

C Chess Game Implementation Overview

This C program implements a text-based chess game. It enables player-vs-bot gameplay, featuring board initialization, move validation, and checkmate detection. The code structure emphasizes modularity and follows chess rules closely.

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```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

#define SIZE 8

int board[SIZE][SIZE];
int lastBotMoveX = -1; // Track last moved piece's coordinates for the bot
int lastBotMoveY = -1;
int botConsecutiveMoves = 0; // Track consecutive moves of the same piece
```

```
// Function to initialize the board
void initBoard() {
    for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        board[1][i] = 1; // White pawns
        board[6][i] = -1; // Black pawns
    }
    board[0][0] = board[0][7] = 2; // White rooks
    board[7][0] = board[7][7] = -2; // Black rooks
    board[0][1] = board[0][6] = 3; // White knights
    board[7][1] = board[7][6] = -3; // Black knights
    board[0][2] = board[0][5] = 4; // White bishops
    board[7][2] = board[7][5] = -4; // Black bishops
    board[0][3] = 5; // White queen
    board[7][3] = -5; // Black queen
    board[0][4] = 6; // White king
    board[7][4] = -6; // Black king
    for (int i = 2; i < 6; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
            board[i][j] = 0;
        }
    }
}
```

```
// Function to display the board
void displayBoard() {
    printf("     1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8\n");
    printf(" +---+---+---+---+---+---+---+\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        printf("%d | ", i + 1);
        for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
            if (board[i][j] == 0) {
                printf("   | ");
            } else {
                printf("%3d| ", board[i][j]);
            }
        }
        printf("\n");
        printf(" +---+---+---+---+---+---+---+\n");
    }
    printf("\n");
    printf("Piece Legend:\n");
    printf(" 1 = White Pawn, 2 = White Rook, 3 = White Knight, 4 = White Bishop, 5
= White Queen, 6 = White King\n");
    printf(" -1 = Black Pawn, -2 = Black Rook, -3 = Black Knight, -4 = Black Bishop,
-5 = Black Queen, -6 = Black King\n");
}
```

Initial Board:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2	3	4	5	6	4	3	2
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3								
4								
5								
6								
7	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
8	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-4	-3	-2

Piece Legend:

1 = White Pawn, 2 = White Rook, 3 = White Knight, 4 = White Bishop, 5 = White Queen, 6 = White King
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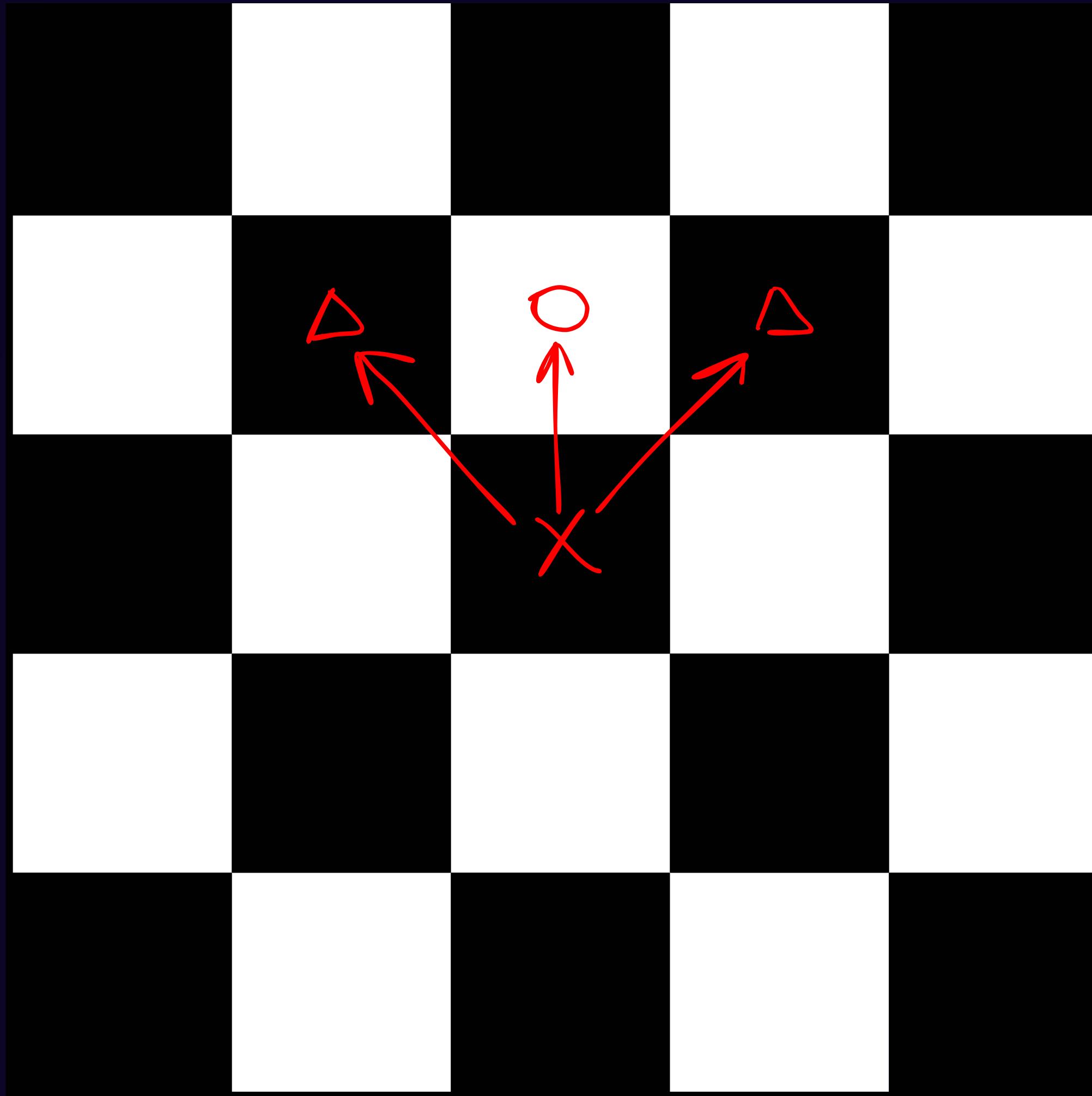
Enter move (fromX fromY toX toY) or 'end' to exit: |

