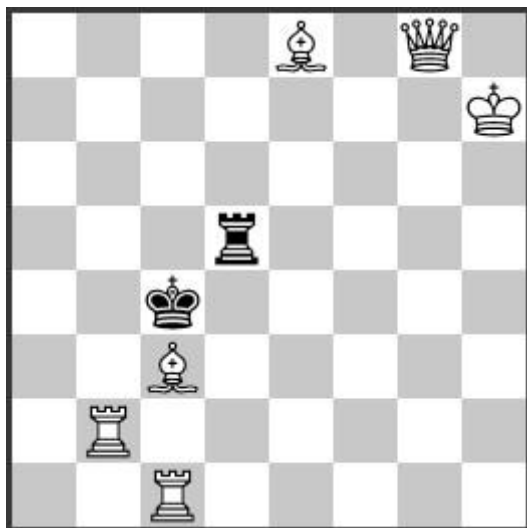


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S#10 twins a-f 6+2 C+ Gustav 4.2h FEN: 4B1Q1/7K/8/3r4/2k5/2B5/1R6/2R5

Selfmate in 10 moves

a) diagram b)=a) Rb2>b7 c)=b) Be8>e4 d)=c) Kh7>h1
e)=d) Rb7>b6 f)=e) Rb6>a5

Solutions:

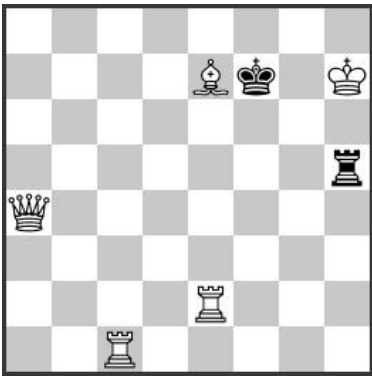
- a) 1.Bf6+ Kd3 2.Qg3+ Ke4 3.Bg6+ Rf5 4.Re2+ Kd5 5.Qb3+ Kd6 6.Be7+ Kd7
7.Qa4+ Rb5 8.Bf5+ Ke8 9.Bg4! Kf7 10.Bh5+ R:h5#
- b) 1.Bh5! Kd3 2.Qg3+ Kc4 3.Bf7! Kc5 4.Be1+ Kd4 5.Bf2+ Ke4 6.Re1+ Kf5
7.Be6+ Kf6 8.Qf4+ Rf5 9.Kh6! R:f4 10.Bh4+ R:h4#
2. ... Ke4 3.Re1+ Kf5 4.Bg4+ Kg5 5.Bf6+ K:f6 6.Qf4+ Rf5
7.Rf7+ K:f7 8.Qc7+ Kf6/8 9.Qd8+ Kf7 10.Bh5+ R:h5#
- c) 1.Qe6! Kc5 2.Qb6+ Kc4 3.Qb3+ Kc5 4.Bf6+ Kd6 5.Rb6+ Kd7 6.Qa4+ Rb5
7.Bf3! Ke8 8.Rc7! Kf8 9.Rc8+ Kf7 10.Bh5+ R:h5#
- d) 1.Bf5! Kc5 2.Qc8+ Kd6 3.Qb8+ Kc6 4.Rb6+ Kc5 5.Be1+ Kd4 6.Rb4+ Ke3
7.Qg3+ Ke2 8.Re4+ Kf1 9.Qd3+ R:d3 10.Bh3+ R:h3#
- e) 1.Bh7! Kc5 2.Ba5+ Kd4 3.Qg1+ Ke5 4.Re1+ Kf4 5.Re4+ Kf3 6.Qg4+ Kf2
7.Qe2+ Kg3 8.Be1+ Kh3 9.Bf5+ R:f5 10.Qf1+ R:f1#
- f) 1.Qe6! Kb3 2.Bf6! Kb4 3.Qb6+ Rb5 4.Rb1+ Kc4 5.Ra4+ Rb4 6.Qa5! R:a4
7.Bd5+ Kd3 8.Qc3+ Ke2 9.Bf3+ Kf2 10.Bh4+ R:h4#

Continued twins. White's distinctly varied play forces Black to mate the white king in different ways in each of sixt twin positions, which change successively in relation to the previous position.

