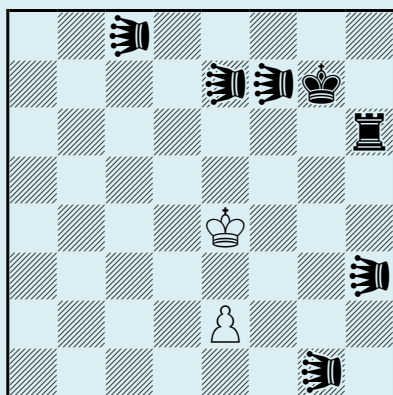
1.Kd2 2.KAc2 3.KAf2 6.Kf5 7.KAf6 8.KAf7
 9.KAf4 12.Ke7 13.KAb4 14.KAg4 15.KAh4
 16.KAd8 17.KAg5 20.Kf5 21.KAg6 e4#

Mating positions:



Judge Dragan Stojnić (Best Problems 102/2022, p.499-502): "Analogical self-blocking manoeuvres by Black Kangaroos in both solutions with 21-moves duration ! Spectacle with only 9 pieces on the board."

84. Václav Kotěšovec
705 Pat a Mat 112/2020
2. Prize



sh#17 (2+7) C+
2 solutions
♙=Kangaroo

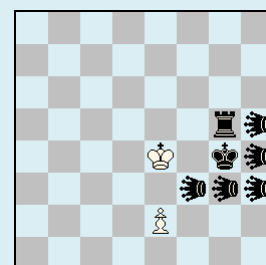
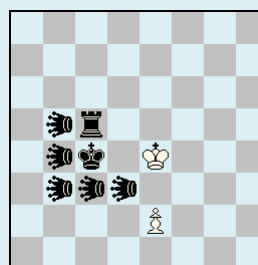
PDB [P1414325](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1414325), WinChloe ID = 775483

The problem deals with a formal cyclical theme – the cycle of kangaroos from the point of view of the squares they reach in the echo conclusion.

1.Rg6 2.KAg8 3.KAg5 4.Kf6 5.Ke6 6.Kd6 7.Kc5
8.Rd6 9.KAb4 10.Rd5 11.KAb5 12.Kc4
13.KAb3 14.Rc5 15.KAc3 16.KAa3 17.KAd3
e:d3#

1.Rd6 2.Rd7 3.KAc7 4.KAb7 5.KAh7 6.Kh6
7.KAh8 8.KAh5 9.KAh4 10.Kg5 11.Kg4
12.KAh3 13.Rd5 14.KAf3 15.Rg5 16.KAg6
17.KAg3 e:f3#

Positions before the last move:



D
A
B C E

E
B
A D C

Squares of kangaroos before the last move in the first solution:

b4 b3 c3 b5 d3
Kangaroo from e7 f7 c8 g1 h3
A B C D E

Correspondent squares in the second solution:

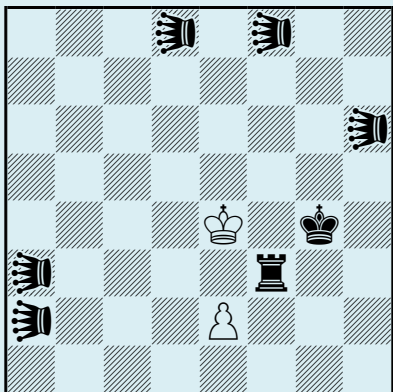
h4 h3 g3 h5 f3
Kangaroo from f7 c8 g1 h3 e7
B C D E A

Jugde Emil Klemanič: (Pat a Mat 126/2023, p. 300):
"Dosiahnuť echo v dlhom „seriáku“ je asi náročnejšie ako napríklad v bežnom pomocnom mate. K tomu formálny cyklus a skutočnosť, že autor použil len klokanov. Môže byť."

85. Václav Kotěšovec

G26 Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya 142/2018

3. Prize



sh#18

(2+7) C+

2 solutions

🦘=Kangaroo

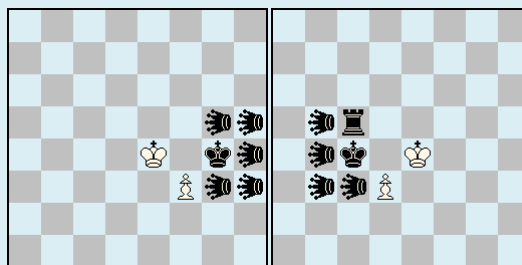
Echo

PDB [P1378332](#), WinChloe ID = 701930

1.Rf2 2.KAg2 3.Rf3 4.Rg3 5.KAg5 6.Rb3 7.Rb8
8.KAa8 9.Rb6 10.Rf6 11.KAh4 12.Rf3 13.KAg2
14.KAg6 15.KAg3 16.KAh3 17.KAh2 18.KAh5
e:f3#

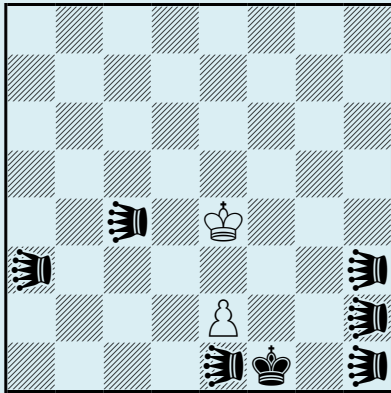
1.Kg5 2.Kf6 3.Ke7 4.Rf6 5.KAg5 6.Kd6 7.KAc6
8.Kc5 9.Rd6 10.KAb4 11.Rd5 12.KAb5 13.Kc4
14.KAe6 15.KAb3 16.Rc5 17.KAc3 18.KAd3
e:d3#

Mating positions:



Judge V. Dyachuk: „Идеальные маты с активным использованием кенгуру для блокирования полей возле черного короля“

86. Václav Kotěšovec
[1311](#) Julia's Fairies 2018
9. Commendation



sh#20 (2+7) C+
 2 solutions
 ♘=Kangaroo

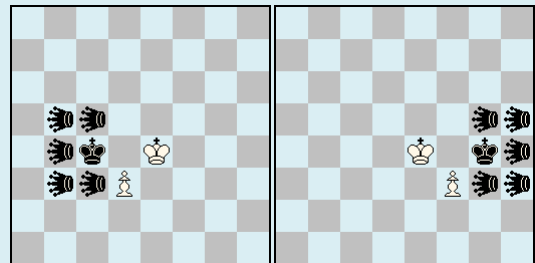
Echo

PDB [P1378362](#), WinChloe ID = 702369

1.KAe5 2.Ke1 3.Kd1 4.KAe1 5.KAc1 6.Kd2
 7.KAc2 8.KAc5 9.KAc6 10.KAc3 11.KAb4
 12.Kc2 13.Kb3 14.KAd3 15.KAf1 16.Kc4
 17.KAb3 18.KAa3 19.KAb5 20.KAd3 e:d3#

1.KAd1 2.KAg1 3.KAh1 4.Kg2 5.KAd5 6.Kg3
 7.Kg4 8.KAh4 9.Kh5 10.KAh6 11.Kg4 12.KAh1
 13.KAc6 14.KAf3 15.KAg2 16.KAg5 17.KAg6
 18.KAg3 19.KAh3 20.KAh5 e:f3#

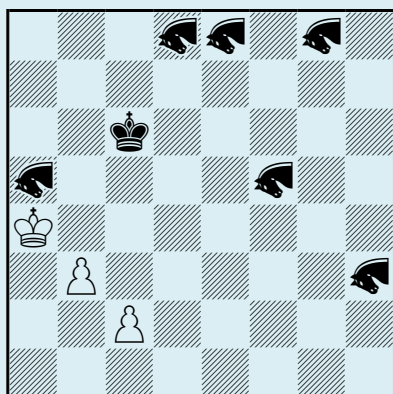
Mating positions:



Seetharaman Kalyan (JF website): "What an idea!
 Great imagination. Beautiful echo mates on either
 side of the board !!"

Judge Kjell Widlert: "Echo-mates with long exact
 play and five active self-blocks in each. Kangaroos
 are useful for such play, as the need for two hurdles
 for every KA move makes the move order easier to
 determine. However, this is similar to several other
 problems by the same composer. In particular,
 WinChloe #701930 [\[85\]](#) and #726690 (both 2018)
 show the same mate picture, only with a bR or a bS
 replacing one of the kangaroos. To have blocks by
 kangaroos only is clearly a step forward."

87. Václav Kotěšovec
 4019 Šachmatija 1/2019
 (The award is yet not published)



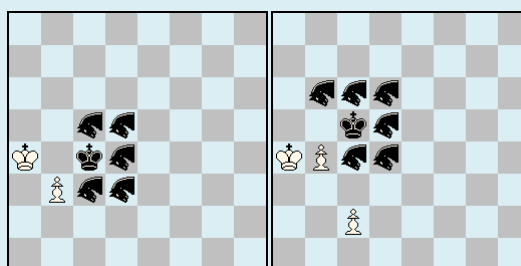
sh#21 (3+7) C+
 2 solutions
 ♞=Nightriderhopper

Echo

1.NHc1 2.NHga5 3.NHe7 4.Kc7 5.NHa6 6.Kd6
 7.Ke5 8.NHf7 9.NHh6 10.NHd3 11.Kf4
 12.NHd5 13.Ke4 14.NHag3 15.NHc5 16.Kd4
 17.Kc3 18.NHd4 19.NH:b3 20.Kc4 21.NHc3
 c:b3#

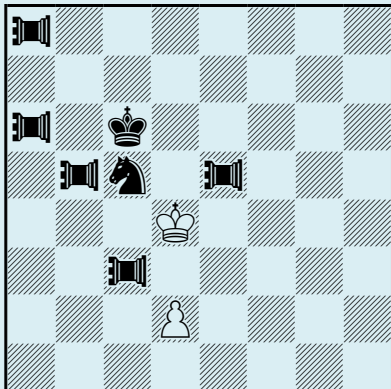
1.Kd6 2.NHb7 3.Ke7 4.NHc6 5.Ke6 6.NHf4
 7.Kf5 8.NHh4 9.NHd6 10.Kg4 11.NHh2
 12.Kf3 13.NHd4 14.Ke3 15.NHg2 16.NHc4
 17.Ke4 18.Kd5 19.Kc5 20.NHd5 21.NHb6 b4#

Mating positions:



PDB [P1378226](#), WinChloe ID = 734088

88. Václav Kotěšovec
original



sh#12 (2+7) C+
2 solutions
♖=Eagle

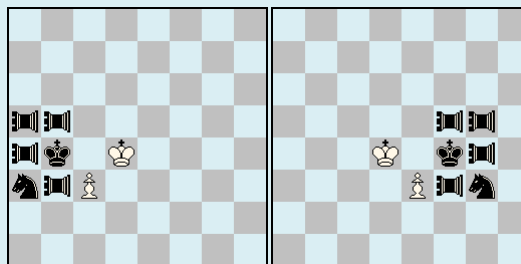
Echo.

WinChloe ID = 931882

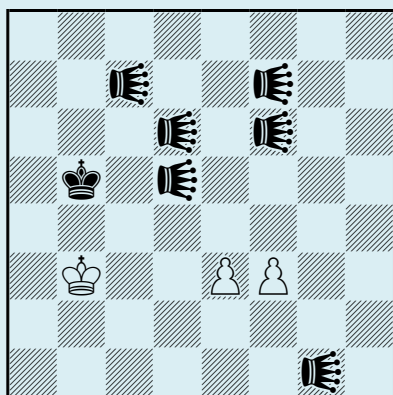
1.Sa4 2.EAcc5 3.Sc3 4.Sb1 5.Sa3 6.EAb3
7.EAbc3 8.Kb5 9.Kb4 10.EAa5 11.EAea4
12.EA8b5 d:c3#

1.Kd6 2.EAd7 3.Ke6 4.Kf5 5.Kf4 6.EAg5 7.Se4
8.EAg4 9.EAdf3 10.EAaf5 11.Sg3 12.EAe3
d:e3#

Mating positions:



89. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2116 StrateGems 100/2022
3. Commendation



sh#13 (3+7) C+
 3 solutions
 ♫=Kangaroo

Rare triple horizontal echo with pawns.

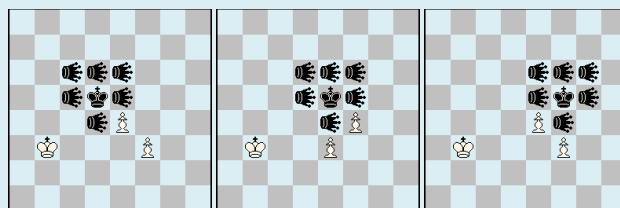
PDB [P1404680](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1404680), WinChloe ID = 863107

1.KAf2 2.KAd4 3.KAc5 4.KAa5 5.Kc6 6.Kd5
 7.KAe5 8.KAc3 9.KAc2 10.KAc6 11.KAf6
 12.KAb6 13.KAe6 e4#

1.Kb6 2.KAa7 3.Kc6 4.Kd7 5.KAe7 6.Ke6 7.Ke5
 8.KAf4 9.KAf8 10.KAf5 11.KAa2 12.KAe6
 13.KAe4 f4#

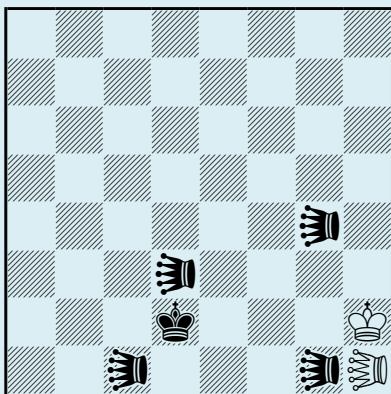
1.Kc6 2.Kd7 3.Ke6 4.Kf5 5.KAf4 6.KAg3
 7.KAh2 8.KAe5 9.KAg5 10.KAg6 11.KAd6
 12.KAh6 13.KAe6 e4#

Mating positions:



Judge Paz Einat: "The bK is mated on f6, e5 & d5 by wPs with the Kangaroos encircling it. Well done."

90. Václav Kotěšovec
T101 ChessProblems.ca 13.8.2012
3. Honorable Mention

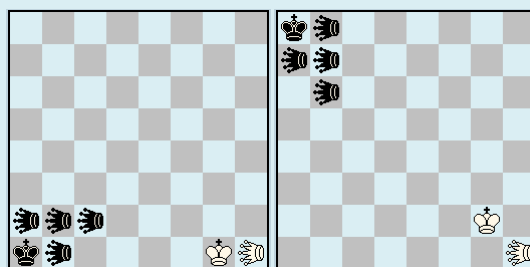


sh#26 (2+5) C+
2 solutions
♔♚=Kangaroo

1.Ke1 2.KAb1 3.KAf1 4.Ke2 5.KAc4 6.Kd2
7.Kc3 8.KAc5 9.KAc2 10.Kb4 11.Kb5 12.KAa6
13.Kc5 14.Kd4 15.KAb4 16.Kd3 17.KAe2
18.KAf1 19.Kc4 20.KAb5 21.Kb3 22.KAb2
23.KAb1 24.Ka2 25.Ka1 26.KAa2 Kg1#

1.Ke3 2.Kf4 3.Kg5 4.KAg6 5.KAg3 6.Kf4 7.Kf3
8.KAh3 9.KAe3 10.Ke2 11.Kd2 12.KAf4 13.Kc3
14.KAb3 15.Kc4 16.KAb4 17.KAa4 18.KAd4
19.Kc5 20.KAb6 21.KAa7 22.Kc6 23.Kb7
24.Ka8 25.KAb7 26.KAb8 Kg2#

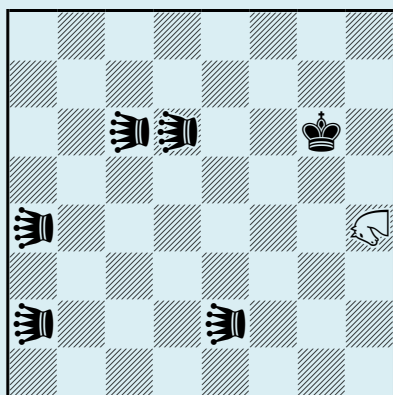
Mating positions:



PDB [P1378452](https://pdb.chessproblems.ca/P1378452), WinChloe ID = 438144

Judge Arno Tüngler: "Two amazing long solutions ending with orthogonal/diagonal echo-mate in the corners. The play in both solutions is very kangaroo-specific with several back-and-forth jumping for slight improvements of the cumbersome fairy units. You may regret that one of the kangaroos remains unneeded in the end position but that cannot be avoided in an only-kangaroo-setting."

91. Václav Kotěšovec
1224 Šachová skladba 140/2018
3. Honorable Mention



sh#27 (1+6) C+
2.1.1...
♠=Kangaroo
♞=Nightriderhopper
(without the white king)

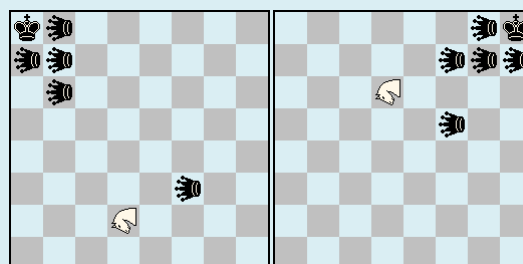
Echo in two corners.

PDB [P1385803](#), WinChloe ID = 709244

1.Kf5 2.Ke4 3.Kd3 4.Kc2 5.KAf2 6.KAb2
7.KAa2 8.KAd2 9.Kd3 10.KAd1 11.KAd4
12.KAd5 13.Kc4 14.KAe4 15.KAf3 16.KAg2
17.KAb4 18.Kb5 19.KAb6 20.Kc5 21.KAa7
22.Kc6 23.KAb7 26.Ka8 27.KAb8 NHd2#

1.Kf6 2.KAg6 3.KAh6 4.KAe6 5.KAd6 6.Ke5
7.KAe7 8.Kd5 9.KAf7 10.KAc4 11.KAb3 12.Ke4
13.KAf4 14.Ke5 15.KAg3 16.Kd6 17.KAc7
18.Ke6 19.KAf7 20.KAg8 21.Kf6 22.KAf8
23.KAf5 25.Kh8 26.KAg7 27.KAh7 NHd6#

Mating positions:



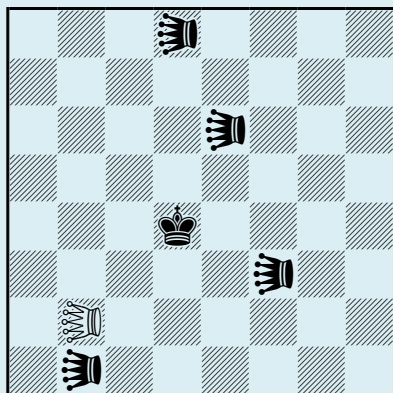
Judge A. Bulavka (Šachová skladba 149/2020, p. 3966-3973): "И снова эхо-маты в углах доски, на этот раз в двух. В отличие от задачи того же автора, получившей 3-й Приз, здесь нет активной фигуры. Поэтому функция помощи кенгуру полностью ложится на хрупкие плечи чёрного короля. В основном благодаря этому количество ходов решения здесь значительно больше."

Judge A. Bulavka (Šachová skladba 149/2020, str. 3966-3973): "A znovu jsou v rozích šachovnice echové maty, tentokrát ve dvou. Na rozdíl od úlohy stejného autora, která získala 3. cenu, zde není žádná aktivní figura. Proto úkol pomoci klokanům spadá zcela na křehká ramena černého krále. Hlavně kvůli tomu je zde počet tahů řešení mnohem větší."

92. Václav Kotěšovec

T.T. Marianka 2017

6. Prize



sh#8

(1+5) C+

3 solutions

  = Moose (Elan)
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo with a shift [0,2] and [0,3].
All mates are with a double check.

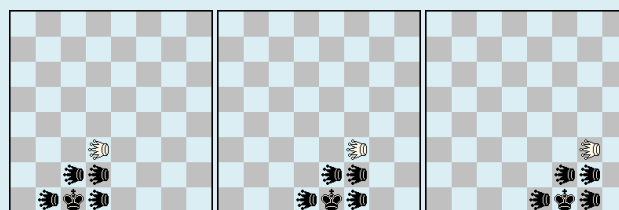
PDB [P1378394](https://pdb.com/P1378394), WinChloe ID = 673049

1.ELe3 2.Kc3 3.ELd4 4.ELc2 5.Kd2 6.Kc1
7.ELed2 8.ELd1 ELd3#

1.Kd3 2.ELe2 3.ELd2 4.ELdf1 5.Kd2 6.Ke1
7.ELf2 8.ELed1 ELf3#

1.Ke3 2.ELf2 3.Ke2 4.ELd2 5.Kf1 6.ELg2
7.ELde1 8.ELg1 ELg3#

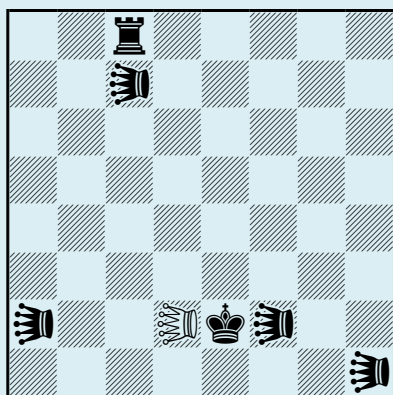
Mating positions:



Judge Juraj Brabec: "Trojnásobné poschodové echo s posunmi matových obrazcov o dva, či tri stĺpce, vždy zakončené dvojším šachom! (pozri pomocné diagramy). Opäť perfektné využitie tematických kameňov, tentoraz losov (moose)."

Reproduced in Phénix 284-5/2018 (M56), with a comment: "Triple écho et sarcophage en aidé de série : un classique de V.K. !"

93. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1711 StrateGems 82/2018
7. Honorable Mention



sh#11 (1+6) C+

2.1.1...

=Eagle
 (without the white king)

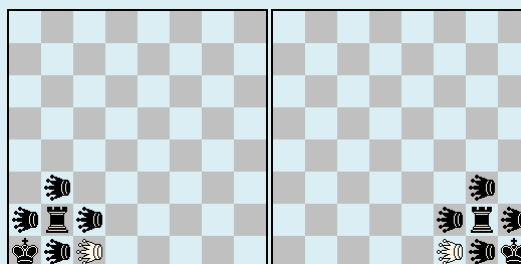
Chameleon echo

PDB [P1398834](#), WinChloe ID = 694140

1.Kd3 2.Kc3 3.EAb3 4.Kb2 5.Rc2 6.Ka1 7.Rb2
 8.EAac2 9.EAha2 10.EAfd1 11.EAdb1 EAcf1#

1.Rg8 2.EAh7 3.EAg1 4.EAfh2 5.Kf3 6.EAe2
 7.Kg2 8.Kh1 9.Rg2 10.EAeg3 11.EAcf2 EAf1#

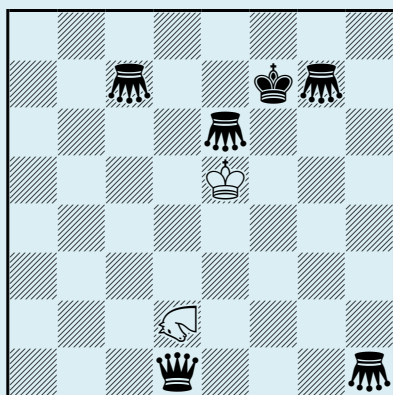
Mating positions:



Comment in SG 84/2018: "Very surprising finals with use of only one white piece - Eagle!" (Editor).

Judge Eric Huber (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 2-8):
 "Two original corner chameleon-echo mates with 7 units and three active self-blocks, all units moving in both solutions. Another amazing performance by the Czech composer."

94. Václav Kotěšovec
F1031 Probleemblad 2014
2. Commendation



sh#9 (2+6) C+

3 solutions

♙=Grasshopper

🐪=Camel

Triple echo

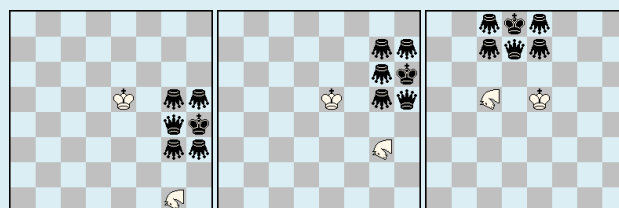
PDB [P1379302](https://pdb.org/P1379302), WinChloe ID = 531391

1.Qg4 2.Gg3 3.Gg7 4.Kg6 5.G7g5 6.Kh5 7.Kh4
8.Gh5 9.Geh3 CAg1#

1.Gg8 2.Gg6 3.Gg5 4.Gcg7 5.Kg8 6.Kh7 7.Kh6
8.Gh7 9.Qh5 CAg3#

1.Gc1 2.Qa4 3.Qd7 4.Gec8 5.Gge7 6.Ke8 7.Kd8
8.Ge8 9.Gcc8 CAc5#

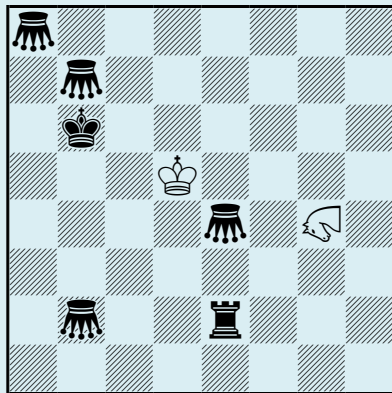
Mating positions:



Judge Jörg Kuhlmann (Probleemblad 4/2017, p.128-132): "In einer eigenen Serienzüger-Abteilung wäre das ein würdiger Spitzenreiter: Dreimal ersticktes Matt mit dem sK auf h4, h6 und d8. Dabei werden keinerlei „Hilfssteine“ (außer dem obligaten wK) benötigt. Bei 3x9 Serienzügen ein Wunderwerk an Präzision!"

Comments of the solvers: "Smothered mates in pseudo-echo form (the Camel standing at a different aspect in one case) — a notable technical achievement without surplus material — the white king does serve to stop cooks." (C. J. Feather), "Drei wunderbare Abspiele, ohne Computer aber kaum zu lösen." (Wilfried Seehofer), "De moeilijkheid is hier vooral: wanneer moet de dame speien? Alleszins drie prachtige volledige K-blokkades." (Fernand Joseph).

95. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1381 StrateGems 67/2014
Prize special



sh#10 (2+6) C+
 3 solutions
 ♚=Grasshopper
 ♜=Camel

Triple echo

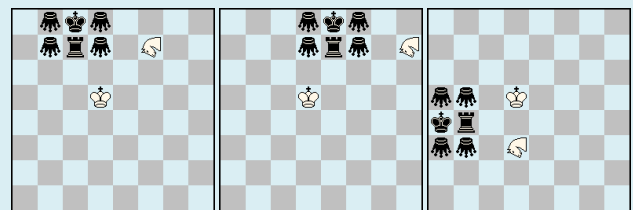
PDB [P1378182](#), WinChloe ID = 530452

1.Rc2 2.Gb1 3.Rc7 4.Gd7 5.Gbb7 6.Ka7 7/Kb8
 8.Kc8 9.Gd8 10.Gbb8 CAf7#

1.Gh4 2.Re7 3.Gf7 4.Gb7 5.Kc7 6.Gbd7 7.Kd8
 8.Ke8 9.Gf8 10.Ghd8 CAh7#

1.Ge1 2.Re4 3.Rb4 4.G2b5 5.Gb3 6.G7b5 7.Ka5
 8.Ka4 9.Ga3 10.Gea5 CAd3#

Mating positions:



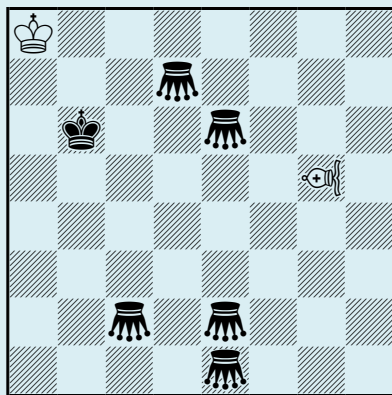
Judge Diyan Kostadinov (StrateGems 79/2017, p.114-117): "Three echo model mates in white minimal form and three long solutions. Great!"

Comments of the solvers: "Model mate and attractive echo" (Romuald Lazowski), "Quite an accomplishment!" (Barry Keith), "An amazing masterpiece!" (Wilfried Seehofer), "Good construction to create three mating nests, but fairly clear where the bK must move" (C. C. Frankiss).

96. Václav Kotěšovec

[478](#) Julia's Fairies 2014

1. Honorable Mention



sh#10

(2+6) C+

3 solutions

♟=Grasshopper

♞=Vao

Triple echo

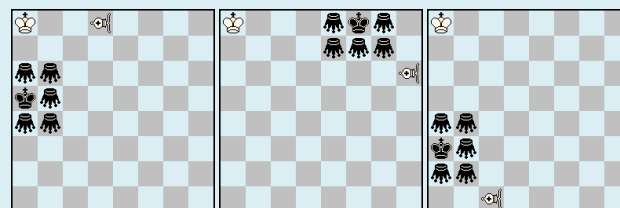
PDB [P1378370](#), WinChloe ID = 511264

1.Kc5 2.Gc6 3.Gb5 4.Ga6 5.Ge7 6.Gb4 7.Kb6
8.Ka5 9.Geb6 10.Gca4 VAd8#

1.Kc6 2.Gc7 3.Kd6 4.Ke7 5.Gf7 6.Kf8 7.Gg7
8.Gee7 9.Gg8 10.Gee8 VAh6#

1.Kb5 2.Ga4 3.Kc4 4.Gb3 5.Kc3 6.Gb4 7.Kb2
8.Ka3 9.Geb2 10.Gca2 VAc1#

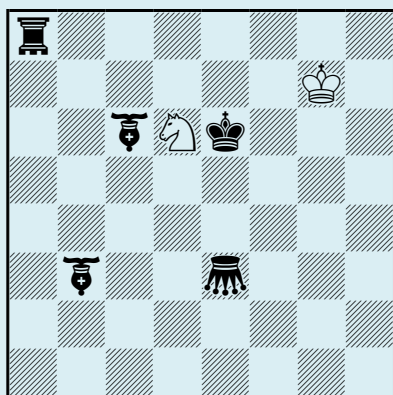
Mating positions:



Judge Vlaicu Crișan: "A demonstration of technical virtuosity: three long solutions ending in typical Czecho-mates, with full activity of all black pieces. Moreover, no move is actually repeated during the play, as two different black Grasshoppers are moving to e7. It is also particularly pleasing that all black pieces are Grasshoppers and all of them are used in the solutions. The extensive research the author has performed in the past years in this area has lead to an impressive outcome. The only very small blemish is that white pieces are not actively involved during the black play (see for instance L). This extraordinary achievement must be highly praised and recognized, regardless how it was created, at least for the following reasons: it is for the first time when a (5, 5) echo is obtained in a serial helpmate without twinning shifting the black King's position by twinning and it is the single composition using the force (white Vao – black Grasshoppers) ending in a triple echo."

G221 Problemist of Ukraine 39/2014

2. Prize



sh#11

(2+5) C+

3 solutions

 = Bishophopper

 = Rookhopper

 = Grasshopper

Triple echo

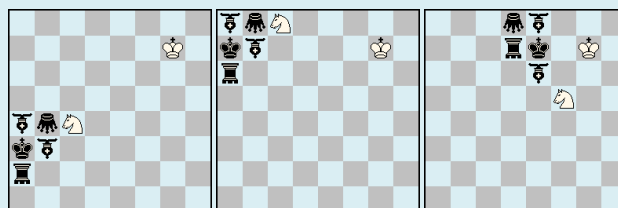
PDB [P1379469](#), WinChloe ID = 509244

1.Ge7 2.Ge5 3.Kd5 4.Kc5 5.Gb5 6.Kb4 7.Ka3
8.RHa2 9.BHa4 10.Gb2 11.Gb4 Sc4#

1.BHf7 2.BHd5 3.BHb7 4.Kd5 5.Kc5 6.Gb6
7.Gb8 8.Kb6 9.Ka7 10.RHa6 11.BHa8 Sc8#

1.Ke7 2.Ge8 3.RHf8 4.RHd8 5.Gc8 6.RHd5
7.BHe6 8.RHd7 9.BHe8 10.Gf8 11.Gd8 Sf5#

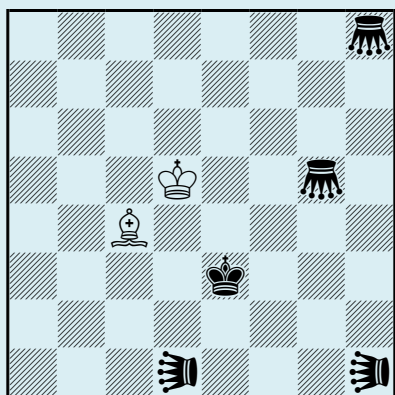
Mating positions:



Judge Semion Shifrin (p.64-65, Problemist of Ukraine 48/2016): „Если бы конкурс был анонимным, то автор этой задачи был бы легко узнаваем. Как обычно у автора, совершенная миниатюра - аристократ с тремя правильными эхо-матами особых комментариев не требует. Все отлично.”

Translated: „If the competition were anonymous, then the author of this problem would be easily recognizable. As usual with the author, the perfect miniature - an aristocrat with three correct echomats does not require any special comments. All perfectly.“

98. Václav Kotěšovec
G203 Problemist of Ukraine 37/2013
1. Honorable Mention



sh#12 (2+5) C+

3 solutions

♟=Grasshopper

♠=Kangaroo

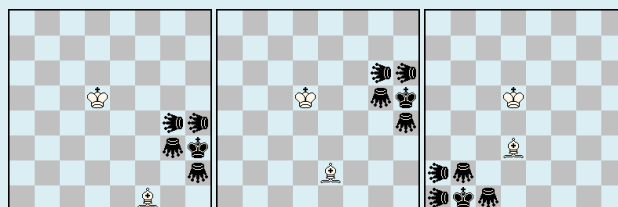
PDB [P1379467](https://pdb.chessbase.org/PDBEntry.aspx?ID=P1379467), WinChloe ID = 495025

1.Gc5 2.Ge5 3.Ge2 4.Kf3 5.KAg4 6.Gb5 7.Gd3
8.Gg3 9.Kg2 10.Kh3 11.Gh2 12.KAh4 Bf1#

1.Kd2 2.KAd6 3.Ke3 4.Kf3 5.KAc6 6.Kg4 7.Kh5
8.Gh4 9.Gf6 10.KAg6 11.KAh6 12.Gh4 Be2#

1.Kf3 2.KAc6 3.KAg2 4.Ke3 5.Kd2 6.Gc1 7.Kc3
8.Gb2 9.Kc2 10.KAa2 11.Kb1 12.KAa1 Bd3#

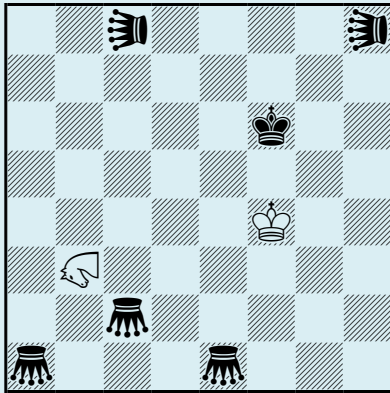
Mating positions:



Judge A. Bulavka (Problemist of Ukraine 44/2015, p. 63-67): "Идея задачи состоит в геометрии матующего хода: игра белого слона на три соседних поля одной диагонали. Уже не первый раз отмечаю, что Кенгуру - очень удобная фигура для подобных многоходовых опусов. Три эхомата в довольно удаленных местах доски. А теперь задачка: попробуйте найти другую матовую картинку."

Úloha byla reprodukována jako 1094 Pat a Mat 93/2015, str. 342 s pěkným komentářem Juraje Brabce: "Václavova 1094 vzbudzuje obdiv svojou precíznosťou a až 'gotickou' eleganciou. Vzájomnou spoluprácou čierneho kráľa, dvoch čiernych cvrčkov a dvoch klokanov sa čierny kráľ trikrát dostane na okraj šachovnice do matovej siete. Dve ortogonálne polia mu pritom blokujú klokani, dve cvrčkovia a tretie diagonálne pole uzatvára biely strelec v mate. Maty sú, samozrejme, modelove a echove. Matove obrazce prvých dvoch riešení sa odlišujú posunutím o dve línie, tretí je otočený vertikálne. Navyše, biely strelec vždy matuje na jednom z troch polí diagonály f1-d3 a skladba má iba sedem figúr. Jednoducho nádhera, a to bez ohľadu na to, za koľko percent z nej môžeme ďakovať počítaču."

99. Václav Kotěšovec
4130 Tehtäväniekka 1/2014
3. Honorable Mention



sh#13 (2+6) C+
3 solutions
♟=Grasshopper
♞=Kangaroo
🦒=Giraffe

Triple echo

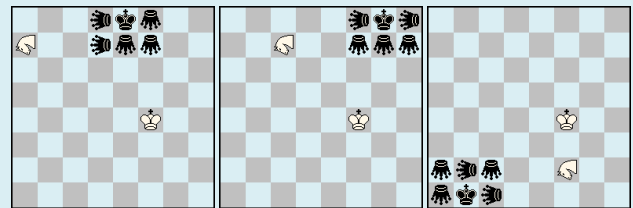
PDB [P1379303](#), WinChloe ID = 698431

1.Gf1 2.Gf5 3.Gg6 4.Ge6 5.KAg4 6.KAd7 7.Gf7
8.Ke7 9.Ke8 10.Ge7 11.Gc8 12.Gf8 13.KAd8
Gla7#

1.Gg7 2.Ke6 3.Ge7 4.Gd7 5.KAf5 6.Kf6 7.Gf7
8.KAf8 9.Kg6 10.Gh7 11.Kg7 12.Kg8 13.Gg7
Glc7#

1.Ke7 2.Ge8 3.KAb8 4.Ge6 5.Kd6 6.Kc5 7.KAc1
8.Kb4 9.KAb2 10.Ka3 11.Ka2 12.Kb1 13.Gea2
Glf2#

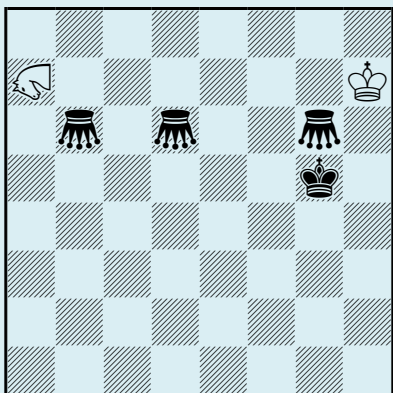
Mating positions:



Judge James Quah (Tehtäväniekka 3/2020, p.129):
"This is an interesting series helpmate, exploiting the nature of the units (which need to hop to move into position) to ensure precision. The problem might pose a reasonable challenge for a strong solver, and it is enjoyable, rather than tedious, to hop those grasshoppers and kangaroos around. Its construction is largely the work of the computer rather than the human, of course, and unsurprisingly there is no compelling strategy to observe. Not surprisingly, it feels more like a sliding block puzzle than chess if we ignore the giraffe and just specify the mating squares."

Comments of the solvers (Tehtäväniekka 1/2014, p.43): "Näin näitä toistojen rakentelemisia katseleekin, mukavia kohtia ratkaisuisa. Mutta eihän ikinä yrittäisi itse ratkaista..." (Joose Norri), "Threefold Echomodels. Surprisingly no repeated moves! Black arranges many hurdles with precise move order. White pieces are used only occasionally as hurdles. Wide range play. Excellent!!" (Harri Hurme)

3. Prize

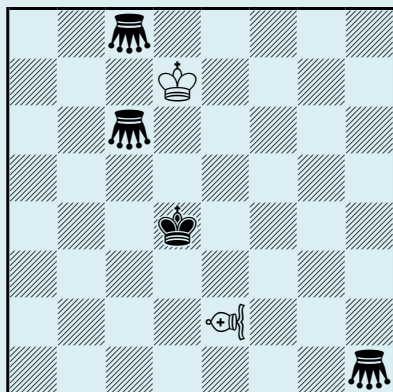


 = Giraffe

Triple echo

Judge J. Lörinc (Orbit 65/2016, p.31): "The initial position promises nothing – it looks like a random scattering of pieces. This would be so if the positions were not backed by deep computer research that ensures three solutions of equal length, good use of PWC and model mates."

101. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1300 StrateGems 63/2013



sh#14 (2+4) C+

3 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♜=Grasshopper
 ♝=Alfil

Triple echo

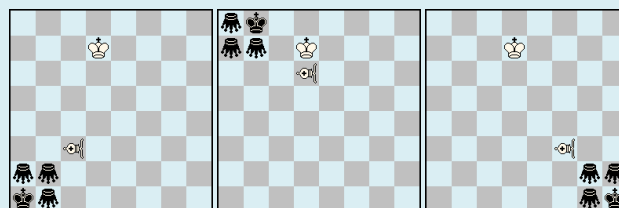
PDB [P1379273](https://pdb.org/P1379273), WinChloe ID = 478636

1.Gc5 2.Gc4 3.Gc3 4.Gc2 5.Ge5 6.Ke3
 7.G:e2(ALe5) 8.Kd2 9.Kc1 10.Gb1 11.Kb2
 12.Ka1 13.Gb2 14.Ga2 ALc3#

1.Ke3 2.K:e2(ALe3) 3.Kf3 4.Kf4 5.K:e3(ALf4)
 6.Kd4 7.Kc5 8.Kb6 9.Gc5 10.Ga7 11.Kb7
 12.Kb8 13.Gb7 14.Ga8 ALd6#

1.Kc3 2.Gc2 3.Gf2 4.Gc2 5.Kd2 6.Kd1
 7.K:e2(ALd1) 8.Kf1 9.Ge1 10.Gg1 11.Kg2
 12.Kh1 13.Gg2 14.Gh2 ALf3#

Mating positions:



Comments of the solvers: "Wonderful technique!" (Wilfried Seehofer), "Alfil moved into position and mating nests formed, all as one expects. The difficulty is in finding the play" (C. C. Frankiss).

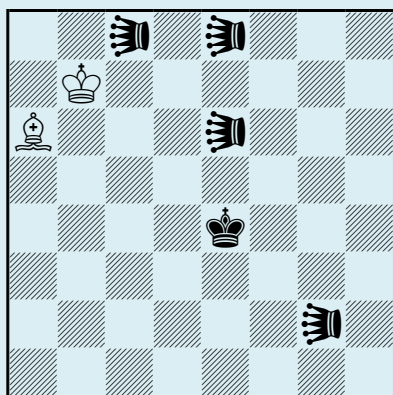
Vytvořit barevné echo s Alfilem je (podobně jako se střelcem) v ortodoxním šachu nemožné, protože se pohybuje jen po polích stejné barvy. Podmínka PlatzWechselCirce to ale umožňuje.

It is impossible (similarly to a bishop) to create a chameleon echo with Alfil in orthodox chess, because he only moves in squares of the same color. However, the PlatzWechselCirce condition allows this.

102. Václav Kotěšovec

F996 Probleemblad 2013

7. Honorable Mention



sh#14

(2+5) C+

3 solutions

♙=Kangaroo

Triple echo

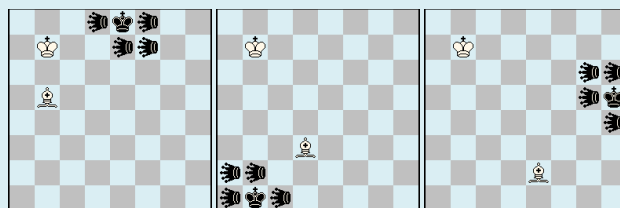
PDB [P1378371](#), WinChloe ID = 492079

1.KAa8 2.KAf8 3.KAg8 4.KAe3 5.KAe7 6.Kd5
7.KAc4 8.KAb3 9.Ke6 10.KAf7 11.KAg8 12.Kd7
13.Ke8 14.KAd8 Bb5#

1.Ke3 2.KAe2 3.KAe1 4.Kd2 5.KAc2 6.Kc3
7.KAc1 8.Kd2 9.KAf2 10.Kc2 11.KAb2 12.KAa2
13.Kb1 14.KAa1 Bd3#

1.Ke5 2.KAe4 3.Kf5 4.KAg4 5.KAh3 6.Kf4
7.KAh4 8.Kg3 9.KAg1 10.Kg4 11.KAg5
12.KAg6 13.Kh5 14.KAh6 Be2#

Mating positions:

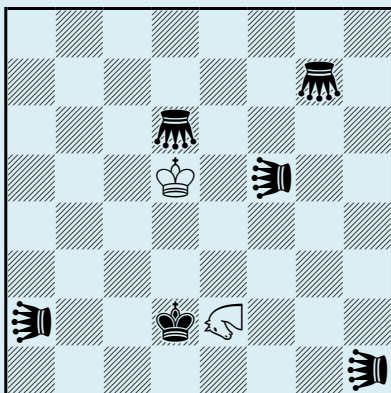


Judge Gerard Smits (Probleemblad 1/2017, p.12):
"Computer generated problems are not a priori inferior to traditional composed ones, but they seldom show a good balance between ingenuity and beauty. This one particularly shows ingenuity, and at such a high level that a HM looks right to me. No Prize, because I cannot see any beauty in it. Cleverly found: with the bishop on a6, the wK cannot participate in the mating positions."

103. Václav Kotěšovec

[308](#) KoBulChess 6.1.2014

3. Honorable Mention



sh#15

(2+6) C+

3 solutions

= Grasshopper

= Kangaroo

= Camel

Triple echo

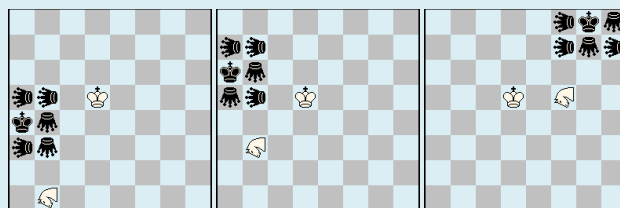
PDB [P1378372](#), WinChloe ID = 510740

1.Gd4 2.Gd1 3.Kc1 4.KAb1 5.Kc2 6.Gb3 7.Kc3
8.Gb2 9.Kb4 10.Ka4 11.Gb4 12.KAb5 13.KAa5
14.KAa6 15.KAa3 SHb1#

1.Kc3 2.Gb2 3.Kb4 4.Kb5 5.Gb6 6.Ga6 7.Gc6
8.KAb7 9.Ga4 10.Ka6 11.Ga7 12.Gc5 13.KAb5
14.Ga5 15.KAa7 SHb3#

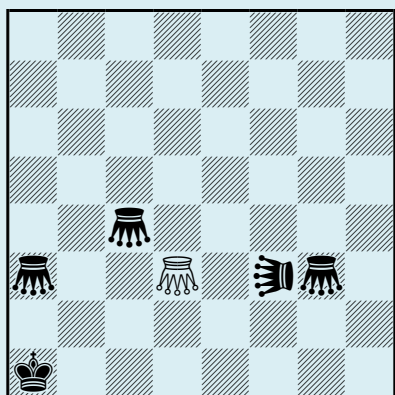
1.KAf2 2.Ke3 3.Kf4 4.Kg5 5.Kg6 6.Gh6 7.Kh5
8.KAh7 9.Kg6 10.Gf6 11.Kf7 12.Kg8 13.KAf7
14.KAf8 15.Gh8 SHf5#

Mating positions:



Judge Franz Pachl: "Wie im Ballett tanzen die schwarzen Steine über das Brett und bauen dabei einen Käfig um den schwarzen Monarchen. Das in eindeutiger Zugreihenfolge auf das Brett zu bringen erfordert großes Konstruktionsgeschick."

104. Václav Kotěšovec
T366 ChessProblems.ca 14/2018
1. Honorable Mention



sh#13 (1+5) C+

2.1.1...

♙=Leo

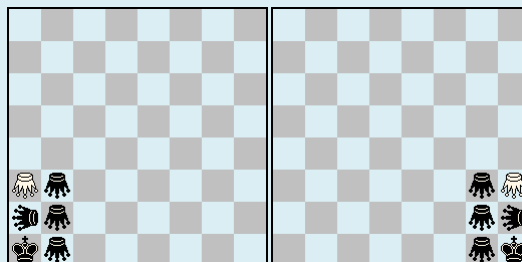
♙♙=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Exact echo in two corners.

1.LEf2 2.Ge1 3.LEc5 4.Gd6 5.Gb4 6.Ga4
7.LEc1 8.Gb1 9.LEc2 10.Gd1 11.Gb3 12.LEa2
13.Gb2 Ga3#

3.Kd4 4.Ge4 6.Kf2 7.Gae3 8.Gg1 10.Kh1
11.Gg2 12.LEh5 13.LEh2 Gh3#

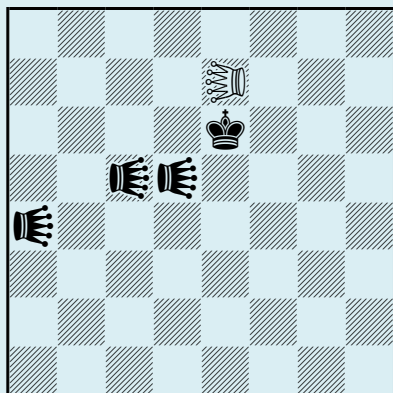
Mating positions:



Judge Manfred Rittirsch (CPB 19/2020, p. 920-7):
"The computer surely doesn't mind at all, but for me the extremely unbalanced industriousness of the K makes this a very special two-corner echo."

PDB [P1385802](#), WinChloe ID = 702622

105. Václav Kotěšovec
 7891 Phénix 273/2017
2. Honorable Mention



sh#16 (1+4) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♖=Kangaroo
 ♗=Leo
 (without the white king)

Echo chameleon / diagonal

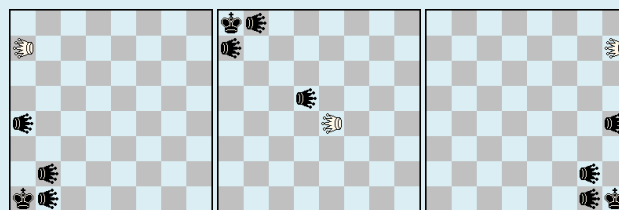
PDB [P1413214](#), WinChloe ID = 669929

1.Kf5 2.KAg5 3.KAh5 4.KAe5 5.Ke6 6.KAe8
 7.Ke5 8.KAe4 9.Kf4 10.KAg4 11.KAh4 12.Kg3
 13.KAg2 14.KAg1 16.Kh1 LEh7#

1.Kd6 2.KAf8 3.Kc5 4.KAb4 5.Kd4 6.KAe4
 8.Kc6 9.KAb7 10.Kb6 11.KAb8 12.Kc7 13.KAf7
 14.Kb7 15.KAa7 16.Ka8 LEe4#

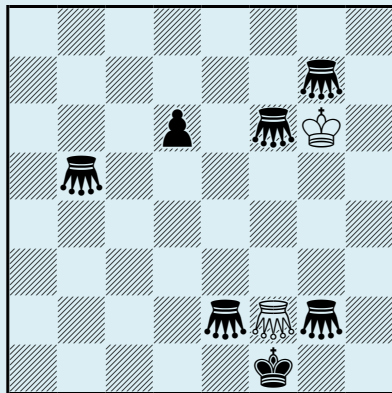
1.Ke5 2.KAf5 3.KAg5 4.Kd5 5.KAc5 6.KAb5
 7.Kd6 8.KAf8 9.Kc5 10.KAb4 12.Kb3 13.KAb2
 14.KAb1 16.Ka1 LEa7#

Mating positions:



Judge Claude Beaubestre (Phénix 340/2023, p.13231-6): "Belle maîtrise des Kangourous, débouchant sur trois échos (dont un diagonal) avec une belle unité de coups matant."

106. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1759 StrateGems 84/2018
4. Commendation



sh#13 (2+7) C+
 2.1.1...
 ♖♗=Grasshopper

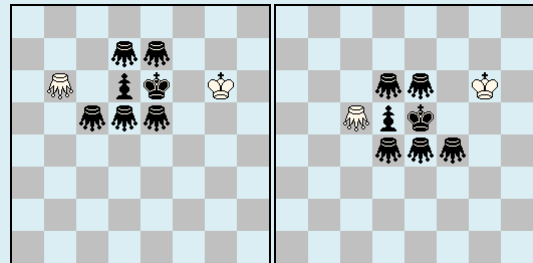
Chameleon echo

PDB [P1398833](#), WinChloe ID = 710098

1.Ge5 2.Ggg7 3.Kg2 4.Kf3 5.Ke4 6.Kd5 7.Gc5
 8.Ke6 9.Gee7 10.Gge5 11.Gd4 12.Gd7 13.Gbd5
 Gb6#

1.d5 2.Gbe5 3.Gd4 4.Ge6 5.Ke2 6.Kf3 7.Gge4
 8.Kf4 9.Gg3 10.Ke5 11.Ggd6 12.G4f4 13.Ggd4
 Gc5#

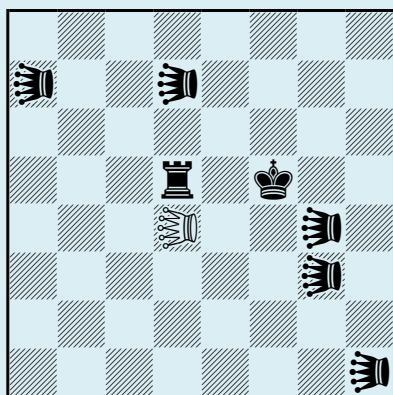
Mating positions:



Comments (SG 86/2019): "A strange White Minimal in which, a not-so-mobile white Grasshopper, demonstrates great power in two long solutions a la Kotěšovec" (editor Petko Petkov), "Two very fine move sequences" (Wilfried Seehoffer).

Judge Eric Huber (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 2-8): "The long Royal marches to distant selfblocks and model mates include no repeated move, which is quite remarkable. The original feature of this work is the Platzwechsel of black pieces in the final positions: bGb5->d5 / bPd6 and bPd6->d5 / bGb5->d6."

107. Václav Kotěšovec
1223 Šachová skladba 140/2018
3. Prize



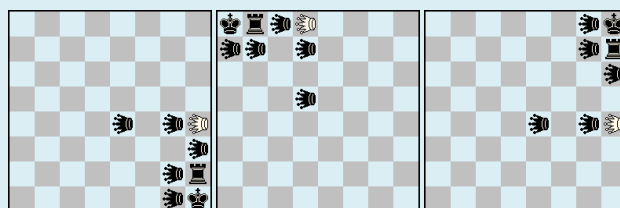
sh#16 (1+7) C+
3 solutions
 = Kangaroo
(without the white king)

1.Rd6 2.Rg6 3.KAg7 4.KAh7 5.KAe4 6.Rh6
7.Rh2 8.KAh3 9.Kf4 10.Kf3 11.KAd5 12.KAg2
13.Kf2 14.Kg1 15.Kh1 16.KAg1 KAh4#

1.Ke6 2.Rf5 3.Rf7 4.KAg7 5.KAg8 6.KAd5
7.Rf8 8.Rb8 9.KAc8 10.Kd6 11.Kc6 12.KAb7
13.Kb6 14.Ka7 15.Ka8 16.KAa7 KAd8#

1.KAh3 2.Kg6 3.Rh5 4.KAh6 5.KAh7 6.Rf5
7.KAe4 8.Rf2 9.KAg1 10.Rf7 11.Rh7 12.KAg7
13.Kf7 14.Kg8 15.Kh8 16.KAg8 KAh4#

Mating positions:

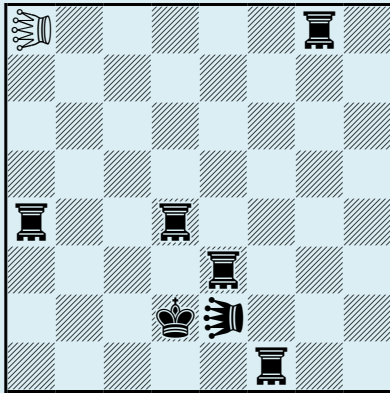


PDB [P1379304](#), WinChloe ID = 710402

Judge A. Bulavka (Šachová skladba 149/2020, p. 3966-3973): "В своём фирменном стиле автор растаскивает кучку малоподвижных фигур по краям доски. В данном случае мы видим три эхо-хамелеонных мата в трех разных углах. Наличие на доске подвижной ладьи с одной стороны упрощает задачу по созданию барьеров для Кенгуру. Но, с другой стороны, замысел усложняется в плане бездуального перемещения. Повтор матующего хода немного нервирует, но не более того."

Judge A. Bulavka (Šachová skladba 149/2020, str. 3966-3973): "Svým typickým stylem autor přemísťuje radu málo pohyblivých figur po krajích šachovnice. V tomto prípade vidíme tri barevné echové maty ve troch úhľoch. Prítomnosť pohyblivej veže na šachovnici na jednu stranu zjednodušuje vytváranie prekážek pro klokany. Ale na druhou stranu se koncept stává složitějším z hlediska bezduálového pohybu. Opakování matujícího tahu je trochu znervózňující, ale nic víc."

108. Václav Kotěšovec
FB1737 StrateGems 83/2018
3. Honorable Mention



sh#18 (1+7) C+

3.1.1...

 = Rookhopper

  = Kangaroo
(without the white king)

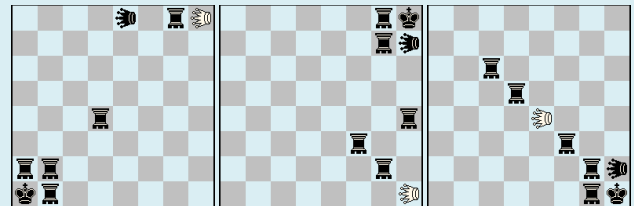
PDB [P1378363](#), WinChloe ID = 702530

1.Ke1 2.Kf2 3.RHf3 4.RHg3 5.RHg2 6.KAh2
7.Ke3 8.Kf4 9.RHdg4 10.Kg5 11.RHh4
12.RHg6 13.Kh6 14.KAh7 15.Kg7 16.Kh8
17.RHg7 18.RHg8 KAh1#

1.RHe4 2.RHe5 3.RHe6 4.RHe7 5.KAe8 6.Ke3
7.RHe2 8.Kd2 9.RHc2 10.Ke3 11.RHe2 12.Kd2
13.Kc1 14.RHb1 15.Kb2 16.Ka1 17.RHb2
18.RHa2 KA#8#

1.RHd1 2.Kc3 3.RHb3 4.Kb4 5.RHc4 6.Kc5
7.RHc6 8.Kd4 9.RHd5 10.Ke3 11.Kf2 12.RHf3
13.RHG3 14.RHg2 15.KAh2 16.Kg1 17.Kh1
18.RHg1 KAe4#

Mating positions:



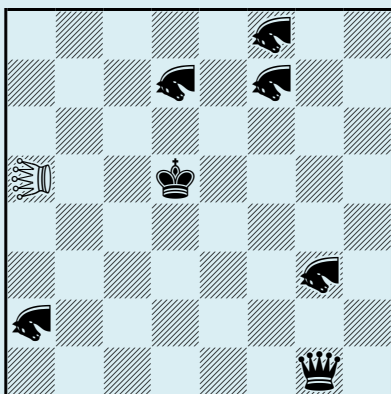
"Model mates with a single white Kangaroo! (A)",
"Wonderful, interesting enough for the album"
(Wilfried Seehofer).

Judge Eric Huber (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 2-8): "The three mates in three corners exploit the three available lines of the Kangaroo in a masterful presentation with very long solutions. The Kangaroo is a helpful piece for the series-helpmate composer and we are not disappointed by the result."

109. Václav Kotěšovec

977 Pat a Mat 104/2018

(The award is yet not published)



sh#16

(1+7) C+

3 solutions

♞=Nightriderhopper

♔=Kangaroo

(without the white king)

PDB [P1378354](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1378354), WinChloe ID = 698933

This problem was dedicated to Juraj Brabec for his 80th birthday.

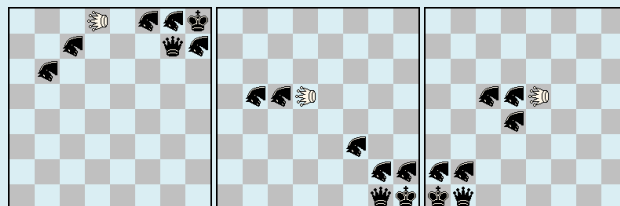
Juro Brabec mi k úloze v e-mailu 25.5.2018 napsal: "Je to skladba s mimoriadne jednotnou motiváciou vo všetkých troch riešeniach, ktoré sú zakončené modelovými matmi v troch rôznych rohoch šachovnice. Výborná skladba, ako nakoniec väčšina Tvojich kompozícií."

1.Qc5 2.NHa6 3.NHe4 4.NHg5 5.NHh3
6.NHhb6 7.Ke6 8.Qe5 9.NHf3 10.NHh7
11.NHc7 12.Kf6 13.NHg8 14.Kg7 15.Kh8
16.Qg7 KAd8#

1.Kc6 2.NHd8 3.Kd6 4.NHb5 5.Ke6 6.NHd4
7.Ke5 8.NHdf3 9.Ke4 10.NHc5 11.Kf4
12.NHg2 13.Kg3 14.Kh2 15.Kh1 16.NHh2
KA5#

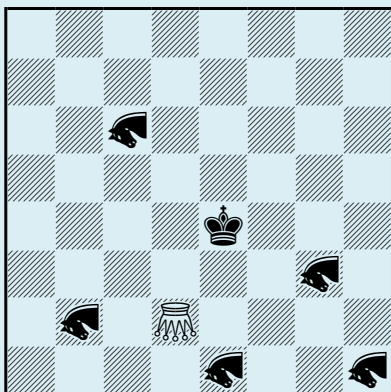
1.Ke6 2.NHd4 3.Kf6 4.NHh5 5.Kg5 6.NHh3
7.Kf4 8.NHd5 9.Ke4 10.NHc5 11.Kd3
12.NHb2 13.Kc2 14.Kb1 15.Ka1 16.Qb1
KAe5#

Mating positions:



Byla publikována s komentářem Juraje Lörince: "Dusené maty v troch rohoch šachovnice, prvé spracovanie".

110. Václav Kotěšovec
original



sh#14 (1+6) C+

3 solutions

♞=Nightriderhopper

♟=Grasshopper

(without the white king)

Triple echo, once diagonal.

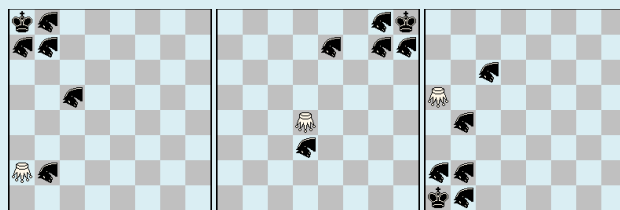
WinChloe ID = 930842

1.NHf5 2.NHc5 3.Ke3 4.NHd1 5.Kd4 6.NHe2
7.Kc4 8.Kb5 9.NHa7 10.Kc6 11.NHb8 12.Kb7
13.Ka8 14.NHb7 Ga2#

1.NHc5 2.Kf4 3.NHh5 4.NHd3 5.Kg5 6.NHh7
7.Kf5 8.NHe7 9.Ke6 10.NHg7 11.Kf7 12.Kg8
13.Kh8 14.NHg8 Gd4#

1.Kf5 2.NHe7 3.Ke4 4.Kd3 5.NHb4 6.Kc3
7.NHb1 8.NHf3 9.NHg5 10.NHga2 11.Kc2
12.Kb1 13.Ka1 14.NHb1 Ga5#

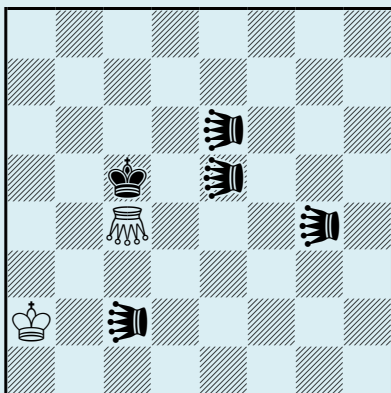
Mating positions:



111. Václav Kotěšovec

4. FIDE World Cup 2015

Commendation



sh#17

(2+5) C+

3 solutions

♘=Kangaroo

♙=Grasshopper

Triple echo

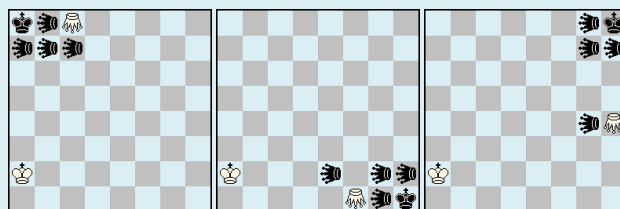
PDB [P1378373](#), WinChloe ID = 564212

1.KAc6 2.KAc3 3.Kd4 4.KAb4 5.KAe4 6.KAe7
7.KAb2 8.Kd5 9.KAb3 10.Kc6 11.KAc7 12.Kb6
13.KAb7 14.KAb8 15.Ka7 16.Ka8 17.KAa7
Gc8#

1.Kd4 2.Ke3 3.KAe2 4.KAe1 5.KAe4 6.Kd3
7.KAb1 8.Ke4 9.Kf5 10.KAg6 11.Kf4 12.Kg3
13.KAg2 14.KAg1 15.Kh2 16.Kh1 17.KAh2
Gf1#

1.Kc6 2.KAc7 3.Kd6 4.KAb8 5.Ke5 6.Kf4
7.KAg3 8.Kf5 9.KAh3 10.Ke6 11.KAd7 12.Kf7
13.KAg7 14.KAh7 15.Kg8 16.Kh8 17.KAg8
Gh4#

Mating positions:



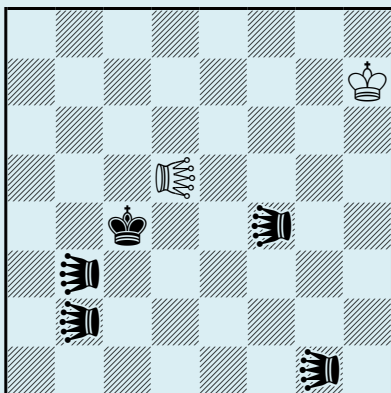
Judge Tadashi Wakashima: "In general, I am not particularly thrilled with all those triple or quadruple echo problems which have been produced a lot recently. In this tourney also, we have 7 such echo problems (G05, G08, G15, G25, G31, G33, G50) among 50 entries. But this one deserves a commendation because of its triple echo in three corners and deft handling of Kangaroos."

Úloha byla reprodukována v Pat a Matu 92/2015 (pod č.973) s tímto komentářem Juraje Brabce: "Kráľ trikrát 'vydláždí' čiernym klokanom cestu do troch rohov šachovnice, z ktorých traja mu nakoniec zablokujú všetky tri kráľovské polia a štvrtý poslúži ako prekážka na záverečný skok bielemu cvrčkovi. Tri elegantné riešenia zakončené modelovými echovými matmi. Rozhodca sa priznal, že nemá rád podobné skladby a preto zo siedmich úloh s echovými matmi, ktoré sa tejto súťaže zúčastnili, vyznamenal iba túto jedinú. Myslím, že je už načase, aby sa aj v exošachu rozdelili súťaže na jednotlivé oddelenia, tak ako je to v ortodoxnom šachu a rozhodcovia sa tak prestali nútiť, aby rozhodovali o niečom, čo nemajú radi. Ináč výsledky exoproblémových súťaží nikdy nemôžu byť objektívne."

112. Václav Kotěšovec

77 Pat a Mat 83/2013

1. Honorable Mention



sh#17

(2+5) C+

3 solutions

♙=Kangaroo

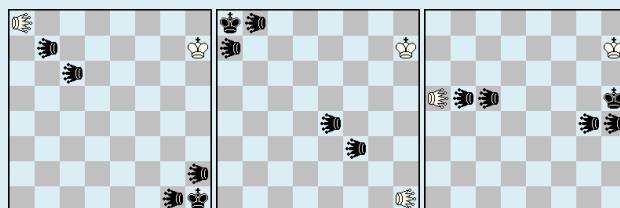
♙=Kangaroo-Lion

1.KAe6 2.Kb3 3.KAa2 4.Kc2 5.KAd2 6.Kd3
7.Ke3 8.KAc1 9.Kf2 10.KAg2 11.KAh2 12.Kf1
13.KAh1 14.KAc6 15.KAb7 16.Kg2 17.Kh1
KALa8#

1.Kb5 2.KAb6 3.KAb7 4.Kc6 5.KAe4 6.Kc5
7.KAa7 8.Kc4 9.KAb4 10.Kb5 11.KAb3 12.Kb6
13.KAb7 14.KAb8 15.KAf3 16.Kb7 17.Ka8
KALh1#

1.Kb4 2.KAb5 3.KAb6 4.Kc5 5.KAa7 6.KAd4
7.Kc4 8.KAb4 9.Kd3 10.Ke3 11.KAf2 12.KAc5
13.Kf4 14.KAg4 15.KAh4 16.Kg5 17.Kh5
KALa5#

Mating positions:



PDB [P1378374](https://pdb.org/P1378374), WinChloe ID = 461467

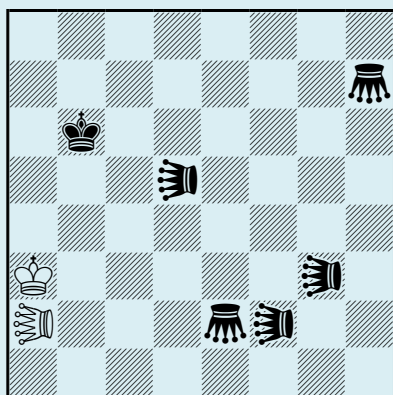
Judge Ladislav Packa (1150 Pat a Mat 93/2015, str. 356): "Úloha pre Vaška Kotěšovca typická, dlhé viacnásobné echo s úsporným a vhodne voleným materiálom. Je ťažké zaprieť počítačovú výpomoc, no on ju ani nezapiera... Zopakujem svoj názor: počítač je iba technická pomôcka a bez človeka sám nič neposkladá. Toto je len ukážka praktickej zručnosti pri používaní tohto výkonného nástroja."

Kangaroo-Lion is not programmed in the faster Alybadix, but Popeye or WinChloe can easily handle the test of this problem.

113. Václav Kotěšovec

5. FIDE World Cup 2017

4. Prize



sh#18

(2+6) C+

3 solutions

♙=Grasshopper

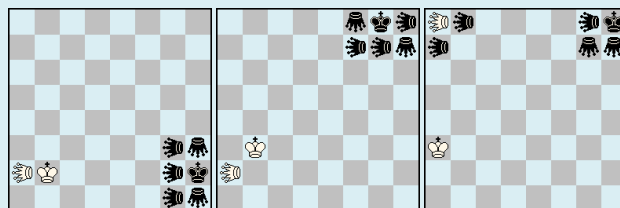
♙♙=Kangaroo

1.Kc5 2.Kd4 3.Ke3 4.Ge4 5.Gd3 6.Gd6 7.Gd4
8.KAc5 9.Kf2 10.KAg1 11.Gf4 12.Gf1 13.Gf3
15.Kh2 16.KAg2 17.Gh3 18.Geh1 Kb2#

1.Kb5 2.Ga6 3.Kc6 4.Gd6 5.Kd7 6.KAd8 8.Ke5
9.KAc7 10.Gf4 11.Kf6 12.KAf7 13.Ke7 14.KAg7
16.Kg8 17.Gf8 18.KAh8 Kb3#

1.Kb7 2.Ga7 3.Kb6 4.Gc5 5.KAa7 6.Kc6 7.Gc7
8.Kd6 9.KAb8 10.Ke6 11.Ge7 12.Gf7 13.KAg8
15.Kg7 16.Kh8 17.Gg7 18.Gh7 KAa8#

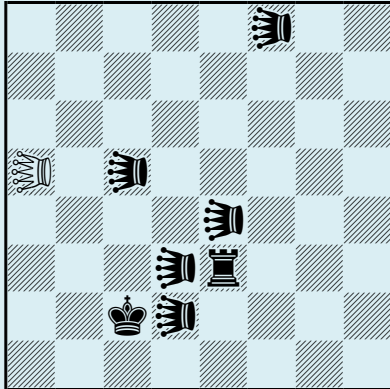
Mating positions:



PDB [P1378393](https://pdb.org/P1378393), WinChloe ID = 667704

Judge Petko Petkov: "It is curious that this beautiful "aristocratic" problem (White minimal!) has three long solutions in 18 moves ending with model mates! But in our "computer time" such opuses are possible and pleasant for contemplation, but also incredibly difficult for the solvers! Of course, the three solutions are not totally equivalent. In the first two of them we see two wonderful mates, using the anti-battery King / Kangaroo plus orthogonal-diagonal echo. But in the third solution (after 1.Kb7) there is no anti-battery, although the model mate here has also a very interesting and surprising structure. I call these types of compositions as ANI - TYPE. They are different from the standard forms of content, but I am convinced that in the near future this type will have much greater application."

114. Václav Kotěšovec
 Olympic Chess Composing Tourney
 Batumi, C 20.9.2018
2. Honorable Mention



sh#19 (1+7) C+
 3 solutions
 ♔♚=Kangaroo
 (without the white king)

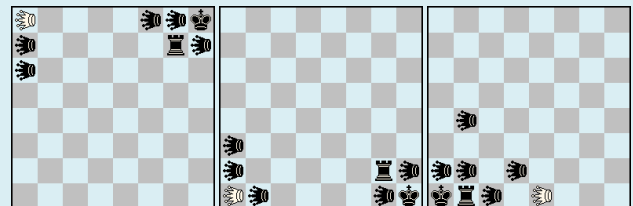
PDB [P1379305](https://pdb.chessbase.com/P1379305), WinChloe ID = 717882

1.Kc3 2.Kd4 3.KAf2 4.Re2 5.KAg2 6.Rb2 7.Rb6
 8.KAa7 9.Ke5 10.Kf5 11.KAg6 12.KAh7 13.Kf6
 14.KAa6 15.Kg7 16.Rg6 17.KAg8 18.Kh8
 19.Rg7 KAa8#

1.Rg3 2.Rg6 3.KAh7 4.Rb6 5.Rb4 6.KAa3 7.Rb2
 8.KAa2 9.Kd3 10.Rf2 11.KAc2 12.KAb1 13.Ke3
 14.KAg1 15.Kf3 16.Kg2 17.KAh2 18.Kh1
 19.Rg2 KAa1#

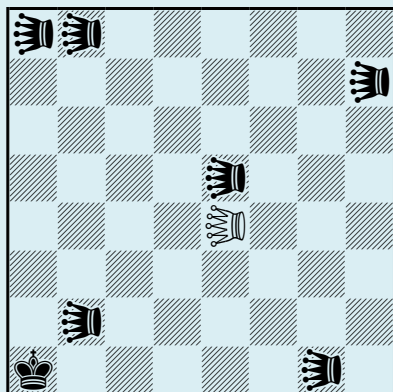
1.KAb1 2.Re7 3.KAb4 4.Re4 5.Rc4 6.KAc1
 7.Kb3 8.KAb5 9.KAa6 10.Rc2 11.Rb2 12.Rb1
 13.KAb2 14.Ka3 15.KAa2 16.KAe2 17.Ka2
 18.Ka1 19.KAa2 KAe1#

Mating positions:



Judge Petko Petkov: "A problem that is composed in the typical style of the Czech maestro Kotesovec. Although the Kangaroo is a fairy piece that has a fair amount of mobility, the road to mate is not easy here because the powerful black Rook has many maneuver options. In the three solutions the black King gets mated in three different corners of the board, which without doubt is a very difficult concept in 19 moves. Here we see nice model mates, but unfortunately with different structures."

115. Václav Kotěšovec
original



sh#19 (1+7) C+

2 solutions

  = Kangaroo
(without the white king)

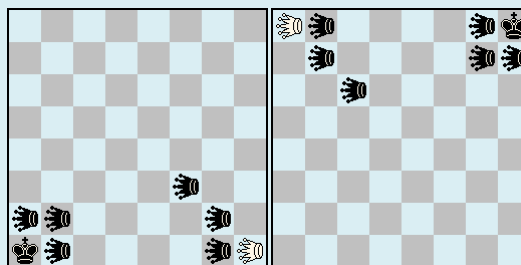
Exact mono echo

WinChloe ID = 930735

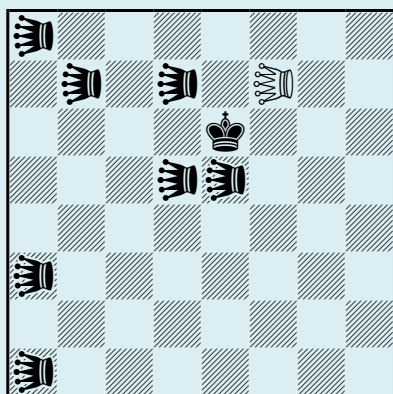
1.Kb1 2.Kc2 3.Kd3 4.KAc2 5.Ke3 6.KAe2 7.Kf2
8.KAg2 9.KAh2 10.Ke3 11.Kd4 12.Kd5 13.KAf3
14.Kc4 15.Kb3 16.KAb1 17.Ka2 18.Ka1
19.KAa2 KAh1#

1.Ka2 2.Kb3 3.Kc4 4.Kd5 5.KAf3 6.KAc6 7.Ke6
8.Kf6 9.KAg7 10.KAh8 11.Kg6 12.KAg8
13.KAa8 14.KAf3 15.KAb7 16.KAa7 17.Kh7
18.Kh8 19.KAh7 KAa8#

Mating positions:



116. Václav Kotěšovec
F1482 Probleemblad 1/2023
 (The award is yet not published)



sh#18 (1+8) C+

3 solutions

♔♘ = Kangaroo
 (without the white king)

Triple echo

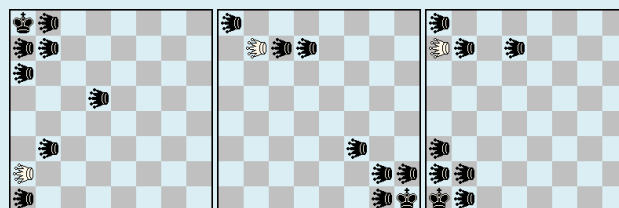
PDB [P1408704](https://pdb.org/P1408704), WinChloe ID = 875009

1.Ke7 2.KAg7 3.Kd6 4.Kc5 5.KAb5 6.Kb4
 7.KAb3 8.KAb2 9.Ka5 10.KAa2 11.KAa6
 12.KAa7 13.Kb6 14.Kc7 15.KAb7 16.Kb8
 17.Ka8 18.KAb8 KAa2#

1.Kf6 2.KAag7 3.Kf5 4.Ke4 5.KAf3 6.KAg2
 7.Ke3 8.KAg3 9.Kf4 10.KAh2 11.Kg4 12.KAg8
 13.Kg3 14.Kf2 15.Kg1 16.Kh1 17.KAg1
 18.KAc7 KAb7#

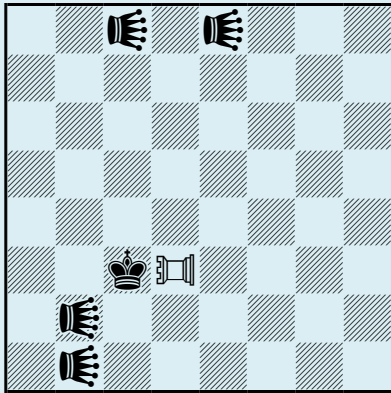
1.KAg8 2.Kd5 3.Kc4 4.KAb3 5.Kc3 6.KAf6
 7.KAb2 8.KAa1 9.Kb4 10.KAb8 11.Ka4 12.KAa5
 13.KAa2 14.Kb3 15.Kc2 16.Kb1 17.Ka1
 18.KAb1 KAa7#

Mating positions:



Solution was published with a comment (Probleemblad 3/2023, p. 96): "Geen perfecte triple echo, maar de de zK gaat naar 3 verschillende hoekvelden."

117. Václav Kotěšovec
 5855 Best Problems 109/2024
3. Prize



sh#17 (1+5) C+
 3 solutions
 ♘=Kangaroo
 ♙=Eagle
 (without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

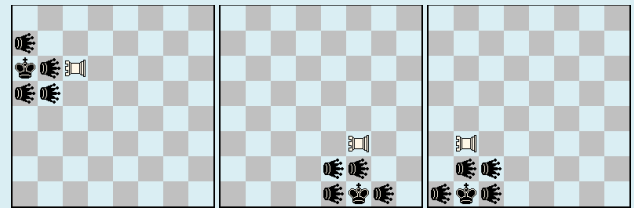
PDB [P1414329](#), WinChloe ID = 913186

1.Kb4 2.KAb5 3.KAb6 4.Kc5 5.Kd6 6.Ke7 7.Kf8
 8.KAg8 9.KAd8 10.Ke7 11.Kd7 12.KAa4 13.Kc7
 14.KAa5 15.Kb7 16.Ka6 17.KAa7 EAc6#

1.Kd4 2.Ke4 3.KAf5 4.KAc2 5.Kd4 6.Kc3
 7.KAc1 8.Kd2 9.KAe2 10.KAf2 11.Ke3 12.KAe1
 13.Kf4 14.Kg3 15.Kg2 16.Kf1 17.KAg1 EAf3#

1.Kc2 2.KAe4 3.Kd2 4.Ke3 5.KAe2 6.KAe1
 7.Kd2 8.KAf2 9.KAc2 10.KAb2 11.Kc3 12.KAc1
 13.Kb4 14.Ka3 15.Ka2 16.Kb1 17.KAa1 EAb3#

Mating positions:



Judge Igor Kochulov (Best Problems 114/2025, p.788-9): "Three 17-way solutions with echo mates".

series-helpstalemates

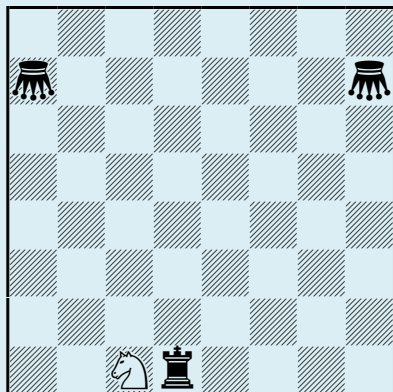
118. Václav Kotěšovec

4. T.T. ChessProblems.ca 2013

1. Prize

G238 FIDE Album 2013-2015

2. Place WenigsteinerJahresPreis 2013



sh=12 (1+3) C+

4 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

royal Rook d1

♙=Grasshopper

4-fold exact echo, four corners

PDB [P1378109](http://p1378109), WinChloe ID = 483972

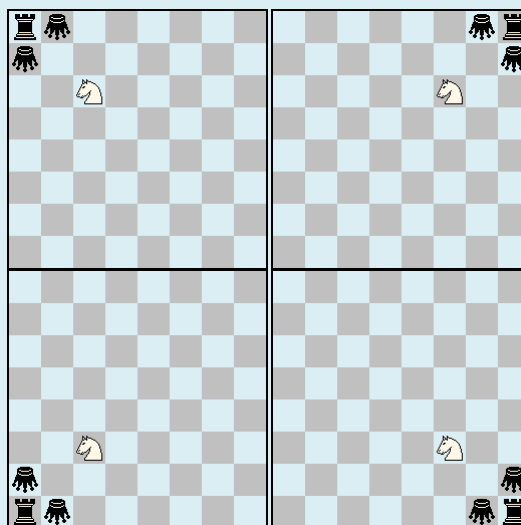
1.rRd6 2.rRa6 3.Ga5 4.rRc6 5.rR:c1(Sc6)
6.rRb1 7.rRb7 8.Ga7 9.Ga8 10.G:c6(Sa8)
11.rRb8 12.rR:a8(Sb8) S:c6(Gb8)=

1.rRd8 2.rRc8 3.rR:c1(Sc8) 4.rRc5 5.Gd4
6.rRe5 7.Gf6 8.rRe8 9.rRh8 10.rR:c8(Sh8)
11.rRg8 12.rR:h8(Sg8) S:f6(Gg8)=

1.rRh1 2.rRh3 3.Gh2 4.rRc3 5.rR:c1(Sc3)
6.rRc2 7.rRb2 8.Ga2 9.Ga1 10.G:c3(Sa1)
11.rRb1 12.rR:a1(Sb1) S:c3(Gb1)=

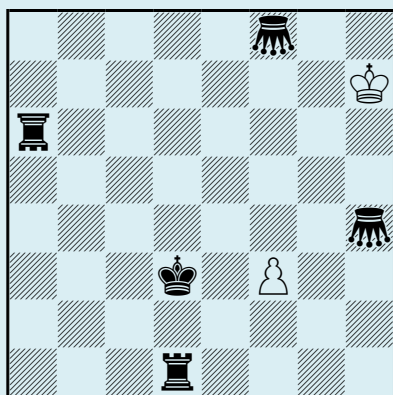
1.rRd4 2.Ge3 3.rRg4 4.rRg3 5.Gh3 6.Gh2 7.Gf3
8.rRg1 9.rRh1 10.rR:c1(Sh1) 11.rRg1
12.rR:h1(Sg1) S:f3(Gg1)=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Cornel Pacurar (<http://tt4.chessproblems.ca/>): "It is quite an achievement that such a long series-mover with well-choreographed, balanced and entertaining play (from start to finish) realizing the theme in a 4-solutions form with just one fairy condition has been composed! The play only becomes similar in the a/b and, respectively, c/d pairs of solutions at move 10. Even though the stalemate positions are not ideal (black is still stalemated if the white knight is removed), not only that black needs to transport the white knight to a square adjacent to its own corner-destination, but it also needs to carefully position one of the two Grasshoppers on the only square where the capturing knight does not become a hurdle. Also, good motivation as to why the black rook needs royal powers (or, actually, weaknesses)! The best of the lot and a clear, well-deserved winner!"

119. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1274 StrateGems 62/2013
Prize special



sh=17 (2+5) C+
 2 solutions
 ♖=Rookhopper
 ♗=Grasshopper

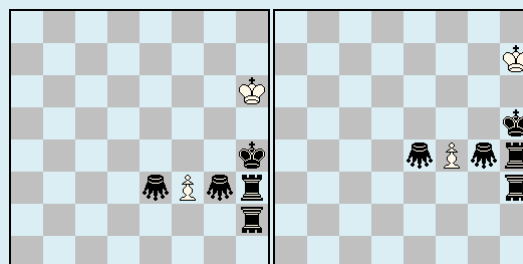
Echo chameleon with 7 (!) pieces.
This is one of my favorite problems.

PDB [P1378010](https://pdb.org/P1378010), WinChloe ID = 461844

1.Rb1 2.Rb4 3.Ga3 4.RHa2 5.Ge3 6.Ke2 7.Kf2
 8.Ge1 9.G1g3 10.Kg2 11.RHh2 12.Kh3 13.Kh4
 14.Kh5 15.Rh4 16.Rh3 17.Kh4 Kh6=

1.Ke3 2.Rd6 3.Gc5 4.Ge7 5.Ge2 6.Kf4 7.Ge4
 8.Kf5 9.Rg6 10.RHh6 11.Rg4 12.Kg5 13.Kh4
 14.RHh3 15.Kh5 16.Rh4 17.Gg4 f4=

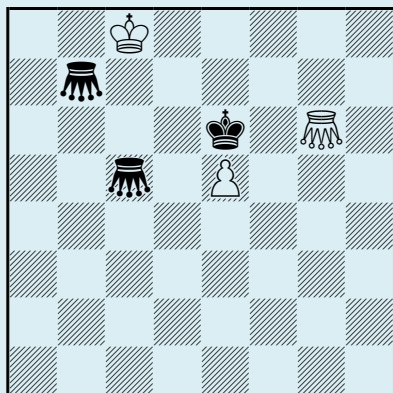
Stalemate positions:



Judge Krasimir Gandev (StrateGems 74 / 2016):
 "A difficult series-mover in Kotěšovec style. It is amazing how the author has managed to achieve the correct order of moves in this remarkable echo opus!".

Comments of the solvers: "An amazing determination of moves. I do not understand how to compose such problems" (Radovan Tomašević), "A masterpiece, worth an award" (Wilfried Seehofer).

120. Václav Kotěšovec
 3329 Šachmatija 1/2016
3. Honorable Mention



sh=9 (3+3) C+

2 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

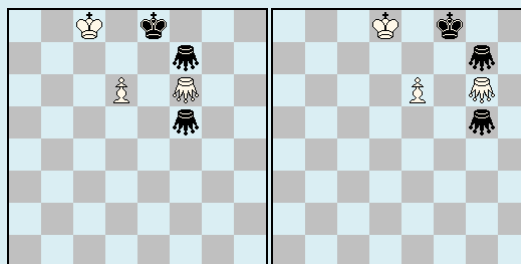
  =Grasshopper

Horizontal echo with pawn.

1.Gf5 2.Kd5 3.K:e5(d5) 4.Kf6 5.K:g6(Gf6)
 6.Kf7 7.Ke7 8.Gbf7 9.Ke8 d6=

1.Kf7 2.Gg7 3.Ke6 4.K:e5(e6) 5.Kf5 6.Gcg5
 7.Kf6 8.Ke7 9.Kf8 Kd8=

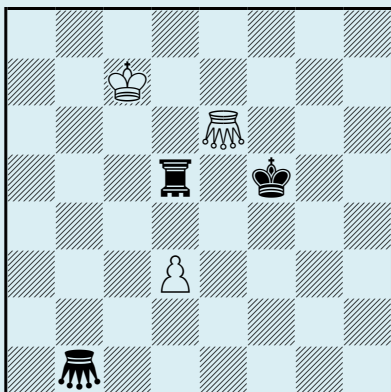
Stalemate positions:



Judge A. Bulavka (Šachmatija 3/2017): „There are all-round chameleon echo stalemates with shifting of the final position. Because of the grasshoppers are very sluggish the black king must be awfully active.“

PDB [P1379306](#), WinChloe ID = 614221

121. Václav Kotěšovec
1253 Gaudium 155/2015



sh=9 (3+3) C+

2 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♖=Rookhopper

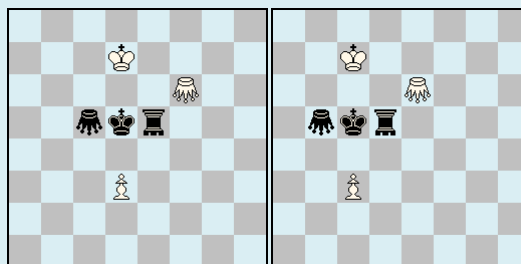
♖♗=Grasshopper

Horizontal echo with pawn.

1.Ge4 2.Ge7 3.Ge5 4.Gc5 5.RHg5 6.RHe5
7.Kf6 8.K:e6(Gf6) 9.Kd5 Kd7=

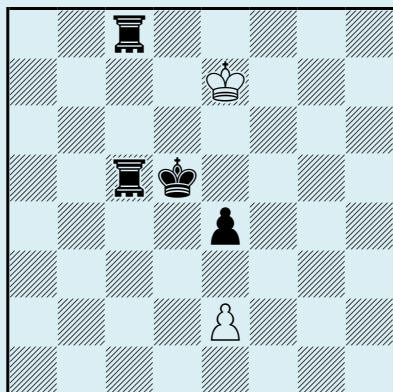
1.Ke5 2.Kd4 3.Kc3 4.K:d3(c3) 5.Kc2 6.K:c3(c2)
7.Kb4 8.Gb5 9.Kc5 c3=

Stalemate positions:



PDB [P1318484](#), WinChloe ID = 593810

122. Václav Kotěšovec
863 Gaudium 128/2013



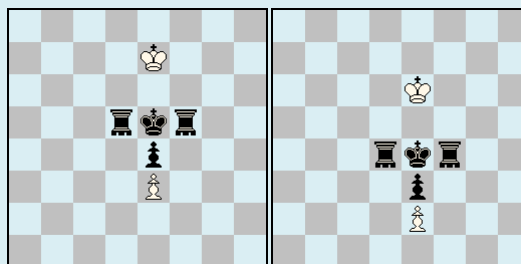
sh=9 (2+4) C+
2 solutions
♖=Rookhopper

Chameleon echo

1.RHe5 2.Kc6 3.RHc5 4.RHf5 5.Kc5 6.RHb5
7.RHd5 8.Kd4 9.Ke5 e3=

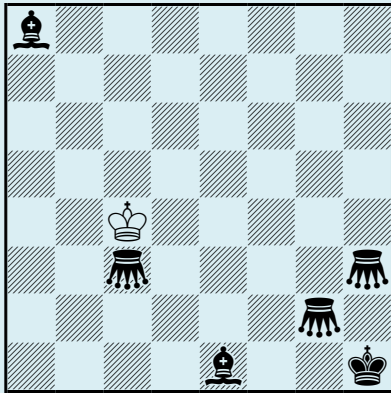
1.RHc4 2.RHc3 3.RHf4 4.e3 5.RHf3 6.RHd3
7.RHd6 8.RHd4 9.Ke4 Ke6=

Stalemate positions:



PDB [P1304055](#), WinChloe ID = 464437

123. Václav Kotěšovec
FB2041 StrateGems 96/2021
4. Commendation



sh=14 (1+6) C+
2 solutions
♣=Grasshopper

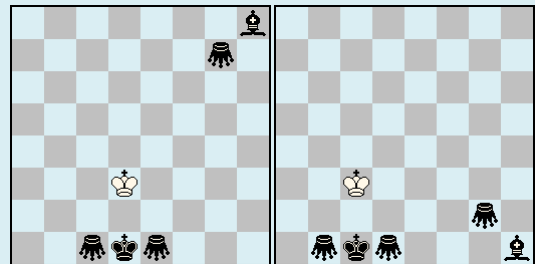
Chameleon echo of all pieces (include bishops!)

PDB [P1398835](#), WinChloe ID = 825406

1.Be4 2.Bc2 3.Gc1 4.Bc3 5.Bh8 6.Bg6 7.Gg7
8.Kg2 9.Kf3 10.Ge3 11.Ke2 12.Ge1 13.Kd1
14.Bd3+ K:d3=

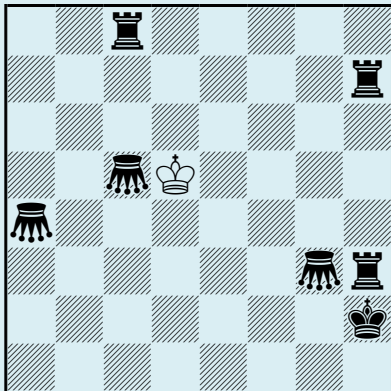
1.Kg1 2.Kf2 3.Ge2 4.Bh1 5.Gg2 6.Ke3 7.Gd3
8.Kd2 9.Kc1 10.Bd2 11.Ge1 12.Gb1 13.Gdd1
14.Bc3 K:c3=

Stalemate positions:



Jugde Maryan Kerhuel (September 2022): "Nice chameleon echo stalemates with K,B and SG playing in turn. I prefer the final setting here, in comparison with FB2042 [\[124\]](#)."

124. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2042 StrateGems 96/2021



sh=15 (1+7) C+
 2 solutions
 ♗=Grasshopper

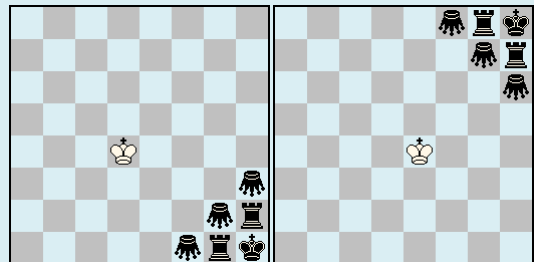
Exact chameleon echo of 7 pieces.

PDB [P1398836](#), WinChloe ID = 825147

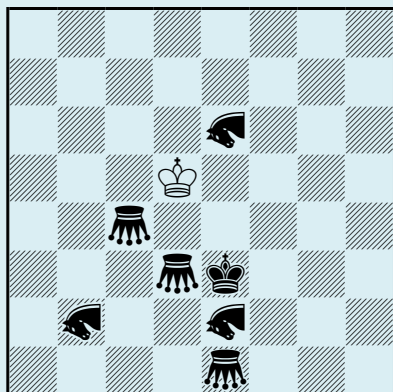
1.Rcc7 2.Gc8 3.Rcg7 4.Gg8 5.Rg1 6.Rhg3
 7.Gg2 8.Rg4 9.Gh4 10.Gh1 11.Gf1 12.Kh1
 13.Rh2 14.Gch3 15.Rd4+ K:d4=

1.Re7 2.Rhh7 3.Kh3 4.Kg4 5.Gh4 6.Kh5 7.Gh6
 8.Kg6 9.Gg7 10.Kf7 11.Kg8 12.Kh8 13.Rg8
 14.Gcf8 15.Re4 K:e4=

Stalemate positions:



125. Václav Kotěšovec
original



sh=14 (1+7) C+

2 solutions

♞=Mao

♞=Grasshopper

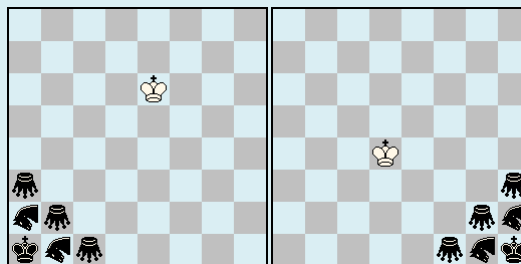
Chameleon echo

WinChloe ID = 931648

1.Kd2 2.Kc2 3.Gc1 4.MAc4 5.Kb3 6.Ga3
7.MAc3 8.Gb4 9.Gb2 10.Ka2 11.Ka1 12.MAa2
13.MAd2 14.MAb1 K:e6=

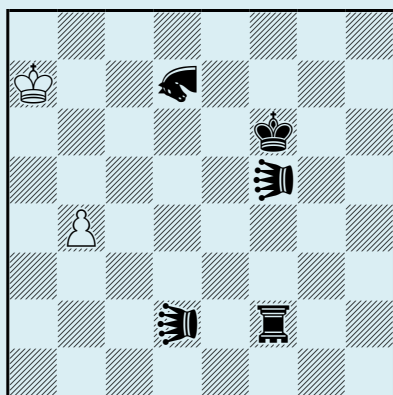
1.Kf2 2.Kg1 3.Gh1 4.Gdf1 5.MAd3 6.MAe5
7.MAf3 8.MA6d4 9.Gce4 10.Gg2 11.MAh2
12.Ghh3 13.Kh1 14.MAg1 K:d4=

Stalemate positions:



C+, Alybadix 48 h 21 m

126. Václav Kotěšovec
 993 Gaudium 137/2013-14
Commendation



sh=15 (2+5) C+

2 solutions

♞=Nightriderhopper

♖=Rookhopper

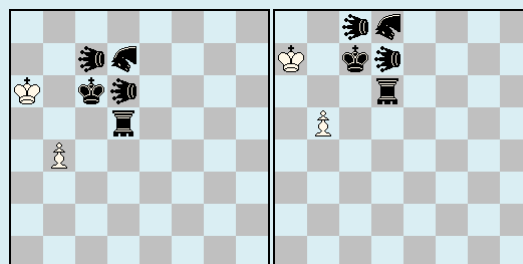
♘=Kangaroo

Chameleon echo

1.Ke5 2.NHf3 3.KAf1 4.KAf4 5.NHd7 6.RHf5
 7.RHd5 8.Kd4 9.KAd6 10.Ke5 11.KAc7 12.Kd4
 13.Kc4 14.Kb5 15.Kc6 Ka6=

1.Ke6 2.RHf6 3.KAc8 4.NHh5 5.RHd6 6.RHd1
 7.RHd3 8.NHb2 9.NHf4 10.NHd8 11.Kd5
 12.RHd6 13.KAd7 14.Kc6 15.Kc7 b5=

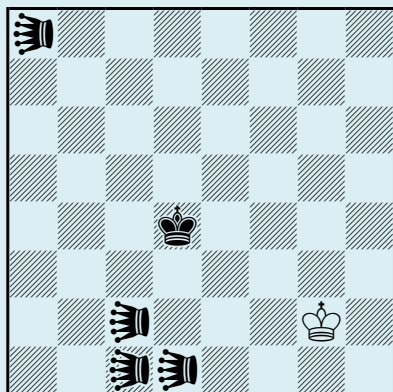
Stalemate positions:



Judge A. Tüngler (Gaudium 162/2016): "Auch dieses Farbwechselecho ist gut mit den interessanten Hüpfwegen, gerade weil es nicht zu lang ist."

PDB [P1307153](#), WinChloe ID = 515048

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 FB1252 StrateGems 61/2013



sh=17 (1+5) C+
 2 solutions
 ♫=Kangaroo

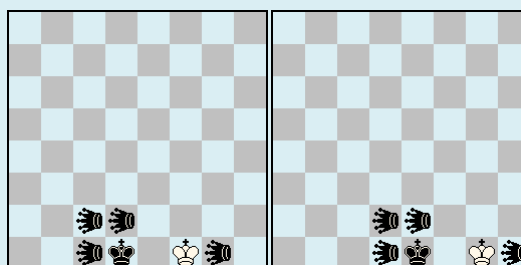
Chameleon echo

PDB [P1379280](https://pdb.org/P1379280), WinChloe ID = 454342

1.Ke4 2.KAh1 3.KAd5 4.Kd3 5.KAd6 6.KAd2
 7.Ke4 8.KAh1 9.Kf4 10.KAg5 11.Kg4 12.KAg1
 13.Kf4 14.Ke3 15.Ke2 16.Kd1 17.KAc1 Kf1=

1.Kc5 2.KAc6 3.Kd5 4.KAh1 5.Kc4 6.Kb3
 7.KAa4 8.Ka3 9.KAa2 10.Kb3 11.KAd1 12.Kc3
 13.Kd2 14.KAe2 15.Ke1 16.KAh2 17.KAd2
 Kg1=

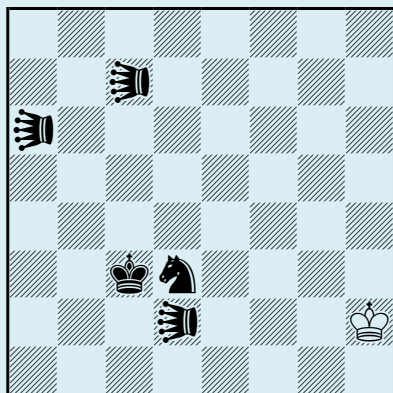
Stalemate positions:



Comments of the solvers: "Interesting Kangaroo play" (Romuald Lazowski), "Only Alybadix and Popeye can solve this" (Wilfried Seehofer), "Final stalemate position not easy to find" (C. C. Frankiss).

128. Václav Kotěšovec

2634 Šachmatija 1/2013

2. Prize

sh=17

(1+5) C+

2 solutions

♘=Kangaroo

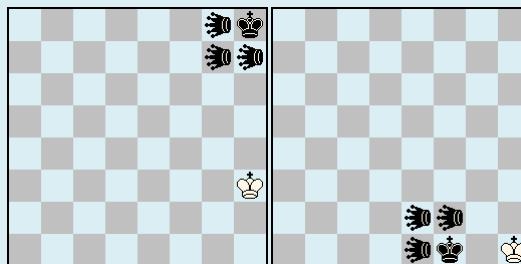
Echo

PDB [P1378187](#), WinChloe ID = 468676

1.Kc4 2.KAe2 3.Kd4 4.KAd5 5.Ke5 6.Ke6 7.Se5
8.KAe7 9.Sf7 10.KAg8 11.Kf6 12.Kg7 13.Kh8
14.KAg7 15.KAh7 16.Sg5 17.Sh3 K:h3=

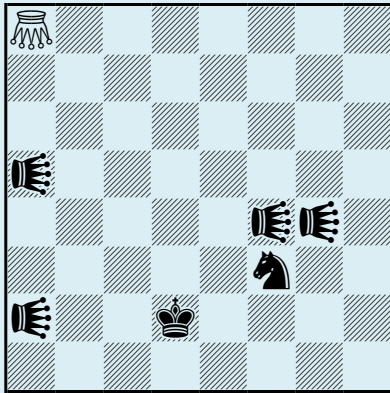
1.Sb4 2.KAa5 3.Sc2 4.Sa3 5.KAa2 6.Sc4 7.KAc2
8.Sd2 9.KAe1 10.Kd3 11.Ke2 12.Kf1 13.KAe2
14.KAf2 15.Se4 16.Sg3 17.Sh1 K:h1=

Stalemate positions:



Judge A. Bulavka (Šachmatija 1/2015, p.26-29): “Не глядя на решения, попробуйте найти потовую картинку. Немного попривыкнув к возможностям Кенгуру, становится понятно, что таковых всего четыре: черный король располагается либо в одном из углов, либо на поле f1, с трех сторон окруженный стадом Кенгуру. Этот фокус сильно упрощает работу автору. Но, тем не менее, семнадцать бездualьных ходов в двух решениях практически на пустом поле — это здорово! Есть еще один интересный нюанс — если в одном решении «проводником» кенгуру является король, то во втором эту функцию выполняет уже конь. Красиво!”

129. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2088 StrateGems 98/2022
8. Honorable Mention



sh=16 (1+6) C+
 2 solutions
 ♖=Kangaroo
 ♗=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

Echo orthogonal/diagonal
 Pinning of the black knight

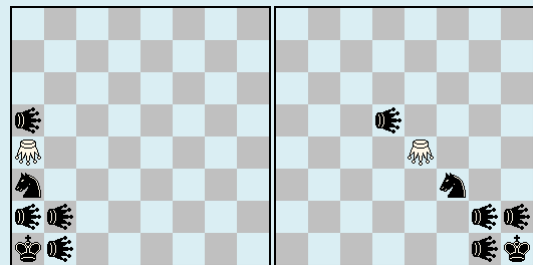
PDB [P1401045](https://pdb.com/P1401045), WinChloe ID = 845730

1.Ke3 2.Sd2 3.KAc1 4.Kf4 5.KAg5 6.Ke5
 7.KAh5 8.KAd5 9.Kf4 10.Kg3 11.KAg2 12.KAg1
 13.Kh2 14.Kh1 15.KAh2 16.Sf3 Ge4=

1.Sd4 2.KAc4 3.KAb4 4.Sc2 5.KAe2 6.Kd3
 7.KAf1 8.Kc4 9.KAb5 10.Kb3 11.KAb2 12.KAb1
 13.Ka2 14.Ka1 15.KAa2 16.Sa3 Ga4=

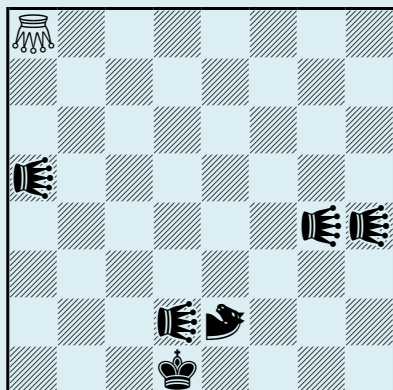
Switchback of Sf3 in first solution and KAa2 in second solution.

Stalemate positions:



Judge Paz Einat: "This is a sort of mix of chameleon-echo and ODT. The bK finds its way to either a1 or h1 and three Kangaroos block the three squares around it. The other Kangaroo allows the Grasshopper to hop into a pinning position with both Knight and KAg2 or KAa2, respectively, pinned."

130. Václav Kotěšovec original



sh=20 (1+6) C+

2 solutions

♘=Zebra

♙=Kangaroo

♚=Grasshopper

(without the white king)

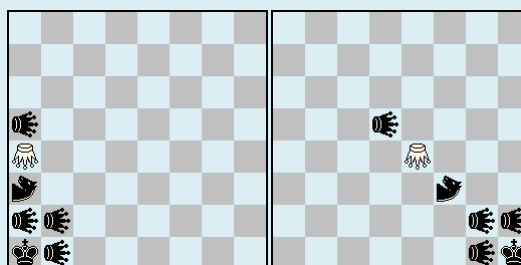
Echo orthogonal/diagonal
Pinning of the black zebra

WinChloe ID = 930082

1.Kc2 2.Kd3 3.Ke4 4.KAd4 5.Kd3 6.KAd1
7.Kd4 8.KAd5 9.Ke5 10.Kf5 11.KAg5 12.Kf4
13.Kg3 14.KAg2 15.KAg1 16.Kh2 17.Kh1
18.KAh2 19.Zc5 20.Zf3 Ge4=

1.Ke1 2.Kf2 3.KAg2 4.Ke3 5.Kd4 6.KAc4
7.KAb4 8.Kd3 9.KAf1 10.Kc4 11.KAb5 12.Kb3
13.KAb2 14.KAb1 15.Ka2 16.Ka1 17.KAa2
18.Zb4 19.Zd1 20.Za3 Ga4=

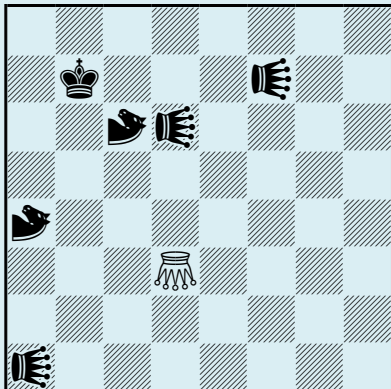
Stalemate positions:



Version of [129] with a black zebra instead a black knight.

C+, Alybadix 12 min

131. Václav Kotěšovec original



sh=18 (1+6) C+

2 solutions

♘=Zebra

♙=Kangaroo

♚=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

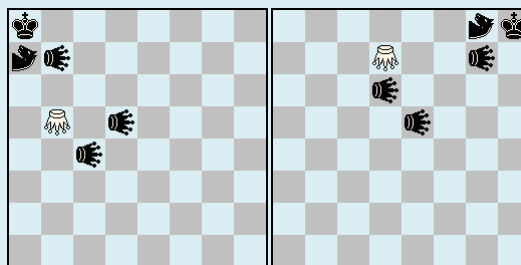
Chameleon echo

WinChloe ID = 929936

1.Zf4 2.Zd7 3.KAa7 4.Kc6 5.Kd5 6.KAd2 7.Zd6
8.Zg8 9.KAd6 10.Ke6 11.Kf7 12.KAg7 13.Kf6
14.KAh8 15.KAe5 16.Kg6 17.Kh7 18.Kh8
G:d7=

1.Kb6 2.KAa6 3.Za3 4.KAa2 5.Zd5 6.KAg8
7.KAc4 8.KAb3 9.Za7 10.KAa8 11.Zd2 12.Zb5
13.KAb7 14.Kc6 15.KAd5 16.Kc7 17.Kb8
18.Ka8 G:b5=

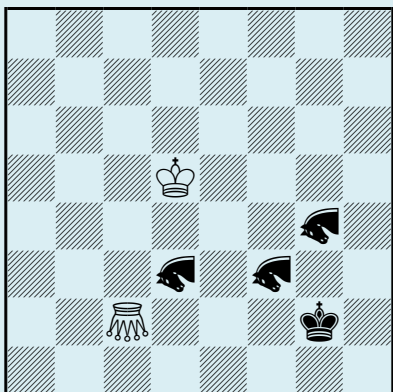
Stalemate positions:



C+, Alybadix 1 h 27 m

132. Václav Kotěšovec

1134 Pat a Mat 93/2015



sh=18

(2+4) C+

2 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Nightriderhopper

♟=Grasshopper

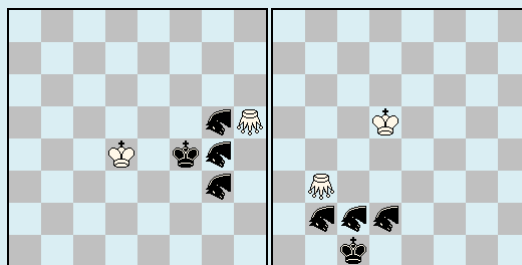
Echo

PDB [P1379307](https://pdb.com/P1379307), WinChloe ID = 586948

1.Kf2 2.NHh1 3.Ke3 4.NH:c2(Gg4) 5.Kf4 6.Kf5
7.NHe7 8.NHg3 9.Kg5 10.NHh7 11.Kh5
12.K:g4(Gh5) 13.Kf3 14.NHe1 15.NHg5
16.Ke3 17.NHg4 18.Kf4 Kd4=

1.Kg3 2.Kf4 3.NHh5 4.Ke3 5.Kd2 6.NHb1
7.Kc1 8.K:c2(Gc1) 9.Kd3 10.NHb2 11.Ke3
12.NHc2 13.Kf3 14.NHh4 15.NHd2 16.Ke2
17.Kd1 18.K:c1(Gd1) Gb3=

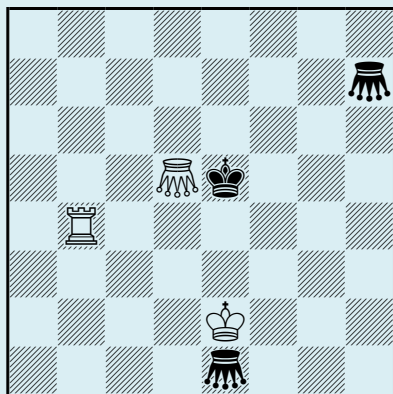
Stalemate positions:



Redakční komentář při uveřejnění (spolu s č.1135):
"Dve príbuzné skladby s rovnakým materiálom ale s odlišnou výzvou (s priamou a pomocnou sériou ťahov). Udivuje presnosť a jednoznačnosť každého ťahu, napriek poloprázdnej šachovnici."

helpselfmates

133. Václav Kotěšovec
 F3457 The Problemist 2018
1. Prize
G133 FIDE Album 2016-18



hs#8 (3+3) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♖♗=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

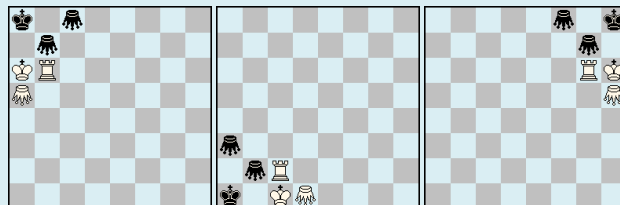
PDB [P1378122](#), WinChloe ID = 703659

1.Kd3 Gc2 2.Kc4 Kd6 3.Kb5 Kc7 4.Ga5 Gc8
 5.Gc3 Kb8 6.Ka6+ Ka8 7.Rb6 Gb4 8.Ga5 Gb7#

1.Rb6 Kd4 2.Rh6 Kc3 3.Rh3+ Kb2 4.Kd2 Gh2
 5.Gd1 Gc1 6.Rc3 Ga3 7.Rc2+ Ka1 8.Kc1 Gb2#

1.Kf3 Ge6 2.Kg4 Kf6 3.Kh5 Kg7 4.Rg4+ Kh8
 5.Rg6 Gf5 6.Gf7 Gg4 7.Kh6 Gf8 8.Gh5 Gg7#

Mating positions:

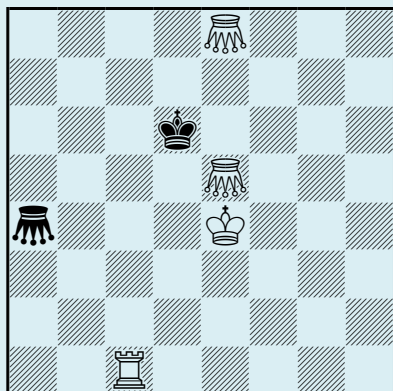


Comments of the solvers (The Problemist, January 2019): "Three identical selfmates with one bG forced to provide a hurdle for the mating bG. Difficult solving" (C.C.Frankiss). "One rotated echo and one reflected echo from (a). WR path in (b) very spectacular." (Stephen Emmerson). "How does one compose such intricate long-movers?" (K.Seetharaman).

Judge Juraj Lörinc (The Problemist, September 2021, p.219): "A question from the solution: how does one compose such intricate longmovers? My guess: computer search using brute force or more sophisticated algorithms. Still, it is a human who codes the idea, who runs the engine and who searches for suitable positions in the output. The initial and concluding phases might require quite a lot of understanding and/or imagination. In my view it is important to recognise the value of the final product, regardless of the way the author has reached this destination. And this echo of Grasshopper-specific ideal mates enforced seemingly effortlessly could be considered the epitome of beauty. I sincerely believe it will enter the Album."

C+, Alybadix 233 hours!

134. Václav Kotěšovec
 17411 Die Schwalbe 290/2018
2. Prize
G134 FIDE Album 2016-18



hs#9 (4+2) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♞♞=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

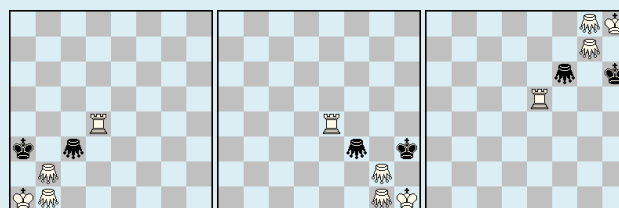
PDB [P1378121](#), WinChloe ID = 697132

1.Rd1+ Kc6 2.Gb5 Kc5 3.Kd3 Gc6 4.Kc2 Kc4
 5.Kb1 Gc3 6.Gb2 Kb3 7.Rd4 Ge5 8.Ka1 Ka3
 9.Gb1 Gc3#

1.Rc4 Gd4 2.Kf3 Gf6 3.Gg7 Gc6 4.Kg2 Ke5
 5.Ge4 Kf4 6.Kh1 Kf3 7.Gg2 Kg3+ 8.Re4 Kh3
 9.Gg1 Gf3#

1.Re1 Gf4 2.Kf5 Ke7 3.Kg6 Kf8 4.Gg8 Ke7
 5.Kh7 Kf6 6.Gg7 Kg5 7.Kh8 Kh6 8.Re4 Gd4+
 9.Re5 Gf6#

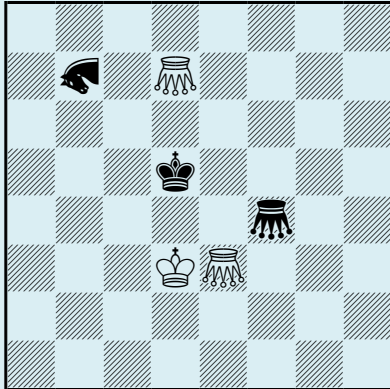
Mating positions:



Solver Karl-Heinz Siehdncl ([Die Schwalbe 293/2018](#)):
 "Hier war ich froh, dass ich nach stundenlangem Bemühen wenigstens eine einzige Lösung gefunden habe. Die zum Lösen reizende Stellung sieht so einfach aus, hat es aber faustdick hinter den Ohren. Bin auf die Lösungsbesprechung gespannt, wie wohl die anderen fehlenden beiden Lösungen aussehen werden."

Judge Franz Pachl (Die Schwalbe 299/2019, p.311):
 "Vaclav ist ein echter Spezialist für langzügige Echomatt-Häufungen. Hier sind es deren drei in 9 Zügen (einmal gespiegelt, einmal um 180° gedreht). Auch wenn es nur ein mögliches Mattbild gibt, so etwas zu finden ist doch eine außergewöhnliche Leistung."

135. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1735 StrateGems 83/2018
4. Prize
G135 FIDE Album 2016-18



hs#10 (3+3) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♞=Nightriderhopper
 ♞♞=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

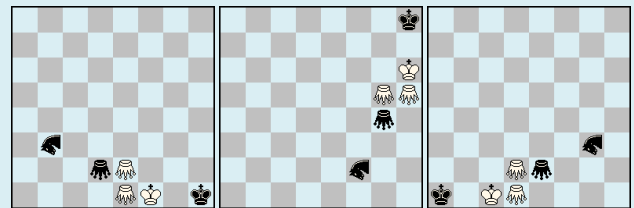
PDB [P1378350](https://pdb.fide.org/P1378350), WinChloe ID = 702290

1.Gd4 Gd2 2.Gd6 NHf5 3.Gd4 NHb3 4.Gf2
 Gg2 5.Gh2 Ke5 6.Ke2 Kf4 7.Ge5 Kg3 8.Kf1 Kh2
 9.Ge2+ Kh1 10.Ge1 Gd2#

1.Kc3 Ke6 2.Gf5 NHh4 3.Kd4 NHd6 4.Gc5 Gc7
 5.Ke4 NHf2 6.Kf4 Kf7 7.Kg5 Gg7 8.Kh6 Kg8
 9.Gg5+ Kh8 10.Gh5 Gg4#

1.Gc3 NHe1 2.Ke3 Kc4 3.Gf3 Gb4 4.Gd3 NHc5
 5.Ke4 NHg3 6.Ke3 Kb3 7.Kd2 Gb2 8.Kc1 Ka2
 9.Gd2+ Ka1 10.Gd1 Ge2#

Mating positions:



Judge Eric Huber (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 2-8):
 "Three chameleon-echo mates in three corners in classic Kotesovec style. The interesting part is that the mates are not forced by the usual check - countercheck mechanism. A different three-fold echo with zugzwang mates using the same types of pieces was published by the same author in 2018 (2nd Pr. Julia's Fairies, 2017-18 [136]). However many echo mate problems the author may have composed, it is difficult to find a reason not to award this one a prize."

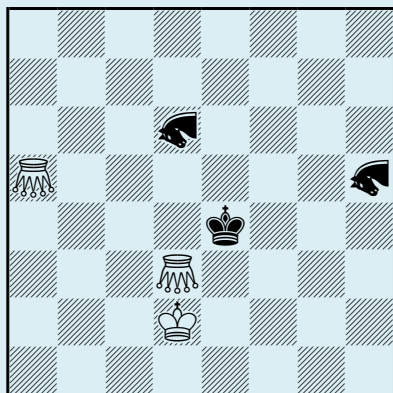
It's interesting that the following position (Kf8-f7#) with this material exists, but can't be reached. White has no last move.



136. Václav Kotěšovec

1277 Julia's Fairies 2018

2. Prize



hs#11

(3+3) C+

3.1.1...

♞=Nightriderhopper

♝=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

PDB [P1378192](#), WinChloe ID = 691280

1.Gd7 Kf5 2.Gd5 NHh4 3.Ge5+ Kf4 4.Gg3 NHf1 5.Kc3 NHc7 6.Gb3 Ke3 7.Kb2 Kd2 8.Ka1 NHe3 9.Ga2 Kc1 10.Gf3 NHd2 11.Gd3 Kc2#

1.Kc3 Ke5 2.Kc4 NHdb2 3.Kb5 Kd6 4.Ga6 NHe8 5.Kb6 NHc4 6.Gc7 NHa8 7.Kb7 NHe6 8.Ga7 Kd7 9.Ka8 Kc8 10.Gf6 NHd7 11.Gd6 Kc7#

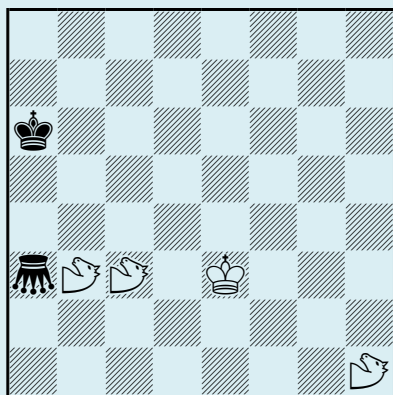
1.Ge1 NHb2 2.Kd1 NHe8 3.Ke2 NHf2 4.Gg3 NHb4 5.Gf1 Kf4 6.Kf2 NHh1 7.Kg2 NHf5 8.Gg1 Kg4 9.Kh1 Kh3 10.Gf6 NHg4 11.Gf4 Kg3#

Mating positions:



Judge N.Shankar Ram: "Three 6-piece BK-in-corner exact echoes with lengthy move sequences."

137. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1786 StrateGems 85/2019
4. Commendation



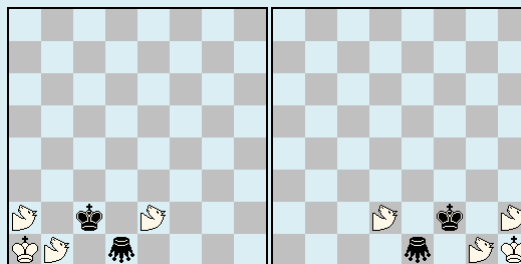
hs#9 (4+2) C+
 2.1.1...
 ♢=Grasshopper
 ♚=Moa

Chameleon-echo. Pining of the Grasshopper by Moa
 (before last move of the black king)

1.MOd2 Gd3 2.MOg3 Gf3 3.Kd3 Ka5 4.Kc2
 Kb4 5.Kb1 Kb3 6.Ka1 Kc2 7.MOdb1 Kc1
 8.MOge2+ Gd1 9.MOa2 Kc2#

1.MOe2 Kb5 2.Kf2 Kc4 3.Kg1 Kd3 4.MOf2+
 Ke3 5.Kh1 Gc3 6.MOg1 Ke2 7.MOg4+ Kf1
 8.MOd2+ Ge1 9.MOh2 Kf2#

Mating positions:



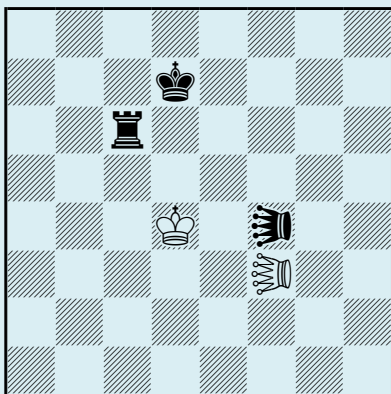
Judge A.Bulavka (SG 96/2021, p. 203): "Two chameleon-echo mates in different comers of the board using a Moa in two directions. Mate is preceded by a zugzwang position with a pin of the bG."

PDB [P1378073](#), WinChloe ID = 718777

138. Václav Kotěšovec

8664 Phénix 301/2019

2. Honorable Mention



hs#11 (2+3) C+

0.2.1.1...

♙♜=Kangaroo

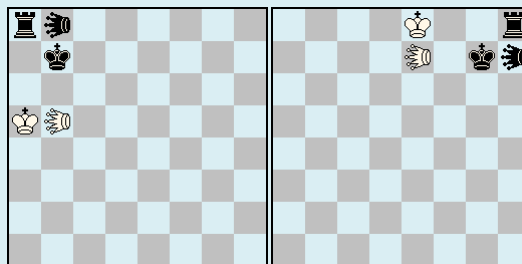
Echo chameleon exact.

PDB [P1401040](#), WinChloe ID = 763271

1. - Rf6 2.KAf7 Rd6+ 3.Ke5 KAc7 4.KAb7 Rh6
5.KAe7 Rh8 6.Kf6 Kd8 7.Kg7 KAh7 8.Kf6 Ke8
9.Ke6 Kf8 10.Kd7 Kg8 11.Ke8 Kg7#

1. - Kc7 2.Ke5 KAb8 3.Kd4 Kb7 4.KAa8 Rd6+
5.Kc5 Rd8 6.KAe8 Ka6 7.Kc6 Rd7 8.KAb5 Ra7
9.Kc5 Ra8 10.Kb4 Ka7 11.Ka5 Kb7#

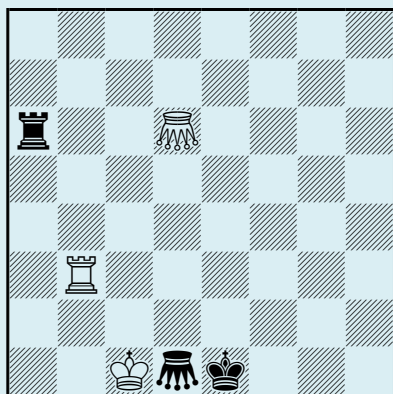
Mating positions:



Published with a comment: "Poursuite des recherches de mats écho en aidé inverse ; ici, avec deux solutions et des Kangourous. L'image de mat est superbe."

Judge Maryan Kerhuel (Phénix 322-3/2021, p.12577): "L'originalité de ce problème réside dans l'utilisation du Kangourou, une Sauterelle nécessitant la présence de deux Sautoirs sur la ligne de jeu. Cette pièce semble complexifier le jeu par rapport à la Sauterelle (illusion d'optique ?). Mats échos caméléon très intéressants obtenus par zugzwang."

139. Václav Kotěšovec
 4327 idee & from 142/2019
 (The award is yet not published)



hs#6 (3+3) C+
 3 solutions
 ♖♗=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

1.Kb1 Rc6 2.Gb6 Ga4 3.Gb2 Gd7 4.Rd3 Gd2
 5.Rc3 Kd1 6.Rc1+ R:c1#

1.Rg3 Gf1 2.Gh2 Rh6 3.Rd3 Gc4 4.Gh7 Ge2
 5.Gc2 Rd6 6.Rd1+ R:d1#

1.Rd3 Kf1 2.Gd2 Gg1 3.Re3 Gd4 4.Kc2 Gf2+
 5.Kd1 Re6 6.Re1+ R:e1#

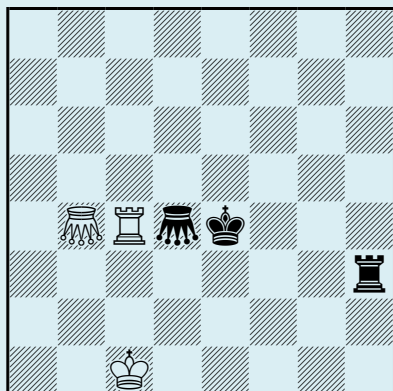
Mating positions:



C+, Alybadix 21 min

PDB [P1378224](https://pdb.com/P1378224), WinChloe ID = 733898

140. Václav Kotěšovec
 3242 Variantim 77/2019
 Israel Ring Tourney 2019
4. Honorable Mention



hs#6 (3+3) C+

3.1.1...

  = Grasshopper

Triple exact echo.

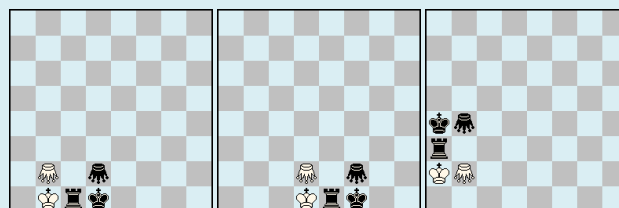
PDB [P1380414](#), WinChloe ID = 732917

1.Kb2 Kd3 2.Kb1 Gd2 3.Gd4 Ke2 4.Rc2 Rc3
 5.Gb2 Kd1 6.Rc1+ R:c1#

1.Kd1 Re3 2.Rc2+ Gf2 3.Gf4 Kf3 4.Re2 Kg2
 5.Gd2 Kf1 6.Re1+ R:e1#

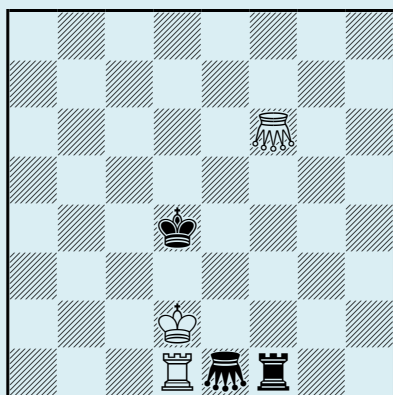
1.Rc3+ Kd5 2.Rb3 Kc4 3.Gb2 Gb4 4.Kb1 Kb5
 5.Ka2 Ka4 6.Ra3+ R:a3#

Mating positions:



Judge Hans Gruber (Variantim 81/2020, p.11):
 "Many years ago, the author published a booklet in which he presented a collection of several hundreds of perfect three-fold echoes (without twinning). Nevertheless, this one is remarkable, because it uses a difficult stipulation and gets along without fairy condition. The final constellation is complex, and every piece moves in each of the solutions."

141. Václav Kotěšovec
17723 Die Schwalbe 295/2019
4. Prize



hs#8 (3+3) C+
3.1.1...
Madrasi
♖♗=Grasshopper

Triple echo

PDB [P1378054](#), WinChloe ID = 730472

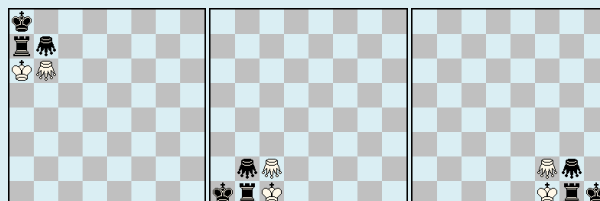
Judge Juraj Lörinc (Die Schwalbe 317/2022, p. 660-669): "Nur dreifaches Echo (im Vergleich zum 2. Preis [306]), aber der Autor vermied zugeinschränkende Bedingungen und brachte sogar so bewegliche Steine wie zwei Türme auf einem fast leeren Brett zum Einsatz, um (nach dem letzten Zug von Weiß) relativ komplexe, entscheidende Zugzwangstellungen zu erzielen: Die Türme sind gegenseitig gelähmt, der wT dient als Bock für den wG, der wG dient als Bock für den sG, und der einzig mögliche schwarze Zug entlähmt per Schlag den schachgebenden Turm und deckt direkt das verbliebene Fluchtfeld."

1.Kc2+ Kc5 2.Kc3 Kc6 3.Gb6 Kb7 4.Rd7+ Ka8
5.Rb7 Gb4 6.Kc4 Ra1 7.Kb5 Ra7 8.Ka6 G:b7#

1.Ke2+ Kc3 2.Rd6 Gb4 3.Gc6 Gd2 4.Gc2 Kb2
5.Rb6+ Ka1 6.Rb2 Gf2 7.Kd2 Rb1 8.Kc1
G:b2#

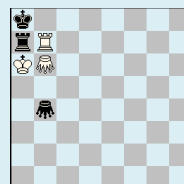
1.Rc1 Ke4 2.Kd1 Kf3 3.Gf2 Kg2 4.Rc3 Gb4+
5.Ke2 Gd2 6.Rg3+ Kh1 7.Rg2 Rg1 8.Kf1
G:g2#

Mating positions:

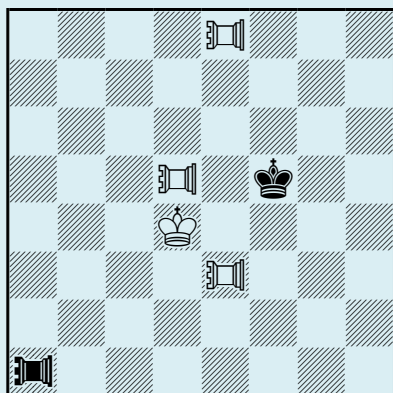


Comments of the solvers (Die Schwalbe 298-1/2019, p. 233): Die Echos entstehen, wenn man die Mattstellung von I) nach II) dreht und von II) nach III) spiegelt. Wolfgang Will: "Wieder enorm schwierig, obwohl Kotesovec diese Art von Problemen schon länger pflegt: Zu lösen sind sie nur, wenn man vom Mattbild ausgeht. Bewundernswert wieder, wie der Autor ohne StellungsVeränderung zu drei Mattbildern kommt.", Karl-Heinz Siehdn: "Trotz intensiven Bemühungen keine Lösungen gefunden. So etwas ist mir in meinen über 60 Jahren als Problemlöser noch nie passiert. Zuerst wollte ich die zum Lösen reizende einfache Stellung vom Blatt lösen - nichts, dann nahm ich mein Schachbrett zu Hilfe und probierte - wieder nichts, und dann letztthin warf ich meine Computerprogramm an - und wiederum nichts. Nun kann ich nur noch gespannt bis zur Lösungsbesprechung warten..."

Position before last move (first solution):



142. Václav Kotěšovec
F1267 Probleemblad 3/2019
Honorable Mention special



hs#8 (4+2) C+
0.3.1.1...
♖♗=Eagle

Triple exact echo.

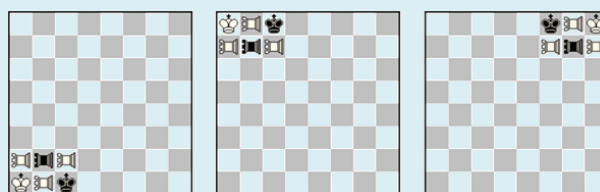
PDB [P1378212](#), WinChloe ID = 742548

1. - Kf4 2.Kc3 Ke4 3.Kb2 EAa3 4.EA8d4+ Kd3
5.Ka1 Kc2 6.EAa2 Kc1 7.EAdb1 EAd2+
8.EAdc2+ EAb2#

1. - Kf6 2.Kc5 EAe7 3.Kb6 Ke6 4.Ka7 EAa6
5.Ka8 Kd7 6.EAa7 Kc8 7.EAeb8 EAd7+
8.EAdc7+ EAb7#

1. - Kg6 2.Ke5 Kf7 3.EAg8 Kf8 4.Kf6 Ke8 5.Kg7
EAh6 6.Kh8 Kf8 7.EAdh7 EAe7+ 8.EAef7+
EAg7#

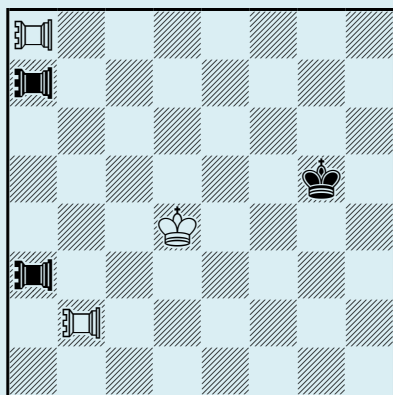
Mating positions:



Judge Hemmo Axt (Probleemblad 3/2022, p. 70-79):
"Dreiecken-Echomatts sind natürlich immer schön
anzusehn, und auch die 3 Echos in 1268 [145]. Das
gefällt mir schon, und mich stört auch nicht, wenn
da ein Co-Freund mitgeholfen hat. Trotzdem: Ein
gewisses Unbehagen habe ich bei solchen
Aufgaben. Natürlich ist es bemerkenswert, dass das
von einer Ausgangsstellung und in gleicher Zuglänge
dualfrei geht. Aber eben das, was zwischen Beginn
und letztem Zugpaar passiert, ist (oft) strategisch
unterschiedlich und ziemlich uninteressant."

Solver Henryk Kalafut (Probleemblad 1/2020):
"Aristocrat miniature with echo mates in three
corners."

143. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1807 StrateGems 86/2019
5. Honorable Mention



hs#8 (3+3) C+
 0.3.1.1...
 ♖♜=Eagle

Triple exact echo in three corners.
 All mates are with a double check by black Eagle.

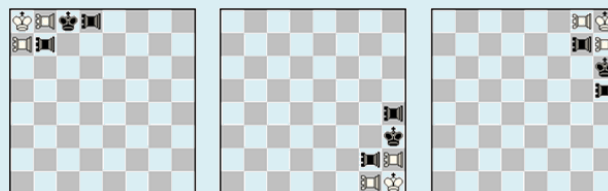
PDB [P1378216](#), WinChloe ID = 729499

1. - EAe5 2.Kd5 EAg4 3.EAc4+ Kf6 4.Kc6 Ke7
 5.Kb7 EAd8 6.EAa7 Kd7 7.Ka8 Kc8 8.EAcb8
 EAb7#

1. - Kg4 2.Ke3 EAf4 3.EAb3 EAb4 4.Kf2 EAf5
 5.Kg2 EAg5 6.EAg1 EAh4 7.Kh1 Kh3 8.EAbh2
 EAg2#

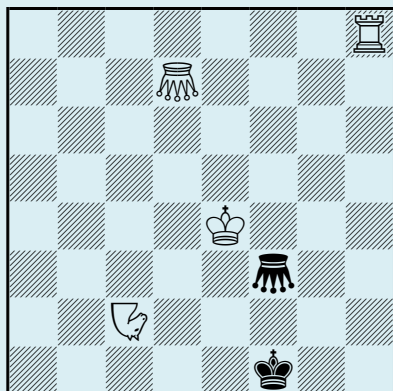
1. - EA7c3 2.Ke5 Kh5 3.Kf6 EAc2 4.Kg7 EAd2
 5.Kh8 Kg6 6.EAh7 EAh5 7.EAd3 Kh6 8.EAdg8
 EAg7#

Mating positions:



Judge A.Bulavka (SG 96/2021, p. 202): "Three exact echo-mates in different corners of the board. Suddenly, before the mating move, a zugzwang position arises, which forces the black Eagle to mate the white king through a double check."

144. Václav Kotěšovec
F3512 The Problemist May 2019
Commendation
FIDE Album 2019-21



hs#8 (4+2) C+

3 solutions

♞=Nightrider

♟♟=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

PDB [P1378068](#), WinChloe ID = 739356

1.Ng4 Gh5 2.Nh6 Ke1 3.Kf3 Kd2 4.Kg2 Kd3
5.Gd2 Gh7 6.Gh2 Ke2 7.Kh1 Kf1 8.Re8 Gh5#

1.Kd5 Ke2 2.Kc6 Kd3 3.Gb5 Kc4 4.Kb7 Ga8
5.Nf8 Gg8 6.Gb8 Kb5 7.Ka8 Ka6 8.Rh5 Ge8#

1.Kd3 Gc3 2.Gd2 Gc1 3.Na6 Ke1 4.Kc3 Kd1
5.Kb2 Ga3 6.Ga2 Ga7 7.Ka1 Kc1 8.Rd8 Ga5#

Mating positions:

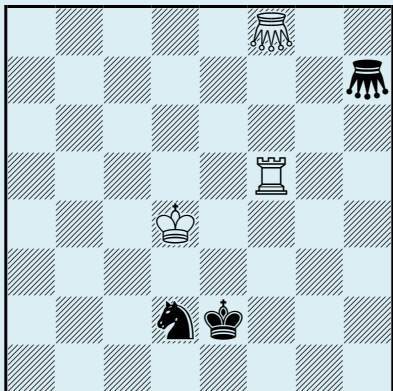


Comments of the solvers: "Marvellous composition. The first part of the solving task is to find the right mate! There is an attractive alternative (wKh1, Gh2, Ra2, Nh7; bKf1, Gh6) which is tempting but unreachable. Tricky bG sequence to get to the a1 mate" (G.P.Jellis). "Echo-mates in three different corners" (K.Seetharaman). "Problem in this composer's usual style with mates on corners of the board. Difficult" (Charles Frankiss). "Nice manoeuvres leading to triple echo in three corners" (Henryk Kalafut).

Judge Kjell Widlert (The Problemist May 2023, p. 124-128): "Triple echo of a zugzwang mate. To repeat myself: not so long ago, such a problem would have been a sensation; now we're getting used to them. But with the beautiful mate, it certainly deserves a place in the award."

C+, Alybadix 52 h 47 m

145. Václav Kotěšovec
F1268 Probleemblad 3/2019
Honorable Mention special
FIDE Album 2019-21



hs#9 (3+3) C+
0.3.1.1...
♞♞=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

PDB [P1378067](#), WinChloe ID = 743917

C+, Alybadix 24 h 40 m

1. - Ge4 2.Kc5 Kd3 3.Rf6 Gc2 4.Gf5 Kc3 5.Gb5
Kb2 6.Kb4 Sb3 7.Rf4 Sa1 8.Ka4 Ka2 9.Rb4
Sb3#

1. - Kd1 2.Gf4 Kc2 3.Rd5 Gb1 4.Gc4 Kb2 5.Kd3
Sb3 6.Ge2 Sa1 7.Kd2 Gb3 8.Kd1 Kb1 9.Rd2
Sc2#

1. - Se4 2.Rf3 Gd3 3.Gf2 Kf1 4.Ke3 Kg2 5.Ke2
Gg3 6.Gd2 Sf2 7.Re3 Sh1 8.Ke1 Kg1 9.Re2
Sf2#

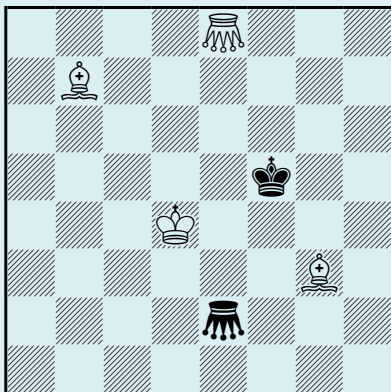
Mating positions:



Judge Hemmo Axt (Probleemblad 3/2022, p. 70-79, with F1267 [\[142\]](#)): "Dreiecken-Echomatts sind natürlich immer schön anzusehn, und auch die 3 Echos in 1268. Das gefällt mir schon, und mich stört auch nicht, wenn da ein Co-Freund mitgeholfen hat. Trotzdem: Ein gewisses Unbehagen habe ich bei solchen Aufgaben. Natürlich ist es bemerkenswert, dass das von einer Ausgangsstellung und in gleicher Zuglänge dualfrei geht. Aber eben das, was zwischen Beginn und letztem Zugpaar passiert, ist (oft) strategisch unterschiedlich und ziemlich uninteressant."

Comments of the solvers (Probleemblad 1/2020): "Well-hidden, but beautiful selfmate idea. I like the perfect harmony between the solutions" (Eddy Van Beers). "Im Gegensatz zur F1263 war das harte Arbeit. Das S#1 nach dem 8. Zug ist wirklich verblüffend. Daß das 3x dualfrei abläuft, ist fast nicht zu glauben und die große Kunst von Kotěšovec. Von den vielen derartigen Problemen des Autors scheint mir dies das schwerste zu sein, vor allem, da es noch eine zweite S#1 - Stellung gibt, die aber nicht erspielbar ist. Ob das ohne die Hilfestellung (S im Eck) zu schaffen ist, weiß ich nicht (Wolfgang Will).

146. Václav Kotěšovec
4018 Šachmatija 1/2019
 (The award is yet not published)



hs#9 (4+2) C+
 0.3.1.1...
 ♖♗=Grasshopper

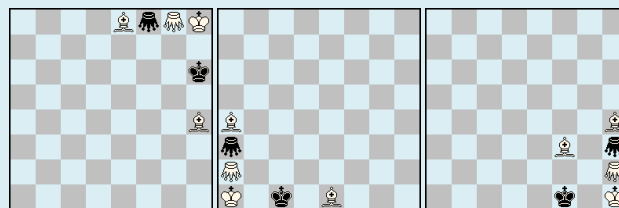
Triple echo

1. - Kg4 2.Ke5 Gh5 3.Kf6 Gf3 4.Kg7 Ga8 5.Bc6
 Gf8 6.Gg8 Kg5 7.Be8 Gd8 8.Kh8 Kh6 9.Bh4
 Gf8#

1. - Kg5 2.Bc6 Kg4 3.Ba4 Kf3 4.Kc3 Ke3 5.Kb2
 Ga2 6.Ge2 Ga5 7.Ga2 Kd2 8.Ka1 Kc1 9.Be1
 Ga3#

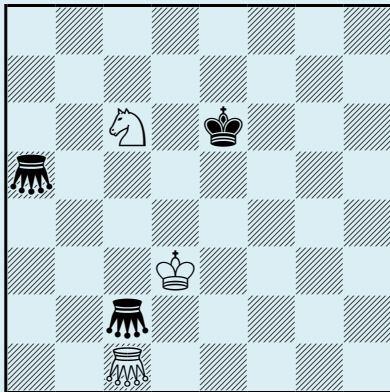
1. - Kg6 2.Ke3 Ge4 3.Bh4 Gh7 4.Ge2 Kf5 5.Kf2
 Kf4 6.Kg2 Ke3 7.Gh2 Ke2 8.Kh1 Kf1 9.Bf3
 Gh3#

Mating positions:



PDB [P1378217](#), WinChloe ID = 732060

147. Václav Kotěšovec
 4158 idee & from 138/2018
 (The award is yet not published)



hs#9 (3+3) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♖♗=Grasshopper

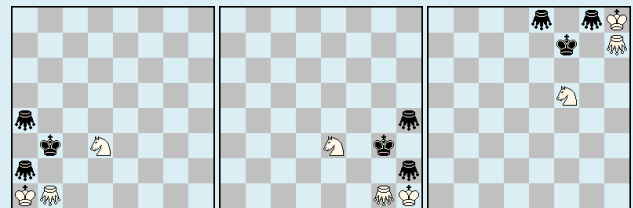
Triple exact echo

1.Kc3 Gc4 2.Kb2 Kd6 3.Ga3 Ga2 4.Ge7 Kc5
 5.Gb4 Kb5 6.Gb1 Ka4 7.Ka1 Ka3 8.Sb4 Gca4
 9.Sd3 Kb3#

1.Ke2 Gf2 2.Kf3 Gf4 3.Gg5 Gh5 4.Kg2 Kf5
 5.Gg1 Kg4 6.Kh1 Kh3 7.Se5 Gh2 8.Sg4 Gfh4
 9.Se3 Kg3#

1.Ke4 Kd7 2.Kf5 Gg6 3.Gc7 Gg5 4.Kf6 Ge6
 5.Kg7 Ke8 6.Gh7 Gg8 7.Kh8 Kf8 8.Se7 Gee8
 9.Sf5 Kf7#

Mating positions:

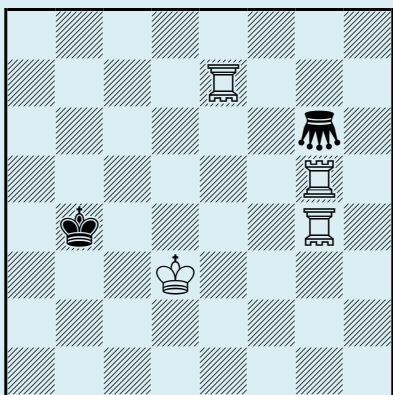


PDB [P1378353](#), WinChloe ID = 696811

148. Václav Kotěšovec

G10 Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya 140/2018

2. Prize



hs#10 (4+2) C+

0.3.1.1...

♞=Grasshopper

♖=Rookhopper

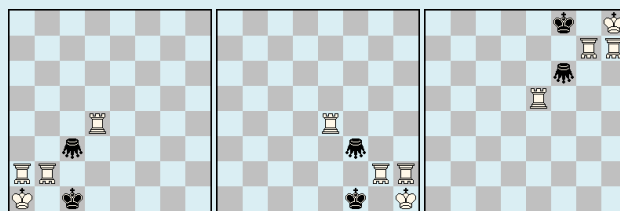
Triple exact echo

1. - Ka3 2.Rd5 Gg3 3.RHg2 Gc3 4.Rd4 Ge3
5.RHe2 Gc3 6.Kc2 Ge5 7.Kb1 Kb3 8.Ka1 Kc2
9.RHb2 Kc1 10.RHa2 Gc3#

1. - Kb3 2.Ke3 Kc2 3.RHe2 Kd1 4.Re5 Gg3
5.RHg2 Gd3 6.Re4 Gf3 7.Kf2 Gd5 8.Kg1 Ke1
9.Kh1 Kf1 10.RHh2 Gf3#

1. - Gc2 2.Ke4 Kc4 3.Kf5 Kd5 4.Kg6+ Ke6
5.Rc5 Gc6 6.RHg7 Gf6 7.Kh7 Kf7 8.Re5 Gd4
9.Kh8 Kf8 10.RHh7 Gf6#

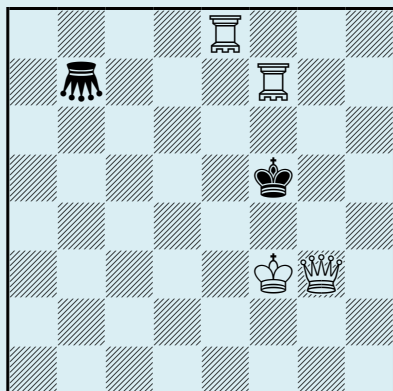
Mating positions:



Judge V. Dyachuk: "Построение трех одинаковых динамичных финалов в разных местах доски"

PDB [P1378193](#), WinChloe ID = 696459

149. Václav Kotěšovec
 3098 Variantim 74/2018
 Israel Ring Tourney 2018
Honorable Mention special



hs#9 (4+2) C+

3.1.1...

♙=Grasshopper

♖=Rookhopper

Triple exact echo.

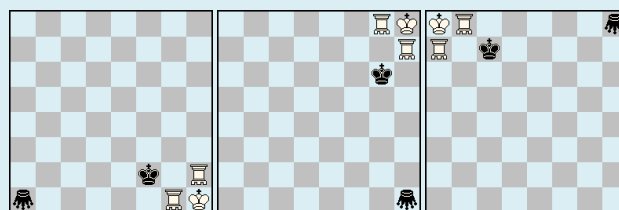
PDB [P1378359](#), WinChloe ID = 701414

1.Kg2 Ke4 2.Qb8 Gf3 3.RHf2 Kd3 4.RHh2 Gc3
 5.Kh1 Ke2 6.RHe1 Kf2 7.Qb2+ Kf1 8.RHg1
 Ga1 9.Qf2+ K:f2#

1.Qg2 Kf6 2.Kg4 Kg7 3.RHh7 Kf8 4.RHg8 Kg7
 5.Kf5+ Kh6 6.Kf6 Kh5 7.Kg7 Gh1 8.Kh8 Kh6
 9.Qg6+ K:g6#

1.RHa7 Kf6 2.Ke4 Gf3 3.Kd5 Kf5 4.Kc6 Gf6
 5.Kb7 Ke6 6.Ka8 Kd7 7.Qg7+ Kc8 8.RHb8 Gh8
 9.Qc7+ K:c7#

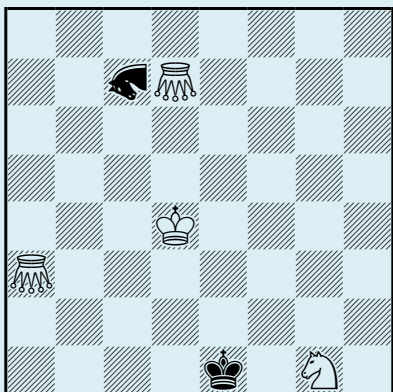
Mating positions:



"The WK is mated in three corners after three precise maneuvers that, apart from the ending positions, have additional unifying elements" (PE)

Judge Pierre Tritten (Variantim 81/2020, p.8):
 "Chameleon echo in three corners. Great unity in the play and in the final positions, with some repetitions of moves however."

150. Václav Kotěšovec
17597 Die Schwalbe 293/2018



hs#10 (4+2) C+

0.3.1.1...

♞ = Nightriderhopper

♟ = Grasshopper

Triple echo

PDB [P1378366](#), WinChloe ID = 717142

1. - Kf2 2.Kc3 Ke3 3.Gd3 NHf1 4.Kc2 Kd4
5.Se2+ Kc5 6.Gd2 NHb3 7.Gb1 NHd7 8.Kb2
Kb4 9.Ka1 Ka3 10.Sc3 Kb3#

1. - Kd2 2.Kd5 Kc3 3.Sf3 Kb4 4.Gg3 Kb5 5.Gb8
NHa3 6.Se5 Ka5 7.Kc6 NHg6 8.Kb7 NHc4
9.Ka8 Ka6 10.Sc6 Kb6#

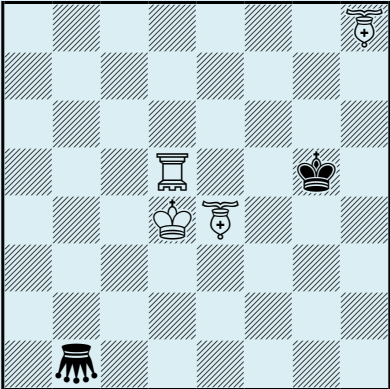
1. - Kd1 2.Ke3 NHf1 3.Kf3 Kd2 4.Gg3 NHb3
5.Kg2 Ke3 6.Sf3+ Kf4 7.Gg1 Kg4 8.Kh1 Kh3
9.Sd4 NHf5 10.Sf3 Kg3#

Mating positions:



Comments of the solvers ([Die Schwalbe 296/2019](#)):
Wolfgang Will: "Mit diesem Material gibt es nur ein mögliches Mattbild. Wenn man das findet, läßt sich das schwierige Problem auch lösen. Solcher Art Kompositionen scheinen inzwischen das Markenzeichen von Kotesovec zu sein (s. auch Probleemblad).", Karl-Heinz Siehdncl: "Hübsches NH-#. Sauschwer zu lösen, schon wegen des ungewohnten Nachtreiterhüpfers. Bin froh, nach - zig Anläufen überhaupt eine Lösung gefunden zu haben."

FB1787 StrateGems 85/2019



hs#12 (4+2) C+

0.3.1.1...

 = Grasshopper

 = Bishophopper

 = Rookhopper

Triple exact echo

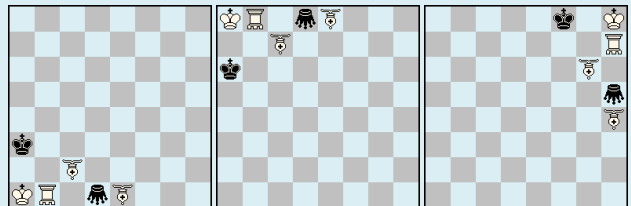
PDB [P1378020](#), WinChloe ID = 719676

1. - Kf4 2.Kc3 Ke3 3.Kb2 Kd2 4.RHd1 Ge1
5.BHa1 Gc1 6.RHb1 Ge3 7.BHc3 Gb3 8.BHe1
Kd3 9.BHc2 Kc4 10.BHa4 Kb4 11.Ka1+ Ka3
12.BHc2 Gd1#

1. - Kf5 2.BHc3 Ke6 3.Kc5 Kd7 4.Kb6 Gb7
5.BHc6 Ge7 6.BHe8 Kd6 7.Kb7 Kc5 8.RHb5
Gb4 9.RHb8 Kb5 10.BHa5 Gb6 11.Ka8+ Ka6
12.BHc7 Gd8#

1. - Kg4 2.Ke5 Gf5 3.Kf6 Gh3 4.Kg7 Kg5
5.RHh5 Gh6 6.RHh7 Gf4 7.BHf6 Gf7 8.BHh4
Kf5 9.BHg6 Ke6 10.BHe8 Ke7 11.Kh8+ Kf8
12.BHg6 Gh5#

Mating positions:

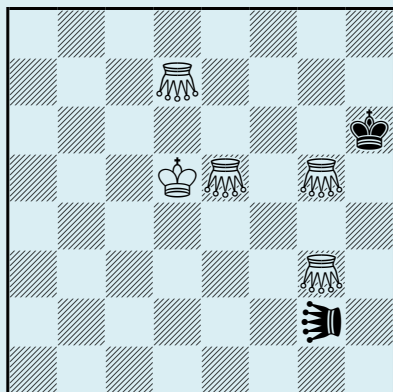


Solver Wilfried Seehoffer (SG 87/2019): "An incredible echo! Václav is an expert in creating such problems."

Judge A.Bulavka (SG 96/2021, p. 202): "Another three chameleon-echo mates in three corners of the board. It is no surprise that all mates are given by the bG, but the high activity of this piece very interesting."

Comment by Jacques Rotenberg (during the judging of the FIDE Album 2019-21): "I love this problem. The nets of the kings are elegant - even if it is 'natural' with such a weak equipment you have 8 possible mates (2 in each corner) of which only 3 work the route of the black king is stunning; he has to go first to the wrong side of the corner the 3 solutions are with no repeated moves. All in all a small miracle."

153. Václav Kotěšovec
19599 Die Schwalbe 324-1/2023



hs#9 (5+2) C+
3 solutions
♙=Moose (Elan)
♚=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo with a double check.

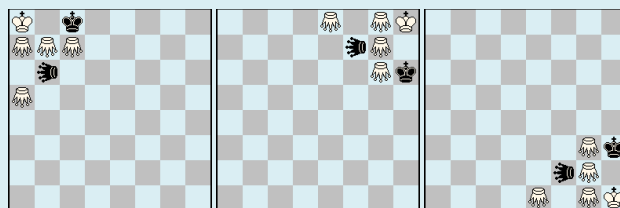
PDB [P1416172](#), WinChloe ID = 909511

1.Kc6 ELb6 2.Kb7 Kg7 3.Ga7 Kf6 4.Gg7 Ke7
5.Gd8 Kd6 6.Ga5 ELa4 7.Ggc7 Kd7 8.Ka8+
Kc8 9.Gb7 ELb6#

1.Ke4 ELd4 2.Kf3 ELf5 3.Gg4 ELe2 4.Ge1 Kh5
5.Kg2 ELh4+ 6.Gg1 ELd1 7.Kh1 Kh4 8.Gg3+
Kh3 9.Gg2 ELf2#

1.Ke6 ELf4+ 2.Kf6 ELe7 3.Ge8 Kh5 4.Kg7
ELc8 5.Gg8 Kg5 6.G3g6 Kf5 7.Gg4 Kg5 8.Kh8+
Kh6 9.Gg7 ELf7#

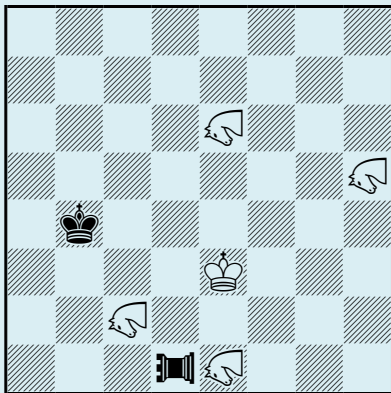
Mating positions:



Comments of the solvers (Die Schwalbe 327/2024, p. 574): Wolfgang Will gab nur zwei Lösungen an: „Für die 3. Lösung gibt's auch noch ein Eck, aber das war mir zu viel der Mühe.“, Karl-Heinz Siehndel: „3 Echomatts mit dem Elch. Schwierig und schön.“

C+, Alybadix 137 h 30 m

154. Václav Kotěšovec
G541 SuperProblem 19.8.2023
2. Prize



hs#10 (5+2) C+
0.3.1.1...
=Eagle
=Nightriderhopper

Triple exact echo.

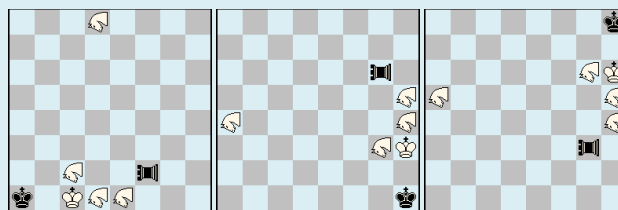
PDB [P1412280](#), WinChloe ID = 901999

1. - EAd3 2.NHb2 Kb5 3.NHf4 EAc6 4.NHg4
Kc4 5.NHa7 EAd4 6.NHd8 Kc3 7.NHc2 EAb4
8.NHd1 Kb2 9.Kd2 Ka1 10.Kc1 EAf2#

1. - Kc5 2.NHa4 EAe2 3.NHb7 Kb4 4.NHa6
Kc3 5.Ke4 Kd2 6.NHg3 Ke1 7.Kf5 Kf2 8.NHh4
Kg2 9.Kg4 Kh1 10.Kh3 EA6#

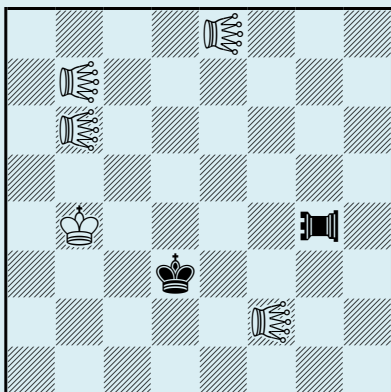
1. - EA6 2.Kf4 EA5 3.NHg2 Kc4 4.NHa5 Kd5
5.NHa3 Ke6 6.NHf8 Kf6 7.NHg6 EA7
8.NHh4 Kg7 9.Kg5 Kh8 10.Kh6 EA3#

Mating positions:



Judge Paul Răican ([SuperProblem, 23.1.2024](#)): "The "maître" of fairy pieces offers us a wellpolished diamond with three facets of equal area. An impressive work."

155. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#10 (5+2) C+

0.3.1.1...

♖=Eagle

♗=Kangaroo

Triple exact echo.

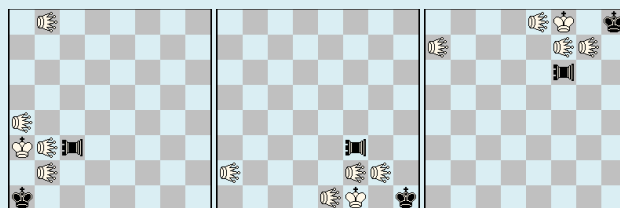
WinChloe ID = 931317

1. - EAb5 2.KAb3 EAc4 3.Kb5 EAc6 4.KAa4 Kc2
5.Ka5 EAd2 6.KAb2 EAc1 7.KAb8 Kb1 8.Kb4
Ka2 9.KAb2 Ka1 10.Ka3 EAc3#

1. - EAb3 2.KAb2 Ke3 3.Kc4 EAe2 4.KAe1 Kf3
5.Kd3 EAe4 6.KAg2 Kg3 7.KAa2 Kh2 8.Ke2
Kh1 9.KAg2 EAh3 10.Kf1 EAf3#

1. - Ke4 2.Kc5 Kf5 3.KAg1 Kg6 4.KAg7 EAf6
5.Kd6 Kf5 6.KAf7 EAh6 7.KAa7 Kg6 8.Ke7 Kh7
9.KAg7 Kh8 10.Kf8 EAf6#

Mating positions:

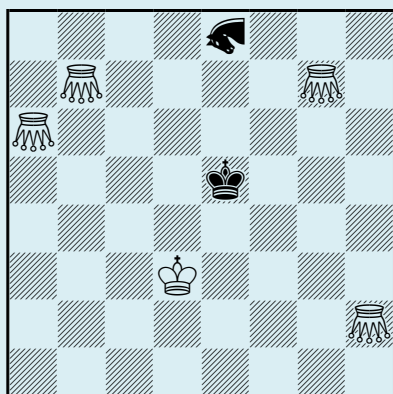


In the first position before Black's last move, Black's eagle is on the c1 square. From there, he cannot move (via the a1 king) to the a2 square, because he would be put in check there by KAa4. In the final position, Black EA mates via KAb2 and guards the b4 square via KAb3. White KAb8 (which guards the b1 square) must always be at the edge of the board, so that White KAb2 cannot jump over it (in line with KAb3) and prevent mate.

V první pozici před posledním tahem černého je černý orel na poli c1. Odtud nemůže táhnout (přes krále a1) na pole a2, protože by se tam dostal do šachu od KAa4. Ve finální pozici dává černý EA mat přes KAb2 a přes KAb3 kryje pole b4. Bílý KAb8 (který kryje pole b1) musí být vždy až na kraji šachovnice, aby přes něj (v linii s KAb3) nemohl odskočit bílý KAb2 a zabránit tak matu.

C+, Alybadix 14 h 38 m

156. Václav Kotěšovec
F1543 Probleemblad 1/2024
 (The award is yet not published)



hs#10 (5+2) C+
 0.3.1.1...
 ♞=Nightriderhopper
 ♟=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo.

PDB [P1416169](#), WinChloe ID = 913797

1. - Kf6 2.Ge2 NHg4 3.Kc2 NHa1 4.Gd2 NHe3
 5.Kb2 Ke5 6.Ga2 Kd4 7.Gc3 Kd3 8.Ka1 Kd2
 9.Gf3 Kc1 10.Gg2 Kc2#

1. - Ke6 2.Kc4 Kd6+ 3.Kb5 NHc4 4.Kb6 NHa8
 5.Gc7 NHe6 6.Ga7 Kd7 7.Ge7+ Ke8 8.Kb7
 Kd8 9.Ka8 Kc8 10.Gf6 Kc7#

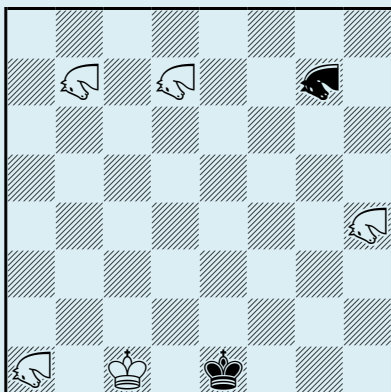
1. - Kd6 2.Ke4 Kc5 3.Kf5 Kc4 4.Kg6 NHb2
 5.Gh6 NHd6 6.Kh7 Kd5 7.Kh8 Ke6 8.Ghh7 Ke7
 9.Gd7+ Kf8 10.Gc6 Kf7#

Mating positions:



Solver Wolfgang Will (Probleemblad 3/2024, p. 107): "Es erstaunt immer wieder, wie Kotesovec das Problem trotz der Dreifachsetzung ohne Dual konstruieren kann."

157. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#13 (5+2) C+

2 solutions

♞♞=Nightriderhopper

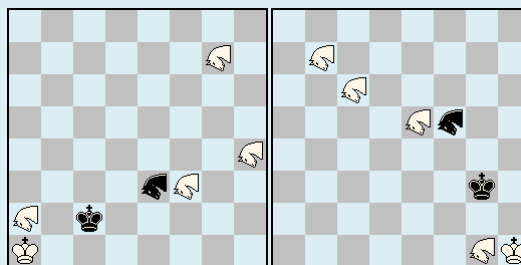
Chameleon echo.

WinChloe ID = 932203

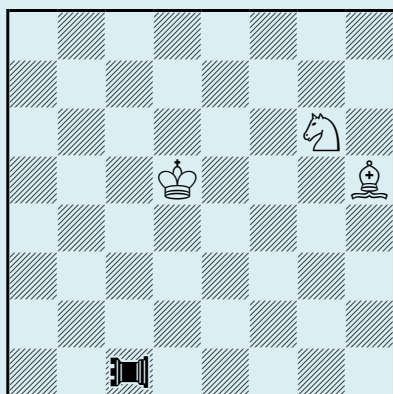
1.Kb2 Kd2 2.NHb1 Kd3 3.NHe1 Ke4 4.Kb3 Kf5
5.NHc5 NHe3 6.Ka3 Ke6 7.NHg7 Ke5 8.NHf3
Kd4 9.NHg5 Kc3 10.NHa2 Kd3 11.Kb2 Kd2
12.Ka1 Kc1 13.NHh4 Kc2#

1.Kc2 Kf2 2.Kd3 Kf3 3.NHd2 Kg4 4.Ke3+ Kg5
5.NHg4 Kf6 6.NHg8 Ke7 7.NHc6 NHd1
8.NHa7 NHf5 9.Kf3 Kf6 10.NHg1 Kg5 11.Kg2
Kg4 12.Kh1 Kh3 13.NHe5 Kg3#

Mating positions:



158. Václav Kotěšovec
 13100 feenschach 252/2023
 (The award is yet not published)



hs#7 (3+1) C+
 3 solutions
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♖=Eagle
 (without the black king)

Triple exact echo with a double check in WenigSteiner.

