

# Package ‘chess’

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back

*Go back in the game tree, reverting the last move from current branch***Description**

Go back in the game tree, reverting the last move from current branch

**Usage**

```
back(game, steps = 1)
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
steps	How many steps (half-turns) to go back

**Value**

A game node

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board_color	<i>Get information about the current board given a color</i>
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**Description**

Get information about the current board given a color

**Usage**

```
has_insufficient_material(game, color)
has_castling_rights(game, color)
has_kingside_castling_rights(game, color)
has_queenside_castling_rights(game, color)
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
color	Color to use (TRUE is White and FALSE is Black)

**Value**

A boolean

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board\_is

*Get information about the current board*

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### **Description**

Get information about the current board

### **Usage**

is\_checkmate(game)

is\_check(game)

is\_game\_over(game)

is\_stalemate(game)

is\_insufficient\_material(game)

is\_seventyfive\_moves(game)

is\_fivefold\_repetition(game)

is\_repetition(game, count = 3)

can\_claim\_draw(game)

can\_claim\_fifty\_moves(game)

can\_claim\_threefold\_repetition(game)

has\_en\_passant(game)

### **Arguments**

game            A game node

count           Number of moves to count for repetition

### **Value**

A boolean

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board_move	<i>Get information about the current board given a move</i>
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**Description**

Get information about the current board given a move

**Usage**

```

gives_check(game, move, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
is_en_passant(game, move, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
is_capture(game, move, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
is_zeroing(game, move, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
is_irreversible(game, move, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
is_castling(game, move, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
is_kingside_castling(game, move, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
is_queenside_castling(game, move, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))

```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
move	Move to consider
notation	Notation used for move

**Value**

A boolean

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board_to_string	<i>Convert a board to either unicode or ASCII string</i>
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**Description**

Convert a board to either unicode or ASCII string

**Usage**

```
board_to_string(x, unicode = FALSE, invert_color = FALSE, empty_square = ".")
```

**Arguments**

x	A board
unicode	Use unicode characters?
invert_color	Invert piece color? Useful for white text on dark background.
empty_square	Character used for empty square

**Value**

A string

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fen	<i>Get FEN representation of board</i>
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**Description**

Get FEN representation of board

**Usage**

fen(game)

**Arguments**

game	A game node
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**Value**

A string

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forward	<i>Advance in the game tree, playing next move from current branch</i>
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**Description**

Advance in the game tree, playing next move from current branch

**Usage**

forward(game, steps = 1)

**Arguments**

game	A game node
steps	How many steps (half-turns) to advance

**Value**

A game node

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game	<i>Create a new game</i>
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**Description**

A game is a tree with nodes, where each node represents the board after a move and each branch represents a variation of the game (not to be confused with a variant of chess). This tree mirrors the **PGN** of the game.

To explore a game, an object of this class supports `print()`, `plot()`, `str()`, `fen()`, `pgn()` and more.

**Usage**

```
game(headers = NULL, fen = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

headers	A named list like <code>list("Header1" = "Value1", ...)</code>
fen	FEN representing the starting position of the board

**Value**

A game root node

**Examples**

```
print(game())
```

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glyph_to_nag	<i>Convert glyph to NAG</i>
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**Description**

Convert glyph to NAG

**Usage**

```
glyph_to_nag(glyph)
```

**Arguments**

glyph	A game node
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**Value**

An integer

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halfmove_clock	<i>Get number of half-moves since the last capture or pawn move</i>
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**Description**

Get number of half-moves since the last capture or pawn move

**Usage**

```
halfmove_clock(game)
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
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**Value**

An integer

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install_chess	<i>Install python-chess</i>
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**Description**

Install python-chess

**Usage**

```
install_chess(method = "auto", conda = "auto", ...)
```

**Arguments**

method	Installation method
conda	The path to a conda executable
...	Other arguments passed on to <a href="#">reticulate::py_install()</a>



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line	<i>Branch game with next move</i>
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**Description**

Branch game with next move

**Usage**

```
line(game, moves, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
moves	Vector of one or more description of moves
notation	Notation used for moves

**Value**

A game node

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move	<i>Make moves and create variations</i>
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**Description**

Adding moves to a game works roughly in the same way as PGN. Strings are added as single moves, and lists are added as variations (siblings) to the last move made. After adding moves, the game node returned corresponds to the last move of the mainline. See the examples for more information.

**Usage**

```
move(game, ..., notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
...	Sequence of moves (lists are converted to a variation the same way parentheses work in PGN)
notation	Notation used for moves (san, uci, or xboard)

**Value**

A game node

## Examples

```
game() %>%  
  move("e4") %>%  
  move("e5") %>%  
  move(list("e6")) %>%  
  move(list("d5", "Bc4", "dxc4")) %>%  
  back() %>%  
  str()
```

```
game() %>%  
  move("e4") %>%  
  move("e5") %>%  
  move(list("e6"), list("d5", "Bc4", "dxc4")) %>%  
  back() %>%  
  str()
```

```
game() %>%  
  move("e4", "e5", list("e6"), list("d5", "Bc4", "dxc4")) %>%  
  back() %>%  
  str()
```

