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By offering suggestions on how to improve, everyone can chime in and we can work towards improving the service. 236 Looking to buy or sell Go related goods and/or services? Post here! 56 This forum category exists to converse about Joseki positions. In particular, when questions and comments arise while using the Joseki explorer, they will show up here where people can discuss them in more detail. 188 Forum Games, where games on the forums are played 100 Use this category to discuss anything related to 3rd party applications that access online-go.com 28 This category is for discussing variants to the game, such as alternate rules or alternate board topologies. 75 We have gone thru the win by timeout topic a million times. Games are annulled to prevent rank inflation. No problem with that.By the same token, win by players account removed should also be annulled as well. Right? Wait, how does this even happen? I've had a quick look at my game history, and accounts I've lost against that have been deleted are still shown as losses they deleted their own account while game was still ongoing 1 Like andysif:By the same token, win by players account removed should also be annulled as well. Right?Yeah in theory.I think the in practice is that this is so comparatively rare that we haven't dug in to make that happen. 2 Likes fair enough When its my time, I hope that the message my opponents get is eaten by a gator 4 Likes Now, that is a clear case of see you later alligator. 2 Likes I would like to keep the ratings points if I beat my opponent so badly they decide to delete their account. 8 Likes Why should it be annulled? Force ending works likes resignation. 2 Likes I 100% agree. Same with all time outs or being cheated against (which would need the ability to change the winner of games after the game) Now I am wondering, has it ever happened? Maybe in circuits with high stakes, large money prizes, like eSports or chess. Something like some super GM dragged away by the police in the middle of a match We have a number of threads reporting issues.The status is:Getting wrong you have an outstanding warning message, or just cant start a game Quick fix applied, we hope it gets rid of the problem Root cause identified, well fix it properly in due course(and put in some of the suggestions discussed just now in threads) Dont know yet. Kind of hoping its the same thing lets monitor and see. 6 Likes Tournaments do appear to be fixed now as well 5 Likes 3 posts were split to a new topic: Slow internet icon problem This came up in a game and I thought it kind of odd:In hindsight I know what was causing the issue. There was ko in the bottom right and neither of us played it.However this isnt an open border, and both players agreed black is dead. OGS shouldnt emit the open border warning, right? 9 Likes This looks like the first genuine autscore bug Ive seen in a long time. Here is the game for reference. Using my autscore tester, it looks like it sometimes gets it right (image 2) and sometimes gets it wrong (image 3).linkAs you can maybe infer from the image, it seems to not care whether you request the autscore for black to play or white to play, so maybe the algorithm ignores that aspect.I even once saw unsettled stones, which I thought didnt exist in autscore: 5 Likes Love the unsettled-stones-as-hearts at E3 E4! 1 Like Id be curious what your algorithm does in the top left of this game also online-go.com Thrillho vs. DaddyOho - 2025-06-21 Is there a correlation? Even a reverse correlation?Shall we find out?If you have both a Go and chess rating, and youve played at least a hundred games of each, feel free to post them; with enough data we can make a scatter graph.For best results, give whatever you have ofyour IRL Go rankyour OGS rankyour IRL chess ratingyour Lichess (rapid or blitz) ratingyour Chess.com ratingand alsoroughly how many games of Go youve played (two significant figures)roughly how many of chess (again, two significant figures)when you started Gowhen you started chesswhich one you think youre stronger atRatings to the nearest hundred, please. You can check 6) with Got Stats?Take a pitchfork as you come in: Im 5k EGF, 3k OGS, 1600 Lichess.I started Go in January 2016 and chess in March 2017. Ive played about 2,400 games of Go and 4,400 of chess.I think Im