- https://tromp.github.io/go.html
- other versions https://senseis.xmp.net/?RulesOfGo
- board (grid), points, players
- positions (blocks, liberties, legal)
- points reached by a different-color point
- alternate-turn, black first
- capturing (clearing)
- pass, move
- end of game
- score
- winner


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\text { a } 5 \times 5 \text { go game }
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black wins 11 to 4

moves from another go game

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black wins 15 to 9
rule 1.
board $m \times n$ rectangular grid of points, players black and white

default board size $19 \times 19$
rule 2. each point can be colored black/white/empty (position grid with each point colored)

rule 3. point P reaches not- P -color C if exists P -color-path from P to a C-color point


3d 3e 4e reach B-only all B-points reach W,E
other E-points reach $B, W$
all W-points reach $\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{E}$
block connected component of same-colored points block K liberties all E-points that touch any point of K


3 black blocks, 3 white blocks
block $\{\mathrm{d} 4 \mathrm{~d} 5$ e5\} liberties: $\{\mathrm{c} 5 \mathrm{~d} 3 \mathrm{e} 4\}$
block $\{\mathrm{c} 4\}$ liberty: $\{\mathrm{c} 5\}$
rule 4.
clear color $C$
empty all C-points that don't reach E

here, we cleared color W
a block is captured if it has no liberties rule 4 (rephrased). remove all captured C-blocks

here, we removed all captured W-blocks
rule 5. start from empty grid,
players alternate turns, black moves first

rule 6. a turn is either pass (do nothing) or a move not making an earlier position (superko)

pass ? 1.B[b3] 2.W[c1] 3.B[pass] 4.W[d2] ...
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superko ? move 9 (illegal)
rule 7. a move by player $P$ is
(1) P-color an E-point
(2) clear color $Q$ (opponent of $P$ )
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(3) is self-capture, allowed in logical rules of go, but not in Chinese/Korean/Japanese/. . . rules
rule 8. game ends after 2 consecutive passes


1. $\mathrm{B}[\mathrm{b} 3]$ 2. $\mathrm{W}[\mathrm{c} 1]$ 3. $\mathrm{B}[\mathrm{pass}]$ 4. $\mathrm{W}[\mathrm{d} 2]$
2. $\mathrm{B}[\mathrm{a} 2]$ 6. $\mathrm{W}[\mathrm{c} 3]$ 7. $\mathrm{B}[\mathrm{c} 2]$ 8. $\mathrm{W}[\mathrm{pass}]$
3. $\mathrm{B}[\mathrm{pass}]$
rule 9. score of player P with color C : number C-points + number E-points that reach only C


B-score $8+3=11$


W-score $5+4=9$
rule 10. winner player with higher score at game end (by prior agreement, a komi - fixed amount, e.g. 6.5can be added to W's final score)

here, komi $0 \quad B$ wins by $2 \quad(11-9)$
here, komi $6.5 \quad \mathrm{~W}$ wins by 4.5
$(9+6.5-11)$

## the end (logical rules of go)