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moves

*Get all legal moves available*

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## Description

Get all legal moves available

## Usage

```
moves(game)
```

## Arguments

game            A game node

## Value

A vector of strings

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move_	<i>Make moves and create variations</i>
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**Description**

Make moves and create variations

**Usage**

```
move_(game, moves, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
moves	List of moves
notation	Notation used for moves

**Value**

A game node

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move_number	<i>Get number of move</i>
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**Description**

Get number of move

**Usage**

```
move_number(game)
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
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**Value**

An integer

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nag

*Parse Numeric Annotation Glyph (NAG) of a move*

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**Description**

Parse Numeric Annotation Glyph (NAG) of a move

**Usage**

nag(game)

**Arguments**

game            A game node

**Value**

A string

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note

*Get comment for a move*

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**Description**

Get comment for a move

**Usage**

note(game)

**Arguments**

game            A game node

**Value**

A string

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parse_move	<i>Parse move in context</i>
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**Description**

Parse move in context

**Usage**

```
parse_move(game, moves, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
moves	A move string
notation	Notation used for move

**Value**

A move object

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pgn	<i>Get PGN for node of a game</i>
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**Description**

Get PGN for node of a game

**Usage**

```
pgn(game)
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
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**Value**

A string

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play	<i>Move a piece on the board</i>
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**Description**

Move a piece on the board

**Usage**

```
play(game, moves, notation = c("san", "uci", "xboard"))
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
moves	Vector of one or more description of moves
notation	Notation used for moves

**Value**

A game node

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plot.chess.pgn.GameNode	<i>Plot rendering of the board</i>
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**Description**

Plot rendering of the board

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'chess.pgn.GameNode'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A game node
...	Not used

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ply_number	<i>Get number of ply</i>
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**Description**

Get number of ply

**Usage**

```
ply_number(game)
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
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**Value**

An integer

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print.chess.Board	<i>Print board</i>
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**Description**

Print board

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'chess.Board'  
print(x, unicode = FALSE, invert_color = FALSE, empty_square = ".", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A game board
unicode	Use unicode characters?
invert_color	Invert piece color? Useful for white text on dark background.
empty_square	Character used for empty square
...	Not used

```
print.chess.pgn.GameNode
    Print game node
```

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**Description**

Print game node

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'chess.pgn.GameNode'
print(x, unicode = FALSE, invert_color = FALSE, empty_square = ".", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A game node
unicode	Use unicode characters?
invert_color	Invert piece color? Useful for white text on dark background.
empty_square	Character used for empty square
...	Not used

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```
print.chess.pgn.Variations
    Print a list of variations
```

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**Description**

Print a list of variations

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'chess.pgn.Variations'
print(x, unicode = FALSE, invert_color = FALSE, empty_square = ".", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A game node
unicode	Use unicode characters?
invert_color	Invert piece color? Useful for white text on dark background
empty_square	Character used for empty square
...	Not used



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read_game	<i>Read a game from a PGN</i>
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**Description**

Read a game from a PGN

**Usage**

```
read_game(file, n_max = Inf)
```

**Arguments**

file	File or connection to read from
n_max	Maximum number of games to read

**Value**

A game node

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result	<i>Get result of the game ("*" if it hasn't ended)</i>
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**Description**

Get result of the game ("\*" if it hasn't ended)

**Usage**

```
result(game)
```

**Arguments**

game	Any node of a game
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**Value**

A string

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root	<i>Get the root node of a game</i>
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**Description**

Get the root node of a game

**Usage**

root(game)

**Arguments**

game	A game node
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**Value**

A game node

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turn	<i>Get whose turn it is</i>
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**Description**

Get whose turn it is

**Usage**

turn(game)

**Arguments**

game	A game node
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**Value**

A boolean (TRUE is White and FALSE is Black)

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variation	<i>Follow variation of a move, playing its first move</i>
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**Description**

Follow variation of a move, playing its first move

**Usage**

```
variation(game, id = 1)
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
id	Index of variation (1 is the current branch)

**Value**

A game node

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variations	<i>Get all variations for next move (the children of current node)</i>
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**Description**

Get all variations for next move (the children of current node)

**Usage**

```
variations(game)
```

**Arguments**

game	A game node
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**Value**

A list of games nodes

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write_game	<i>Save a game as an PGN</i>
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**Description**

Save a game as an PGN

**Usage**

```
write_game(x, file)
```

**Arguments**

x	Any node of a game
file	File or connection to write to

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write_svg	<i>Save an SVG with rendering of the board</i>
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---

**Description**

Save an SVG with rendering of the board

**Usage**

```
write_svg(x, file)
```

**Arguments**

x	A game node
file	File or connection to write to

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