stronger at Go. 7 Likes Im 3d EGF, 3d OGS, 1100 Lichess.I started go in 1988 and chess in ~1975. Ive played about 8,000 games of go and about 100 games of chess.Im sure Im stronger at go. 9 Likes Im 2kyu ogs, 2dan fox, 1100 chess.comStarted go about 4 months ago ~2500 games (mostly fast 9x9)Played chess for roughly 1-2 years (>4000 [fast] games)Its not even close, Go feels so much easier to me, while I never got an even halfway decent understanding of chess 6 Likes Never played chess seriously. Tried a few blitz games (3+0) on lichess and got to 765. I couldnt see obvious things, in many games I resigned very early (my profile).1k EGF, my rank on ogs varies a lot (2d-9k?) played 30k+ go games, maybe 30 or 40 chess games considering the 12 I played today.I started to play go in 2013. I dont remember when I learned chess rules but I was a kid.I am sure Im stronger at go too. 5 Likes Im 2d OGS, 3d KGS, 2000 chess.com, 2100 lichessAbout 1800 Irl chess(OSCF)Started chess in 2011 and go around 2010, played on and off since thenPlayed about 2000 blitz/bullet chess games and a couple tournamentsPlayed maybe 500 games of go, half online and half IrlProbably better at chess. That could change though since Ive played more go recently 4 Likes Definitely better at Go (I mean we are in the OGS forums arent we haha)7k OGS (probably closer to 5k if I play live), somewhere around 1000 lichess. Havent played enough there to get a solid rating.My guess is that skill is correlated, but it doesnt carry over directly. Something like if someone is good at go AND they study chess seriously THEN they will be good at chess. Im okay at Go, and I DONT study chess seriously, so Im still bad at chess haha. 3 Likes Im not at 100 chess games, but I think my rating is accurate enough. 7k/1500 OGS, 1300 rapid Lichess. 940 go games, 37 chess games. Played both as a kid decades ago but got more serious in the last 18 months, including watching my kids do a bunch of chesskd lessons.Definitely way stronger at go, probably my go self could beat my chess self by 6 stones.Now whos going to start the OGS Forum Users team on Lichess so we can meet up over there too?? 4 Likes Im 5d OGS, 7d Fox, 1713? lichess rapid (only 29 rapid games there so far so there is still this question mark)Dont know if Ive played 10000 Go games, but much much more than 1000 for sure. Ive played 35 lichess games so far and the number of offline chess games is probably less than 10. I learned Go and chess almost at the same time, around 5 years old. Im definitely better at Go. 2 Likes 8 kyu AGA (official, old, probably closer to 5 kyu, 1d guess)4 kyu OGS1516 Lichess at chess960 Aumpa - Chess960 stats lichess.orgIts hard to estimate how many games Ive played. Chess could be more, but only because blitz chess is faster.I learned chess as a child and played through my teens and into my 20s. Collected and studied a few chess books. I didnt start playing go until my early 30s. Ive continued to play both, but have spent a lot more time studying go. Now Im in my 40s. Im at about mean average strength on both OGS and Lichess, I think.Im aspiring to be stronger in go, solve tsumego, read books. With chess I enjoy variants, blitz, and do chess puzzles.I think that Ive put more time into studying go, but because I started chess younger, my skills are about similar. 1 Like This topic make me really think that we miss a kind of biathlon chess/go tournament( I am out for chess, never played online. I dont think to be better as 18k) 1 Like Im 5k EGF, 3k OGS, 1600 Lichess.I started Go in January 2016 and chess in March 2017. Ive played about 2,400 games of Go and 4,400 of chess.It seems you and I are evenly matched in both go and chess, but I think youre playing a lot more than I am. I would say that wed make good rivals, but I think youre improving a lot more rapidly, so youll probably surpass me in both over the next few years. 1 Like A very rough analysis could be: on the Go forum, players are better at go than chess. I believe on the chess forum (whatever) we should see the same but reversed. 