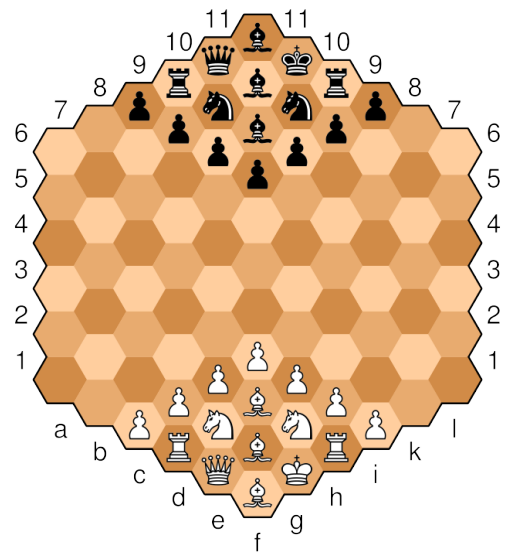


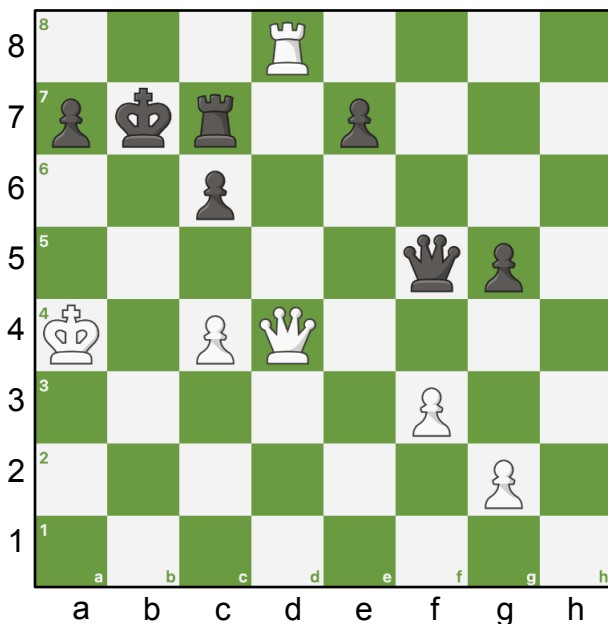
81. McCooney's Hex Chess

On a hexagonal chess board, we need three colors to tile the board. The pieces move much like regular chess, but you have to understand how the colors map out the rows, columns, and diagonals to grasp the movements. My favorite variant of hexagonal chess is McCooney's Hex Chess which we'll demonstrate on greenchess.net.

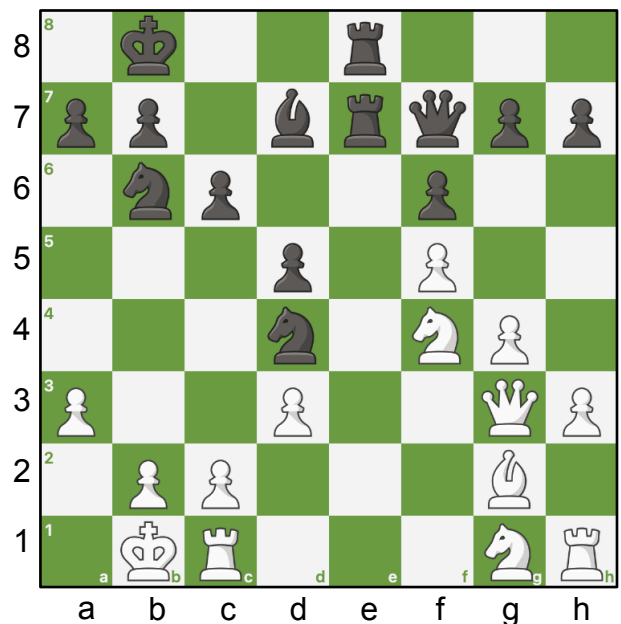


Challenge Puzzles

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Hints.

- ① Start with the queen.
- ② Start with a knight.

Answers.

- ① 1. ♔b2+ ♚a6 2. ♖d5 and black can only delay their demise.
- ② 1. ♞e6+ ♚a8 2. ♞c7+ ♚b8 3. ♞a6+ ♚a8 4. ♔b8+ ♖xb8 5. ♞c7#