```
// Function to evaluate the value of a piece
int pieceValue(int piece) {
    switch (piece) {
        case 1: return 1;      // Pawn
        case 2: return 5;      // Rook
        case 3: return 3;      // Knight
        case 4: return 3;      // Bishop
        case 5: return 9;      // Queen
        case 6: return 100;     // King (very high value)
        default: return 0;     // No value
    }
}
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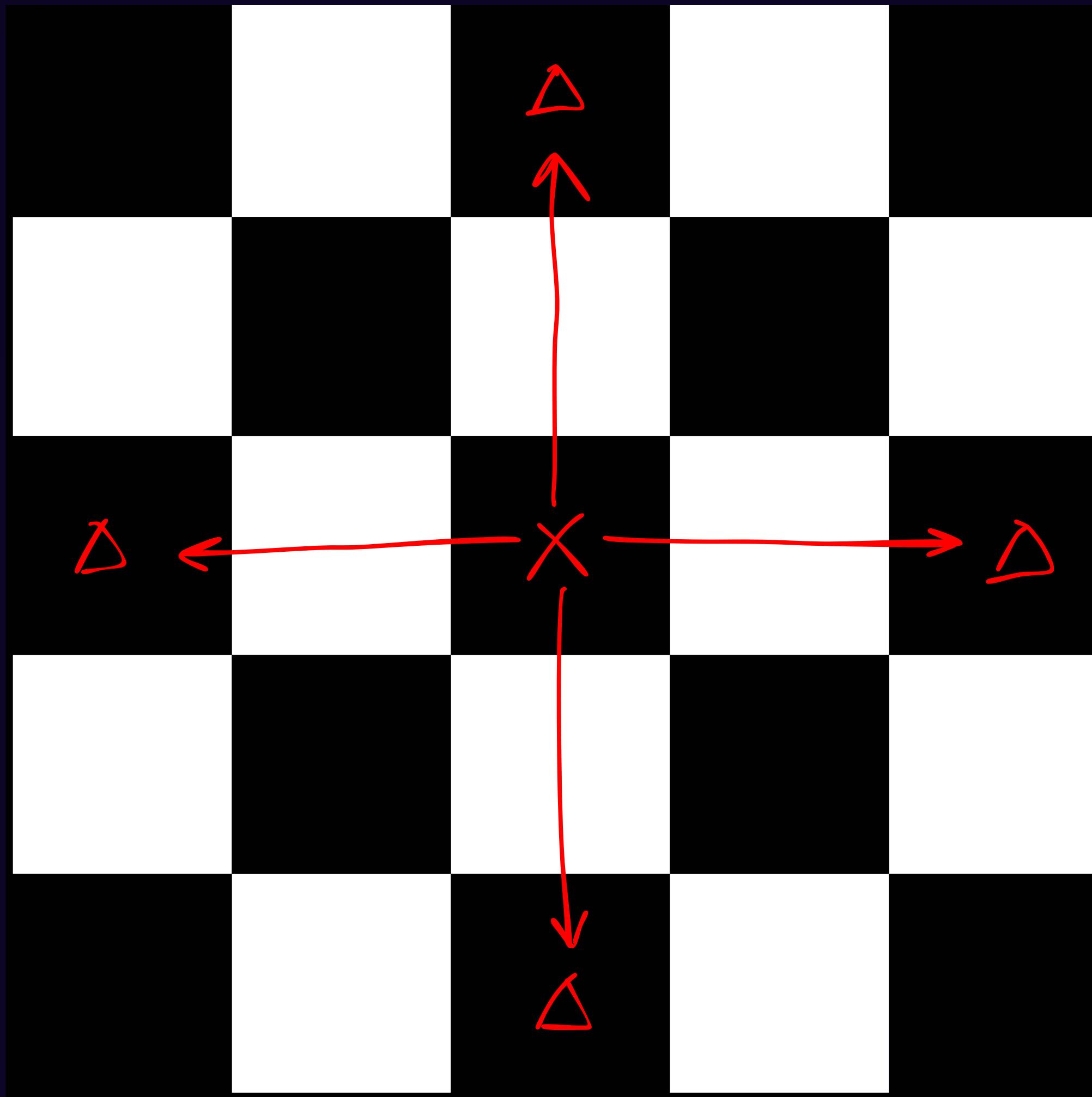
Move Validation Functions

1 Piece-Specific Validation

Separate functions for each piece type (e.g.,
`isValidPawnMove`, `isValidRookMove`). Ensures
moves adhere to chess rules.

