

# **CS 314: Data Structures**

**First Discussion Section! - Spring 2022**

**Sam's Section**

Slides I make this semester will be available on my website: [cs.utexas.edu/~slaberge](http://cs.utexas.edu/~slaberge)

# Zoom Logistics

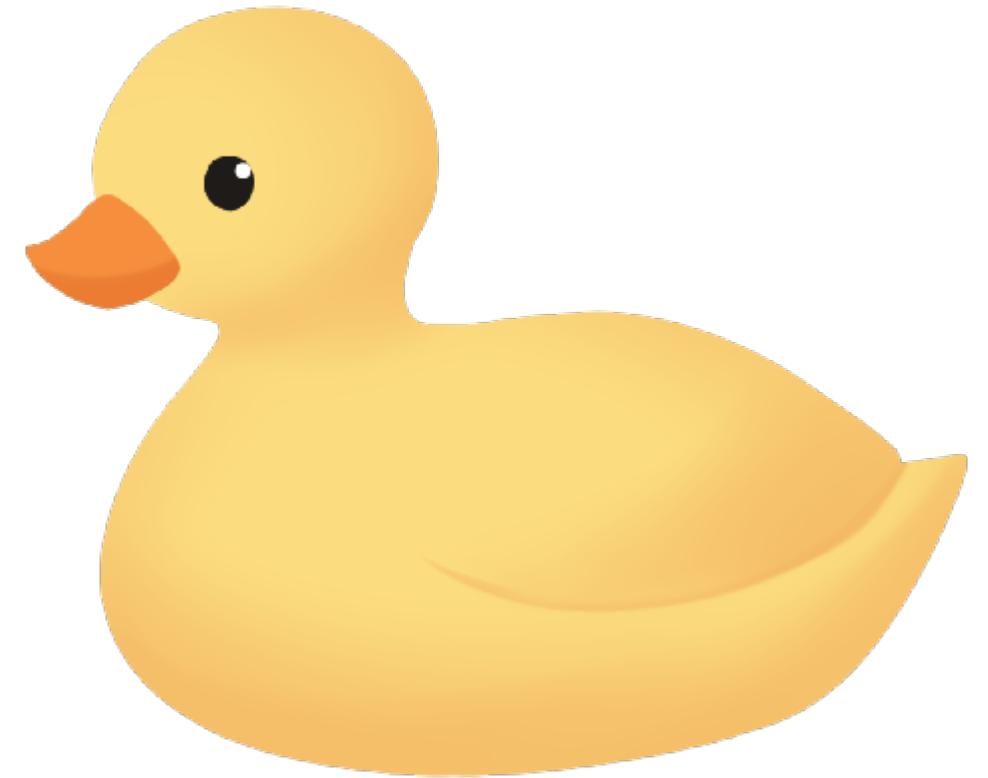
- Please turn your cameras on if possible
- Enter & leave breakout rooms quickly!
- If you have a question, just unmute yourself and ask or type it in chat
  - If this becomes too chaotic, we can switch to raising hands



# Help Hours

(formerly *Lab Hours*)

- You can go to any TA's (or Mike's) help hours
  - Mine are Monday 6-8pm, Tuesday 4-5pm (Zoom), Thursday 4-6pm
  - If you have questions you think only I can answer (e.g. my style preferences) and can't make my help hours, contact me!
- The line will get ***quite*** long later in the semester, so start assignments early!
- Sign up link for Zoom help hours: [cs314.utcselphours.com](http://cs314.utcselphours.com)
- In-person help hours are in the 3rd floor lab in GDC



If you have no idea why we seem  
obsessed with ducks, see: [Rubber Duck Debugging](#) (but also cuz they're cute)