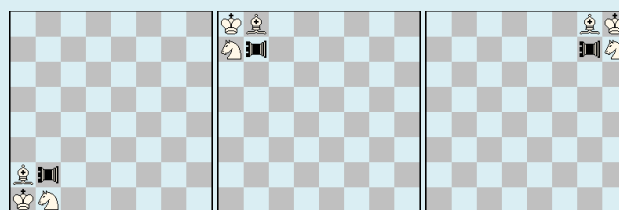
PDB [P1416904](#), WinChloe ID = 922933

1.Bd1 EAd2 2.Se5 EA:e5(Sd2) 3.Kd4 EAc5
 4.Kc3 EAb3 5.Kb2 EAa2 6.Ka1 EA:d1(Ba2)
 7.Sb1 EAb2#

1.Kc6 EAd6 2.Se7 EAf6 3.Be8 EAc7 4.Kb7
 EA:e8(Bc7) 5.Ka8 EAa7 6.Sc8 EA:c8(Sa7) 7.Bb8
 EAb7#

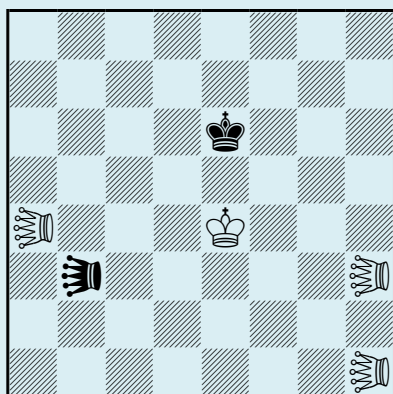
1.Sf4 EAg3 2.Ke5 EAg5+ 3.Se6 EA:e6(Sg5)
 4.Kf6 EAf7 5.Kg7 EAg8 6.Kh8 EA:h5(Bg8)
 7.Sh7 EAg7#

Mating positions:



Comments (feenschach 260/2025, p. 271): „Dreifach-Echo im Wenigsteiner. Doppelschach.“ Joachim Benn: „Matts des wK in analogen Stellungen in 3 Brettecken.“

159. Václav Kotěšovec
 88 Šachové umění 12/2023
 (The award is yet not published)



hs#7 (4+2) C+
 3 solutions
 ♔♚=Lion

Triple exact echo.

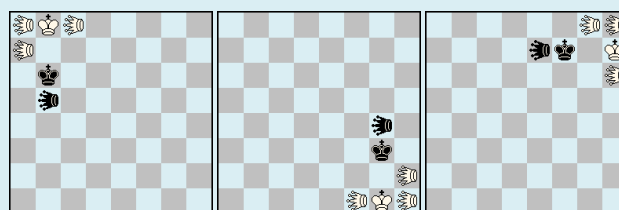
PDB [P1414330](#), WinChloe ID = 913610

1.Llc8 Kd6 2.LIa8 Kc5 3.Ke5 Kb4 4.Kd6 LIb5
 5.Kc7 Ka5 6.Kb8 Ka6 7.LIa7+ Kb6#

1.Llc2 LI d1 2.LIch7 Kf6 3.Kf3 LIg4 4.Kg2 Kg5
 5.LIf1 Kh4 6.Kg1 Kh3 7.LIh2+ Kg3#

1.LIh6 LI f7 2.LIh8 Kd7 3.Kf5 LIa7 4.LIa8 LIe7
 5.Kg6 Ke8 6.Kh7 Kf8 7.LI g8+ Kf7#

Mating positions:

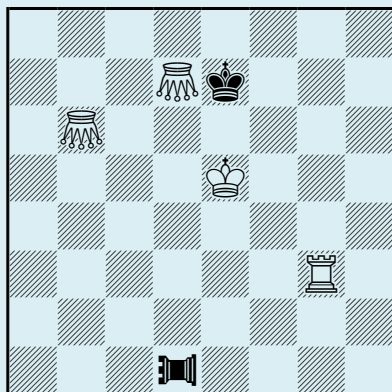


C+, Alybadix 4 h 45 m

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hs#8

(4+2) C+

3 solutions

♖=Eagle

♗=Grasshopper

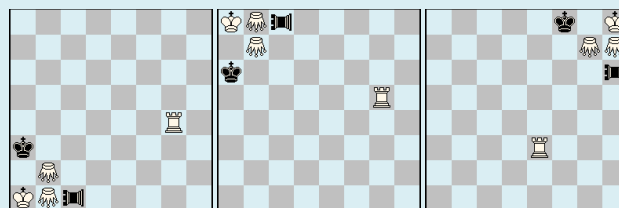
Triple echo.

1.Kd4 Kd6 2.Kc3 Kc6 3.Gb5 Kd5 4.Kb2 EAe5
5.Ka1 Kc4 6.Rg4+ Kb3 7.Gb2 Ka3 8.Gb1
EAe1#

1.Kd5 Kf6 2.Kc6 Ke5 3.Gb5 Kd4 4.Kb7 EAe4
5.Gb8 Kc5 6.Ka8 Kb6 7.Gb7+ Ka6 8.Rg5
EAe8#

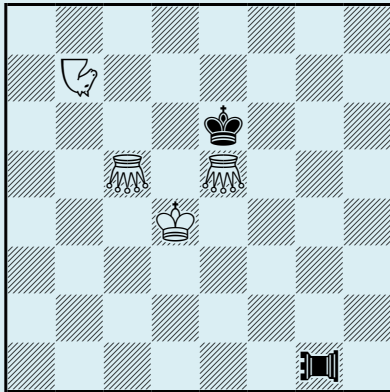
1.Ra3 Ke8 2.Kf6 EAe7 3.Kg7 EAb2 4.Kh8 Kf7
5.Gb1 Kg6 6.Gh7 Kf7 7.Gg7+ Kf8 8.Re3
EAh6#

Mating positions:



PDB [P1414327](#), WinChloe ID = 902987

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hs#9 (4+2) C+
 3 solutions
 ♖=Eagle
 ♘=Nightrider
 ♙=Grasshopper

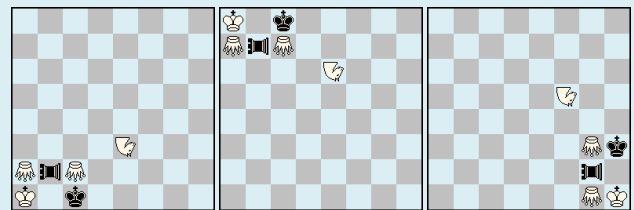
Triple exact echo.

1.Kc3 EAb4 2.Gc2 Kd5 3.Kb2 Kd4 4.Ga2 EAd5
 5.Ka1 Ke3 6.Ge2 EAa6 7.Nf5+ Kd2 8.Gc2+
 Kc1 9.Ne3 EAb2#

1.Na5 Kf6 2.Kd5 EAd6 3.Gc7 EAb6 4.Ga7 EAf5
 5.Kc6 Ke7 6.Kb7+ Kd8 7.Ka8 EAa4 8.Ng2+
 Kc8 9.Ne6 EAb7#

1.Ke3 EAf4 2.Gg3 EAh4 3.Kf2 Kf6 4.Gg1
 EAe5+ 5.Kg2 Kg5 6.Ne1+ Kh4 7.Kh1 EAd1
 8.Nb7+ Kh3 9.Nf5 EAg2#

Mating positions:

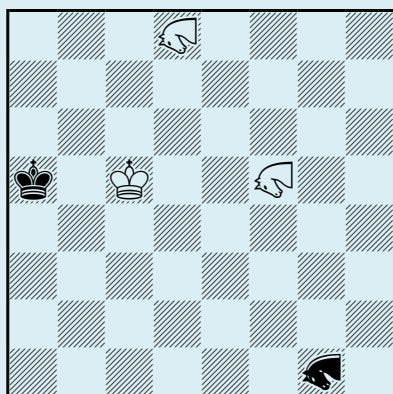


PDB [P1414328](https://pdb.com/P1414328), WinChloe ID = 906645

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hs#8 (3+2) C+

3 solutions

♞♜ = Beetle (scarabée)

Triple exact echo.

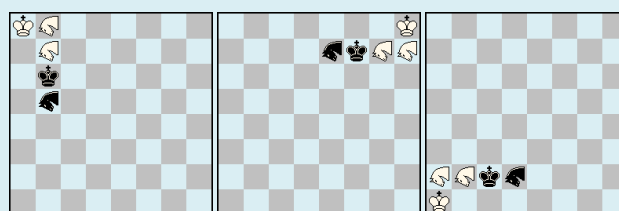
PDB [P1416543](#), WinChloe ID = 920586

1.SCa4 SCa6 2.SCb7 Ka4 3.Kb6+ Kb4 4.SCd4
SCd8 5.Kc7 SCb5 6.Kb8 Ka5 7.Ka8 Ka6 8.SCb8
Kb6#

1.Kd4 SCb5 2.Ke5 Kb6 3.Kf6 Kc6 4.Kg7 SCe7
5.Kh8 Kd7 6.SCb8 Ke8 7.SCg7 Kf8 8.SCh7
Kf7#

1.Kc4 Kb6 2.Kb3 Kc5 3.Ka2 Kd4 4.SCc2 Kd3
5.SCb2 Kd2 6.SCf1 Kc1 7.Ka1 SCd2 8.SCa2
Kc2#

Mating positions:

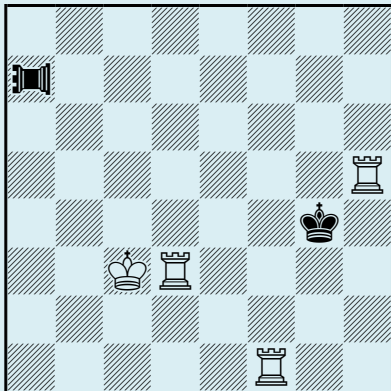


Published with a comment: "Triple écho dans les coins a8, h8 et a1, cette fois-ci avec un Scarabée, pièce peu utilisée jusqu'à présent par Václav."

Beetle (scarabée) was invented in 1970 by the French composer Roméo Bédoni. Only WinChloe is able to test such problems (not implemented in Popeye either in Alybadix). For the definition see page 380.

C+, WinChloe 17 h 33 m

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original



hs#6 (4+2) C+
4 solutions
♖=Sparrow

4-fold echo (or two pairs of echoes).
Mate with a double check.

WinChloe ID = 931163

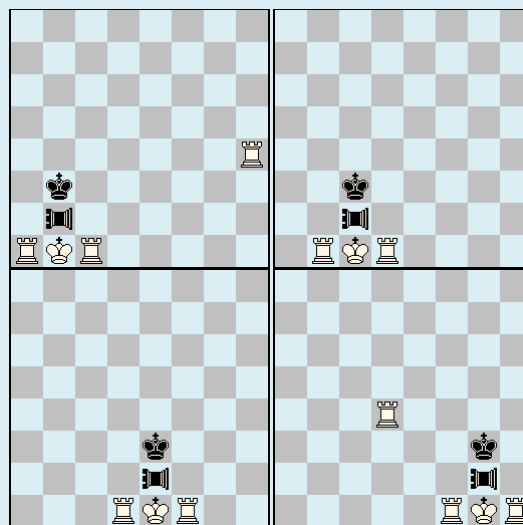
1.Rc1 Kf4 2.Kc2 Ke4 3.Ra3 Kd4 4.Raa1 Kc4
5.Kb1+ Kb3 6.Rh4 SPb2#

1.Rb1 Kf4 2.Rdd1 Ke4 3.Kd2 Kd4 4.Rh2 SPd5
5.Kc1+ Kc3 6.Rc2+ SP:c2#

1.Rd7 SPc8 2.Rdd1 SPf4 3.Rh2 Kf5 4.Kd2 Ke4
5.Ke1 Ke3 6.Re2+ SP:e2#

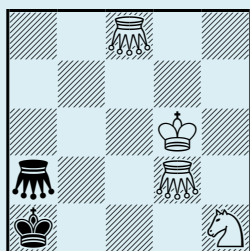
1.Kd4 SPc4+ 2.Ke3 SPf5+ 3.Kf2 SPg6 4.Kg1
SPh6 5.Rd4+ Kg3 6.Rh1 SPg2#

Mating positions:



See also [\[296\]](#) for the helpmate form.

164. Václav Kotěšovec
1091 Šachová skladba 139/2018
4. Prize



hs#8 (4+2) C+
3.1.1...
Chessboard 5x5
♟♞=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo.

PDB [P1362996](#), WinChloe ID = 701097

Na šachovnicích větších než 5x5 může černý cvrček ve svém posledním tahu odskočit směrem přes bílého jezdce a mat tedy nejde vynutit. Bílý jezdec musí být na okraji šachovnice a to je možné právě jen na šachovnici 5x5.

On chessboards larger than 5x5, the black grasshopper can skip over the white knight in its last move, so the checkmate cannot be forced. The white knight must be on the edge of the board and this is possible (without added material) only on a 5x5 board.

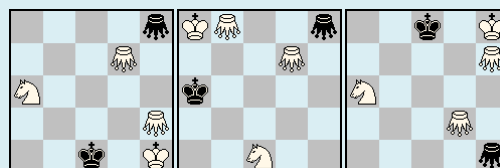
Judge A. Bulavka (Šachová skladba 149/2020, str. 3966-3973): "Obsah všech tří úloh je stejný: tři barevná echa v různých rozích šachovnice. Existují samozřejmě rozdíly. Jsou to výběr figur a matové obrazce. Právě to určilo umístění každého problému v turnaji. Úloha 1091 se mi zdála trochu zábavnější, jak co se týče matové pozice, tak i tempové pozice před ní. Navíc, poněkud nečekaně, použití bílého jezdce jako jedné z figur. Zajímavá je geometrie před matujícím tahem v 1089 [165]: tři cvrčci seřazení v řadě se také ukázali jako nebezpeční. Liší se také od ostatních dvou v tom, že zde musíte na požadované pole přivést ne jednoho, ale celé hejno cvrčků. Což bílý král a dáma zvládají velmi dobře. Autor udělal dobře, že v komentářích poukázal na fungování těchto úloh právě jen na šachovnicích 5x5 (i když bylo možné přidat „bez přidání materiálu“). Koneckonců, bezdůvodná změna velikosti šachovnice není dobrá."

1.Gd4 Kb2 2.Ke2 Kc3 3.Gc2 Gd2 4.Kd1 Kb2
5.Ge2 Kb1 6.Sc2 Gb2 7.Ke1 Kc1 8.Sa3 Ge5#

1.Kc4 Gd5 2.Ge5 Gb3 3.Sd3 Ge3 4.Gd4 Gc5
5.Gb5 Gc3 6.Kb4 Ka2 7.Ka5 Ka3 8.Sc1 Ge5#

1.Kc3 Ge2 2.Gc2 Ka2 3.Kd3 Kb3 4.Ge4 Ge5
5.Kd4 Gc3 6.Ke5 Kc4 7.Sc2 Kc5 8.Sa3 Ge1#

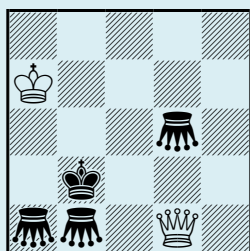
Mating positions:



Judge A. Bulavka (Šachová skladba 149/2020, p. 3966-3973): "Содержание всех трех задач совершенно одинаково: три эхо-хамелеонных мата в разных углах доски. Различия, естественно, есть. Это набор фигур и матовые картинки. Именно это и определило место каждой задачи в турнире. № 1091 мне показалась немного веселее как в плане матовой позиции, так и в предшествующей ей позиции цугцванга. Плюс несколько неожиданно использование в качестве одного из персонажей белого коня. Интересная геометрия перед матующим ходом в № 1089 [165]: три выстроившихся в цепочку сверчка тоже, оказывается, бывают опасны. Отличается она от двух других также тем, что здесь нужно притянуть на нужное поле не одного, а целую стаю сверчков. С чем белые король и ферзь очень хорошо справляются.

Автор правильно сделал, что указал в комментариях о необходимости в этих задачах именно доски 5x5 (правда, можно было добавить «без добавления материала»). Ведь необоснованное изменение размеров доски не есть хорошо."

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 1089 Šachová skladba 139/2018
5. Prize



hs#7 (2+4) C+
 0.3.1.1...
 Chessboard 5x5
 ♠=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo.

PDB [P1364919](#), WinChloe ID = 699247

Matovou pozici je možné vynutit jen na šachovnici 5x5. Na šachovnicích větších rozměrů nemusí v posledním tahu černý cvrček táhnout na pole sousedící s bílým králem, ale může táhnout prostřední černý cvrček směrem od krále, takže mat nejde vynutit.

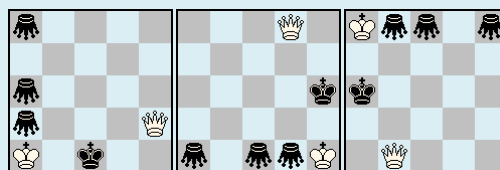
The checkmate position can be forced only on a 5x5 chessboard. On larger chessboards, the black grasshopper does not have to move on the square adjacent to the white king on the last move, but the middle black grasshopper can move away from the king, so the checkmate cannot be forced.

1. - Ge4 2.Qe2+ Kc1 3.Kb3 Ga3 4.Kb4 Gea4
 5.Kb3 Ga5 6.Ka2 G1a3+ 7.Ka1 Ga2#

1. - Ge1 2.Qb3+ Kc1 3.Qd5 Kd2 4.Kb3 Ke3
 5.Kc2 Gb1 6.Kd1 Gec1+ 7.Ke1 Gd1#

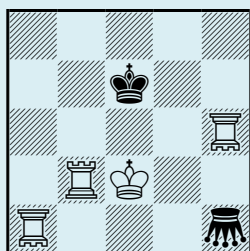
1. - Ga5 2.Kb5 Ge1 3.Qa4 Gc5 4.Qd4+ Ka3
 5.Ka5 Gd5 6.Qe4 Gee5 7.Qb1 Gb5#

Mating positions:



Judge A. Bulavka (Šachová skladba 149/2020, p. 3966-3973).

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1090 Šachová skladba 139/2018
6. Prize



hs#8 (4+2) C+
3.1.1...
Chessboard 5x5
♟=Grasshopper
♖=Rookhopper

Triple exact echo.

PDB [P1375427](#), WinChloe ID = 700141

Na šachovnicích větších než 5x5 nebude bílý král v matu, protože bílý věžový cvrček může odskočit přes černého cvrčka. A pokud umístíme černého cvrčka až na okraj šachovnice, může táhnout černý král po této linii směrem od bílého krále a nemusí proto nutně brát bílou věž.

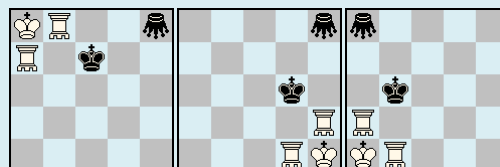
On chessboards larger than 5x5, the white king will not be in the checkmate, because a white rookhopper can skip over a black grasshopper. And if we place a black grasshopper to the edge of the board, the black king can move along this line away from the white king and therefore does not necessarily capture the white rook.

1.Rb4+ Kc5 2.Kb3 Ga5 3.Rc4+ Kd5 4.Kb4 Gc3
5.RHb3 Ga3 6.RHa4 Gc5 7.RHb5+ Ge5 8.Ka5
K:c4#

1.Rb3 Ge4 2.RHe5 Kd4 3.Re3 Gc4 4.RHe2 Gc1
5.RHd1 Gc3 6.Kd2 Ge5 7.Rd3+ Ke4 8.Ke1
K:d3#

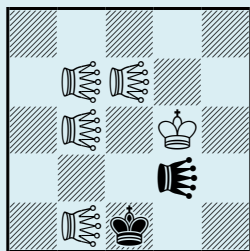
1.Kc1 Kc3 2.RHb3 Kb4 3.Kb1 Ka3 4.RHa4 Kb4
5.Ka1 Ga5 6.RHb1+ Ka3 7.RHa2 Ka4 8.Rb3
K:b3#

Mating positions:



Judge A. Bulavka (Šachová skladba 149/2020, p. 3966-3973).

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original



hs#7 (5+2) C+
3 solutions
♖♗ = Sparrow

Triple exact echo

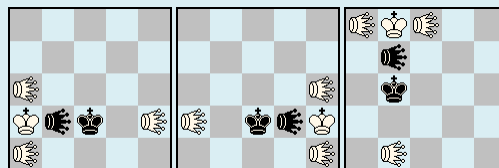
WinChloe ID = 931888

1.SPcb2+ Kd1 2.SPa1 Ke1 3.Kc2 SPe2
4.Kb1 Kd2 5.SPa3 SPe1 6.Ka2+ Kc2 7.SPe2
SP:b2#

1.SP1a2+ SPb1 2.Ke2 SPa1 3.SPd1+ Kb1
4.SPbd2 Ka2 5.SPe1 Kb1 6.SPa2+ Kc2
7.SPe3 SP:d2#

1.SPb5 Kb2 2.SP3a4 Ka3 3.SPba5 SPb5
4.SPc5 SPa2 5.Kc4 SPa1 6.Kb5 Kb3 7.SPb4
SP:b4#

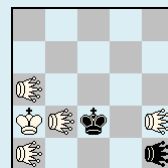
Mating positions:



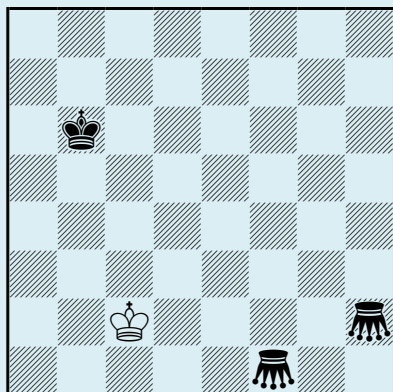
Na šachovnici 8x8 by černý v prvním řešení nemusel hrát v posledním tahu 7. - SP:b2 ale 7. - SPf1!. A pokud bychom posunuli černého SPe1 třeba až na pole h1, přestalo by být kryté pole d2 a následovalo by 7. - Kd2!. Šachovnice 5x5 je proto (bez přidání dalšího materiálu) nezbytná.

On an 8x8 chessboard, in the first solution Black would not have to play 7. - SP:b2 in the last move, but 7. - SPf1!. And if we move Black's SPe1 to the h1 square, for example, the d2 square would no longer be covered and 7. - Kd2! would follow. Therefore, a 5x5 chessboard is necessary (without adding any additional material).

Position before last move (first solution):



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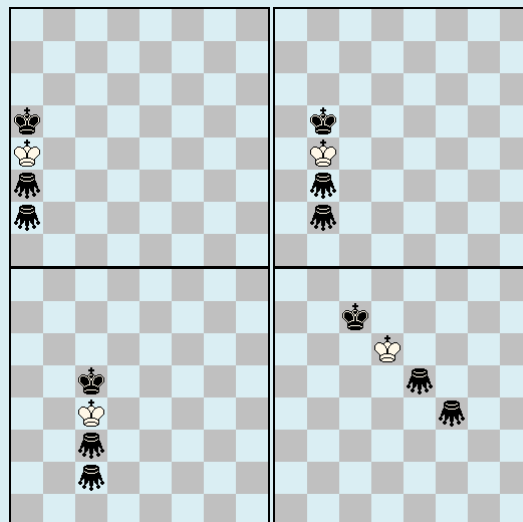
hs#4 (1+3) C+

4 solutions
Madrasi Rex Inklusiv
♙=Grasshopper

4-fold echo

1.Kb1 Ga1 2.Kb2 Ga2 3.Kb3 Ka5 4.Ka4 Ga3#
1.Kc1 Gb1 2.Kc2 Gb2 3.Kc3 Kb5 4.Kb4 Gb3#
1.Kd1 Gc1 2.Kd2 Gc2 3.Kd3 Kc5 4.Kc4 Gc3#
1.Kd3 Gc4 2.Ke4 Gf4 3.Kd5 Kc7 4.Kd6 Ge5#

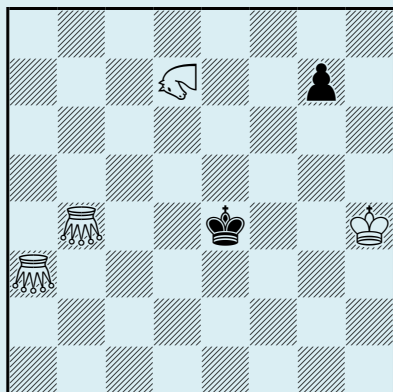
Mating positions:



PDB [P1344322](https://pdb.org/P1344322), WinChloe ID = 685290

Comments of the solvers: "One-Liner Matts diagonal und orthogonal, einfach toll. Ich liebe solche Aufgaben" (Erich Bartel). "Drei perfekte Echos und ein gedrehtes" (Bernd Schwarzkopf).

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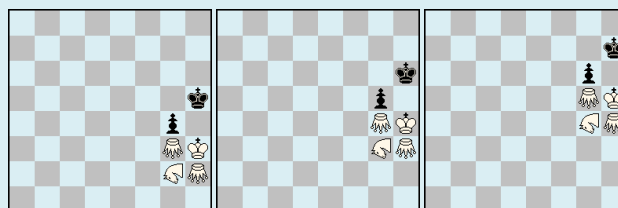
hs#6 (4+2) C+
3 solutions
♘=Giraffe
♙=Grasshopper

1.Kh3 Kf3 2.Gg3 Kf4 3.Glc3 Kg5 4.Gd2 Kh5
5.GIg2 g5 6.Gh2 g4#

1.Gle3 Kf4 2.Gg4 Kf5 3.Gf3 Kg6 4.Glf7 Kh6
5.GIg3 g6 6.Gh3 g5#

1.Gc5 Kf5 2.Gg5 Kg6 3.Glc3 Kh7 4.Kh5 Kh8
5.GIg4+ Kh7 6.Gh4 g6#

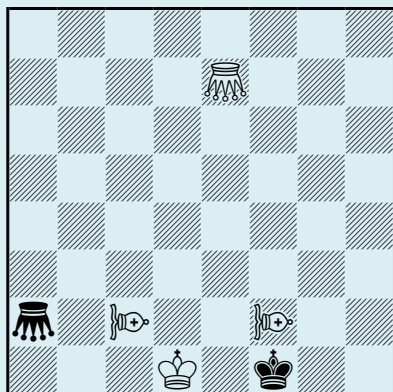
Mating positions:



Triple exact echo with a shift [0,1] and [0,2].

PDB [P1387956](#), WinChloe ID = 807053

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hs#12 (4+2) C+

2 solutions

♞=Antelope

♞♞=Grasshopper

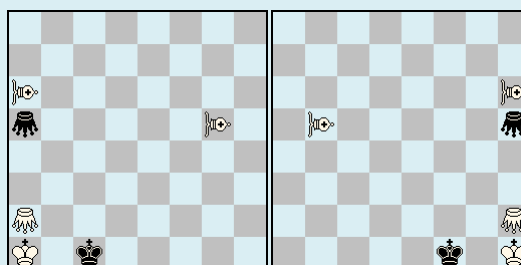
Exact echo.

WinChloe ID = 930391

1.Kc1 Ke2 2.ANb5 Ke3 3.Ge2 Gd2 4.Ga6 Gf4
5.Kb2 Kd2 6.ANe1 Gc1 7.ANh5+ Ke2 8.ANd2
Ga3 9.Ga2 Kd1 10.ANa6 Ga7 11.Ka1 Kc1
12.ANg5 Ga5#

1.ANg5 Kg2 2.Gh4 Kh3 3.Gh2 Kg2 4.Ke2 Kg1
5.Kf3 Kf1 6.ANd1 Ke1 7.ANa5 Ga6 8.ANe2
Gf1+ 9.Kg2 Gh3 10.ANh6 Gh7 11.Kh1 Kf1
12.ANb5 Gh5#

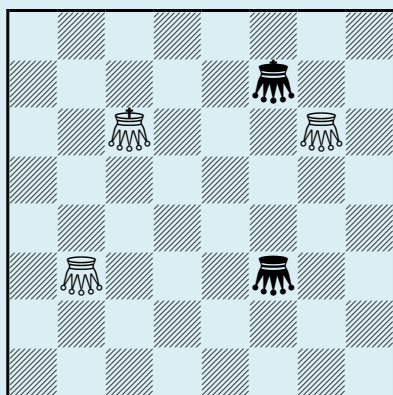
Mating positions:



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hs#10

(3+2) C+

4.1.1...

royal Grasshoppers c6/f7

  =Grasshopper

4-fold mono echo

PDB [P1378302](https://pdb.com/P1378302), WinChloe ID = 610992

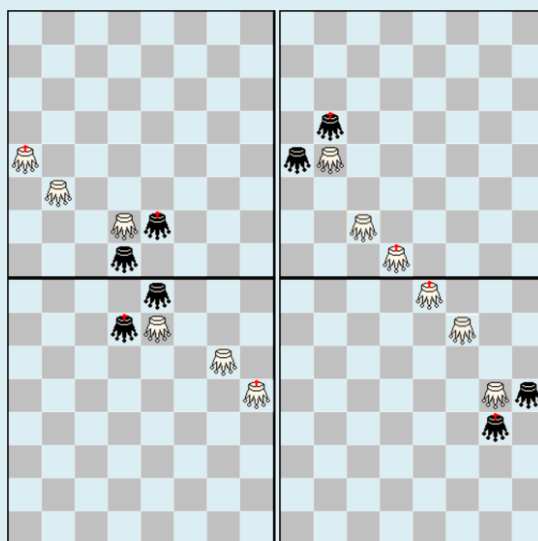
1.Gb6 rGa2 2.rGa6 rGc4 3.rGd3 rGe2 4.Gb2
Gd1 5.Gf2 Gd4 6.rGf1 rGg2 7.rGf3 rGe2
8.rGd1 rGg2 9.rGa4 rGe2 10.Gd2 Gd1#

1.Gg8 Gf8 2.Ge6 Gf6 3.Gb6 rGf5 4.Ge4 Gf4
5.Gd6 rGd3 6.Gc2 rGd7 7.Gb6 rGb5 8.rGa4
rGb7 9.rGd1 rGb5 10.Gb4 Ga4#

1.Gg3 Gb7 2.Ge8 Gg7 3.Gg8 Ge7 4.Gge6 Ge5
5.Gg6 rGd5 6.Gc4 rGb7 7.Gc7 rGd7 8.rGe8
rGb7 9.rGh5 rGd7 10.Ge7 Ge8#

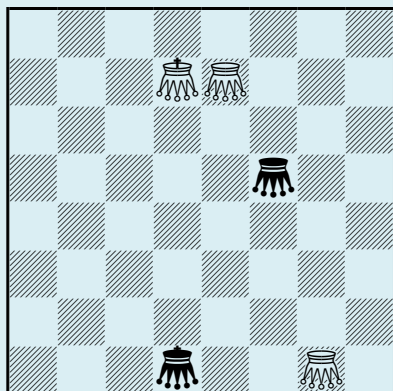
1.rGg2 rGh5 2.Gg1 rGe2 3.rGe4 rGg4 4.Gg5
rGe2 5.rGe1 Gd1 6.rGe3 rGe4 7.rGe5 rGe6
8.Gf7 rGg8 9.rGh5 rGg4+ 10.rGe8 Gh5#

Mating positions:



Judge Vasil Dyachuk (Pat a Mat 108/2019, p. 63)

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hs#12 (3+2) C+
 4.1.1...
 royal Grasshoppers d7/d1
 ♔♔=Grasshopper

4-fold chameleon echo

PDB [P1378303](https://pdb.com/P1378303), WinChloe ID = 612061

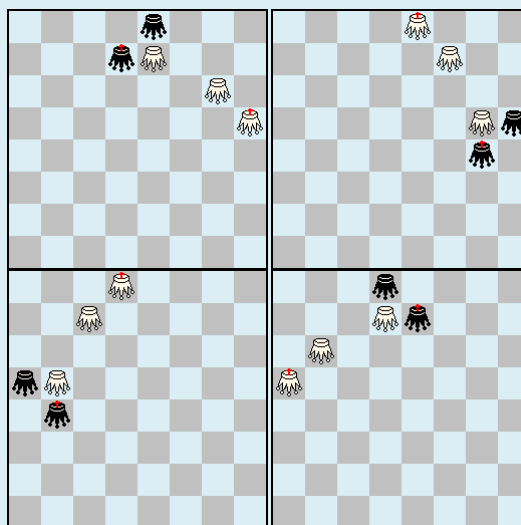
1.Gc1 rGb1 2.Gc7 rGg6 3.Gc8 rGe4 4.Gc6 Gc8
 5.Ge7 rGb7 6.rGa7 Ga6 7.rGa5 rGd5 8.Ge4
 Ga4 9.rGe5 rGf5 10.Gg6 rGh7 11.rGe8 rGd7+
 12.rGh5 Ge8#

1.rGg4 rGh5 2.Gg5 rGf3 3.Ge5 Gd5 4.rGe2
 rGc6 5.Ge4+ Gf5 6.Gg5 Gh5 7.Gb7 Gd1 8.Gd5
 rGe4 9.rGe5 rGe6 10.Gf7 rGg8 11.rGh5 rGg4+
 12.rGe8 Gh5#

1.Gc7 rGd8 2.Ge7 rGf6 3.Gc7 Gf7 4.rGg7 Gf5
 5.rGe5 rGd4 6.Gc5 Gd5 7.Ge3 Gf5 8.rGc3 rGb2
 9.Gb3 rGb4 10.rGa5 rGb2 11.rGd8 rGb4
 12.Gb5 Ga5#

1.rGf7 Gf8 2.rGd7 rGd8 3.rGf7 Gff6 4.Gg7
 rGg5 5.rGf5 rGe7 6.Gd7 rGg5 7.rGh5 Gh4
 8.rGf5 rGe5 9.rGd5 rGc5 10.Gb6 rGa7 11.rGd8
 rGe7+ 12.rGa5 Gd8#

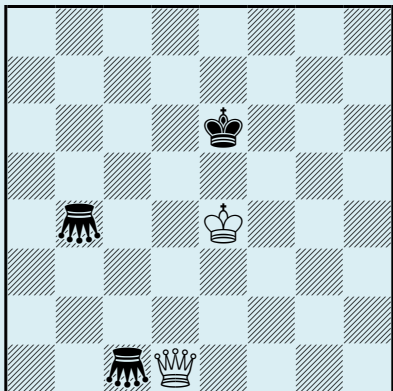
Mating positions:



Judge Vasil Dyachuk (Pat a Mat 108/2019, p. 63)

helpselfmates
(maximummers)

173. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1849 StrateGems 88/2019
2. Prize
FIDE Album 2019-21 (from WCCI)



hs#8 (2+3) C+
 4.1.1...
 Maximummer
 ♫=Grasshopper

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1378062](#), WinChloe ID = 747650

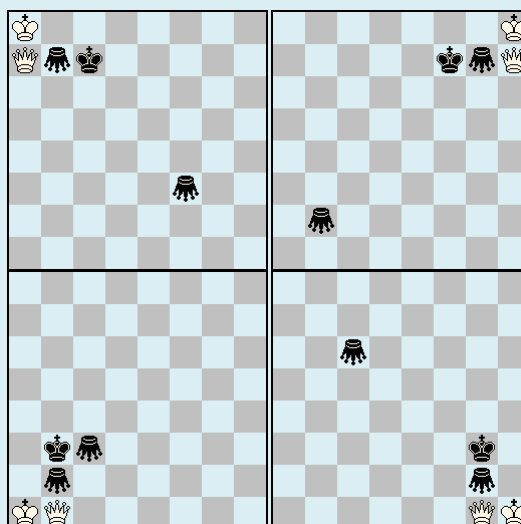
1.Qd5+ Kf6 2.Qd6+ Kg5 3.Kf3 Gh6 4.Kg2 Gc6
 5.Qc5+ Kf4 6.Kh1 Gg4 7.Qc1+ Kg3 8.Qg1+
 Gg2#

1.Qb3+ Kd7 2.Kf5 Gb2 3.Kg6 Ga3 4.Qd3+
 Ke6 5.Kh7 Ge3 6.Kh8 Ge7 7.Qh3+ Kf7
 8.Qh7+ Gg7#

1.Kd3 Ge1 2.Qe2+ Ge3 3.Kc2 Kd5 4.Kb1 Ge1
 5.Qd2+ Kc4 6.Ka1 Gc3 7.Qd3+ Kb3 8.Qb1+
 Gb2#

1.Kd4 Ge4 2.Kc5 Gc6 3.Kb6 Gf3 4.Ka7 Ge7
 5.Qb3+ Kd7 6.Qa4+ Kc8 7.Ka8 Kc7 8.Qa7+
 Gb7#

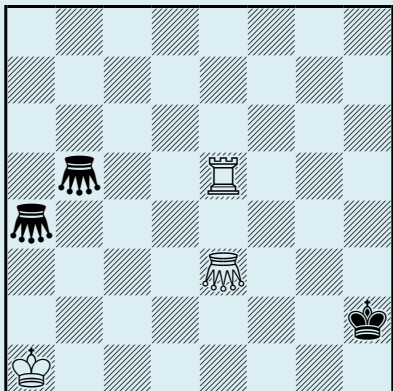
Mating positions:



Solver Wilfried Seehofer (SG90/2020): "An incredible four-corner problem by Václav, a candidate for the award."

Judge A.Bulavka (SG 96/2021, p. 199): "Four chameleon-echo mates in different corners of the board. Note that the echo is not absolute, since the mating piece is located on different margins relative to the main group of pieces. However, this does not affect the quality of the problem."

174. Václav Kotěšovec
[1423](#) Julia's Fairies 28.7.2019
Prize special
FIDE Album 2019-21 (from WCCI)



hs#8 (3+3) C+
 4.1.1...
 Maximummer
 ♖♗=Grasshopper

4-fold echo

PDB [P1378023](#), WinChloe ID = 741906

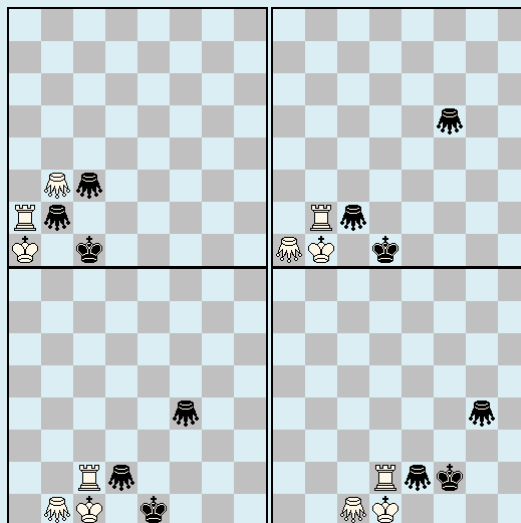
1.Rh5+ Kg3 2.Gh3 Gc6 3.Rg5+ Kf4 4.Rg4+ Ke3 5.Rc4 Gc3 6.Ra4 Kd2 7.Ra2+ Kc1 8.Gb3 Gb2#

1.Kb1 Gf5 2.Ra5 Ga6 3.Ra2+ Kg1 4.Rd2 Kf1 5.Gc1 Ke1 6.Rb2 Kd1 7.Ga3 Ga2 8.Ga1 Gc2#

1.Rc5 Gc6 2.Rc2+ Kg3 3.Kb1 Gc1 4.Rc3 Gf4 5.Gb3+ Kf2 6.Rc2+ Ke1 7.Kc1 Gb2 8.Gb1 Gd2#

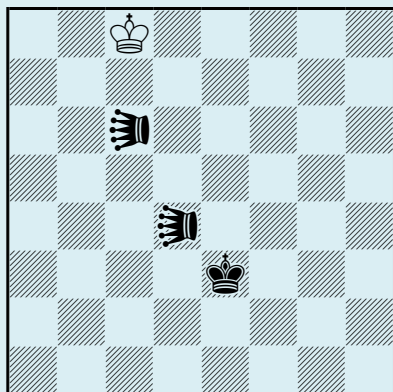
1.Rf5 Gg5 2.Kb1 Gd2 3.Gc1 Kg1 4.Kc2 Gd1 5.Rf3 Gg4 6.Rd3 Gb2 7.Kd1 Kf2 8.Rd2+ Ge2#

Mating positions:



Jugde Petko Petkov ([9.5.2023](#)): "Although Maximummer is a very restrictive condition, in the HS# genre it "works" very well, as shown by a large number of opuses of distinguished composers. In particular, in this arena, the famous master of the Bohemian school, Kotešovec, demonstrated great achievements. In this problem - with only 6 pieces on the board (Aristocratic material) the author presents a fourphase play in which the solutions end with ideal mates with a chameleon-echo character. The strategy is optimal - the two white pieces block squares around the wK, and the two black Grasshoppers form surprising anti-batteries."

175. Václav Kotěšovec
898 mpk-Blätter 126/2020



hs#8 (1+3) C+
3 solutions
Maximummer
♖=Eagle

Triple echo

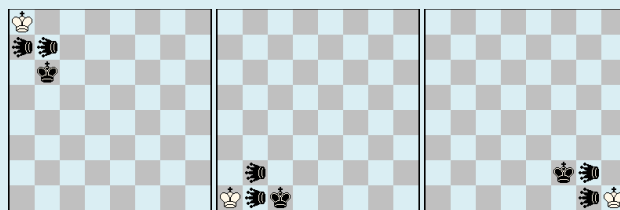
PDB [P1379785](https://pdb.com/P1379785), WinChloe ID = 761799

1.Kd7 EAc7+ 2.Kc8 EAb7+ 3.Kd7 EAd6 4.Ke8
Kd4 5.Kd8 EAe8 6.Kc7 Kc5 7.Kb8 Kb6 8.Ka8
EAa7#

1.Kb7 EAc8 2.Kb6 EAa5 3.Kb5 Kd2 4.Kb4 EAa3
5.Ka4 Kc1 6.Kb3 EAb1 7.Ka2 EAd2 8.Ka1
EAb2#

1.Kd8 EAe8 2.Ke7 EAd5 3.Kf6 EAf5+ 4.Kg5
EAf4+ 5.Kh4 EAh5+ 6.Kh3 EAg2 7.Kh2 Kf2
8.Kh1 EAg1#

Mating positions:

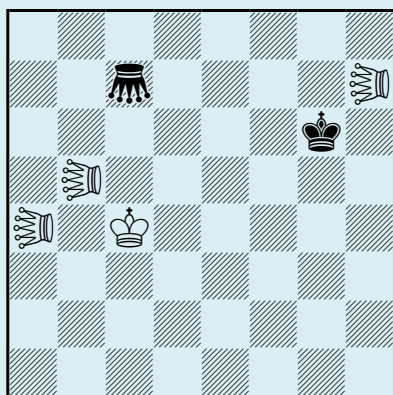


Comment in mpk: "Mich würde wirklich interessieren, wie man auf solch einen langzügigen Wenigsteiner kommt."

176. Václav Kotěšovec

4273 Šachmatija 1/2020

2. Prize



hs#12

(4+2) C+

3 solutions

Maximummer

♁=Grasshopper

♂=Kangaroo

Triple exact echo

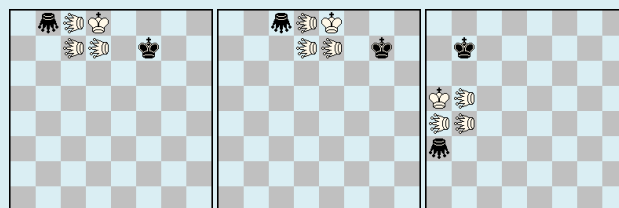
PDB [P1379786](#), WinChloe ID = 765269

1.Kc5 Gc4 2.Kc6 Gc7 3.KAd7 Gc5 4.Kd5 Ge5
5.KAf5 Gg5 6.Ke6 Gg7 7.KAc8 Gc7 8.Ke5 Gf4
9.Ke6 Kh5 10.Ke7 Kg6 11.Kd8 Kf7 12.KAc7
Gb8#

1.Kd5 Kf5 2.KAg5 Kg4 3.Ke5 Gf4 4.KAh4 Gd6
5.Ke4 Kh5 6.Kf5 Kh6 7.Kf6 Gg6 8.KAe7 Gg4
9.KAd8 Kh5 10.Kf7 Kh6 11.Ke8 Kg7 12.KAd7
Gc8#

1.Kb4 Kf7 2.KAb7 Gg7 3.KAb3 Ge7 4.Kc5 Gb4
5.Kd4 Ge4 6.Kc5 Ke8 7.Kb6 Kd7 8.Ka5 Kc6
9.KAd7 Gb7 10.KAb8 Ge7 11.KAa4 Kb7
12.KAb4 Ga3#

Mating positions:



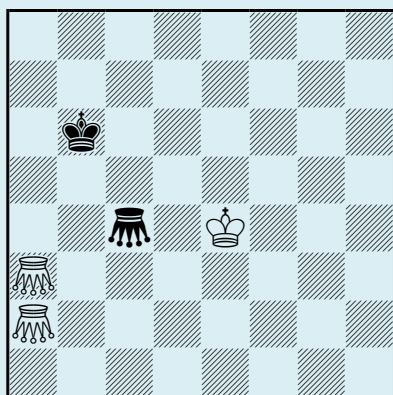
Solution was published with a comment (Šachmatija 3/2020, p. 24): "Neabejotinai kompiuterinis kurinys, bet keisčiausia, kad visa tai veikia." On page 24, three mating positions were published on the diagrams.

Judge Vil. Satkus (Sachmatija 1/2022)

177. Václav Kotěšovec

17. Tzuica 2019

5. Honorable Mention



hs#11 (3+2) C+

3.1.1...

Maximummer

♙♛=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

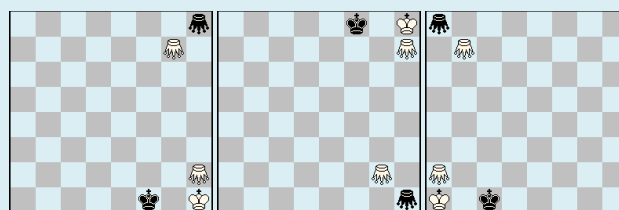
PDB [P1378501](https://pdb.org/P1378501), WinChloe ID = 742782

1.Ga1 Gf4 2.Kd5 Ka5 3.Kc5 Ka4 4.Kd5 Kb3
5.Ke4 Gd4 6.Kf3 Kc2 7.Kg2 Kd1 8.Gh2 Ke2
9.Kh1 Kf1 10.Ge5 Gf6 11.Gg7 Gh8#

1.Kd5 Ge6 2.Ga4 Ga6 3.Ga7 Ga2 4.Ke6 Gf7
5.Ga8 Gd5 6.Kf6 Kc7 7.Kg7 Kd8 8.Gh7 Ke7
9.Kh8 Kf8 10.Ge4 Gf3 11.Gg2 Gh1#

1.Ke3 Kc5 2.Gf3 Gc6 3.Kd2 Gg2 4.Gh1 Gc2
5.Kc3 Gc4 6.Kb2 Gc6 7.Gc2 Kd4 8.Ga2 Ke3
9.Kb1 Kd2 10.Ka1 Kc1 11.Gb7 Ga8#

Mating positions:

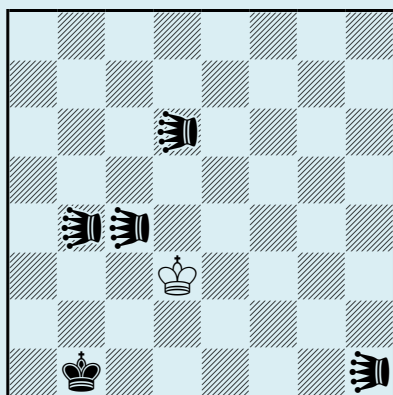


Judges Vlaicu Crişan & Eric Huber: "Another spectacular composition in Bohemian style: three model mates are methodically built in eleven moves in three different corners. The economy is amazing and only one half-move is repeated (Ke4-d5)."

178. Václav Kotěšovec

[691](#) Julia's Fairies 2015

8. Honorable Mention



hs#15

(1+5) C+

3.1.1...

Maximummer

♙=Kangaroo

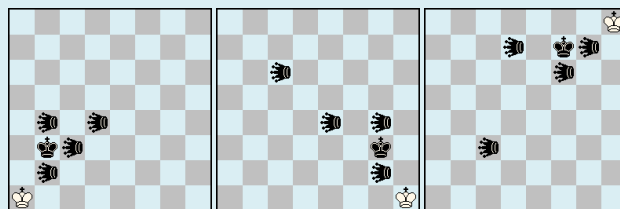
Triple echo

1.Ke4 KAf4 2.Ke5 KAg3 3.Kd6 KAc7 4.Kc6
KAc3 5.Kc5 KAc6 6.Kd5 KAb7 7.Kc5 KAc3
8.Kd4 KAg4 9.Kc4 KAb4 10.Kd4 KAa4 11.Kc4
KAd4 12.Kd3 Ka2 13.Kc2 Ka3 14.Kb1 Kb3
15.Ka1 KAb2#

1.Ke2 Kc2 2.Ke3 Kd1 3.Kd3 Ke1 4.Kd4 KAe4
5.Kd5 KAc6 6.Ke5 Kf2 7.Kf6 KAg6 8.Ke6 KAh6
9.Kd6 KAc6 10.Ke5 Kg1 11.Kf4 KAg4 12.Ke3
Kh2 13.Kf2 Kh3 14.Kg1 Kg3 15.Kh1 KAg2#

1.Kd4 KAe4 2.Kd5 KAc6 3.Kc5 KAc7 4.Kc4
KAc3 5.Kd5 KAb7 6.Ke6 KAf6 7.Kd5 Kc2 8.Kc5
Kd3 9.Kd5 KAd2 10.Kd6 KAd7 11.Ke6 Kc4
12.Kf5 Kd5 13.Kg6 Ke6 14.Kh7 Kf7 15.Kh8
KAg7#

Mating positions:



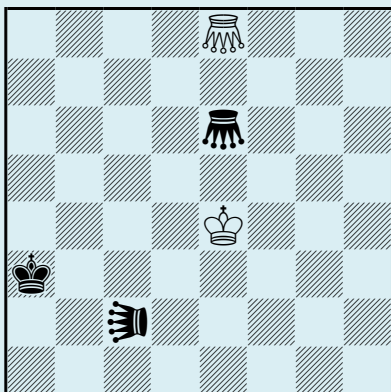
PDB [P1378375](#), WinChloe ID = 559156

Judge Kostas Prentos: "The white King is mated on three different corners of the board. Nice echo mates unify the three solutions. Another impressive technical achievement by the specialist of this type of problems, but my comment about the low artistic impact of the 7th Honorable Mention applies here, as well. In fact, the weakness of the monotonous play is amplified, due to the long solutions."

179. Václav Kotěšovec

G5 Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya 151/2020

1. Prize



hs#14

(2+3) C+

3 solutions

Maximummer

♠=Kangaroo

♠♠=Grasshopper

Triple echo.

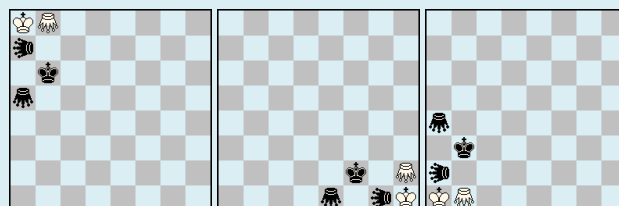
PDB [P1387689](https://pdb.com/P1387689), WinChloe ID = 766987

1.Kf5 Gg4 2.Kg5 Gg6 3.Kf5 KAh7 4.Gh5 KAe4
5.Ge5 KAh7 6.Kg4 Gg3 7.Gh2 Gg5 8.Kf3 Kb4
9.Ke4 Ka5 10.Kd5 Gc5 11.Kc6 Gc7 12.Kb7
KAa7 13.Ka8 Kb6 14.Gb8 Ga5#

1.Ke5 Ge4 2.Kf5 KAg6 3.Ke6 Gh7 4.Kd7 Gc7
5.Kc8 Kb2 6.Gb8 Kc1 7.Kd7 Ge7 8.Kc6 Kd2
9.Kd5 Ke1 10.Ke4 Ge3 11.Kf3 Gg3 12.Kg2
KAg1 13.Kh1 Kf2 14.Gh2 Ge1#

1.Ke3 Ge2 2.Kd2 KAf2 3.Ge1 KAc2 4.Ge3 KAf2
5.Kc3 Ge4 6.Gb3 Ka4 7.Gd3 Gc2 8.Kb2 KAA2
9.Ka1 Ge4 10.Gf5 Gg6 11.Gh7 Kb3 12.Gf5 Ge4
13.Gd3 Gc2 14.Gb1 Ga4#

Mating positions:

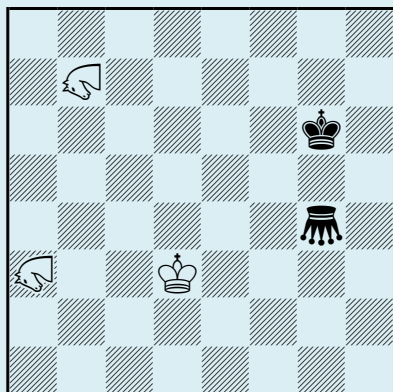


Judge Mikhail Khramtsevich: "Три эхо-хамелеонных мата в трех разных углах доски. Блестящее исполнение чешского мастера сказочного жанра! Игра всех без исключения фигур по всей доске. Приятно идентичное вступление в трех фазах в форме трех решений с определением стартовой позиции для дальнейшей игры черного сверчка."

180. Václav Kotěšovec

G6 Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya 151/2020

3. Prize



hs#15

(3+2) C+

3 solutions

Maximummer

♙=Grasshopper

♞=Nightriderhopper

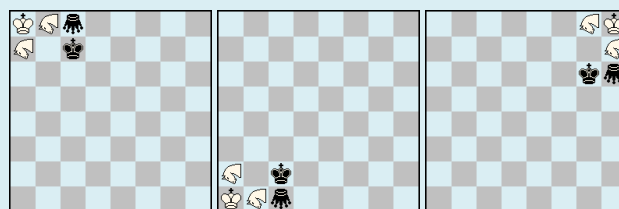
Triple echo.

1.Kc4 Gb4 2.Kc5 Gb8 3.NHd3 Kf7 4.Kc4 Ke8
5.NHe5 Gf4 6.NHh5 Gb4 7.Kd5 Kd7 8.NHb8
Kc8 9.Kc6 Kd8 10.Kc5 Gd6 11.Kb6 Ga6 12.Ka7
Ga8 13.Kb7 Gc6 14.Ka8 Kc7 15.NHa7 Gc8#

1.Ke4 Gd4 2.Kd3 Gd2 3.Kc4 Kf5 4.NHh4 Kg4
5.NHb1 Kh3 6.Kd3 Gd4 7.Kc2 Kg2 8.NHe1 Kf3
9.NHg5 Ke2 10.Kb2 Ga1 11.Ka2 Ga3 12.Kb3
Gc3 13.Ka2 Kd1 14.Ka1 Kc2 15.NHa2 Gc1#

1.NHe1 Gg7 2.Ke4 Gg5 3.NHh7 Gg7 4.Ke5+
Kh5 5.NHg6 Gd4 6.Ke6 Kg4 7.Ke7 Gh4
8.NHc8 Gd8 9.Kd7 Gd6 10.NHe4 Gd8 11.Ke8
Gf8 12.Kf7 Gf6 13.Kg8 Kh5 14.Kh8 Kg6
15.NHg8 Gh6#

Mating positions:



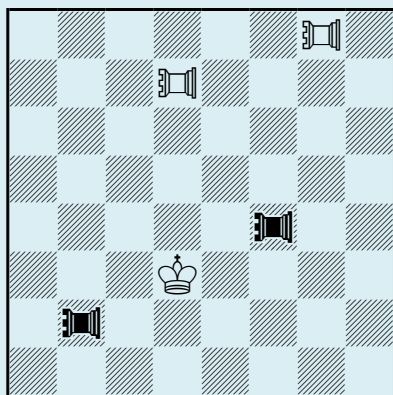
PDB [P1387690](#), WinChloe ID = 767678

Judge Mikhail Khramtsevich: "Еще одна замечательная задача с исполнением трех эхо-хамелеонных матов в трех углах доски. Эта композиция, на мой взгляд, уступает первому призу лишь из-за несовпадения вступительной игры в третьем решении. С моей точки зрения, автор проиграл, послав на конкурс две аналогичные по содержанию задачи. Эта композиция могла украсить верхнюю строчку итогов почти любого другого конкурса."

181. Václav Kotěšovec

4272 Šachmatija 1/2020

1. Prize



hs#7

(3+2) C+

4 solutions

Maximummer

♖♜=Eagle

(without the black king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners

PDB [P1378056](#), WinChloe ID = 767774

Comment by Michal Dragoun (49 Šachové umění 7/2024, p.192, in Czech): "V pomocném samomatu do předposledního tahu včetně černý bílému pomáhá ve vytvoření samomatu prvním tahem; podmínka maximálník znamená, že černý musí hrát geometricky nejdelší legální tahy. A použitá exofigura orel se pohybuje jako cvrček, překážku však nepřeskakuje rovně, ale zahne nad ní o 90 stupňů. Skladba 49 obsahuje čtyřnásobné echo matu s vazbou ve všech rozích šachovnice: například v závěrečném obrazci prvního řešení černý orel matuje přes bílého Ob7, který nemůže odejít, protože pak by šachoval Ob6 přes orla b8."

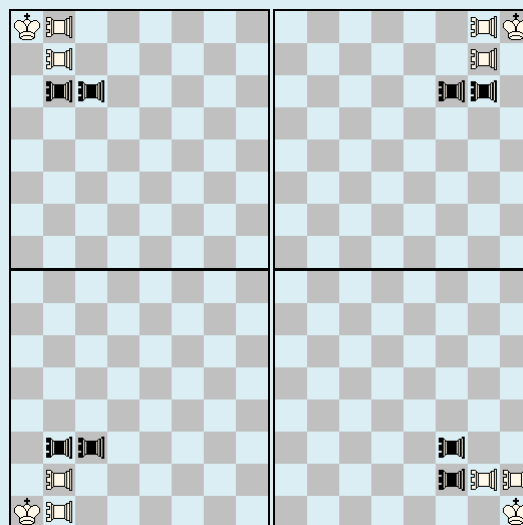
1.Kc4 EAc5 2.Kb5 EAa5 3.Kb6 EAc6+ 4.Kb7 EAa6 5.EAb8 EAc6 6.Ka8 EAb6+ 7.EAb7 EAc8,EAa6#

1.Ke4 EAe5 2.Kf5 EAf4 3.Kg6 EAf6 4.Kh7 EAg5 5.EAh8 EAf8 6.EAg7 EAg6+ 7.Kh8 EAh6,EAf8#

1.Ke2 EAe1 2.Kf2 EAe2+ 3.Kg1 EAg2+ 4.EAf2 EAgf3 5.EAh2 EAh3 6.EAg2 EAf2+ 7.Kh1 EAh3,EAf1#

1.EAe3 EAd4 2.Kc3 EAbd2 3.Kb2 EAc1+ 4.Ka2 EAa3 5.EAb2 EAac3 6.EAb1 EAb3+ 7.Ka1 EAe1,EAa3#

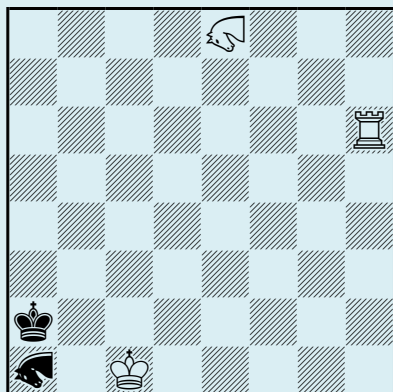
Positions before last move:



The solution published with a comment (Šachmatija 3/2020, p.24): "Pažiurekite j padetis prieš paskutini ejimą. Jas galite pamatyti sudetas j vieną diagramą 22 puslapyje. Neitiketina, kad tai yra apskritai galima padalyti." (Překlad z litevštiny: "Podívejte se na pozice před posledním tahem. Můžete je vidět zkombinované v jednom diagramu na straně 22. Je neuvěřitelné, že je to vůbec možné.")

Judge Vil. Satkus (Šachmatija 1/2022)

182. Václav Kotěšovec
8948 Phénix 312/2020



hs#7 (3+2) C+

4 solutions
Maximummer
♞♟=Sparrow

4-fold exact echo

PDB [P1385948](#), WinChloe ID = 798955

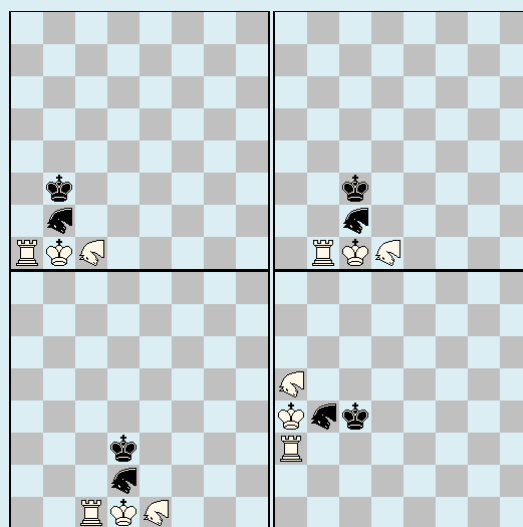
1.Rg6 SPb2 2.SPg7 SPf7 3.SPh7 SPa3 4.Ra6 Kb3
5.Kb1 SPb5 6.Ra1 SPa4 7.SPc1 SPb2#

1.Rh5 Kb3 2.SPh6 Kc4 3.Kc2 Kb4 4.Kc1 Ka3
5.SPd1 Kb4 6.Rb5+ Kc3 7.Rb1 SPc2#

1.Rf6 SPe6 2.SPd7 SPa3 3.Kd1 Kb3 4.SPe2 Kc4
5.Rc6+ Kd3 6.Rc1 SPb1 7.SPe1 SPd2#

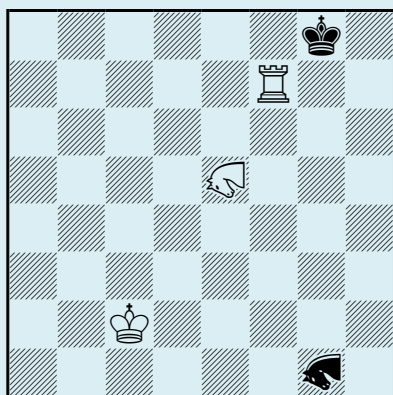
1.Kd2 Kb1 2.Kc3 SPb3 3.Kb4 SPa2 4.Ka4 Kc2
5.SPa5 Kd3 6.Rh3+ Kc4 7.Ra3 SPb4#

Mating positions:



Comment in Phénix: "Quatre mats en écho, avec une position de mat utilisant les spécificités du Moineau qui a besoin de deux sautoirs (un seul sautoir : il pare l'échec en se déplaçant !) pour faire mat des deux côtés !"

183. Václav Kotěšovec
 1887 Šachová skladba 145/2019
3.-4. Prize



hs#8 (3+2) C+
 4 solutions
 Maximummer
 ♖♜=Sparrow

Two pairs of exact echoes, the first pair with a shift [0,1] and the second pair with a shift [0,2]

PDB [P1378209](#), WinChloe ID = 761746

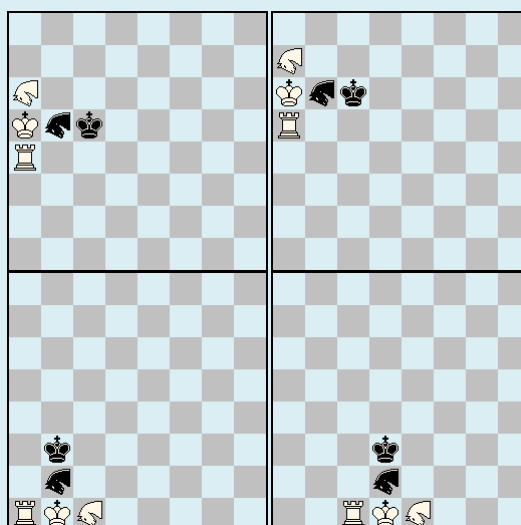
1.Rg7+ Kf8 2.Rg4 SPh3 3.Kb3 SPc2 4.Kb4 Ke7
 5.Ka5 Kd6 6.SPb6 Kc5 7.Ra4 SPa3 8.SPa6
 SPb5#

1.Kb3 SPh7 2.Ra7 SPb8 3.SPc8 SPa4 4.Ra5 Kf7
 5.Kc4 Ke6 6.Kb5 Kd5 7.Ka6+ Kc6 8.SPa7
 SPb6#

1.Ra7 SPb7 2.Ra2 Kf7 3.Kb3 SPa4+ 4.Kb2 Ke6
 5.SPf5 Kd5 6.Kb1 Kc4 7.SPc1 Kb3 8.Ra1 SPb2#

1.Rf8+ Kh7 2.Kd1 SPe2 3.SPf3 Kg6 4.Ra8 Kf5
 5.Ra2 SPb1 6.Rc2 Ke4 7.SPe1 Kd3 8.Rc1 SPd2#

Mating positions:



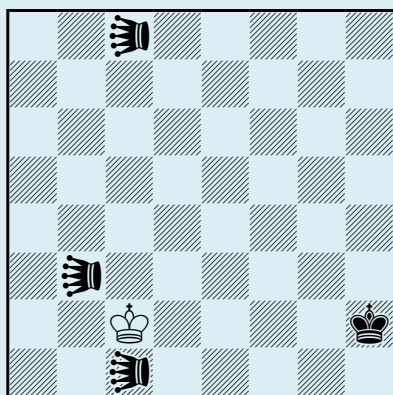
For similar mating positions see also [163] or [296].

Judge Ladislav Packa (Šachová skladba 162/2024, p.4373-8): "Typická „kotěšovka“. Vašek dokáže pomocou hŕstky kameňov veľmi zaujímavé echové efekty, vychutnajte si ich." (in Slovak)

184. Václav Kotěšovec

8847 Phénix 310/2020

1. Honorable Mention



hs#9

(1+4) C+

3.1.1...

Maximummer

♙ = Moose (Elan)

Triple exact echo

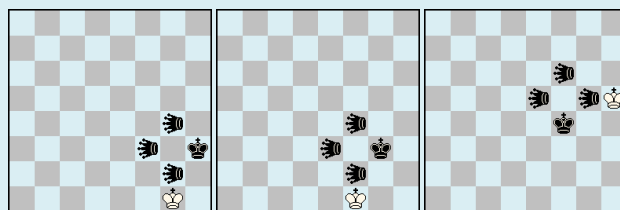
PDB [P1413215](#), WinChloe ID = 799892

1.Kc3 ELd2 2.Kc4 ELb5 3.Kd5 ELc6 4.Ke4 ELa3
5.Kf3 ELg4 6.Kf2 Kh3 7.Ke2 ELc1 8.Kf2 ELf3+
9.Kg1 ELg2#

1.Kd1 ELc1 2.Kc2 ELd1+ 3.Kb3 ELa3 4.Kc4
ELb5 5.Kd4 Kg3 6.Kc3 ELb3 7.Kd3 ELc3 8.Ke2
ELf4+ 9.Kf1 ELf2#

1.Kd3 ELc2 2.Kd4 Kg3 3.Kd5 Kf4 4.Kc6 ELd7
5.Kd5 ELc4+ 6.Ke6 ELc5 7.Kf7 ELf1 8.Kg6
ELf6+ 9.Kh5 ELg5#

Mating positions:



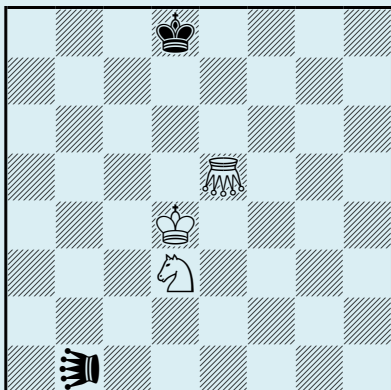
Judge Jacques Dupin (Phénix 340/2023, p.13237-13245):
"En 2020, cinq Tanagras de Václav Kotěšovec ont été publiés dans Phénix. Ils sont de la même veine. Ils utilisent des Sauterelles déviées, la condition Maximum pour les Noirs ou pour les Blancs et présentent des mats échos.

Devant ces problèmes, ce qui fascine (ou laisse indifférent), c'est de savoir que les solutions de ces problèmes sont les seuls fils ténus, dans un océan de possibilités, qui relient la position de départ à des positions de mat semblables. De ce point de vue, ce qui donne leur valeur à ces œuvres est du domaine de la beauté mathématique et donc difficile à mesurer. Faut-il préférer les aidés aux aidés inverses, les triples ou les quadruples solutions, une image de mat plutôt qu'une autre ?

Je n'ai pas tranché. Pour les départager et en retenir seulement deux, je me suis contenté de choisir ceux dont les solutions sont les plus plaisantes à rejouer ou les mats les plus agréables à regarder. Autrement dit, j'ai alloué une bonne part de la valeur accordée à l'intérêt visuel de la solution.

Pour la première place, mon choix s'est arrêté au 8847. On y voit le Roi blanc se démener en tous sens avec les trois Elans noirs, et une belle image de mat."

185. Václav Kotěšovec
F1305 Probleemblad 2/2020



hs#8 (3+2) C+

4 solutions
Maximummer
♂=Lion
♂=Grasshopper

Four corners

PDB [P1378071](#), WinChloe ID = 778143

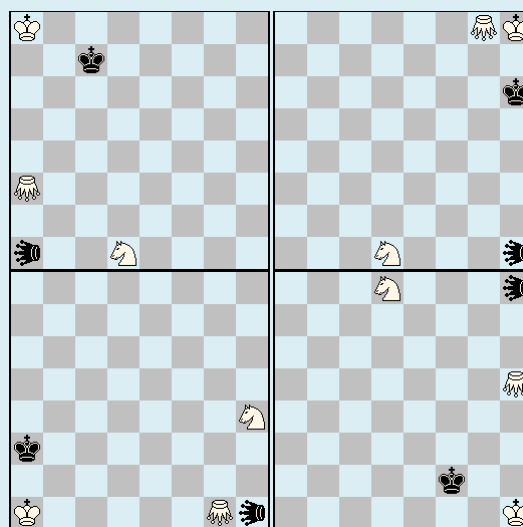
1.Sb2 Llb8 2.Kd5 Llh2 3.Ga1 Lla2 4.Ga3 Llg8
5.Kc6 Lla8 6.Kb7 Llh1 7.Ka8 Kc7 8.Sd1 Lla1#

1.Sf2 Ke7 2.Ge8 Kf8 3.Gg8 Kg7 4.Ke5 Kh6
5.Kf6 Kh5 6.Kg7 Kg5 7.Kh8 Kh6 8.Sd1 Llh1#

1.Sc5 Ke7 2.Ke3 Kf6 3.Kf2 Kg5 4.Gh5 Kf4
5.Kg2 Ke3 6.Kh1 Kf2 7.Sb7 Llb8 8.Sd8 Llh8#

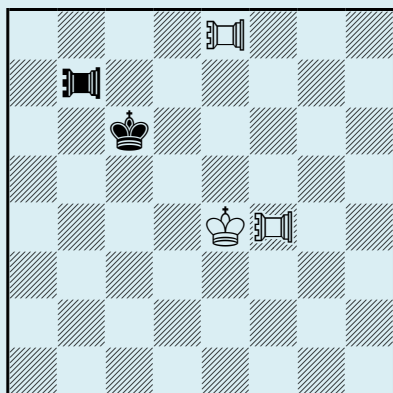
1.Sf4 Kc7 2.Kc3 Kb6 3.Kb2 Llb5 4.Ka1 Llh5
5.Gg3 Ka5 6.Sg2 Kb4 7.Gg1 Ka3 8.Sh4 Llh1#

Mating positions:



Comment (Probleemblad 4/2020, p.127): "De Leeuw laat vanuit alle hoeken van het bord de wK alle hoeken van het bord zien! I only found 3 solutions, but if the 4th is similar with wKh8 and bLla8, then this problem is quite impressive with only 5 pieces." (Eddy van Beers).

186. Václav Kotěšovec
18156 Die Schwalbe 302/2020
Commendation



hs#9 (3+2) C+
4 solutions
Maximummer
♖♜=Eagle

Two pairs of echoes in four corners

PDB [P1378057](https://pdb.com/P1378057), WinChloe ID = 770750

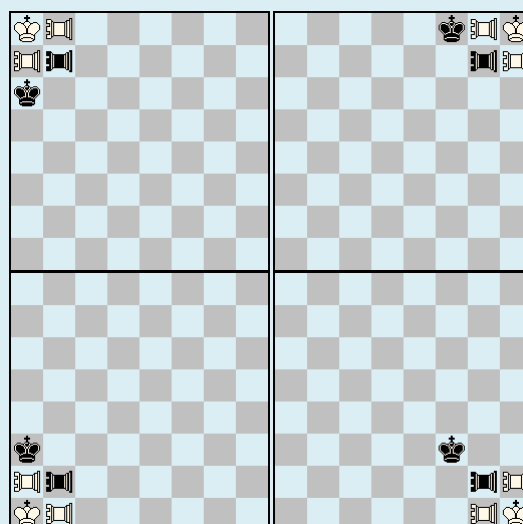
1.Ke5 EAd7 2.EAd4 EAc4 3.EAc5 Kb7 4.Kd6
Ka6 5.Kc7 EAb7 6.Kb8 EAc8 7.Ka8 EAd5
8.EAa7 EAc4 9.EAcb8 EAb7#

1.Kf5 EAd7 2.EAc8+ EAg6 3.Kf6 Kd7 4.EAe6
Ke8 5.Kg7 EAe5 6.EAf7+ Ke7 7.Kh8 Kf8
8.EAg8 EAd6 9.EAeh7 EAg7#

1.Kf3 EAb5 2.EAb7 EAa7 3.Kg2 Kd5 4.Kh1 Ke4
5.EAd3 Kf3 6.EAf2 EAg3 7.EAh4 EAe3 8.EAg1
EAe1 9.EAfh2 EAg2#

1.EAe3 EAb5 2.Kd3 EAc2 3.Kc3 Kb5 4.EA3c4
Ka4 5.Kb2 EAd4 6.EAb3+ Kb4 7.Ka1 Ka3
8.EAa2 EAc5 9.EAcb1 EAb2#

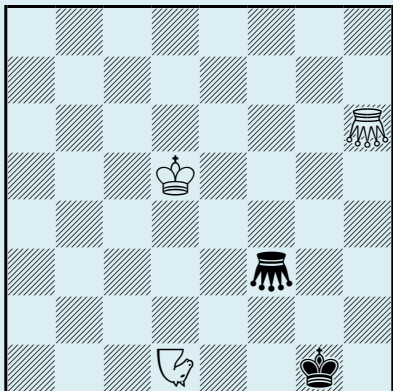
Mating position:



Comments of the solvers (Die Schwalbe 305/2020):
Joachim Benn: "Matts des sK durch der Adler in allen 4 Brettecken", Karl-Heinz Siehndel: "Vier-Ecken-Idealmatt mit dem weißen und schwarzen Adler. Eine hervorragende konstruktive Leistung. Prima", Henryk Kalafut: "4 herrliche Echo-Chamäleon-Matts in allen vier Ecken", Wilfried Seehofer: "Ein wunderbares Echo in allen Ecken, preisverdächtig!", Arnold Beine (editor): "In der 3. Lösung steht der sK nicht am Rand, so dass die Echos nicht ganz perfekt sind."

Judge Kjell Widlert (Die Schwalbe 328/2024, p. 592-600):
"Fast exakte Echos in allen vier Ecken, ohne Zwillingbildung, aber auch ohne Strategie."

187. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1872 StrateGems 89/2020
7. Honorable Mention
FIDE Album 2019-21 (from WCCI)



hs#10 (3+2) C+
 4 solutions
 Maximummer
 ♞=Nightrider
 ♠♠=Grasshopper

4-fold exact echo in four corners

PDB [P1378017](#), WinChloe ID = 755720

Judge Shankar Ram (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 14-19):
 "Four-fold King-in-corner exact echoes."

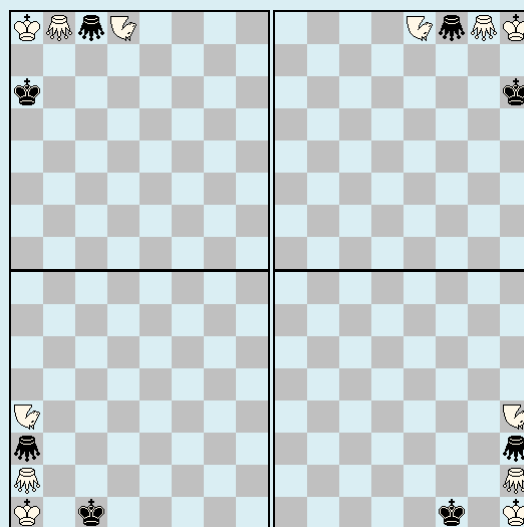
1.Kd4 Kh2 2.Ke3 Gd3 3.Kf2 Kh3 4.Gh2 Kg4
 5.Kg1 Kf3 6.Nb5+ Ke2 7.Kh1 Ga6 8.Nh8+ Kf1
 9.Ng6 Gh6+ 10.Nh4 Gh3#

1.Ne3 Gc6 2.Kd4 Kf2 3.Kc3 Gc2 4.Gd2 Gc4
 5.Kb2 Ke1 6.Ga2 Kd2 7.Ka1 Kc1 8.Nd5 Ge6
 9.Nb6 Ga6+ 10.Na4 Ga3#

1.Nh3+ Kf1 2.Gh2 Gc6 3.Ke6 Gf6 4.Kd7 Ke2
 5.Kc7 Kd3 6.Gb8 Kc4 7.Kb7 Kb5 8.Ka8 Ka6
 9.Nf7 Gf8+ 10.Nd8 Gc8#

1.Ke6 Kh2 2.Kf7 Gf8 3.Ne3 Gf6 4.Ge6 Gd6
 5.Gg8 Kg3 6.Nf1+ Kh4 7.Kg7 Kg5 8.Kh8 Kh6
 9.Nc7 Gb8+ 10.Ne8 Gf8#

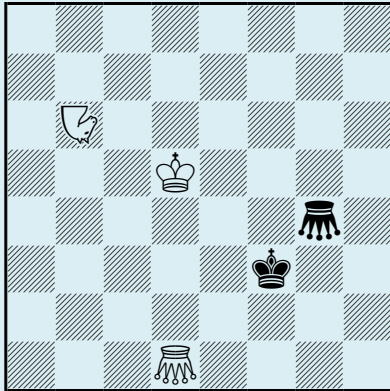
Mating positions:



Editor Petko Petkov wrote 24.10.2019 in e-mail: "In my opinion, the second version [187] is better than the first [188], because there is here a fourfold **exact** chameleon-echo. But in my opinion, the first version can also be published as an independent problem although it has some similarities to the other version."

Therefore, I also published the following version (PDB [P1379285](#)).

188. Václav Kotěšovec
FB1894 StrateGems 90/2020



hs#10 (3+2) C+

4 solutions

Maximummer

 = Nightrider

  = Grasshopper

Two pairs of echoes in four corners

PDB [P1379285](#), WinChloe ID = 766701

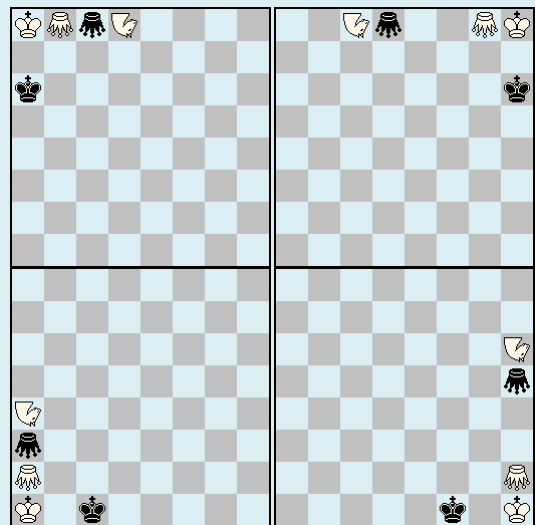
1.Kd4 Gc4 2.Gd5 Ge6 3.Na4 Gc4 4.Kc3 Ge6
5.Gg2 Ke2 6.Kb2+ Kd1 7.Ga2 Kd2 8.Ka1 Kc1
9.Nb6 Ga6+ 10.Na4 Ga3#

1.Nc4 Gb4 2.Kc6 Gd4 3.Ne5+ Ke4 4.Kb7 Gf6
5.Nc1 Kd5 6.Gb1 Kc4 7.Gb8 Kb5 8.Ka8 Ka6
9.Nf7 Gf8+ 10.Nd8 Gc8#

1.Ke6 Gd7 2.Gd8 Gf5 3.Kf7 Gf8 4.Gg8 Gf6
5.Kg7 Ga6 6.Nd7+ Kg4 7.Ne5+ Kh5 8.Kh8
Kh6 9.Na7 Ga8+ 10.Nc8 Gd8#

1.Nd7+ Kg2 2.Gh5 Gc8 3.Nf6 Kh3 4.Gh2 Kg2
5.Ke4 Kf1 6.Kf3 Ke1 7.Kg2 Ke2 8.Kh1 Kf1
9.Ng8 Gh8+ 10.Nh6 Gh5#

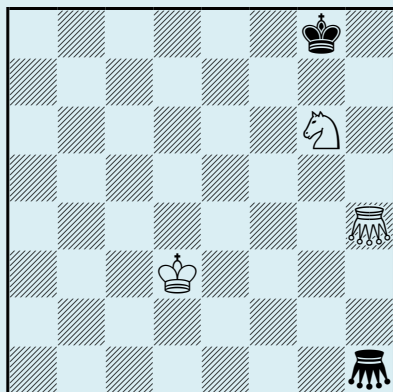
Mating positions:



This is a different version of the previous problem (PDB [P1378017](#)). The mating positions here are not exact, but there is no repetition of moves.

Solver: "Four corner mates, how could a human compose such a problem ?" (Wilfried Seehofer).

189. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#11 (3+2) C+

4 solutions

Maximummer

♟♟=Grasshopper

4-fold exact echo in four corners,
but with repetition of the move 1. – Gh5

WinChloe ID = 932179

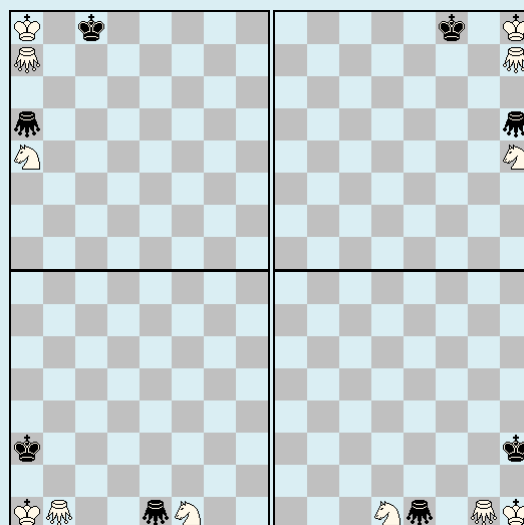
1.Kc4 Gh5 2.Kb5 Ga5 3.Kb6 Gc7 4.Sf4 Gg3
5.Gf2 Ge5 6.Sd3 Kf7 7.Ga7 Ke8 8.Kb7 Kd7
9.Ka8 Kc8 10.Sb2 Ga1+ 11.Sa4 Ga5#

1.Kd4 Gh5 2.Ke5 Gd5 3.Kf6 Kh7 4.Sf4 Kg8
5.Kg6 Kf8 6.Kh6 Ke7 7.Gh7 Kd8 8.Kg7 Ke7
9.Kh8 Kf8 10.Sg2 Gh1+ 11.Sh4 Gh5#

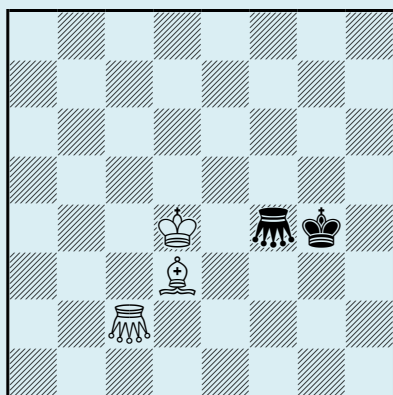
1.Se5 Gh5 2.Sg4 Gf3 3.Sh6+ Kf8 4.Kc2 Ke7
5.Gh7 Kd6 6.Gb1 Kc5 7.Kb2 Kb4 8.Ka1 Ka3
9.Sg4 Gh5 10.Sh2 Gh1+ 11.Sf1 Ge1#

1.Sf4 Gh5 2.Ge4 Kf7 3.Gg4 Ge8 4.Ke4 Ge3
5.Sd3 Ge5 6.Kf3 Kg6 7.Kg2 Kh5 8.Gg1 Kg4
9.Kh1 Kh3 10.Sb2 Ga1+ 11.Sd1 Ge1#

Mating positions:



190. Václav Kotěšovec
F3577 The Problemist 3/2020
4. Prize



hs#10 (3+2) C+
4 solutions
Maximummer
♙♜=Grasshopper

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1378024](#), WinChloe ID = 769574

Judges Klaus Wenda & Hans Gruber (The Problemist March 2022, p. 348): "Mate in the four corners, presumably a Letztform for the material bishop plus Grasshopper versus Grasshopper. The four solutions run as precisely as clockwork, marking out the composer as an expert just as much in computer programming as in chess problems. It is a masterpiece of technique to show that in an optimally economical five-unit setting the black king can despite the maximummer condition be made to move "minimally", that is orthogonally rather than diagonally (8...Kc1/Kf8 in the lines with mate on a1/h8). A little later (18156 [186], Die Schwalbe IV 2020, cf. PDB [P1378057](#)) the author published a similar work (a hs#9 with two Eagles versus one) which met with much approval. The present classic setting is even more convincing despite taking a move more."