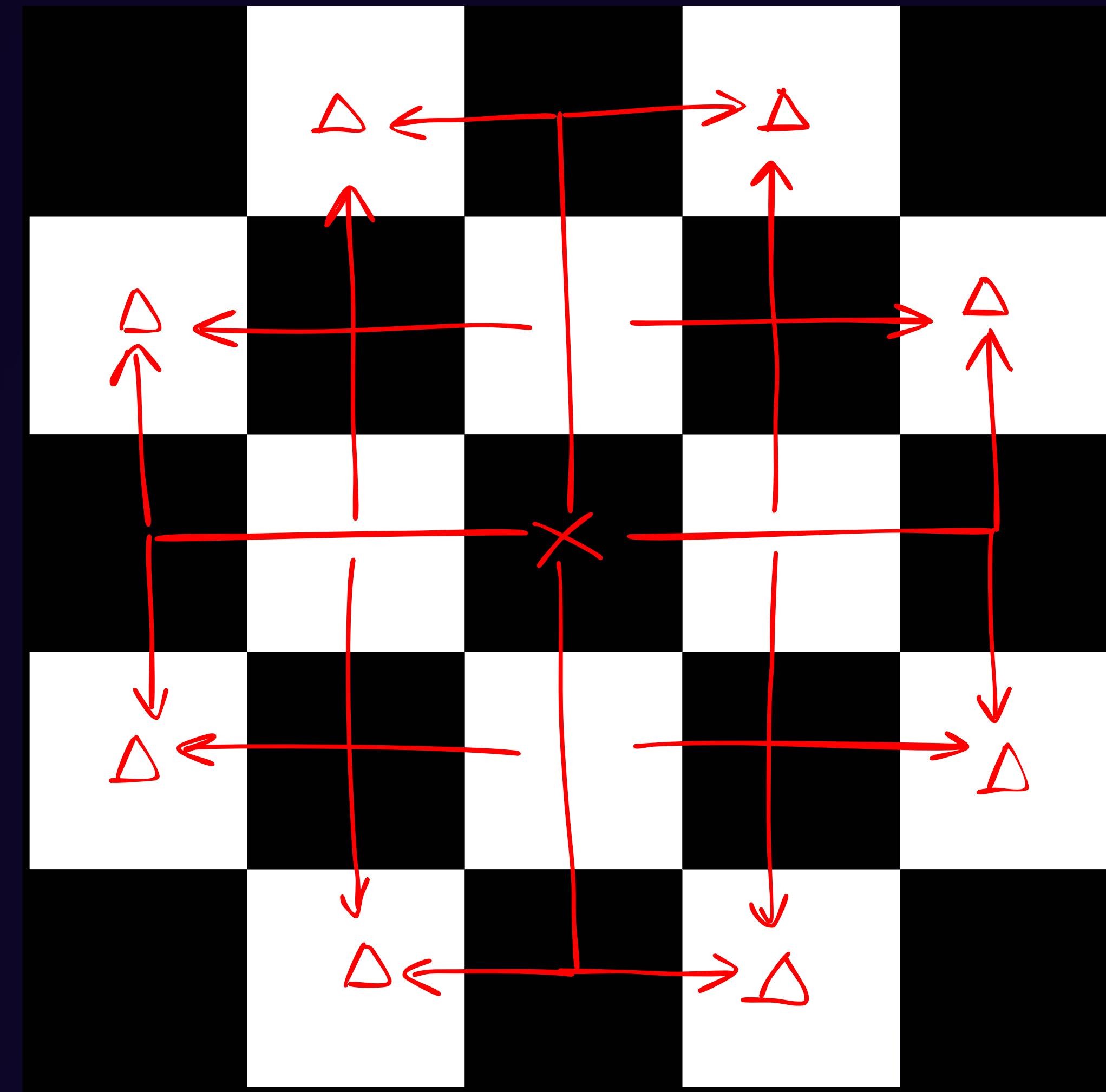


```
// Function to determine if a move is valid for a pawn
int isValidPawnMove(int fromX, int fromY, int toX, int toY) {
    if (toX == fromX + 1 && toY == fromY && board[toX][toY] == 0) {
        return 1; // Move forward
    }
    if (toX == fromX + 1 && (toY == fromY - 1 || toY == fromY + 1) && board[toX]
    [toY] < 0) {
        return 1; // Capture
    }
    if (toX == fromX - 1 && toY == fromY && board[toX][toY] == 0) {
        return 1; // Move forward for black pawn
    }
    if (toX == fromX - 1 && (toY == fromY - 1 || toY == fromY + 1) && board[toX]
    [toY] > 0) {
        return 1; // Capture for black pawn
    }
    return 0; // Invalid move
}
```