3 Likes I think the interesting question is not which game someone is stronger at, but whether theres any correspondence between relative chess skill and relative go skill. E.g., are players who are strong at chess also strong at go? does the strategic thinking of one lend some skill transfer to the other?I think @bugcats poll above was prompted by discussion in this thread: When a Go player tries ChessTo summarize,@Clossius1 posted a gif of himself making a blunder in chess, to which @Allerleirauh replied.If you spend any time on it, youll quickly reach 2000-ish. Once you get used to pieces. Strategic go thinking is just that powerful.with the implication that the strategic thinking gained from becoming a strong dan in go will make learning chess easy. bugcat said that hed played thousands of games of chess, but was still a long ways from reaching 2000. Allerleirauh replied that that was because he wasnt as strong as Clossius.Is there any basis in the assertion that being a strong dan in go will help someone to easily reach a rating of 2000 in chess? 3 Likes I cant say for real strong but i am pretty sure you are going to skip a lot in the first stages. From chess to go and go to chess. Simply because being used to think, search for contradiction, use the pieces (stones) together, read, and so on. Oh yeah, its helped me a lot. When I start learning a new game, I ask myself, "now which part of the board is the most important? corner, sides, or center?" 3 Likes As soon as they grasp some basics, chess players I teachd became really interesting to play because I wasnt that strong (skd) and they had a so fierce energy in finding moves to refute my plans, mostly by local reading. tournamentOff the cuff, I might have a format like this:A Match between two players consists of the following:A game of chess, 1 pt for win, pt for draw.A game of go, 2 pts for win.A game of chess with reversed colors from the first, 1 pt for win, pt for draw.However, I dont know how matchups would be determined. If there are only a small number of players, it could be a round-robin format. Heres the hard data so far:PlayerGo IRLKGSch. IRLLich.Ch.comGo stch.stGo gmchess gmterrificNone5dNone1700?None7,000?40genan3d EGF3dNone1100None198819758,000100mc2006None2d1800 OSCF210020002010202115002,000AllerleirauhNone2dNone1900 Cl.Sofia1k EGFVar.None800None201340civilianNone2kNoneNone11002021202022,5004,000bugcat5k EGF3kNone1600None2d1620172,4004,400Aumpa8k AGA4kNone1500benjitoNone7kNone1000NoneFeijoaNone7kNone1300None94037 I notice that so far, the only person (mc2006) who 1) has a dan rank and 2) declared at least 1,000 chess games is indeed over 2000 Elo (Lichess, Chess.com).Though Allerleirauh didnt say how many chess games hed played.So, the minimal @Allerleirauh hypothesis (if Im not putting words in his mouth) that a dan player with enough (eg. 1,000) games of chess will eventually reach 2000 seems to be supported by the data gathered thus far.But the information is still very spotty. 1 Like Page 2 To see discussion of a cross-game (eg. Go-chess) tournament, you might want to see the conversation started last May at Exploring other board games -- a challenge - #113 by bugcat.It stops and starts a few times over the last fifty posts of the thread. I remember that, but that suggestion was more about a long list of different games together (and the way to manage it). It was. Only linked on the off-chance itd be useful. bugcat: a dan player with enough (eg. 1,000) games of chess will eventually reach 2000! suppose that go reading skills would translate to other games, such as chess, and vice versa. But to reach dan level in go or 2000 chess rating, I think one needs more than reading ability alone. Without some amount of theoretical knowledge/guidance, I expect one gets stuck before reaching ~6k or ~1500 chess rating.Ive played some chess teaching games with a co-worker who is ~1800 lichess (he got some lessons when he was in a chess club in his youth). He did notice that unlike a regular chess novice, I have some reading ability: with sufficient time, I rarely hang my pieces and I can spot some basic tactics such as forks. But my chess reading is not better than his. And besides reading ability, he has a fair amount of knowledge about the opening and the endgame. So I may keep a fairly even game until the late opening / early middle game, but I have no chance at all to win (or even draw).I think chess is interesting, but Im not interested enough to invest a lot of time in practice and study. bugcat:EGF or AGA?EGFPlayed chess since childhood with chess school and everything, so probably a lot of games. I assumed Clossy is like 3d, so lichess 