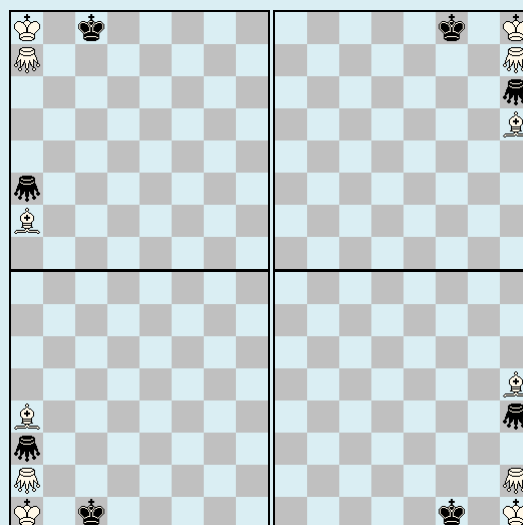
1.Kc5 Gh4 2.Be2+ Kf5 3.Kb6 Kg6 4.Gf2 Ge1
5.Bd3+ Kf7 6.Ga7 Ke8 7.Kb7 Kd7 8.Ka8 Kc8
9.Bb1 Ga1+ 10.Ba2 Ga3#

1.Ke5 Gd6 2.Kf6 Gd2 3.Kg7 Gd4 4.Be2+ Kf5
5.Kh8 Kg6 6.Gh7 Kf7 7.Bc4+ Ke8 8.Be6 Kf8
9.Bg4 Gh4+ 10.Bh5 Gh6#

1.Ke3 Gd2 2.Ke2 Gb2 3.Bb5 Gb6 4.Be8 Kf5
5.Kf1 Ke4 6.Kg2 Kd3 7.Gh2 Ke2 8.Kh1 Kf1
9.Bg6 Gh6+ 10.Bh5 Gh4#

1.Bf5+ Kf3 2.Kc3 Gf6 3.Be4+ Ke2 4.Kb3 Kd1
5.Kb2 Ga1 6.Ga2 Ge1 7.Ka1 Ge5 8.Bd3 Kc1
9.Bb5 Ga5+ 10.Ba4 Ga3#

Mating positions:

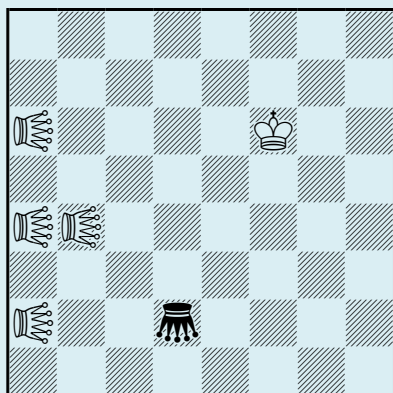


Comments of the solvers (The Problemist 09/2020, p. 445): "Fine construction to arrange selfmates in all 4 corners of the board" (C.Frankiss). "Excellent wK Star combined with echo-mates in four corners – two of them are exact echoes and two less so!" (N.Shankar Ram). "Pleasing mates of wK in 4 corners. Excellent economy." (S.K.Balasubramanian).

191. Václav Kotěšovec

554 Pat a Mat 111/2020

2. Prize



hs#18

(5+1) C+

4 solutions

Maximummer

♁=Grasshopper

♂=Kangaroo

(without the black king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners

PDB [P1378072](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1378072), WinChloe ID = 763054

My comment, published in "Pat a Mat" 111 / 2020 (p.163): "Čtyřnásobné exaktní echo šesti kamenů ve 4 rozích šachovnice. Úloha má sice některé nedostatky (opakování tahů), které bych u jiné svojí úlohy netoleroval, ale v tomto případě jde o tak unikátní věc, že jsem nad tím vyjíměčně 'přimhouřil oko'."

"4-fold exact echo of six pieces in four corners of chessboard. The problem has some shortcomings (repetition of moves), which I would not tolerate in another of my problems, but in this case it is such a unique thing that I exceptionally accept at it."

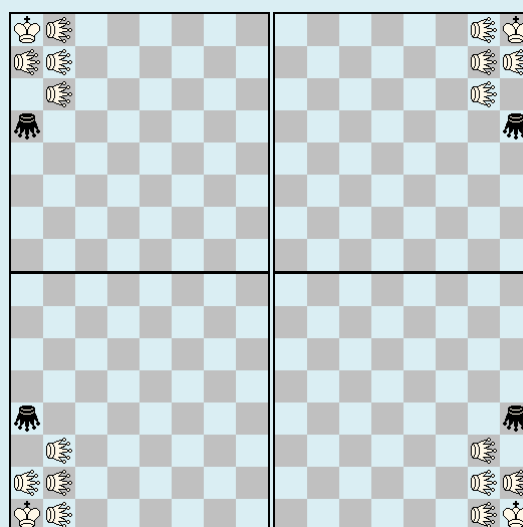
1.KAa1 Ga5 2.KAa6 Gc3 3.Ke5 Gf6 4.KAg7 Gh8
5.Kd6 Gf6 6.KAg6 Gc6 7.KAb6 Ga6 8.Kc7 Ga3
9.Kb7 Gc5 10.KAb8 Ga7 11.KAb5 Ga3 12.Kc6 Ga5
13.KAd7 Gc7 14.Kb7 Ga5 15.Ka8 Gc7 16.KAb7 Ga5
17.KAb8 Gc7 18.KAa7 Ga5#

1.KAa7 Ga5 2.Kf5 Gg5 3.Kf4 Ge3 4.KAg4 Gg5
5.KAh4 Ge3 6.Kg5 Gh6 7.Kf6 Ge6 8.KAg6 Gh3
9.Kg7 Gf5 10.KAg8 Gh7 11.KAg5 Gh3 12.Kf6 Gh5
13.KAe7 Gf7 14.Kg7 Gh5 15.Kh8 Gf7 16.KAg7 Gh5
17.KAg8 Gf7 18.KAh7 Gh5#

1.Kf5 Ga5 2.KAa3 Gg5 3.Kf4 Ge3 4.KAg4 Gg5 5.Ke4
Gg3 6.KAh4 Gg5 7.KAd4 Gg3 8.Kf3 Ge3 9.KAg3
Gc5 10.Kf2 Ge3 11.KAg1 Gh3 12.KAg5 Gf5 13.Kf3
Gf2 14.Kg2 Gh4 15.Kh1 Gf2 16.KAg2 Gh4 17.KAg1
Gf2 18.KAh2 Gh4#

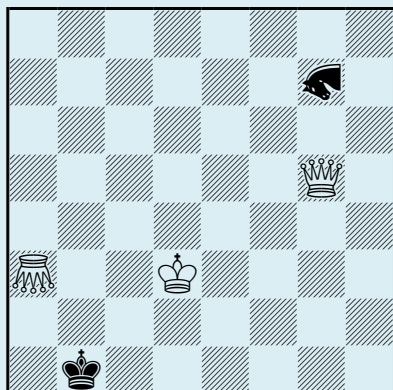
1.Ke5 Ga5 2.KAa3 Gf5 3.KAa5 Gd5 4.Kd4 Gd3
5.KAe4 Gf5 6.Kc3 Gd3 7.KAe3 Gf5 8.KAd2 Gd3
9.KAb3 Gf5 10.Kc2 Gd3 11.KAb1 Ga3 12.KAb5 Gc5
13.Kc3 Gc2 14.Kb2 Ga4 15.Ka1 Gc2 16.KAb2 Ga4
17.KAb1 Gc2 18.KAa2 Ga4#

Mating positions:



Jugde Emil Klemanič: (Pat a Mat 126/2023, p. 297): "Nie som priaznivec tzv. počítačových úloh, ale nebudem ich zatracovať len preto, že túto problematiku neovládám. Napr. dva echové maty mi na vyznamenanie nestačia. A opäť platí, že čím menej exopodmienok a typov exokameňov, tým lepšie. Niet pochybností, že v tomto prípade sú tieto kritéria splnené a štyri echové maty v rohoch šachovnice je výkon vskutku výnimočný."

192. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#8 (3+2) C+

3 solutions

Maximummer

♞=Nightriderhopper

♟=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo.

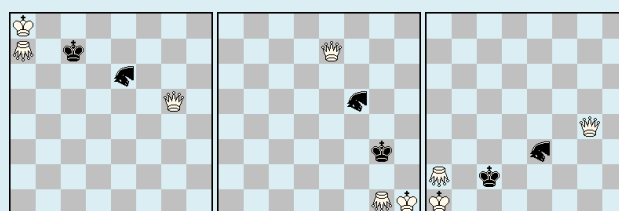
WinChloe ID = 929844

1.Kc4 Kc2 2.Kb5 Kd3 3.Qg2 Kd4 4.Ka6 Kc5
5.Ga7 NHa4 6.Kb7 NHe6 7.Qg5+ Kd6 8.Ka8
Kc7#

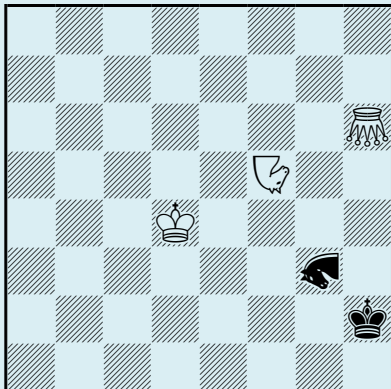
1.Ke3 NHd1 2.Kf3 Kc2 3.Gg3 Kd3 4.Kg2 Ke2
5.Qd8 Ke3 6.Gg1 NHf5 7.Qe7+ Kf4 8.Kh1
Kg3#

1.Kd2 Ka2 2.Kc1 Kb3 3.Kb1 Ka4 4.Ga5 Kb3
5.Qf5 NHe3 6.Qg4 Ka3 7.Ga2 Kb3 8.Ka1 Kc2#

Mating positions:



193. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#8 (3+2) C+

3 solutions

Maximummer

♞=Nightriderhopper

♞=Nightrider

♞=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo.

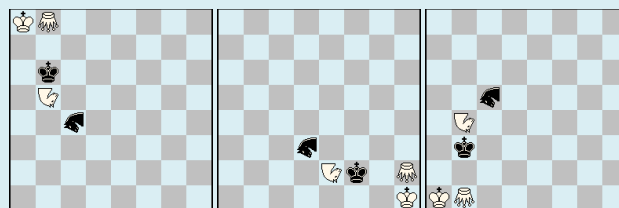
WinChloe ID = 930478

1.Kc5 NHa6 2.Nd4+ Kg3 3.Kc6 Kf4 4.Gb6 Ke5
5.Kc7 NHe8 6.Kb7 Kd6 7.Gb8 NHc4 8.Nb5+
Kc5 9.Ka8 Kb6#

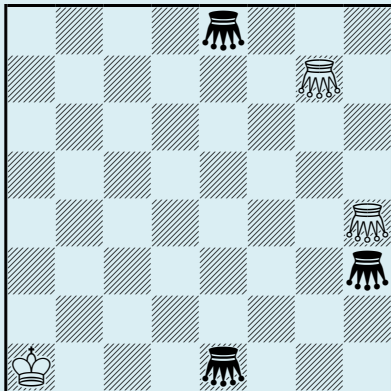
1.Ke3 NHe7 2.Nb3 Kg3 3.Gd2 NHh1 4.Nc1+
Kh4 5.Kf2 NHd3 6.Kg2 Kg5 7.Gh2 Kf4 8.Ne2+
Ke3 9.Kh1 Kf2#

1.Nb7 Kg1 2.Kc3 Kf2 3.Nd3+ Ke3 4.Gd2 Kf3
5.Gb4 Ke4 6.Kb2 NHc5 7.Gb1+ Kd5 8.Nb4+
Kc4 9.Ka1 Kb3#

Mating positions:



194. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#11 (3+3) C+

3 solutions

Maximumber

  = Grasshopper
(without the black king)

Triple exact echo.

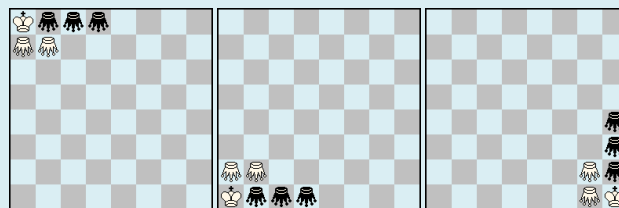
WinChloe ID = 931893

1.Kb2 Gh5 2.Kc3 Gb4 3.Kc4 Gd4 4.Kb5 Ga5
5.Gc4 Gh8 6.Kc6 Gb5 7.Gc7 Gd8 8.Kb7 Gc8
9.Ka8 Gb6 10.Gb7 Gd8 11.Ga7 Gb8#

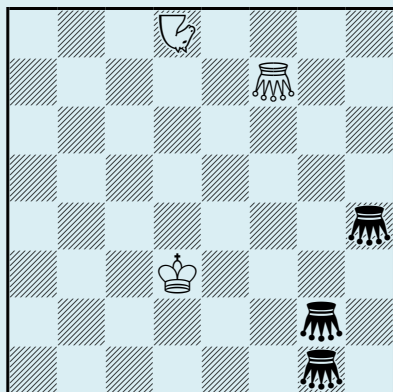
1.Gh2 Gh1 2.Kb2 Gd1 3.Ga2 Gf1 4.Kc3 Gb4
5.Gb2 Gb1 6.Gc2 Gg1 7.Kc4 Gb5 8.Kb3 Ga4
9.Ka2 Gd1 10.Ka1 Gc1 11.Ga2 Gb1#

1.Kb1 Ga1 2.Kc2 Gh8 3.Kd3 Gc3 4.Ke3 Ge2
5.Kf2 Gh3 6.Ge1 Gh8 7.Gg3 Gh2 8.Kg1 Gd2
9.Kh1 Gf2 10.Gg2 Gh4 11.Gg1 Gh2#

Mating positions:



195. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#8

(3+3) C+

4 solutions

Maximummer

♞=Nightrider

♞♞=Grasshopper
(without the black king)

4-fold echo (two pairs) in four corners

WinChloe ID = 931827

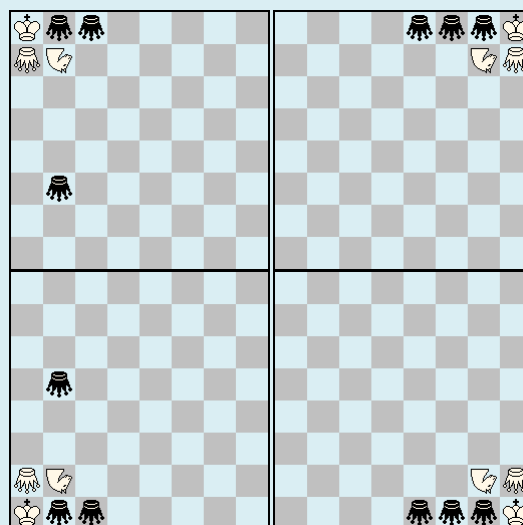
1.Nf4 Ge4 2.Nh5 Gd5 3.Gc4 Gb4 4.Kc2 Gb3
5.Kb1 Ga1 6.Ga2 Gc1 7.Ka1 Gb5 8.Nb2 Gb1#

1.Kc4 Gb4 2.Kb5 Gg3 3.Kc6 Gb7 4.Ga7 Gb3
5.Kc7 Gb8 6.Kb7 Ge8 7.Ka8 Gc8 8.Nb7 Gb8#

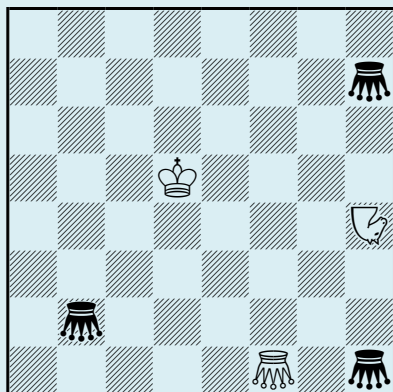
1.Kd4 Gc5 2.Ke5 Gf5 3.Kf6 Ge7 4.Ne6 Gg5
5.Kg7 Gg6+ 6.Kh8 Gf8 7.Ng7 Ge8 8.Gh7
Gg8#

1.Ke3 Gd4 2.Kf4 Gg4+ 3.Kf3 Gg5 4.Gf2 Ge1
5.Kg2 Gg1 6.Gh2 Gd1 7.Kh1 Gf1 8.Ng2 Gg1#

Mating positions:



196. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#8 (3+3) C+

4 solutions

Maximummer

♞=Nightrider

♞♞=Grasshopper
(without the black king)

4-fold echo in four corners

WinChloe ID = 931630

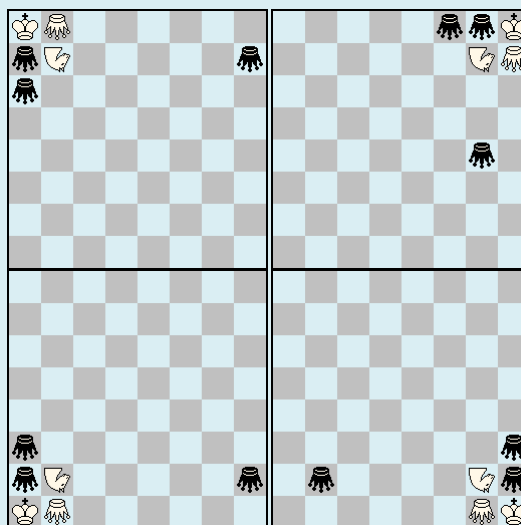
1.Kc6 Gb7 2.Nf5 Ga7 3.Gf6 Gg7 4.Gb6 Gh7
5.Kb7 Ge4 6.Kb8 Gh7 7.Ka8 Gg6 8.Nb7 Ga6
9.Gb8 Ga7#

1.Ke5 Gf6 2.Ke6 Gh3 3.Kf7 Ge1 4.Kg8 Gg1
5.Gf7 Gf8 6.Nf5 Ge6+ 7.Kh8 Gg4 8.Ng7 Gg5
9.Gh7 Gg8#

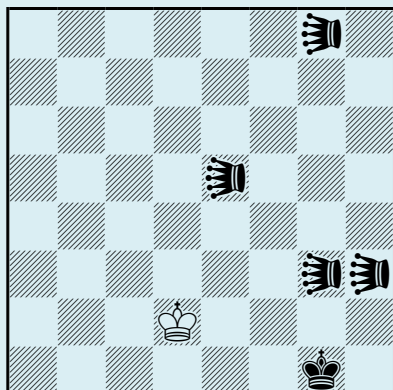
1.Kd4 Ge5 2.Ke3 Gh5 3.Kf3 Ge2 4.Gd3 Gc2
5.Gg3 Gh2 6.Kg2 Gb2 7.Gg1 Gh5 8.Kh1 Gh3
9.Ng2 Gh2#

1.Nd6 Gc6 2.Kc4 Gc3 3.Nf2 Gg2 4.Kb3 Ga3
5.Kb2 Gc1 6.Gb1 Ga3 7.Nd3 Gc2+ 8.Ka1 Gh2
9.Nb2 Ga2#

Mating positions:



197. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#16 (1+5) C+

3 solutions

Maximummer

♠=Double-Grasshopper

Triple echo.

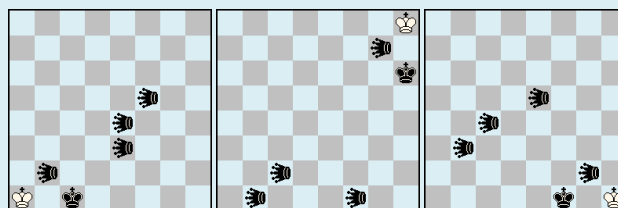
WinChloe ID = 932072

1.Kc3 DGb3 2.Kc4 DGf5 3.Kb5 DGa5 4.Ka4
DGh3 5.Kb4 DGa3 6.Ka5 Kf2 7.Kb6 Ke1 8.Kb7
Kd2 9.Kc6 Kc1 10.Kd6 DGe4 11.Kc5 DGb6
12.Kc4 DGb7 13.Kb3 DGb2 14.Ka3 DGD1
15.Ka2 DGf5 16.Ka1 DGe3#

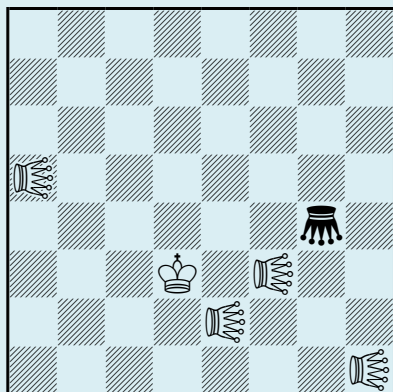
1.Ke3 DGg4 2.Kd3 DGc2 3.Ke4 DGb2 4.Kf5
DGh1 5.Kg6 DGa1 6.Kf7 DGf8 7.Ke7 DGf1
8.Ke8 Kh2 9.Ke7 Kg3 10.Ke8 Kh4 11.Kf7 DGa1
12.Kf6 DGg7 13.Ke7 DGh3 14.Kf8 Kg5 15.Kg8
Kh6 16.Kh8 DGb1#

1.Kc2 DGb2 2.Kd1 DGa2 3.Ke2 DGh4 4.Ke3
DGd4 5.Kf3 DGc5 6.Kf4 DGg5 7.Kg3 Kf1 8.Kf4
DGc5 9.Kf5 DGe5 10.Ke4 DGd6 11.Kd4 DGc4
12.Ke3 DGb5 13.Kf3 DGg2 14.Kg3 DGh3
15.Kh2 DGe1 16.Kh1 DGb3#

Mating positions:



198. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#17 (5+1) C+

3 solutions

Maximummer

♙=Grasshopper

♘=Kangaroo

(without the black king)

Triple exact echo.

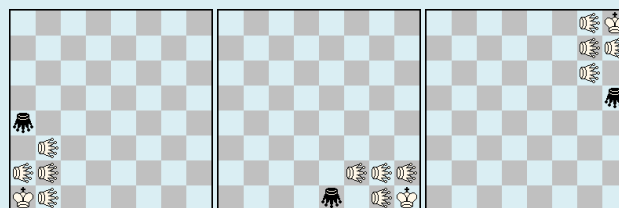
WinChloe ID = 930948

1.KAh5 Ge2 2.KAd1 Gg4 3.Ke4 Gd4 4.KAd5
Gd6 5.KAd7 Gd8 6.KAg2 Gd6 7.Kd4 Gd3
8.KAd2 Gg3 9.Kc3 Ge3 10.KAe1 Gb3 11.KAb4
Gd3 12.KAb3 Gd1 13.Kb2 Ga4 14.Ka1 Gc2
15.KAb2 Ga4 16.KAb1 Gc2 17.KAa2 Ga4#

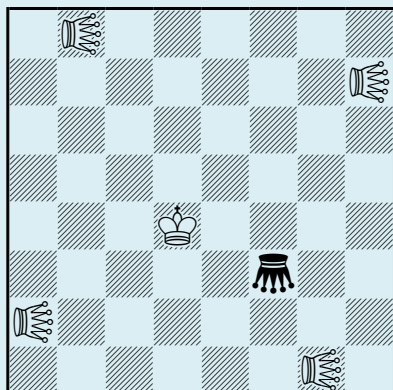
1.Ke4 Gd4 2.KAd5 Gf4 3.Kf5 Gf6 4.KAf7 Gf8
5.KAg5 Gf6 6.Kf4 Gf3 7.KAf2 Gc6 8.Kf3 Ge4
9.KAg2 Ge1 10.KAd2 Gc3 11.Kg2 Ge1 12.KAh2
Gc3 13.Kh1 Ge1 14.KAc2 Gc3 15.KAg2 Ge1
16.KAh2 Gg3 17.KAg1 Ge1#

1.Kd4 Gc4 2.Kd5 Gf1 3.KAc6 Gf4 4.Ke4 Gf2
5.KAb7 Gd2 6.Kf4 Gg5 7.Kf5 Ge5 8.KAg5 Ge1
9.Ke6 Ge3 10.KAe7 Gh6 11.Kf6 Ge6 12.KAg6
Ge8 13.Kg7 Gh5 14.Kh8 Gf7 15.KAg7 Gh5
16.KAg8 Gf7 17.KAh7 Gh5#

Mating positions:



199. Václav Kotěšovec
original



hs#18 (5+1) C+

3 solutions

Maximummer

= Grasshopper

= Kangaroo
(without the black king)

Triple exact echo.

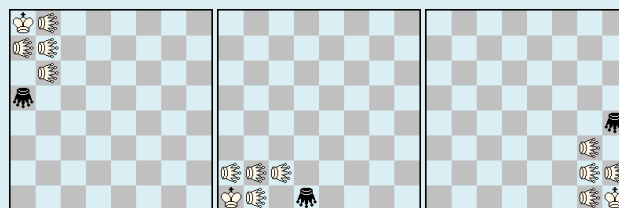
WinChloe ID = 930414

1.Kd5 Gc6 2.Kc5 Gc4 3.Kd5 Ge6 4.KAf7 Gc4
5.Kd6 Gg8 6.Ke7 Ga8 7.KAd7 Gc8 8.Kd6 Ge6
9.Kc6 Gb6 10.Kc5 Gd4 11.KAb6 Gd8 12.Kc6
Ga5 13.Kb7 Gc7 14.KAb5 Ga5 15.Ka8 Gc7
16.KAb7 Ga5 17.KAb8 Gc7 18.KAa7 Ga5#

1.Kc3 Gb3 2.Kd3 Ge3 3.Kd4 Gc5 4.KAb6 Ge3
5.Kc4 Ga7 6.Kb5 Ga1 7.KAb4 Ga3 8.Kc4 Gc5
9.Kc3 Gc2 10.Kd3 Ge4 11.KAc2 Ga4 12.Kc3
Gd1 13.Kb2 Gb3 14.KAd2 Gd1 15.Ka1 Gb3
16.KAb2 Gd1 17.KAa2 Gb3 18.KAb1 Gd1#

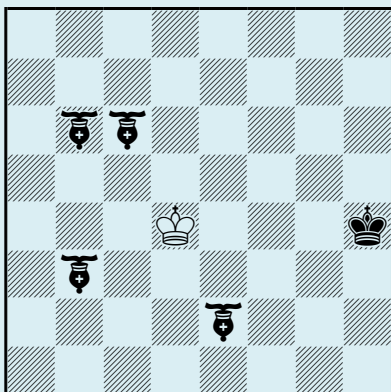
1.Ke4 Gd5 2.Ke5 Gf5 3.Ke4 Gd3 4.KAc2 Gf5
5.Ke3 Gb1 6.Kd2 Gh1 7.KAc2 Gf1 8.Ke3 Gd3
9.Kf3 Gg3 10.Kf4 Ge5 11.KAg3 Ge1 12.Kf3
Gh4 13.Kg2 Gf2 14.KAg4 Gh4 15.Kh1 Gf2
16.KAg2 Gh4 17.KAg1 Gf2 18.KAh2 Gh4#

Mating positions:



helpselfstalemates

200. Václav Kotěšovec
971 KoBulChess 4.1.2019
 (The award is yet not published)
FIDE Album 2019-21 (from WCCI)



hs=11 (1+5) C+
 0.3.1.1...
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♖=Bishophopper

Triple exact echo. Chameleon echo with bishophoppers is rare, in PWC is possible to change color of their squares.

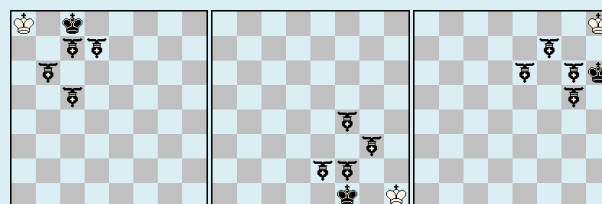
PDB [P1378026](#), WinChloe ID = 724139

1. - Kg5 2.Kc4 BHd5 3.K:d5(BHc4) BHb5 4.Kc5
 BHa6 5.K:c6(BHc5) BHd7 6.Kc7 Kf6
 7.K:b6(BHc7) Ke7 8.Ka5 Kd8 9.K:a6(BHa5)
 Kc8 10.Ka7 BHd8 11.Ka8 BHb6=

1. - Kh3 2.Kd5 BHe6 3.Ke4 BHf3 4.Ke3 BHf2
 5.Kf4 Kh2 6.K:f3(BHf4) Kh1 7.Kg4 BHh3
 8.Kh4 Kg1 9.K:h3(BHh4) Kf1 10.Kh2 BHe1
 11.Kh1 BHg3=

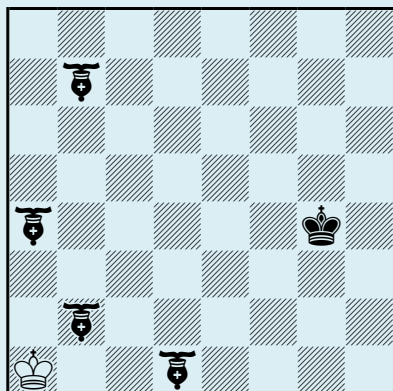
1. - BHe3 2.Ke4 BHf3 3.K:f3(BHe4) BHg4
 4.Kf4 BHg5 5.Kf5 BHg6 6.Ke6 BHd7
 7.K:d7(BHe6) Kh5 8.Ke8 BHf7+ 9.K:f7(BHe8)
 Kh6 10.Kg8 BHh5 11.Kh8 BHf7=

Stalemate positions:



Diyan Kostadinov: "A fantastic fairy problem by Václav Kotesovec in the author's typical style."

201. Václav Kotěšovec
 3291 Variantim 78/2019
 Israel Ring Tourney 2019
3. Prize



hs=14 (1+5) C+
 0.2.1.1...
 ♖=Bishophopper

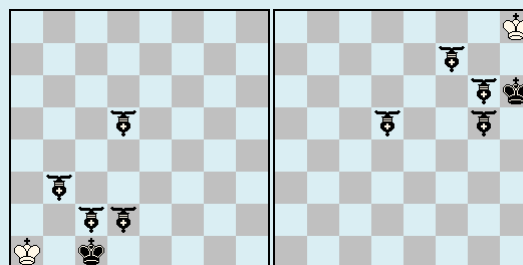
Exact echo in two corners.

PDB [P1380413](#), WinChloe ID = 743230

1. - Kf3 2.Kb1 Ke2 3.Kc2 BHb3+ 4.Kc3 Kd1
 5.Kd4 BHe5 6.Kd5 BHe4 7.Kd4 BHc3 8.Kd3
 BHec2 9.Kc4 BHd5 10.Kb4 BHa5 11.Kc3 BHd2
 12.Kb3 Kc1 13.Ka2 BHd1 14.Ka1 BHb3=

1. - BHh5 2.Ka2 BHf3 3.Kb3 BHc2 4.Kc4 Kh5
 5.Kd5 BHc6+ 6.Ke5 BHf6 7.Kf5 BHg6 8.Ke6
 BHd5 9.Kd7 BHe8 10.Ke7 BHd8 11.Kf6 BHg5
 12.Kf7 Kh6 13.Kg8 BHh5 14.Kh8 BHf7=

Stalemate positions:



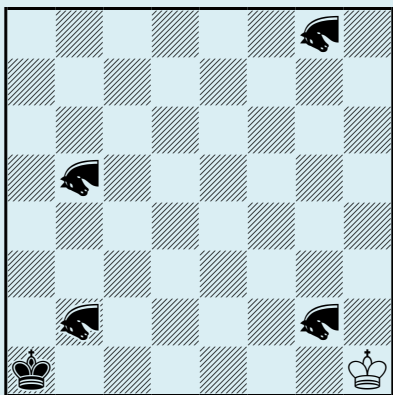
"The white king is stalemated on the two opposite corners of the board. The maneuver is rather complicated, with the WK leading the black bishophoppers to the needed squares. It is amazing how the composer managed to find two unique long solutions leading to echopositions with the WK on a1 and h8 (PE)."

Judge Hans Gruber (Variantim 81/2020, p.10):
 "Wow – computer find or not: such a big and large echo in diagonally opposite corners without twinning is really great. Of course, the individual moves do not show much strategy, but the overall impression is entertaining and miraculous at the same time."

202. Václav Kotěšovec

7. FIDE World Cup 2019

Prize special



hs=12

(1+5) C+

3 solutions

PlatzWechselCirce

♞=Nightriderhopper

Triple exact echo

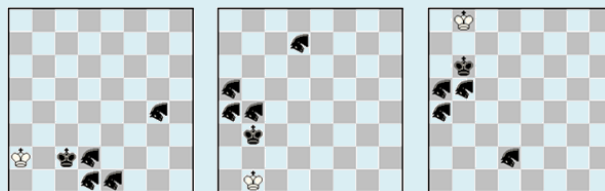
PDB [P1378232](#), WinChloe ID = 736113

1.K:g2(NHh1) Kb1 2.Kg3 NHf5 3.Kg4 Kc2
4.K:f5(NHg4) Kd3 5.Kg5 NHf4 6.K:f4(NHg5)
Kc2 7.Kf3 NHe1 8.Ke4 NHd2 9.Kd4 Kb1
10.Kc3 NHd1 11.Kb3 Kc1 12.Ka2 Kc2=

1.Kg1 Kb1 2.K:g2(NHg1) Ka2 3.Kf3 NHh2
4.Kg4 NHf6 5.Kf4 NHh5 6.Ke3 NHe4
7.K:e4(NHe3) NHd7 8.Kd5 NHb4 9.Kc4 NHa5
10.Kc3 NHa4 11.Kc2 Ka3 12.Kb1 Kb3=

1.Kh2 Ka2 2.Kg3 Kb3 3.Kf4 Kc4 4.Ke5 NHd6
5.K:d6(NHe5) NHa5 6.Ke6 Kc5 7.K:e5(NHe6)
NHa4 8.Ke4 NHd2 9.Ke5 Kb6 10.Kd6 Ka7
11.Kc7 Ka6 12.Kb8 Kb6=

Stalemate positions:

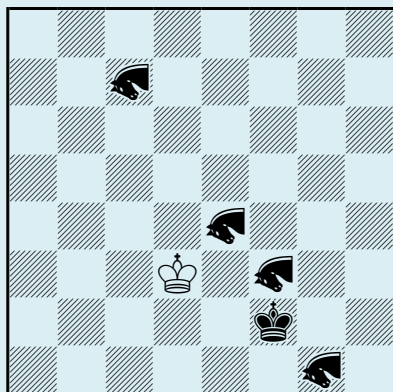


Judge P. Petkov: "This problem demonstrates a unique set of 3 solutions with exact chameleon-echo stalemates! In the finales two of the black Nightriderhoppers play as rear pieces of indirect anti-batteries, and the other two NHs block squares around the black King. A very important and pleasant phenomenon in this concept is the fact that the 12th move of White is "silent", putting Black in zugzwang!

A similar problem (in 13 moves) but only in two phases with echostalemates has already been shown by Vaclav Kotesovec, Probleemblad, 2015 (White: Kd3 (1); Black: Kf2, NHg1, NHf3, NHe4, NHc7 (5), HS=13, 2 solutions.) [\[203\]](#)

Therefore the new problem represents the development of an old idea, now in 12 moves with the addition of a third phase. In my opinion such a modification, though created using the fairy condition PWC less actively, is a big step forward. It gives the new problem the right to independent existence and deserves a special prize!"

203. Václav Kotěšovec
F1059 Probleemblad 2015



hs=13 (1+5) C+
2.1.1...
♞=Nightriderhopper

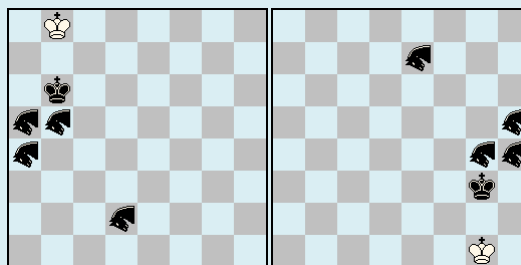
Exact echo

PDB [P1378376](https://pdb.org/P1378376), WinChloe ID = 565182

1.Kc3 NHa4 2.Kd4 NHb5 3.Kd5 NHe3 4.Kc4
NHa5 5.Kd5 Ke3 6.Ke6 Kd4 7.Kf6 NHg8 8.Kf5
Kc5 9.Ke4 NHd2 10.Ke5 Kb6 11.Kd6 Ka7
12.Kc7 Ka6 13.Kb8 Kb6=

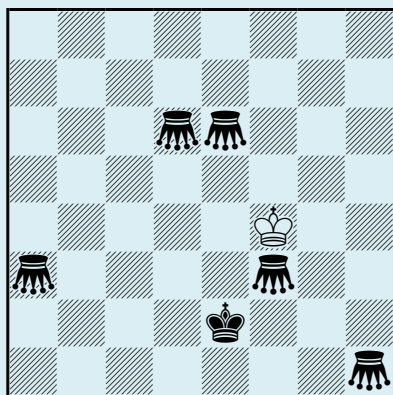
1.Kd2 Kg3 2.Ke2 NHc3 3.Ke3 NHf1 4.Kd4
NHh5 5.Kd5 NHe7 6.Kc5 NHa6 7.Kb4 NHc2
8.Kc3 Kh2 9.Kd2 NHb1 10.Ke3 NHg4 11.Kf3
NHh4 12.Kf2 Kh3 13.Kg1 Kg3=

Stalemate positions:



Comments of the solvers (Probleemblad 3/2015):
"Das war mit Abstand das schwierigste Problem.
Eine kleine Hilfe war, daß in harmonie ein ähnliches
Problem mit vier weißen Nachtreiterhüpfern
erschieden war. Zunächst dachte ich, daß mit
diesem Material gar keine Pattstellung möglich war.
Erst nach längerem Probieren hatte ich eine
Pattstellung, und von dieser aus muß dann
rückwärts konstruiert werden." (Wolfgang Will).
"Phantastische Echospiele, aber nur mit dem
Computer lösbar." (Wilfried Seehofer).

204. Václav Kotěšovec
 18 Šachové umění 2/2020
2. Honorable Mention



hs=12 (1+6) C+
 0.2.1.1...
 ♖=Grasshopper

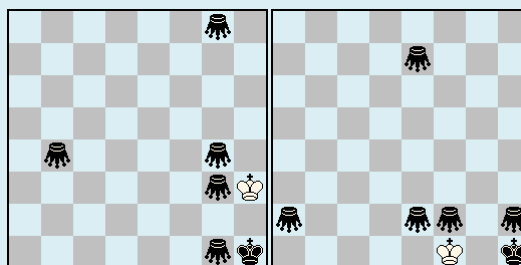
Exact echo

PDB [P1378221](#), WinChloe ID = 759826

1. - Gag3 2.Ke5 Gd1 3.Kd5 Ghc6 4.Kc5 Gb4
 5.Kd6 Kf1 6.Ke7 Gg1 7.Kf7 Gg8 8.Kf6 Gg6
 9.Kf5 Kg2 10.Kg4 Kh1+ 11.Kh4 Gg2 12.Kh3
 Gg4=

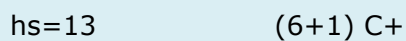
1. - Ge7 2.Kg3 Gh2 3.Kf4 Kf1 4.Ke3 Ge4+
 5.Kd4 Gg2 6.Kd5 Gc6 7.Kc4 Kg1 8.Kb3 Ga2
 9.Kc3 Gc2 10.Kd3 Kh1 11.Ke2 Gcf2+ 12.Kf1
 Ge2=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Juraj Lörinc (Šachová skladba 159/2023, p. 4285-6): "Presné echo kritickej pozície pred posledným ťahom, keď čierny má jediný ťah cvrčkom s aktiváciou dvoch antibatérií."

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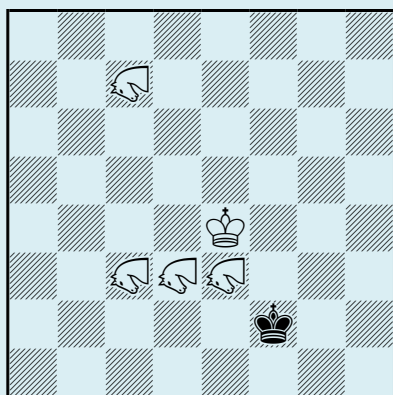
🦘=Kangaroo

PDB [P1378069](#), WinChloe ID = 730672

1.KAb2 Kc4 2.KAc7 Kc3 3.KAc2 Kd3 4.Kc1 Ke3
5.Kb1 Kf4 6.KAg4 Kf3 7.KAg2 Ke2 8.KAh2 Kd3
9.Ka1 Kc4 10.KAb4 Kb3 11.KAb1 Kc4 12.KAa2
Kd5 13.KAc6 (switchback) K~ =

Published with a comment (in Slovak): "Dve echové kritické pozície, v ktorých akýkoľvek ťah čierneho kráľa znamená pat bielemu."

206. Václav Kotěšovec
 2187 harmonie-aktiv 124/2015
3. Prize



hs=14 (5+1) C+
 2.1.1...
 ♞=Nightriderhopper

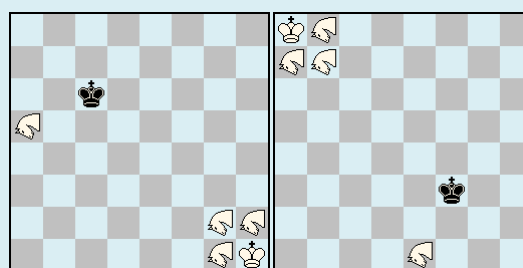
Exact echo

PDB [P1378324](#), WinChloe ID = 565067

1.NHh1 Ke2 2.NHg1 Kd2 3.Kf3 Kd3 4.NHb4 Kc4 5.NHa5 Kd5 6.NHf6 Ke6 7.NHg5 Kf5 8.Kg2 Kg4 9.NHh2 Kf4 10.Kh1 Ke3 11.NHg2 Ke4 12.NHc3 Kd5 13.NHe7 Kc6 14.NHa5 K~=
 K~=

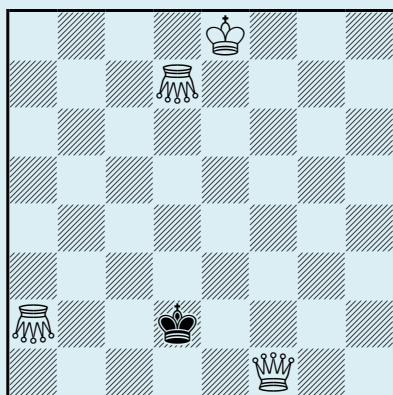
1.NHf1 Kg3 2.NHh5 Kg4 3.Kd5 Kf5 4.Kc6 Ke6 5.Kb7 Kd7 6.NHb8 Kd6 7.Ka8 Kc5 8.NHb7 Kc4 9.NHa5 Kb5 10.NHa7 Kc6 11.NHe7 Kd5 12.NHc3 Ke4 13.NHg5 Kf3 14.NHe1 K~=
 K~=

Positions before last move:



Judge Kjell Widlert (harmonie 138/2018, p.42-49):
 "Der Autor hat eine Menge langzügiger Echo-Aufgaben veröffentlicht, auch mit Dreifachechos oder sogar noch mehr, alle perfekt konstruiert und völlig eindeutig (natürlich Co-gefunden) – aber auch alle irgendwie ähnlich. Dieses Beispiel ragt in einer Hinsicht heraus: nicht die langen Wanderungen des sK, sondern die prägnanten Schlussspiele nach 11.NHg2 bzw. 10.NHa7 geben der Aufgabe den Pepp. Wie kann Schwarz zum Pattsetzen gezwungen werden, wenn Weiß noch einen freien NH hat, der im letzten weißen Zug den sK überspringen muss, und die blockenden drei NH auch sprungbereit dastehen? Die einzige Möglichkeit ist ein diagonaler sK-Eilmarsch weg vom wK, mit dem letzten NH zickzack-hüpfend bis er nicht mehr kann, was Schwarz auch tut, weil das Brett zu klein ist (c9 bzw. i3 fehlen). Das finde ich lustig und denkwürdig, und das begründet die hohe Auszeichnung."

207. Václav Kotěšovec
 3432 Best Problems 74/2015
1. Prize



hs=9 (4+1) C+
 2.1.1...
 ♠ = Grasshopper

Echo chameleon

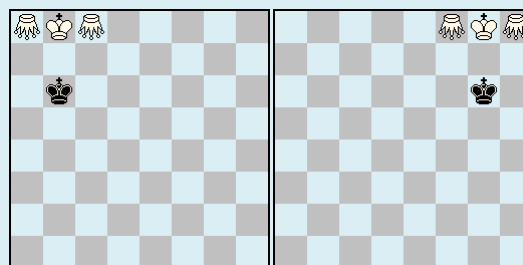
PDB [P1406866](#), WinChloe ID = 569750

Comment by Michal Dragoun (48 Šachové umění 7/2024, p.192, in Czech): "Skladba 48 má relativně málo častou výzvu – pomocný samopat. V něm obě strany do předposledního tahu včetně spolupracují na vytvoření pozice, v níž bílý donutí černého, aby ho zpatoval. Skladba obsahuje echové závěry ve dvou rozích šachovnice, rozhodčí H. Gruber ale vyzdvihl zejména jednoznačnost obou řešení, pro jejichž dosažení není použita žádná omezující exopodmínka. Klíčem k určení pořadí tahů je potřeba zablokovat oběma cvrčky frontální pole kolem bílého krále; černý král musí dojít na okraj šachovnice, aby v posledním tahu musel sebrat bílou dámu."

1.Qf5 Kc3 2.Gg4 Kb4 3.Qb1+ Ka5 4.Kd7 Ka6
 5.Gc8 Ka7 6.Ga8 Ka6 7.Kc7 Ka5 8.Kb8 Ka6
 9.Qb6+ K:b6=

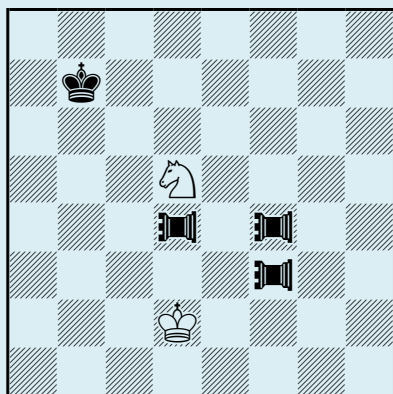
1.Qb1 Ke2 2.Gf2 Ke3 3.Kf7 Kd4 4.Gf8 Kd5
 5.Gd4 Ke5 6.Kg7 Kf4 7.Gh8 Kg5 8.Kg8 Kh6
 9.Qg6+ K:g6=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Hans Gruber (Best Problems 105/2023, p.572-576): "This is a miracle! Although the author showed in a number of publications around the year 2000, that hundreds of threefold chameleon echoes exist in problems without twinning, which seriously limits the innovation value of such problems, I consider this problem – with only two echoes – as outstanding. The quality of the moves and the reasons why their order is unique, is fascinating. Why should manoeuvres by the black king and the white queen (!) be unique on an open board, without constraining fairy conditions, and with the need to reach in two solutions two opposing edges of the board? The provision of appropriate hurdles for the grasshoppers is the key feature. The ingenious find is that the move Db1 (played at different moves) constrains the black king to the a-file in the first solution while it offers him the whole board for a virtuoso slalom run in the second solution. A sensational problem in terms of agility, and I do not care that the computer helped to find it. Still, the composer had to discover this gem in an almost infinitely large data base."

208. Václav Kotěšovec
 4796 Tehtäväniekka 1/2019
 (The award is yet not published)



hs=6 (2+4) C+
 3 solutions
 ♖=Eagle

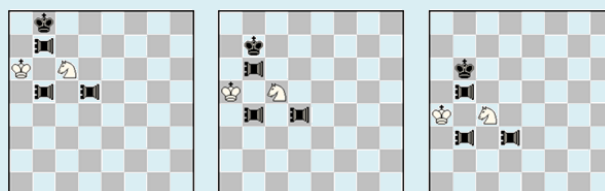
Triple exact chameleon echo

1.Se7 EAc8 2.Kc3 EAd5 3.Kb4 EAb5+ 4.Ka5
 Kb8 5.Ka6 EAcb7+ 6.Sc6+ Kc7,Ka8,Kc8=

1.Kc3 EAd2+ 2.Kb4 EAb3+ 3.Ka5 EAb6 4.Sf4
 EAfb4 5.Sd3 EAd4+ 6.Sc5+
 Ka8,Kc6,Kc8,Ka7,Kc7,Kb8=

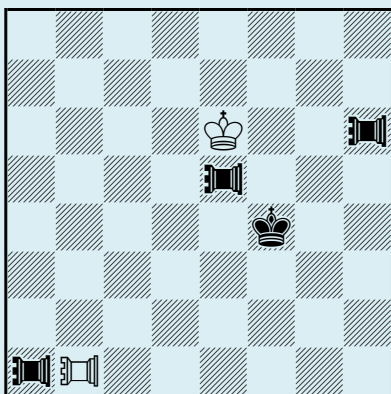
1.Kc2 EAd3 2.Se3 EAa6+ 3.Kb3 Kb6 4.Kb4
 EAb3+ 5.Ka4 EAab5+ 6.Sc4+
 Ka7,Kc5,Kc7,Ka6,Kc6,Kb7=

Positions before last move:



PDB [P1378223](#), WinChloe ID = 731464

209. Václav Kotěšovec
 4328 idee & from 142/2019
 (The award is yet not published)



hs=7 (2+4) C+
 0.3.1.1...
 ♖♜=Eagle

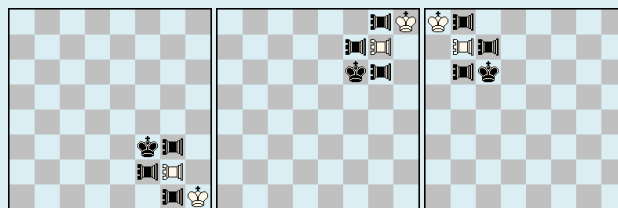
Triple exact echo
 Pining of the white eagle

1. - Ke3 2.Kf5 EAaf4 3.Kg4 EAfg3 4.Kh3 Kf3
 5.Kh2 EAef2+ 6.Kh1 EAhg1+ 7.EAg2+
 Ke4,Ke2,Kg4,Ke3,Kf4=

1. - Kg5 2.EAa2 EAad6 3.Kf7 EAg6 4.Kg8 Kf6
 5.Kh8 EAdf7 6.EAe8 EAhg8+ 7.EAg7+
 Ke7,Kg5,Ke5,Ke6,Kf5=

1. - Ke4 2.Kd7 Kd5 3.Kc8 Kc6 4.Kb8 EAc7
 5.Ka8 EAb8 6.EAc8 EAeb6+ 7.EAb7+
 Kd5,Kb5,Kd7,Kd6,Kc5=

Positions before last move:



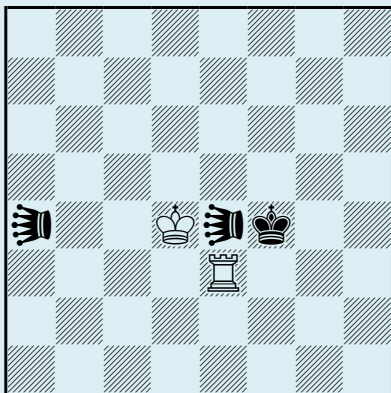
C+, WinChloe 4 h 45 m

PDB [P1378222](https://pdb.com/P1378222), WinChloe ID = 733317

210. Václav Kotěšovec

8662 Phénix 301/2019

1. Commendation



hs=7 (2+3) C+

0.3.1.1...

♞=Moose (Elan)

Triple exact echo

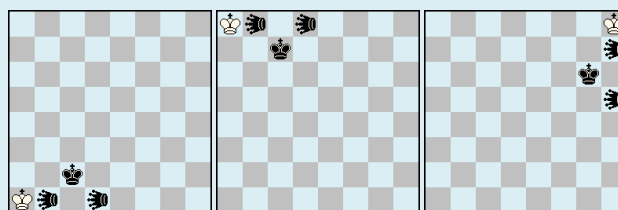
PDB [P1378215](#), WinChloe ID = 764716

1. - ELf2 2.Re2 ELd1 3.Ra2 ELb1 4.Kc3 Ke3
5.Kb2 Kd2 6.Ka1+ Kc1 7.Rc2+ K:c2=

1. - Kf5 2.Kc5 Ke6 3.Kb6 Kd7 4.Kb7 ELb8
5.Ka8 ELd8 6.Re7+ Kc8 7.Rc7+ K:c7=

1. - Kg4 2.Ke5 ELd2 3.Kf6 ELh5 4.Kg7 Kg5
5.Kh8 Kh6 6.Rg3 ELh7 7.Rg6+ K:g6=

Stalemate positions:



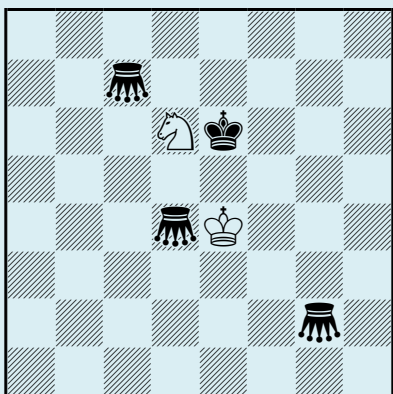
Judge Maryan Kerhuel (Phénix 322-3/2021, p.12575-81): "Trois positions écho de pat, dans chacune le Roi blanc termine dans un des coins de l'échiquier. Réalisation impeccable."

Published with a comment: "Trois mats en écho, avec la même position finale. Václav continue de travailler les mats en écho, en aidé-inverse depuis quelques temps."

211. Václav Kotěšovec

PS3418F The Problemist Supplement 160/2019

Commendation



hs=7 (2+4) C+

3 solutions

♙=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

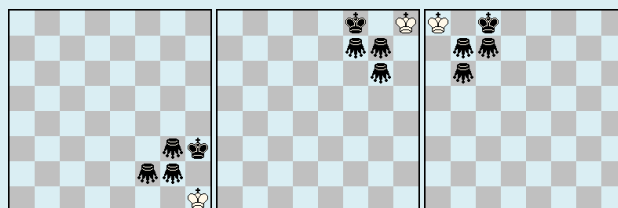
PDB [P1378210](#), WinChloe ID = 739460

1.Kf3 Ke5 2.Kg4 Gh4 3.Kh3 Kf4 4.Se4 Gg3
5.Kh2 Kg4 6.Kh1 Kh3 7.Sf2+ G:f2=

1.Sc8 Kf7 2.Kf5 Kf8 3.Kg6 Gg7 4.Se7 Gh8
5.Kh7 Ge8 6.Kh8 Gf7 7.Sg6+ G:g6=

1.Sc4 Kd7 2.Kd5 Kc8 3.Kc6 Gb7 4.Kb6 Gd7
5.Ka7 Gd8 6.Ka8 Gb7 7.Sb6+ G:b6=

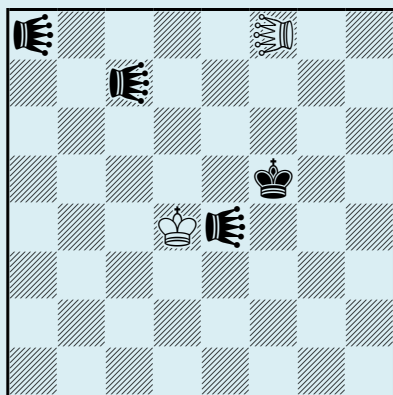
Stalemate positions:



Comments of the solvers: "Magnificent achievement; 3 full-length dual-free solutions and echo stalemates in 3 different corners of the board" (B.E.Chamberlain). "Stalemate on 3 of the 4 corners of the board in this composer's customary style. Remarkable achievement" (C.C.Frankiss).

Judge Kjell Widlert (The Problemist May 2023, p. 124-128): "Grasshopper echo in three corners. It may be the least impressive of the composer's contributions this year but is certainly worth a commendation."

212. Václav Kotěšovec
 4268 Best Problems 92/2019
2. Honorable Mention



hs=7 (2+4) C+

3.1.1...

♖=Eagle

♚=Moose (Elan)

Triple exact echo

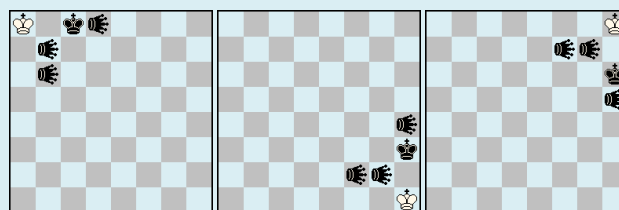
PDB [P1378219](#), WinChloe ID = 746507

1.Kc5 Ke6 2.Kb6 EAd6+ 3.Ka7 EAb7 4.ELc6
 EAd8 5.ELf7 Kd7 6.Ka8 Kc8 7.ELb6+ EA:b6=

1.Ke3 Kg4 2.Ke2 Kh3 3.Kf2 EAf5 4.ELg4 EAg2
 5.Kg1 EAg3 6.Kh1 EAch4 7.ELf2+ EA:f2=

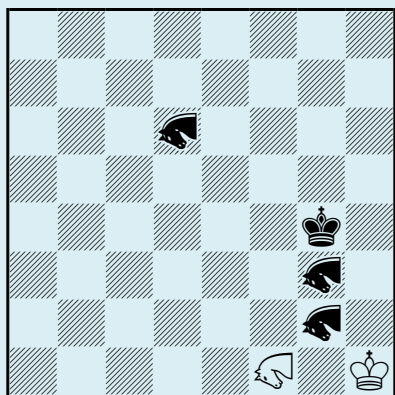
1.Kd5 Kg6 2.Ke6 EAf6 3.ELg5 Kh6 4.Kf7 EAh5
 5.Kg8 EAg7+ 6.Kh8 EAcg6 7.ELf7+ EA:f7=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Hans Gruber (Best Problems 105/2023, p.570-572): "Only one stalemate pattern is possible, thus the threefold chameleon echo is to be expected. The author long ago showed in some publications ([500 trojnásobných ech v pomocných úlohách](#), Praha 1998; [Echo ve vícetahovém pomocném matu](#), Praha 2002) that hundreds of such echoes exist in problems without twinning. Often the moves of the solutions are of little interest compared to the final positions. Here the complexity of the play is considerable and has to be appreciated (even if it was discovered by the computer)."

213. Václav Kotěšovec
 17844 Die Schwalbe 297/2019
5. Honorable Mention



hs=9 (2+4) C+
 0.3.1.1...
 ♖♜=Sparrow

Triple exact echo

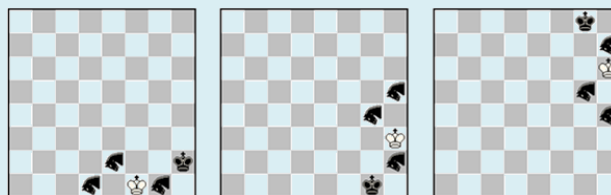
PDB [P1378070](#), WinChloe ID = 740676

1. - SPh2 2.Kg1 Kh3 3.Kf2 SPg1+ 4.Ke1 SPe2+
 5.SPg3 Kg2 6.Kd1 SPc2+ 7.Ke1 Kh1 8.Kf1
 SPcd1 9.SPh2+ K:h2=

1. - SPe6 2.Kh2 Kf3 3.Kh3 SPh2+ 4.Kh4 Kg2
 5.SPf2 Kh1 6.SPg3 SPg4+ 7.SPf3 SPeg5+ 8.Kh3
 SPh5 9.SPg1+ K:g1=

1. - Kg5 2.SPf2 SPh4 3.Kh2 Kf6 4.SPe5 Kg7
 5.Kh3 SPh6 6.Kg4 SPh7 7.Kh5 Kh8 8.Kh6
 SPdg5 9.SPg8+ K:g8=

Stalemate positions:

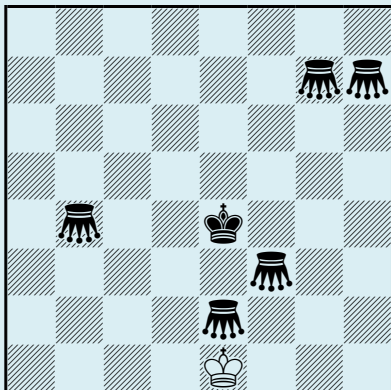


Comments of the solvers (Die Schwalbe 300/2019, p. 413): Dabei sind die Mattbilder von von I) nach II) gedreht und von II) nach III) gespiegelt. Wolfgang Will: "Fortsetzung der Serie. Immer noch staunt der Löser, wie sich eine solche Dreifachsetzung dualfrei gestalten läßt.", Karl-Heinz Siehndel: "Erst nach zig Anläufen bewältigt. Dabei sieht alles so einfach aus. Schwierig und schön."

Judge Juraj Lörinc (Die Schwalbe 317/2022, p. 660-669): "Noch einmal ein dreifaches Echo einer ziemlich komplizierten Endstellung (die Spatz-Zugmöglichkeiten werden voll genutzt), aber verglichen mit 17723 [141] steht der sK am Ende zweimal in derselben Ecke."

214. Václav Kotěšovec

G5 Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya 145/2019



hs=9 (1+6) C+

0.3.1.1...

PlatzWechselCirce

♠=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

1. - Kd3 2.Kf2 Kc2 3.K:f3(Gf2) Kb1 4.Ke4 Gd3
5.Kd4 Gc3 6.K:c3(Gd4) Ka1 7.Kb3 Gb2 8.Kc2
Gbd2+ 9.Kc1 ~ =

1. - Kf4 2.Kd2 Kg3 3.K:e2(Gd2) Gg2 4.Kd3
Ghc2 5.Kd4 Gbe4 6.Ke3 Kh2 7.K:f3(Ge3) Kh1
8.Kf2 Gge2+ 9.Kf1 ~ =

1. - Ge5 2.Kf2 Kf5 3.Kg3 Kg6 4.K:f3(Gg3) Gf5
5.Kg4 Gh4 6.K:h4(Gg4) Kh7 7.Kh5 Kh8 8.Kg6
G7g5+ 9.Kh6 ~ =

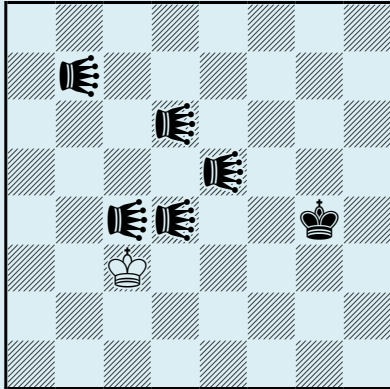
Positions before last move:



PDB [P1378208](https://pdb.com/P1378208), WinChloe ID = 728894

215. Václav Kotěšovec

G4 Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya 145/2019



hs=10 (1+6) C+

0.3.1.1...

PlatzWechselCirce

♙=Kangaroo

Triple exact echo

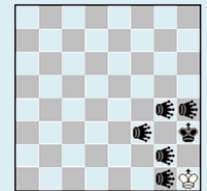
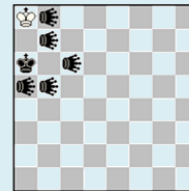
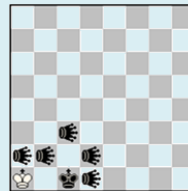
PDB [P1378207](https://pdb.com/P1378207), WinChloe ID = 729167

1. - KAb2 2.Kb3 KAb1 3.Ka2 Kf3 4.K:b1(KAa2) Ke2 5.Kc2 KAd2 6.Kc3 Kd1 7.K:c4(KAc3) Kc1 8.Kb3 KAd1 9.Ka2 KAa1 10.K:a1(KAa2) Kc2,KAe2=

1. - Kf5 2.K:d4(KAc3) Ke6 3.Kc5 KAc6 4.Kb5 Kd7 5.K:c4(KAb5) Kc7 6.Kd5 Kb6 7.K:d6(KAd5) Ka6 8.Kc7 KAa5 9.Kb8 KAa8 10.K:a8(KAb8) Kb6,KAb4=

1. - KAh4 2.Kd2 KAd1 3.Kd3 KAd5 4.Ke4 Kg3 5.K:e5(KAe4) Kh3 6.Kf4 KAg4 7.Ke3 KAf3 8.Kf2 KAg2 9.Kg1 KAh1 10.K:h1(KAg1) Kg3,KAg5=

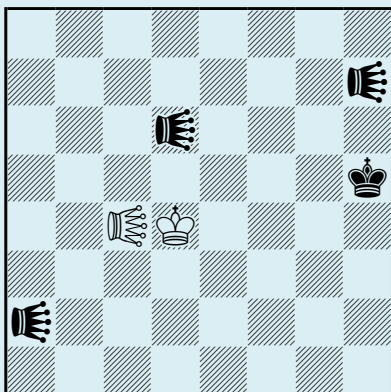
Positions before last move:



216. Václav Kotěšovec

162 Pat a Mat 108/2019

2. Commendation



hs=13

(2+4) C+

3 solutions

♞♞=Kangaroo

Triple exact chameleon echo

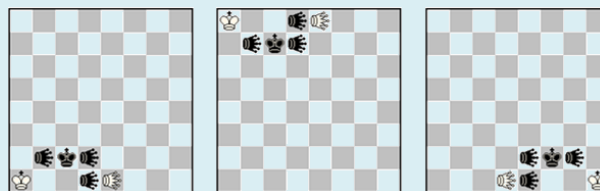
PDB [P1378027](#), WinChloe ID = 737185

1.Ke4 Kg4 2.KAh4 Kh3 3.Kd3 KAh2 4.KAh1 Kg2 5.Kc2 KAb2 6.Kc1 Kf1 7.KAb1 Ke2 8.Kc2 KAd2 9.Kb3 Kd3 10.Ka3 KAd1 11.Ka2 Kc2+ 12.Ka1 Kc1+ 13.KAe1 Kc2=

1.Kc3 Kg6 2.Kb3 KAd5 3.Kc2 KAb1 4.Kd3 Kf7 5.KAg8 KAd2 6.Kc4 Ke7 7.KAb3 Kd6 8.Kb5 KAd7 9.Kb6 KAb7 10.KAb8 KAd8 11.Ka7 Kc7+ 12.Ka8 Kc8+ 13.KAe8 Kc7=

1.Kd5 KAe6 2.Ke5 Kg4 3.Kf6 KAg6 4.Kg7 Kf5 5.Kh6 KAe4 6.Kh5 Kf4 7.KAg4 Ke3 8.Kh4 KAe2 9.Kg3 KAg2 10.KAg1 KAe1 11.Kh2 Kf2+ 12.Kh1 Kf1+ 13.KAd1 Kf2=

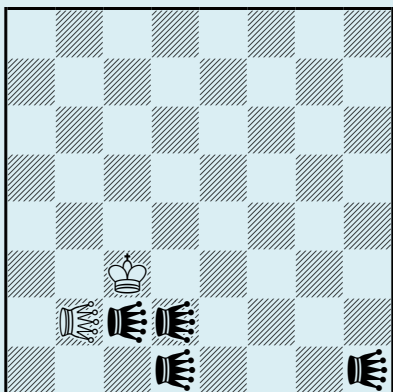
Stalemate positions:



Published with a comment (in Slovak): "Tri echové paty v troch rôznych rohoch šachovnice."

Judge Geoff Foster (Pat a Mat 113/2020, p.242): "Another amazing achievement from this composer, but maybe it is not as surprising as it used to be? Echo stalemates in 3 corners of the board, but with only one black Kangaroo doing guard duty."

217. Václav Kotěšovec original



hs=21 (2+4) C+

3 solutions

  = Kangaroo
(without the black king)

Triple exact echo.

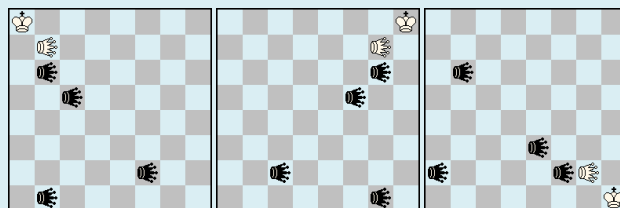
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1.KAe2 KAf2 2.Kb2 KAg2 3.Kc1 KAb1 4.KAh2
KAa1 5.Kd2 KAc2 6.Kd3 KAe4 7.KAb2 KAf5
8.Kd4 KAe5 9.Kd5 KAc5 10.Ke6 KAe7 11.Kd5
KAb5 12.Kd6 KAf8 13.Kc5 KAb4 14.Kb6 KAb1
15.KAb7 KAb8 16.Kb5 KAb4 17.Kc5 KAf8
18.Kd6 KAc5 19.Kc7 KAa7 20.Kb8 KAg1
21.Ka8 KAb6=

1.Kd3 KAd4 2.Ke2 KAf2 3.Ke3 KAg1 4.Ke2
KAg2 5.Kd2 KAc2 6.Ke3 KAd4 7.KAg2 KAc5
8.Ke4 KAd5 9.Ke5 KAf5 10.Kd6 KAd7 11.Ke5
KAg5 12.Ke6 KAc8 13.Kf5 KAg4 14.Kg6 KAg1
15.KAg7 KAg8 16.Kg5 KAg4 17.Kf5 KAc8
18.Ke6 KAf5 19.Kf7 KAh7 20.Kg8 KAb1
21.Kh8 KAg6=

1.Kd4 KAd5 2.Ke4 KAc6 3.Kd4 KAd1 4.Kd3
KAd4 5.Kc3 KAa1 6.Kd4 KAa2 7.Ke5 KAf6
8.Kd6 KAb6 9.Kc5 KAc1 10.Kd4 KAd2 11.Ke3
KAf4 12.Kf2 KAa2 13.KAg2 KAh2 14.Ke2 KAd2
15.Ke3 KAc1 16.Kf4 KAg5 17.Ke3 KAh6 18.Kf4
KAe3 19.Kg3 KAg1 20.Kh2 KAa7 21.Kh1
KAf2=

Stalemate positions:



3 solutions

WinChloe ID = 930428

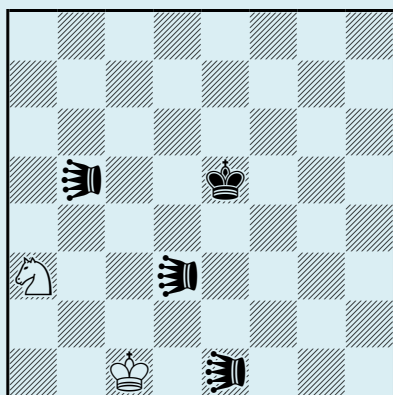
1.Ke3 KAf3 2.Ke4 KAb7 3.Kd5 K Ae4 4.Ke5
KAe6 5.Kd5 KAb7 6.Ke4 KAf3 7.KAg2 KAf5
8.Ke3 KAc3 9.Kf3 KAg3 10.Ke4 KAc2 11.Kf3
KAh3 12.Kg4 KAd7 13.Kf5 KAg4 14.Kg6 KAg1
15.KAg7 KAg8 16.Kg5 KAg4 17.Kf5 KAh3
18.Ke6 KAd7 19.Kf5 KAc8 20.Ke6 KAf5 21.Kf7
KAh7 22.Kg8 KAb1 23.Kh8 KAg6=

1.Kd1 KAa1 2.Ke1 KAf1 3.Ke2 KAc4 4.Ke3
KAf3 5.Ke4 KAf5 6.KAg2 KAg6 7.Kf4 KAf6
8.Ke4 KAd3 9.Kf3 KAf2 10.Ke4 KAg6 11.Kf3
KAf1 12.Ke2 KAb5 13.Kd3 K Ae2 14.Kc2 KAh2
15.Kab2 KAa2 16.Kd2 K Ae2 17.Kd3 KAf1
18.Kc4 KAb5 19.Kd3 KAa6 20.Kc4 KAd3
21.Kb3 KAb1 22.Ka2 KAh7 23.Ka1 KAc2=

219. Václav Kotěšovec

[1372](#) Julia's Fairies 2019

2. Honorable Mention



hs=5

(2+4) C+

4.1.1...

♖=Eagle

4-fold echo

PDB [P1378213](#), WinChloe ID = 726650

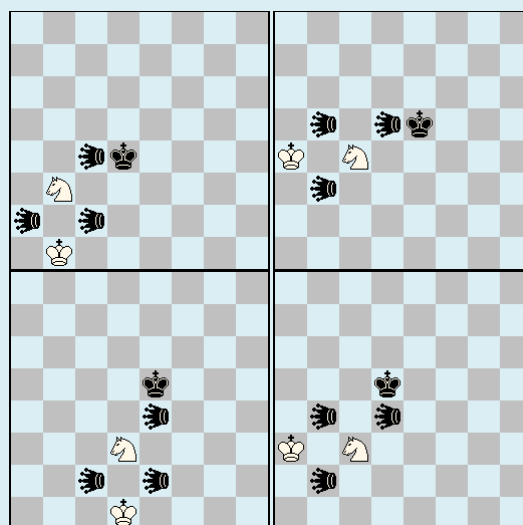
1.Sc4+ Kd4 2.Sa5 EAec2 3.Kb2 EAa2 4.Kb1
EAdc4+ 5.Sb3+ K~ =

1.Kd2 EAdc2 2.Kc3 EAd5 3.Kb3 EAa2+ 4.Ka4
EAab3+ 5.Sc4+ K~ =

1.Sc2 EAd5 2.Sb4 EAc2 3.Kd2 EAde2 4.Kd1
EAe4+ 5.Sd3+ K~ =

1.Kb2 Kd5 2.Kb3 EAb4 3.Sb1 EAb2 4.Ka3
EAd4+ 5.Sc3+ K~ =

Positions before last move:

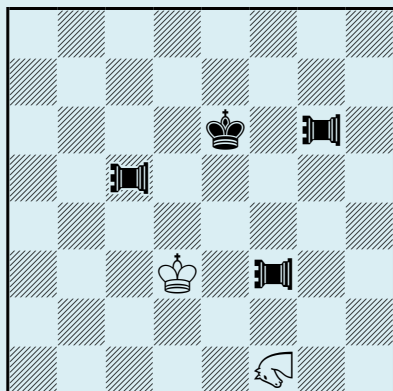


Comments: "four amazing echoes with knight pinned" (Seetharaman), "But the bK has a choice of 6 squares each time, which is especially bad because it is just a waiting move (White is already in stalemate)." (Geoff Foster)

My reaction (Julia's Fairies, 19.2.2019) "**In the selfmate (selfstalemate) problems are moves of Black a variants, not duals.**"

Judge Michal Dragoun: "Fourfold echo with pinned knight. In two solutions black king moves to the square, where serves as hurdle and is checked at the end. Multiple final black moves are not 'big weakness' for me."

220. Václav Kotěšovec
F3527 The Problemist July 2019
4. Prize
FIDE Album 2019-21



hs=7 (2+4) C+
4 solutions
♖=Eagle
♔=Sparrow

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1378052](https://pdb.org/P1378052), WinChloe ID = 741181

Judge Kjell Widlert (The Problemist May 2023, p. 124-128): "Not so many years ago, before the computer age, a problem like this with a four-corner echo would have knocked everyone off their feet (if they could convince themselves that it might actually be sound). Nowadays we have been spoiled by many similar works, found by an exhaustive computer search rather than by a genius mind (I admit it takes a sharp mind to write the program). But this is still a very convincing example with a complex zugzwang stalemate in all four corners, using only seven moves without twinning. In the final position, three bK moves and four Eagle moves are self-check from the white Sparrow, while the third Eagle is blocked in two directions, leaving only (in the a1 corner) Ka4 or Kc4 as legal moves. And both stalemate White, as Eagles guard both flights of the wK, and one pair of Eagles pin the Sparrow. This is an unusually complex ending."

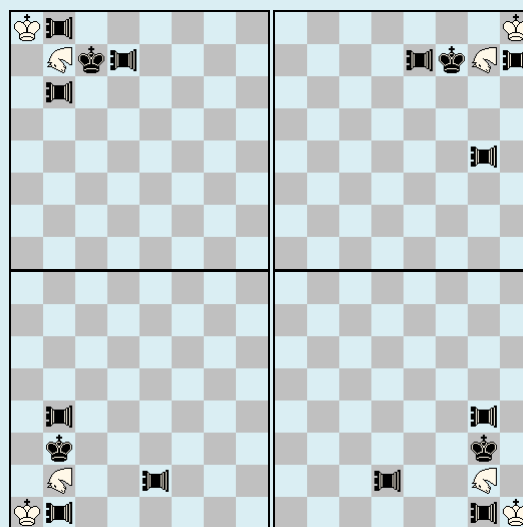
1.SPd2 EAe2+ 2.Kc2 Kd5 3.Kc1 EAb1 4.Kb2 Kc4 5.Ka1 Kb3 6.SPd1 EAb4 7.SPb2 Ka4,Kc4=

1.Kc4 Kd6 2.Kb5 EAb6 3.Ka6 EAgd7 4.Kb7 EAa6+ 5.Ka8 Kc7 6.SPa5 EAab8+ 7.SPb7+ Kd8,Kd6=

1.Ke4 Ke7 2.Kf5 EAg4+ 3.Kg6 EAd8 4.Kh7 Kf7 5.Kh8 EAe7 6.SPg6 EAh7 7.SPg7 Ke8,Ke6=

1.Ke3 EAd2 2.Kf2 Kf5 3.Kg2 EAfg1 4.SPg4+ Kf4 5.Kh1 Kg3 6.SPh5 EAg4 7.SPg2 Kh4,Kf4=

Positions before last move:

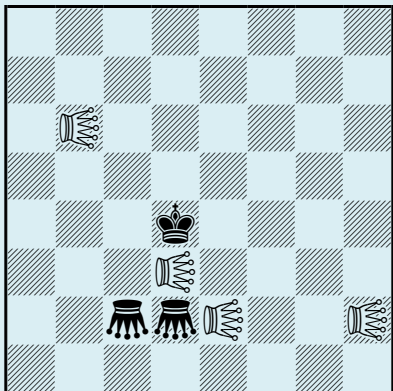


Comments of the solvers (The Problemist, January 2020): "Very good construction to achieve stalemates in all four corners (the only possible squares for mate). All done in this composer's usual grand style" (C.C.Frankiss). "Truly remarkable echo mates" (K.Seetharaman). "An incredible echo in four corners" (H.Kalafut).

C+, Alybadix 33 min

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221. Václav Kotěšovec
 1264 Pat a Mat 117/2021
1.-4. Prize
FIDE Album 2019-21 (from WCCI)



h#12 (4+3) C+

4.1.1...

♙=Grasshopper

♘=Kangaroo

(without the white king)

4-fold echo in four corners with 7 (!) pieces
 First moves of the white kangaroos are on the squares a2, b2, c2 and d2.

PDB [P1393464](https://pdb.cis.org/pdb/pdbinfo.cgi?G4=1393464), WinChloe ID = 825930

Judge Juraj Brabec (Pat a Mat 120/2022, p.52-64):
 "Obdivuhodná skladba. Je až neuveriteľné, ako štyria bieli klovani a dvaja čierni cvrčkovia vo vzájomnej spolupráci pomohli „dokrivkať sa“ čiernemu kráľovi do všetkých štyroch kútov šachovnice. Pritom sa dokázali usporiadať do echového postavenia, v ktorom vždy jeden klokan oddychuje, dvaja slúžia ako prekážky a ten štvrtý ho v tom „kúte dorazí“. A to vždy dvanástym ťahom! Pozrite si záverečné pozície všetkých riešení, stojí to za to!"

This helpmate was published with a comment by Juraj Lörinc: "Fantastický výkon: štvornásobné echo v štyroch rohoch šachovnice, bez dvojníka a neestetického opakovania ťahov!"

11 points in WCCI 2019-21 (3rd best problem in section G).

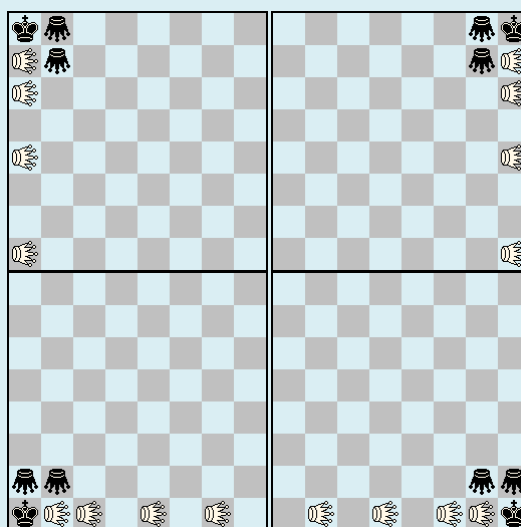
1.Gb2 KAa2 2.Kc5 KAd2 3.Gc6 KAa2 4.Kd6 KAd7
 5.Ge6 KAd8 6.Kc6 KAf6 7.Gb6 KAa6 8.Kc7 KAa5
 9.Gb7 KAda7 10.Kb8 KAa4 11.Ka8 KAa1 12.Gb8
 KAa7#

1.Ke5 KAb2 2.Gd4 KAf6 3.Ge4 KAc3 4.Ge6 KAf6
 5.Gg6 KAc3 6.Kf5 KAh7 7.Kf6 KAh6 8.Gg7 KACH8
 9.Kf7 KAh5 10.Kg8 KAh4 11.Kh8 KAh1 12.Gg8
 KAh7#

1.Ge4 KAc2 2.Gf2 KAg1 3.Ke3 KAc5 4.Ke2 KAc1
 5.Kd1 KAc1 6.Ke2 KAf5 7.Kf3 KAg6 8.Gg2 KAf1
 9.Kg3 KAgg1 10.Kh2 KAd1 11.Kh1 KAb1 12.Gh2
 KAg1#

1.Gf2 KAd2 2.Kd5 KAd6 3.Kc5 KAg1 4.Gd2 KAd1
 5.Kc4 KAb5 6.Ge2 KAa6 7.Kb3 KAf1 8.Gc2 KAc1
 9.Gb2 KAbb1 10.Ka2 KAc1 11.Ka1 KAg1 12.Ga2
 KAb1#

Mating positions:

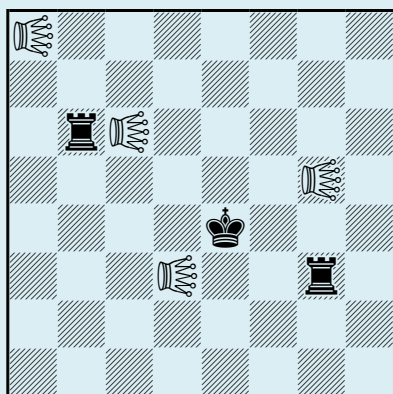


Reproduced in The Problemist (November 2022) in the section "Selected problems" (G4, p.520) with a comment by Geoff Foster: "The composer of G4 specialises in amazing achievements, but this may be the most amazing yet, with echo mates in all 4 corners. The black fairy pieces are Grasshoppers, which hop over another until (the hurdle) to the next square beyond. The white pieces are Kangaroos, which move similarly but require two hurdles, landing on the first square beyond the second hurdle (the two hurdles need not be adjacent). In the 4 solutions White begins by moving a Kangaroo along the second rank to a2, b2, c2 and d2."

222. Václav Kotěšovec

G4 Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya 159/2022

2. Prize



h#10

(4+3) C+

4.1.1...

♙=Kangaroo

(without the white king)

Two pairs of echoes with **7 pieces** in four corners!