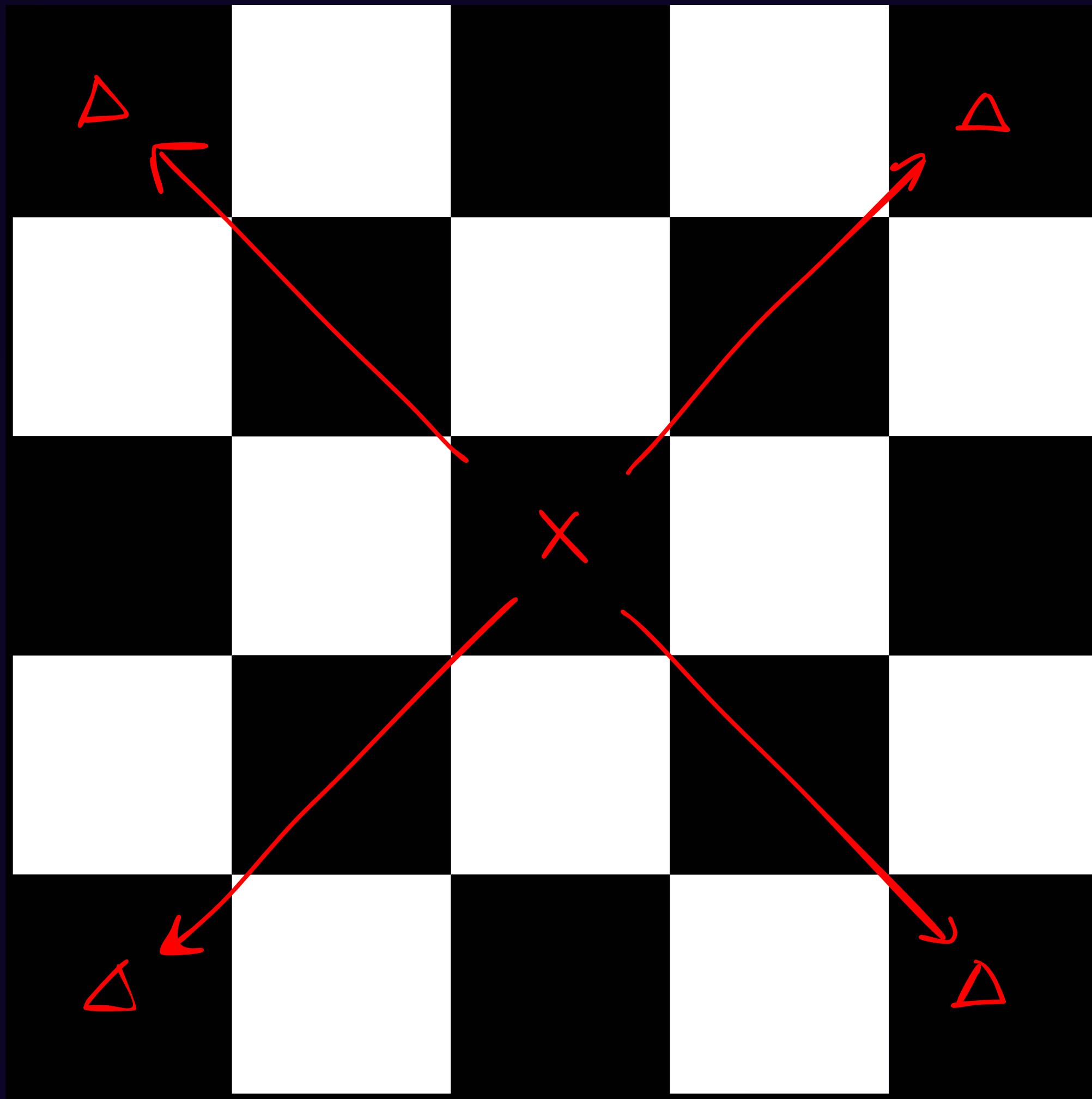


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// Function to determine if a move is valid for a rook
int isValidRookMove(int fromX, int fromY, int toX, int toY) {
    if (fromX != toX && fromY != toY) return 0; // Rook moves in straight lines only