2000 which is like 1d wouldnt be too hard. Doesnt mean he wont need any learning but. But the brain is already used to this gamified thinking of alternating turns, initiative and so on, and to the relatively high level. Nothing stopping it from doing the same in chess. A normal regular person who might be unaccustomed to this type of thinking will have to reforge their brain to a great extent and maybe they arent built for this type at all, so theyll be 9k forever, despite what all the you can do it crowd might say.You can see that great players in one game can be decent in another game. Cho Chikun plays shogi, Nie Weiping - bridge or something.Grandmaster Alexander Morozevich has EGF 1d, maybe its not too accurate but around there.Grandmaster Tiger Hillarp Persson reached 1d KGS they say.So at some point of proficiency, you can reach 1d in similar games. Chess.com Many cultures have nationally popular strategy games, but rarely do top chess players "cross the streams" and take other games seriously. That's not true of GMs Tiger Hillarp Persson and Alexander Morozevich, who long ago claimed the top title in... 2 Likes A general fact is that if you are good at some subject X and take time to study subject Y, then you generally become good or at least decent at Y because you are used to putting intellectual effort.X and Y can be absolutely unrelated subjects.In my case: 5k EGF, 1d OGS, 2500 a bit less than 4000 go games, play go since 2016. I have never played much chess, maybe 100 games, and my chess level must be around 1000 on lichess (dont have stable rank on any chess server). 1 Like How do you know? I have no idea how many go games I played (many otc) It was a rough estimate that turned out to be complete nonsense. In fact I recounted again and it must be closer to 4000 go games. Details:Fox 231Tygem 205IGS 738KGS 300? (Dont know, the total number used to be accessible via kgs.gosquares.net but now the website requires a login) OGS 1711Club/friendly games 230?EGF rated 144Against my smartphone 200?I also played a negligible number of games on WBaduk and on yikewetqi. 3 Likes Im 1300-1400 lichess depending on blitz or rapid, and 19Kyu on OGS.Im pretty sure Im much better at chess than I am at Go, but aiming to catch up my level of Go to be equivalent to my level of chess. 4 Likes Allerleirauh.Grandmaster Tiger Hillarp Persson reached 1d KGS they sayHe is a solid 1d EGF! lost to him in the 5th round of the EGC 2019 (Brussels). His tactics were quite strong, and perhaps the main reason I lost (also, I probably underestimated his tactical ability until it was too late).After the game he told me he is more a chess player than a go player. I looked him up later and discovered he is a GM 6 Likes In the Netherlands there is Willy Hendriks, 3d EGF in go and IM in chess. 2 Likes Here is a game I played with Tiger in the Swedish championships 2021: beta.ai-sensei.com Online Go reviews with strong AI Transcribed as far as I could remember. It was an even game with some ups and downs in the graph. In the remaining game he overstretched a bit trying to make a comeback and F15 ended up dying IIRC.He will probably reach solid 2d soon He seems to take go quite seriously despite it not being his main game. I think hes been active in his local go club for the past few years. 2 Likes We might be able to see if a strong go player can learn and improve fast at chess: 2 Likes Chess GM Tiger Hillarp did well in the Dutch Open that was held in the previous weekend, ranking up to 2d EGF: Tiger Hillarp | Player card | E.G.D. - European Go Database Im 1300 chess.com 17-18 kyu OGS! play chess so more seriously 2 years, 2020-22Go only been a month.Chess 3000 games Rapid 15 + 10, online and quite a lot more live.I also have 5 chess categories won in a live tournament.Go 200 game 13x13, 22 19x19, 60 9x9.After a month in chess, I had 700-800 elo on chess.com, and after a month in Go, I have 18-17 kyu, so I suspect these may be very approximate figures.I wonder what level I will be able to achieve in go after 2 years.What do you think is the equivalent of 1300 chess.com in kyu degrees?My guess is: roughly equivalent to 10k OGS.this is my attempt at an overall go-chess rank comparison: table:(go rank (EGF) | EGF rating | USCF rating | chess rank (USCF or FIDE))|||||strongest computer | 3300 | 3500 | strongest computerstrongest human | 