PDB [P1401145](#), WinChloe ID = 841547

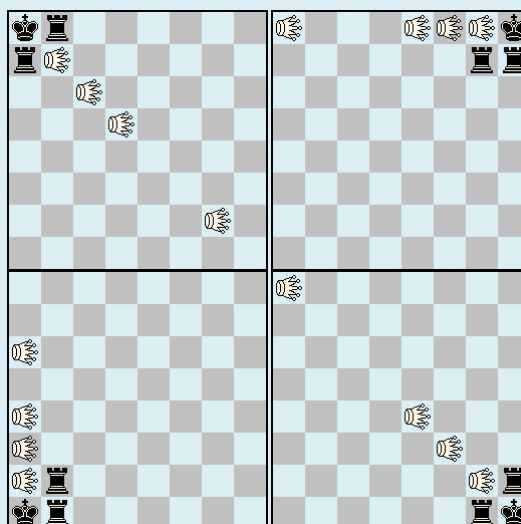
1.Rb7 KAd5 2.Rh3 KAf3 3.Kf5 KAa8 4.Rd7
KAd8 5.Rf7 KAh5 6.Kg6 KAe8 7.Rg7 KAg8
8.Kh7 KAc8 9.Kh8 KAf8 10.Rhh7 KAg8#

1.Rb8 KAf3 2.Kd5 KAg2 3.Ke6 KAg1 4.Rg7
KAg8 5.Rf7 KAd5 6.Kd7 KAd8 7.Kc8 KAa8
8.Kb7 KAc8 9.Ka8 KAc6 10.Ra7 KAb7#

1.Rf3 KAg2 2.Rb5 KAd5 3.Kd4 KAa5 4.Rb1
KAd6 5.Rfb3 KAd3 6.Kc4 KAa2 7.Kc3 KAa3
8.Kb2 KAc6 9.Ka1 KAa4 10.R3b2 KAa2#

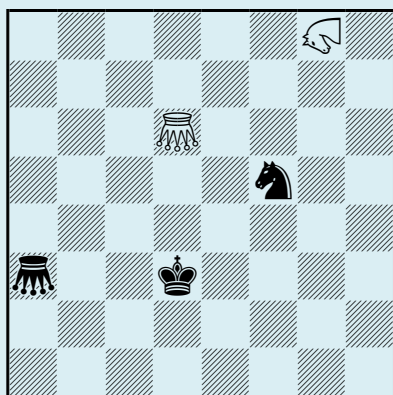
1.Rg2 KAh1 2.Rg6 KAh7 3.Kf5 KAe4 4.Kg4
KAg1 5.Rh2 KAg7 6.Kg3 KAg2 7.Kf2 KAd5
8.Kg1 KAc6 9.Kh1 KAf3 10.Rg1 KAg2#

Mating positions:



Judge: M. Khramtsevich

223. Václav Kotěšovec
F3721 The Problemist March 2022
Prize special



h#9 (2+3) C+

4.1.1...

♞♞=Nightriderhopper
♞♞=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners.
This is one of my favorite problems.

PDB [P1403702](https://pdb.org/P1403702), WinChloe ID = 859286

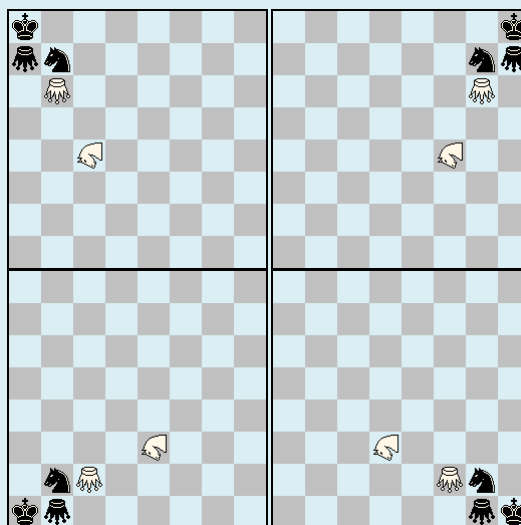
1.Kd4 Gd3 2.Kc5 Gg6 3.Kb6 Ge4 4.Sd6 NHd2
5.Ge7 NHa8 6.Sb7 NHc4 7.Ka7 Gb4 8.Ka8 Gb8
9.Ga7 Gb6#

1.Ge7 NHc6 2.Kd4 NHe2 3.Ke5 Gf8 4.Kf6 Gd6
5.Kg6 NHh8 6.Sg7 NHf4 7.Kh7 Gg3 8.Kh8 Gg8
9.Gh7 Gg6#

1.Ge3 Gd2 2.Kc3 Gf4 3.Gb3 Gf6 4.Sd6 Gc6
5.Kb2 NHa5 6.Ka1 Ge6 7.Sc4 NHe3 8.Sb2 Ga2
9.Gb1 Gc2#

1.Ke4 NHd2 2.Kf3 NHh4 3.Se3 NHb7 4.Sg2
NHf5 5.Gg3 NHh1 6.Kf2 NHd3 7.Kg1 Gd2
8.Kh1 Gh2 9.Gg1 Gf2#

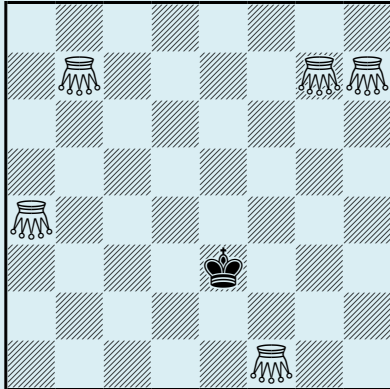
Mating positions:



K. Seetharaman commented (The Problemist, September 2022, p.469): "Another classic from the Czech expert. Ideal mates of course."

Judge Ofer Comay (The Problemist January 2025, p.34-37): "It is a complicated question how we should consider database problems, and I include such problems if they have artistic values, beside their task achievements. Here the very weak force of the white hoppers forces only one possible mating position, and it happens in all four corners! The coordination between the hoppers and the other pieces is amusing: the black king chooses the path such that the hoppers will be able to reach their final destination."

224. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1446 StrateGems 70/2015
Prize special
G159 FIDE Album 2013-2015



h#5 (5+1) C+
 4.1.1...
 ♟=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

Four corners

PDB [P1378116](#), WinChloe ID = 566084

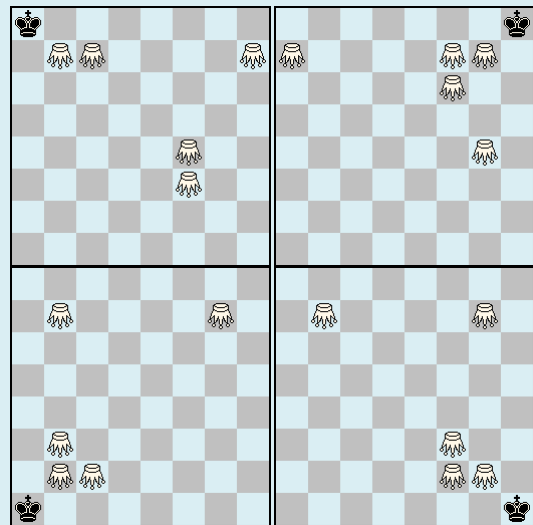
1.Kd4 Ge4 2.Ke3 Gf7 3.Kf2 Gff3+ 4.Kg1 Gf2
 5.Kh1 Gg2#

1.Kf4 Gg4 2.Kf5 Gf6 3.Kg6 Ga7 4.Kg7 Gf7+
 5.Kh8 Gg7#

1.Kd3 Gc2 2.Kc4 Gb5 3.Kc3 Gd1 4.Kb2 Gb3+
 5.Ka1 Gb2#

1.Ke4 Gf3 2.Kd5 Gf4 3.Kc6 Gd7 4.Kb7 Gc7+
 5.Ka8 Gb7#

Mating positions:

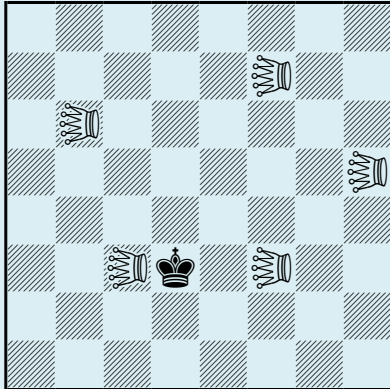


Judge Ofer Comay (StrateGems 80/2017, p.176-179): "Four solutions with mates in all corners! An amazing database find."

Comments of the solvers: "Excellent Grasshopper play with Umnov and Zabunov themes" (Romuald Lazowski), "A four corner mate problem, incredible!" (Wilfried Seehofer), "The ultimate Grasshopper problem" (C. C. Frankiss).

Reproduction: Phénix 283/2018, p. 11137 with a comment: "Mats dans les quatre coins, avec des solutions sans jumeaux."

225. Václav Kotěšovec
F3214 The Problemist 5/2015
4. Honorable Mention
G158 FIDE Album 2013-2015



h#5 (5+1) C+
4.1.1...
 = Double-Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Four corners (4-fold echo of 4 pieces)

PDB [P1378118](#), WinChloe ID = 573158

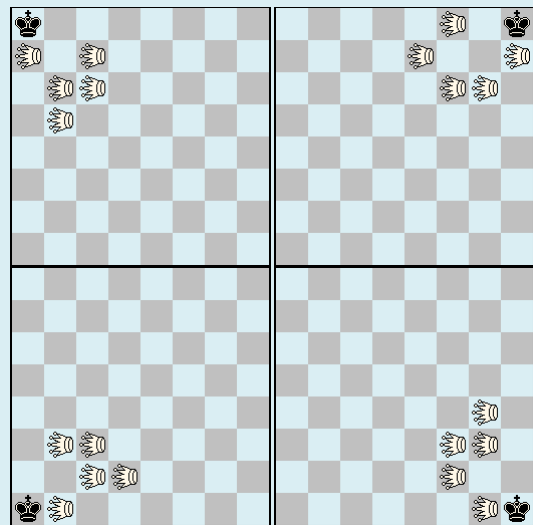
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DGfc6 5.Ka8 DG6c7#

1.Ke2 DGd2 2.Kd1 DGc2+ 3.Kc1 DGd1+
4.Kb2 DGbb3+ 5.Ka1 DGdb1#

1.Ke4 DGg6 2.Kf5 DGf8 3.Kf6 DGe7 4.Kg7
DGbf6+ 5.Kh8 DGh7#

1.Ke3 DGfd4 2.Kf2 DGg4 3.Kg2 DGg1 4.Kh2
DGBg3 5.Kh1 DGf2#

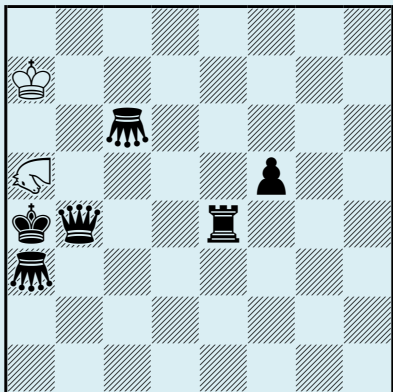
Mating positions:



Judge Michal Dragoun (The Problemist November 2019, p. 241): "Mates in all four corners without twinning. Two mating pictures are exactly the same, the other two are partly different (one of them is a mate without double-check)."

Comments of the solvers: "Neat miniature with Zabunov theme and chameleon-echo" (RL). "Very difficult, and mate in SE corner took me the longest. Mate in SW corner requires one to be careful not to walk into a check. I solved by a combination of forward and retro analysis" (FM). "Mates in all 4 corners" (CCF). "Three different mating nets amongst the 4 finales" (SE).

226. Václav Kotěšovec
 MT "Mark Gordian - 110" C 1.12.2010
1. Honorable Mention
G159 FIDE Album 2010-2012



h#5 (2+6) C+
 2.1.1...
 ♞=Nightriderhopper
 ♟=Grasshopper

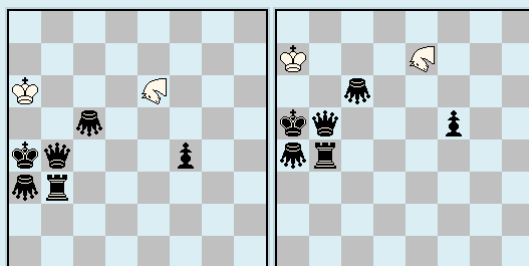
Chameleon echo (with a shift of 8 pieces!)

PDB [P1378138](#), WinChloe ID = 388129

1.Re3 NHg2 2.f4 NHc4 3.Gc3 Ka6 4.Gcc5
 NHg2 5.Rb3 NHe6#

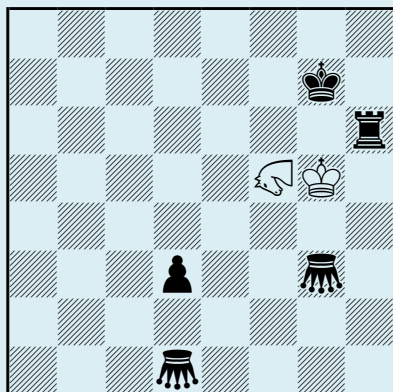
1.Qb5 NHe7 2.Rb4 NHg3 3.Ka5 Ka8 4.Ga6
 Ka7 5.Gaa4 NHe7#

Mating positions:



Judge A. Vasilenko

227. Václav Kotěšovec
 MT "Mark Gordian - 110" C 1.12.2010
1.-2. Prize



h#5 (2+5) C+

2.1.1...

 = Nightriderhopper

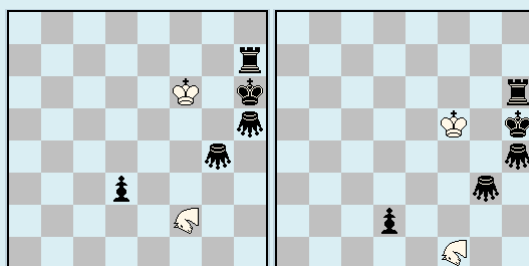
 = Grasshopper

Exact cameleon echo

1.Th7 NHh1 2.Gg6 NHb4 3.Gg4 Kf5 4.Kh6 Kf6
 5.Gh5 NHf2#

1.Gd4 Kg4 2.Kg6 NHb3 3.Gh4 Kf4 4.Kh5 Kf5
 5.d2 NHf1#

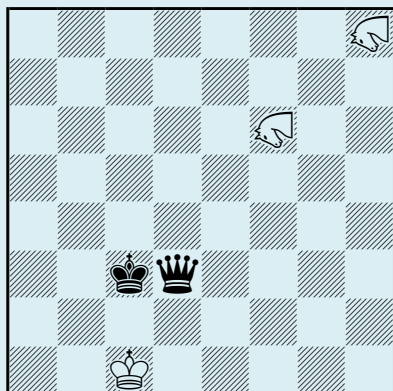
Mating positions:



Judge A. Vasilenko

PDB [P1378139](https://pdb.com/P1378139), WinChloe ID = 390643

228. Václav Kotěšovec
1280 Ural problemist 70/2012



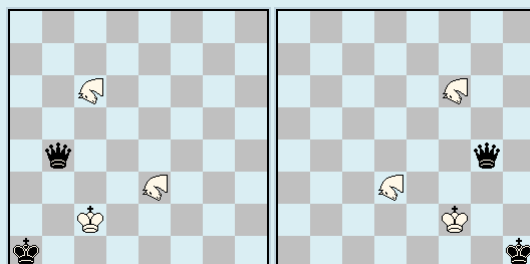
h#8 (3+2) C+
2.1.1...
♞=Nightriderhopper

Echo chameleon

1.Qe4 NHd2 2.Qf4 NHe2 3.Qf6 NHg8 4.Qd4
NHc6 5.Qc4 Kd1 6.Kb2 NHa5 7.Ka1 NHe3
8.Qb4 Kc2#

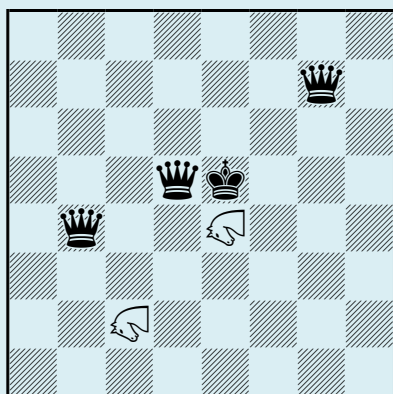
1.Qg6 NHf4 2.Kd3 NHb2 3.Ke4 Kd2 4.Kf4
NHh5 5.Qg4 NHd3 6.Kf3 Kd1 7.Kg2+ Ke1
8.Kh1 Kf2#

Mating positions:



PDB [P1378661](#), WinChloe ID = 443105

229. Václav Kotěšovec
 18997 Die Schwalbe 316/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



h#9 (2+4) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♞=Nightriderhopper
 (without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

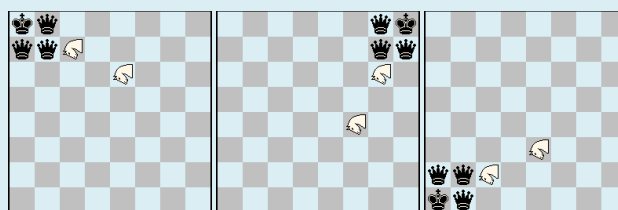
PDB [P1403708](#), WinChloe ID = 852995

1.Qdc5 NHea6 2.Qcd4 NHe6 3.Kd6 NHac2
 4.Kc7 NHa8 5.Qb8 NHce6 6.Kb7 NHg5 7.Ka8
 NHc2 8.Qgb7 NHe6 9.Qda7 NHc7#

1.Kf6 NHg8 2.Qbe7 NHc6 3.Qee6 NHf8 4.Qh7
 NHd4 5.Kg7 NHe2 6.Kh8 NHf8 7.Qed7 NHb6
 8.Qdg7 NHf4 9.Qdg8 NHg6#

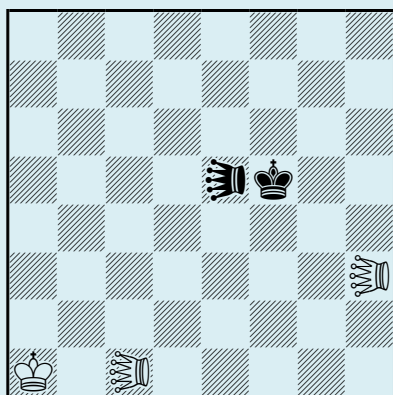
1.Qc3 NHa2 2.Qb4 NHc6 3.Qb1 NHg4 4.Kd4
 NHa1 5.Kc3 NHe3 6.Kb2 NHg4 7.Ka1 NHc7
 8.Qgb2 NHe3 9.Qda2 NHc2#

Mating positions:



Comments of the solvers (Die Schwalbe 318/2022, p.770): Wolfgang Will: „Drei schwarze Damen und drei Lösungen ohne Stellungsänderung: Man kann gar nicht glauben, daß das ohne Dual geht.“, Karl-Heinz Siehndel: „Das gleiche hübsche Mustermattbild auf drei verschiedenen Brettecken in Miniatur und ohne den sonst womöglich störenden weißen König. Ein Prachtstück von einem Schachproblem!“

230. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1660 StrateGems 80/2017
2. Prize special



h#6 (3+2) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♖♜=Double Grasshopper

Triple echo

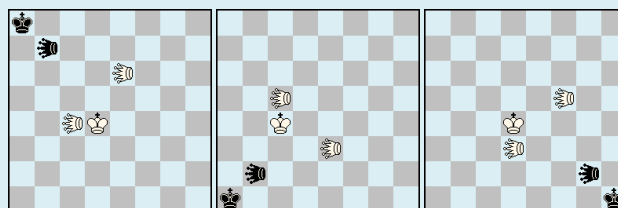
PDB [P1378190](https://pdb.org/P1378190), WinChloe ID = 676700

1.Ke6 Kb2 2.Kd7 DGe6 3.Kc7 Kc3 4.DGb7
 DGc8 5.Kb8 DGc4+ 6.Ka8 Kd4#

1.Ke4 Ka2 2.Kd3 DGe3 3.Kc2 Ka3 4.DGb2 Kb4
 5.Kb1 DGc5 6.Ka1 Kc4#

1.Kf4 DGe3 2.DGe4 DGf5 3.Kg3 Kb2 4.DGg2
 Kc3 5.Kh2 DGd3+ 6.Kh1 Kd4#

Mating positions:



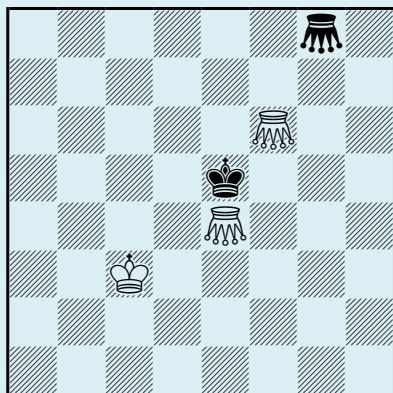
Judge Pierre Tritten: "Three anti-batteries are fired by the white King to mate the black King on three corners. This very nice tanagra also shows echo and model mates."

Comments of the solvers: "Neat problem with chameleon-echo" (Romuald Lazowski), "Three-fold echo with three corner ideal-mates" (Henryk Kalafut).

231. Václav Kotěšovec

6844 Phénix 234/2013

2. Prize



h#7 (3+2) C+

3.1.1...

♞♞=Grasshopper

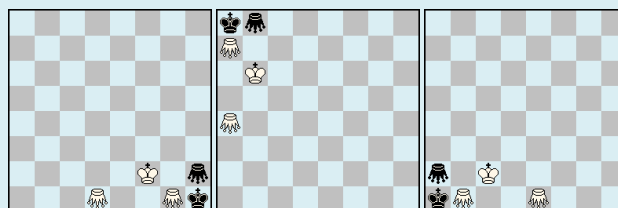
Triple exact echo

1.Kf4 Gg4 2.Gg3 Kd2 3.Ge5 Gd4 4.Kg3 Gd1
5.Gh2 Ke1 6.Kg2 Gg1 7.Kh1 Kf2#

1.Kf5 Gf4 2.Ke6 Ge7 3.Kd7 Kb4 4.Kc8 Ga4
5.Gb8 Ka5 6.Kb7 Ga7 7.Ka8 Kb6#

1.Kd5 Kd2 2.Kd4 Gc3 3.Kc4 Gb4 4.Kb3 Ge1
5.Ga2 Kd1 6.Kb2 Gb1 7.Ka1 Kc2#

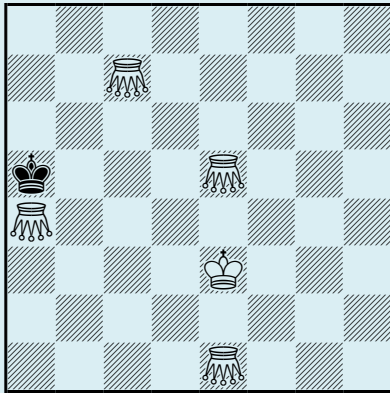
Mating positions:



Judge Didier Innocenti (Phénix 292-3): "Le bel écho en trois coins de l'échiquier, la précision et variété des solutions, le contrôle des Sauterelles si peu mobiles, sont les grands atouts de ce problème. Le tempo 1.Rd5 (direction a1) est un bonus."

PDB [P1378188](#), WinChloe ID = 515310

232. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1893 StrateGems 90/2020
1. Commendation



h#9 (5+1) C+
 3.1.1...
 Alphabetiques
 ♫=Grasshopper

Triple exact echoes with a shift [0,1].
This is one of my favorite problems.

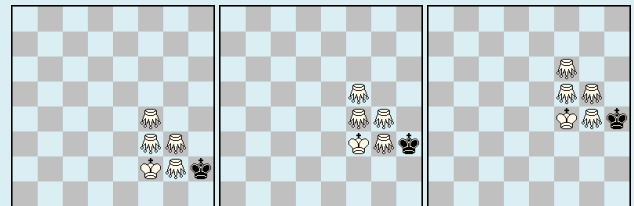
PDB [P1380522](#), WinChloe ID = 766569

1.Kb5 Gc6 2.Kc4 Gc3 3.Kd5 Gf3 4.Ke6 Gf4
 5.Kf6 Ge4 6.Kg5 Ke2 7.Kh4 Kf2 8.Kh3 Gg2
 9.Kh2 Gg3#

1.Kb4 Gc4 2.Kb3 Gc8 3.Kc2 Gf4 4.Kd1 Ge4
 5.Ke1 Kf3 6.Kf1 Ge6 7.Kg1 Gf5 8.Kh2 Gg3+
 9.Kh3 Gg4#

1.Kb6 Ga5 2.Kc6 Gd7 3.Kd5 Gd4 4.Ke6 Gf5
 5.Kf7 Gf6+ 6.Kg6 Ge4+ 7.Kh6 Kf4 8.Kh5 Gg4
 9.Kh4 Gg5#

Mating positions:



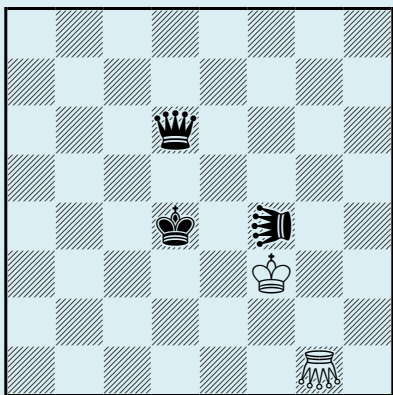
Judge Shankar Ram (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 14-19):
 "Three long trips by the black King to reach the h-file resulting in three concurrent exact echoes with bK on h2, h3 and h4."

Solver's comment (StrateGems 92/2020, p.192):
 "Fantastic ABC problem with three mates." (Wilfried Seehofer)

233. Václav Kotěšovec

[231](#) Julia's Fairies 2013-I

5. Prize



h#7 (2+3) C+

3.1.1...

PlatzWechselCirce

♙=Kangaroo

♖=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

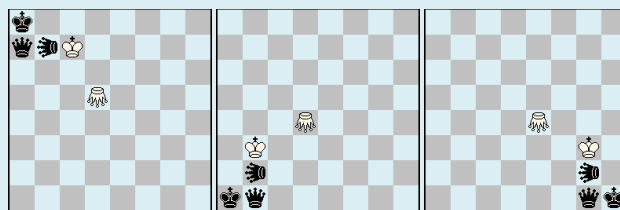
PDB [P1378391](#), WinChloe ID = 457116

1.Qd7 K:f4(KAf3) 2.Kc5 Ke5 3.Kb6 Ga7
4.Q:a7(Gd7) Kd6 5.Kb7 Gd5 6.Ka8 Kc6 7.KAb7
Kc7#

1.Kc3 Ke4 2.Qd4+ K:f4(KAe4) 3.Q:g1(Gd4)
Ke5 4.Kb2 K:e4(KAe5) 5.Ka1 Kd3 6.Qb1+ Kc3
7.KAb2 Kb3#

1.Qb6 Kg4 2.Ke3 Kf5 3.Kf2 Ke4 4.Kg2
K:f4(KAe4) 5.K:g1(Gg2) Kf3 6.Kh1 G:e4(KAg2)
7.Qg1 Kg3#

Mating positions:

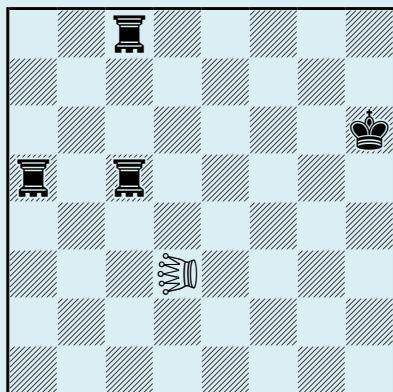


Judge Juraj Brabec: "Three marches of the black King to three different corners of the board, with subsequent occupation by Q and KA of two orthogonal squares on a line with the white King (in this order, to avoid a check to the white King), finished with a mate by G on the diagonal. Good use of the properties of the fairy pieces and the applied fairy condition (PWC). Three solutions and only five pieces. Excellent!"

234. Václav Kotěšovec

T.T. Marianka 2017

3.-4. Prize e.a.



h#7

(1+4) C+

3.1.1...

♖=Rookhopper

♙=Sparrow

(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

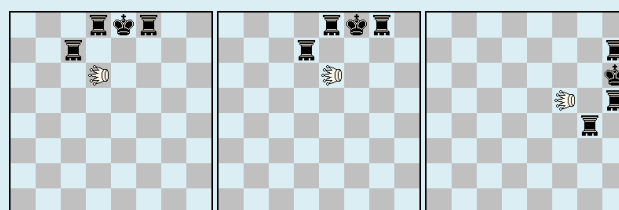
PDB [P1378330](https://pdb.org/P1378330), WinChloe ID = 674572

1.Kg6 SPg5 2.Kf7 SPd6 3.RHd5 SPc6 4.RHc7
SPd6 5.Ke8 SPe6 6.RHf8 SPd7 7.RHdd8 SPd6#

1.RHd5 SPc4 2.RHe5 SPb7 3.Kg7 SPd6 4.RHd7
SPe6 5.Kf8 SPf6 6.RHg8 SPe7 7.RHee8 SPe6#

1.RHc4 SPc3 2.Kg5 SPb5 3.RHh5 SPf4 4.RHg4
SPf5+ 5.Kh6 SPb6 6.RHh7 SPg5 7.RHah5
SPf5#

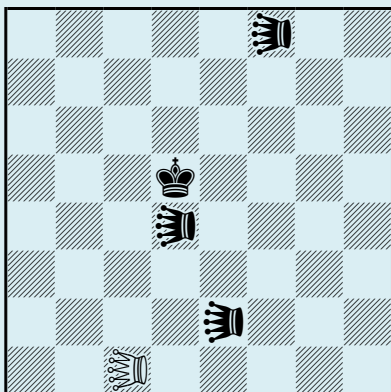
Mating positions:



Judge Juraj Brabec: "Trojnásobné farebné echo, v ktorom jedinému tematickému kameňu (vrabec, sparrow) pomáhajú vežoví cvrčkovia. V každom z riešení matuje biely vrabec a okrem toho kryje ešte tri kráľovské polia."

Reproduced in Phénix 284-5/2018 under number M54, with a comment: "Chacune des trois Tours-Sauterelle est utilisée pour servir de sautoir au Moineau afin de contrôler les cases du champ royal. Bel écho."

235. Václav Kotěšovec
1939 Gaudium 220/2020



h#8 (1+4) C+
3.1.1...
♔♚=Moose (Elan)
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo. Mate with a double check.

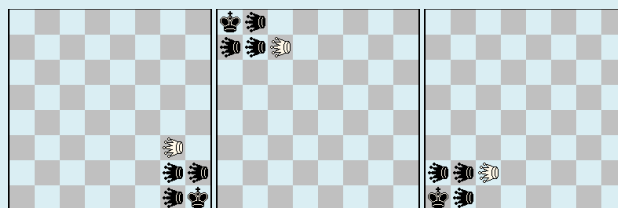
PDB [P1379761](https://pdb.com/P1379761), WinChloe ID = 761570

1.ELc6 ELb7 2.Ke4 ELd6 3.Kf3 ELb5 4.Kg2
ELe1 5.Kh1 ELf3 6.ELg2 ELd2 7.ELh2 ELf1
8.ELg1 ELg3#

1.Kc6 ELd7 2.Kb7 ELe3 3.Ka8 ELc4 4.ELc5
ELe3 5.ELf3 ELc6 6.ELb7 ELb8 7.EL8a7 ELa6
8.ELb8 ELc7#

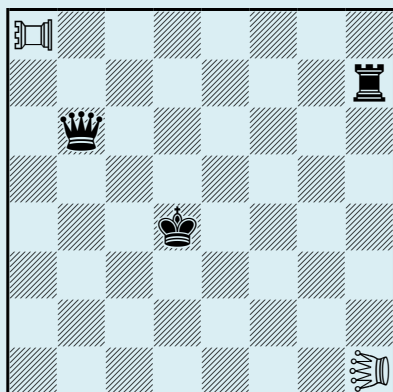
1.Kc4 ELb5 2.Kb3 ELc2 3.ELb1 ELb4 4.ELfa4
ELc2 5.Kb2 ELa3 6.ELa2 ELb5 7.Ka1 ELa3
8.ELb2 ELc2#

Mating positions:



Solver Henryk Kalafut (Gaudium 223/2020): „Ein unglaubliches Echo in drei Ecken mit wahnsinnigem Tanz von vier Elchen.“

236. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#6 (2+3) C+
3 solutions
♙=Moose (Elan)
♖=Eagle
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.
Double checks with a pining of the black queen.

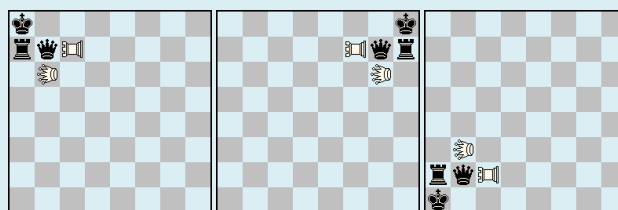
WinChloe ID = 930536

1.Kd5 ELd6 2.Kc6 EAd7+ 3.Kb7 ELc8+ 4.Ka8
EAh8 5.Ra7 EAc7+ 6.Qb7 ELb6#

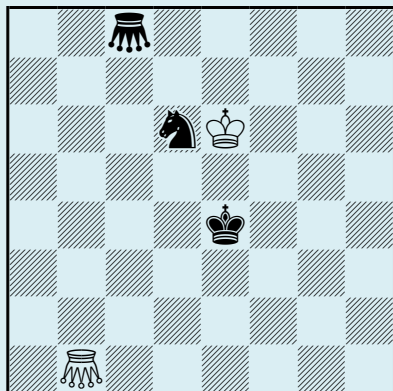
1.Qh6 ELg7 2.Ke5 ELd5 3.Kf6 EAe6+ 4.Kg7
ELe7 5.Kh8 EAf7+ 6.Qg7 ELg6#

1.Rh2 ELg3 2.Kc3 ELb4 3.Kb2 ELc1 4.Ka1
EAb1 5.Ra2 EAc2+ 6.Qb2 ELb3#

Mating positions:



237. Václav Kotěšovec
F3010 The Problemist 11/2012
2. Prize
G161 FIDE Album 2010-2012



h#8 (2+3) C+
3.1.1...
♟♟ = Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

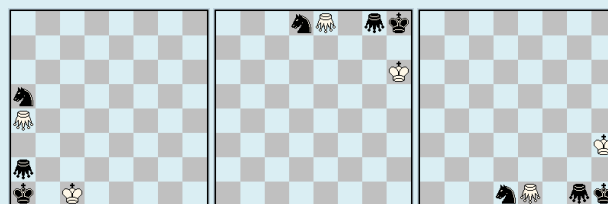
PDB [P1378107](#), WinChloe ID = 459148

1.Kd3 G64 2.Kc3 K65 3.Gc2 Kf4 4.Kb2 K63
5.Ga2 Kd2 6.Ka1 Kc1 7.Sb7 Ga8+ 8.Sa5 Ga4#

1.Kf4 K67 2.Kg5 Kf8 3.Gg8 K67 4.Kh6 Kf6
5.Kh7 Kg5 6.Kh8 Kh6 7.Sb7 Gb8+ 8.Sd8 G68#

1.Sc4 Gf5 2.Kf3 Gf2 3.Kg2 Kf5 4.Gg4 Gf6
5.Gg1 Kg4 6.Kh1 Kh3 7.Sb2 Ga1+ 8.Sd1 G61#

Mating positions:



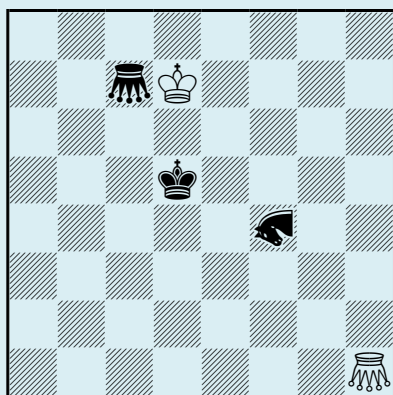
Comments of the solvers (The Problemist 6/2013):
"Remarkable to achieve 3 equal-length solutions. I suppose the 'holy grail' would be 4 sols in each corner of the board" (C. C. Frankiss), "Marvellous - three long forced sequences ending with echo mates in three corners. The last one has the most difficult wG route to find, with possibly 4 wG and 4wK moves" (C. C. Lytton), "Not difficult to see the type of ending, but how to get there and which comers to use needed some thought" (F. Moralee).

Jugde Vlaicu Crişan (The Problemist May 2022, p. 392): "What a wonderful task: three ideal echo mates in 3 different corners – all achieved in a flawless multiresolution presentation! The constructional triumph is even more impressive when it is seen that only the move 7.Sb7 is repeated. This composition scored the highest score for technical merit and just slightly missed the top place, due to the different number of wG hops in each solution. An extraordinary virtuosic achievement by any standards!"

238. Václav Kotěšovec

8204 Phénix 282/2018

1. Prize



h#7

(2+3) C+

3.1.1...

♞=Moa

♞♞=Grasshopper

Chameleon echo plus one similar mating position

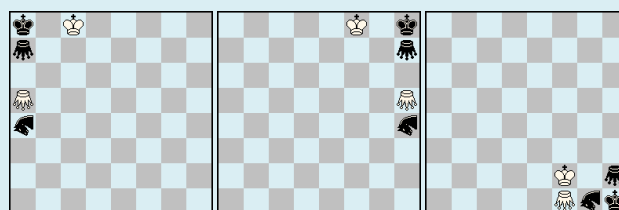
PDB [P1408673](#), WinChloe ID = 708357

1.Ke4 Kd6 2.Kf3 Ke5 3.Kg2 Gf3 4.MOe2 Kf4
5.Kh1 Kg3 6.Gh2 Kf2 7.MOG1 Gf1#

1.Ke5 Kc6 2.Kf6 Gb7 3.Kg7 Kd6 4.Gh7 Ke7
5.Kh8 Kf8 6.MOG2 Gh1+ 7.MOH4 Gh5#

1.MOd3 Kd8 2.Kc6 Gb7 3.Ga7 Gd5 4.Kb7 Gd2
5.Ka8 Kc8 6.MOb2 Ga2+ 7.MOa4 Ga5#

Mating positions:



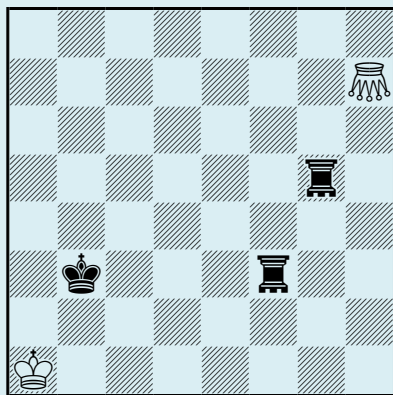
Published with a comment (Phénix 282/2018, p. 11104): "Le premier mat utilise les propriétés du Moa et les deux autres, en écho vertical, plutôt celles de la Sauterelle."

Judge Udo Degener (Phénix 332-3/2022, p.12976-8): "Marche royale dans trois coins de l'échiquier, utilisation parfaite de l'échiquier, presque pas de répétitions de coups. Une très belle trouvaille."

239. Václav Kotěšovec

8290 Phénix 287/2018

5. Prize



h#10

(2+3) C+

2.1.1...

♖=Rookhopper

♗=Grasshopper

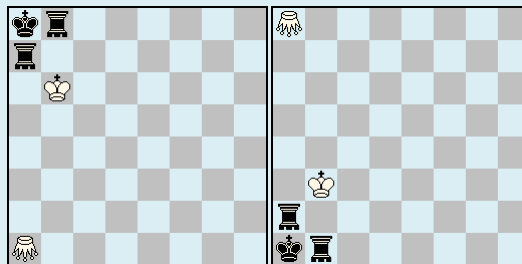
Chameleon echo.

PDB [P1408675](https://pdb.org/P1408675), WinChloe ID = 723983

1.Kc4 Kb2 2.Kd5 Kc3 3.RHb3 Kb4 4.Kc6 Ka4
5.Kb7 Ga7 6.RHb8 Ga3 7.Ka8 Kb5 8.RHa5 Ka6
9.RHa2 Ga1 10.RHa7 Kb6#

1.Kc3 Ka2 2.RHb3 Ka3 3.Kc2 Kb4 4.RHb5 Gb1
5.RHa5 Gd3 6.Kb2 Ga6 7.RHa7 Ka4 8.RHb1
Ga8 9.Ka1 Ka3 10.RHa2 Kb3#

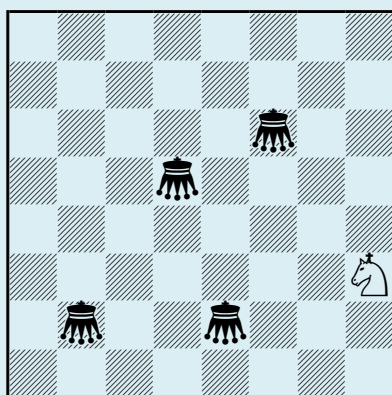
Mating positions:



Published with a comment: "Les tasks de l'auteur sont toujours impressionnants, malgré le fait que l'on connaisse peu ou prou le contenu du problème : mats échos dans les deux coins, avec un matériel délicat à utiliser."

Judge Udo Degener (Phénix 332-3/2022, p.12976-8): "Echo caméléon (0,7), renforcé par le changement de position des Rois."

240. Václav Kotěšovec
80 Šachové umění 10/2012
2. Prize



h#8 (1+4) C+
3.1.1...
Rex Multiplex
All pieces royal
♙=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

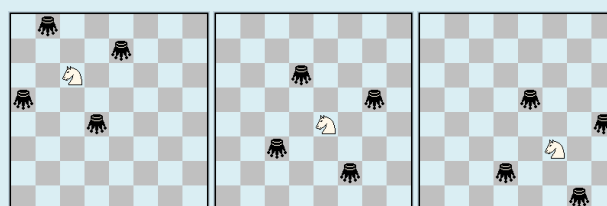
PDB [P1378423](#), WinChloe ID = 445252

1.rGa1 rSg5 2.rGh5 rSe6 3.rGe7 rSc5 4.rGb5
rSb7 5.rGb8 rSc5 6.rGc3 rSd3+ 7.rGd4 rSb4
8.rGa5 rSc6#

1.rGa2 rSg1 2.rGc2 rSe2 3.rGf2 rSg3 4.rGa1
rSf5 5.rGg5 rSd4 6.rGc3+ rSb3 7.rGb4 rSc5
8.rGd6 rSe4#

1.rGg7 rSf2 2.rGg2 rSd3 3.rGd2 rSc5 4.rGg1
rSb7 5.rGa8 rSd8 6.rGe8 rSe6 7.rGe5 rSg5
8.rGh4 rSf3#

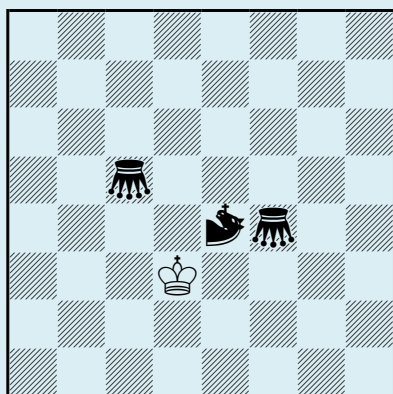
Mating positions:



Judge Juraj Lörinc (Šachová skladba 120/2013):
"Diagram vo mne okamžite vyvolal spomienku na moju vlastnú h==4 (6. p. zm. StrateGems 2006) s inou výzvou, ale rovnakým materiálom, rovnakou exopodmienkou a tiež trojitým echom. Samozrejme, vďaka matovému cieľu o predchodcovi nemôže byť ani reči a v skutočnosti ocenenú úlohu považujem za oveľa lepšiu než bola moja. Matové postavenia v štvorci 5x5 nie je ľahké dať dokopy a celá hra výborne využíva celú plochu šachovnice."

C+ WinChloe

241. Václav Kotěšovec
 12840 feenschach 250/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



h#5 (1+3) C+

4.1.1...

♘=royal Zebra

♙=Grasshopper

(Black is in check in the diagram position)

4-fold exact echo

PDB [P1406869](#), WinChloe ID = 872843

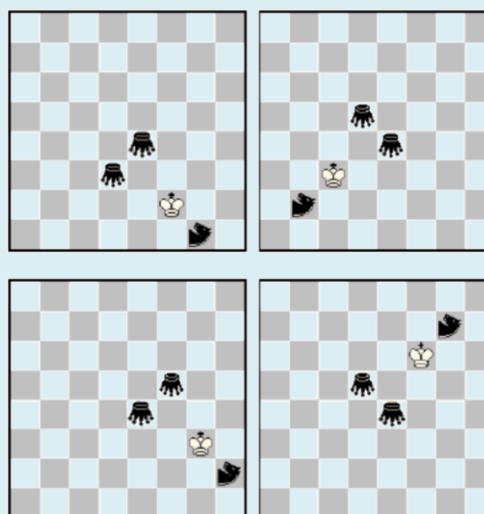
1.rZg1+ Kd4 2.Gc4 Ke5 3.Gf5 Kd4 4.Ge4 Ke3
 5.Gd3 Kf2#

1.rZb2 Kc4 2.Gb4 Kb5 3.Ga5 Kc5 4.Gd5 Kd4
 5.Ge4 Kc3#

1.rZh2 Kc4 2.Gb4 Kd4 3.Ge4 Ke3 4.Gf2 Kf4
 5.Gf5 Kg3#

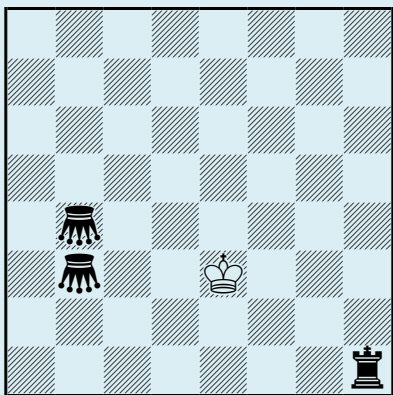
1.rZg7 Kd4 2.Gc4 Ke5 3.Gf5 Kd4 4.Ge4 Ke5
 5.Gd5 Kf6#

Mating positions:



Comments of the solvers (feenschach 255/2023, p.316): Karl-Heinz Siehndel: „Der weiße König steht das schwarze königliche Zebra viermal idealmatt. Eine konstruktive Höchstleistung. Prima.“, Romuald Lazowski: „Durbar-Thema und Echo.“ Löser: 2. Bewerter: 1. Wertung: 3/III

242. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2086 StrateGems 98/2022
6. Place WenigsteinerJahresPreis 2022



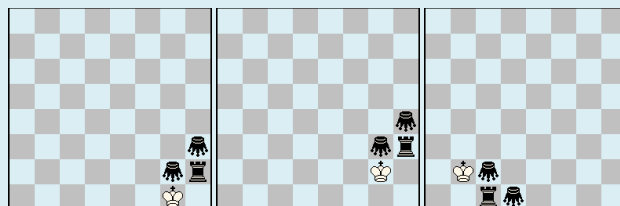
h#4 (1+3) C+
 3.1.1...
 royal rook h1
 ♫=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

PDB [P1401044](#), WinChloe ID = 843342

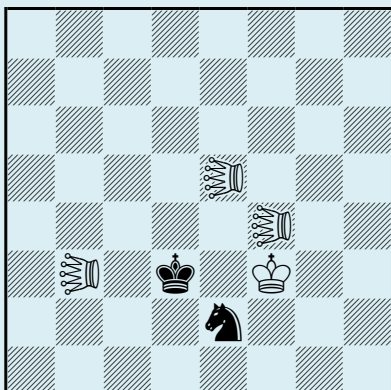
1.Gb2 Kf2 2.Gg2 Kg3 3.Gh3 Kf2 4.rRh2 Kg1#
 1.rRh2 Kf3 2.Gg3 Kg4 3.Gh4 Kf3 4.rRh3 Kg2#
 1.rRc1 Kd4 2.Ge4 Kd3 3.Gc2 Kc3 4.Gd1 Kb2#

Mating positions:



The white king gives a checkmate to the black king (royal rook).

243. Václav Kotěšovec
F1219 Probleemblad 2018



h#9 (4+2) C+
3.1.1...
♖=Kangaroo

Triple echo

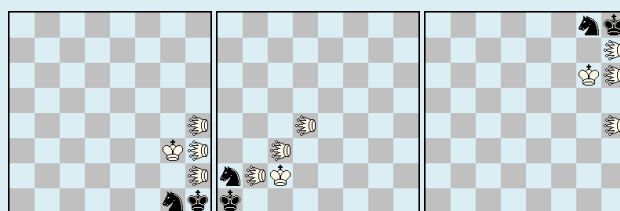
PDB [P1378348](#), WinChloe ID = 708002

1.Sd4+ Kg4 2.Ke4 KAc4 3.Sf5 Kg5 4.Kf3 KAh5
5.Kg2 Kg4 6.Sd4 KAh4 7.Kh1 Kg3 8.Sf3 KAh3
9.Sg1 KAh2#

1.Sc1 KAg3 2.Sa2 KAc3 3.Kc4 Ke4 4.Kb4 KAa4
5.Ka3 KAa1 6.Kb2 KAd4+ 7.Ka1 Kd3 8.Sc1+
Kc2 9.Sa2 KAb2#

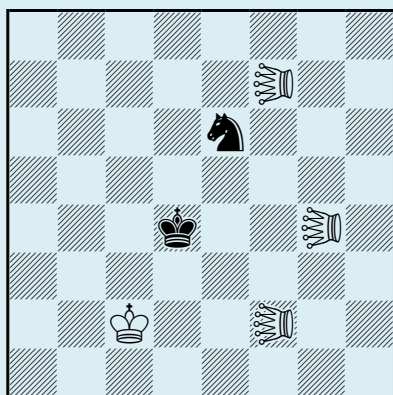
1.Sg3 KAh2 2.Kd4 KAh3 3.Se4 KAc4 4.Ke5 Kg4
5.Kf6 KAh4 6.Kg7 Kh5 7.Kh8 KAh6 8.Sf6+ Kg6
9.Sg8 KAh7#

Mating positions:



Comments (Probleemblad 1/2019): "Drie verheillende matstanden in drie verschillende hoeken." (redaction), "Eine von Kotěšovecs Spezialitäten. Er sucht sich ein schwieriges Mattdbild und kreiert dazu eine Ausgangsstellung, von der aus 3 Varianten erspielt werden, ohne daß die Stellung verändert wird (siehe auch die neue Schwalbe-Ausgabe). Das erfordert schon kompositorisches Können." (Wolfgang Will), "De diagonaaloplossing is verrassend." (Hans Nieuwhart)

244. Václav Kotěšovec
8301 Phénix 287/2018
3. Prize



h#9 (4+2) C+
0.3.1.1...
♖=Kangaroo

Triple exact chameleon echo

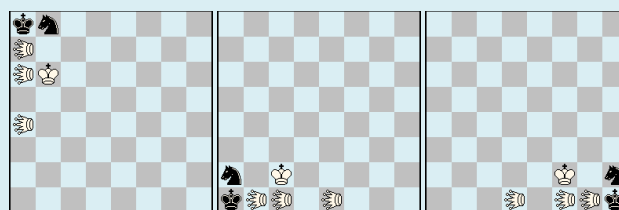
PDB [P1401042](#), WinChloe ID = 724906

1. - Kb3 2.Kc5 KAa2 3.Kb6 Kb4 4.Sd4 KAa7
5.Kc7 KAa4 6.Sc6+ Kb5 7.Sb8 Ka5 8.Kb7 KAa6
9.Ka8 Kb6#

1. - Kd2 2.Sf4 KAf1 3.Kc4 KAb4 4.Se2 KAc2
5.Sc3 KAc5 6.Kb3 KAc1 7.Ka2 Kc2 8.Ka1 KAc1
9.Sa2 KAb1#

1. - Kc1 2.Ke3 Kd1 3.Sd4 KAc5 4.Kf2 KAg1
5.Sf3 KAf1 6.Kg3 Ke2 7.Kg2 KAd1 8.Sh2 Ke1
9.Kh1 Kf2#

Stalemate positions:



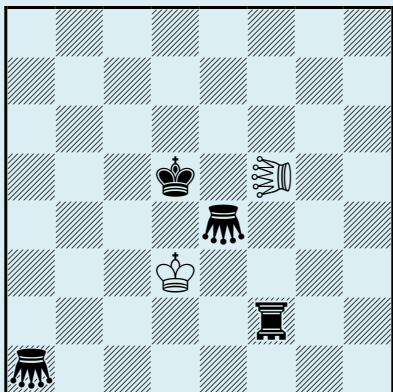
Published with a comment: "Encore un résultat formidable, cette fois-ci un triple écho dans trois coins différents, avec un matériel blanc délicat a[carka] manier (trois kangourous)."

Judge Didier Innocenti (Phénix 322-3/2021, p.12566-12572): "On SAIT pourtant bien qu'on aura droit à trois mats, chacun dans un coin de l'échiquier. Mais la précision horlogère d'approche pour les atteindre est toujours ahurissante ! Qui plus est ici avec des kangourous si peu mobiles."

245. Václav Kotěšovec

1127 Pat a Mat 105/2018

(The award is yet not published)



h#10

(2+4) C+

0.3.1.1...

♖=Rookhopper

♗=Grasshopper

♘=Kangaroo

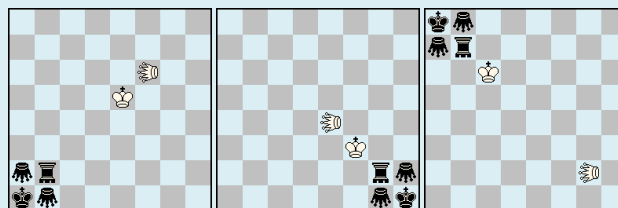
Triple echo

1. - Kc2 2.Gb1 Kc3 3.Gd4 Kc2 4.RHb2 Kd2
5.Kc4 Ke3 6.Gf2 Kf4 7.Kb3 KAf1 8.Ka2 Kf5
9.Ka1 KAf6 10.Ga2 Ke5#

1. - Kd2 2.RHc2 Ke3 3.Ge2 Kd2 4.Ke4 KAb1
5.Kf3 Kd3 6.Kg2 KAe4 7.Gh2 Ke2 8.Kh1 Kf1
9.Gg1 Kf2 10.RHg2+ Kf3#

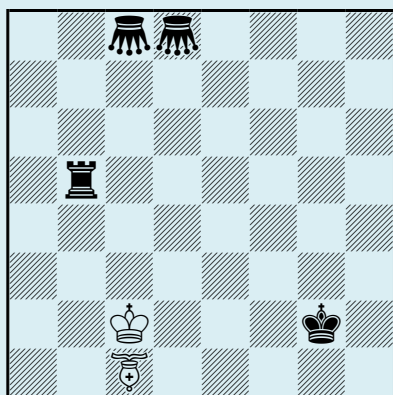
1. - KAc2 2.Kc6 Kd2 3.Gb1 KAg2 4.Kb7 Kc2
5.RHb2 Kd3 6.Gb3 Kc4 7.Gb8 Kb5 8.Ka8 Ka6
9.Ga7 Kb6 10.RHb7+ Kc6#

Mating positions:



PDB [P1378352](https://pdb.org/P1378352), WinChloe ID = 707519

246. Václav Kotěšovec
 4093 Best Problems 88/2018
4. Honorable Mention



h#11 (2+4) C+

2.1.1...

♞=Grasshopper

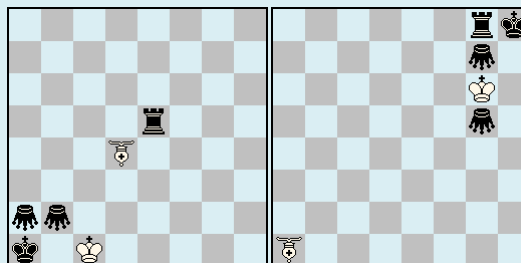
♝=Bishopopper

Echo in two corners.

1.Kf2 Kc3 2.Gc2 Kd3 3.Gd2 BHe3 4.Gb2 BHg1
 5.Ke1 Ke3 6.Kd1 BHd4 7.Kc1 Ke2 8.Kb1 Kd1
 9.Re5 BHf6 10.Ka1 Kc1 11.Ga2 BHd4#

1.Rg5 BHh6 2.Kg3 BHf4 3.Rg8 BHh2 4.Kf4
 BHe5 5.Kf5 Kb2 6.Gg4 BHa1 7.Kg6 Kc3 8.Gg7
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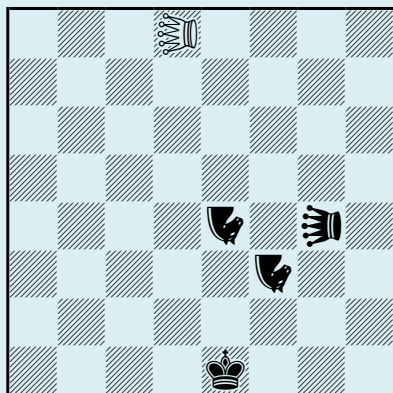
Mating positions:



Judge A. Garofalo (Best Problems 96/2020, p.357-361): "Un lavoro la cui ispirazione sembra piovuta dal cielo."

PDB [P1380322](https://pdb.com/P1380322), WinChloe ID = 709882

247. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2019 StrateGems 95/2021
3. Honorable Mention



h#9 (1+4) C+

2.1.1...

♞=Nightrider

♚♜=Lion

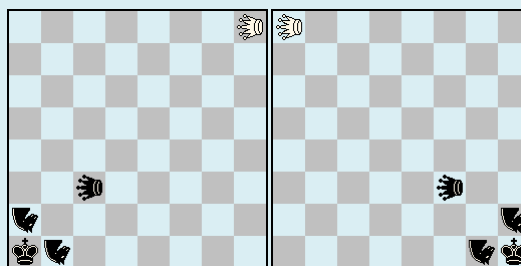
(without the white king)

Exact chameleon echo.
 Play in all four corners.

1.Kd2 LId1 2.Na2 LId7 3.LIc8 LId1 4.Kc1 LIa1
 5.Kb1 LIh1 6.Ka1 LIc6 7.LIc3 LIg2 8.Nd2 LIb2
 9.Nb1 LIh8#

1.Nf6 LIh4 2.Kf2 LIe4 3.LId1 LIg2 4.Ng1 LIe2
 5.LIf3 LIh2 6.Kg2 LIb2 7.Kh1 LIg7 8.Ng4 LIg2
 9.Nh2 LIa8#

Mating positions:



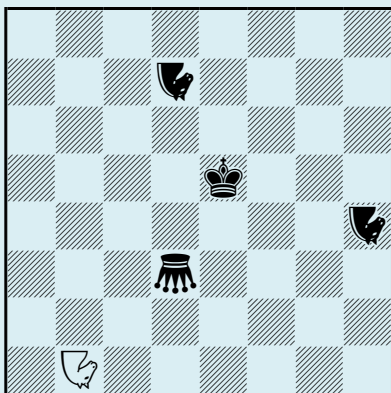
Jugde Maryan Kerhuel (September 2022): "Pretty
 Chameleon-echo mates and long solutions."

PDB [P1393463](#), WinChloe ID = 816757

248. Václav Kotěšovec

2462 Gaudium 276/2023

Commendation



h#6

(1+4) C+

4.1.1...

PlatzWechselCirce

♠=Grasshopper

♞♞=Nightrider

(without the white king)

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1408702](https://pdb.org/P1408702), WinChloe ID = 877872

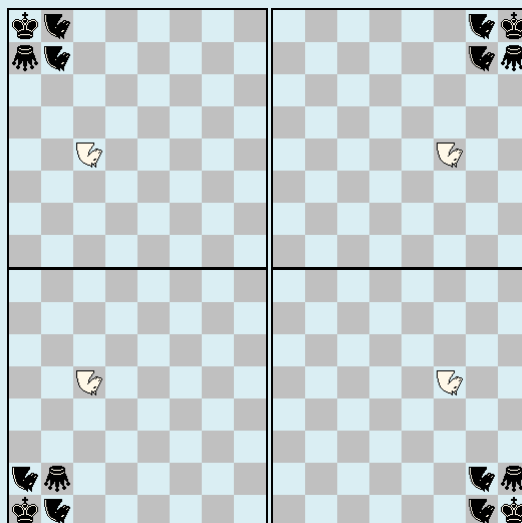
1.Ke4 Nf3 2.K:f3(Ne4) Nf2 3.Kg2 N:d3(Gf2)
4.Gh2 Nh1 5.K:h1(Ng2) N:h4(Ng2) 6.Ng1
Nf5#

1.Kd4 N:h4(Nb1) 2.Kc3 Nf3 3.Kb2 N:d7(Nf3)
4.Ng5 Na1 5.K:a1(Nb2) N:d3(Gb2) 6.Na2
Nc5#

1.Nb8 Nd5 2.K:d5(Ne5) N:d3(Ge5) 3.Kc6 Nb7
4.K:b7(Nc6) Na7 5.Ka8 N:e5(Ga7) 6.Nb7 Nc4#

1.Kf6 Nd2+ 2.Kg7 N:h4(Nd2) 3.Nh5 Ng6
4.Gh7 Nh8 5.K:h8(Ng7) N:h5(Ng7) 6.Ng8
Nf4#

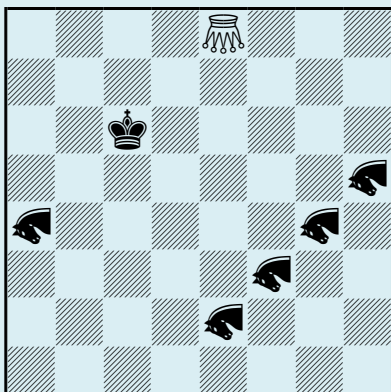
Mating positions:



Published with a comment: "Wieder ein phantastischer Vierspänner aus Prag! Die erstickten Idealmatts in allen 4 Ecken sind eine Augenweide. Wie findet man so etwas als Autor?"

Judge Hans Gruber (Gaudium 311 / 14.1.2025, p.1-3): "Viereckenechovierspänner: immer wieder schön, wenn auch inzwischen in vielen Variationen gesehen. Die 15 Schlagfälle zeugen von intensiver Nutzung der Märchenbedingung."

249. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#12 (1+6) C+

3.1.1...

♞=Nightriderhopper

♟=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

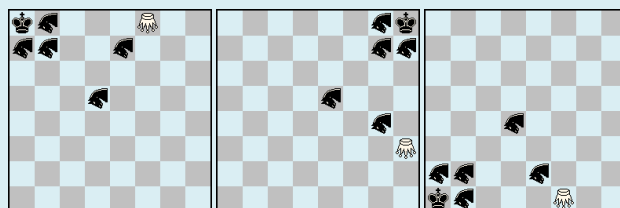
WinChloe ID = 932328

1.NHg1 Ge1 2.NHc3 Gb4 3.NHb8 Gd2
4.NHb1 Gb4 5.NHd5 Gh4 6.NHe7 Gf4
7.NHd3 Gh4 8.NHa7 Gd8 9.Kb6 Ga5 10.Kb7
Ge5 11.Ka8 Gc5 12.NHb7 Gf8#

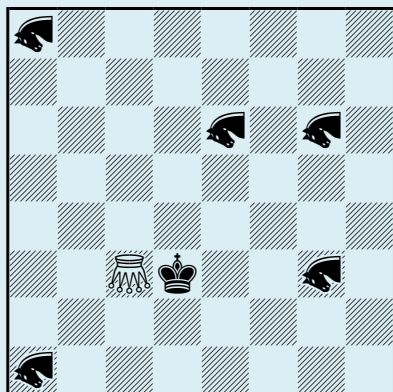
1.Kd7 Gc6 2.Ke6 Gf6 3.NHd7 Gd6 4.NHdg1
Gf6 5.NHe5 Gd4 6.NHec6 Gh4 7.Kf6 Ge7
8.NHg8 Gg5 9.NHh7 Ge7 10.Kg7 Ge4 11.Kh8
Ge6 12.NHg7 Gh3#

1.NHb8 Gb5 2.Kd5 Ge5 3.Kd4 Gc3 4.NHae2
Ge5 5.NHgc6 Ge1 6.Kc3 Gb4 7.NHd4 Gd2
8.NHb1 Gb4 9.NHa2 Gd2 10.Kb2 Gd5 11.Ka1
Gd3 12.NHb2 Gf1#

Mating positions:



250. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#13 (1+6) C+

3.1.1...

♞=Nightriderhopper

♟=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

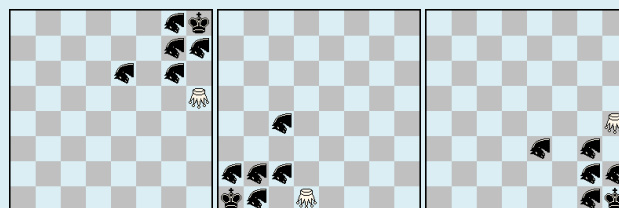
WinChloe ID = 930326

1.Ke3 Gf3 2.Ke4 Gd5 3.NHc5 Gf7 4.NHd7 Gc7
5.Ke5 Gc4 6.NHd2 Gc6 7.NHf3 Gg2 8.Kf6 Gg7
9.NHh8 Gg5 10.NHh7 Gb5 11.Kg7 Gd5
12.Kh8 Gf7 13.NHh7 Gh5#

1.NHh5 Ge3 2.NHh4 Gh6 3.Kd4 Gf6 4.NHe8
Gc3 5.NHc2 Ge5 6.NHc4 Gh5 7.Kc3 Gf5
8.NHe7 Gb1 9.NHa2 Gd3 10.NHb1 Gb3
11.Kb2 Gd5 12.Ka1 Gb3 13.NHb2 Gd1#

1.Kd4 Ge5 2.NHc4 Gh2 3.NHd2 Gc2 4.NHe3
Gc5 5.NHa4 Gc3 6.Ke4 Ge1+ 7.Kf3 Ge4
8.NHf6 Ge2 9.NHh1 Gg4 10.NHh2 Gb4
11.Kg2 Gd4 12.Kh1 Gf2 13.NHh2 Gh4#

Mating positions:



3.1.1...

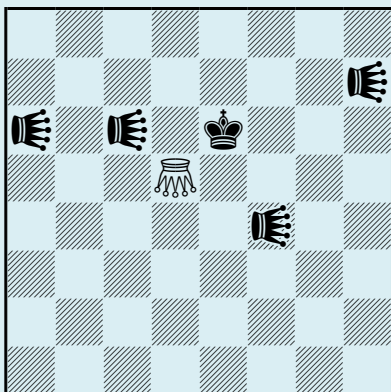
 = Nightriderhopper
(without the white king)

WinChloe ID = 931307

1.Kg4 NHf4 2.Gd5 NHb6 3.Gbb7 NHf4 4.Ge6
NHd8 5.Kf5 NHb4 6.Ge4 NHf6 7.Gf7 NHd2
8.Gg4 NHf6 9.Kg6 NHh2 10.Gh7 NHf6 11.Kg7
NHh2 12.Kh8 NHf6 13.Gbg7 NHh2 14.Gg8
NHb5#

1.Ge4 NHf4 2.Gf3 NHb2 3.Gfd5 NHf4 4.Gg4
NHb2 5.Gd6 NHe8 6.Gd4 NHh2 7.Gg2 NHb5
8.Kh2 NHf3 9.Gd2 NHb1 10.Kh1 NHf3
11.Gg3 NHb1 12.Gg1 NHf3 13.Gbg3 NHb1
14.Gh2 NHe7#

252. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#15 (1+5) C+

3 solutions

♙=Kangaroo

♚=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple echo, once diagonal.

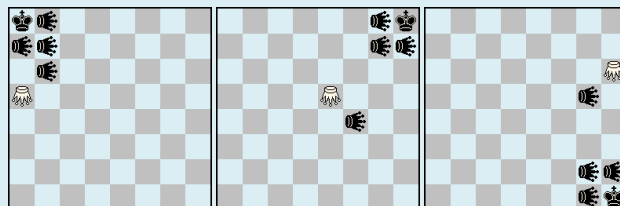
WinChloe ID = 931540

1.Kd6 Gd7 2.KAe6 Gf5 3.KAf6 Gf3 4.Kd5 Gc6
5.KAb6 Ge4 6.Kd4 Gc4 7.KAb4 Ga4 8.Kd5 Gc4
9.KAb3 Ga4 10.Kc6 Gd7 11.Kb7 Ga7 12.Ka8
Gc5 13.KAb7 Ga7 14.KAb8 Gc7 15.KAa7 Ga5#

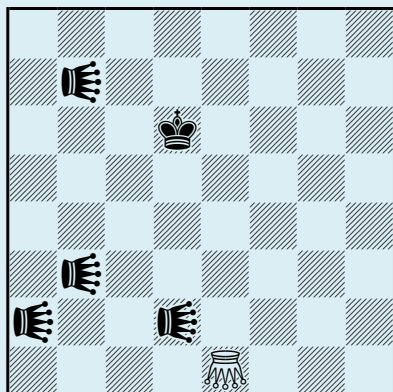
1.KAf6 Gf7 2.Ke5 Gf5 3.KAf3 Gd5 4.KAb7 Gf5
5.Kd5 Gf3 6.KAg2 Gf5 7.Ke6 Gd7 8.KAa7 Gf5
9.Kf6 Gf7 10.KAg7 Ga7 11.Kf7 Gc7 12.Kg8
Ga7 13.Kh8 Gc7 14.KAh7 Gg3 15.KAg8 Ge5#

1.Kf6 Gb7 2.KAg6 Gd5 3.Ke5 Gf5 4.Ke4 Gf3
5.KAg2 Gd5 6.Kd3 Gd2 7.KAc2 Gb2 8.Ke3 Gd2
9.KAc1 Gf4 10.KAg5 Gd2 11.Kf2 Gb2 12.Kg1
Gd2 13.Kh1 Gb2 14.KAg1 Gd2 15.KAh2 Gh6#

Mating positions:



253. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#17 (1+5) C+

2.1.1...

Alphabetiques

♙=Kangaroo

♚=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

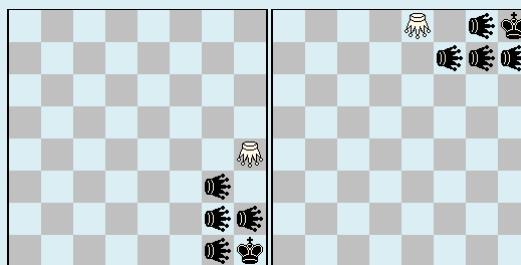
Exact echo.

WinChloe ID = 932085

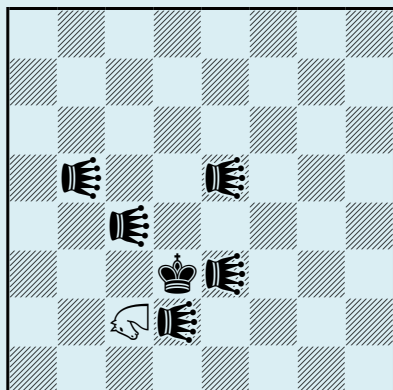
1.Ke7 Ge8 2.Kf7 Gg6 3.KAg8 Ge8 4.Ke6 Ge5
5.Kf5 Gg5 6.Ke5 Gd5 7.Ke4 Gf3 8.KAg2 Ga3
9.Kf3 Gc3 10.KAg3 Ge1 11.Ke3 Gh4 12.Ke2
Gf2 13.Kf1 Gh2 14.Kg1 Gf4 15.Kh1 Gh2
16.KAg1 Gf2 17.KAh2 Gh4#

1.Kd5 Gc3 2.KAe6 Ge1 3.KAf7 Gc3 4.Ke5 Gf6
5.Kd4 Gd6 6.KAd7 Gd3 7.KAg7 Gd5 8.Ke5 Gf5
9.KAg4 Gd5 10.Kf5 Gg5 11.KAh3 Gg3 12.Kg6
Gg5 13.Kh7 Gg8 14.Kh8 Ge6 15.KAd7 Gg8
16.KAh7 Gg6 17.KAg8 Ge8#

Mating positions:



254. Václav Kotěšovec original



h#19 (1+6) C+

3.1.1...

♠=Kangaroo

♞=Nightriderhopper
(without the white king)

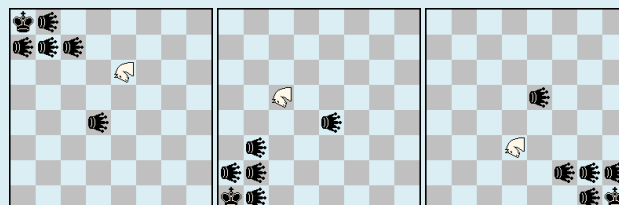
Triple exact echo with seven pieces.

1.Kd4 NHg4 2.Kc5 NHc6 3.KAc7 NHg4
4.KAa5 NHc2 5.KAd5 NHg4 6.Kd6 NHc2
7.KAd7 NHg4 8.KAd8 NHc2 9.Ke6 NHf8
10.Kd5 NHb6 11.KAd4 NHf8 12.Kc6 NHb6
13.KAa7 NHf8 14.Kb7 NHb6 15.KAb8 NHf8
16.Ka8 NHb6 17.KAe7 NHf8 18.KAb7 NHc2
19.KAa7 NHe6#

1.Ke4 NHg4 2.KAe6 NHc6 3.Kd5 NHg4
4.KAb3 NHc6 5.Ke4 NHg4 6.KAh4 NHc6 7.Kf4
NHg4 8.KAe4 NHc6 9.Ke3 NHg4 10.KAe2
NHc2 11.KAb2 NHg4 12.KAb1 NHc2 13.KAa2
NHg4 14.KAb4 NHc2 15.Kd2 NHa6 16.Kc1
NHc2 17.Kb1 NHa6 18.Ka1 NHg3 19.KAb1
NHc5#

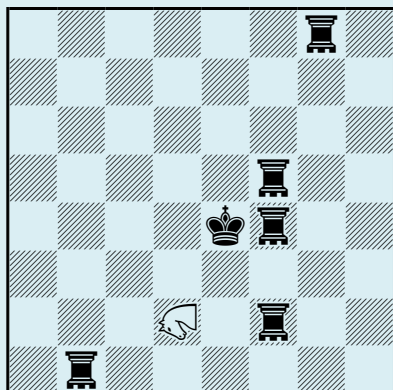
1.KAe2 NHg4 2.KAf1 NHc2 3.Kd4 NHe6 4.Kc5
NHa4 5.Kc4 NHg1 6.KAb5 NHc3 7.Kd5 NHe7
8.KAf5 NHg3 9.KAc5 NHc1 10.Kd4 NHg3
11.KAb6 NHc1 12.Ke3 NHg3 13.KAf2 NHc1
14.KAg1 NHg3 15.Kf3 NHc1 16.Kg2 NHg3
17.Kh1 NHc1 18.KAg2 NHf7 19.KAh2 Nhd3#

Mating positions:



WinChloe ID = 930657

255. Václav Kotěšovec original



h#20 (1+6) C+

3.1.1...

♖=Rookhopper

♘=Nightriderhopper
(without the white king)

Triple echo.

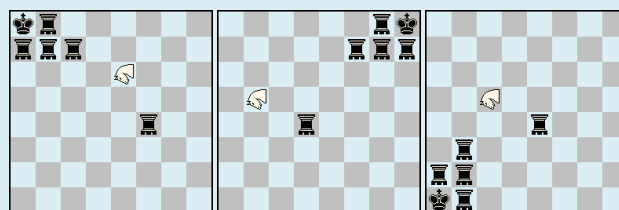
WinChloe ID = 932113

1.RHc2 NHf6 2.Kd5 NHb4 3.RHb5 NHf6
4.RHf7 NHb4 5.Kc6 NHd8 6.RHc7 NHh6
7.Kb7 NHd8 8.RHb8 NHh6 9.RHa8 NHd8
10.Ka6 NHh6 11.RHa5 NHd8 12.RHa7 NHh6
13.Kb7 NHd8 14.Ka8 NHg2 15.RHb7 NHe6#

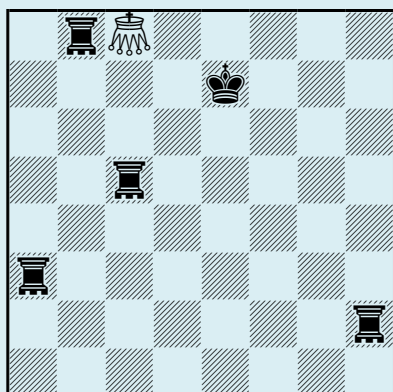
1.RHd4 NHf6 2.Kd5 NHb4 3.RHb5 NHf6
4.Ke4 NHd2 5.RHg5 NHf6 6.RHf7 NHd2
7.RHg4 NHf6 8.Kf5 NHh2 9.Kg6 NHf6
10.RHg7 NHh2 11.Kh7 NHf6 12.Kh8 NHh2
13.RHh7 NHf6 14.RHff7 NHh2 15.RHg8
NHb5#

1.RHf3 NHf6 2.Kd5 NHb4 3.Kc6 NHd8
4.RHc8 NHg2 5.Kc5 NHe6 6.RHc4 NHa4
7.RHb4 NHe6 8.Kd4 NHc2 9.RHe4 NHa6
10.Kc3 NHc2 11.RHb3 NHa6 12.Kb2 NHc2
13.Ka1 NHa6 14.RHb2 NHg3 15.RHa2 NHc5#

Mating positions:



256. Václav Kotěšovec original



h#50 (1+5) C+

0.2.1.1...

Alphabetiques

royal Grasshopper c8

♖=Rookhopper

♗=Grasshopper

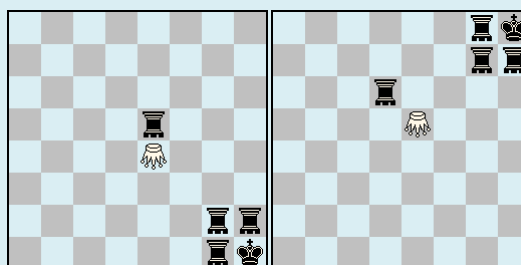
Echo.

WinChloe ID = 930059

1. - GKc4 2.RHc3 GKc2 3.RHd3 GKc4 4.RHc5
GKe2 5.Kd8 GKc4 6.RHe8 GKe2 7.Ke7 GKc4
8.RHc3 GKc2 9.RHc1 GKe4 10.Kf6 GKc2 11.RHc3
GKc4 12.RHc5 GKe2 13.RHe1 GKc4 14.RHc3 GKc2
15.RHc1 GKe4 16.RHf1 GKc2 17.RHg1 GKe4
18.RHf7 GKc2 19.Kg5 GKe4 20.RHg6 GKd7
21.Kh6+ GKf5 22.RHf4 GKc2 23.RHb2 GKd2
24.Kh7 GKc2 25.RHd2 GKe4+ 26.Kg8 GKc2
27.RHb2 GKd2 28.Kf7 GKc2 29.RHd2 GKe4
30.RHd4 GKd7 31.RHd5 GKf5 32.RHg4 GKf3
33.RHf2 GKd5+ 34.Ke6 GKc5 35.RHb5 GKd1
36.Kd5 GKe3 37.RHe5 GKd1 38.Kc4 GKe3
39.Kd3+ GKe6 40.Ke2 GKd6 41.Kf1 GKf6+ 42.Kg1
GKd4+ 43.Kh1 GKd4 44.RHg7 GKe1 45.RHg8
GKd3 46.RHg2 GKe1 47.RHh2 GKe6 48.RHe7
GKe8 49.RHg1 GKe6 50.RHe5 GKe4#

1. - GKd8 2.Kd6 GKc8 3.RHd8 GKe8 4.Kc6 GKc8
5.Kd7+ GKc4 6.RHc3 GKc2 7.RHd3 GKc4 8.RHc5
GKe2 9.Kc6 GKc4+ 10.RHc7 GKe2 11.Kd7 GKc4
12.RHe7 GKe2 13.Ke6 GKc4 14.RHd2 GKe2
15.RHd4 GKc4 16.RHb4 GKe2 17.Kf5 GKe8 18.Kf4
GKe6 19.RHg4 GKe8 20.Ke4 GKe6 21.Kf5+ GKe8
22.Kg6 GKe6 23.RHe5 GKd3 24.RHg7 GKd1
25.Kh5 GKd3 26.Kh4+ GKc3 27.RHb3 GKd3
28.RHh5 GKc3 29.RHd3 GKf6 30.Kg5+ GKd8
31.Kg6 GKd4 32.Kf6 GKd6 33.Kf7 GKd4 34.Kg8
GKd6 35.Kh8 GKf8 36.RHd5 GKd6 37.RHd6 GKf8
38.RHd7 GKc5 39.RHd8 GKf5 40.RHh7 GKd5
41.RHd4 GKd3 42.RHd2 GKd1 43.RHf7 GKd3
44.RHd4 GKd5 45.RHd6 GKf5 46.RHg5 GKf8
47.RHh7 GKd6+ 48.RHf7 GKf4 49.RHh7 GKc7
50.RHg8 GKe5#

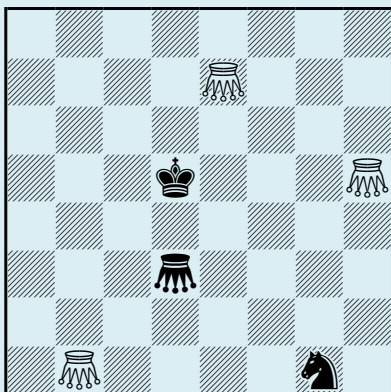
Mating positions:



257. Václav Kotěšovec

4574 Šachmatija 1/2021

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h#9 (3+3) C+

0.3.1.1...

  =Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

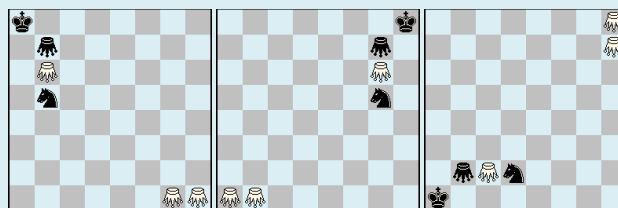
PDB [P1388108](https://pdb.com/P1388108), WinChloe ID = 806274

1. - Gc5 2.Se2 Ge1 3.Sc3 Ge5 4.Kc6 Gb2 5.Kb7
Gb8 6.Gb3 Gb6 7.Ka8 Gf1 8.Gb7 Gg1 9.Sb5
Gh1#

1. - Gh1 2.Sf3 Ge2 3.Gg3 Ge1 4.Ke5 Ge6 5.Kf6
Gg6 6.Kg7 Gd1 7.Kh8 Gc1 8.Gg7 Gb1 9.Sg5
Ga1#

1. - Ge4 2.Kc4 Ge3 3.Gb5 Ge2 4.Kb3 Ge1
5.Gb2 Gh1 6.Sf3 Gh6 7.Sd2 Gh7 8.Ka2 Gc2+
9.Ka1 Gh8#

Mating positions:

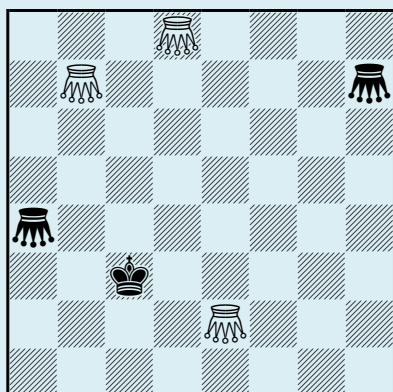


4.1.1...
  = Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

WinChloe ID = 931629

1.Kd4 Ge4 2.Ke5 Gf6 3.Kf4 Gc6 4.Kg3 Gg2
5.Gh2 Gd5 6.Kg2 Gf3+ 7.Kh1 Gg2#

259. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#8 (3+3) C+

4.1.1...

  =Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Two pairs of echoes in four corners.

WinChloe ID = 931494

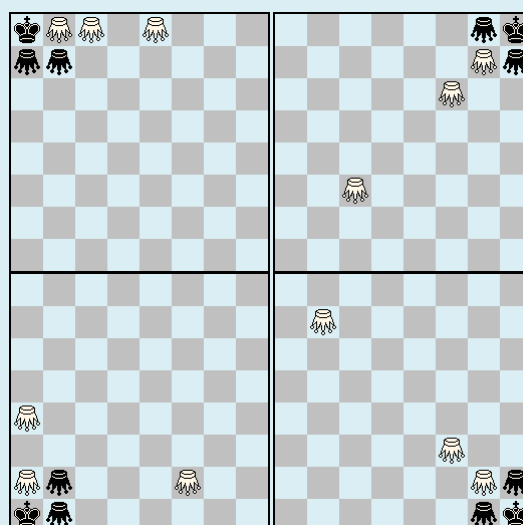
1.Kb4 Gb3 2.Kb5 Ga6 3.Kb6 Ga5 4.Kc7 Gd8
5.Gb7 Gb8 6.Ga7 Ge8 7.Kb8 Gac8+ 8.Ka8
Gb8#

1.Kc4 Gb5 2.Kd5 Gb4 3.Gc4 Ge5 4.Ke6 Gd4
5.Kf7 Gc3 6.Gg8 Gh8 7.Kg7 Gf6+ 8.Kh8 Gg7#

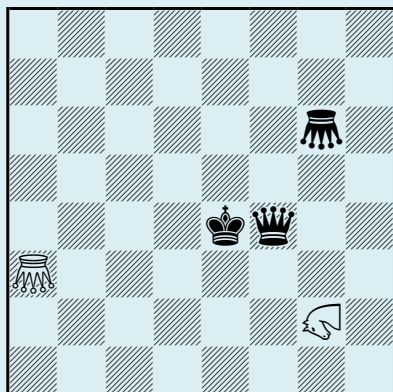
1.Kb2 Ga2 2.Kb3 Gb2 3.Gc2 Gd2 4.Gb1 Gd1+
5.Ge2 Ga4 6.Kb2 Gc2+ 7.Ka1 Gf2 8.Gb2 Ga2#

1.Kd3 Gd2 2.Ke3 Gf4 3.Gg4 Ge4 4.Kf2 Gf1
5.Kg2 Gh3 6.Gh2 Ghh1 7.Gg1 Ghf3+ 8.Kh1
Gg2#

Mating positions:



260. Václav Kotěšovec
 9321 Phénix 329-330/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



h#8 (2+3) C+

4.1.1...