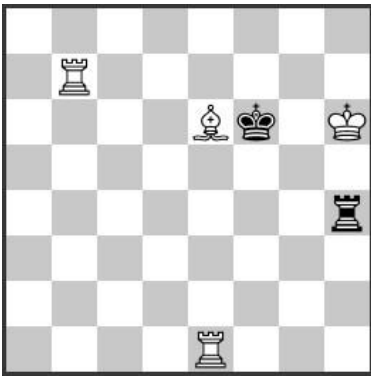
Black's rook gives seven model mates.

In twin b), there are two variations after White's second move, in which the mate positions form a chameleon echo. The mate position from twin b2) is repeated twice more, in twins a) and c), after a completely different course of play. In twins c), d) and e), we see a double change of continuation of the play until mate, after the same first move by Black. The mate positions in d) and e) create an echo in a mirrored reflection along the diagonal a8-h1. In the last twin the key is the same as in (c), but the continued play is completely different and just as attractive as all the others.

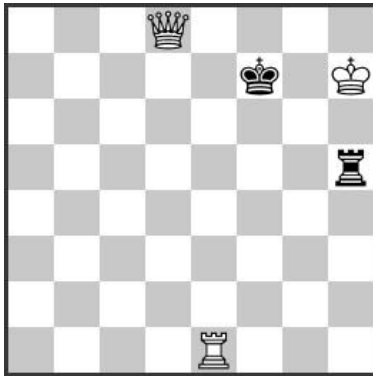
Positions of mates:



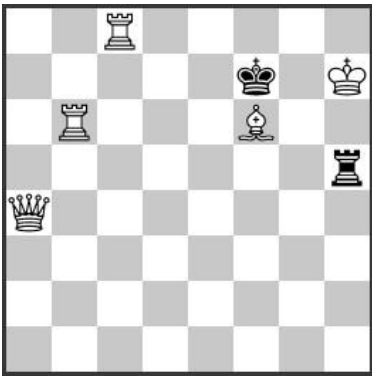
model mate in a)



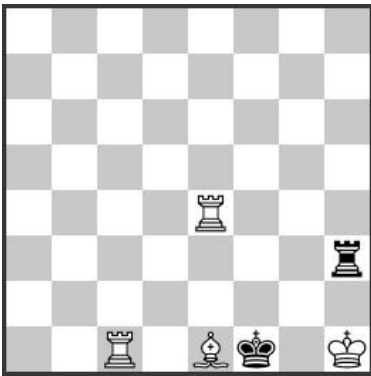
model mate in b1)



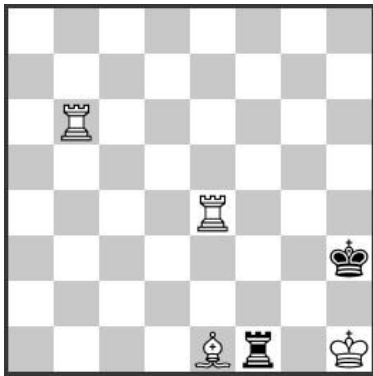
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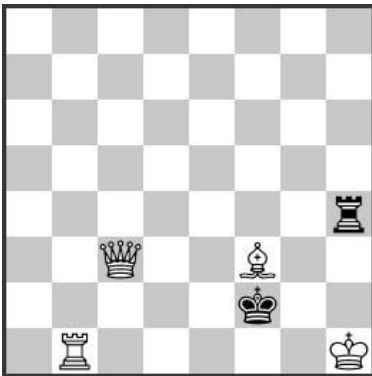
model mate in c)



model mate in d)



model mate in e)



model mate in f)