

# Maximum possible chess moves

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Dear NG,

I dont know if this has already been discussed before, but I'll just write the problem here. It could be placed in a more suitable newsgroup, but I only frequently post here and this is still a combinatoric problem.

We were discussing with a few fellow chessmates in the the chess-server (FICS) about the longest possible chess moves that can be done deliberately by two chess player while still following the rules of chess. Most important to note is the 50 move rule, which says that a game is a draw if upon the 50th move there is no pawn move or exchange of pieces and the draw is claimed after the 50th move (and we assume this will be done if it happens). Someone came with a wild number 5980 or a few figures higher, but I couldnt follow his line of thought. I thought I pose this problem here for the combinatorics and chess enthusiast :)

Sincerely,  
Jose Capco

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