3000 | 2900 | strongest human9p | 2940 | 2800 | super GM6p | 2860 | 2700 |3p | 2780 | 2600 | GM7d/1p | 2700 | 2500 | IM6d | 2600 | 2400 | FM5d | 2500 | 2300 | CM4d | 2400 | 2200 | master3d | 2300 | 2100 | expert2d | 2200 | 2000 |1d | 2100 | 1900 | class A1k | 2000 | 1800 |2k | 1900 | 1700 | class B4k | 1700 | 1600 |6k | 1500 | 1500 | class C8k | 1300 | 1400 |10k | 1100 | 1300 | class D12k | 900 | 1200 |15k | 600 | 1100 | class E18k | 300 | 1000 |21k | 0 | 900 | class F24k | -300 | 800 |27k | -600 | 700 | class G30k | -900 | 600 |34k | -1300 | 500 | class H38k | -1700 | 400 |42k | -2100 | 300 | class I, first game by adult:246k | -2500 | 200 |50k | -2900 | 100 | class J, first game by child?USCF is United States Chess Federation. AFAIK its ratings are similar to chess.com ratingsEGF is European Go Federation. EGF ratings are quite different to OGS ratings, but EGF ranks are similar to OGS ranks (at least around 1d). 6 Likes It sounds very sensible, thanks a lot for your answer, I appreciate it 3 Likes Im primarily a chess player who picked up Go more recently. USCF a little over 2200. AGA 4k. Somewhere in the 5k range OGS.I must have played thousands of chess games by now, but maybe more like 500-600 Go games so far. 2 Likes Page 3 Coming back to this topic because I am now running both the chess club and the go club at my high school(Im mc2006, changed my username). There are about 5 people from chess club whom I convinced to join go club, and I will say I noticed that they seemed to grasp things faster and had better reading ability and pattern recognition(understood ladders instantly, etc). Additionally, those who had higher chess ratings exhibited stronger tendencies to pick things up quickly(could be my confirmation bias though). At the same time, there are also the same people who get good grades/are nerds/smart people(who else would play chess and go in high school). Therefore its hard to say whether it was playing chess that granted them this superior learning ability, or just their natural intelligence/superior dedication.Also, a quick update on my own ratings/ranks. I recently became 5D AGA, still 2D OGS(dont play much online anymore), Im also 6D in the Taiwanese Go system but I feel like those are inflated. 2200 chess.com, 2300 lichess, and 1900 OTB(OSCF). Im probably better at go these days. it was done at the time when KataGo was just started and LZ was still the main analysis AIs. Overall, it has a lot more variations than most thought. Unlike chess, there are some situations where many top moves are equally valid and the same (like in semeai, when you start to remove outside liberties, and most of the time all of the moves removing liberties would be the same). And Go AIs have evolved and changed a lot over the years, not even stabilized yet, and different AIs would give different top candidates, so if you just take the top candidate or top 5, they would give different answers (and different payouts would give different answers)Overall, the historically famous players have roughly similar scores at the time of the analysis (since players from the past would have records spanning their whole lives, while modern players and some of the top players are mostly still in their prime. Comparing just a period of their lives with some ancient players whole careers isnt that fair. Also, there is the problem of different rules, ancient players especially ancient Chinese players, would need to consider group tax and no komi hence when the analysis done, there havent be specialized trained AIs to deal with rule differences. Later on there are studies shown that the opening would change if applying ancient Chinese rules (one of the obvious thing is the opening 3-3 is a bad idea using ancient Chinese rules, since it creates a separate group and give yourself extra group tax, and the connect disconnect makes a lot of the early Joseki branches to different direction, since cut off the opponent would worth points) Topic Replies Views Activity Bugcat's thread guide An attempt to collect a non-exhaustive list of threads that might hold long-term interest. (Lounge excluded) SubjectThread 9x9Weird and Wonderful 9x9 Openings 13x1The 13x13 thread Anti-BoredomHow not to 50 50715 April 18, 2024 FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions Hello, everyone. 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