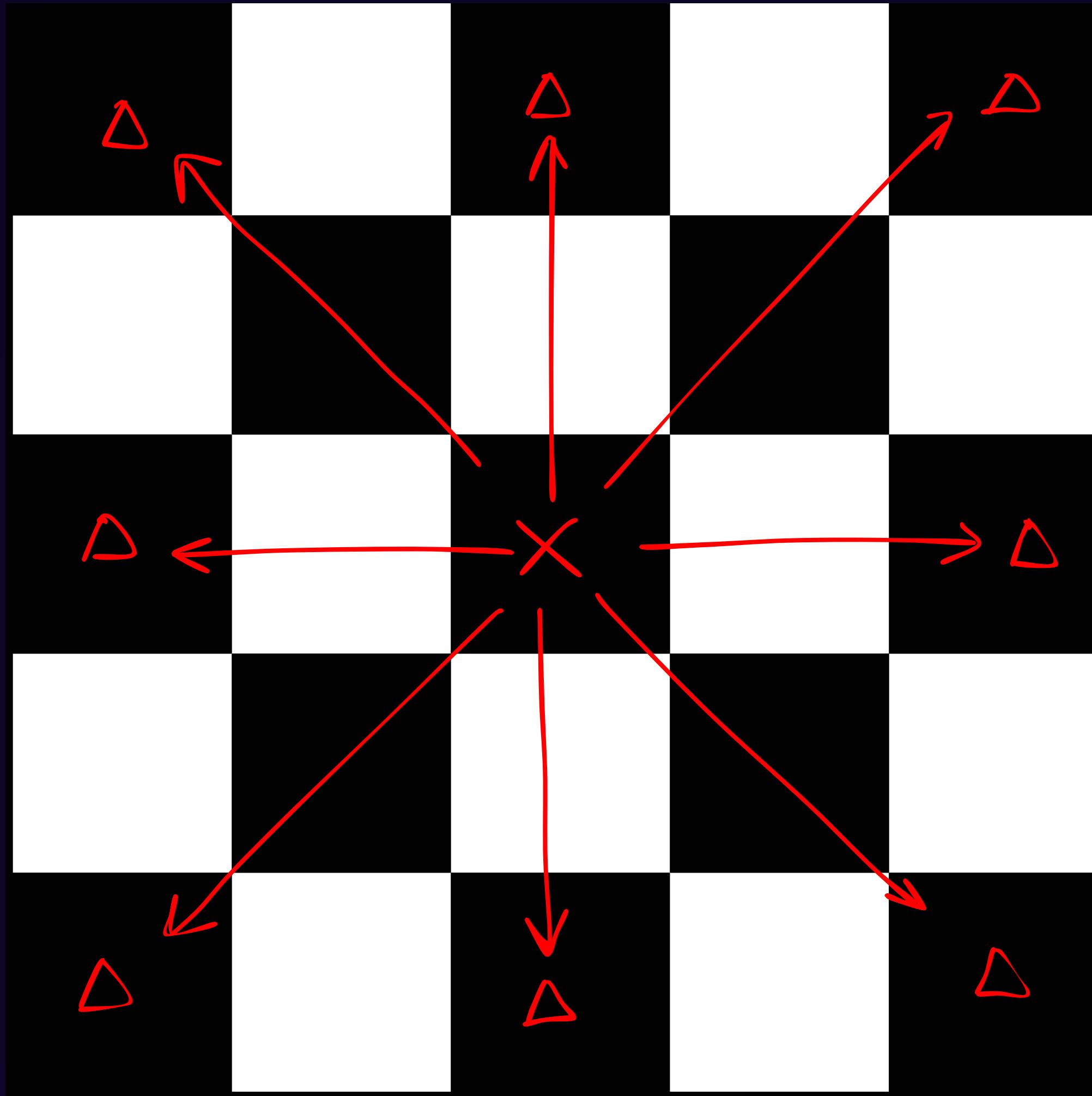
    int stepX = (toX - fromX) ? (toX - fromX) / abs(toX - fromX) : 0;
    int stepY = (toY - fromY) ? (toY - fromY) / abs(toY - fromY) : 0;
    for (int x = fromX + stepX, y = fromY + stepY; x != toX || y != toY; x += stepX,
y += stepY) {
        if (board[x][y] != 0) return 0; // Must be empty
    }
    return board[toX][toY] * board[fromX][fromY] <= 0; // Capture or empty square
}
```



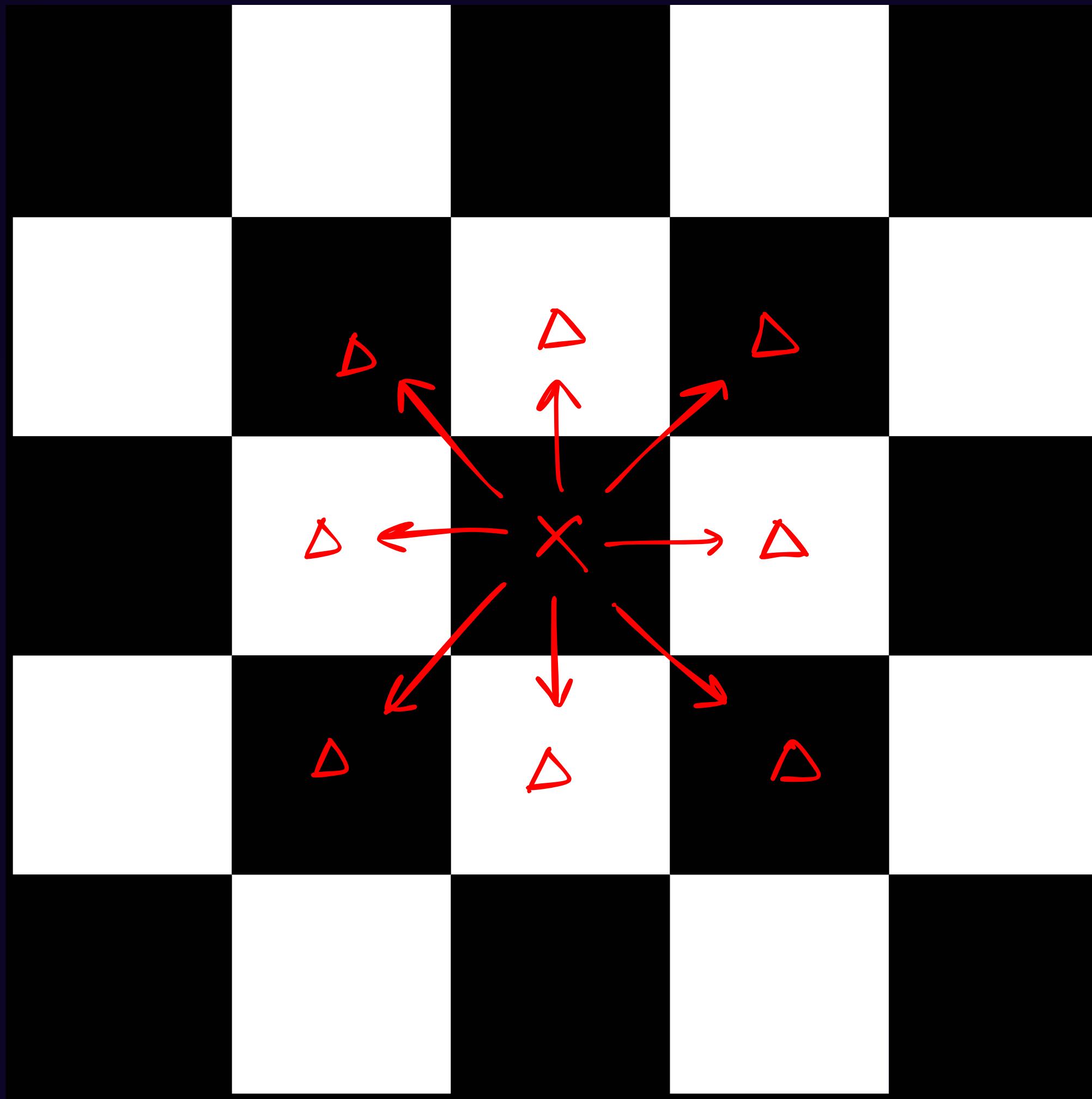
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// Function to determine if a move is valid for a knight
int isValidKnightMove(int fromX, int fromY, int toX, int toY) {
    int dx = abs(toX - fromX);
    int dy = abs(toY - fromY);
    return (dx == 2 && dy == 1) || (dx == 1 && dy == 2) && (board[toX][toY] *
board[fromX][fromY] <= 0);
}
```



```
// Function to determine if a move is valid for a bishop
int isValidBishopMove(int fromX, int fromY, int toX, int toY) {
    if (abs(fromX - toX) != abs(fromY - toY)) return 0; // Bishop moves diagonally
    int stepX = (toX - fromX) / abs(toX - fromX);
    int stepY = (toY - fromY) / abs(toY - fromY);
    for (int x = fromX + stepX, y = fromY + stepY; x != toX || y != toY; x += stepX,
y += stepY) {
        if (board[x][y] != 0) return 0; // Must be empty
    }