♞♞=Nightriderhopper

♟♟=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

4-fold echo in four corners.

PDB [P1404387](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1404387), WinChloe ID = 861884

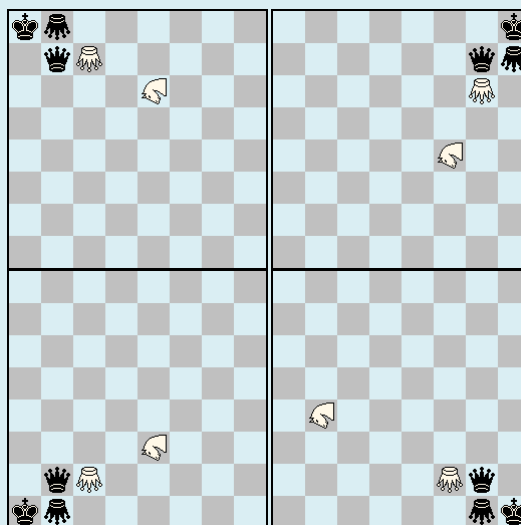
1.Kd5 NHe6 2.Kc6 NHg2 3.Gb6 NHe6 4.Qf3
 Gg3 5.Kb7 Ge3 6.Ka8 Ge7 7.Qb7 Ga7 8.Gb8
 Gc7#

1.Gd3 Ge3 2.Ke5 Ge6 3.Qf7 NHd8 4.Kf6 Gg6
 5.Gh7 Ge6 6.Kg7 NHf4 7.Kh8 Gg8 8.Qg7
 Gg6#

1.Qe3 Gf3 2.Qb3 Gd5 3.Kd3 Ga2 4.Kc2 Gc4
 5.Gb1 NHa5 6.Kb2 NHe3 7.Ka1 Ga2 8.Qb2
 Gc2#

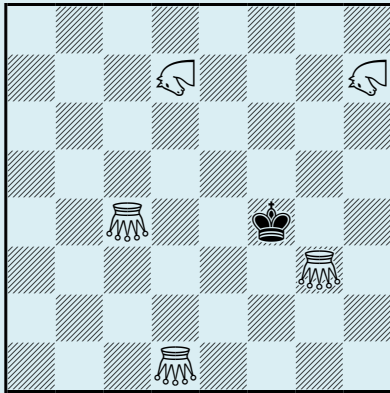
1.Kf3 Gg3 2.Qe5 Gd6 3.Qe6 Gf6 4.Gg1 NHd8
 5.Qc6 Gf2 6.Kg2 Gh2 7.Kh1 NHb4 8.Qg2 Gf2#

Mating positions:



Published with a comment: "L'auteur est bien connu pour aimer les coins ! Le Roi va se loger dans les quatre, le couple Dame / Sauterelle des noirs assure les auto-blocages, et le couple Noctambule/Sauterelle place une antibatterie matante."

261. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2066 StrateGems 97/2022
1. Commendation



h#9 (5+1) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♞=Nightriderhopper
 ♟=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

Cycle of anti-batteries.

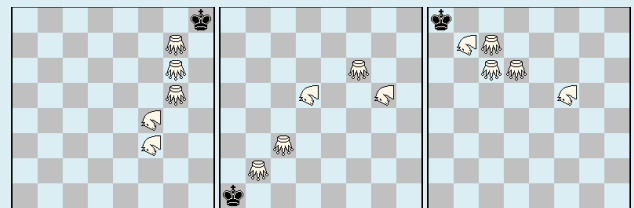
PDB [P1398840](https://pdb.com/P1398840), WinChloe ID = 834855

1.Ke5 NHf3 2.Kd5 NHb4 3.Kc6 NHd8 4.Kd6
 Gd7 5.Ke6 NHf4 6.Kf7 Gg7 7.Kg6 Gg4 8.Kh7
 Gg5+ 9.Kh8 Gg6# (antibattery NH/G)

1.Kg4 Gh4 2.Kf3 NHg1 3.Ke2 NHc3 4.Kd3
 Gd4 5.Ke4 NHg5 6.Kd3 Gc3 7.Kc2 Gf6 8.Kb1
 NHd5+ 9.Ka1 Gb2# (antibattery G/G)

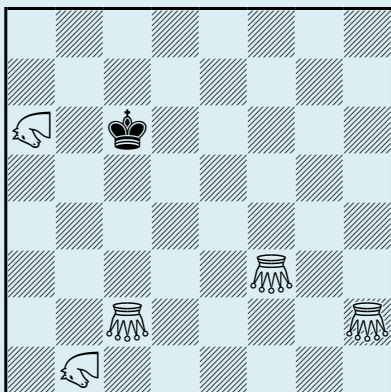
1.Kf3 NHe1 2.Ke4 Gf4 3.Kd5 Gd6 4.Kc5 NHb3
 5.Kd4 NHf5 6.Kc5 NHeb7 7.Kb6 Gf6 8.Ka7
 Gc7+ 9.Ka8 Gc6# (antibattery G/NH)

Mating positions:



Judge Paz Einat: "Although the bK play, providing hurdles for the white jumpers, unifies the three solutions, the mates are varied and there is a lack of unified strategy leading to the mating positions. The cycle of anti-batteries is of interest but somehow does not add much to my appreciation of this problem."

262. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#9 (5+1) C+

0.3.1.1...

= Nightriderhopper

= Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple echo, once diagonal.

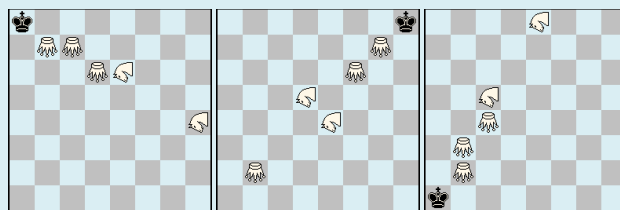
WinChloe ID = 931842

1. - NHh4 2.Kc5 Gc6 3.Kb4 NHc2 4.Kc3 Gb3
5.Kd4 NHe6 6.Kc5 Gf6 7.Kb6 Gb7 8.Ka7 Gd6
9.Ka8 Gc7#

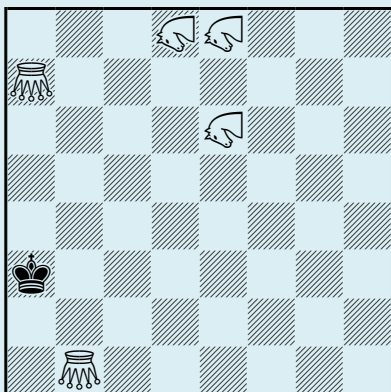
1. - Gb2 2.Kc5 NHe4 3.Kc6 Gc7 4.Kd6 Ge5
5.Ke6 Ga1 6.Kf5 Gf6 7.Kg6 Gc3 8.Kh7 NHd5+
9.Kh8 Gg7#

1. - Gc7 2.Kd5 NHe7 3.Ke4 Gd5 4.Kf5 NHg3
5.Ke4 NHc5+ 6.Kd3 NHe8 7.Kc2 Gb2 8.Kb1
Gc4 9.Ka1 Gb3#

Mating positions:



263. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#9 (5+1) C+

3.1.1...

 = Nightriderhopper

 = Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple echo.

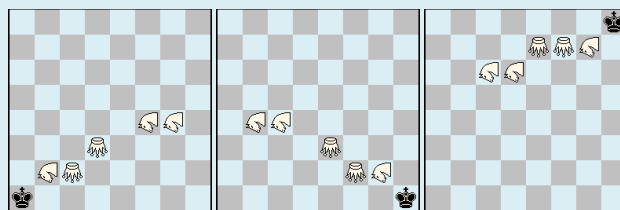
WinChloe ID = 930576

1.Kb4 NHf4 2.Kc5 Gd4 3.Kc4 NHb2 4.Kd3
NHc2+ 5.Ke3 NHg4 6.Kd3 Gd2 7.Kc2 Gd3
8.Kb1 Ga2 9.Ka1 Gc2#

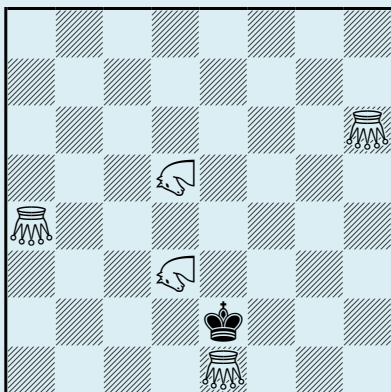
1.Ka4 Ga3 2.Kb5 Gb6 3.Kc6 NHb4 4.Kd6
NHc4 5.Ke5 Gc5 6.Kf4 NHg2 7.Kg3 Gd4 8.Kh2
Ge3 9.Kh1 Gf2#

1.Kb3 Gb4 2.Kc4 NHb2 3.Kc5 NHa4 4.Kc4
NHd6 5.Kd5 NHa2 6.Ke6 NHg7 7.Kf7 NHc6
8.Kg8 Ge7+ 9.Kh8 Gf7#

Mating positions:



264. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#9 (5+1) C+

3.1.1...

 = Nightriderhopper

 = Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple echo.

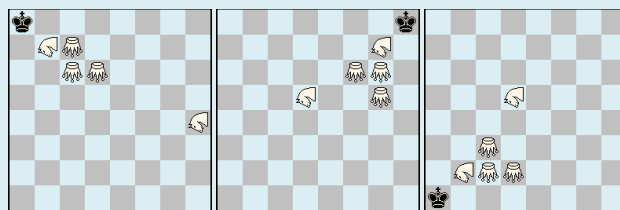
WinChloe ID = 931075

1.Kd2 Gc3 2.Ke2 NHb1 3.Kf3 NHh4 4.Ke4 Gf4
5.Kd4 Ge5 6.Kc5 NHb7 7.Kb6 Gd6 8.Ka7
Gc7+ 9.Ka8 Gc6#

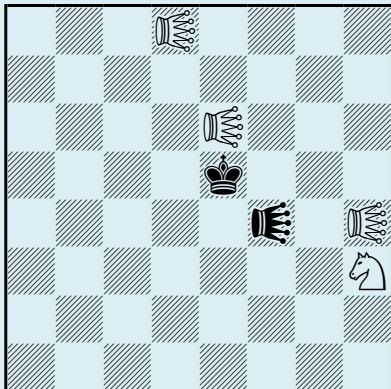
1.Kf2 NHh1 2.Kg3 NHf5 3.Kf2 Gg3 4.Ke3
NHd1 5.Kf4 Gg4 6.Kf5 NHg7 7.Kg6 Gg5+
8.Kh7 Gg6 9.Kh8 Gf6#

1.Ke3 Gd2 2.Kf4 Gg4 3.Kf3 Ge2 4.Kf4 NHh5
5.Ke4 Gf2 6.Kd3 NHb2 7.Kc2 Gd2+ 8.Kb1 Gc2
9.Ka1 Gc3#

Mating positions:



265. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#10 (4+2) C+

3.1.1...

= Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Triple echo.

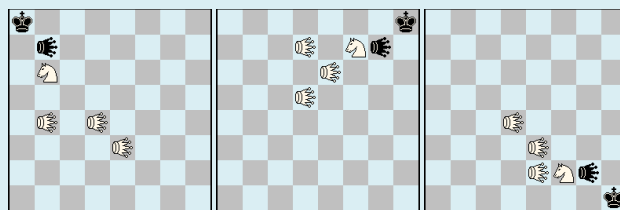
WinChloe ID = 931612

1.Kd4 KAc4 2.KAb4 Sf4 3.KAe4 Sd5 4.Ke5
KAe3 5.Kd6 KAd4 6.Kc6 KAf4 7.KAb7 Sb6
8.Kc7 Sc4 9.Kb8 KAB4 10.Ka8 Sb6#

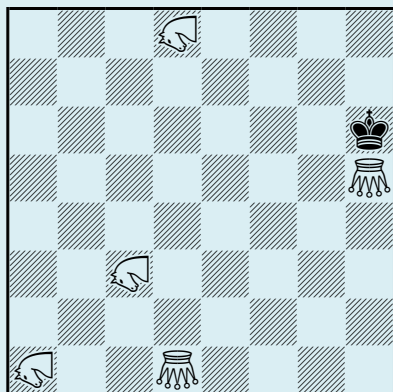
1.Kf5 Sg5 2.Kf6 KAe7 3.Kf5 Se4 4.Ke5 Sd6
5.KAc7 Sb7 6.Kf6 KAa7 7.Kf7 KAd7 8.KAg7
Sd6+ 9.Kg8 KAd5 10.Kh8 Sf7#

1.Ke4 KAd4 2.KAc4 Sg5+ 3.Kd3 KAd2 4.Ke3
KAh6 5.Kf4 KAe3 6.Kg3 Sf7 7.KAg8 Sg5 8.KAg2
Se4+ 9.Kh2 KAe2 10.Kh1 Sf2#

Mating positions:



266. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#12 (5+1) C+

3.1.1...

= Nightriderhopper

= Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple echo.

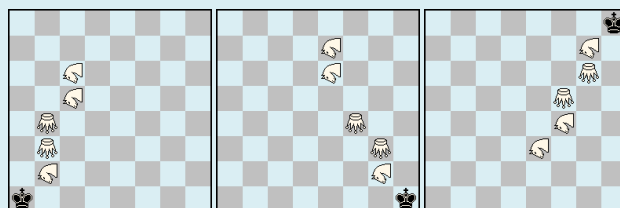
WinChloe ID = 931296

1.Kg6 Gf7 2.Kf6 Gf5 3.Ke6 NHf4 4.Kd5 Gd6
5.Ke4 NHg5 6.Kd3 NHb2 7.Kc3 NHa2 8.Kb4
NHc6 9.Kb3 NHc5 10.Ka3 Gb5 11.Ka2 Gb4+
12.Ka1 Gb3#

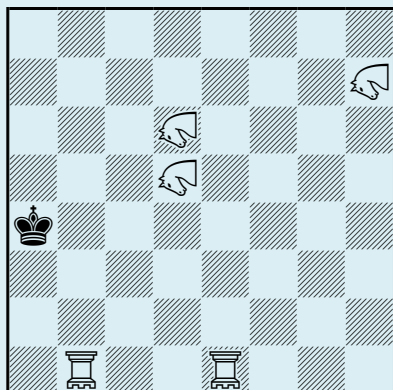
1.Kg5 Gf5 2.Kf4 NHg2 3.Ke3 NHg4 4.Kf3 Gf2
5.Ke3 NHc2 6.Kd4 NHe6 7.Kd5 NHe7 8.Ke4
Gh2 9.Kf3 Gg4 10.Kg3 Gf4 11.Kh2 Gg1 12.Kh1
Gg3#

1.Kh7 Gh8 2.Kg6 Gc8 3.Kf5 Gc2 4.Ke4 NHg5
5.Kd4 Gd5 6.Ke5 Gf5 7.Ke6 NHc7 8.Kd5
NHce3 9.Ke6 NHf4 10.Kf7 NHg7 11.Kg8
NHae3 12.Kh8 Gg6#

Mating positions:



267. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#14 (5+1) C+

0.3.1.1...

= Nightriderhopper

= Rookhopper
(without the white king)

Triple echo.

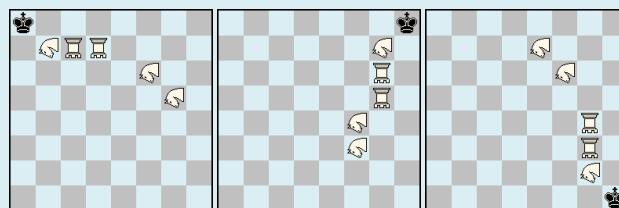
WinChloe ID = 930005

1. - RHf1 2.Kb5 NHb4 3.Kc6 NHf6 4.Kd7
NHh7 5.Ke6 RHe7 6.Kf5 NHh4 7.Kf4 RHf5
8.Kf3 NHe1 9.Kf4 RHf3 10.Ke5 NHg5 11.Kd6
NHb7 12.Kc7 RHf7 13.Kb8 RHd7+ 14.Ka8
RHc7#

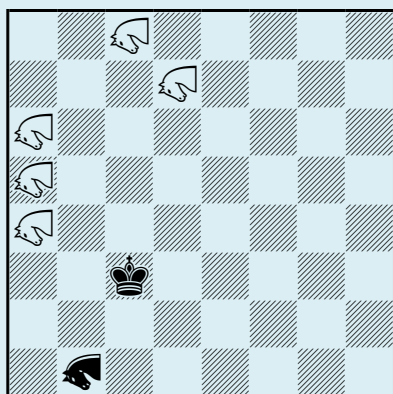
1. - RHa1 2.Kb3 RHb4 3.Kc4 NHb2 4.Kd3
NHf4 5.Ke2 NHh3 6.Kf1 RHg1 7.Kf2 NHd1
8.Kg3 RHbg4 9.Kh4 RHe4 10.Kg5 NHf3 11.Kf5
NHg7 12.Kg6 RHg4 13.Kh7 RHg5+ 14.Kh8
RHg6#

1. - NHb4 2.Ka5 NHf6 3.Kb5 RHb6 4.Kc4
NHb2 5.Kc3 NHb1 6.Kd3 NHf4 7.Ke4 RHe5
8.Kd5 NHe7 9.Ke6 NHd8 10.Kf5 RHg5 11.Kf4
NHg2 12.Kg3 RHg6 13.Kh2 RHg4+ 14.Kh1
RHg3#

Mating positions:



268. Václav Kotěšovec
 9502 Phénix 336-337/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



h#15 (5+2) C+

3.1.1...

  =Nightriderhopper
 (without the white king)

Triple exact echo of seven pieces.

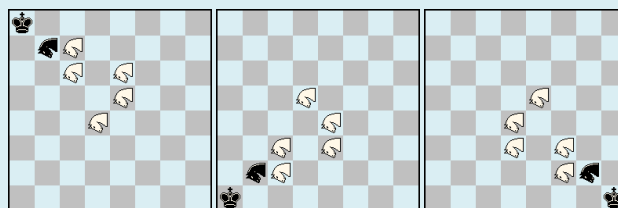
PDB [P1408680](#), WinChloe ID = 880756

1.Kb4 NHc2 2.Kc5 NHe6 3.Kb6 NHa4 4.Kc6
 NHe7 5.Kd5 NHc3 6.Ke4 NHe2 7.Kf3 NHdg1
 8.NHh4 NHe5 9.Ke4 NHg5 10.Kd5 NHf8
 11.Kd6 NHd4 12.NHb7 NHc2 13.Kc7 NHe6+
 14.Kb8 NHc6+ 15.Ka8 NHc7#

1.NHd5 NHe2 2.Kd4 NHc6 3.Ke5 NHg4 4.Kd6
 NHe4 5.Kc6 NHa7 6.Kb5 NHc3 7.Kc4 NHe3
 8.NHf1 NHg3 9.NHh5 NHc5 10.Kd3 NHb3
 11.NHb2 NHa1 12.Kd2 NHf1 13.Kc1 NHg4
 14.Kb1 NHd5+ 15.Ka1 NHc2#

1.Kb3 NHc1 2.Kc3 NHe2 3.Kd3 NHe5 4.Ke4
 NHg3 5.Kd5 NHc1 6.NHe7 NHf7 7.Kc6 NHb8
 8.NHa5 NHd4 9.Kd5 NHd3 10.Ke4 NHf2
 11.Ke3 NHb4 12.NHg2 NHf7 13.Kf2 NHd3+
 14.Kg1 NHf3+ 15.Kh1 NHf2#

Mating positions:

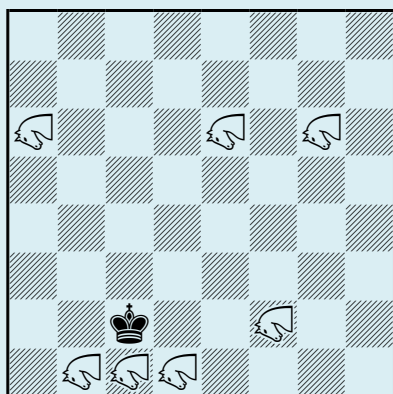


Published with a comment: "Trois coins pour le Roi noir avec blocages en b2, g2 et b7. On pourra comparer avec le problème en dix coups numéro 9412 de Phénix 335."

269. Václav Kotěšovec

9412 Phénix 335/2022

(The award is yet not published)



h#10 (7+1) C+

3.1.1...

♞=Nightriderhopper
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo with the same formation of seven white Nightriderhoppers, total 8 (!) pieces.

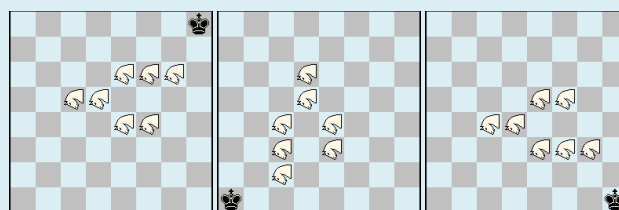
PDB [P1408679](#), WinChloe ID = 880006

1.Kb3 NHa5 2.Kc3 NHd5 3.Kd3 NHb4 4.Ke3 NHg2 5.Ke4 NHd8 6.Kf5 NHg7 7.Kg5 NHc5 8.Kh6 NHe4 9.Kh7 NHf6+ 10.Kh8 NHf4#

1.Kd3 NHh3 2.Ke4 NHd6 3.Kf4 NHd5 4.Ke5 NHc4 5.Kd4 NHc2 6.Kc5 NHe4 7.Kb4 NHe7 8.Kb3 NHa5 9.Ka2 NHc3+ 10.Ka1 NHe3#

1.Kd2 NHf3 2.Kd3 NHe5 3.Ke4 NHg3 4.Kf4 NHg2 5.Kg4 NHh6 6.Kf5 NHd4 7.Kg4 NHc4 8.Kh3 NHa5 9.Kg2 NHe3+ 10.Kh1 NHf5#

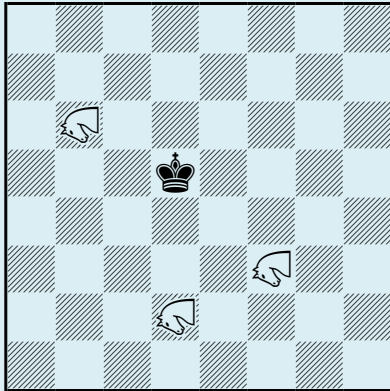
Mating positions:



Published with a comment: "Trois mats modèles avec Roi sur trois cases de coin différentes. Sept Noctambules-Sauteurs sont nécessaires ! A chaque fois, un seul Noctambule- Sauteur a deux fonctions, sautoir + garde de case."

270. Václav Kotěšovec
12046 feenschach 234/2019

4. Honorable Mention
8.-9. Place WenigSteinerJahrespreis 2019



h#5 (3+1) C+
4.1.1...
♞=Sparrow
(without the white king)

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1378214](#), WinChloe ID = 764179

Judges: Hans Gruber and Thomas Marx (feenschach 249/2022, p. 336-339)

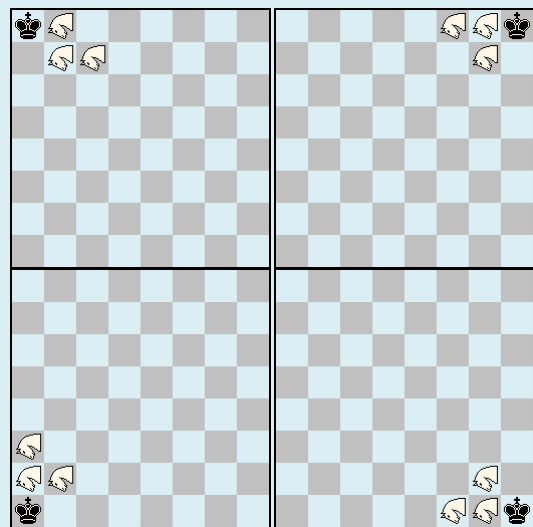
1.Ke4 SPe3+ 2.Kf3 SPee2 3.Kg2 SPf1 4.Kh2 SPg1 5.Kh1 SPbg2#

1.Ke6 SPd7+ 2.Kf7 SP2e6 3.Kg8 SPf8 4.Kh7 SPg8 5.Kh8 SPfg7#

1.Kd4 SPe3 2.Kc3 SPb5 3.Kb2 SPa3+ 4.Kb1 SPa2 5.Ka1 SPfb2#

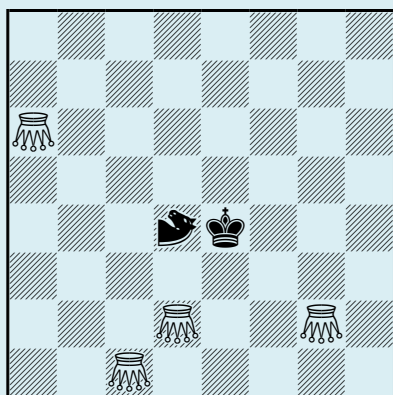
1.Kd6 SPe5 2.Kc7 SPb7+ 3.Kb8 SPc8+ 4.Ka7 SPfc7 5.Ka8 SPcb8#

Mating positions:



Comments (feenschach 239/2020, p.373): Autor: "Fourfold echo in four corners." Wilfried Seehofer: "Good four – corner - problem! Phantastische Ökonomie, preisverdächtig!" Karl-Heinz Siehndel: "Vier-Ecken-Problem des schwarzen Königs mit analogen Idealatts. Herrlich." Thomas Kolkmeier: "In der Ke4-Lösung ist der 2. schwarze Zug 'dualistisch'! Der SPe3 kann e2 erreichen durch Sprung über sK oder über SPd2 ... " Zum Glück folgen wir bei f der von Jörg Kuhlmann vor Jahrzehnten in einem Aufsatz begründeten Meinung: "Wirkungsidentische Züge sind keine Duale!" Joachim Benn: "sK-Fluchten in alle vier Brettecken." Wertung (2): 3.3/II

271. Václav Kotěšovec
 2482 Šachová skladba 150/2021
1. Prize



h#5 (4+2) C+
 4.1.1...
 ♘=Zebra
 ♙=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

4-fold mono echo.

PDB [P1387957](#), WinChloe ID = 806563

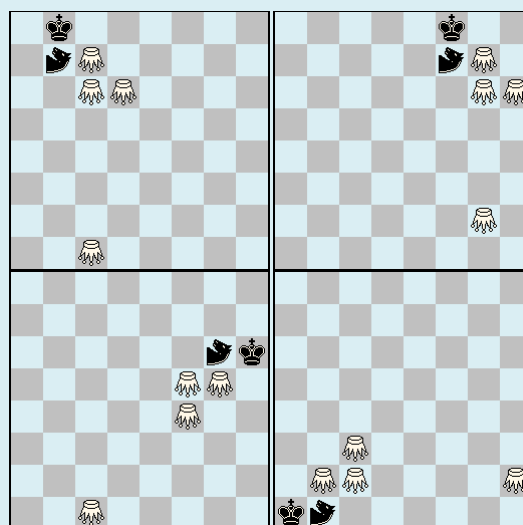
1.Zb7 Gc2 2.Kd5 Gd6 3.Kc6 Gc8 4.Kc7 Gc6+
 5.Kb8 Gc7#

1.Kf5 Gd5 2.Zf7 Gg5 3.Kf6 Gag6 4.Ke7 Gh6
 5.Kf8 Gg7#

1.Zg6 Gd5 2.Ke5 Gf5 3.Kf4 Gh6 4.Kg5 Gf4+
 5.Kh6 Gg5#

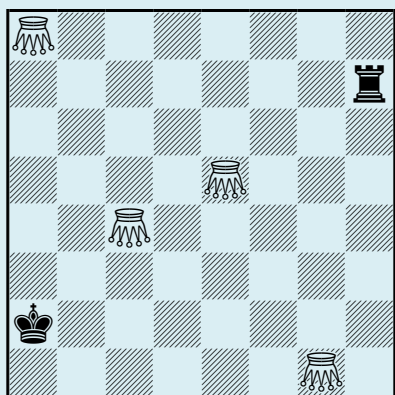
1.Kd3 Ge2 2.Kc3 Gh2 3.Kb2 Gc2+ 4.Ka1 Gc3
 5.Zb1 Gb2#

Mating positions:



Judge Michael Grushko (Šachová skladba 165/2024,
 p.4470-4)

272. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2017 StrateGems 95/2021
Honorable Mention special



h#5 (4+2) C+
 4.1.1...
 ♟=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

3 fold echo + 1 similar solution

PDB [P1393462](#), WinChloe ID = 814602

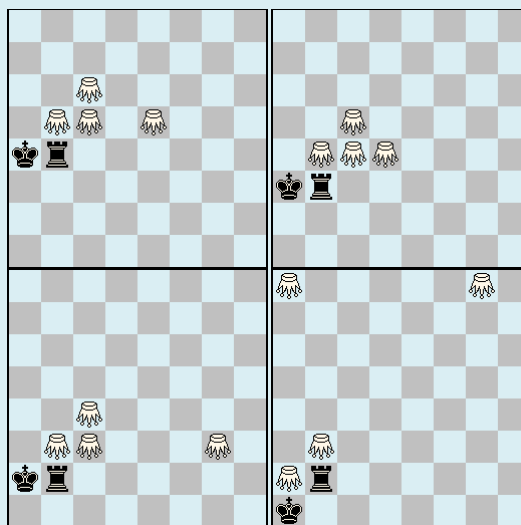
1.Ka3 Ga2 2.Rh4 Gd5 3.Rd4 Ggc5 4.Ka4 Gc6
 5.Rb4 Gb5#

1.Rh3 Ga1 2.Rc3 Gb2 3.Kb3 Gb4 4.Ka3 Gad4
 5.Rb3 Gc5#

1.Rb7 Gc6 2.Rf7 Gc3 3.Rf4 Gg3 4.Rf2 Ge3
 5.Rb2 Gb3#

1.Re7 Ge8 2.Ka1 Ge6 3.Rg7 Gg8 4.Rg2 Gb3
 5.Rb2 Ga2#

Mating positions:

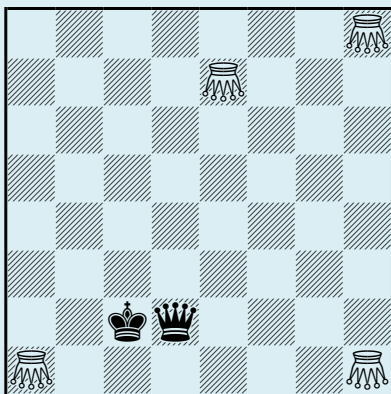


Jugde Maryan Kerhuel (September 2022): "With four solutions and no twinning this problem looks more like a technical task, different in its aspect from the other problems awarded, featuring besides Kings four « weak » Grasshoppers and one black Rook. The last mate image differs slightly from the three preceeding ones."

273. Václav Kotěšovec

4573 Šachmatija 1/2021

(The award is yet not published)



h#5 (4+2) C+

4.1.1...

 =Grasshopper
(without the white king)

4-fold echo

PDB [P1388107](https://pdb.com/P1388107), WinChloe ID = 805137

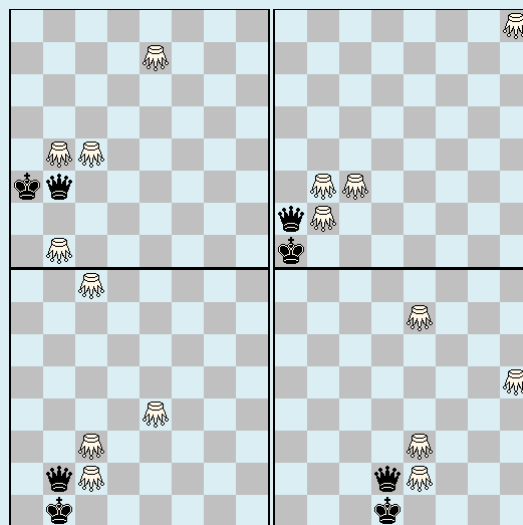
1.Kb1 Gc1+ 2.Ka2 Gb1 3.Qc3 Gc4 4.Ka3 Gb2
5.Qb3 Gb4#

1.Qe1 Gd1 2.Qe6 Ge5 3.Qa2 Gb3 4.Kb2 Gc3+
5.Ka1 Gb2#

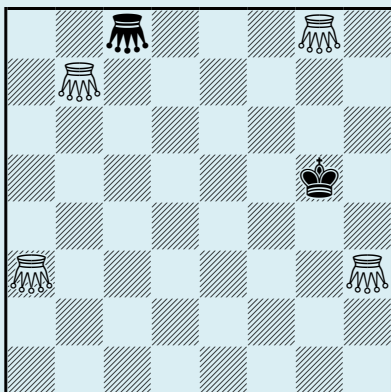
1.Qd8 Gc8 2.Qd5 Gc6 3.Qe5 Ge4 4.Qb2 Gc3+
5.Kb1 Gc2#

1.Qh6 Gh5 2.Qf4 Gh6 3.Kd1 Ge3 4.Qd4 Ge5
5.Qd2 Ge2#

Mating positions:



274. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#6 (4+2) C+

4.1.1...

  =Grasshopper
(without the white king)

4-fold echo.

WinChloe ID = 930826

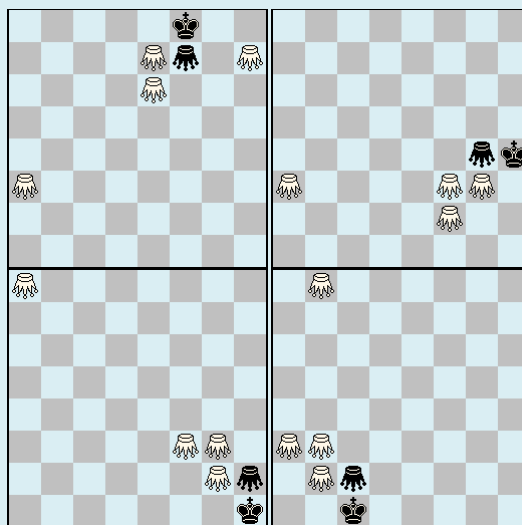
1.Kh6 Gh7 2.Kg7 Gf7+ 3.Kf8 Ge6 4.Ga6 Gg7
5.Ga2 Gh7 6.Gf7 Ge7#

1.Kg6 Gg5 2.Kg7 Gh7 3.Kg6 Gf5 4.Gg4 Gg3
5.Kh5 Gf3+ 6.Kh4 Gf2#

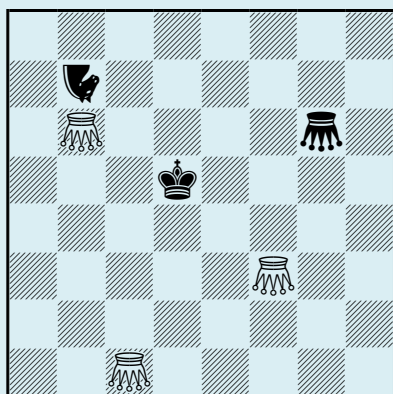
1.Gh8 Gg4 2.Kf4 Ge4 3.Gh2 Ga8 4.Kf3 Gg3+
5.Kg2 Gf3+ 6.Kh1 Gg2#

1.Kf4 Gb8 2.Ke3 Gf3+ 3.Kd3 Gc3 4.Kd2 Gb3
5.Gc2 Ga3 6.Kc1 Gb2#

Mating positions:



275. Václav Kotěšovec
 18934 Die Schwalbe 314/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



h#7 (3+3) C+
 4.1.1...
 ♞=Nightrider
 ♡=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

Two pairs of echoes in four corners.

PDB [P1404941](#), WinChloe ID = 866550

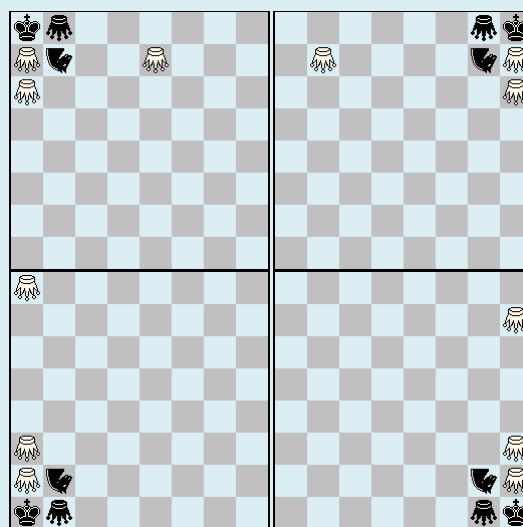
1.Kc6 Gc7 2.Nf5 Gd8 3.Gb6 Gf6 4.Kb7 Gg5
 5.Ka8 Ge7 6.Nb7 Ga6 7.Gb8 Ga7#

1.Ke5 Gb8 2.Nc5 Gf4 3.Kf6 Gf7 4.Kg7 Gc6
 5.Kh8 Gb7 6.Ng7 Gh6 7.Gg8 Gh7#

1.Kc4 Ga8 2.Nd6 Ge6 3.Kb3 Ga2 4.Nb2 Gc2
 5.Gb1 Ga4 6.Ka2 Gca3+ 7.Ka1 Ga2#

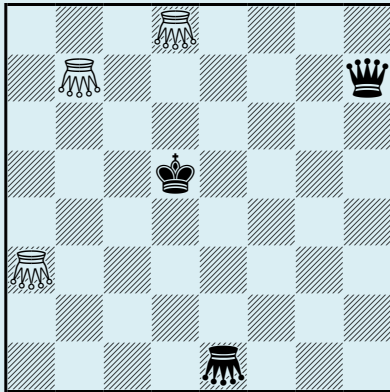
1.Ke4 Gd5 2.Kf3 Gh6 3.Kg2 Gh1 4.Ne1 Gh7
 5.Kh1 Gf1 6.Ng2 Gh3 7.Gg1 Gh2#

Mating positions:



Comments of the solvers (Die Schwalbe 317/2022, p.710): Karl-Heinz Siehndel: „Herrliche Grashüpfer-Echo-Idealmatts in allen 4 Brettecken. Prima.“, Joachim Benn: „Der sK lässt sich in allen 4 Brettecken einbauen und mattsetzen.“, Wolfgang Will: „Ich bin jedes Mal verblüfft, wie Kotěšovec es schafft, mit geringstem Material (hier nur 6 Steine) eine Dreifachsetzung (und hier sogar eine Vierfachsetzung) zu bewältigen, ohne daß es den geringsten Dual gibt.“

276. Václav Kotěšovec
 4907 idee & form 156/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



h#7 (3+3) C+
 4.1.1...
 ♟♟=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

4-fold echo in four corners.

PDB [P1405771](#), WinChloe ID = 864657

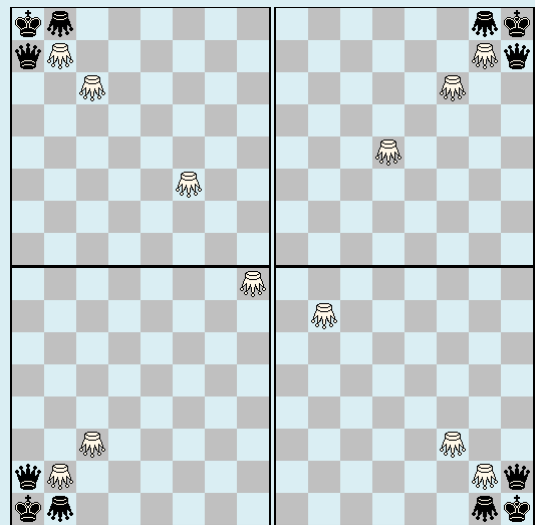
1.Kc6 Gd5 2.Qa7 Ga8 3.Kc7 Ge4 4.Ge5 Gf3
 5.Gb8 Ga8 6.Kb7 Gc6+ 7.Ka8 Gb7#

1.Kd6 Ge7 2.Ke6 Ge5 3.Kf7 Gg7 4.Ge6 Gd4
 5.Gg8 Gh8 6.Kg7 Ghf6+ 7.Kh8 Gg7#

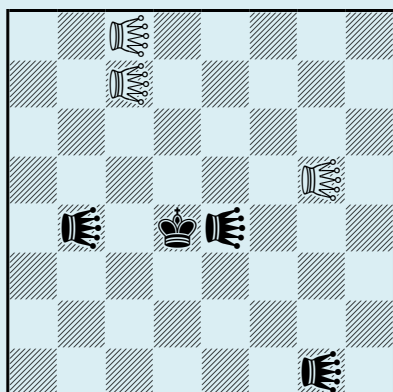
1.Qf7 Gd4 2.Kc4 Gg7 3.Kb3 Gh8 4.Kb2 Gc1
 5.Gb1 Gca1 6.Qa2 Gc3+ 7.Ka1 Gb2#

1.Kd4 Gd3 2.Qh2 Gd5 3.Ke3 Gf3 4.Kf2 Gf1
 5.Gg1 Gh1 6.Kg2 Gf3+ 7.Kh1 Gg2#

Mating positions:



277. Václav Kotěšovec original



h#19 (3+4) C+

3.1.1...

=Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Triple chameleon echo

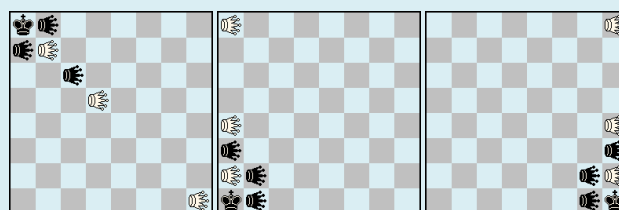
WinChloe ID = 930856

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KAc6 5.Kd5 KAh5 6.Kc5 KAb5 7.KAb6 KAa5
8.KAa7 KAd5 9.KAb3 KAe5 10.Kb5 KAa5
11.Ka6 KAa8 12.Kb6 KAe4 13.KAb7 KAf3
14.KAb8 KAa8 15.Ka6 KAa5 16.KAg2 KAa8
17.Kb7 KAe4 18.Ka8 KAh1 19.KAc6 KAb7#

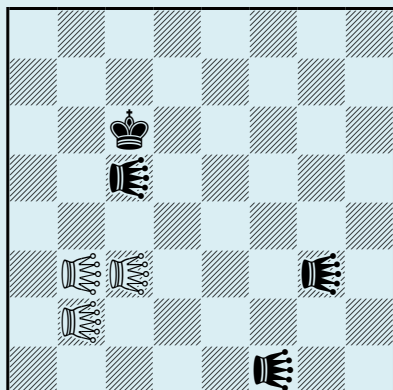
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KAb5 5.KAb6 KAe5 6.KAa7 KAf5 7.Kd4 KAf6
8.Kc3 KAb2 9.KAb1 KAf6 10.Kb2 KAa1
11.KAb5 KAa5 12.Kb3 KAa8 13.KAb2 KAa4
14.Kc3 KAa1 15.Kb3 KAa6 16.KAb1 KAa8
17.Ka2 KAa5 18.Ka1 KAa8 19.KAa3 KAa2#

1.Kc5 KAc4 2.Kd4 KAf4 3.Ke5 KAg3 4.KAg4
KAd6 5.Kd4 KAc4 6.KAg6 KAf4 7.Ke3 KAd2
8.Kd4 KAc4 9.Kd5 KAd7 10.Ke6 KAh6 11.Kf5
KAh4 12.KAh7 KAh3 13.Kf4 KAh2 14.Kg3
KAh5 15.KAg2 KAh6 16.KAg1 KAh8 17.Kh2
KAh5 18.Kh1 KAh8 19.KAh3 KAh2#

Mating positions:



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original



h#20 (3+4) C+

3.1.1...

  =Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Triple exact chameleon echo

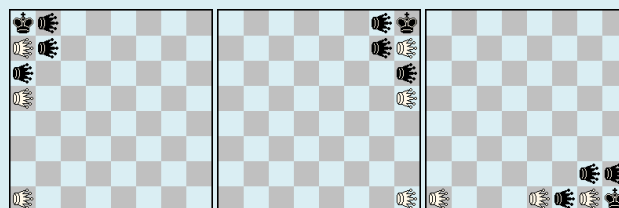
WinChloe ID = 930412

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KAf6 5.Kc3 KAb2 6.KAb3 KAa3 7.Kb4 KAb5
8.Kc3 KAa5 9.Kc4 KAd5 10.KAa6 K Ae5
11.KAf5 KAa2 12.Kc5 KAa7 13.KAb5 KAa5
14.KAa2 KAa8 15.Kb6 KAa4 16.KAb7 KAa3
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20.KAa6 KAa7#

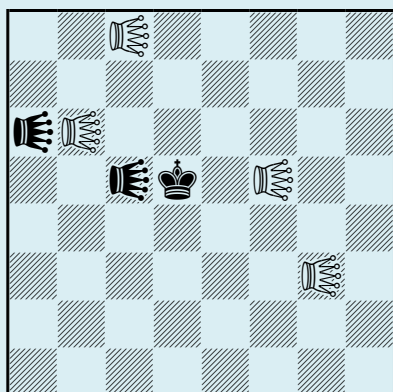
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KAd3 5.KAb5 KAa6 6.Kd3 K Ae2 7.Ke4 K Ae5
8.Kf5 KAa5 9.KAg5 KAh3 10.KAh5 KAd3
11.K Ae5 KAh3 12.Kf4 KAh5 13.KAh2 KAh6
14.Kf5 KAh7 15.Kg6 KAh4 16.KAg7 KAh3
17.KAg8 KAh1 18.Kh7 KAh4 19.Kh8 KAh1
20.KAh6 KAh7#

1.Kb7 KAb8 2.Kc7 KAh2 3.Kd6 KAc7 4.KAa3
KAc8 5.K Ae7 KAc4 6.Kd5 KAc3 7.KAc2 K Ae6
8.Kc5 KAc6 9.Kd4 KAc1 10.Ke3 KAc5 11.K Ae2
K Ae1 12.Kd3 KAc1 13.KAb1 KAf1 14.Ke3 KAg1
15.Kf2 KAd1 16.KAg2 KAc1 17.KAh2 KAa1
18.Kg1 KAd1 19.Kh1 KAa1 20.KAf1 KAg1#

Mating positions:



279. Václav Kotěšovec original



h#17 (4+3) C+

3.1.1...

=Kangaroo
(without the white king)

1.Ke6 KAg4 2.KAf6 KAg6 3.Ke5 KAb5 4.Kd5
KAe5 5.KAf5 KAg7 6.Kc6 KAb6 7.Kc5 KAd4
8.KAb5 KAc3 9.Kb6 KAA7 10.Kc5 KAA5 11.Kb4
KAA4 12.Kc3 KAA8 13.KAb2 KAA1 14.Kb3
KAA4 15.KAb1 KAA6 16.Ka2 KAA3+ 17.Ka1
KAA2#

1.Ke5 KAb5 2.Kd5 KAc5 3.Kc4 KAc3 4.Kd4
KAf6 5.KAg6 KAc3 6.Ke3 KAh3 7.Kf4 KAd6
8.Kf5 KAh6 9.KAg5 KAc6 10.Kg4 KAh6
11.KAg3 KAh2 12.Kf5 KAh5 13.Kg6 KAh7
14.KAg7 KAh4 15.KAg8 KAh3 16.Kh7 KAh6+
17.Kh8 KAh7#

1.Kd4 KAc3 2.Kd3 KAc3 3.Kc4 KAc6+ 4.Kd3
KAc4 5.KAc2 KAc3 6.KAc2 KAb3 7.Ke4 KAb1
8.Kd5 KAc6 9.Kc5 KAc6 10.Kd4 KAc1 11.Kd3
KAf1 12.Ke3 KAc1 13.Kf2 KAg1 14.KAg2 KAd1
15.KAh2 KAc1 16.Kg1 KAf1+ 17.Kh1 KAg1#

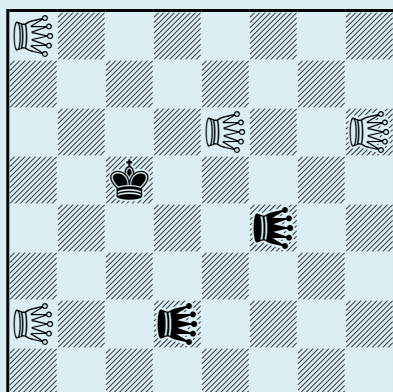
Mating positions:



Triple exact chameleon echo

WinChloe ID = 930503

280. Václav Kotěšovec original



h#17 (4+3) C+

3.1.1...

 = Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Triple exact chameleon echo

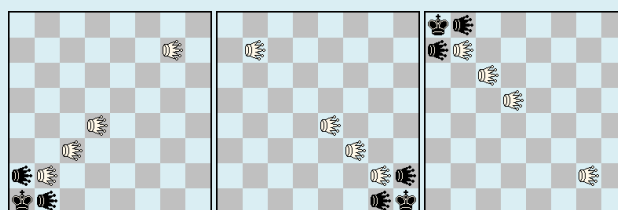
WinChloe ID = 931870

1.Kb6 KAa6 2.Kb5 KAa1 3.Ka5 KAa7 4.Kb6
KAf6 5.Kc6 KAb6 6.Kc5 KAd4 7.Kd6 KAa6
8.Ke6 KAf6 9.Kd5 KAg7 10.Kc4 KAc3 11.KAb4
KAg7 12.Kb3 KAb2 13.KAb1 KAa1 14.Kc2
KAe5 15.KAa2 KAf6 16.Kb2 KAc3+ 17.Ka1
KAb2#

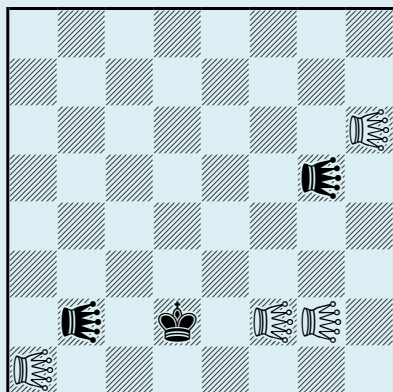
1.Kc6 KAb6 2.Kd5 KAf7 3.Kc4 KAb3 4.Kb5
KAb7 5.Kc6 KAd5 6.Kb5 KAb4 7.Kc4 KAb3
8.KAa4 KAb7 9.KAd4 KAc4 10.Kd3 KAa8
11.Ke3 KAf2 12.KAg1 KAc4 13.Ke2 KAc2
14.Kf2 KAg2 15.KAh2 KAc6 16.Kg2 KAf3+
17.Kh1 KAg2#

1.Kd5 KAf7 2.Kd6 KAc6 3.Kd5 KAc4 4.Ke4
KAf3 5.KAb4 KAg2 6.Kd5 KAb3 7.Ke6 KAf7
8.Kd5 KAg8 9.Ke6 KAd5 10.Kd6 KAc6 11.KAd7
KAg2 12.Kc7 KAb7 13.KAa7 KAa8 14.Kb6
KAe4 15.KAb8 KAf3 16.Kb7 KAc6+ 17.Ka8
KAb7#

Mating positions:



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h#14 (4+3) C+

0.3.1.1...
♔♔=Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Triple chameleon echo

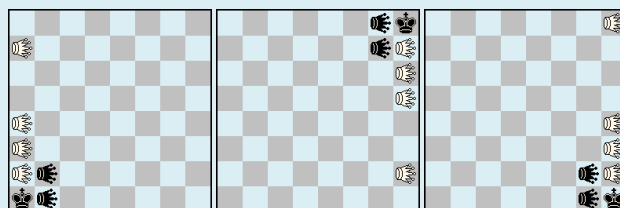
WinChloe ID = 931097

1...KAa2 2.Ke3 KAd2 3.Kd4 KAe5 4.Kc5 KAe2
5.KAb5 KAa5 6.Kc4 KAa6 7.Kb3 KAa2 8.KAb1
KAa7 9.Kc2 KAa2 10.Kb3 KAa1 11.Ka3 KAa4+
12.Kb3 KAa6 13.Ka2 KAa3+ 14.Ka1 KAa2#

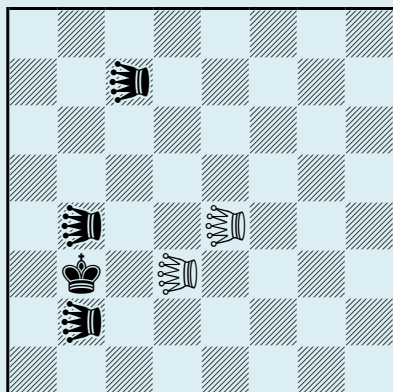
1...KAc2 2.Kc3 KAd4 3.KAg2 KAh2 4.Kd2 KAc1
5.Ke3 KAc5 6.Kf4 KAh6 7.Kf5 KAh5 8.Kg6
KAh1 9.KAg7 KAh6 10.Kf6 KAh8 11.Kg6 KAh4
12.KAg8 KAh3 13.Kh7 KAh6+ 14.Kh8 KAh7#

1...KAc1 2.Ke2 KAd2 3.Kf1 KAa2 4.Kg1 KAh1
5.Kf2 KAh6 6.KAg2 KAh2 7.Kg3 KAh7 8.KAg1
KAh8 9.Kf2 KAh2 10.Kg3 KAh1 11.Kh3 KAh4+
12.Kg3 KAh7 13.Kh2 KAh3+ 14.Kh1 KAh2#

Mating positions:



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original



h#18 (2+4) C+

2.1.1...

 = Kangaroo-Lion
(without the white king)

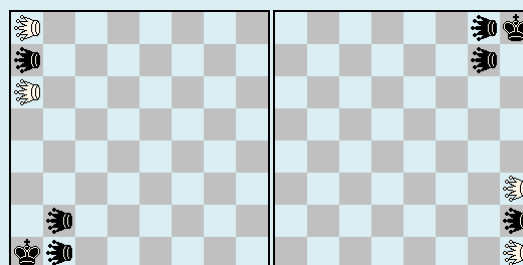
Exact echo

WinChloe ID = 931725

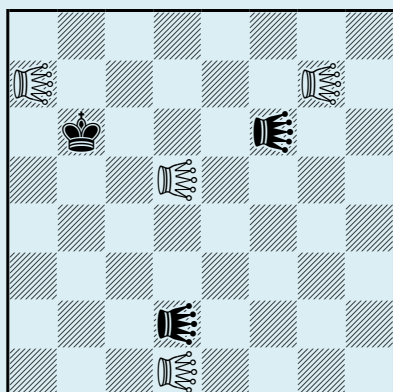
1.Kc2 KALb1 2.Kc3 KALb5 3.Kc4 KALa6
4.KALb7 KALd3 5.Kb3 KALb1 6.Kc2 KALh7
7.Kc3 KALa7 8.Kd4 KALd7 9.KALg7 KALd8
10.KALh7 KALd2 11.KALa7 KALd1 12.Kd3
KALd4 13.Kc3 KALa5 14.KALb2 KALa1 15.Kb3
KALa8 16.KALb1 KALa1 17.Ka2 KALa6 18.Ka1
KALa8#

1.Kc4 KALa4 2.Kd4 KALf4 3.Ke5 KALb8 4.Kf4
KALg3 5.Ke3 KALh3 6.Kd3 KALc3 7.Kc4
KALc8 8.Kc5 KALc4 9.Kd6 KALb8 10.Ke5
KALf4 11.KALh2 KALa4 12.Kf6 KALd4
13.KALg4 KALh4 14.KALg7 KALh8 15.Kg6
KALh1 16.KALg8 KALh8 17.Kh7 KALh3
18.Kh8 KALh1#

Mating positions:



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h#14 (4+3) C+

3.1.1...



=Kangaroo

(without the white king)

Triple exact chameleon echo

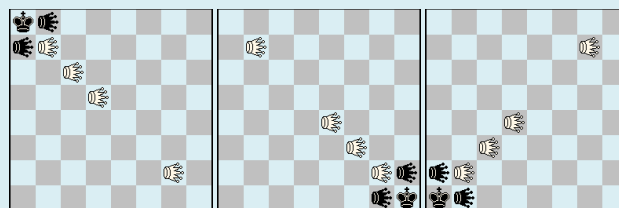
WinChloe ID = 931506

1.Kc5 KAd6 2.KAd7 KAh7 3.Kd4 KAc3 4.KAb2
KAd3 5.Ke3 KAf3 6.Ke4 KAg2 7.Kd5 KAd8
8.Kd6 KAd5 9.Kc7 KAb7 10.KAa7 KAa8 11.Kb6
KAe4 12.KAb8 KAf3 13.Kb7 KAc6+ 14.Ka8
KAb7#

1.Kb7 KAh7 2.Kc7 KAb7 3.Kd7 KAa7 4.Kc6
KAd6 5.KAb6 KAa8 6.Kd5 KAd1 7.Kd4 KAd5
8.Ke3 KAf2 9.KAg1 KAc4 10.Ke2 KAc2 11.Kf2
KAg2 12.KAh2 KAc6 13.Kg2 KAf3+ 14.Kh1
KAg2#

1.Kc6 KAd6 2.KAb6 KAa6 3.Kd6 KAc6 4.Kc5
KAd4 5.Kc4 KAb3 6.Kb4 KAb7 7.Kb3 KAb2
8.KAb1 KAd1 9.Kc3 KAa1 10.Kd3 KAd4 11.Kc2
KAe5 12.KAa2 KAf6 13.Kb2 KAc3+ 14.Ka1
KAb2#

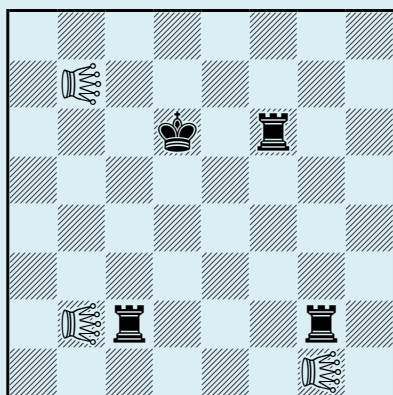
Mating positions:



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2. Prize



h#9

(3+4) C+

3.1.1...

♖=Kangaroo

(without the white king)

Triple exact chameleon echo.

Pinning of the black rook.

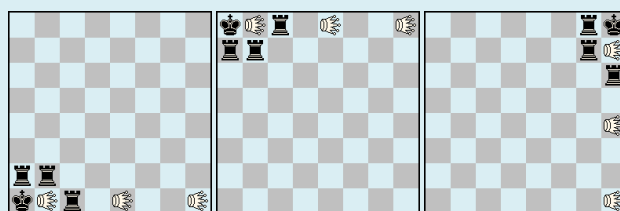
PDB [P1403707](#), WinChloe ID = 852075

1.Kc5 KAh2 2.Kb4 KAb2 3.Rc1 KAb1 4.Kc3
KAg7 5.Kb2 KA7a1 6.Ra6 KAd1 7.Ra2 KAe1
8.Ka1 KAh1 9.Rgb2 KAb1#

1.Kc6 KAh1 2.Kb7 KAa8 3.Rg7 KAh8 4.Rfg6
KAg8 5.Rc8 KAb8 6.Ra6 KAd8 7.Ra7 KAe8
8.Ka8 KAh8 9.Rgb7 KAb8#

1.Rfg6 KAg7 2.Ke7 KAh7 3.Kf6 KAa1 4.Kg7
KAh8 5.Rh6 KAh2 6.Rc8 KAh5 7.Rg8 KAh4
8.Kh8 KAh1 9.R2g7 KAh7#

Mating positions:



Judge Vilimantas Satkus (Šachmatija 1/2024, [p.13](#)): "Galbūt mažiau skaidrus, bet taip pat fantastiškas reginys. Tikrai čia visi sprendiniai priglauti prie šiaurinio, pietinio ir rytinio borto. Triple exact chameleon echoes on the edge of board."

4.1.1...
royal rook d7
=Kangaroo
(without the white king)

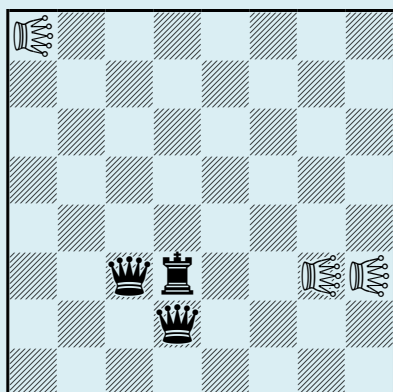
WinChloe ID = 930659

1.rRb7 KAa8 2.Qbc5 KAf3 3.rRb5 KAa5 4.Qh2
KAd5 5.rRb1 KAc6 6.rRh1 KAf3 7.Qcg1 KAg2#

[illegible]

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original



h#7 (3+3) C+

4.1.1...
royal rook d3
=Kangaroo
(without the white king)

4-fold echo in four corners
Pinning of the black queen

WinChloe ID = 931912

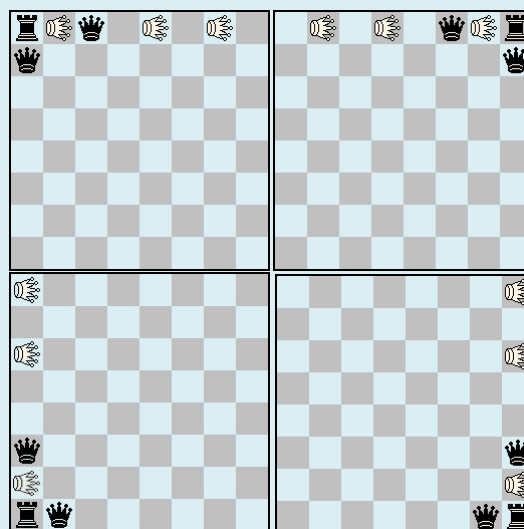
1.Qg2 KAb3 2.rRd5 KAh1 3.rRh5 KAh6 4.Qgg3
KAh7 5.rRh1 KAh3 6.Qg1 KAh8 7.Qh3 KAh2#

1.Qb3 KAa3 2.Qa5 KAa2 3.rRd1 KAa6 4.rRa1
KAa7 5.Qac3 KAa3 6.Qb1 KAa8 7.Qa3 KAa2#

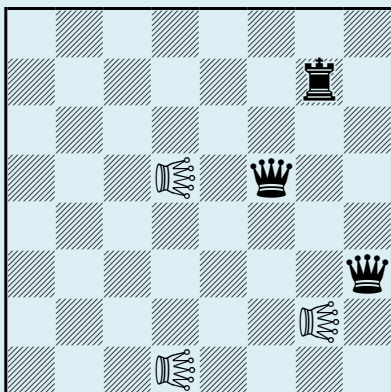
1.Qc7 KAc3 2.Qdf4 KAb8 3.rRd8 KAe8 4.Qfc4
KAf8 5.rRa8 KAc8 6.Qa7 KAg8 7.Qc8 KAb8#

1.Qg7 KAc3 2.Qdg5 KAg8 3.Q5f6 KAh8 4.rRd8
KAc8 5.Qh7 KAb8+ 6.rRh8 KAd8 7.Qf8
KAg8#

Mating positions:



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original



h#7 (3+3) C+
4.1.1...
royal rook g7
♖=Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Two pairs of echoes in four corners

WinChloe ID = 931092

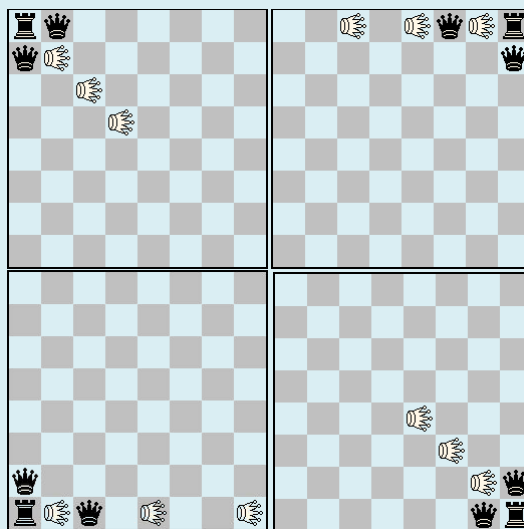
1.Qhf3 KAh1 2.Qg5 KAg8 3.Qc1 KAb1 4.Qg2
KAg1 5.rRa7 KAc1 6.rRa1 KAh1 7.Qa2 KAb1#

1.rRd7 KAd8 2.Qff3 KAh1 3.rRb7 KAa8 4.rRh7
KAh8 5.Qf8 KAc8 6.rRh8 KAc8 7.Qh7 KAg8#

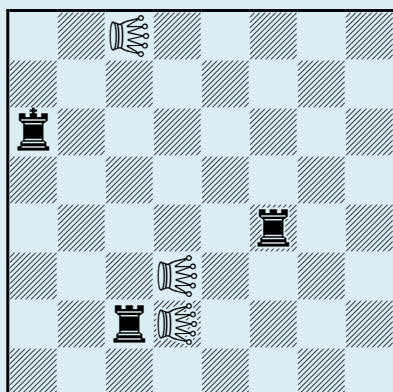
1.Qe4 KAc6 2.rRg1 KAf3 3.Qe1 KAh1 4.Qg2
KAc4 5.Qh2 KAc6 6.rRh1 KAf3 7.Qeg1 KAg2#

1.rRb7 KAa8 2.Qc8 KAc4 3.Qhd7 KAd8 4.rRb8
KAa8 5.Qa7 KAf3 6.rRa8 KAc6 7.Qcb8 KAb7#

Mating positions:



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h#9 (3+3) C+

4.1.1...

royal rook a6

♖=Kangaroo

(without the white king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners
Pinning of the black rook

WinChloe ID = 932088

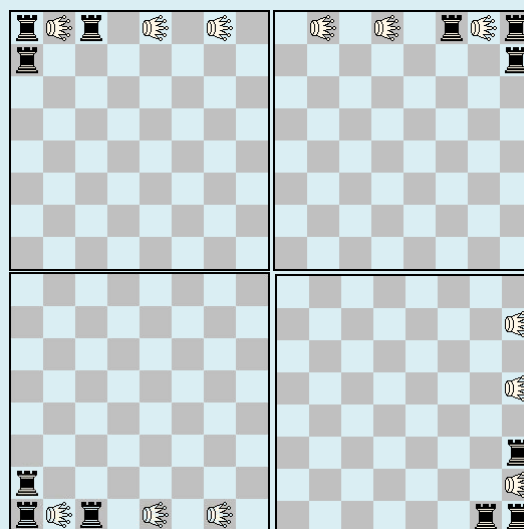
1.Rfc4 KAc1 2.Rd4 KAd5 3.Rd2 KAd6 4.Re4
KAd1 5.Rg2 KAh1 6.Re1 KAf1 7.rRa1 KAg1
8.Rec1 KAc1 9.Rga2 KAb1#

1.Rd4 KAd5 2.Re2 KAd2 3.Rd7 KAd8 4.Re8
KAf8 5.rRad6 KAg8 6.Rc8 KAd8 7.rRa6 KAh8
8.rRaa8 KAc8 9.Rda7 KAb8#

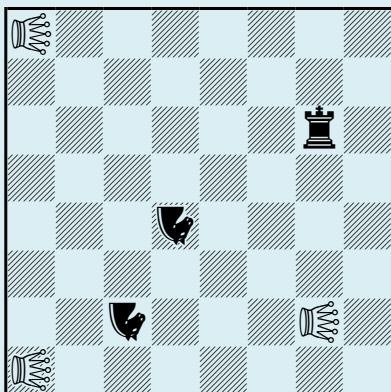
1.rRd6 KAd7 2.Rc7 KAd2 3.Rcd7 KAd8 4.Rf8
KAd5 5.rRc6 KAd8 6.Rb7 KAc8 7.rRh6 KAc8
8.rRhh8 KAb8 9.Rbh7 KAg8#

1.rRac6 KAc1 2.R2c5 KAc7 3.Rg5 KAh6 4.Rg3
KAh2 5.Rff3 KAh3 6.rRc1 KAh7 7.rRh1 KAh8
8.Rgg1 KAh5 9.Rfh3 KAh2#

Mating positions:



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original



h#7 (3+3) C+
4.1.1...
royal rook g6
♞=Nightrider
♞=Kangaroo
(without the white king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners

WinChloe ID = 930088

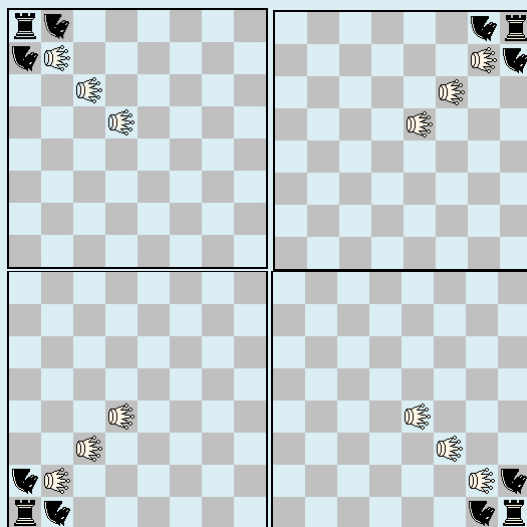
1.Nc6 KAh1 2.Na6 KAb7 3.Na7 KAa8 4.rRc6
KAd5 5.rRc8 KAh1 6.rRa8 KAc6 7.Nb8 KAb7#

1.Ne2 KAb2 2.Nc3 KAd4 3.Na3 KAe5 4.Na2
KAa1 5.rRg1 KAf6 6.rRa1 KAc3 7.Nb1 KAb2#

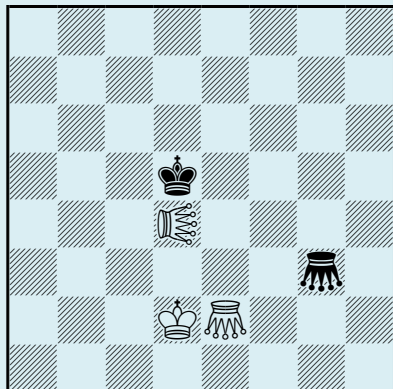
1.Nf3 KAh1 2.Ne3 KAe4 3.Nf1 KAd5 4.Ng1
KAh1 5.rRh6 KAc6 6.rRh1 KAf3 7.Nh2 KAg2#

1.Ng4 KAg7 2.Nf6 KAc3 3.Ng8 KAe5 4.Nf8
KAh8 5.rRh6 KAb2 6.rRh8 KAf6 7.Nh7 KAg7#

Mating positions:



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h#8 (3+2) C+
 0.4.1.1...
 ♖♗=Grasshopper
 ♖=Kangaroo

Two pairs of echoes in four corners

PDB [P1378060](#), WinChloe ID = 762880

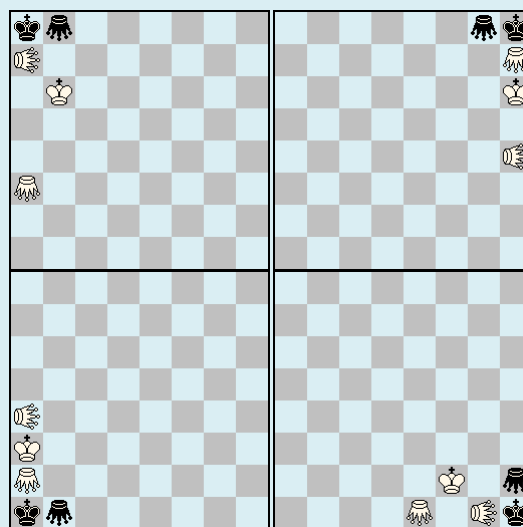
1. - Gc2 2.Kc4 Gc5 3.Kb5 Kc3 4.Kb6 KAa7
 5.Kc7 Kb4 6.Gb8 Ga3 7.Kb7 Ka5 8.Ka8 Kb6#

1. - Ke3 2.Ke5 Ge4 3.Gd6 Kf3 4.Kf6 Kg4 5.Gg6
 KAh4 6.Kg7 Gh7 7.Gg8 Kg5 8.Kh8 Kh6#

1. - Kd1 2.Ke4 Ge5 3.Gd6 Ke1 4.Gf4 KAg4
 5.Kf3 Gg3 6.Kg2 KAg1 7.Kh1 Kf2 8.Gh2 Ge1#

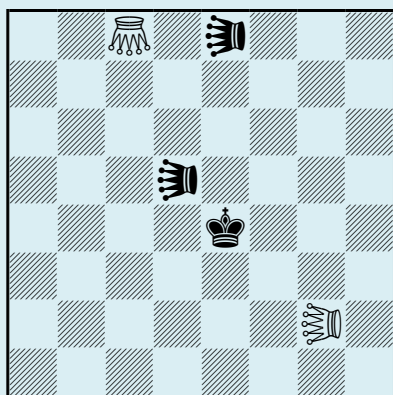
1. - Kc3 2.Gb3 Kd3 3.Kc5 Gc4 4.Kb4 KAa4
 5.Ka3 Ga2 6.Kb2 Kc4 7.Gb1 Kb4 8.Ka1 Ka3#

Mating positions:



Judge Juraj Lörinc (Šachová skladba 159/2023, p. 4285-6): "2+2 echové ideálne maty v štyroch rohoch sú bezosporu solidným výkonom. Treba poukázať na odlišné vzdialenosti matujúcich kameňov od čierneho kráľa, to však v klasickej českej škole nebývalo problémom."

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h#6 (2+3) C+
 4.1.1...
 ♟=Grasshopper
 ♚♟=Lion
 (without the white king)

Two pairs of echoes in four corners

PDB [P1407238](#), WinChloe ID = 871537

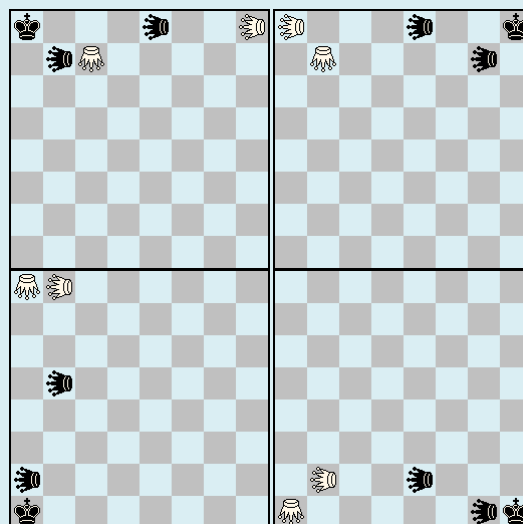
1.Lle2 Lla2 2.Kf3 Llf7 3.Llg8 Llf2 4.Kg2 Gh8
 5.Llg1 Lib2+ 6.Kh1 Ga1#

1.Kd3 Llc6 2.Llb5 Lle4 3.Kc2 Lib1 4.Kb2 Lib3
 5.Lla2 Lib8+ 6.Ka1 Ga8#

1.Ke5 Gf8 2.Kd6 Gc5 3.Kc7 Llc6+ 4.Kb8 Gc7
 5.Llb7 Llc8 6.Ka8 Llh8#

1.Kf5 Gg4 2.Llg5 Gg6 3.Llg7 Ge4 4.Kg6 Llc6
 5.Kh7 Gb7+ 6.Kh8 Lla8#

Mating positions:



Editor Paz Einat: "The BK is mated in all 4 corners. Finding such accurate play is always a wonder."

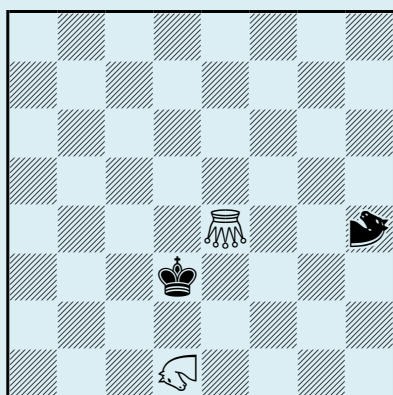
Problem 4026 was published again in Variantim 89 as 4126 (probably by mistake) with a comment: "Vaclav comes up again and again with such pearls! The slightly varied mating position add much grace."

Judge Michal Dragoun (Israel Ring Tourney 2022, Variantim 91/2023, p. 6-10): "2+2 solutions with pairs of grasshopper and lion-mates, together with black king in all corners of the chessboard. Not so straightforward for solving, as other mating positions are possible as well."

292. Václav Kotěšovec
9479 Phénix 336-337/2022

(The award is yet not published)

2. Place WenigsteinerJahresPreis 2022



h#8 (2+2) C+

4.1.1...

PlatzWechselCirce

♞ = Nightriderhopper

♞ = Beetle

♞ = Grasshopper
(without the white king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners

PDB [P1408681](#), WinChloe ID = 882652

Editor of the Tanagras section in Phénix Sébastien Luce:
"Quadruple écho dans les coins où le Noctambule-Sauteur, privé de sautoir, joue lui-même le rôle de sautoir pour la Sauterelle matante. Le Scarabée, pièce inventée par Roméo Bédoni dans les années 1970 se charge de contrôler les deux cases de fuite du Roi noir.
Le problème améliore nettement un triple écho dont j'avais parlé (SL) à Václav avec une Locuste à la place du Noctambule-Sauteur lors d'un échange par mail."

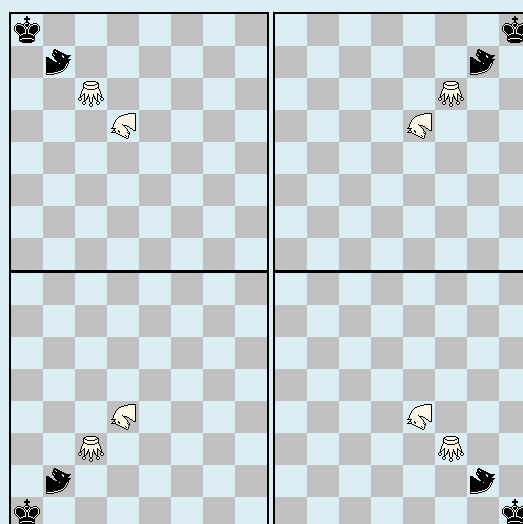
1.Kc4 Gb4 2.Kd3 SCe5 3.Kc3 Gd2 4.NHb1
SC:b1(NHe5) 5.Kc2 SCd4 6.Kb2 Ga2
7.K:a2(Gb2) G:e5(NHb2) 8.Ka1 Gc3#

1.Kc2 Gb1 2.Kd2 Ge1 3.NHb1 Gc3 4.NHd5
Ge1 5.K:e1(Gd2) SCe4 6.Kf2 Gg2 7.Kg1
G:d5(NHg2) 8.Kh1 Gf3#

1.K:e4(Gd3) SCe5 2.Kf5 Gg6 3.NHf8 Ge4 4.Kf6
Ge6 5.NHd4 Gg6 6.Kg7 Gg8 7.K:g8(Gg7)
G:d4(NHg7) 8.Kh8 Gf6#

1.Kd4 SCe6 2.Kd5 SCb4 3.Kd6 SCg3 4.NHb7
SCc8 5.Kc6 G:b7(NHe4) 6.Kc7 SCd5 7.Kb8
G:e4(NHb7) 8.Ka8 Gc6#

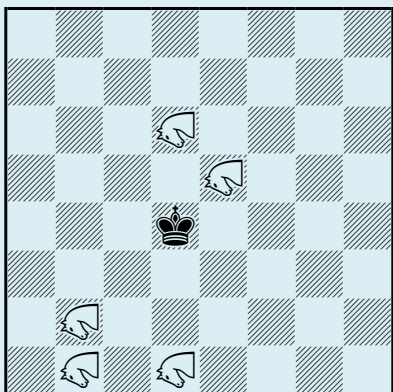
Mating positions:



Dedicated to Roméo Bédoni

Beetle (scarabée) was invented in 1970 by the French composer Roméo Bédoni. Only WinChloe is able to test such problems (not implemented in Popeye either in Alybadix). For the definition see page 380.

293. Václav Kotěšovec
S15 Phénix 338/2023, p. 13166



h#6 (5+1) C+
0.4.1.1...
♁=Beetle (scarabée)
(without the white king)

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1414331](#), WinChloe ID = 902786

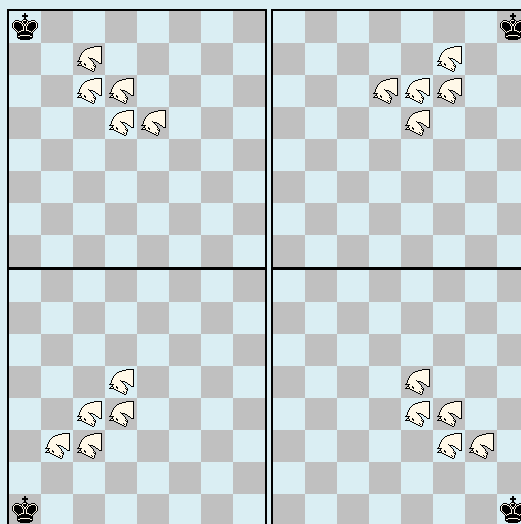
1. - SCde6 2.Ke4 SCg6 3.Kf5 SCc7+ 4.Kg6
SCe4 5.Kh7 SCf6+ 6.Kh8 SCf7#

1. - SCc6 2.Kd3 SCf4 3.Ke2 SCg1 4.Kf2 SCe4+
5.Kg1 SCf3+ 6.Kh1 SCg3#

1. - SCc4 2.Kc3 SCd5+ 3.Kc2 SC1a3 4.Kb3
SCd4+ 5.Ka2 SCc3+ 6.Ka1 SCb3#

1. - SCf5 2.Kd5 SCf2 3.Kc5 SCfa6 4.Kb6 SCd5+
5.Ka7 SCc6+ 6.Ka8 SCc7#

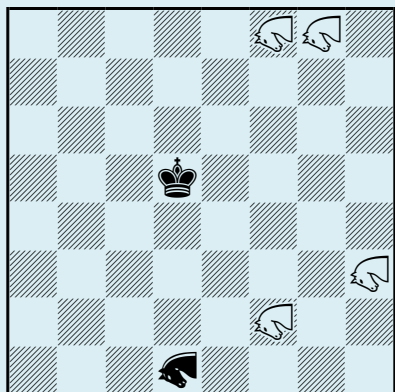
Mating positions:



Published in the article by Sébastien Luce: "Le charme du Scarabée", Phénix 338/2023, p.13164-13168 with a comment: "Cinq Scarabées au minimum sont nécessaires pour mater un Roi seul. Le S15 est un nouveau quadruple écho étonnant de Václav."

For the definition see page 380.

294. Václav Kotěšovec
S16 Phénix 338/2023, p. 13166



h#6 (4+2) C+

6.1.1...

 = Beetle (scarabée)
(without the white king)

Six solutions in six moves.
6-fold exact echo of 4 pieces (SC SC- K SC).

PDB [P1414332](https://pdb.org/P1414332), WinChloe ID = 904107

1.SCc7 SCc3 2.Ke5 SCf7+ 3.Kf5 SCfe7 4.SCg6
SCb6 5.Kg4 SCf6+ 6.Kh5 SCe7# A

1.Kc4 SCb2 2.Kc3 SCa4 3.Kc2 SCa1 4.SCb4
SCc4 5.Kb3 SCc5+ 6.Ka3 SCd5# B

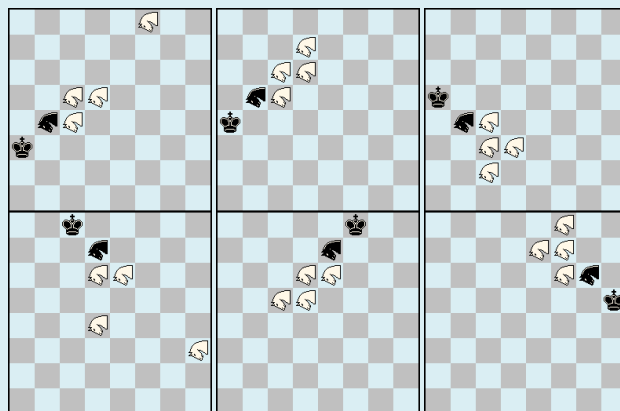
1.Ke6 SCc5 2.Kf5 SCd6 3.Kf6 SCg8 4.Ke7 SCd5
5.Kf8 SCb4 6.SCe7 SCe6# C

1.Kc5 SCb3 2.SCa5 SCb7 3.Kb6 SCa8 4.SCd7
SCd6 5.Kc7 SCe6+ 6.Kc8 SCd4# D

1.Kd4 SCd7 2.SCe6 SCc6 3.Kc5 SCa4 4.Kb5
SCd6 5.Ka4 SCd8 6.SCb5 SCc5# E

1.Kd6 SCc4 2.Kd5 SCc3 3.Kc5 SCfb7 4.Kb4
SCc2 5.Ka5 SCa4 6.SCb4 SCd3# F

Mating positions:

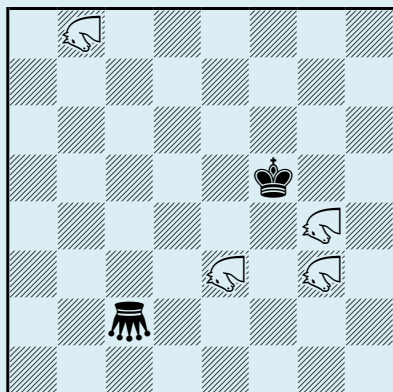


Published in the article by Sébastien Luce: "Le charme du Scarabée", Phénix 338/2023, p.13164-13168.