# About Me

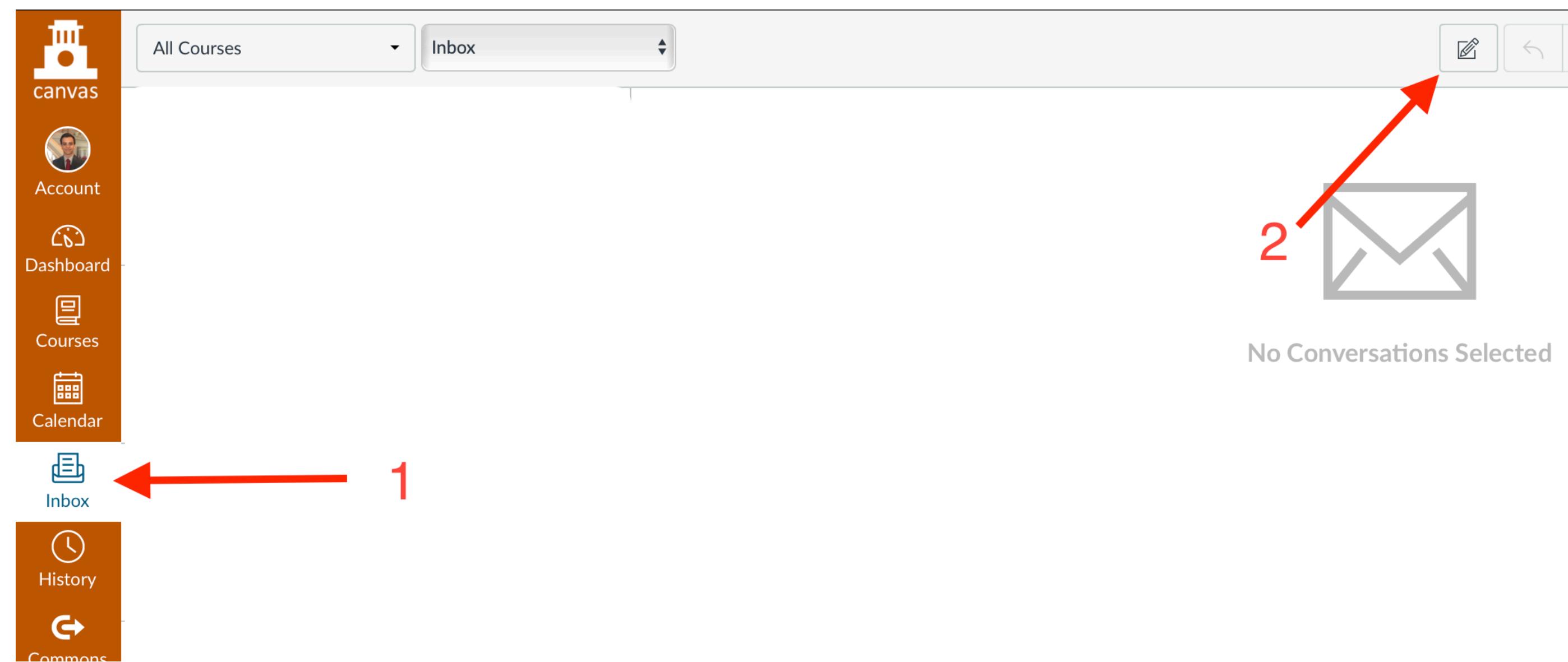
## Samuel Laberge

- Senior in CS at UT
- Took CS312 in Fall '18 and CS314 in Spring '19
- TA'd for 314 Fall '19, Spring '20, Fall '20, Spring '21, Fall '21
- Interned at WP Engine (2020) and Stripe (2021)
- Currently in the five-year MS program
- Feel free to ask about anything UT, CS, or internship related!



# How to Contact Me

- For questions about assignments, exams, and class logistics, please use Piazza.
- For more personal questions, like grades, please message me through Canvas.
- I should respond within 24 hours, if I don't follow-up with me