    return board[toX][toY] * board[fromX][fromY] <= 0; // Capture or empty square
}
```



```
// Function to determine if a move is valid for a queen
int isValidQueenMove(int fromX, int fromY, int toX, int toY) {
    if (abs(fromX - toX) == abs(fromY - toY)) {
        int stepX = (toX - fromX) / abs(toX - fromX);
        int stepY = (toY - fromY) / abs(toY - fromY);
        for (int x = fromX + stepX, y = fromY + stepY; x != toX || y != toY; x += stepX, y += stepY) {
            if (board[x][y] != 0) return 0; // Must be empty
        }
    } else if (fromX != toX && fromY != toY) return 0; // Queen moves in straight
lines or diagonally
    else {
        int stepX = (toX - fromX) ? (toX - fromX) / abs(toX - fromX) : 0;
        int stepY = (toY - fromY) ? (toY - fromY) / abs(toY - fromY) : 0;
        for (int x = fromX + stepX, y = fromY + stepY; x != toX || y != toY; x += stepX, y += stepY) {
            if (board[x][y] != 0) return 0; // Must be empty
        }
    }
    return board[toX][toY] * board[fromX][fromY] <= 0; // Capture or empty square
}
```



```
// Function to determine if a move is valid for a king
int isValidKingMove(int fromX, int fromY, int toX, int toY) {
    int dx = abs(toX - fromX);
    int dy = abs(toY - fromY);
    return (dx <= 1 && dy <= 1) && (board[toX][toY] * board[fromX][fromY ] <= 0);
}
```