Sébastien Luce wrote: „Václav enchaîne ici avec un aidé impressionnant en six solutions où l'on retrouve le groupe des cinq Scarabées mais l'un d'entre eux, un noir, jouera les complices dans le tableau final. A/F et C/E forment deux echos, les deux autres solutions comportant d'autres tableaux de mat. En annexe, le précédent record de longueur en h#n 6 solutions.“

For the definition see page 380.

295. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#6 (4+2) C+

0.6.1.1...

 = Grasshopper

 = Beetle (scarabée)
(without the white king)

WinChloe ID = 932499

1. - SCf6 2.Ke4 SCc3 3.Kd4 SCb3 4.Kd3 SCc1
5.Kd2 SCa4+ 6.Kd1 SCb4#

1. - SCc4 2.Kf4 SCg2 3.Kg3 SCh1 4.Kf2 SCd3+
5.Kf1 SCd2 6.Ge2 SCc5#

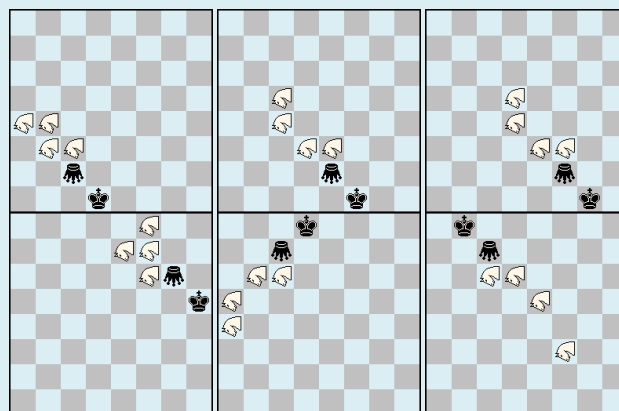
1. - SCbh1 2.Ke4 SCgc5 3.Kf3 SCgd4+ 4.Kf2
SCf3 5.Kg1 SCe2 6.Gf2 SCd5#

1. - SCh6 2.Gg6 SCf8 3.Ke4 SCf6+ 4.Kf4 SCbg2
5.Kg5 SCf7+ 6.Kh5 SCE7#

1. - SCE7 2.Ke5 SCc6 3.Gc7 SCd7 4.Kd6 SCa5
5.Kd7 SCb6+ 6.Kd8 SCa4#

1. - SCd6+ 2.Ke6 SCd8 3.Kd7 SCE5+ 4.Kc7
SCe6 5.Kb8 SCc6 6.Ge7 SCEf3#

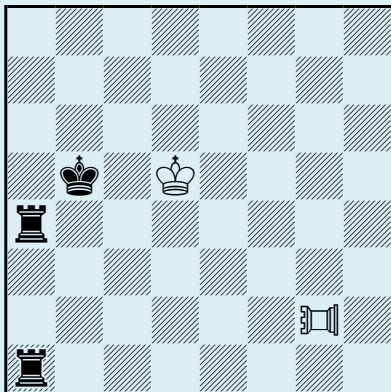
Mating positions:



296. Václav Kotěšovec

9654 Phénix 346/2023

(The award is yet not published)



h#3

(2+3) C+

4.1.1...

♁ = Sparrow

4-fold exact echo. Mate with a double check.

PDB [P1416542](#), WinChloe ID = 920677

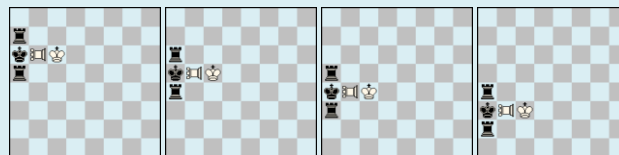
1.Ra7 SPe5 2.Ka6 Kc6 3.Ra5 SPb6#

1.Ra6 SPd4 2.Ka5 Kc5 3.Ra4 SPb5#

1.Ra5 SPe5 2.Ka4+ Kc4 3.Ra3 SPb4#

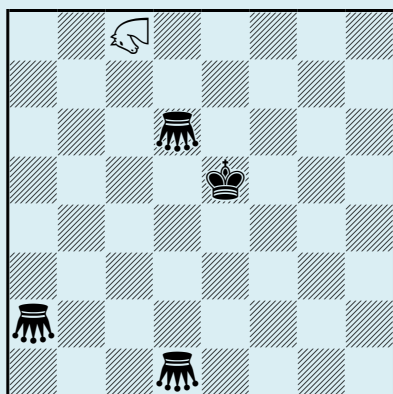
1.Kb4 Kd4 2.Ka3+ Kc3 3.Ra2 SPb3#

Mating positions:



Published with a comment: "Quadruple écho avec une position finale intéressante en «T couché». A noter que le Moineau a besoin des deux Tours pour mater : la position cidessous ne donne qu'échec (4.T~ !). Mais avec les deux Tours, les Blancs font échec des deux côtés !"

(The award is yet not published)



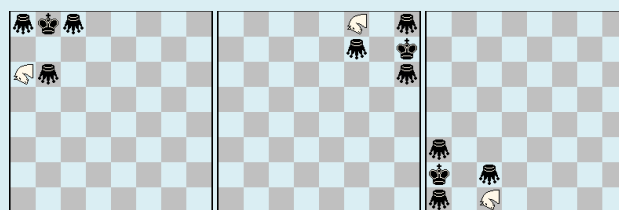
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

PDB [P1416541](#), WinChloe ID = 921662

1.Ke6 SPe7+ 2.Kd5 SPe6 3.Kc5 SPb2 4.Gc2
SPb1 5.Ga1 SPc1 6.Kb4 SPD1 7.Ga3 SPD2 8.Kb3
SPd1 9.Ka2 SPc1#

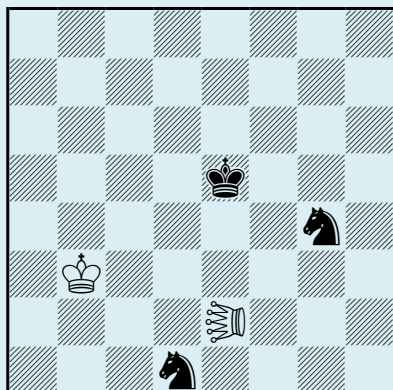
Mating positions:



Published with a comment: "Un triple écho moins classique que les habituels échos dans les coins. Ici le Roi noir est pâté en b8, h7 et a2 grâce à un triple contrôle des trois cases de fuite par le Moineau, qui utilise chacune des trois Sauterelles comme sautoir."

helpmates
(white maximummers)

298. Václav Kotěšovec
4201 Šachmatija 4/2019



h#9 (2+3) C+
3.1.1...
White Maximummer
♙=Moose (Elan)

Triple exact echo (with a double check)

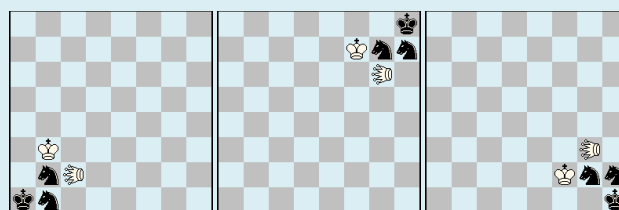
PDB [P1379783](#), WinChloe ID = 757791

1.Sge3 ELd4 2.Sc4 ELf5 3.Kd4 Ka4 4.Kc3 Kb5
5.Kb2 ELa6 6.Ka1 ELb4 7.Sa3+ Ka4 8.Sb1 Kb3
9.Sb2 ELc2#

1.Kf6 ELg5 2.Kg7 ELf8 3.Kh7 Kc4 4.Kh8 Kd5
5.Sf6+ Ke6 6.Sh7 Kf7 7.Se3 ELe6 8.Sf5 ELf8
9.Sg7 ELg6#

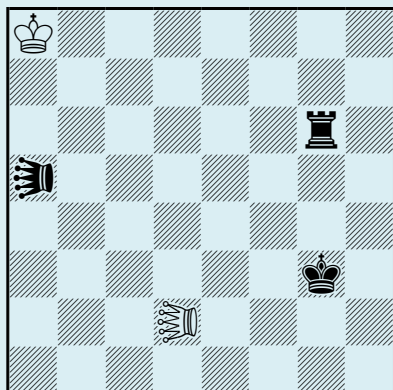
1.Kf4 ELh4 2.Kg3 ELf5+ 3.Sh2 Kc4 4.Kg2 Kd3
5.Sb2+ Ke2 6.Kh1 Kf2 7.Sc4 ELg1 8.Se3 ELe2
9.Sg2 ELg3#

Mating positions:



The solution published with a comment (Šachmatija 2/2020, p.26): "Žinoma, tai padaryta asistuojant kompiuteriui, tačiau visvien stulbina." (VS) (Překlad z litevštiny: "Jistě, provádí se to pomocí počítače, ale stále je to ohromující.")

299. Václav Kotěšovec
4202 Šachmatija 4/2019



h#10 (2+3) C+
3.1.1...
White Maximummer
♙♜=Moose (Elan)

Triple exact echo (with a double check)

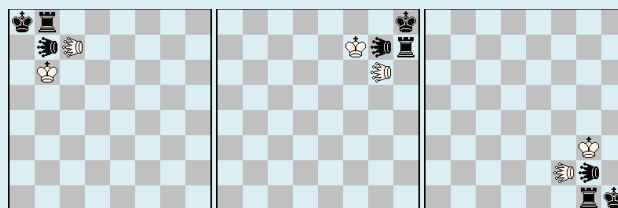
PDB [P1379784](#), WinChloe ID = 756087

1.Kf4 ELa6 2.Rg8+ Ka7 3.ELb7 ELc7 4.Ke5
ELf5 5.Kd6 Kb6 6.Kd7 ELc7 7.Kc8 ELb5 8.Kb8
ELa7 9.Ka8 ELb5 10.Rb8 ELc7#

1.ELe2 ELf1 2.Kg4 ELe3 3.ELh4 Kb7 4.Kf5 Kc8
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9.ELg7 ELf8 10.Rh7 ELg6#

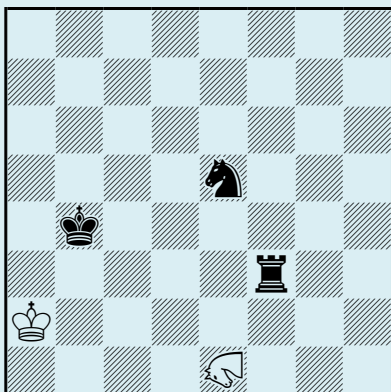
1.Rh6 ELh7 2.Ra6+ Kb8 3.Kg2 Kc7 4.Ra7+
Kd6 5.ELb8 Ke5 6.Ra1 Kf4 7.Kh2 ELg1 8.Kh1
Kg3 9.ELg2 ELh3 10.Rg1 ELf2#

Mating positions:



Komentář při publikování řešení (Šachmatija
2/2020, str.26): "Ne kiek ne mažiau ispudinga." (VS)
(Překlad "Neméně působivé.")

300. Václav Kotěšovec
8756 Phénix 306-7/2020



h#6 (2+3) C+
4.1.1...
White Maximummer
♞=Sparrow

4-fold echo. All mates with a double check.

PDB [P1381188](#), WinChloe ID = 791885

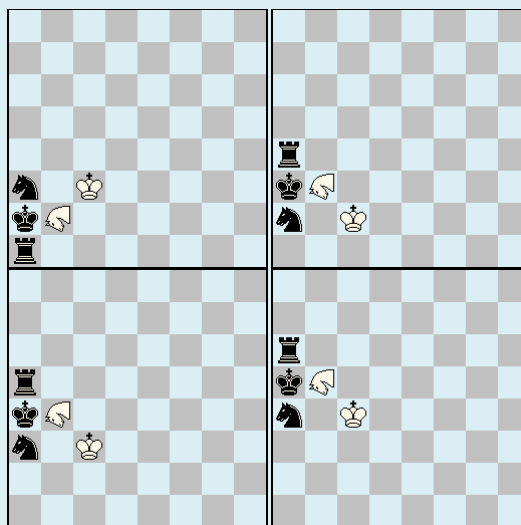
1.Ra3+ Kb1 2.Ra1+ Kc2 3.Ka3 SPf4 4.Ka2 Kc3
5.Sc4 SPd5 6.Sa3 SPb2#

1.Sd3 SPb3 2.Sc1+ Kb1 3.Sa2 SPe4 4.Ra3 SPc1
5.Ra4 Kc2 6.Ka3 SPb3#

1.Rf6 SPc4 2.Ka4 SPb2 3.Sc4 SPf5 4.Sa3 Kb2
5.Ra6 Kc3 6.Ra5 SPb4#

1.Ka5 SPb5 2.Rf6 SPd4 3.Ra6 Kb3 4.Sd7 SPe6
5.Sc5+ Kc4 6.Sa4 SPb5#

Mating positions:

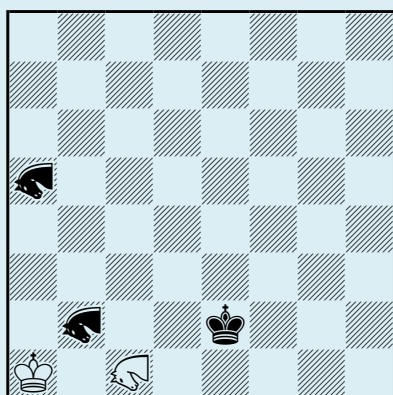


Comments in Phénix: "Trois mats en écho, le quatrième étant en position miroir horizontal. Jolis mats en b2, b3, b4, b5."

301. Václav Kotěšovec

8757 Phénix 306/2020

2. Honorable Mention



h#6

(2+3) C+

3.1.1...

White Maximummer

♞♜ = Sparrow

Triple exact echo with a shift [0,1].

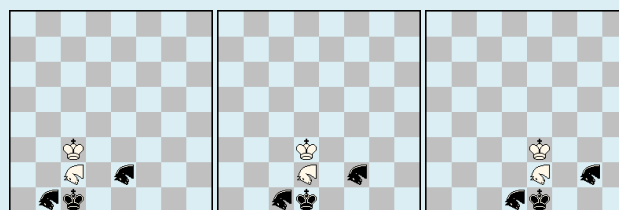
PDB [P1381189](#), WinChloe ID = 791320

1.Ke1 SPd2 2.SPb1 SPb5 3.SPe2 SPe3 4.Kd2 Kb2
5.Kd1 Kc3 6.Kc1 SPc2#

1.SPc2 SPb2 2.Ke1 SPb3 3.SPe2 Kb1 4.SPc1 Kc2
5.SPf2 Kd3 6.Kd1 SPd2#

1.SPd1 Kb2 2.Kf1 Kc3 3.SPc4 Kd4 4.SPf2 Ke3
5.SPg2 SPd3 6.Ke1 SPe2#

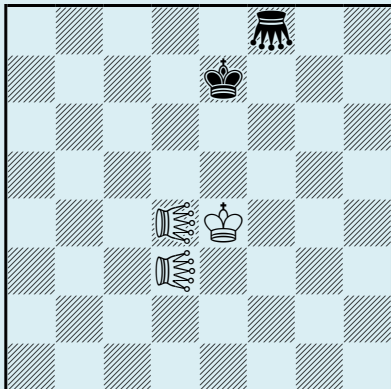
Mating positions:



Comments in Phénix: "Même thématique que le problème précédent, les trois positions étant cette fois-ci parfaitement décalées d'une colonne pour des mats en ç2, d2, é2."

Judge Jacques Dupin (Phénix 340/2023, p.13237-13245): "Avec le 8757, nous avons trois mats échos parfaitement rangés côte à côte avec une image de mat qui surprend par un petit détail visuel : un Moineau noir sur la deuxième traverse et non perché sur le bord de l'échiquier. Ici on n'a pas besoin de la double attaque du Moineau, à la différence du 8948 (Phénix 312)."

302. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#10 (3+2) C+

3.1.1...

White maximummer

♙=Grasshopper

♘=Kangaroo

Triple echo.

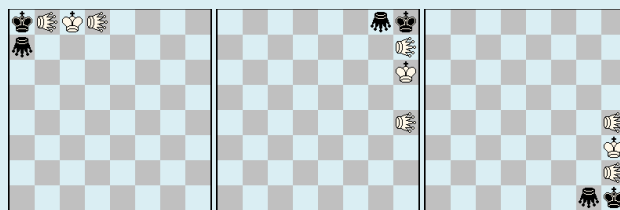
WinChloe ID = 930498

1.Kd7 KAd8 2.Ke8 KAg8 3.Gh8 Kd5 4.Gc3 Kc6
5.Gc7 Kd5 6.Kd7 KAd8 7.Kc8 KAb8 8.Kb7 Ke6
9.Ga7 Kd7 10.Ka8 Kc8#

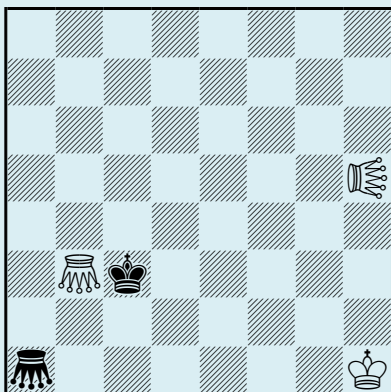
1.Kf6 Kf3 2.Gf5 Kg4 3.Gc2 Kh5 4.Kf5 Kh4
5.Kg6 Kg3 6.Ge4 KAh7 7.Kg7 Kf4 8.Gg4 KAh4
9.Gg8 Kg5 10.Kh8 Kh6#

1.Gd6 KAd7 2.Kf6 KAd3 3.Gg6 KAh7 4.Kg5
KAd3 5.Kg4 KAh7 6.Gg3 KAh4 7.Kh3 KAh2
8.Kg2 Kf5 9.Gg1 Kg4 10.Kh1 Kh3#

Mating positions:



303. Václav Kotěšovec original



h#14 (3+2) C+

3.1.1...

White maximummer

♙♚=Grasshopper

♘=Kangaroo

Triple exact echo.

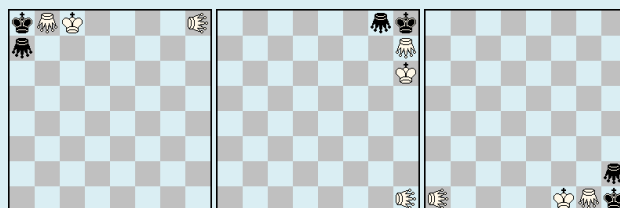
WinChloe ID = 931351

1.Kd4 Kg2 2.Ke5 Kh3 3.Gf6 Kg4 4.Kd6 Kf5
5.Kc6 Kg6 6.Gh6 Kh7 7.Kb5 Gb6 8.Ka5 KAh8
9.Ga6 Kg8 10.Ga4 Kf7 11.Ka6 Ke8 12.Ga7 Kd7
13.Kb7 Gb8 14.Ka8 Kc8#

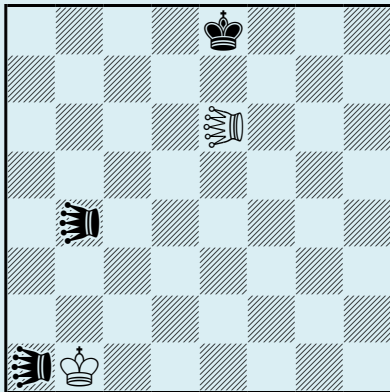
1.Kd3 Ge3 2.Ke4 Ge5 3.Kf3 Kg1 4.Kg4 Kh2
5.Kh4 KAh1 6.Kg4 Kg1 7.Kg5 Gh5 8.Kf6 Kf2
9.Gg7 Kg3 10.Gg2 Kf4 11.Kg7 Kg5 12.Gg6 Gf7
13.Gg8 Gh7 14.Kh8 Kh6#

1.Gd4 Gd3 2.Gb2 Gb3 3.Kd3 Ge3 4.Kd4 Gc5
5.Ke5 KAb5 6.Kd5 KAe5 7.Kd4 KAa1 8.Ke4
Kg2 9.Gh2 Kf1 10.Kf5 Gg5 11.Kg4 Gg3 12.Kh3
Ke2 13.Kg2 Gg1 14.Kh1 Kf1#

Mating positions:



304. Václav Kotěšovec
 4447 idee & form 145/2020
 (The award is yet not published)



h#7 (2+3) C+
 4.1.1...
 White Maximummer
 ♔♚=Lion

PDB [P1378066](#), WinChloe ID = 762615

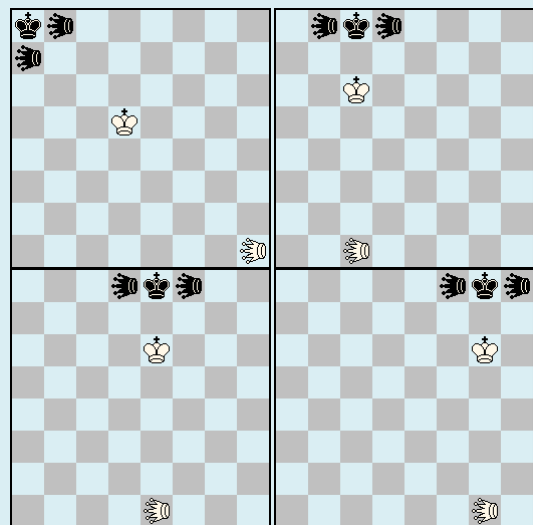
1.Ke7 LLe8 2.Kd8 LIa8 3.Kc7 Ka2 4.LIa7 Kb3
 5.Kb7 LIh1 6.LIb8+ Kc4 7.Ka8 Kd5#

1.Kd7 LIc8 2.Kd6 Ka2 3.LIa8 Kb3 4.Kc7 LIc1
 5.Kc8 Ka4 6.LId8 Kb5 7.LIbb8 Kc6#

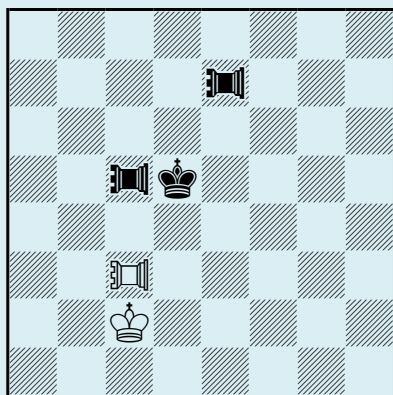
1.LId1 Kc2 2.LIa4 Kd3 3.Ke7 LLe8 4.LIf8 LLe1
 5.Ke8 Kc4 6.LId4 Kd5 7.LId8 Kc6#

1.Kf7 LIg8 2.Kf6 Kc2 3.LIh8 Kd3 4.Kg7 LIg1
 5.Kg8 Ke4 6.LIf4 Kf5 7.LIf8 Kg6#

Mating positions:



305. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1892 StrateGems 90/2020
5. Commendation



h#7 (2+3) C+
 4.1.1...
 White Maximummer
 ♖♜=Eagle

Two pairs of echoes in four corners.

PDB [P1378211](#), WinChloe ID = 768194

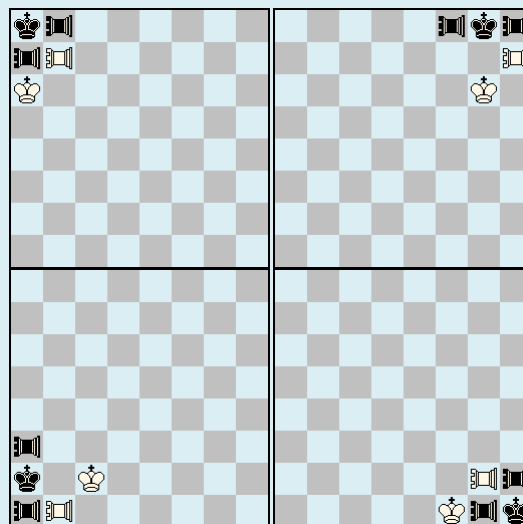
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 5.EAf2 Kf1 6.EAg1 EAb5 7.EAch2 EAg2#

1.Kd6 EAd5 2.EAee5 Kd3 3.Kc7 Kc4 4.Kb8 Kb5
 5.EAa7 Ka6 6.Ka8 EAc4 7.EAc8 EAb7#

1.EAd8 Kd3 2.Ke6 EAd2 3.Kf7 Ke4 4.Kg8 EAe8
 5.EAd8 Kf5 6.EAeg7 Kg6 7.EAgh8 EAh7#

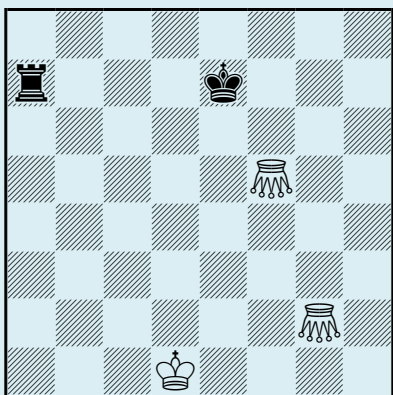
1.Kc4 Kd1 2.EAb6 Ke2 3.Kb3 EAd5 4.EAa3
 EAa4+ 5.Ka2 Kd3 6.EAc2 Kc2 7.EAba1
 EAb1#

Mating positions:



Judge Shankar Ram (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 14-19):
 "Two pairs of reflected monochrome echoes. One
 of the solutions also shows asymmetry in between.
 BK in check in the diagram is a small weakness."

306. Václav Kotěšovec
 17968 Die Schwalbe 299/2019
2. Prize



h#8 (3+2) C+
 4.1.1...
 White Maximummer
 ♠=Grasshopper

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1378063](#), WinChloe ID = 748833

Judge Juraj Lörinc (Die Schwalbe 317/2022, p. 660-669): "Mit überschaubaren Märchenelementen (nur der gewöhnlichste Märchenstein und eine recht alte Märchenbedingung) werden gebraucht, um einen der Träume von Echo-Freunden darzustellen: Echo in vier Ecken ohne Zwillingsbildung. Ja, es gibt bereits ein paar Beispiele, das am nächsten kommende ist in meinen Augen [P1378116](#) [224] (ohne weißen Längstzüger, aber auch ohne wK), und man könnte einwenden, dass 17968 keine Mustermatts zeigt (Grashüpfer in der Rolle als Bock sind hier gewöhnlich der Streitpunkt), aber die Lösungen sind perfekt konstruiert."

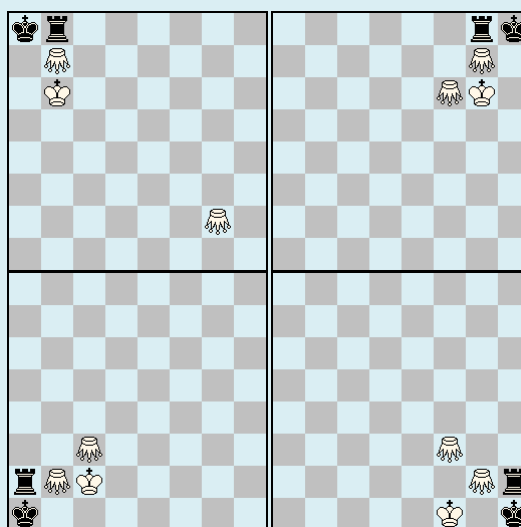
1.Ra2 Ke1 2.Kf6 Gf7 3.Ke5 Kf1 4.Kf4 Gf3
 5.Kg3 Ge4 6.Kh2 Gd5 7.Kh1 Gf3 8.Rh2 Gg2#

1.Kd8 Kc2 2.Rc7+ Kb3 3.Kc8 Ka4 4.Kb8 Kb5
 5.Rc5+ Ka6 6.Ka8 Gb5 7.Rc8 Kb6 8.Rb8+
 Gb7#

1.Kd7 Gc8 2.Kc6 Gb7 3.Kb5 Gb4 4.Ka4 Kc2
 5.Ka3 Gc1 6.Ka2 Gc3 7.Ka1 Gd2 8.Ra2+ Gb2#

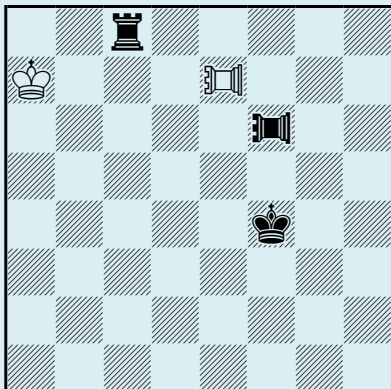
1.Kf7 Gf8 2.Ra8 Gf6 3.Kg8 Kc2 4.Rc8+ Kd3
 5.Kh8 Ke4 6.Re8+ Kf5 7.Rf8 Kg6 8.Rg8+
 Gg7#

Mating positions:



Comments of the solvers (Die Schwalbe 302/2020):
 Karl-Heinz Siehndel: „Der schwarze König in allen vier Brettecken mit Grashüpfermatts und Fluchtfeldblocks mit dem schwarzen Turm. Prima.“
 Wilfried Seehofer: „Geniale Vierfachsetzung mit dem Matt in allen Ecken!“
 Joachim Benn: „Der sk wird in allen 4 Brettecken mattgesetzt.“

307. Václav Kotěšovec
[1432](#) Julia's Fairies 5.9.2019/II
Prize special
FIDE Album 2019-21



h#9 (2+3) C+
 4.1.1...
 White Maximummer
 ♖♜=Eagle

4-fold exact echo in four corners.

PDB [P1378019](#), WinChloe ID = 744935

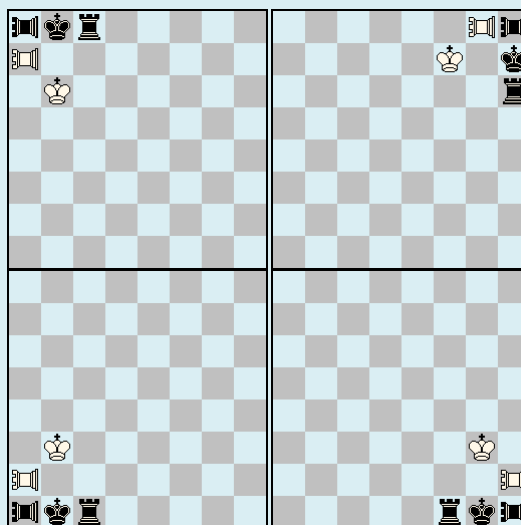
1.Ke3 EAd3 2.Rc1 EAe4 3.Kd2 Kb6 4.EAb5 Ka5
 5.Kc2 EAd1+ 6.Kb1 Kb4 7.Rc4+ Ka3 8.EAa1
 Kb3 9.Rc1 EAa2#

1.EAg4 EAa6 2.Rg8 Kb6 3.Kg5 Kc7 4.Kh6 EAh5
 5.EAh8 Kd6 6.Rg6+ Ke7 7.Re6+ Kf8 8.Kh7
 Kf7 9.Rh6 EAg8#

1.Rc7+ Kb6 2.Rb7+ Kc5 3.EAg4 EAb8 4.Kf3
 Kd4 5.Kg2 Ke3 6.Kg1 Kf4 7.EAh1 EAe3 8.Rf7+
 Kg3 9.Rf1 EAh2#

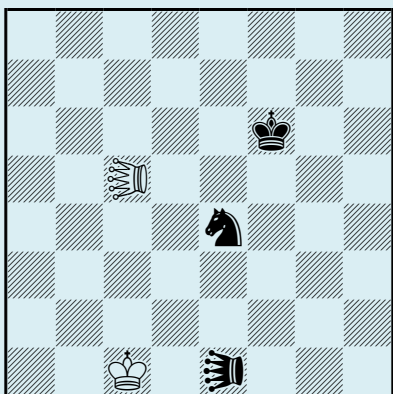
1.Rc5 EAa8 2.Ke5 EAb7 3.Kd6 EAa6 4.EAd7
 EAd5 5.EAa8 Kb6 6.Kd7 EAe7 7.Kc8 EAd4
 8.Kb8 EAd6 9.Rc8 EAa7#

Mating positions:



Jugde Petko Petkov ([9.5.2023](#)): "This is another super masterpiece of Vaclav! It's amazing how all 4 pieces on the board cooperate with each other to create an exact fourfold Chameleon-echo in the four corners of the board! Note the fact that all mates are ideal and the two black pieces (R and B) always block squares around the bK!"

308. Václav Kotěšovec
[1016](#) KoBulChess 31.12.2019
 (The award is yet not published)



h#9 (2+3) C+
 4.1.1...
 White Maximummer
 ♖♗=Moose (Elan)

4-fold echo (two pairs) in four corners

PDB [P1378055](#), WinChloe ID = 755654

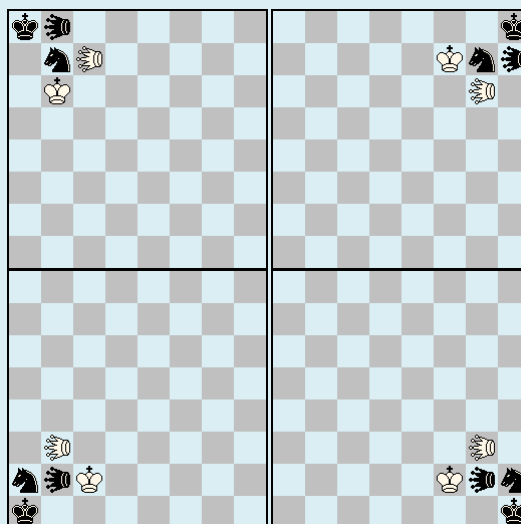
1.Sg3 Kd2 2.ELg4 Ke3 3.Sf5+ Kf4 4.Kg7 ELg6
 5.ELh7 Ke5 6.Sd6 ELc7 7.Sf5+ Ke6 8.Kh8 Kf7
 9.Sg7 ELg6#

1.Ke7 ELf7 2.Kd8 Kb2 3.Kc8 Ka3 4.Kb8 Kb4
 5.ELd5 ELd4 6.Sc5+ Ka5 7.Sb7+ Kb6 8.Ka8
 ELa6 9.ELb8 ELc7#

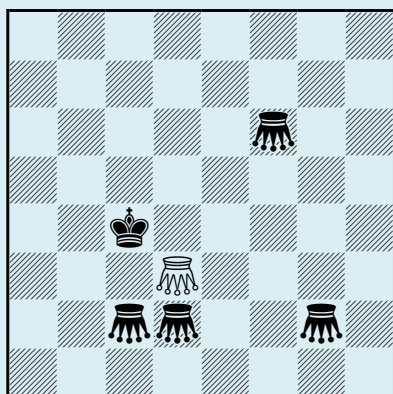
1.Ke5 ELf6 2.Kd4 ELd3 3.Kc4 ELc5 4.Kb3 Kd1
 5.Ka2 Kc2 6.Sc3 ELb2 7.Ka1 ELd3 8.Sa2 ELc1
 9.ELb2 ELb3#

1.Kf5 ELg6 2.Kg4 ELd4 3.Kh3 ELf3 4.Sg5 Kd2
 5.Kh2 Ke3 6.Kh1 ELd2 7.Sf3 ELf1 8.ELg2+ Kf2
 9.Sh2 ELg3#

Mating positions:



309. Václav Kotěšovec
[1475](#) Julia's Fairies 18.1.2020
 (The award is yet not published)



h#13 (1+5) C+
 4.1.1...
 White Maximummer
 ♟♟=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

4-fold exact echo in 4 corners of chessboard

PDB [P1378053](#), WinChloe ID = 761116

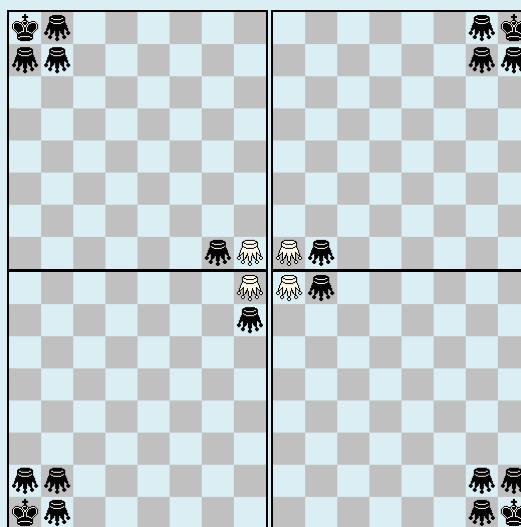
1.Kd5 Gd6 2.Kc6 Gd1 3.Gb2 Gb3 4.Ga1 Gd1
 5.Ge1 Gb3 6.Gb7 Gb8 7.Gc7 Gd6 8.Ga7 Gb6
 9.Kc7 Gb1 10.Kb8 Gf1 11.Ka8 Gd1 12.Gb8 Gf1
 13.Gg1 Gh1#

1.Kd4 Gb1 2.Ke5 Gd3 3.Gfd4 Gb1 4.Gd1 Ge1
 5.Gb2 Ge6 6.Kf6 Gg6 7.Gh7 Gg1 8.Gg7 Gc1
 9.Kf7 Ge1 10.Kg8 Gc1 11.Kh8 Ge1 12.Gg8 Gc1
 13.Gb1 Ga1#

1.Gd4 Gb5 2.Kd3 Ge2 3.Ke3 Gb2 4.Kf2 Ge5
 5.Kg1 Gg7+ 6.Kh1 Gg1 7.Gg7 Gg3 8.Gh8 Gg8
 9.Gf8 Ge8 10.Gd8 Gc8 11.Gh2 Ge8 12.Gg1
 Gc8 13.Gb8 Ga8#

1.Ge4 Gb5 2.Kd3 Ge2 3.Kc3 Gh2 4.Kb3 Gf2
 5.Gf1 Gc2 6.Gb1 Ga4 7.Gh3 Gc2 8.Gb2 Gh2
 9.Ka2 Gh4 10.Gh5 Gh6 11.Ka1 Gh4 12.Ga2
 Gh6 13.Gh7 Gh8#

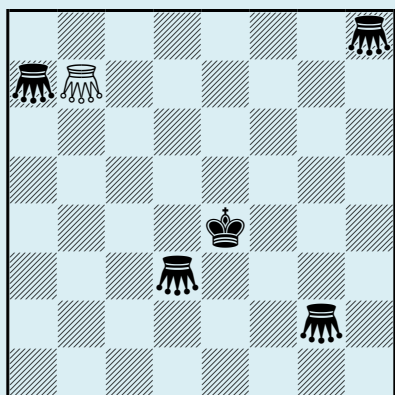
Mating positions:



C+, Popeye 4 h 45 m

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310. Václav Kotěšovec
[1689](#) Julia's Fairies 31.1.2022
2. Prize



h=10 (1+5) C+

4.1.1...

  =Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners

PDB [P1398838](#), WinChloe ID = 839004

Dedicated to Sébastien Luce

Judge Vlaicu Crișan ([JF 17.3.2024](#)): "A truly unbelievable task: 4-fold exact echo ideal stalemate positions in 4 corners of the chessboard obtained in 4 solutions of 10 moves length each! The connoisseurs will rightly claim the author realized similar such tasks in the past ending with mate and using different fairy pieces. However this task has some peculiar features which ensure its uniqueness: white minimal, ends with a stalemate and doesn't use any fairy conditions. The play is similar in the author's own FB2065 published in StrateGems 97/2022. I was able to spot only single repeated move (1... Gf3 appears in the first and last solutions), but let's not be too harsh and request the moon. Regardless how this chess composition was actually created, it is clearly an impressive demonstration of technical virtuosity deserving high recognition."

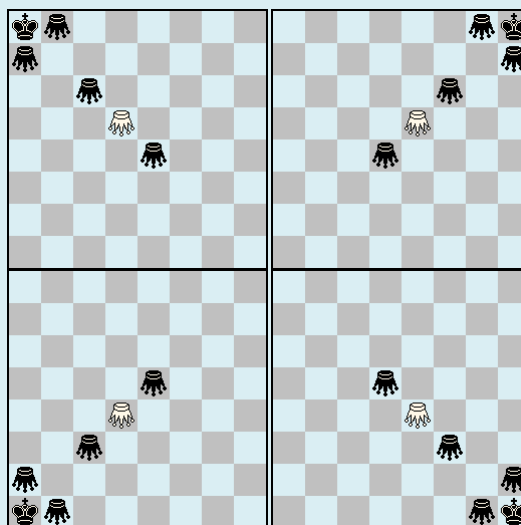
1.Gf5 Gf3 2.Kd3 Gf6 3.Ge5 Gd4 4.Ge3 Gf2
 5.Gc3 Gf6 6.Kc2 Gd4 7.Gb1 Gf6 8.Kb2 Gd4+
 9.Ka1 Gb2 10.Ga2 Gd4=

1.Kd4 Gh1 2.Gc3 Gf3 3.Ge4 Gd5 4.Gb3 Ga2
 5.Kc5 Ga8 6.Gc6 Gd5 7.Kb6 Gf3 8.Kb7 Gd5+
 9.Ka8 Gb7 10.Gb8 Gd5=

1.Kd5 Ge4 2.Gd6 Gc6 3.Gd4 Ge4 4.Ke6 Ge7
 5.Kf7 Gg7 6.Gf6 Ge5 7.Kg8 Gg7 8.Gh7 Ge5
 9.Kh8 Gg7 10.Gg8 Ge5=

1.Gc7 Gf3 2.Gg3 Gh1 3.Gh2 Gh3 4.Gd5 Gh1
 5.Kf3 Gh3+ 6.Kg2 Gf3 7.Gh1 Gc6 8.Gf3 Ge4+
 9.Kh1 Gg2 10.Gg1 Ge4=

Stalemate positions:



Julia Vysotska in e-mail: "An impressive star of 4 stalemates!"

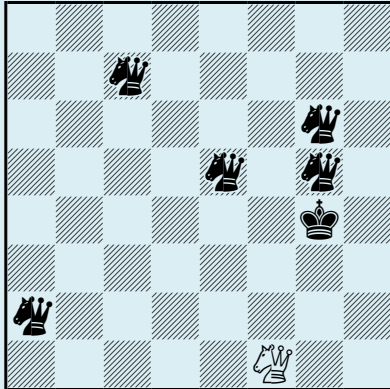
Kostas Prentos (Julia's Fairies website, 2.2.2022): "This is a remarkable find, using the good old Grasshoppers. I have seen similar problems before, but this one seems particularly impressive to me. Well done!"

Daniel Novomeský (JF, 4.2.2022): "Incredible fourfold echo. It is very good find."

Gunter Jordan (JF, 8.2.2022): "Ein wundervolles 4-fach-Echo in allen Ecken. Auch die Zuglänge ist dabei beeindruckend. Einsame Spitze, besser geht es nicht!"

A total of 24 ❤ were added by readers!

311. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1755 StrateGems 84/2018
3. Prize
G288 FIDE Album 2016-18



h=6 (1+6) C+
 3.1.1...
 Madrasi
 ♖♜=Amazon
 (without the white king)

Triple echo. During the play, the white Amazon has only a few possible moves without being paralyzed and many his moves are tempo-moves.

This is one of my favorite problems.

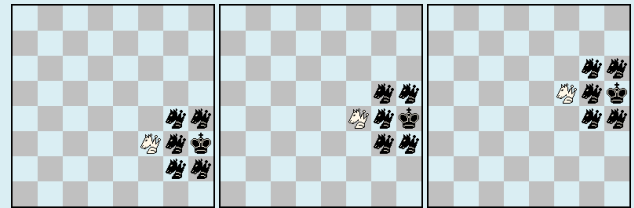
PDB [P1378349](#), WinChloe ID = 710378

1.A6h4 Af8 2.Aag2 Aa3 3.Aeh2 Af8 4.Acg3 Ae8
 5.Kh3 Af8 6.A5g4 Af3=

1.Kh4 Ad1 2.Aah2 Ab3 3.Aeg4 Aa1 4.Acg3 Aa8
 5.A6h5 Af8 6.Ahh3 Af4=

1.Aag8 Af2+ 2.Kh5 Af1 3.Aeg4 Ae1 4.Ach2 Aa1
 5.Ahh4 Af1 6.A8h6 Af5=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Eric Huber (StrateGems 97/2022, p. 2-8):
 "Historically, very few problems have been composed with the combination of Amazons and Madrasi condition. Torsten LinB showed the way with Amazons in Problemkiste 1993, but nothing can be compared with the present problem. This is the very first appearance of a specific and spectacular stalemate with five-fold active blocks and paralysis of Amazons. Another attraction of the problem is the unique moves needed to avoid the Madrasi paralysis of the white Amazon. The triple chameleon-echo stalemate beautifully adorns this original work."

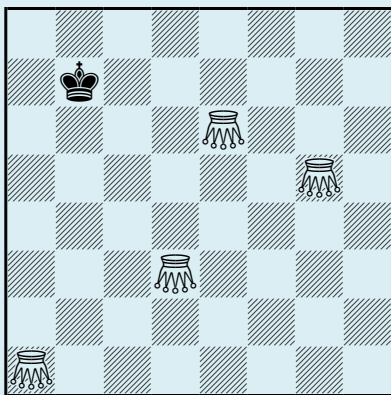
Solver Wilfried Seehoffer (SG 86 / 2019): "I have never seen a problem like this one. Three times echo stalemate!"

C+, Alybadix 5 hours

312. Václav Kotěšovec

7660 Phénix 265/2016

1. Prize



h=7 (4+1) C+

3.1.1...

=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Non-exact echo in three corners.

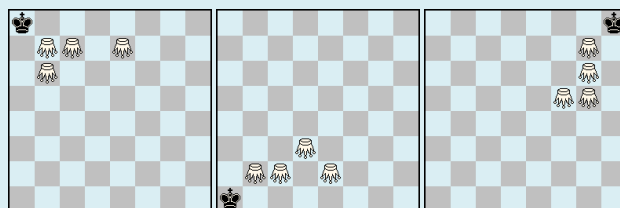
PDB [P1393461](#), WinChloe ID = 651751

1.Ka6 Ga7 2.Kb5 Ga5 3.Kc6 Gb6 4.Kd6 Gd7
5.Kc6 Ge7 6.Kb7 Gac7+ 7.Ka8 Gb7=

1.Kb6 Ga6 2.Kc5 Gb5 3.Kb4 Ge2 4.Ka3 Ga4+
5.Kb3 Gc2 6.Ka2 Gb2+ 7.Ka1 Ge2=

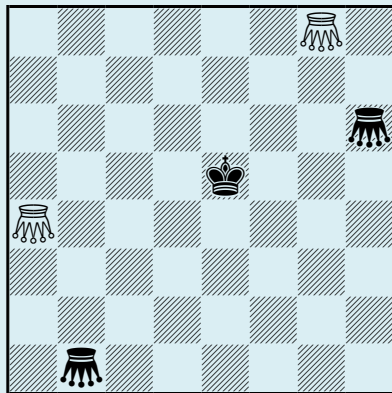
1.Kc6 Gb6 2.Kd6 Ge6 3.Ke7 Ge8 4.Kf6 Gg7
5.Kg6 Gh5 6.Kh7 Gf5 7.Kh8 Gg6=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Daniel Novomeský (Phénix 314/2021, p. 12278): "Pas d'écho à proprement parler, mais des positions de pat toutes très intéressantes : trois pats modèles différents, bien sûr dans trois coins différents. C'est de la magie et c'est rarissime. Un Premier Prix très méritoire et ce à juste titre."

313. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB2065 StrateGems 97/2022
3. Honorable Mention



h=9 (2+3) C+

4.1.1...

  =Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners.
This is one of my favorite problems.

PDB [P1398839](https://pdb.org/P1398839), WinChloe ID = 832968

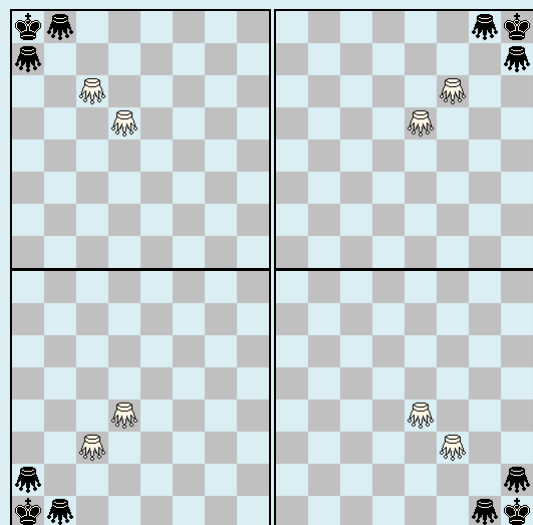
1.Kd5 Gc4 2.Kc5 Gc6 3.Gb6 Gd7 4.Gd4 Gd3
 5.Kb6 Gd5 6.Ga7 Ge4 7.Kb7 Gf3 8.Gb8 Gd5
 9.Ka8 Gc6=

1.Ke4 Gf4 2.Kf5 Gf6 3.Kg6 Gg5 4.Gh7 Gg7
 5.Kf7 Ge5 6.Ge6 Gd4 7.Gg8 Gc3 8.Kg7 Ge5
 9.Kh8 Gf6=

1.Kd4 Ge4 2.Kc4 Gb3 3.Kd3 Ge3 4.Gd2 Ge5
 5.Kc4 Gb4 6.Kb3 Gb2 7.Ga2 Gf6 8.Kb2 Gd4
 9.Ka1 Gc3=

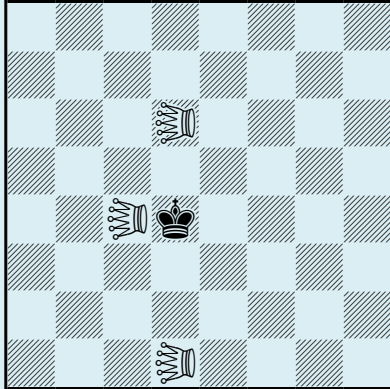
1.Kf4 Gg4 2.Kf5 Ge6 3.Gg6 Gd5 4.Kg4 Gh3
 5.Gh2 Gh1 6.Kf3 Ge4+ 7.Kg2 Gc6 8.Gg1 Ge4
 9.Kh1 Gf3=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Paz Einat: "Yet another magical position by Vaclav! The same stalemate position is reached in all four comers of the board. There are some differences in the overall strategy between the solutions but this does not reduce the enjoyment from this problem."

314. Václav Kotěšovec
 12052 feenschach 234/2019
1.-3. Commendation
 8.-9. Place WenigsteinerJahresPreis 2019



h=4 (3+1) C+
 4.1.1...
 ♖=Moose (Elan)
 (without the white king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners

PDB [P1378220](#), WinChloe ID = 764785

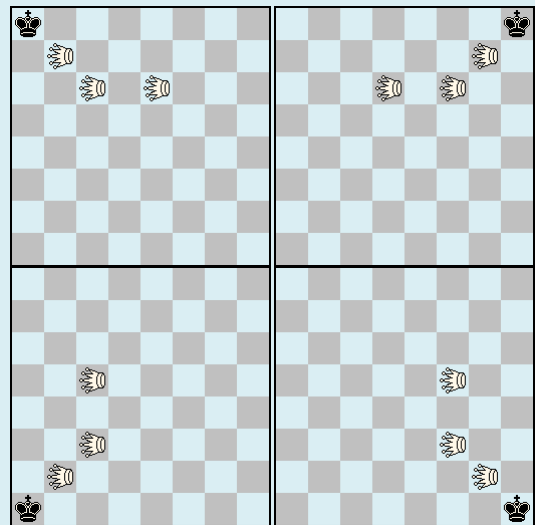
1.Ke5 ELc7 2.Kf6 ELe6+ 3.Kg7 ELf6+ 4.Kh8 ELg7=

1.Ke4 ELf5 2.Kf3 ELf4+ 3.Kg2 ELf3+ 4.Kh1 ELg2=

1.Kd3 ELe2 2.Kc2 ELc3 3.Kb1 ELc5 4.Ka1 ELb2=

1.Kd5 ELe6 2.Kc6 ELe7+ 3.Kb7 ELc6+ 4.Ka8 ELb7=

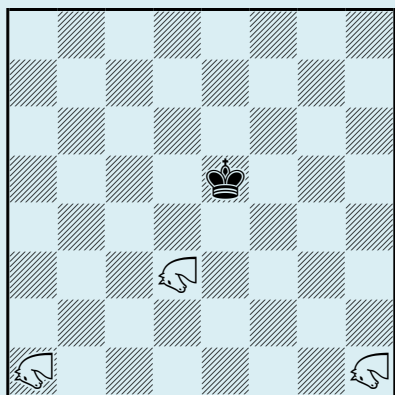
Stalemate positions:



Comments (feenschach 239/2020, p.374): Autor: "Fourfold exact echo in four corners." Joachim Benn: "sK-Fluchten in alle vier Brettecken." Karl-Heinz Siehndel: "Vier-Ecken-Problem des schwarzen Königs mit analogen Pattbildern." Manfred Rittirsch: "Von den vermuteten drei Vier-Ecken-Echos im Mogel-Wenigsteiner habe ich immerhin das vermutlich leichteste lösen können. Nun stellt sich nur noch die Frage, warum der offensichtlich rechenintensivere MogelFünfsteiner zuerst kam. Romuald Lazowski: "Gute Chamäleonechos und Umnow-Thema." Wertung (3): 3.3/II

Judges: Hans Gruber and Thomas Marx (feenschach 249/2022, p. 336-339)

315. Václav Kotěšovec
12053 feenschach 234/2019
1.-3. Commendation



h=4 (3+1) C+
4.1.1...
♞=Sparrow
(without the white king)

4-fold exact echo in four corners

PDB [P1378218](#), WinChloe ID = 764841

Judges: Hans Gruber and Thomas Marx (feenschach 249/2022, p. 336-339)

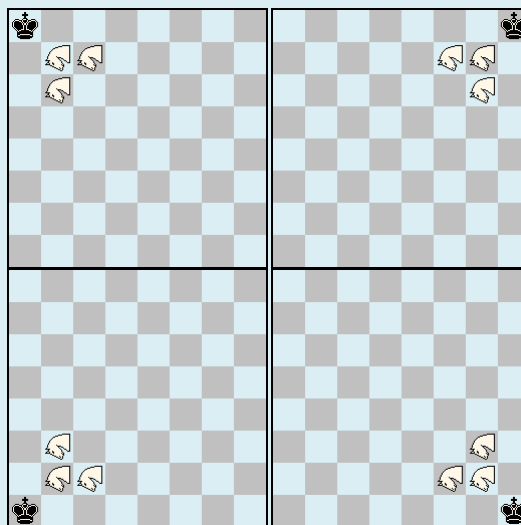
1.Kd6 SPc5 2.Kc7 SPb6 3.Kb7 SPc7+ 4.Ka8 SPab7=

1.Kd4 SPe3 2.Kc3 SPb3 3.Kb2 SPc2+ 4.Ka1 SPhb2=

1.Kf6 SPb2 2.Kg7 SPf7 3.Kh7 SPg7 4.Kh8 SPag6=

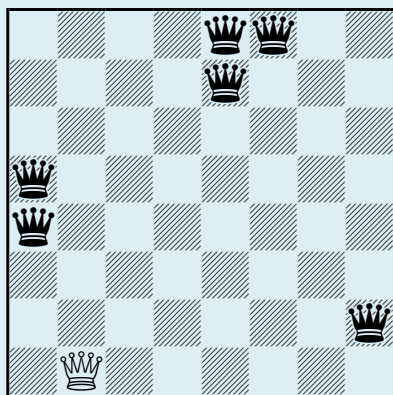
1.Ke4 SPde3 2.Kf3 SPg3 3.Kg2 SPef2+ 4.Kh1 SPag2=

Stalemate positions:



Comments (feenschach 239/2020, p.375): Autor: "Fourfold exact echo in four corners." Karl-Heinz Siehndel: "Der schwarze König betritt alle vier Ecken des Schachbretts, außerdem vier Patts mit drei Spatzen. Hübsch anzusehen." Joachim Benn: "sK-Fluchten in alle vier Brettecken." Wilfried Seehofer zu 12052 [314]/12053: "Zwei sensationelle, preis verdächtige Stücke! Patt in sämtlichen Ecken!" Bernd Schwarzkopf zu 12046 [270], 12052 [314] und 12053: "Matt-bzw. Pattstellung in allen vier Ecken mit vier Steinen, da musste der Autor sicher lange suchen. Das gab es vielleicht schon (zumindest mit mehr Steinen und mit wK). Aber besonders ansprechend ist es nicht. Ich kenne das bei eigenen Konstruktionen: Ich versuche das 100\$-Thema mit vielen Märchenbedingungen und -steinen darzustellen, was vermutlich fast nur mir selbst gefällt. Mit Asymmetrieaufgaben ist es genauso." Thomas Kolkmeier: "Zu den Aufgaben von Kotesovec: Hier fehlt mal wieder die Autorangabe '+ 1 Computer'. Die Aufgaben sind natürlich toll: vier Lösungen, sK in allen vier Ecken. Aber es reicht eigentlich auch ... " Wertung (2): 3/II

316. Václav Kotěšovec
 FA1770 StrateGems 85/2019
2. Commendation

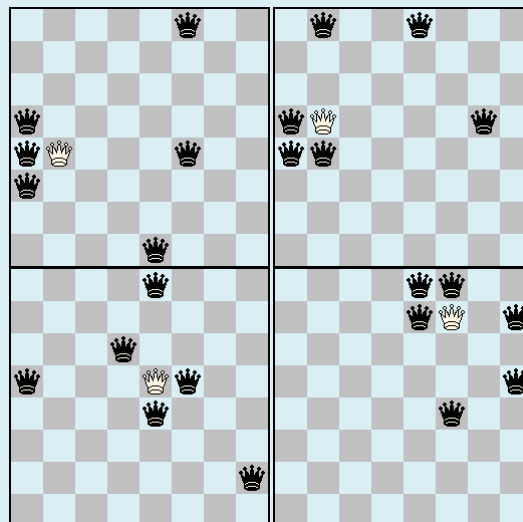


h=3 (1+6) C+
 4.1.1...
 Madrasi
 (no kings)

PDB [P1378064](#), WinChloe ID = 719417

1.Qhf4 Qh1 2.Qea3 Qb7 3.Qee1 Qb4=
 1.Qeg5 Qd3 2.Qfb4 Qf1 3.Qhb8 Qb5=
 1.Qed6 Qb7 2.Qff5 Qg7 3.Qae4 Qe5=
 1.Qaf4 Qd1 2.Qhh7 Qb3 3.Qah5 Qf7=

Stalemate positions:



Comments in SG 87/2019: "Only Queens (1+6) on the board! Hard to solve!" (A), "Incredible finales after active Queens' maneuvers. Who can predict such an outcome?" (Editor Petko Petkov).

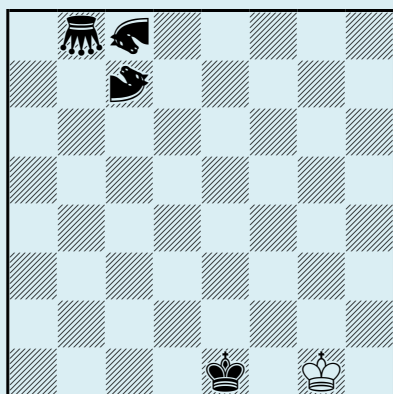
Judge A.Bulavka (SG 96/2021, p. 198): "An excellent puzzle with hard-to-find queens' maneuvers."

Reprodukovaná v článku Juraje Lörince: "Dve čierne dámy" (Šachová skladba 143/2019, str. 3802-4) pod číslom 1622 s komentárom: "Trochu tvrdším exo je 1622. Zo zadania je zrejmé, že v záverečnej pozícii musí biela dáma paralyzovať všetkých šesť čiernych dám naraz – takže vlastne ide o dvojpat. Dôležité však je, že čierny musí manévrovať tak, aby sa biela dáma nepriparalyzovala priskoro. Výsledkom je štvorica neobyčajných patov po prekvapivo jednoznačnom priebehu. Načo králi..."

K tomu môžu doplniť, že úloha by mohla mať výzvu i h==3, ale dvojpat je více exo a navíc redukuje možné patové pozice - proto jsem upřednostnil raději jen h=3.

I can also add that the stipulation can be also h==3, but the doublestalemate is more fairy and also reduces the possible final positions - that's why I preferred only h=3.

317. Václav Kotěšovec
 9481 Phénix 336-337/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



h=10 (1+4) C+

2.1.1...

PlatzWechselCirce

♙=Mao

♜=Moa

♖=Grasshopper

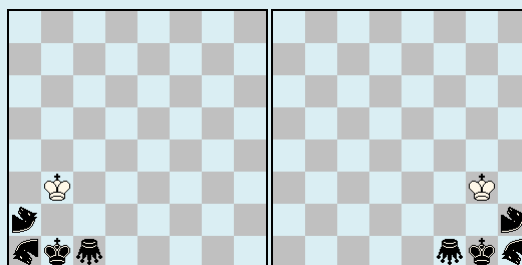
Chameleon echo

PDB [P1408678](#), WinChloe ID =880561

1.Kd1 Kf2 2.MOb5 Ke3 3.MAd6 Kd3 4.MAc4
 Kc3 5.Gb4 K:b4(Gc3) 6.Kc2 K:b5(MOb4) 7.Gc1
 Ka4 8.Kb1 Kb3 9.MOa2 K:c4(MAb3) 10.MAa1
 Kb3=

1.MOe6 Kg2 2.MAd6 Kf3 3.MAe4 K:e4(MAf3)
 4.MOg5+ Kf4 5.Gg3 K:g3(Gf4) 6.MOh3 Kg2
 7.MAh2 Kh1 8.Kf2 K:h2(MAh1) 9.Gf1
 K:h3(MOh2) 10.Kg1 Kg3=

Stalemate positions:

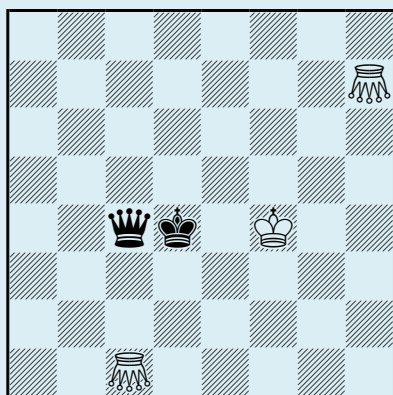


Published with a comment: „L'intérêt de cet écho caméléon est de montrer la différence entre le Mao et le Moa. Dans le tableau final, le Mao noir placé dans l'angle voit les deux premières cases orthogonales de son mouvement décomposé, bloquées par le Roi noir et le Moa noir. A l'inverse le Moa noir ne peut se mouvoir car les deux premières cases diagonales sont prises par les deux Rois.“

318. Václav Kotěšovec

6747 Phénix 231/2013

4. Honorable Mention



h=6

(3+2) C+

3.1.1...

PlatzWechselCirce

=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

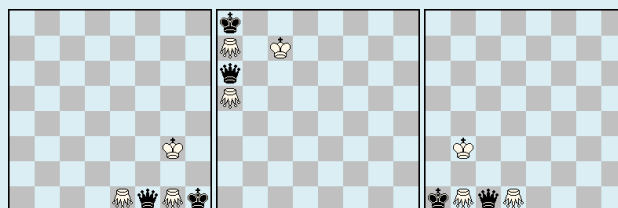
PDB [P1378369](https://pdb.chessbase.com/P1378369), WinChloe ID =513266

1.Qe2 Kf5 2.Ke3 Ge4 3.Kf2 Kf4 4.Kg1 Gh1
5.K:h1(Gg1) Ge1+ 6.Qf1+ Kg3=

1.Qb5 Gg5 2.Kc5 Ke5 3.Kb6+ Kd6 4.Kb7 Ga7
5.Ka8 Ga5+ 6.Qa6+ Kc7=

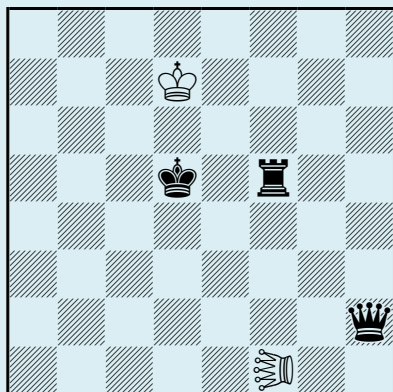
1.Kc3+ Ke5 2.Kb2 Kd6 3.Qc2 Gb1 4.Qd1+
Kc5 5.Q:c1(Gd1)+ Kb4 6.Ka1 Kb3=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Didier Innocenti (Phénix 292-3):
"Immobilisation séduisante de la Dame noire par deux Sauterelles, répétée en trois coins de l'échiquier, mais la condition Circé Échange est peu utilisée dans les solutions (voire pas du tout dans l'une) et la descente du Roi noir en h1 est plutôt terne."

319. Václav Kotěšovec
2358 Variantim 59/2013



h=6 (2+3) C+
3.1.1...
PlatzWechselCirce
♙=Lion

Triple exact echo.
Pinning of two black pieces on one line.

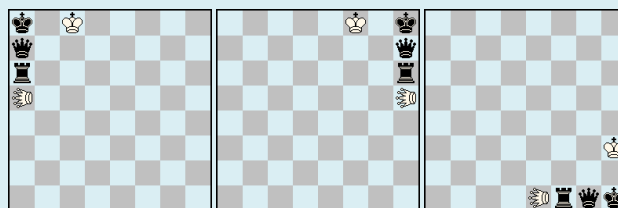
PDB [P1385801](https://pdb.com/P1385801), WinChloe ID = 478961

1.Qa2 Kd8 2.Kc6 Lf7 3.Kb7 Lla7 4.Ra5
LI:a2(Qa7) 5.Ka8 Lla6+ 6.R:a6(Lla5) Kc8=

1.Ke5 Lf7 2.Kf6 Ke8 3.Kg7 Llh7 4.Rh5
LI:h2(Qh7) 5.Kh8 Llh6+ 6.R:h6(Llh5) Kf8=

1.Qg1 Llh1 2.Ke4 Lle1 3.Rf1 Ke6 4.Kf3 Kf5
5.Kg2+ Kg4 6.Kh1+ Kh3=

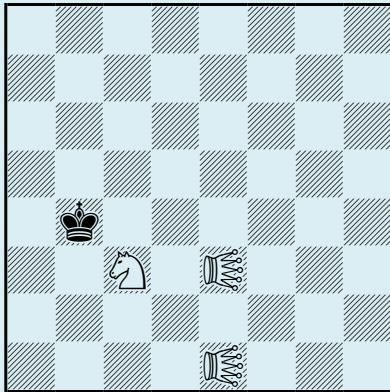
Stalemate positions:



Comment: "The last two solutions are very similar, but very different from the first, and all three lead to the same elegant stalemate position" (PE)

Vazba dvou černých kamenů na jedné linii.

320. Václav Kotěšovec
 1000 mpk-Blätter 136/2021
 (The award is yet not published)



h=8 (3+1) C+
 2.1.1...
 ♫=Kangaroo
 (without the white king)

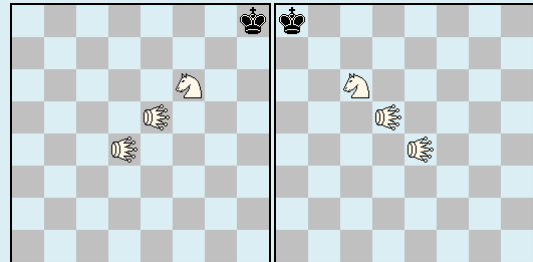
Exact chameleon echo.

PDB [P1388431](#), WinChloe ID =808274

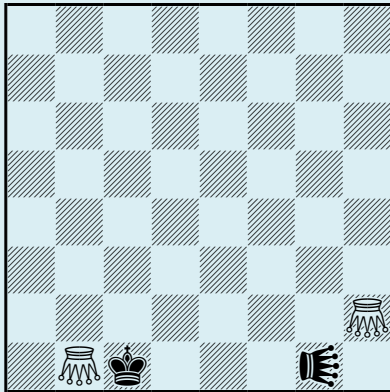
1.Kc5 Se4+ 2.Kc6 KAe5 3.Kd7 Sf6+ 4.Ke7
 KAe8 5.Kf7 Sg8 6.Kf8 KAh8 7.Kg7 KAd4 8.Kh8
 Sf6=

1.Kb3 KAa3 2.Kb4 KAa5 3.Kc4 Sb5 4.Kc5 KAd5
 5.Kb6 Sa7 6.Ka6 KAa8 7.Kb7 KAe4 8.Ka8 Sc6=

Stalemate positions:



321. Václav Kotěšovec
 1132 mpk-Blätter 150/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



h=8 (2+2) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♙=Kangaroo
 ♚=Grasshopper
 (without the white king)

Triple exact echo

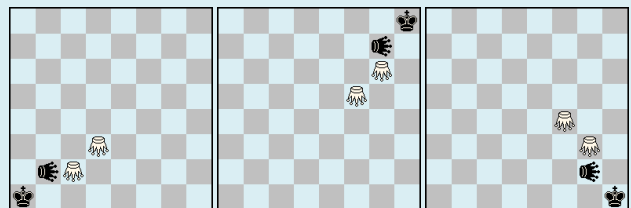
PDB [P1406868](#), WinChloe ID = 872329

1.KAa1 Gd1 2.Kc2 Gb2 3.Kc3 Gd4 4.KAe5 Gd5
 5.KAb2 Gd3 6.Kc2 Gd2 7.Kb1 Ga2 8.Ka1 Gc2=

1.Kd2 Gc2 2.Ke3 Gh1 3.Ke4 Gd5 4.Kf5 Gg5
 5.Kg6 Gh7 6.KAg7 Gf5 7.Kh7 Gg8 8.Kh8 Gg6=

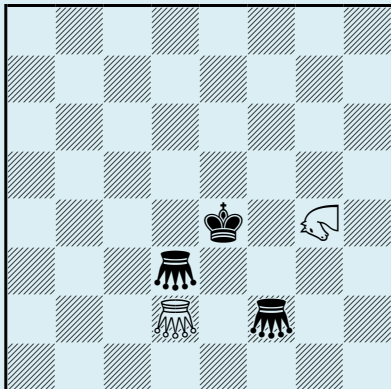
1.Kd1 Ge1 2.Ke2 Gd2 3.Kf2 Gg2 4.Kg3 Gg4
 5.KAg5 Gh4 6.KAg2 Gf4 7.Kh2 Gg1 8.Kh1
 Gg3=

Stalemate positions:



Hans Gruber commented: "Dreieckenecho im Dreispänner, noch dazu als Wenigsteiner – das ist wieder ein prima Fund. Besonders lustig ist die Känguruh-Eskapade a1-e5-b2 in der Lösung 1. KAa1"

322. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h=9 (2+3) C+

3.1.1...

= Nightriderhopper

= Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

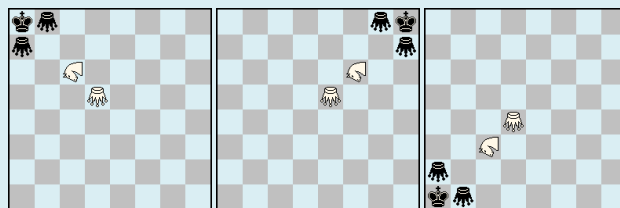
WinChloe ID = 931254

1.Kd5 Gd4 2.Gc5 Gh4 3.Gd6 Gf4 4.Kc6 Gc7
5.Kb7 Ge5 6.Ka8 NHc6 7.Gb6 Gb5 8.Ga7 Gb7
9.Gb8 Gd5=

1.Kf4 Gg5 2.Gf5 Ge3 3.Ke5 Ge6 4.Kf6 NHe8
5.Kg7 Gg4 6.Kh8 NHh2 7.Gg6 NHf6 8.Gh7
Gg7 9.Gg8 Ge5=

1.Ke3 NHc2 2.Gb1 Gg2 3.Kd4 Ge2 4.Gc5
NHe6 5.Kc3 NHa4 6.Kb2 NHg1 7.Ka1 NHc3
8.Gc2 Gb2 9.Ga2 Gd4=

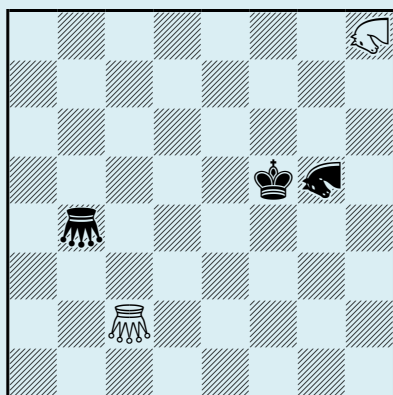
Stalemate positions:



323. Václav Kotěšovec

9051 Phénix 317-8/2021

2. Prize



h=10

(2+3) C+

3.1.1...

♞♞=Nightriderhopper

♞♞=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

PDB [P1393465](#), WinChloe ID = 826217

1.Kg6 NHf4 2.Kf5 Gg6 3.Ke4 Gg4+ 4.Kd3
NHb2 5.Kd4 Gc4 6.Kc3 NHd6 7.NHa2 Ga4
8.Kb2 Gc4+ 9.Ka1 NHb2 10.Gb1 NHd6=

1.Ke4 Gf5 2.NHc3 Gd3 3.Kd5 Gd6 4.Kc6
NHb5 5.NHa7 NHf7 6.NHe5 NHd3 7.NHa7
Ga3 8.Kb7 Gc5+ 9.Ka8 NHb7 10.Gb8 NHd3=

1.Kf4 NHe2 2.Gg4 NHg6 3.Ge4 Gf5 4.Kf3 Gh5
5.NHc3 Ge2 6.NHg1 Ge5 7.Kg2 NHc4 8.Kh1
Ge3 9.Ge2 NHg2 10.Gh2 NHc4=

Stalemate positions:



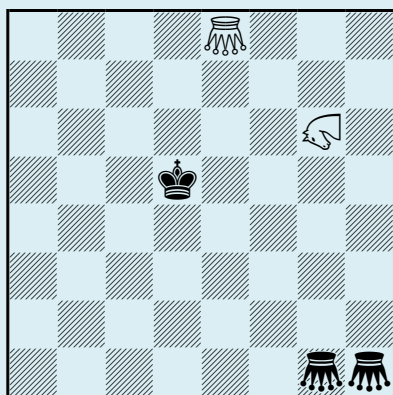
Comment on publication: "Bonne collaboration du couple féérique blanc qui culmine à la fin par le contrôle de l'unique case de fuite du Roi noir, les deux autres étant auto-bloquées. Echos des positions de pat dans trois coins."

Judge Hans Gruber (Phénix 340/2023: p.13245-9): "Un impressionnant triple écho dans trois coins sans jumelage et sans conditions féériques. Les caractéristiques des pièces féériques sont utilisées à pleine capacité. Même parmi les compositions qui ont été trouvées avec l'aide d'un ordinateur dans des bases de données, c'est l'un des problèmes les plus remarquables."

324. Václav Kotěšovec

9149 Phénix 324/2021

2. Honorable Mention



h=10

(2+3) C+

3.1.1...

= Nightriderhopper

= Grasshopper

(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

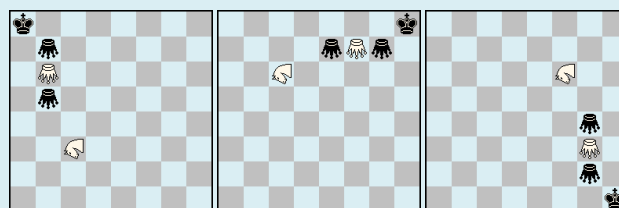
PDB [P1398832](#), WinChloe ID = 839096

1.Gf1 Gh5 2.Gg7 Gc5 3.Kc4 NHa3 4.Gb5
NHe5 5.Kd5 Ga5 6.Kc6 NHa7 7.Kc7 NHc3
8.Gb7 Gd2 9.Kb8 Gb4 10.Ka8 Gb6=

1.Kc6 Gb5 2.Gb7 Gd7 3.Ge7 Gf7 4.Ggg7 NHc8
5.Kd6 NHe4 6.Ke6 Gd5 7.Kf6 NHg8 8.Kg6
NHc6 9.Kh7 Gb7 10.Kh8 Gf7=

1.Ke5 Ge4 2.Gd5 NHc4 3.Kf4 Gb4 4.Kg3 Gd4
5.Gg4 Gd6 6.Kf3 NHe8 7.Gg2 NHh2 8.Kf2
NHf6 9.Kg1 Gg6 10.Kh1 Gg3=

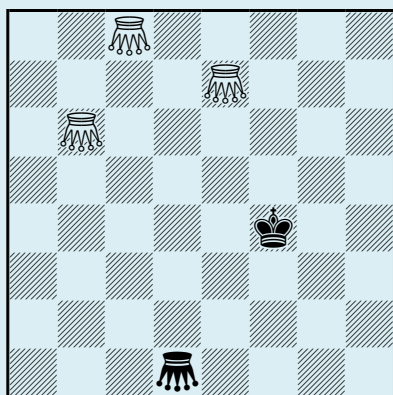
Stalemate positions:



Comment from Phénix 324: "Triple écho où la Sauterelle blanche est prise en sandwich par les deux pièces noires tandis que le Noctambule-Sauteur contrôle l'autre case de fuite."

Judge Hans Gruber (Phénix 340/2023: p.13245-9): "Comme dans le Deuxième Prix, trois échos dans trois coins sans jumelage et sans condition féerique. Le jeu est un peu moins impressionnant que dans le Deuxième Prix mais c'est quand même une réalisation considérable."

325. Václav Kotěšovec
F1435 Probleemblad 2/2022
2. Prize



h=7 (3+2) C+
4.1.1...
♟♟=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

4-fold echo in four corners

PDB [P1403709](#), WinChloe ID = 855718

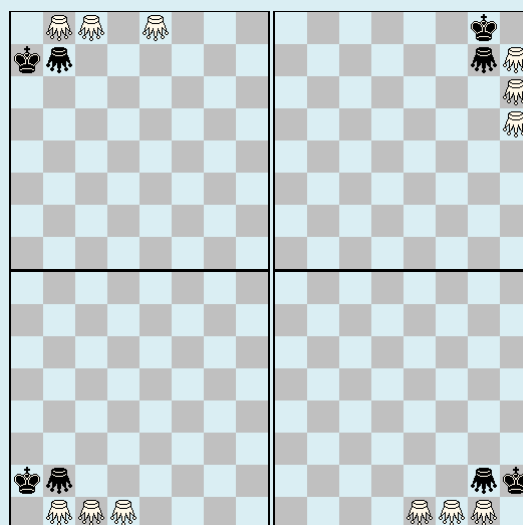
1.Ke5 Ge4 2.Kd6 Ge6 3.Gd7 Gc6 4.Kc7 Ge8
5.Gb7 Ga8 6.Kb6 Gd8 7.Ka7 Gb8=

1.Kf5 Gg4 2.Gh5 Ge6 3.Ge5 Gf6 4.Gg7 Gh8
5.Kg6 Gh6 6.Kf7 Gh5 7.Kg8 Geh7=

1.Ke4 Ge3 2.Kf3 Gg3 3.Gg4 Gh3+ 4.Kf2 Gg1
5.Kg2 Gf1 6.Kh2 Ge1 7.Kg2 Ggg1=

1.Ke3 Ge2 2.Kd3 Gc4 3.Gd4 Gc3 4.Gb2 Ga1
5.Kc2 Gc1 6.Kb3 Gd1 7.Ka2 Gbb1=

Stalemate positions:



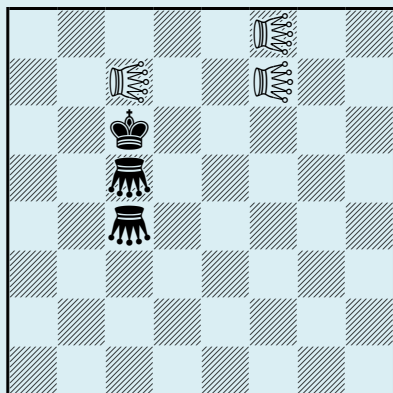
Judge Vlaicu Crişan (Probleemblad 4/2024, section A – Miniatures, p.114-123): "Regardless how this might have been composed, we must acknowledge this is an impressive task realized with perfect economy and no twinning. The stalemate positions seem to be new, with three white Grasshoppers on the edge.

A perfectionist would have wished to have the white Grasshopper on d8 instead of e8 in the first solution and a white Grasshopper visiting a1 in the third solution."

326. Václav Kotěšovec

4852 Šachmatija 1/2022

1. Prize



h=11

(3+3) C+

3.1.1...

♟=Grasshopper

♞=Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Triple exact chameleon echo

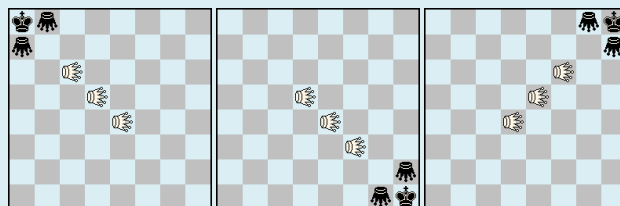
PDB [P1403706](#), WinChloe ID = 849753

1.Kd5 KAc3 2.Ke4 KAc6 3.Gf4 KAf3 4.Kd5
KAg2 5.Kd6 KAf8 6.Ge7 KAf3 7.Kc7 KAb7
8.Gb8 KAh1 9.Kb7 KAe4 10.Ga7 KAd5 11.Ka8
KAc6=

1.Kd7 KAb7 2.Kd6 KAb4 3.Ke5 KAc3 4.Kf4
KAc6 5.Gg4 KAh4 6.Gc7 KAe4 7.Kg3 KAf3
8.Gh2 KAb7 9.Kg2 KAh1 10.Gg1 KAd5 11.Kh1
KAf3=

1.Kd6 KAb4 2.Ge7 KAb7 3.Kc5 KAc3 4.Kd4
KAe4 5.Ke5 KAe8 6.Ke6 KAe5 7.Kf7 KAg7
8.Gg8 KAb2 9.Kg7 KAh8 10.Gh7 KAd4 11.Kh8
KAf6=

Stalemate positions:



Judge Vilimantas Satkus (Šachmatija 1/2024,
[p.13](#)): "Ašimi pasirinktos ilgosios jstrižainės.
Triple exact chameleon echoes on the long
diagonals."

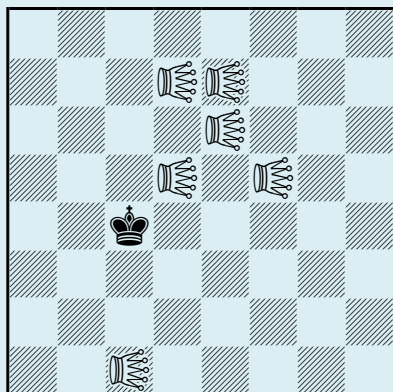
3.1.1...



WinChloe ID = 930698

1.KAb3 KAa3 2.Kf6 KAd3 3.Ke5 KAa3 4.Ke4
KAd3 5.KAc2 KAa3 6.Ke3 KAd3 7.KAf3 KAg3
8.Ke4 KAa3 9.KAg2 KAg3 10.Kd3 KAc3 11.Ke3
KAg3 12.Kf2 KAa3 13.KAh2 KAg3 14.Kg1
KAa3 15.Kh1 KAg3 16.KAg1 KAa3=

328. Václav Kotěšovec
 9339 Phénix 329-330/2022
 (The award is yet not published)



h=11 (6+1) C+
 3.1.1...
 ♙=Kangaroo
 (without the white king)

Triple exact echo of seven pieces.

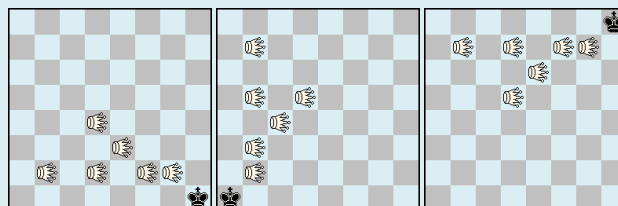
PDB [P1404388](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1404388), WinChloe ID = 863907

1.Kd3 KAd2 2.Ke4 KAe3 3.Ke5 KAc5 4.Kd4
 KAd1 5.Kc4 KAc6 6.Kc3 KAc2 7.Kd3 KAd4
 8.Ke4 KAe2 9.Kf3 KAb2 10.Kg2 KAf2+ 11.Kh1
 KAg2=

1.Kd4 KAg4 2.Ke5 KAe4 3.Kd4 KAc4 4.Kc5
 KAc6 5.Kd6 KAf6 6.Kc6 KAb6 7.Kc5 KAb5
 8.Kd4 KAb4 9.Kc3 KAb7 10.Kb2 KAb3+
 11.Ka1 KAb2=

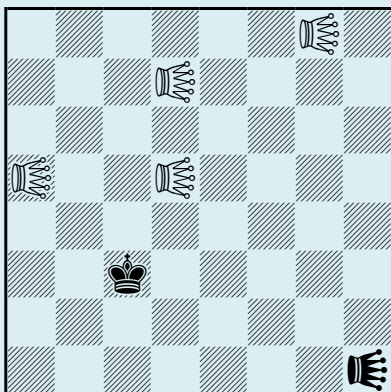
1.Kc5 KAb5 2.Kd4 KAd3 3.Ke3 KAe2 4.Kd4
 KAf1 5.Kc5 KAc4 6.Kc6 KAc7 7.Kd6 KAd7
 8.Ke5 KAe7 9.Kf6 KAb7 10.Kg7 KAf7+ 11.Kh8
 KAg7=

Stalemate positions:



Published with a comment: "Miniature sans Roi blanc, dont l'absence est imposée par la conception même du problème."