**Time to choose a Section Name!**

<https://tinyurl.com/ykzufrkw>

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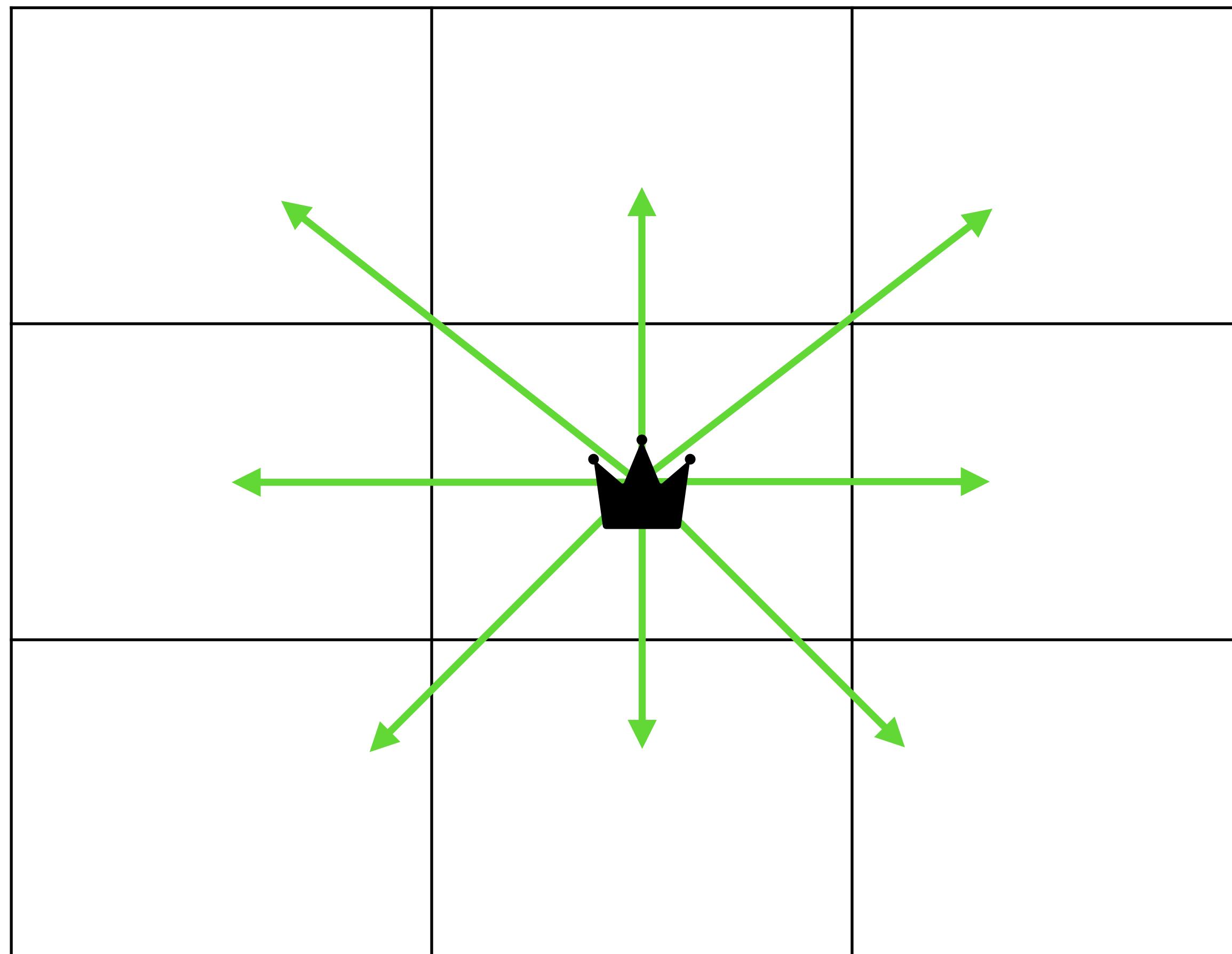
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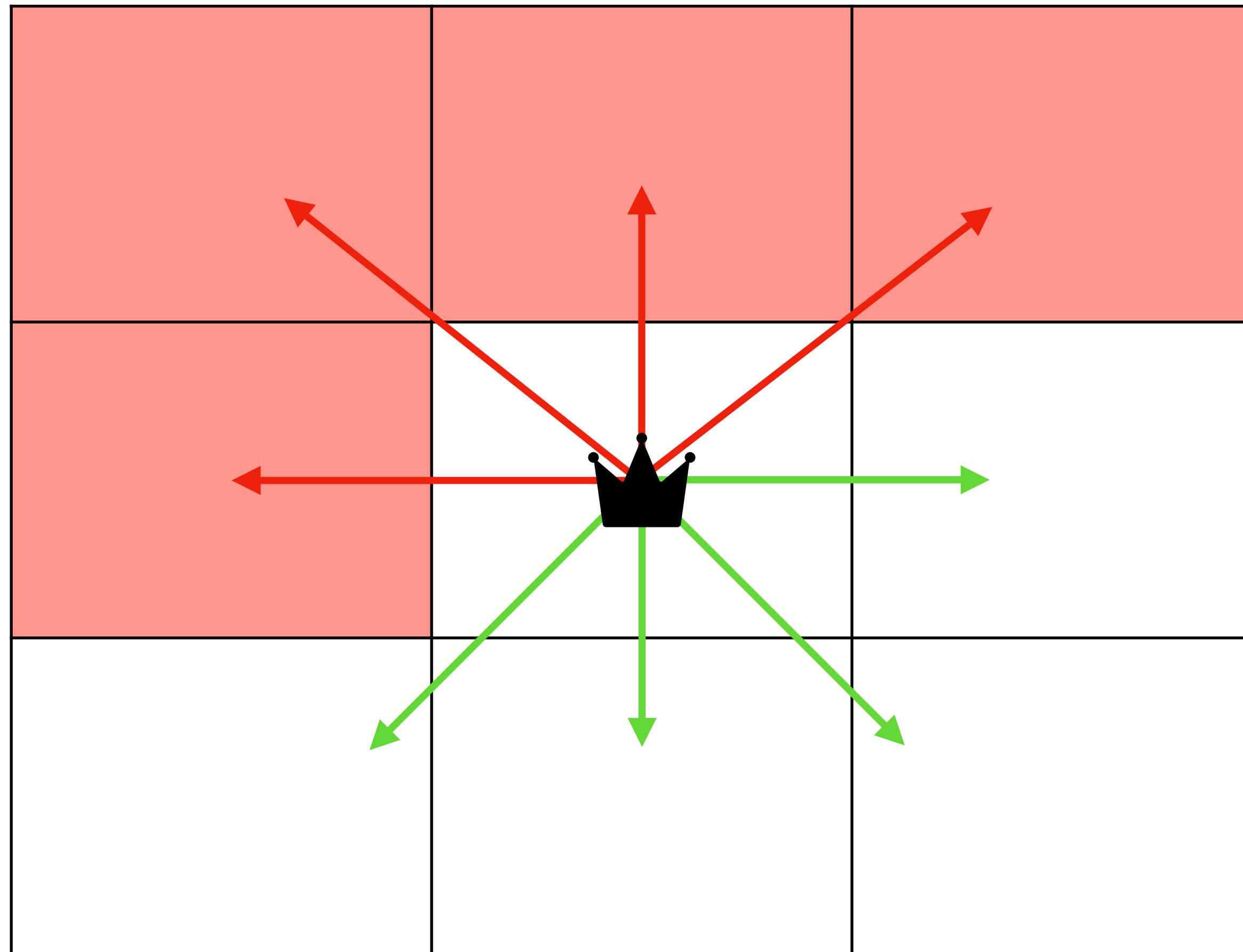
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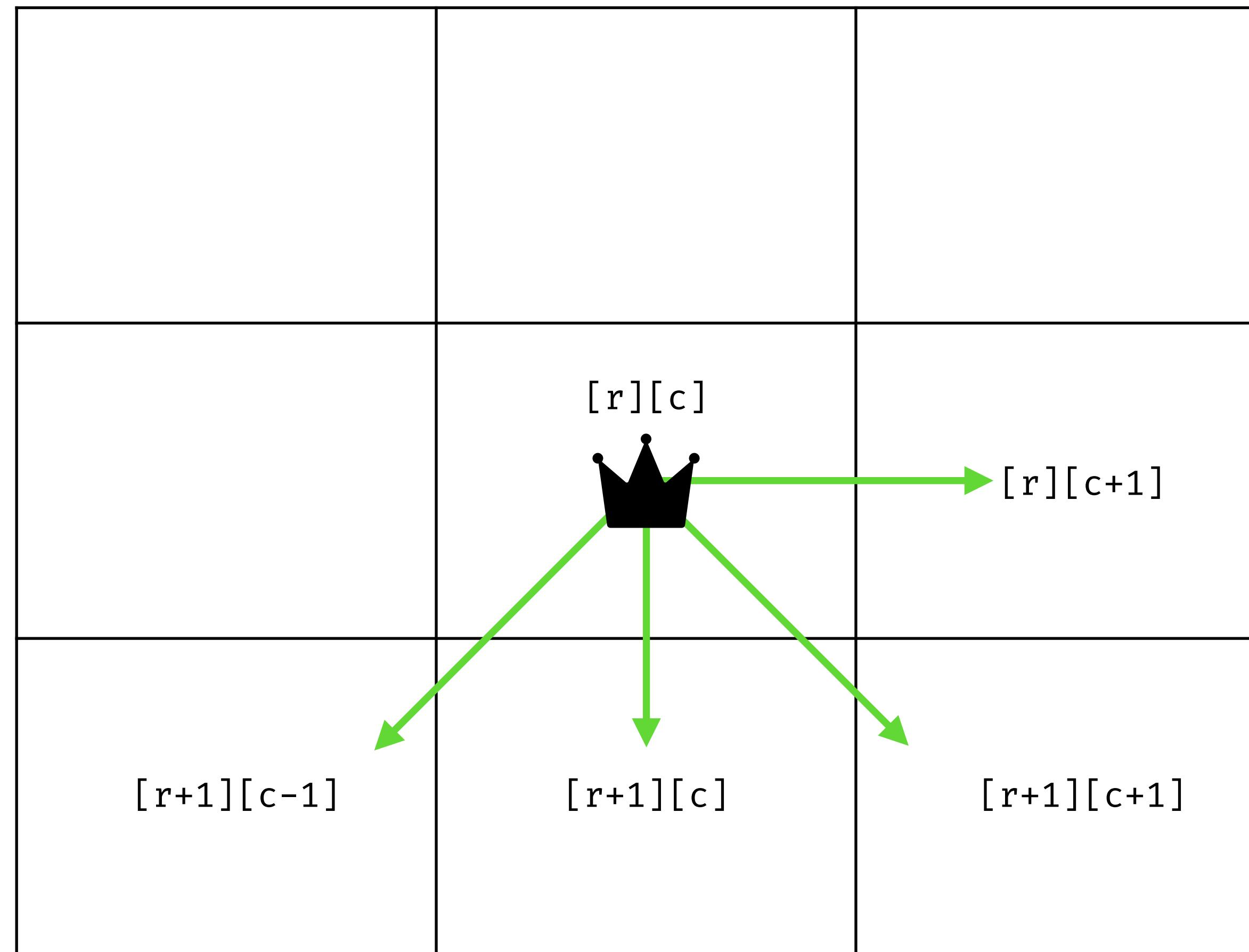
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We've already  
checked the red  
tiles for queens!



# queensAreSafe()

## Generalized Direction Checks



# **queensAreSafe()**

- Redundant code for checking the different directions
- We can generalize checking a direction into a helper method

# **Assignment 2: MathMatrix**

# MathMatrix

- W.r.t. Style:
  - Make instance variables private
  - Use an auto-formatter!
  - Watch out for unnecessary repeated computations inside of loops
- W.r.t Experiments:
  - Answer all the questions!
  - It's **ok** if your timing data doesn't support your Big O analysis of a method!  
Remember, Big O is a big simplification!

# MathMatrix

## Matrix Multiplication “Review”

a	b	c
d	e	f
g	h	i

X

j	k
m	n
p	q

3 x 3

3 x 2

These two need to be the same! (precondition)

These two are your resulting matrix size:

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And so on... =

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