Move Validation Functions

2 canMove()

General move validation function. Calls piece-specific functions based on the moving piece's type.

```
// Function to determine if a move is valid for a piece
int canMove(int fromX, int fromY, int toX, int toY) {
    int piece = board[fromX][fromY];
    if (piece == 1) { // White pawn
        return isValidPawnMove(fromX, fromY, toX, toY);
    }
    if (piece == -1) { // Black pawn
        return isValidPawnMove(fromX, fromY, toX, toY);
    }
    if (piece == 2 || piece == -2) { // Rook
        return isValidRookMove(fromX, fromY, toX, toY);
    }
    if (piece == 3 || piece == -3) { // Knight
        return isValidKnightMove(fromX, fromY, toX, toY);
    }
    if (piece == 4 || piece == -4) { // Bishop
        return isValidBishopMove(fromX, fromY, toX, toY);
    }
    if (piece == 5 || piece == -5) { // Queen
        return isValidQueenMove(fromX, fromY, toX, toY);
    }
    if (piece == 6 || piece == -6) { // King
        return isValidKingMove(fromX, fromY, toX, toY);
    }
    return 0; // Only supporting pawn and other pieces moves right now
}
```

Bot AI Implementation



Piece Evaluation

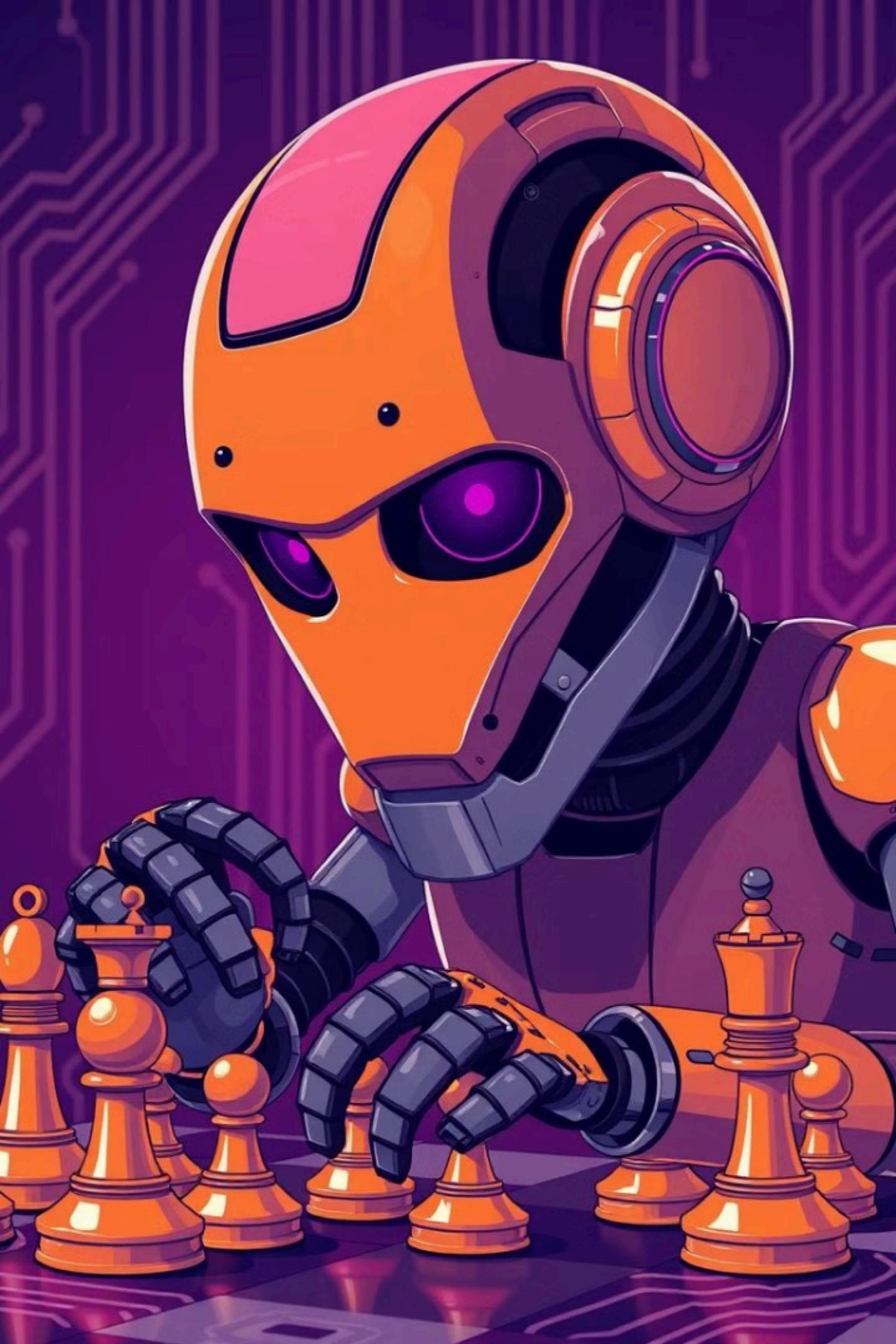
Bot assesses potential moves based on piece values and strategic considerations.

Move Selection

Chooses the highest-scoring move. Implements a basic rule to avoid repetitive moves.

Execution

Bot executes the selected move, updating the board state accordingly.



```
// Function for the bot's move
void botMove() {
    int bestScore = -1;
    int bestFromX = -1, bestFromY = -1, bestToX = -1, bestToY = -1;

    for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
            if (board[i][j] < 0) { // Bot's piece (black)
                for (int newX = 0; newX < SIZE; newX++) {
                    for (int newY = 0; newY < SIZE; newY++) {
                        if (canMove(i, j, newX, newY)) {
                            // Check if the target square is empty or occupied by an
                            // opponent's piece
                            if (board[newX][newY] >= 0) { // Check if it's empty or
                                if (bestScore < 0) {
                                    bestScore = 0;
                                    bestFromX = i;
                                    bestFromY = j;
                                    bestToX = newX;
                                    bestToY = newY;
                                } else if (bestScore == 0) {
                                    if (newX > bestFromX || (newX == bestFromX && newY > bestFromY)) {
                                        bestScore = 0;
                                        bestFromX = i;
                                        bestFromY = j;
                                        bestToX = newX;
                                        bestToY = newY;
                                    }
                                } else if (bestScore == 1) {
                                    if (newX > bestFromX || (newX == bestFromX && newY > bestFromY)) {
                                        bestScore = 1;
                                        bestFromX = i;
                                        bestFromY = j;
                                        bestToX = newX;
                                        bestToY = newY;
                                    }
                                } else if (bestScore == 2) {
                                    if (newX > bestFromX || (newX == bestFromX && newY > bestFromY)) {
                                        bestScore = 2;
                                        bestFromX = i;
                                        bestFromY = j;
                                        bestToX = newX;
                                        bestToY = newY;
                                    }
                                }
                            }
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
        int score = pieceValue(board[newX][newY]) -  
pieceValue(board[i][j]);  
        // Prioritize upward movement (i.e., smaller newX  
value is better)  
        if (newX < i) {  
            score += 10; // Bonus for moving upwards  
        }  
        if (score > bestScore) {  
            bestScore = score;  
            bestFromX = i;  
            bestFromY = j;  
            bestToX = newX;  
            bestToY = newY;  
        }  
    }  
}  
}  
}  
}
```

```
// Execute the best move if found
if (bestScore != -1) {
    if (lastBotMoveX == bestFromX && lastBotMoveY == bestFromY) {
        botConsecutiveMoves++;
        if (botConsecutiveMoves < 2) {
            printf("Bot moves from (%d, %d) to (%d, %d).\n", bestFromX + 1,
bestFromY + 1, bestToX + 1, bestToY + 1);
            board[bestToX][bestToY] = board[bestFromX][bestFromY];
            board[bestFromX][bestFromY] = 0;
            lastBotMoveX = bestFromX;
            lastBotMoveY = bestFromY;
        } else {
            printf("Bot cannot move the same piece more than twice in a
row.\n");
        }
    } else {
        botConsecutiveMoves = 0;
        printf("Bot moves from (%d, %d) to (%d, %d).\n", bestFromX + 1,
bestFromY + 1, bestToX + 1, bestToY + 1);
        board[bestToX][bestToY] = board[bestFromX][bestFromY];
        board[bestFromX][bestFromY] = 0;
        lastBotMoveX = bestFromX;
        lastBotMoveY = bestFromY;
    }
} else {
    printf("Bot has no valid moves.\n");
}
```