329. Václav Kotěšovec original



h=16 (4+2) C+

3.1.1...

 = Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo.

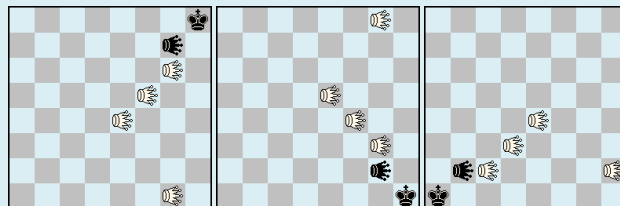
WinChloe ID = 931069

1.Kd4 KAd3 2.Ke5 KAf5 3.Ke4 KAc2 4.Kf5
KAg6 5.Kg4 KAg3 6.Kf3 KAc3 7.KAc6 KAg3
8.KAg2 KAh1 9.Kg4 KAg7 10.Kf3 KAe4 11.Kf4
KAg1 12.Kg5 KAh7 13.KAg7 KAd3 14.Kh6
KAc2 15.Kh7 KAf5 16.Kh8 KAg6=

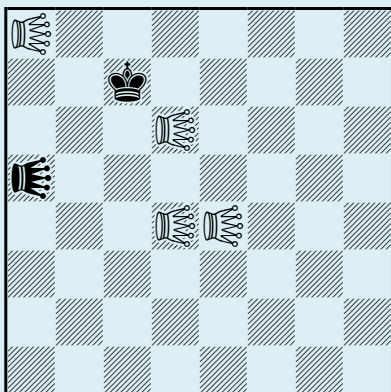
1.Kd3 KAd2 2.Kd4 KAd1 3.Kc3 KAe1 4.KAc1
KAb4 5.Kd3 KAd4 6.Ke4 KAf4 7.Kd3 KAd1
8.Kd4 KAd5 9.KAg5 KAd6 10.Ke5 KAh5 11.Kf5
KAe5 12.Kg4 KAdg3 13.KAg2 KAd6 14.Kh3
KAc7 15.Kh2 KAf4 16.Kh1 KAg3=

1.Kc4 KAb3 2.Kd4 KAd3 3.Ke3 KAf3 4.KAc6
KAg3 5.KAg2 KAd3 6.Ke4 KAc6 7.Ke5 KAf5
8.Kd4 KAd2 9.Ke4 KAh1 10.Kf3 KAe4 11.Ke2
KAh2 12.Kd2 KAfc2 13.KAb2 KAf5 14.Kc1
KAg6 15.Kb1 KAd3 16.Ka1 KAc2=

Stalemate positions:



330. Václav Kotěšovec original



h=17 (4+2) C+

3.1.1...

  = Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Triple echo.

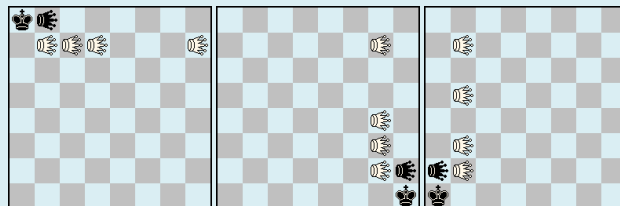
WinChloe ID = 931007

1.Kb7 KAf3 2.Kc6 KAb7 3.Kd5 KAa8 4.Kc6
KAd5 5.Kc5 KAd3 6.KAe5 KAd2 7.Kd6 KAd7
8.Kc7 KAa7 9.Kd6 KAd7 10.Ke6 KAe7 11.Kf6
KAg7 12.Ke6 KAf7 13.Kd6 KAc7 14.KAb8 KAf7
15.Kc6 KAh7 16.Kb7 KAc7+ 17.Ka8 KAb7=

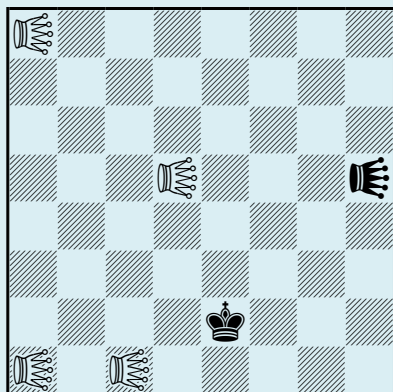
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KAd5 5.KAe5 KAd8 6.Ke6 KAe7 7.Kd5 KAd4
8.Ke4 KAb4 9.Kf4 KAg4 10.Kf5 KAg5 11.Kf6
KAg7 12.Kf5 KAg8 13.Kf4 KAg3 14.KAh2 KAg4
15.Kf3 KAg6 16.Kg2 KAg3+ 17.Kh1 KAg2=

1.Kc6 KAf3 2.Kd5 KAd3 3.Kc4 KAb4 4.Kc3
KAb3 5.KAd2 KAa3 6.Kd3 KAe3 7.Kc4 KAe4
8.Kc5 KAb6 9.Kc4 KAb4 10.Kc5 KAa7 11.Kd4
KAb7 12.Ke3 KAf2 13.Kd3 KAb3 14.Kc2 KAf2
15.KAa2 KAb5 16.Kb1 KAb7 17.Ka1 KAb2=

Stalemate positions:



331. Václav Kotěšovec original



h=20 (4+2) C+

3.1.1...

 = Kangaroo
(without the white king)

Triple echo.

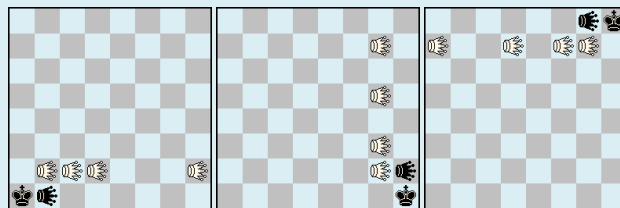
WinChloe ID = 929903

1.Kf3 KAg2 2.Ke4 KAh1 3.Kd5 KAc6 4.Kc5
KAc7 5.Kc4 KAc3 6.Kd4 KAc5 7.Kc5 KAc2
8.KAb5 KAc6 9.KAf5 KAc2 10.Kd4 KAf6
11.Kc3 KAb2 12.Kd3 KAh2 13.KAb1 KAb2
14.KAe4 KAh2 15.Ke3 KAe2 16.Kd3 KAd2
17.KAb1 KAf2 18.Kc3 KAh2 19.Kb2 KAc2+
20.Ka1 KAb2=

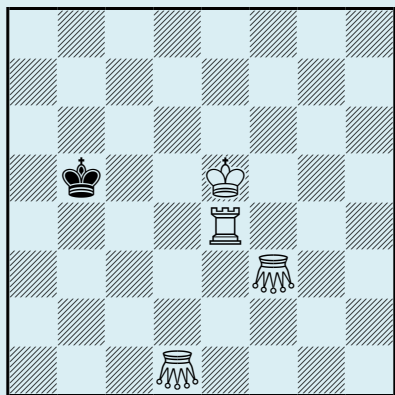
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KAh1 5.Kg2 KAc6 6.Kf3 KAg2 7.Kg3 KAg4
8.Kf3 KAh1 9.KAe2 KAe4 10.Kf4 KAd4 11.Kf5
KAg6 12.Kf4 KAg4 13.Kf5 KAh7 14.Ke4 KAg7
15.Kd3 KAc2 16.Ke3 KAg3 17.Kf2 KAcg2
18.KAh2 KAg5 19.Kg1 KAg7 20.Kh1 KAg2=

1.Ke1 KAf1 2.Kd1 KAg1 3.Ke1 KAd1 4.Kd2
KAd6 5.Kd3 KAd2 6.Ke4 KAf3 7.Kf5 KAf6
8.KAc5 KAf2 9.KAg5 KAh5 10.Kf6 KAf7 11.Ke5
KAd5 12.Kd6 KAd7 13.Kc6 KAb7 14.Kd6 KAd8
15.Ke7 KAh4 16.Kf6 KAe7 17.Kg6 KAg7
18.KAg8 KAd7 19.Kh7 KAa7 20.Kh8 KAg7=

Stalemate positions:



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8107 Phénix 279-280/2017
Commendation



h==7 (4+1) C+

0.3.1.1...

Madras Rex Inclusiv

PlatzWechselCirce

=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

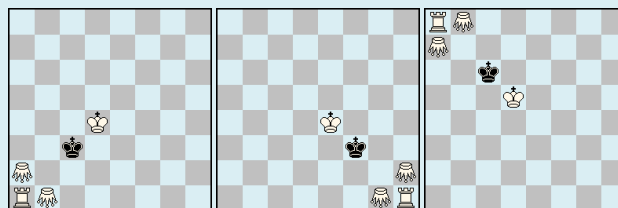
PDB [P1378351](#), WinChloe ID = 692643

1. - Gd5 2.Ka5 Rb4 3.K:b4(Ra5) Ra1 4.Kb3 Ga2
5.Kc2 Gb3 6.Kb2 Gb1 7.Kc3 Kd4==

1. - Re1 2.Kc4 Rh1 3.Kd3 Gd4 4.Ke3 Gf2
5.K:f3(Ge3) Gg1 6.Kg2 Gh2 7.Kf3 Ke4==

1. - Ra4 2.Kc6 Gb7 3.Kd7 Gd8 4.Kc8 Gb8 5.Kc7
Ra8 6.K:b7(Gc7) Ga7 7.Kc6 Kd5==

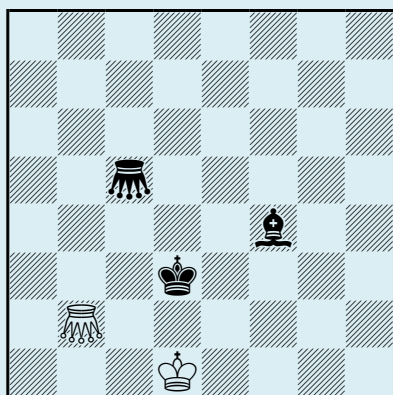
Double stalemate positions:



Comment in Phénix: "Václav innove encore et toujours en trouvant de nouvelles positions (ici de double-pat), mais avec comme constante l'écho dans trois coins de l'échiquier. Ce qui est ici remarquable c'est d'arriver à trouver des positions multi-solutions (sans jumeaux) et de déplacer le Roi noir à des endroits très différents de l'échiquier."

Judge Claude Beaubestre (Phénix 340/2023, p.13231-6): "Double-pats en écho dans trois coins de l'échiquier en conduisant le Roi noir à des endroits de l'échiquier très différents."

333. Václav Kotěšovec
 3941 Best Problems 85/2018
2. Prize



h==4 (2+3) C+

3.1.1...

Madras Rex Inclusiv

PlatzWechselCirce

♞♞=Grasshopper

Triple echo.

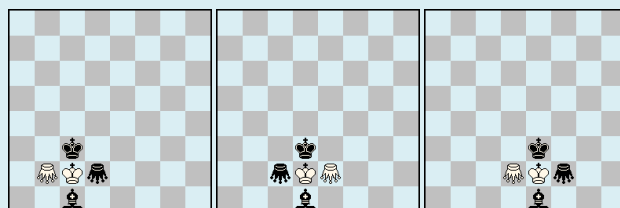
PDB [P1380321](#), WinChloe ID = 689453

1.Kd4 Kc2 2.Bd2 K:d2(Bc2) 3.Gc1 K:c1(Gd2)
 4.Kc3 K:c2(Bc1)= =

1.Bd2 Ge2 2.Bc3 Kc1 3.Gc2 Kd1 4.Bd2
 K:d2(Bd1)= =

1.Ke3 Kc2 2.Bg3 Gd2 3.Be1 Kd1 4.Gf2 Ke2= =

Double stalemate positions:

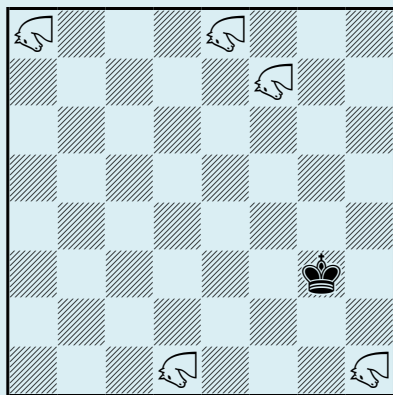


Judge A. Garofalo (Best Problems 96/2020, p.357-361): "Un perfetto uso delle due condizioni, con triplo eco-camaleonte."

334. Václav Kotěšovec

7677 Phénix 265/2016

Commendation



h=12

(5+1) C+

2.1.1...

♞=Nightriderhopper

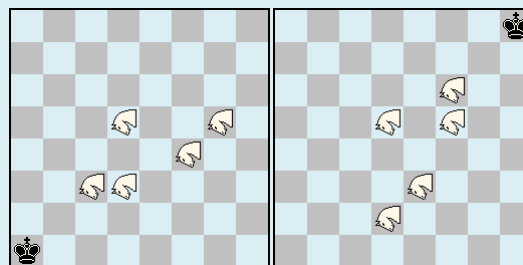
Exact mono echo.

PDB [P1401041](#), WinChloe ID = 654851

1.Kf2 NHd3 2.Ke3 NHf5 3.Kf4 NHh5 4.Kg3
NHh1 5.Kf4 NHd3 6.Kf5 NHe7 7.Ke6 NHg5
8.Kd5 NHh3 9.Kc4 NHb2 10.Kb3 NHf4 11.Ka2
NHd5 12.Ka1 NHc3=

1.Kg4 NHh2 2.Kg5 NHh3 3.Kg4 NHf6 4.Kf4
NHd5 5.Ke3 NHf1 6.Kd3 NHb4 7.Kc4 NHd2
8.Kd5 NHc7 9.Ke6 NHh7 10.Kf7 NHd5 11.Kg7
NHe3 12.Kh8 NHf5=

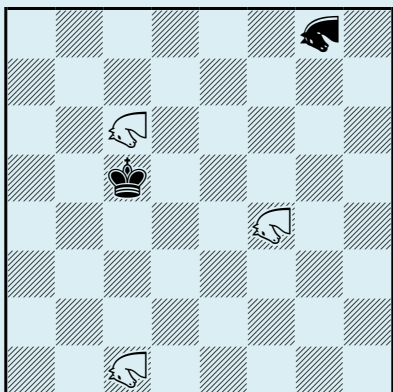
Stalemate positions:



Published with a comment: "Deux périple du Roi noir, sautoir principal des Noctambules-Sauteurs, pour des pats en écho parfait."

Judge Hans Gruber (Phénix 319-320/2021, p.12503-7): "Pats en écho parfait (symétrie) dans deux coins opposés, avec toutes les pièces qui se déplacent. Le miracle de la vérification est fourni par l'ordinateur, de sorte que les solutions ne sont pas stratégiquement intéressantes, mais juste le travail. Cependant, le résultat est impressionnant."

335. Václav Kotěšovec original



h=8 (3+2) C+

0.4.1.1...

♞♞ = Beetle (scarabée)
(without the white king)

4-fold echo in four corners

WinChloe ID = 932443

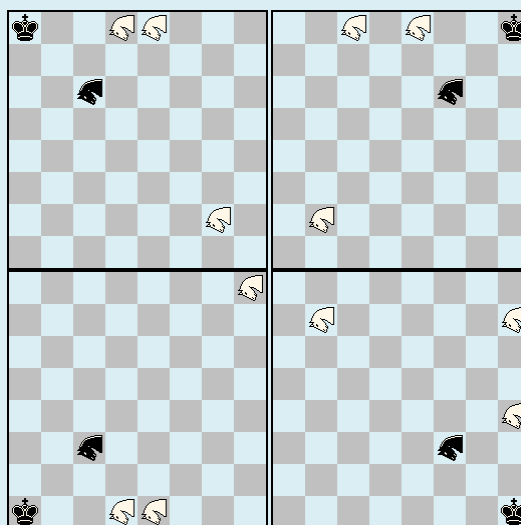
1. - SCg6 2.Kd6 SCf5 3.SCh4 SCd4 4.SCd3
SCg2 5.SCc6 SCe8 6.Kc7 SCa8 7.Kb7 SCc5
8.Ka8 SCd8=

1. - SCd7 2.Kd6 SCc8 3.SCa7 SCf7 4.SCf6 SCc4
5.Ke7 SCfb2 6.Kf7 SCh8 7.Kg7 SCf5 8.Kh8
SCe8=

1. - SCb7 2.Kd5 SCe3 3.Ke4 SCd1 4.Kf3 SCg5
5.Kg3 SCh7 6.SCf3 SCh1 7.Kg2 SCe3 8.Kh1
SCh4=

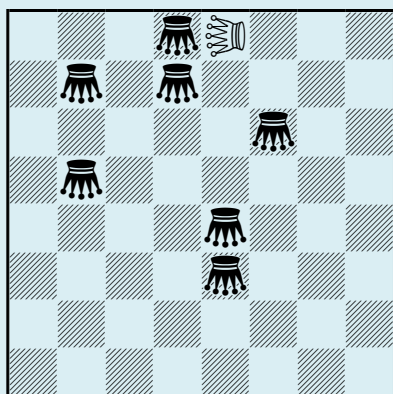
1. - SCd3 2.Kd5 SCg6 3.SCc3 SCh8 4.Kd4 SCb5
5.Kd3 SCe1 6.Kc2 SCa1 7.Kb2 SCc4 8.Ka1
SCd1=

Stalemate positions:



For the definition see page 380.

336. Václav Kotěšovec
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 (The award is yet not published)



h=6 (1+7) C+
 6.1.1...
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♫=Grasshopper
 ♫=Locust
 (no kings)

6-fold echo of the formation G-LO-G

PDB [P1412616](#), WinChloe ID = 901881

1.Ga7 LO:b5-a4(Ge8) 2.Ga3 LO:e4-f4(Ga4)
 3.Gaf3 LO:f3-f2(Gf4) 4.Gf1 LO:f6-f7(Gf2)
 5.Gg6 LO:g6-h5(Gf7) 6.Gf8 LO:f7-e8(Gh5)=

1.Ga8 LO:e3-e2(Ge8) 2.Gg5 LO:b5-a6(Ge2)
 3.Ga5 LO:f6-g6(Ga6) 4.Gah5 LO:g5-g4(Gg6)
 5.Gg3 LO:e2-d1(Gg4) 6.Ggc8 LO:d7-d8(Gd1)=

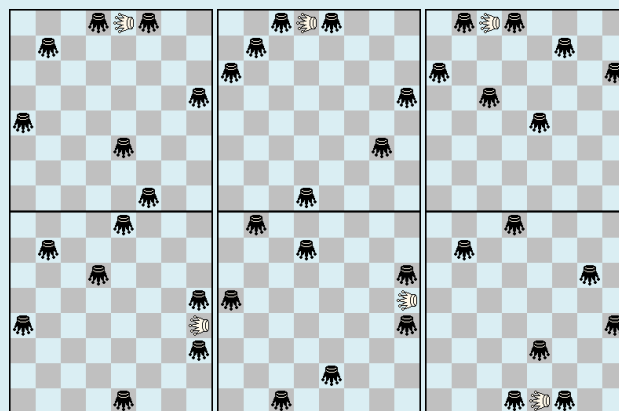
1.Ge5 LO:d7-c6(Ge8) 2.Ga5 LO:f6-g6(Gc6)
 3.Gh5 LO:c6-b6(Gg6) 4.Gf7 LO:g6-h6(Gb6)
 5.Gc5 LO:b6-a6(Gh6) 6.Gb8 LO:b7-c8(Ga6)=

1.Ge2 LO:d8-c8(Ge8) 2.Ge1 LO:d7-e6(Gc8)
 3.Gf5 LO:f5-g4(Ge6) 4.Gd6 LO:e6-d7(Gg4)
 5.Gh5 LO:b5-a4(Gd7) 6.Gh3 LO:g4-h4(Ga4)=

1.G:e8(LOb5) LO:b7-b8(Gb5) 2.Gg5 LO:b5-b4(Gb8) 3.Gh4 LO:e4-f4(Gb4) 4.Ge2 LO:e3-d2(Gf4) 5.Gc1 LO:b4-a5(Gd2) 6.Gh6 LO:g5-h5(Ga5)=

1.Gg5 LO:d7-c6(Ge8) 2.Gd7 LO:e4-f3(Gc6)
 3.Ge2 LO:e2-d1(Gf3) 4.Gg6 LO:d7-d8(Gd1)
 5.Gf2 LO:g5-h4(Gd8) 6.Gf1 LO:f2-e1(Gh4)=

Stalemate positions:

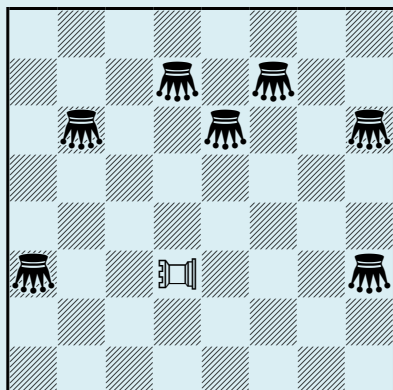


Dedicated to Pavel Kameník for his 60th birthday

White Locust is six times taken in a sandwich of two Grasshoppers. Switchback of Locust in the first solution.

For another helpmate in six moves with a six solutions see [294].

337. Václav Kotěšovec original



h=7 (1+7) C+
6 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♟=Grasshopper
♞=Rook-Locust
(no kings)

6-fold echo of the formation G-RL-G

WinChloe ID = 931903

1.Gd5 RL:d5-d6(Gd3) 2.Gc8 RL:d7-d8(Gd6)
3.Gh2 RL:d6-d5(Gd8) 4.Ga5 RL:d3-d2(Gd5)
5.Gc2 RL:c2-b2(Gd2) 6.Ge5 RL:d2-e2(Gb2)
7.Ga1 RL:b2-a2(Ge2)=

1.Gc3 RL:c3-b3(Gd3) 2.Ga2 RL:b6-b7(Gb3)
3.Gc4 RL:b3-b2(Gb7) 4.Gd2 RL:b7-b8(Gb2)
5.Gb5 RL:b5-b4(Gb8) 6.Ge2 RL:c4-d4(Gb4)
7.Ga5 RL:b4-a4(Gd4)=

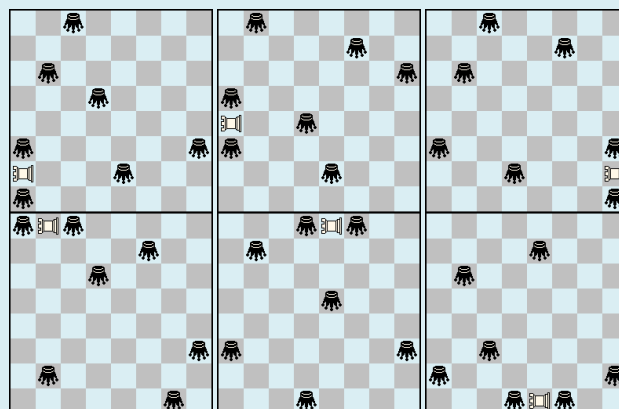
1.Gc8 RL:d7-d8(Gd3) 2.Gh2 RL:d3-d2(Gd8)
3.Gc2 RL:c2-b2(Gd2) 4.Gd1 RL:d2-e2(Gb2)
5.Gf2 RL:f2-g2(Ge2) 6.Gf3 RL:e2-d2(Gg2)
7.Gh1 RL:g2-h2(Gd2)=

1.Ge3 RL:e3-f3(Gd3) 2.Gd6 RL:d3-c3(Gf3)
3.Gc8 RL:f3-g3(Gc3) 4.Gg7 RL:c3-b3(Gg3)
5.Gg2 RL:b6-b7(Gb3) 6.Gg1 RL:b3-b2(Gb7)
7.Ga8 RL:b7-b8(Gb2)=

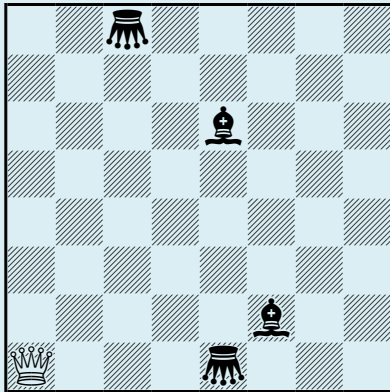
1.Gd2 RL:d2-d1(Gd3) 2.Gf6 RL:d3-d4(Gd1)
3.Gd6 RL:d6-d7(Gd4) 4.Gc7 RL:c7-b7(Gd7)
5.Gd8 RL:d7-e7(Gb7) 6.Gd6 RL:e6-e5(Ge7)
7.Gf8 RL:e7-e8(Ge5)=

1.Gh2 RL:d7-d8(Gd3) 2.Gd5 RL:d5-d4(Gd8)
3.Gc3 RL:d3-d2(Gd4) 4.Gb2 RL:b2-a2(Gd2)
5.Gd1 RL:d2-e2(Ga2) 6.Gd3 RL:e6-e7(Ge2)
7.Gf1 RL:e2-e1(Ge7)=

Stalemate positions:



338. Václav Kotěšovec
63 Anda Fairy Planet 6/2023
(The award is yet not published)



h=5 (1+4) C+

4.1.1...

PlatzWechselCirce

=Grasshopper
(no kings)

4-fold exact echo in four corners.

PDB [P1412617](#), WinChloe ID = 901793

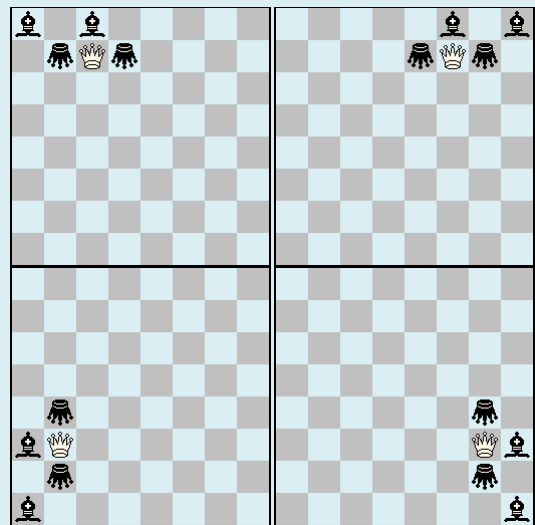
1.Gg3 Qh1 2.Bg1 Q:g1(Bh1) 3.Bg4 Qg2 4.Gh3
Q:h3(Gg2) 5.B:h3(Qg4) Q:g3(Gg4)=

1.Bd4 Q:d4(Ba1) 2.Bc4 Qb2 3.Gc3 Q:c3(Gb2)
4.Gb4 Qa3 5.Bb3 Q:b3(Ba3)=

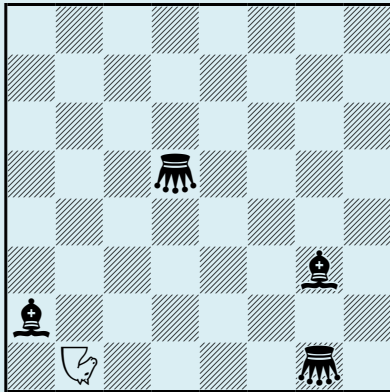
1.Ge7 Qa8 2.Ba7 Q:a7(Ba8) 3.Bd7 Qb7 4.Gc7
Q:c8(Gb7) 5.B:c8(Qd7) Q:c7(Gd7)=

1.Bg8 Qg7 2.Gh8 Q:h8(Gg7) 3.Bc5 Q:g8(Bh8)
4.Bf8 Qe6 5.Ge7 Qf7=

Stalemate positions:



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h=6 (1+4) C+
 4.1.1...
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♢=Grasshopper
 ♚=Nightrider
 (no kings)

4-fold exact echo in four corners.

PDB [P1412618](#), WinChloe ID = 901952

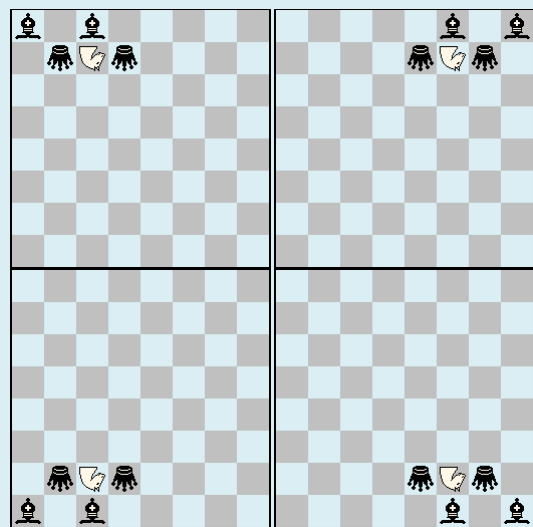
1.Bc4 Nf3 2.Gg2 Nd4 3.Bf1 Ne2 4.Bf2
 N:g1(Ge2) 5.B:g1(Nf2) Nh1 6.Bf2 N:f2(Bh1)=

1.B:b1(Na2) Nc1 2.Bd3 N:g3(Bc1) 3.Gd2 Nc5
 4.Gb6 Nb3 5.Gb2 Na1 6.Bc2 N:c2(Ba1)=

1.Gg4 N:d5(Gb1) 2.Bc7 Nb6 3.Gb7 Na8 4.Be6
 N:c7(Ba8) 5.Bc8 Ne6 6.Gd7 Nc7=

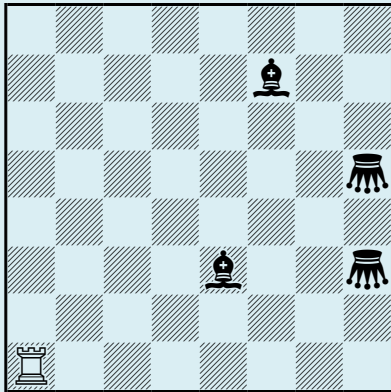
1.Bd6 Nh4 2.Bf8 Nf5 3.Gg5 Ne7 4.Gg6
 N:g6(Ge7) 5.Gg7 Nh8 6.Bf7 N:f7(Bh8)=

Stalemate positions:



Petko Petkov in Anda Fairy Planet 6/2023, p. 7:
 "Summary comment by Kotěšovec for the trio
 No.63-65: You see three similar originals. The
 mating positions are the same, but with a little
 different orientation and the play is completely
 different in each problem. Which is the best of
 these originals? My favourite is the third one with a
 Nightrider."

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 64 Anda Fairy Planet 6/2023
 (The award is yet not published)



h=6 (1+4) C+
 4.1.1...
 PlatzWechselCirce
 ♫=Grasshopper
 (no kings)

4-fold exact echo in four corners.

PDB [P1412619](#), WinChloe ID = 900330

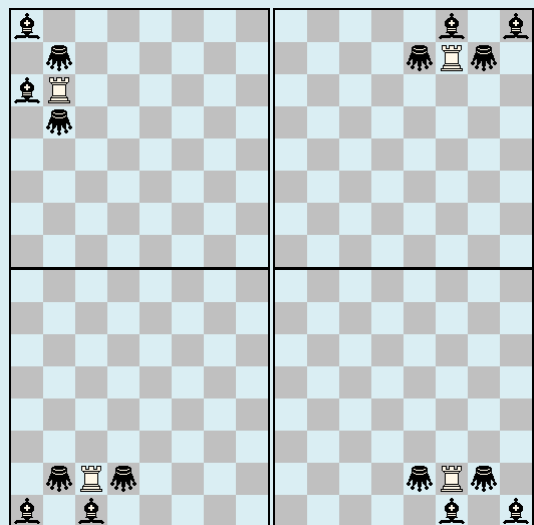
1.Gh6 Rf1 2.Gd2 R:f7(Bf1) 3.Bf2 Rf3 4.Ge2
 R:f2(Bf3) 5.Bh1 Rg2 6.Gf2 R:f2(Gg2)=

1.Ba2 R:a2(Ba1) 2.Gh2 Rb2 3.Gh1 R:h2(Gb2)
 4.Bd2 R:h1(Gh2) 5.Gc2 Rc1 6.B:c1(Rd2)
 R:c2(Gd2)=

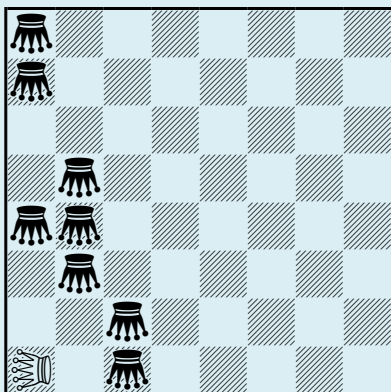
1.Bc5 Rh1 2.Gb5 R:h3(Gh1) 3.Bd5 Rh6 4.Ba8
 Rc6 5.Gb7 Ra6 6.Bb6 R:b6(Ba6)=

1.Bh6 Ra8 2.Gh7 Rf8 3.Ge7 R:f7(Bf8) 4.Gh7
 R:h7(Gf7) 5.Bhg7 Rh8 6.B:h8(Rg7) R:f7(Gg7)=

Stalemate positions:



341. Václav Kotěšovec original



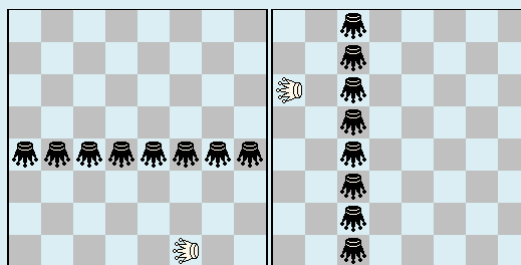
h=9 (1+8) C+
2 solutions
PlatzWechselCirce
♟=Grasshopper
♞=Locust
(no kings)

WinChloe ID = 930090

1.Gc4 LO:c1-d1(Ga1) 2.Gc5 LO:b3-a4(Gd1)
3.Gad4 LO:b5-c6(Ga4) 4.Ge4 LO:c5-c4(Gc6)
5.Ge5 LO:c6-c7(Gc4) 6.Gf3 LO:e5-f4(Gc7)
7.Gdg4 LO:f3-f2(Gf4) 8.Gg3 LO:g3-h4(Gf2)
9.G:h4(LOf4) LO:f2-f1(Gf4)=

1.Ga6 LO:a4-a5(Ga1) 2.Gc4 LO:b4-c3(Ga5)
3.Gb6 LO:c4-c5(Gc3) 4.G5:c5(LOa5) LO:b6-
c7(Ga5) 5.G1d4 LO:c5-c4(Gc7) 6.Gac5 LO:d4-
e4(Gc4) 7.Gd5 LO:d5-c6(Ge4) 8.Gb7 LO:c7-
c8(Gc6) 9.Gac7 LO:b7-a6(Gc8)=

Stalemate positions:

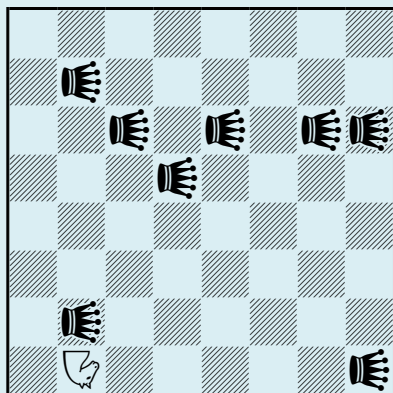


C+, Alybadix 9 h 27 m

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4. Prize



h=5

(1+8) C+

3.1.1...

PlatzWechselCirce

♁=Lion

♞=Nightrider
(no kings)

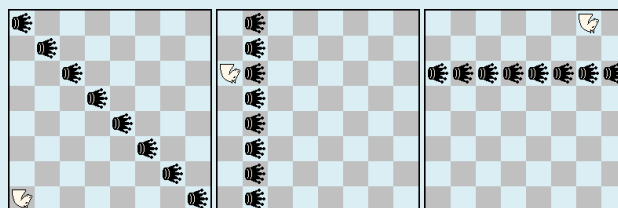
PDB [P1416171](#), WinChloe ID = 913477

1.Llf3 Nd2 2.Llgc6 Na8 3.Llce4 N:e6(LIa8)
4.Llhc6 Nc2 5.Llbg2 Na1=

1.Llb3 N:d5(LIb1) 2.Llgb6 Nb4 3.LI7b5
N:c6(LIb4) 4.Llhb7 Nb8 5.LIa6 N:a6(LIb8)=

1.LI:b1(Nb7) Nd6 2.LIb6 N:b2(LId6) 3.LIa6
Nh5 4.Llhc6 Nf6 5.LIg8 N:g8(LIf6)=

Stalemate positions:



Comments in the Gaudium 298/2024: Die Pattstellungen horizontal, vertikal und diagonal sind eine optische Augenweide und genial ausgedacht! Ich frage mich bei VK des Öffter, wie er so etwas überhaupt finden kann? „Schöne Aufgabe, am Ende versteht man, warum es genau 8 Lions sein müssen.“ [Niels Danstrup] „Alle Lions sind auf der Hauptdiagonalen, der Nightrider auf a1 oder auf der b-Linie mit Na6 bzw. auf der 6. Reihe mit Ng8. Prima.“ [Karl-Heinz Siehndel, ähnlich Joachim Benn]

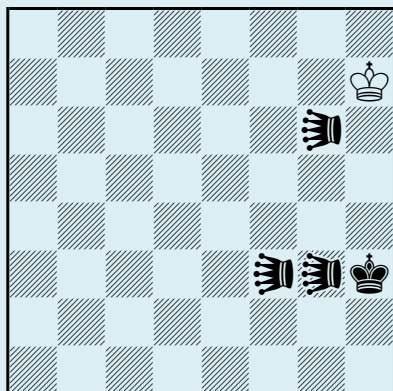
Judge Hans Gruber (Gaudium 310 / 12.1.2025, p.2-3): "'Nur' eine geometrische Spielerei und (vermutlich) 'nur' ein Computerfund, aber ich meine, dass man sehr hartherzig oder missmutig sein muss, um angesichts der Schlussstellungen (diagonal, vertikal, horizontal) nicht ins Lächeln zu kommen und sich (zumindest still) zu freuen, dass das so und nur so geht. Die Gymnastikübungen des Nightriders lassen zudem staunen."

C+, Alybadix 1 h 31 m

KöKo

(Kölner Kontaktschach)

343. Václav Kotěšovec
[990](#) Julia's Fairies 2016/I
3. Prize (section B)
G312 FIDE Album 2016-18



sh#26 (1+4) C+
 2 solutions
 KōKo
 ♙=Kangourou

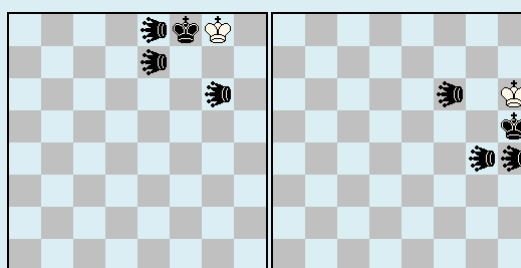
Echo chameleon

PDB [P1378328](#), WinChloe ID = 606263

1.Kg4 2.KAg2 4.Ke4 5.KAd5 6.KAc6 7.Kf3
 8.KAg2 9.Kg4 10.KAg5 11.KAg6 12.Kf5
 13.KAh5 14.KAe5 15.KAd5 16.Kg5 17.KAh5
 19.Kf7 20.KAe8 21.Ke6 22.KAe4 23.KAe7
 24.KAe8 26.Kf8 Kg8#

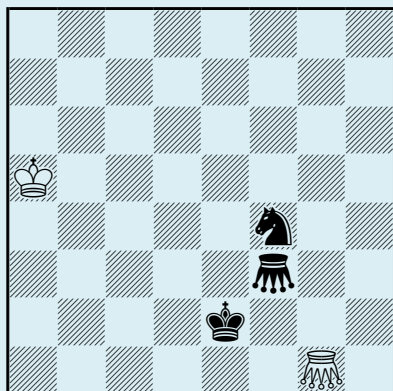
1.Kg2 2.KAg1 3.KAg4 5.Ke3 6.KAd3 7.KAc3
 8.Kf3 9.KAg3 10.KAh3 12.Kg5 13.KAg6 14.Kf5
 15.KAe6 17.Kd6 18.KAc6 19.KAf6 21.Kf5
 22.KAh3 24.Kh5 25.KAh8 26.KAh4 Kh6#

Mating positions:



Judge Petko Petkov: "It looks almost unbelievable: an aristocratic Tanagra series problem, in 26 moves, with beautiful chameleon-echo mates after very active black play! I think that in such problems an important aesthetic requirement is the long distance between the chameleon-echo constructions. This criterion is met excellently here - in the first solution, the black King is mated on h5, in the second on f8, but in the initial position he stands on h3! Typical work of maestro Kotěšovec, who has created dozens of other remarkable problems in the same super-style, which would have been practically impossible without the help of a computer."

344. Václav Kotěšovec
[53](#) Julia's Fairies 24.7.2012



h#7 (2+3) C+
 3.1.1...
 KöKo
 ♖♗=Grasshopper

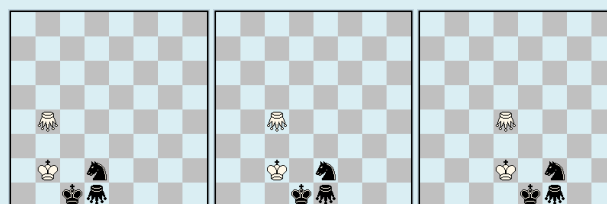
Triple exact echo

1.Sg2 Gg3 2.Gd1 Gg1 3.Se3 Gd4 4.Sc4 Kb4
 5.Kd2 Kb3 6.Kc1 Gb4 7.Sd2+ Kb2#

1.Ke3 Gd4 2.Kd3 Gg4 3.Gc3 Kb4 4.Se2 Ga4
 5.Kd2 Gc4 6.Ge1 Kb3 7.Kd1 Kc2#

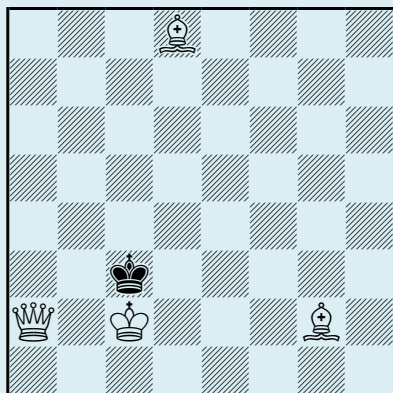
1.Kf2 Ge3 2.Sd3 Gc3 3.Sb2 Kb4 4.Gf1 Ga1
 5.Ke1 Kc3 6.Sd3 Gd4 7.Sf2 Kd2#

Mating positions:



PDB [P1378659](#), WinChloe ID = 434888

345. Václav Kotěšovec
F1012 Probleemblad 2014
5. Prize



hs#7 (4+1) C+
3.1.1...
KöKo

Triple exact echo

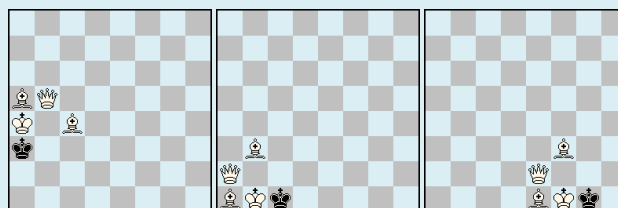
PDB [P1378392](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1378392), WinChloe ID =517001

1.Qc4+ Kb4 2.Qb5 Kc4 3.Bd5+ Kc3 4.Bc4+ Kd2 5.Ba5+ Kc1 6.Kb3 Kb2+ 7.Ka4 Ka3#

1.Kd3 Kd4 2.Bd5+ Ke5 3.Bf6+ Kf5 4.Bb3 Ke4 5.Ba1 Ke3 6.Kc2 Kd2+ 7.Kb1 Kc1#

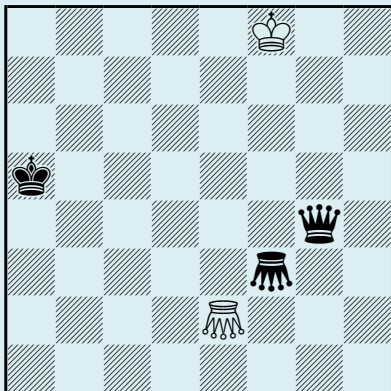
1.Kd2 Kd3 2.Ke2 Ke3 3.Kf1 Kf3 4.Qe2+ Kg3 5.Bh4+ Kh2 6.Be1 Kh1 7.Bf3 Kg1#

Mating positions:



Judge Jörg Kuhlmann (Probleemblad 4/2017, p.128-132): "Diese Miniatur mit Tripel-Echo auf entfernten Mattfeldern (a4, b1 und f1) besticht durch ihre erstaunliche Exaktheit, die man als nachspielender Bewunderer einfach nur glauben muss. Köko hat mich schon immer fasziniert. Wer mir Befangenheit vorwirft, hat Recht: Schließlich bin ich Kölner."

346. Václav Kotěšovec
F04 Componist 2012



h#7 (2+3) C+
3.1.1...
KöKo
♞♞=Grasshopper

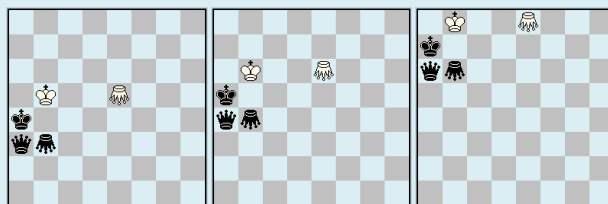
Triple exact echo

1.Qe4 Ge5 2.Qd4 Gc3 3.Gb3 Ge5 4.Qd6 Ke7
5.Kb4 Kd7 6.Ka4 Kc6 7.Qa3 Kb5#

1.Qf4 Gg4 2.Gf5 Ge6 3.Qe4 Ke7 4.Gd3 Kd6
5.Qa4 Kd5 6.Gd6 Kc5 7.Gb4 Kb6#

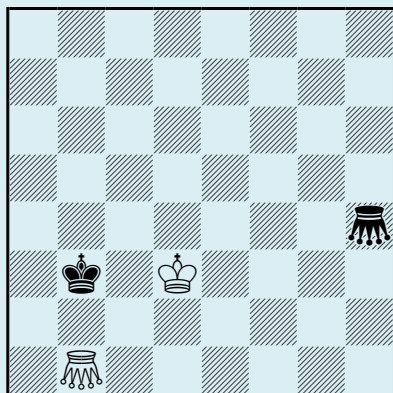
1.Gd1 Gh5 2.Qg6 Kf7 3.Qa6 Ge8 4.Kb6 Ke7
5.Ka7 Kd7 6.Gd8 Kc7 7.Gb6 Kb8#

Mating positions:



PDB [P1378660](#), WinChloe ID = 445269

347. Václav Kotěšovec
 11575 Šachová skladba 118/2013
4. Honorable Mention



h#7 (2+2) C+
 4.1.1...
 KöKo
 ♚♚=Grasshopper

4-fold echo

PDB [P1398831](#), WinChloe ID = 453809

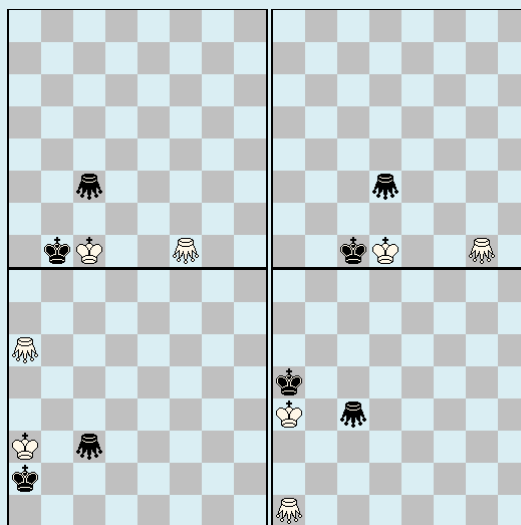
1.Kb2 Ge4 2.Gd4 Gc4 3.Kc2+ Ke3 4.Gb4 Gc1
 5.Kb1 Kd2 6.Ge1 Gf1 7.Gc3 Kc1#

1.Kc3 Kd4 2.Kc2 Gd3 3.Kd2 Gd1 4.Gc4 Ke3+
 5.Kc1 Ke2 6.Gf1 Gg1 7.Gd3 Kd1#

1.Ka2 Ge4 2.Gd4 Gc4 3.Gd2 Kc3 4.Gb4 Ga4
 5.Gd2 Kb4 6.Ga5 Ga6 7.Gc3 Ka3#

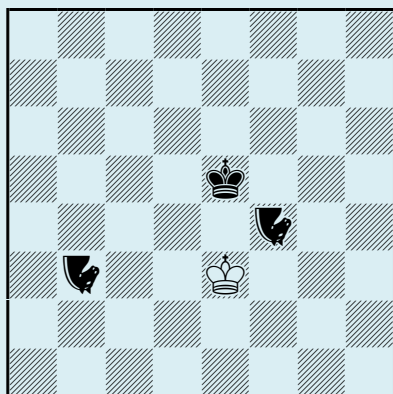
1.Kc4 Kc3 2.Kb4 Kc2 3.Ga4 Gd3 4.Kb5 Kb3
 5.Ka5 Ga3+ 6.Ga2 Ga1 7.Gc4 Ka4#

Mating positions:



Judge Hans Gruber (Šachová skladba 153/2021):
 "Ein besonders schön gelungenes Beispiel von vier
 exakten Echos im Vierspänner, mit dem klassischen
 Material attraktiv dargestellt.", "Mimořádně
 vydařený příklad čtyř úplných ech ve formě čtyř
 řešení, přitažlivě zpracovaný s klasickým
 materiálem."

348. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1338 StrateGems 65/2014
1.Honorable Mention special
G233 FIDE Album 2013-2015
3. Place WenigsteinerJahresPreis 2014



hs#8 (1+3) C+
 0.3.1.1...
 KöKo
 ♞=Nightrider

Triple exact echo

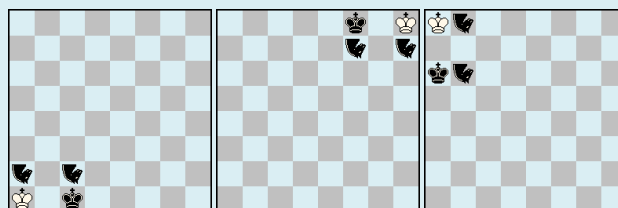
PDB [P1378115](#), WinChloe ID = 510966

1. - Ne6 2.Ke4+ Kd4 3.Kd3 Ke3 4.Kc3 Kd2+
 5.Kb2 Nc1 6.Kb1 Na2 7.Kb2 Kc1+ 8.Ka1 Nc2#

1. - Nd2 2.Kd4+ Nd3+ 3.Kd5 Kd6 4.Ke6 Nf6+
 5.Kf5 Ke7 6.Kg6 Nh7 7.Kg7 Kf8+ 8.Kh8 Nf7#

1. - Kd4+ 2.Kf3 Kc4 3.Ke4 Nc5+ 4.Ke5 Kb5
 5.Kd6 Nd7 6.Kc7 Nb8 7.Kb7 Ka6+ 8.Ka8
 Nb6#

Mating positions:



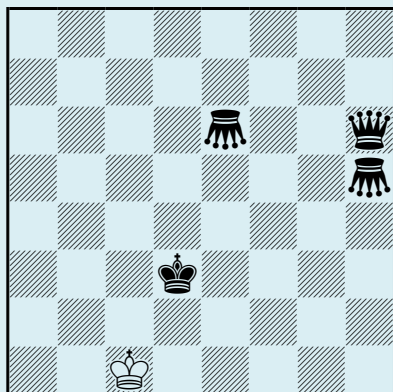
Judge Diyan Kostadinov (StrateGems 79/2017, p.114-117): "The author published a series of long movers with echo mates this year. Here we can see three corner mates in Tanagra form."

Solver C. C. Frankiss (SG67): "White King mated in three of the four corners."

Reproductions: feenschach 214/2015 (p.170), Phénix 256/2015 (p.10141): "Mats échos dans trois coins différents."

In WJP 2014 3rd place (Petkov 1st place, Lörinc 4th place, Widlert 5th place).

349. Václav Kotěšovec
 FB1251 StrateGems 61/2013



h#8 (1+4) C+
 3.1.1...
 KöKo
 ♫=Grasshopper

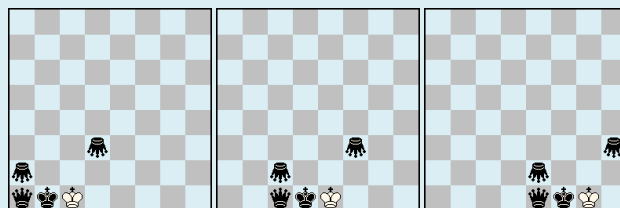
Triple echo [0,2]

1.Kc2+ Kb2 2.Qg5 Kb3 3.Ga2+ Kc3 4.Gf5 Kd3
 5.Qf6 Ke4 6.Gd3 Ke3 7.Kb1 Kd2 8.Qa1 Kc1#

1.Qf6 Kd2 2.Gg6 Ke3 3.Qf4+ Kf3 4.Gc2 Kg3
 5.Qc1 Kg4 6.Gf3 Kg3 7.Kd2 Kf2 8.Kd1 Ke1#

1.Kd2 Kd1 2.Ke1 Ke2 3.Qe3+ Kf3 4.Gee2+
 Kg4 5.Qd2 Kh4 6.Gh3 Kg3 7.Kf1 Kh2 8.Qe1
 Kg1#

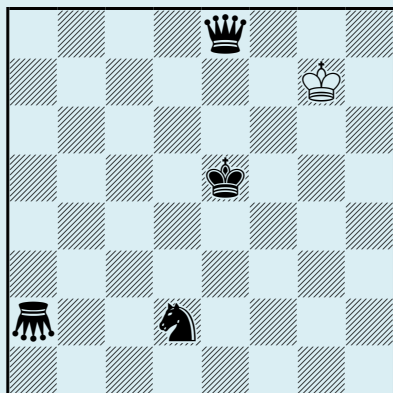
Mating positions:



Solver Radovan Tomasevic: "Remarkable problem!"

PDB [P1378377](#), WinChloe ID = 454316

350. Václav Kotěšovec
 3393 Best Problems 73/2015
4. Honorable Mention



h#8 (1+4) C+
 0.3.1.1...
 KöKo
 = Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

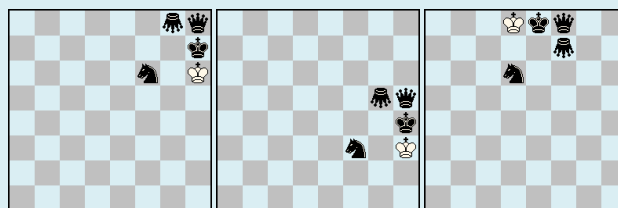
PDB [P1406867](https://pdb.chessbase.com/view/1406867), WinChloe ID = 554151

1. - Kf8 2.Se4 Kf7 3.Kf6+ Kg7 4.Qh8+ Kf7
 5.Gg8+ Ke6 6.Kg7 Kf5 7.Sf6 Kg5 8.Kh7 Kh6#

1. - Kf6 2.Kf5 Kg5 3.Qh5+ Kf4 4.Sf3+ Ke3
 5.Kg4 Kf2 6.Gg2 Kf1 7.Gg5 Kg2 8.Kh4 Kh3#

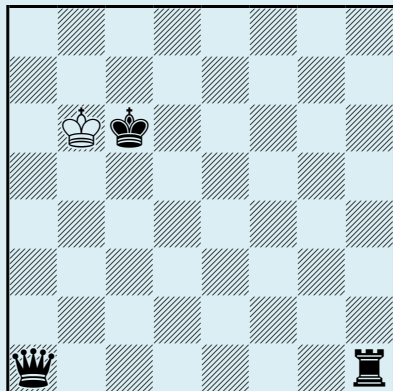
1. - Kf7 2.Qf8 Ke6 3.Gf7+ Kd5 4.Sc4+ Ke4
 5.Kf6 Kd5 6.Sd6 Kc6 7.Ke7 Kc7 8.Ke8 Kd8#

Mating positions:



Judge Hans Gruber (Best Problems 105/2023, p.572-576): "It is perplexing that these three solutions are unique, in particular the many moves by the white king. The restrictions imposed by the Köko condition are considerable. I do not care that the magic of the solutions was 'created' by a computer. This magic, however, is less powerful than in the 1st Prize [207], although there is one echo more."

351. Václav Kotěšovec
[380](#) Julia's Fairies 2013-III
2. Prize
G83 FIDE Album 2013-2015



hs#9 (1+3) C+
 3.1.1...
 KöKo

Triple exact echo

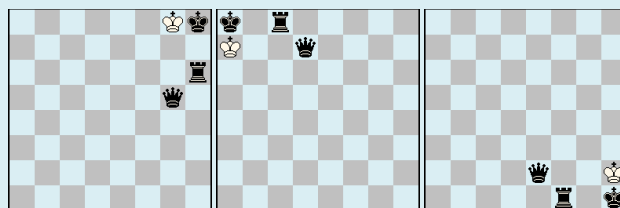
PDB [P1378110](#), WinChloe ID = 493584

1.Kc5 Kd6 2.Kd5 Qd4+ 3.Ke4 Qe3 4.Kd5 Ke5
 5.Ke6 Kf6+ 6.Kf7 Kg7 7.Kg8 Kh8 8.Kg7 Rh6+
 9.Kg8 Qg5#

1.Kb7 Rb1+ 2.Kc7 Rb8+ 3.Kd6 Qe5+ 4.Ke6
 Qf5 5.Kd6 Kb7 6.Kc6+ Ka8 7.Kc7 Rd8 8.Kb7
 Rc8+ 9.Ka7 Qd7#

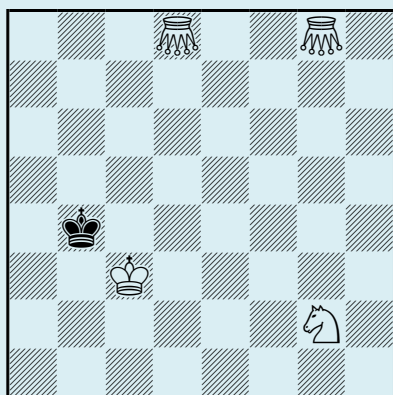
1.Kb5 Qa6+ 2.Kc5 Kd5 3.Kd4 Ke4 4.Ke3 Kf3
 5.Kf2 Re1+ 6.Kg3 Kg2 7.Kh2 Kh1 8.Kg2 Rf1+
 9.Kh2 Qe2#

Mating positions:



Judge Eric Huber: "Incredible triple echo in three different corners. The long solutions and the far echoes make this problem a very peculiar instance of Köko echoes."

352. Václav Kotěšovec
 2061 harmonie-aktiv 120/2014
Commendation



hs#10 (4+1) C+
 3.1.1...
 KöKo
 =Grasshopper

Triple echo [0,1]

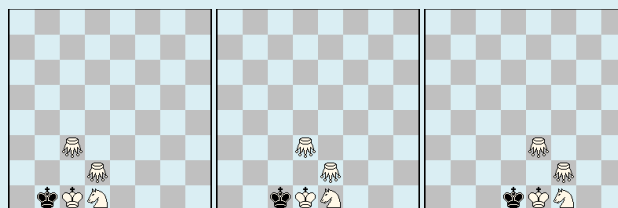
PDB [P1378378](#), WinChloe ID = 534053

1.Kb3 Kc3 2.Gc8 Kc2 3.Gc1+ Kb1 4.Ka2+ Kc2
 5.Gc3 Kd3 6.Gd2 Kc2 7.Kb1+ Kb3 8.Se3 Ka2
 9.Sd1 Ka1 10.Kc1 Kb1#

1.Gh8 Kc4 2.Kd3 Kc3 3.Gb2+ Kc4 4.Gb3+
 Kd4 5.Kc2 Kd3+ 6.Kc1 Kd2+ 7.Ge2+ Kc3
 8.Gd3 Kb2 9.Se1 Kb1 10.Kd1 Kc1#

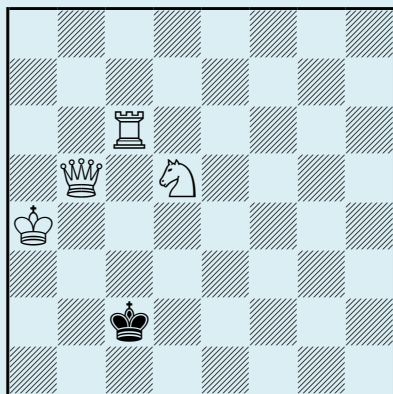
1.Gg1 Kb3 2.Kb2 Kc2 3.Kc1 Kd2 4.Se3+ Kd3
 5.Gd2 Ke2 6.Gf2 Ke1 7.Sf1+ Kd1 8.Ge3 Kc2
 9.Kd1 Kc1 10.Ke1 Kd1#

Mating positions:



Judge Torsten Linss (harmonie-aktiv 142/2020,
 p. 102-104): "Dieses dreifache Reihenecho
 beeindruckt durchaus."

353. Václav Kotěšovec
 3403 idee & form 121/2014
G81 FIDE Album 2013-2015



hs#6 (4+1) C+
 4.1.1...
 KöKo

4-fold exact echo

PDB [P1378113](#), WinChloe ID = 508986

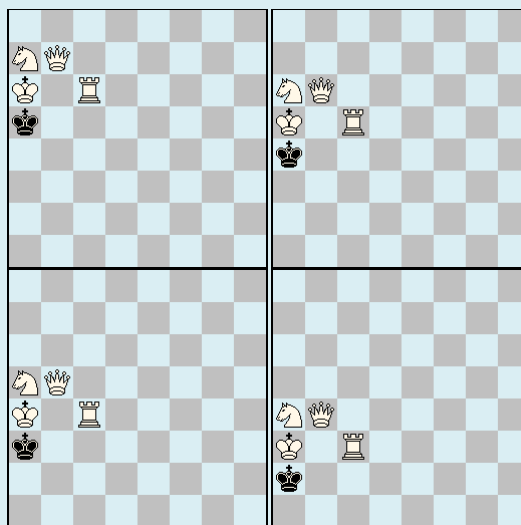
1.Sc3 Kd2 2.Qb7 Kc2 3.Sb5 Kb3+ 4.Sa7+ Ka3
 5.Kb5 Ka4+ 6.Ka6 Ka5#

1.Rc3 Kd2 2.Ka5 Kc2 3.Sb4+ Kb2 4.Rc5 Kb3
 5.Qb6 Ka3 6.Sa6 Ka4#

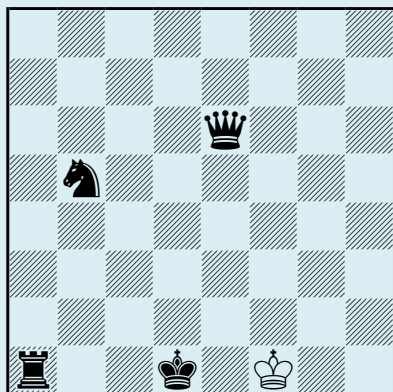
1.Rc4 Kd3 2.Sb4+ Kd4 3.Sc6+ Kc3 4.Qb3+
 Kb2 5.Sa5 Ka2 6.Qb5 Ka3#

1.Qb2+ Kb1 2.Sb6 Ka2 3.Rc3 Ka1 4.Ka3 Kb1
 5.Sa4 Ka1 6.Qb4 Ka2#

Mating positions:



354. Václav Kotěšovec
 1278 Ural problemist 70/2012
5. Commendation
G51 FIDE Album 2010-2012



h#6 (1+4) C+
 4.1.1...
 KöKo

4-fold exact echo

PDB [P1378106](#), WinChloe ID = 442107

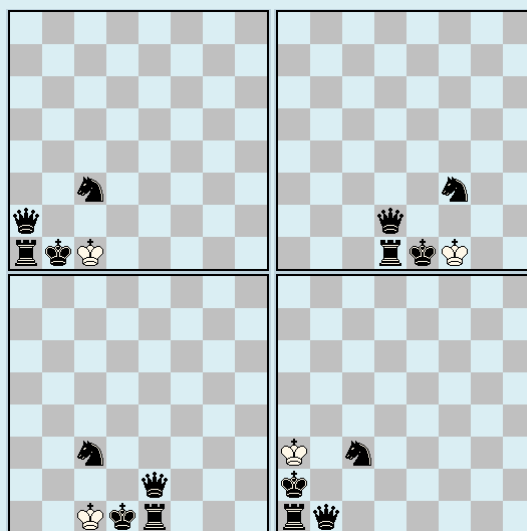
1.Qc6 Ke2 2.Qc4+ Kd3 3.Kc2+ Kd2 4.Kb1 Kd3
 5.Sc3+ Kd2 6.Qa2+ Kc1#

1.Ke1 Kf2 2.Qe3+ Kf3 3.Sd4+ Kf4 4.Sf3+ Kg3
 5.Rd1 Kg2 6.Qd2+ Kf1#

1.Qa6 Ke1 2.Ke2+ Kd2 3.Sc3+ Kc2 4.Re1 Kb3
 5.Kd1 Kb2 6.Qe2+ Kc1#

1.Qa2 Ke1 2.Qb1 Ke2 3.Kc2 Kd3+ 4.Kb2 Kc4
 5.Sc3 Kb4 6.Ka2+ Ka3#

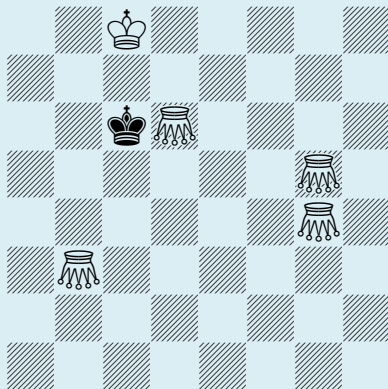
Mating positions:



Judge A. Bulavka

Toroidal chessboard
(Anchor-ring, RingZylinder)

355. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#5 (5+1) C+
3.1.1...
toroidal chessboard
♟=Grasshopper

Triple exact echo

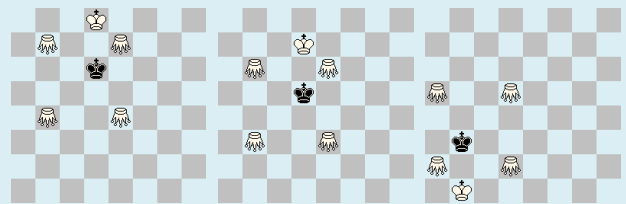
WinChloe ID = 931304

1.Kb6 Gbb7 2.Kc5 Kd8 3.Kd4 Ge4 4.Kc5 Gb4
5.Kd6 Gge7#

1.Kd5 Ge5 2.Kc6 Gb6 3.Kd5 Kd7 4.Ke4 Ge3
5.Kd5 Gge6#

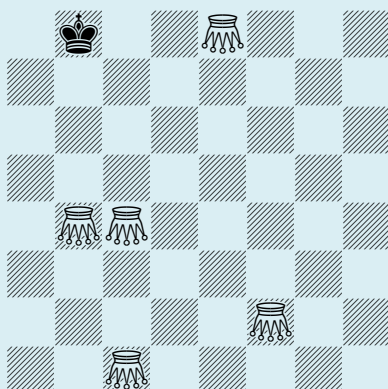
1.Kb5 Ga5 2.Kc4 Kb1 3.Kd3 Gd2 4.Kc4 Gd5
5.Kb3 Gga2#

Mating positions:



In the first solution: Checkmate gives a grasshopper from the b4 square (via b4-a3-h2-g1-f8-over Ge7).
c5 is guarded by the Ge7 (via e7-f8-g1-h2-a3-over Gb4)
c6 is guarded by the Ge4 (via e4-f3-g2-h1-a8-over Gb7)
d5 is guarded by the Gb7 (via b7-a8-h1-g2-f3-over Ge4)
e5 is guarded by the Ge7 (via e7-e8-e1-e2-e3-over Ge4)
e6 is guarded by the Ge4 (via e4-e3-e2-e1-e8-over Ge7)

356. Václav Kotěšovec
original



h#5 (5+1) C+
3.1.1...
toroidal chessboard
♟=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo

WinChloe ID = 931790

1.Kb1 Ga1 2.Kc2 Gd2 3.Kd3 Gdd4 4.Kc2 Gd1
5.Kb3 Gca4#

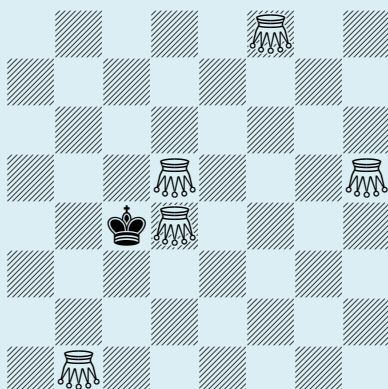
1.Ka1 Gd4 2.Kh2 Gg2 3.Kg3 Gef1 4.Kf3 Gge4
5.Ke3 Gdf4#

1.Kc7 Gc8+ 2.Kd6 Gc5 3.Ke7 G1d8 4.Kf6 Gf5
5.Ke7 Gdf8#

Mating positions:



357. Václav Kotěšovec original



h=4 (5+1) C+
3.1.1...
toroidal chessboard
♟=Grasshopper
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo

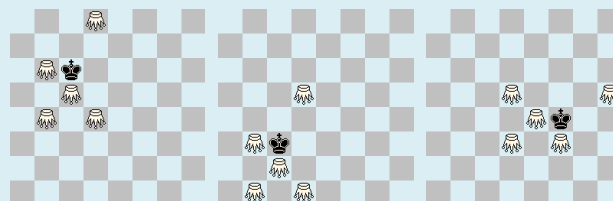
WinChloe ID = 932144

1.Kb5 Gb6 2.Kc6 Ghc5 3.Kd7 Gd8+ 4.Kc6
Gb4=

1.Kb4 Ga3 2.Kc3 Gb3 3.Kd2 Gd1+ 4.Kc3 Gc2=

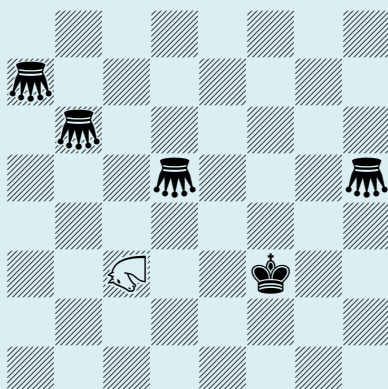
1.Kc3 Gd6 2.Kd2 Gd3+ 3.Ke3 Ge4 4.Kf4
Gff3=

Stalemate positions:



Triple echo

359. Václav Kotěšovec original



sh#8 (1+5) C+

3 solutions
toroidal chessboard
♙=Grasshopper
♝=Rose
(without the white king)

Triple exact echo

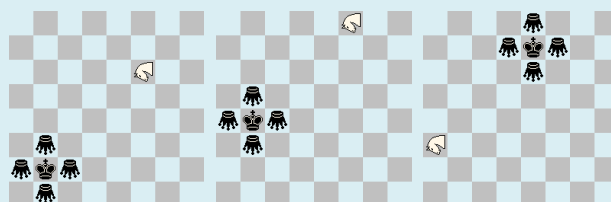
WinChloe ID = 930813

1.Kg2 2.Kh2 3.Ka1 4.Ga2 5.Kb2 6.Gb1 7.Gdb3
8.Ghc2 ROf6#

1.Kg4 2.Kh4 3.Ka5 4.Ga4 5.Kb4 6.Gb5 7.Ghb3
8.Gdc4 ROf8#

1.Kf4 2.Ke5 3.Kd6 4.Ge6 5.Ke7 6.Gd7 7.G5f7
8.Ghe8 ROa3#

Mating positions:



The movement of the rose on the ring chessboard is demanding on the imagination. The white rose even gives a **quadruple check**! In the first solution via f6-d7-b6-a4-b2, via f6-g4-f2-d1-b2, via f6-e8-f2-h3-b2 and via f6-h5-b6-c8-b2.

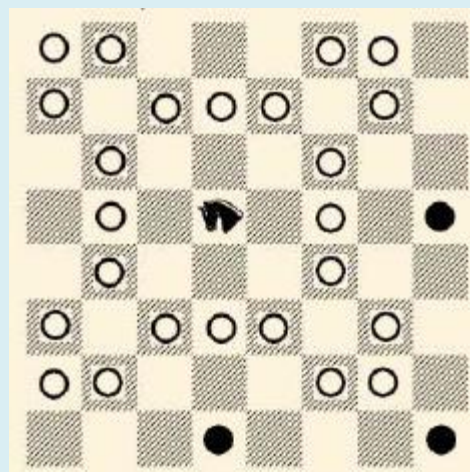
a1 is guarded via f6-g8-a1 or f6-h7-a1

a3 is guarded via f6-g4-a3 or f6-h5-a3

c1 is guarded via f6-d7-c1 or f6-e8-c1

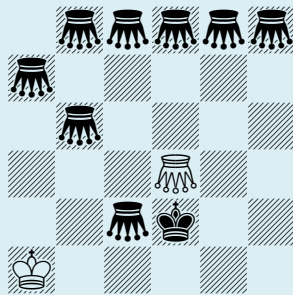
c3 is guarded via f6-e4-c3 or f6-d5-c3

The diagram shows the squares on which rose can move on an empty toroidal chessboard (the squares marked in black are the intersections of different lines that lead to several different paths).



(figure from V. Kotěšovec, [234 best chess problems](#), 2008, p.12)

360. Václav Kotěšovec
original



sh#8 (2+9) C+
2 solutions
toroidal chessboard 6x6
♟♟=Grasshopper

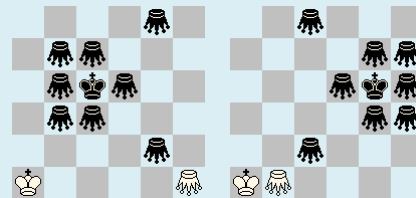
Exact echo with 11 pieces
Double checks

WinChloe ID = 931582

1.Ge2 2.Kc3 3.Kc4 4.Gbb3 5.Gcc5 6.Gab5
7.Gfc3 8.Gdd4 Gf1#

1.Ke3 2.Ke4 3.G4f4 4.Gff3 5.Gee5 6.Gaf5
7.Gbe3 8.Gdd4 Gb1#

Mating positions:



In the first solution, the white grasshopper gives checkmate via f1-a2-over Gb3 and via f1-a6-over Gb5.

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Definitions of stipulations - Definice výzev

Series: several consecutive moves played by the same side. During the series the side moving may not expose its King to check. The enemy King may also not be checked, except possibly on the last move of the series before play transfers back to the opposing side.		
Series mate	sd#n	White plays a series of n moves concluding in mate to Black.
Series stalemate	sd=n	White plays a series of n moves concluding in stalemate to Black.
Series auto-stalemate	sd-auto=n	White plays a series of n moves concluding in stalemate to White.
Series helpmate	sh#n	Black plays a series of n moves following which White mates in 1 move.
Series helpstalemate	sh=n	Black plays a series of n moves following which White stalemates in 1 move.
Series selfmate	ss#n	White plays a series of n moves following which Black is compelled to mate White in 1 move.

Helpmate	h#n	Black starts and helps White to deliver mate on White's n-th move. If n is a half-integer, White starts.
Helpstalemate	h=n	Black starts and helps White to deliver stalemate on White's n-th move. If n is a half-integer, White starts.
Helpselfmate	hs#n	White starts and Black helps to reach a position where White has a S#1, i.e. Black is forced to mate on Black's n-th move. If n is a half-integer, Black starts.
Helpselfstalemate	hs=n	White starts and Black helps to reach a position where White has a s=1, i.e. Black is forced to stalemate on Black's n-th move. If n is a half-integer, Black starts.

All problems in the book were computer tested, which is marked as „C+” under diagram.

Definitions of fairy pieces - Definice exokamenů

Alfil	[2,2] leaper	alfil	[2,2] skokan
Amazon	Queen + Knight	amazonka	Kombinovaná figura, dáma + jezdec.
Antelope	[3,4] leaper	antilopa	[3,4] skokan
Beetle (scarabée)	Moves as Grasshopper, but makes a knight leap of about 26.565° (either way) on passing over the hurdle. For example from d1 over piece on d4 to c6 or to e6.	brouk (scarabeus ?)	Přeskakující figura, pohybuje se před přeskočením po liniích dámy a přeskakuje první kámen, který jí stojí v cestě skokem jezdce pod úhlem 26.5°.
Bishophopper	Moves like a Grasshopper but only on Bishop-lines. <i>In the PDB database called also Bishopper</i>	střelcový cvrček	Pohybuje se po diagonálách na první pole bezprostředně za prvním kamenem, který mu stojí v cestě.
Camel	[1,3] leaper	velbloud	[1,3] skokan
Double Grasshopper	Makes two consecutive moves like a G as part of a single move. The first G-move must be to a vacant square. Change of direction, including switchback, is allowed.	dvojcvrček	Figura, pohybující se jako cvrček, koná však dva tahy za sebou, aniž by tyto musely být v přímce. Brát může jen v druhém tahu.
Eagle (Adler, aigle)	Moves as Grasshopper, but changes direction by 90° after passing the hurdle	orel	Přeskakující figura pohybující se jako cvrček, při přeskočení se však točí o 90°
Giraffe	[1,4] leaper	žirafa	[1,4] skokan
Grasshopper	Moves along Queen-lines over another unit of either colour to the square immediately beyond that unit. A capture may be made on arrival, but the hurdle is not affected.	cvrček	Pohybuje se po frontálách nebo diagonálách na první pole bezprostředně za prvním kamenem, který mu stojí v cestě. Na diagramu se označuje symbolem dámy otočeným o 180°.
Kangaroo	Moves like a Grasshopper but jumps over two units of either colour to the square immediately beyond the second unit.	klokan	Pohybuje se po diagonálách a frontálách na první pole bezprostředně za druhým kamenem, který stojí na přímé linii jeho pohybu.
Kangaroo-Lion	Moves as Lion, but hurdles over any two units to land any distance beyond the second unit.	klokanový lion	Přeskakující figura pohybující se po diagonálách nebo frontálách na jakékoli volné pole za druhým kamenem, který jí stojí v cestě, popř. na pole obsazené soupeřovým kamenem, který bere.
leaper	Moves in one leap from its departure square to its arrival square, like a Knight, which is a [1,2] Leaper ([1,2] indicates the relative positions of the departure and arrival squares).	skokan	Bodová figura, přemísťující se o souřadnice [x,y] nebo [y,x] ve všech možných směrech.

Leo	Pao + Vao	leo	Metafigura, pohybuje se jako dáma, působí jako dáma na linii za prvním kamenem, který jí stojí v cestě.
Lion	Moves and captures like a Grasshopper, but its arrival square may be any number of squares beyond the hurdle, provided the line is free.	lion	Pohybuje se po diagonálách nebo frontálách na jakékoli volné pole za prvním kamenem, který mu stojí v cestě, popř. na pole obsazené soupeřovým kamenem, který bere.
Locust	Piece, which make the same pattern of moves as a grasshopper but can only move when the hurdle is an enemy piece, which is captured. The finish square of the move must be vacant.	saranče	Figura, pohybující se jako cvrček, ale pouze přes soupeřův kámen, který je tímto brán, s podmínkou, že pole za ním je volné.
Mao	The Chinese Knight, which is a Rider, moving along a bent line to the arrival square of a normal Knight, first orthogonally then diagonally. The Mao can be interfered with on the intervening square.	mao	Figura, která se pohybuje jako jezdec, je-li frontální pole v daném směru volné (mao c3 může táhnout na d5 jen tehdy, je-li c4 volné, stojí-li na d5 čK a na c4 jiný černý kámen, je tento vázán).
Moa	Moves like a Knight, but via the square diagonally adjacent to it. If this square is occupied, the move is not playable. The Moa can therefore be interfered with on this square.	moa	Figura, která se pohybuje jako jezdec, je-li diagonální pole v daném směru volné (moa c3 může táhnout na d5 jen tehdy, je-li d4 volné, stojí-li na d5 černý král a na d4 černý kámen, je tento kámen vázán).
Moose (Elch, elan)	Moves as Grasshopper, but changes direction by 45° after passing the hurdle	los	Přeskakující figura pohybující se jako cvrček, při přeskoku se však točí o 45°
Nightrider	A Rider along a straight line on squares lying a Knight's move away from each other.	tátoš	Liniová figura s jednotkovým tahem jezdce. Na diagramu se označuje symbolem jezdce otočeným o 180°.
Nightriderhopper	Moves like a Grasshopper but only on Nightrider-lines.	tátošový cvrček	Pohybuje se po liniích tátoše na první pole bezprostředně za prvním kamenem, který mu stojí v cestě.
Okapi	Knight + Zebra	okapi	jezdec + zebra
Pao	The Chinese Rook, which moves like a normal Rook but captures like a Lion, on Rook-lines only	pao	Metafigura, pohybuje se jako věž, působí jako věž na linii za prvním kamenem, který jí stojí v cestě.
Pawn + Grasshopper (German: Floh)	Pawn which doesn't promote + Grasshopper		Kombinovaný kámen pěšec (bez možnosti proměny) + cvrček

Rookhopper	Moves like a Grasshopper but only on Rook-lines.	věžový cvrček	Pohybuje se po frontálách na první pole bezprostředně za prvním kamenem, který mu stojí v cestě.
Rook-Locust	Moves like a Locust but only on Rook-lines.	věžové saranče	Táhno jako saranče ale jen po věžových liniích
Rose	Moves like a Nightrider but on a circular path, e.g. a1-b3-d4-f3-g1, or a1-c2-d4-c6-a7.	růže	Figura pohybující se v rámci pravidelného osmiúhelníku, jehož stranou je tah jezdců. Jsou-li všechna uvedená pole volná, je možný i čistý tempový tah návratem na původní pole.
royal piece	A piece with a King's properties. Such a piece retains its normal powers of movement and capture. A royal pawn promotes to a royal piece.	kámen s funkcí krále	Kameny s funkcí krále, ale chodem určitého kamene, např. jezdcový král nebo cvrčkový král. Tyto kameny nemají právo rošády.
Sparrow (Spatz, moineau)	Moves as Grasshopper, but changes direction by 135° after passing the hurdle	vrabec	Přeskakující figura pohybující se jako cvrček, při přeskočení se však točí o 135°
Vao	The Chinese Bishop, which moves like a normal Bishop but captures like a Lion, on Bishop-lines only	vao	Metafigura, bez braní táhne jako střelec, bere a šachuje na střelcové linii za prvním kamenem, který jí stojí v cestě.
Zebra	[2,3] leaper	zebra	[2,3] skokan

Definitions of fairy conditions - Definice exopodmínek

Alphabetic Chess (Alphabetiques)	Each side must play with which of its units that stands on the square which is earliest in alphabetical sequence (a1, a2, ... , a8, b1, ... , h8) and which has a legal move.	Alfabetický šach	Obě strany jsou povinny hrát kamenem, který je první z hlediska algebraické notace v pořadí a1-a8, b1-b8, c1-c8, atd.
KöKo (Kölner Kontaktschach)	A move is legal only if at least one of the squares adjacent to the arrival square is occupied (i.e. a unit, having moved, must be in contact with another).	KöKo (Kölner Kontaktschach)	Je možno táhnout jen na pole, na jehož sousedních polích (frontálně či diagonálně) stojí alespoň jeden kámen (platí i pro teoretické braní krále).
Madrasi	Like units other than Kings are paralysed when they attack each other. Paralysed units cannot move, capture or give check, their only power being that of causing paralysis.	Madrasi	Kameny stejné hodnoty, ale opačné barvy, které se napadají, se paralyzují. Paralyzování nemusí být oboustranné, např. u některých přeskakujících figur. Paralyzovaný kámen ztrácí veškerou působnost (ani netahá) kromě moci paralyzovat.
Madrasi Rex Inclusiv	The rule applies to Kings as well, so the two Kings may stand next to each other.	Madrasi Rex Inclusiv	Podmínka Madrasi se vztahuje i na oba krále. Stojí-li na sousedních polích (frontálně i diagonálně), jsou navzájem paralyzováni a šachu nemůže být bráněno ústupem.
Maximummer	Black must play the geometrically longest legal move available, or freely from among equal longest legal moves. Checks are normal.	maximálník	Podmínkový problém, v němž je černý povinen dělat geometricky nejdelší tahy (délka tahu, který není proveden po frontále, se počítá jako přepona trojúhelníka, rošáda se počítá jako součet délky tahu krále i věže). V případě existence více tahů stejné délky může provést kterýkoliv z nich, vztahuje-li se podmínka na bílého, musí to být výslovně uvedeno.
PlatzWechselCirce (PWC)	A unit (not a King) when captured, is replaced on the square just vacated by its captor. <i>In the PDB database called also "Interchange Circe".</i>	výměnné circe	Braný a beroucí kámen si navzájem vymění místa, pěšec může stát na své první řadě, z níž se však může dostat jen jiným přemístěním (nikoli vlastním tahem). V případě přesunu na svou poslední řadu se proměňuje podle volby strany, která brala.
Rex Multiplex	More kings allowed.	Rex Multiplex	Hra s více králi jedné nebo obou stran na šachovnici.
Toroidal chessboard (Anchor-ring, RingZylinder, echiquier torique)	Board in which the a- and h-files are joined and the bottom and top ranks are also joined.	prstencová šachovnice	Šachovnice stočená do tvaru válce tak, aby okrajové řady i okrajové sloupce byly vedle sebe.

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