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Bending and Breaking Rules

- first, revisit emergence
 - as many interactions as possible between game elements
 - designing a system with emergence
 - examples
 - in chess, every piece affects every other piece
 - in go, each piece changes the entire board
 - surprise is a complicated thing to design into a game
 - emergence is good for...
 - allowing replay
 - creating different experiences

The five different players

- standard, dedicated, unsportsmanlike, cheat, spoil-sport
- have you cheated?
 - cheat codes, stealing money in Monopoly, lying in sport
- do you feel like you're doing something wrong?
 - depends on the other players
 - cheating by mistake?
- the transgressive pleasure
- is a cheat code cheating?
 - depends on the game – single or multiplayer
 - on your goals
 - on what the code does
 - difference between cheat codes and secrets
 - or is it determined by the releaser of the game?
 - an “official” wrong way
 - you can end up skipping the enjoyment
- is it immoral to cheat in multiplayer?
 - what if everyone is cheating?
 - if it's official?
 - convention – agreement between players
- is it immoral to cheat in single player?
 - is a walkthrough cheating?
- Fluxx – a game about changing the rules
 - it's not really changing the rules
 - it's just changing the state of the game
 - the things called “rules”
 - the Meta-rules don't change