Move Validation Functions

3 isAttacked()

Checks if a square is under threat. Crucial for implementing check and checkmate logic.

```
// Function to check if a square is attacked by the opponent
int isAttacked(int x, int y, int opponent) {
    for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
            if (board[i][j] == opponent) {
                if (canMove(i, j, x, y)) {
                    return 1; // The square is attacked
                }
            }
        }
    }
    return 0; // The square is not attacked
}
```

```
// Function to check for checkmate
int isCheckmate(int player) {
    int kingX, kingY;

    // Find the king's position
    for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
            if (board[i][j] == player) {
                kingX = i;
                kingY = j;
                break;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
// Check if the king is in check
if (!isAttacked(kingX, kingY, -player)) {
    return 0; // The king is not in check
}
```

```
// Check if there are any valid moves for the player
for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
        if (board[i][j] == player) { // The player's piece
            for (int newX = 0; newX < SIZE; newX++) {
                for (int newY = 0; newY < SIZE; newY++) {
                    if (canMove(i, j, newX, newY)) {
                        // Simulate the move
                        int temp = board[newX][newY];
                        board[newX][newY] = player; // Move the piece
                        board[i][j] = 0; // Empty the original square

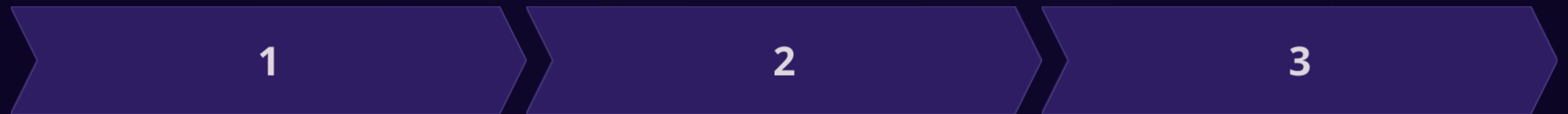
                        // Check if the king is still in check after the move
                        if (!isAttacked(kingX, kingY, -player)) {
                            // Undo the move
                            board[i][j] = player;
                            board[newX][newY] = temp;
                            return 0; // There is a valid move to escape check
                        }

                        // Undo the move
                        board[i][j] = player;
                        board[newX][newY] = temp;
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

return 1; // The king is in check and has no valid moves (checkmate)
}
```



Game Flow and Win Conditions



Player Move

User inputs move. Program validates and executes if legal.

Bot Move

AI selects and executes move. Board updates after each turn.

Checkmate Check

Program checks for checkmate after each move. Game ends if detected.

```
// Main function
int main() {
    initBoard();
    printf("Initial Board:\n");
    displayBoard();

    while (1) {
        // Player input
        char input[10];
        printf("Enter move (fromX fromY toX toY) or 'end' to exit: ");
        fgets(input, sizeof(input), stdin);

        // Check if the input is "end"
        if (strcmp(input, "end\n") == 0) {
            break;
        }

        int fromX, fromY, toX, toY;
        sscanf(input, "%d %d %d %d", &fromX, &fromY, &toX, &toY);

        // Adjust for 0-indexed array
        fromX -= 1;
        fromY -= 1;
        toX -= 1;
        toY -= 1;
```

```
// Validate and execute the player's move
if (canMove(fromX, fromY, toX, toY)) {
    board[toX][toY] = board[fromX][fromY];
    board[fromX][fromY] = 0;
    printf("Player moves from (%d, %d) to (%d, %d).\n", fromX + 1, fromY +
1, toX + 1, toY + 1);
} else {
    printf("Invalid move.\n");
    continue;
}

// Check for checkmate after the player's move
if (isCheckmate(6)) {
    printf("Checkmate! Black wins!\n");
    break;
}

// Bot move
botMove();

// Check for checkmate after the bot's move
if (isCheckmate(-6)) {
    printf("Checkmate! White wins!\n");
    break;
}

displayBoard();
}

return 0;
}
```

Potential Enhancements



Advanced AI

Implement more sophisticated decision-making algorithms for the bot player.



Move History

Add functionality to undo moves and review game history.



Networking

Implement multiplayer functionality for online chess matches.



QR Code to GitHub:

